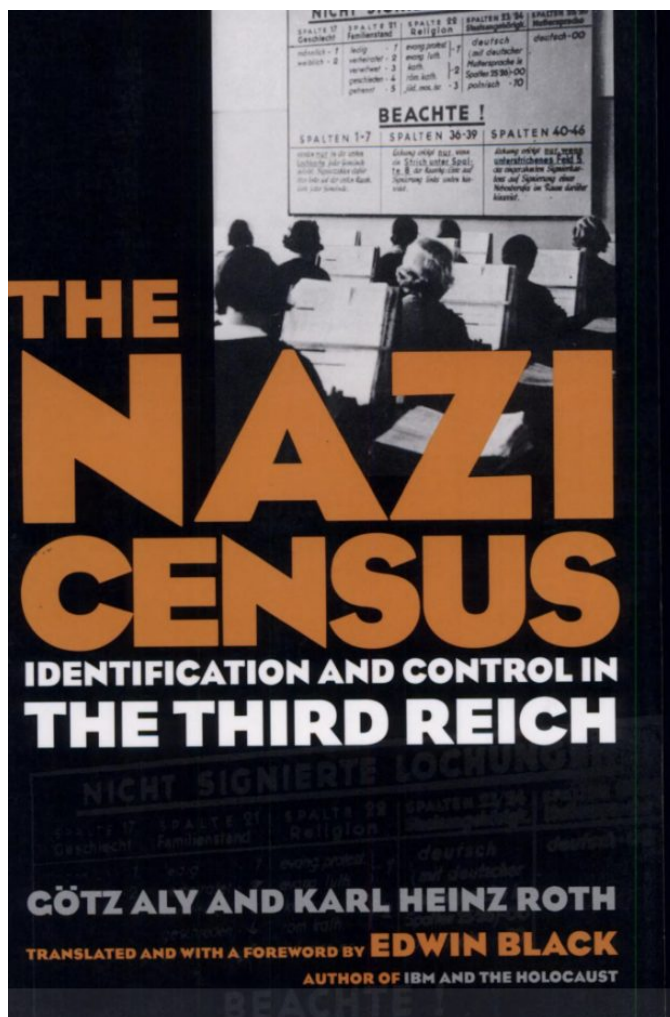


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AUTHORITARIANS THRIVE ON DATA

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Only this morning did I realize that the book of Götz Aly [has also been published in English](#) with [a preview](#) at Google books



“Nazi Census” documents the origins of the census in modern Germany, along with the parallel development of machines that helped first collect data on Germans. Or read [IBM and the Holocaust](#) which has more details on IBM’s conscious co-planning and co-organizing of the Holocaust for the Nazis.

Why should you read that? Not because of Nazis but because authoritarians thrive on data. Here are today’s news

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US plans to merge all government data. A large-scale effort, [led by Elon Musk's team](#), aims to link federal databases — raising serious concerns among privacy and security experts.

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[U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services](#) begin screening immigrants' social media accounts as grounds to deny visa and green-card applications.

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Here is an [article](#) from the Dean of the UC Berkeley Law School Erwin Chemerinsky and the emeritus Harvard constitutional law professor Lawrence Tribe about the consequences: "We should all be very, very afraid".

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DOGE is building a master database for immigration enforcement, sources say



By [Priscilla Alvarez](#), [Sunlen Serfaty](#), [Marshall Cohen](#) and [Tami Luhby](#), CNN

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US Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents detain a suspect during a multi-agency targeted enforcement operation in Lyons, Illinois, on January 26. Christopher Dilts/Bloomberg/Getty Images

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