

# BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING YOU!



You are going to hear two excerpts from a BBC programme exploring the idea that we are constantly being watched.

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3. The metadata that corporations are gathering ...
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  - b) passive members
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