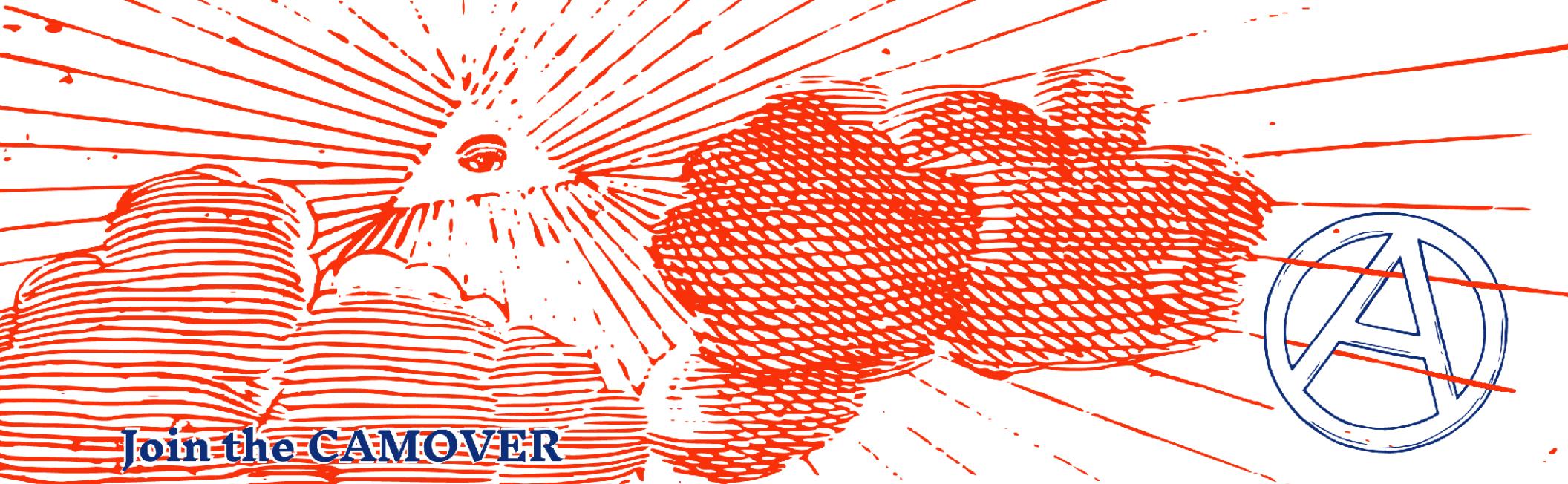


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LOVE YOUR NEIGHBORS, NOT YOUR CAMERAS

With the SPVM announcing a volunteer camera registry and new AI tracking technology, it's clear that personal security cameras have never been neutral tools. They reshape policing, expand data collection, and influence social life — often in ways that harm us. **We can and must resist everyday surveillance!**

1) Cameras do not keep us safe! Personal cameras do not meaningfully prevent theft or violence. Worried about your packages being stolen? Instead try talking to your neighbours, not ordering from Amazon, or putting a lockbox out for your stuff. All a camera does is give video to the police after the fact, and even then, police rarely recover lost stuff and often cause more harm along the way.

2) Cameras steal your data and put it in the hands of big tech — who do not have your best interests at heart. Doorbell cameras capture video and audio of your family, friends, and neighbours, with no transparency or accountability over how this data is stored, analyzed, or shared. For instance, Amazon has even allowed employees to illegally view Ring customer footage.

3) It is creepy to spy on your neighbours. Surveillance cameras erode trust and social bonds within communities. Rather than reducing harm, these technologies often increase feelings of unease, anxiety, and fear, for both the watcher and the watched. It should not be socially acceptable to have 24/7 video footage of your neighbourhood.

4) Cameras put your children at risk. There have been numerous accounts of people's cameras in their homes being hacked, and their children being watched and spoken to for days on end by the hacker.

5) Personal cameras help the police, who are racist, violent assholes. Cameras are increasingly integrated into police surveillance systems, blurring the line between private and public space. They do not keep people safe, and they disproportionately target racialized people, poor people, sex workers, drug users, undocumented people, and political dissidents.

6) You may feel like you have nothing to hide, but political circumstances change quickly. When malicious governments and corporations pick new targets and border enforcement ramps up, widespread surveillance makes their jobs easier! Data collected today can be used tomorrow in ways we cannot predict. We should not build the infrastructure that could later be used against us or our neighbours.

Ask yourself: If the police came to your door tomorrow and said they were installing a camera pointed at your home, would you accept it? If not — don't do it for them.

**Fight for your liberty against big tech and surveillance!
Don't put a camera up — take one down!**