

The main points that emerged out of the class discussion:

- 1) Digitization and extensive monitoring of both income and spending/consumption can definitely facilitate better tax compliance
 - 2) Linking the eID in Aadhaar can facilitate better micro analysis and can improve targeting in welfare schemes by reducing both false +ve and false -ve.
 - 3) A global ID like Aadhaar can definitely remove the ambiguities of linking and thereby simplify analysis.
 - 4) Also, a unique identity for all is a crucial need for efficiency in governance. After all, the govt needs to identify its people to be able to deliver welfare.
 - 5) Use of local id in states make linking slightly uncertain, but definitely does not prevent a determined snooper (esp with access).
 - 6) Dissent?.
 - Privacy and individual liberty.
 - Threat to civil liberty.
 - Dissent crucial for democracy and creativity.
 - Panopticonic makes citizens vulnerable and dissuades dissent.
- Read: 1) Dissent and Aadhaar by Tom Nagy
 2) Ways in which Aadhaar impinges on privacy by Reetika Khera
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Next class: 1) Understand Aadhaar.
 2) More on privacy.

Links:

<http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/jean-dreze-on-aadhaar-mass-surveillance-data-collection/article8352912.ece>

<http://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/dissent-and-aadhaar-4645231/>

<https://thewire.in/159092/privacy-aadhaar-supreme-court/>

<http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/all-that-data-that-aadhaar-captures/article19646150.ece>