An apocalyptic vision would see ‘überveillance’ as referring to surveillance that applies across all space and all time (omni-present), and support some organisation that is all-seeing and even all-knowing (omniscient), at least relative to some person or object.

Roger Clarke, Xamax Consultancy Pty Ltd

The promoters of surveillance commonly hide their operations, denigrate the targets and critics of surveillance, give plausible justifications for operations, set up oversight bodies that have little power to challenge anything more than minor violations of regulations, intimidate opponents and provide incentives for cooperation.

Brian Martin, University of Wollongong

From the perspective of the war on terrorism, the imbalance of intelligence practices and technologies means that the security practitioners and decision makers will be more likely to adopt reactive rather than proactive strategies.

Lucy Resnyansky, Defence Science and Technology Organisation

Telecommunications operators in Australia are being increasingly compelled to compromise their strict obligations under the law with a desire to be viewed as co-operative rather than obstructionist with law enforcement agencies.

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