Surveillance

That era [of spying by the Stasi in East Germany] wasn't over at all. Rather, it had escalated to a new level of data volume, speed, efficieny and, most surprising of all, wilful mass compliance. Now I – and everyone with a smartphone – was carrying a digital Stasi in my pocket. Not only was I willingly feeding more personal data than [Erich] Mielke [Stasi commander] could have dreamt of, and to who knows where, I had paid several hundred pounds for the privilege.

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