

“Speech-Jamming Guns” and Other Freedom Busters :

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St. James did say that “no man can tame the tongue,” but...

Well, step aside Jamie boy, because now man can with a little help from his high-tech friends.

Two Japanese researchers have invented a handheld, point-and-shoot “gun” that can effectively “jam” your speech from a distance:



“In this paper we report on a system, ‘SpeechJammer,’ which can be used to disturb people’s speech... This effect can disturb people without any physical discomfort, and disappears immediately by stop speaking [sic]. Furthermore, this effect does not involve anyone but the speaker... We discuss practical application scenarios of the system, such as facilitating and controlling discussions...” — Kazutaka Kurihara, Koji Tsukada

Kurihara and Tsukada imagine an idyllic world where a public library’s code of silence is strictly enforced by the Quiet Police and achieving “proper turn-taking when speaking [sic]” is easily accomplished by stuffed suits wielding Talk Busters set to stun.

Not to be outdone, technology writer, **Sebastian Anthony**, dreamed up even darker uses for The Silencer:

“At a political rally, an audience member could completely lock down Santorum, Romney, Paul, or Obama from speaking. On the flip side, a totalitarian state could point the speech jammers at the audience to shut them up. Likewise, when a celebrity or public figure appears on a live TV show, his contract could read ‘the audience must be silenced with speech jammers.’”

Exactly. There goes your freedom to speak and (while we wait for President Obama to sign the “Trespass Bill”) surely your freedom to assemble isn’t far behind? And why bother assembling

anyway, when you'll have nothing to say?

In the near future, **mind-reading computers** will most likely snuff out your freedom to think...

"While I'd be the first person in the line to get my brain wired up, I'd want to be damn sure that I retain complete control over who gets access to my thoughts." — Sebastian Anthony

Can you imagine? Because with **DHS frantically monitoring social media for criticism of its policies**, you just know they'll want to know what you're thinking, too. For your own safety, of course. No unmonitored thoughts.

And your freedom to travel unhindered is already getting ready to be curtailed by "**self-driving cars**":

"The vast majority of accidents are due to human error. Autonomous vehicles have the potential to reduce traffic fatalities and improve safety on our roads and highways." — Sen. Alex Padilla (D-Pacoima)

You gotta love the **cognitive dissonance** on this one.

According to L.A. Times writer, Jerry Hirsch, "Self-driving cars must legally have a human at the wheel, ready to assume control if anything goes wrong."

So we're being sold this idiotic idea that autonomous cars are much better/safer/more alert drivers than we are, while at the same time being expected to buy the lie that we can't be allowed to use one of these nifty cars unless we agree to sit ever-vigilant behind the wheel like a Driver's-Ed instructor — ready to take over at a moment's notice — because people power is the best Plan B these machines have got? Come on.

First, of all, how can you expect someone to remain alert at the wheel for long periods of time when "something else" is doing the driving? (And especially when it's a something else that you've been led to believe is more competent than you?)

Second, what oh what will become of all the traffic cops, DUI attorneys and auto-insurance agents when all these safer "something elses" are obeying all the traffic laws and preventing all the accidents?

Oh but wait. Maybe that's precisely why they want to require a human behind the wheel at all times?

Because no matter what you do — whether you control the car, or fail to control the car — some sucka's got to take the liability, right? So having a live body behind the wheel insures that all the state-sponsored "revenue generators" and blood-sucking side industries stay in business as per usual.

Win-win for them. Lose-lose for you. Which lets you know there's a lot more to this game than "safety"...

And which also brings you to the startling conclusion that, once you relinquish control of the car, well... you relinquish control of the car for real. Anything you can't control, controls you.

Because what's going to stop the police, a hacker, a car-jacker, a stalker and/or a kidnapper from reprogramming your car to go somewhere else?

And for all you contrarian freedom lovers, dissidents and conspiracy theorists:

What's to stop the nice, fully-automatic car from locking you in and taking you straight to Camp FEMA, or some other balmy port-of-indefinite-detention?

Just sayin'.

Speech-jamming guns. Mind-reading computers. Self-driving cars. Laws against assembly and protest.

Does this sound like freedom to you?

LINKS:

James 3:8 (New International Version 1984)

<http://www.biblegatew...>

SpeechJammer: A System Utilizing Artificial Speech Disturbance with Delayed Auditory Feedback

<http://arxiv.org/abs/...>

New speech-jamming gun hints at dystopian Big Brother future

<http://www.extremetec...>

'Trespass Bill' Would Violate Peaceful Assembly Rights

New bill passed by Congress makes it a felony to protest or assemble nearby protected government officials

<http://news.antiwar.c...>

Neuroscientists create computer program that can decode your thoughts

<http://www.extremetec...>

Document Proves DHS Is Monitoring Social Media For Government Criticism

<http://www.infowars.c...>

Self-driving cars: Bill would set rules for a new automotive era

<http://www.latimes.co...>