

# *The Anxieties of Big Data*

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I want to talk about the black holes in big data. The article points out the black holes is one of the reasons causes surveillants and surveilled anxiety. I think the black hole is a symbol of our privacy and freedom. Like a double-edged sword, reducing the size of big data's black hole can benefit our life or invade personal space.

In China, the government has a system called the Sky Eye. This system will build monitors all around the street and suspect every road to prevent the criminal issue. The system has a program to analyze all the image data from every corner of the city. The program can distinguish different objects in the image. For example, a truck hit an auto at XXXX street. Hence some western media says China is the safest country in the world. On this land, people do not have the gun, and everyone is suspected. The government increases the number of the monitor to reduce the size of big data's black holes. The smaller black hole we have, the more freedom and privacy we lose. On the one hand, I appreciate everyone is under control, so we live in a safe country in China. On the other hand, I feel I have no freedom and privacy under these monitors. If you have power, you can know someone's daily life super quickly. Everyone is like Truman in the movie Truman's world. Personally, I think the black hole is a great thing, even though it will cause some problems and anxiety to the surveillants and surveilled.