



THE THREAT ON NATIONAL SECURITY BY MY TODDLER

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I have come to the point that I cannot wait for a computer chip to be inserted into the brain of my children and we can get rid of passports and the like.

This is not because I particularly like the idea of Big Brother watching them all the time - I am a big defender of personal freedom.... but I just cannot deal with having to spend another minute in a government office sorting out passports and social security or anything else, especially with an overheated, overtired toddler squirming in my arms.

The regulations for passports in France have gotten to the point of an absurd comedy. The entire team in my local passport office spent a whole half an hour debating if they could accept the photo of my daughter as she had her mouth slightly open. She got off on the technicality that you could not see her teeth, because, in fact, she does not have any teeth! They then spent another half an hour trying to override the automated computer system what was rejecting the darn photo as my toddler had a shadow under her chin. The fact that she has no neck, being a toddler, means there is always going to be a shadow... but this exception had not been programmed into the computer.

I think security measures are getting insane. I understand the need for national security but a little bit of common sense needs to be applied! My little toddler is not going to get up to much mischief.... though her mother might if, she ever has to deal with the French passport people again!

Is this only a French thing or are all countries getting this ridged?

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