

...because they fear being told on for doing so. I believe that there are two main reasons why inmates tell on each other. The first of which is power and control with a bit of cowardice mixed in. What I mean is, they wish to exert their will upon others without the direct confrontation that they are afraid of. Obviously, the only ones who can enable them to have power or control are the ones that have it over them so they exchange information with their oppressors which now causes the people who were already oppressed by the police to being oppressed by other inmates. Clearly, this causes division amongst us by granting power to some while others must continue to struggle to get by, becoming distrustful of their own kind. The us v. them mentality which used to protect us becomes eroded to an us v. us v. them, preventing any unified front against the authorities, opening the door for them to further degrade us a human beings. For them, they win all the way around. They get information, an increase of their

...I have heard the term, "Police State" thrown around fairly often and for a while it may have been applicable to the situation that we lived in. From the police who occupied the streets and parks of the cities, to the constant profiling of anybody who cross their paths, it could only be described as a police state. While all of that still occurs, horrible as it may be, I personally believe that the police state has been morphing into something that brings people into it and encourages more people to become involved with it. Something more pervasive and more devious, the snitch state.

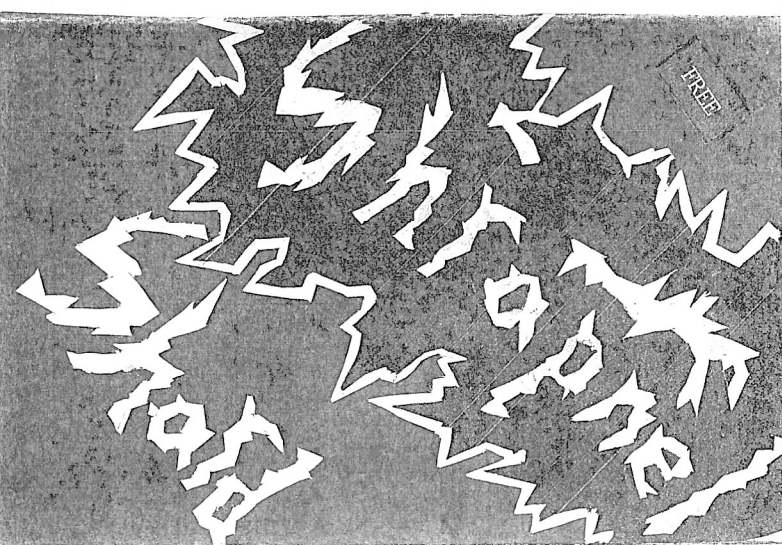
...Coming from the perspective of one who is locked up, I have seen first hand how a culture of snitching has divided us and caused infighting as well as a rampant paranoia, while doing so keeping anybody from uniting to challenge the people of authority over us. Even when the authorities are in the wrong inmates refuse to work together in any way

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...this type of mentality benefits them. They are all too eager to enable and control it.

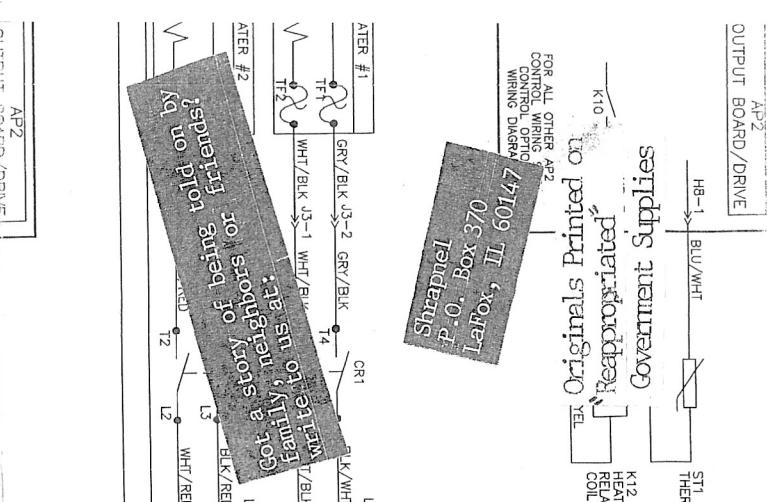
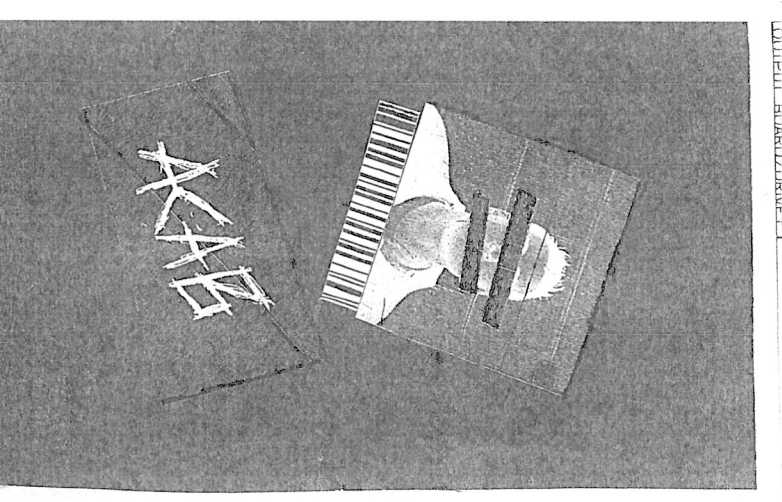
Yet there are others that snitch without the desires of power and control that others so desperately crave which is often more problematic in my opinion. That brings us to the second reason, purely "altruistic" reasons. This group does it solely based upon their own internal moral compass, they truly believe they are doing the right thing no matter how hypocritical they may be. Because their moral compass is ingrained so deeply into them they become much harder to convince not to do it. I suspect that this group is often times attempting to compensate due to their own misgivings which in a way makes them feel better about themselves or their situation. By pointing out others unwillingness or unknowingness to follow arbitrary rules and laws they are able to put themselves on a pedestal, as shaky as it may be. I wonder how many of these people have victims and seriously



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...when every citizen is a government informant reporting to their local police department? What ever happened to just minding your own business? Is that a threat to national security?

With everybody doing their "civic duty" to the State by informing on everyone either for their own gain or for perceived altruistic reasons when does it become appropriate to stop calling it a "police state" and start calling it for what it really is? I think the time is way past due and will refer to it as the "snitch state" from this point forward.





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