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On New Technologies, Big Data Predators + Welfare:

While it is not just public-authorities that are using their structural power to blackmail individuals into giving them their data for free, poor people are more dependent on these public-services; + thus their data is easier retrieved by public-authorities, who simply refuse to provide any service unless/until the claimant (i.e. poor person) provides abundant + detailed financial + personal information + documents. That in itself is unfair.

It is also not very clear where one can get more information on how one's data is being used, or who it is sold on to + under what conditions, or how to prevent any particular use. But most importantly one doesn't know how it will be used in the future. I don't understand how anyone can guarantee that the obtained data is not going to be abused/misused in the future.