



Some Problems with Online Proctoring Software

Spyware and the normalization of surveillance

“I’m in love with a strict machine”

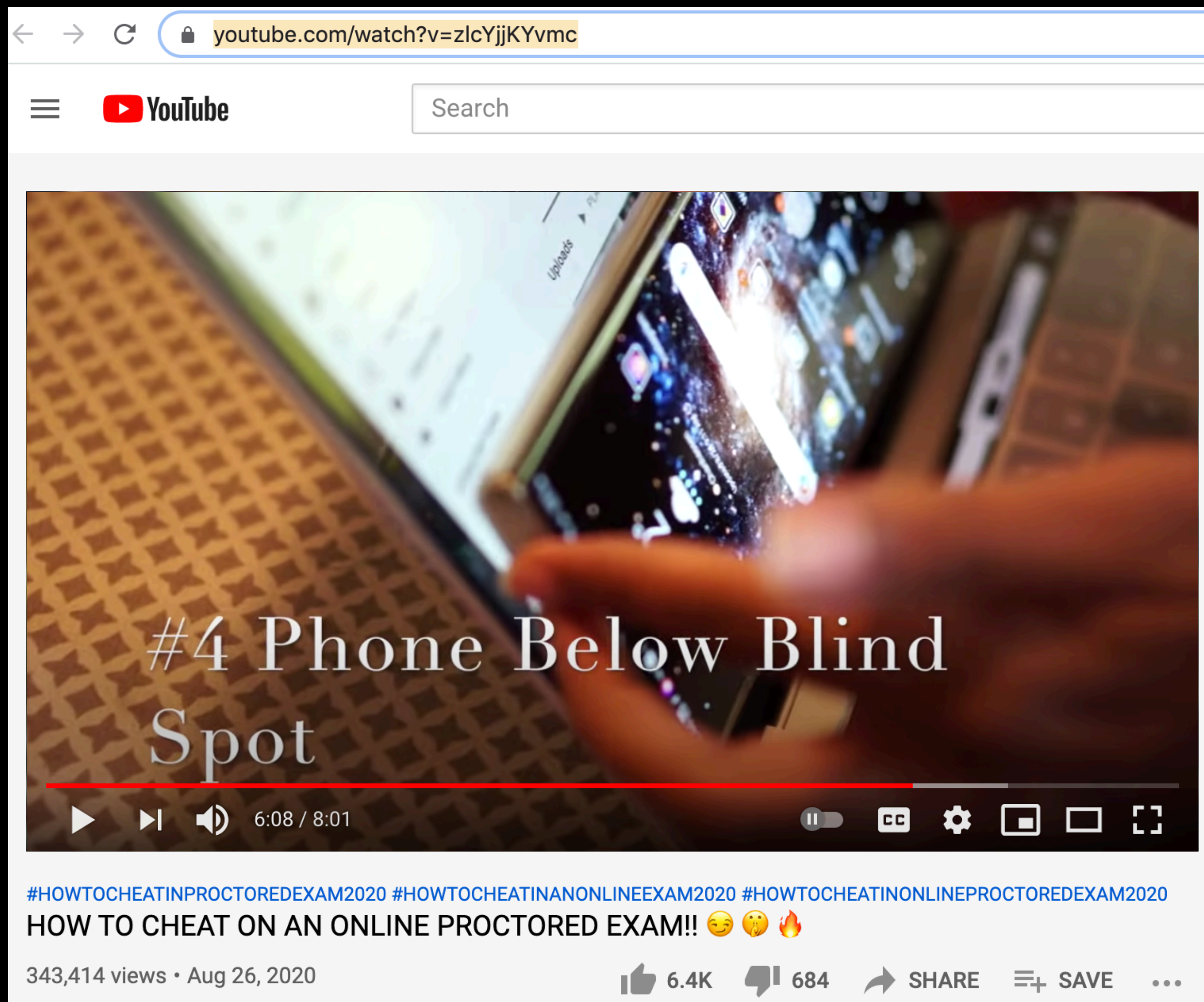
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Myths behind “online proctoring software”

- **Myth #1: “It works.”**
 - It does not work.
 - Automated surveillance is not an effective deterrent to cheating.
- **Myth #2: “It is necessary.”**
 - It is never necessary.
 - Software-based in-home surveillance is not proctoring – it is not ethical.

**George Orwell Predicted Cameras
Would Watch Us in Our Homes**

~~“It works.”~~



The screenshot shows a YouTube video player interface. The address bar at the top displays the URL `youtube.com/watch?v=zlcYjjKYvmc`. The YouTube logo and a search bar are visible in the header. The video content shows a close-up of a hand holding a smartphone, with the screen displaying a game interface. The video title, "#4 Phone Below Blind Spot", is overlaid on the video. Below the video player, there is a red progress bar and playback controls. The video description includes the hashtag `#HOWTOCHEATINPROCTORED EXAM2020` and the text "HOW TO CHEAT ON AN ONLINE PROCTORED EXAM!!" followed by three emojis: a smiling face with a tongue sticking out, a thinking face, and a fire emoji. The video has 343,414 views and was uploaded on August 26, 2020. The engagement bar shows 6.4K likes, 684 comments, and options to share, save, and view more.

- “Lol, lockdown browser is funny. It's like they think we have one computer at home, no tablets, android phones, other laptops.”
— YouTube cheating video comment
- “You’re paying so much to be at school and to be protected, and you’re forced to use a program that you don't even feel safe with.”
— Michelle Nguyen,
Western University
- “The level of stress that students have with their camera on and knowing that they’re being watched constantly makes them perform much worse than they would perform if they were in a test center.”
— Aharon Grama, CUNY

“Automated proctoring is also a direct and abhorrent violation of our children’s privacy.

Proctorio and other companies get access to personal data from our children, including their personal computers, private rooms in their homes, and other data.

It is unacceptable that our children must surrender their civil rights, especially while attending a public institution, to complete their education.”

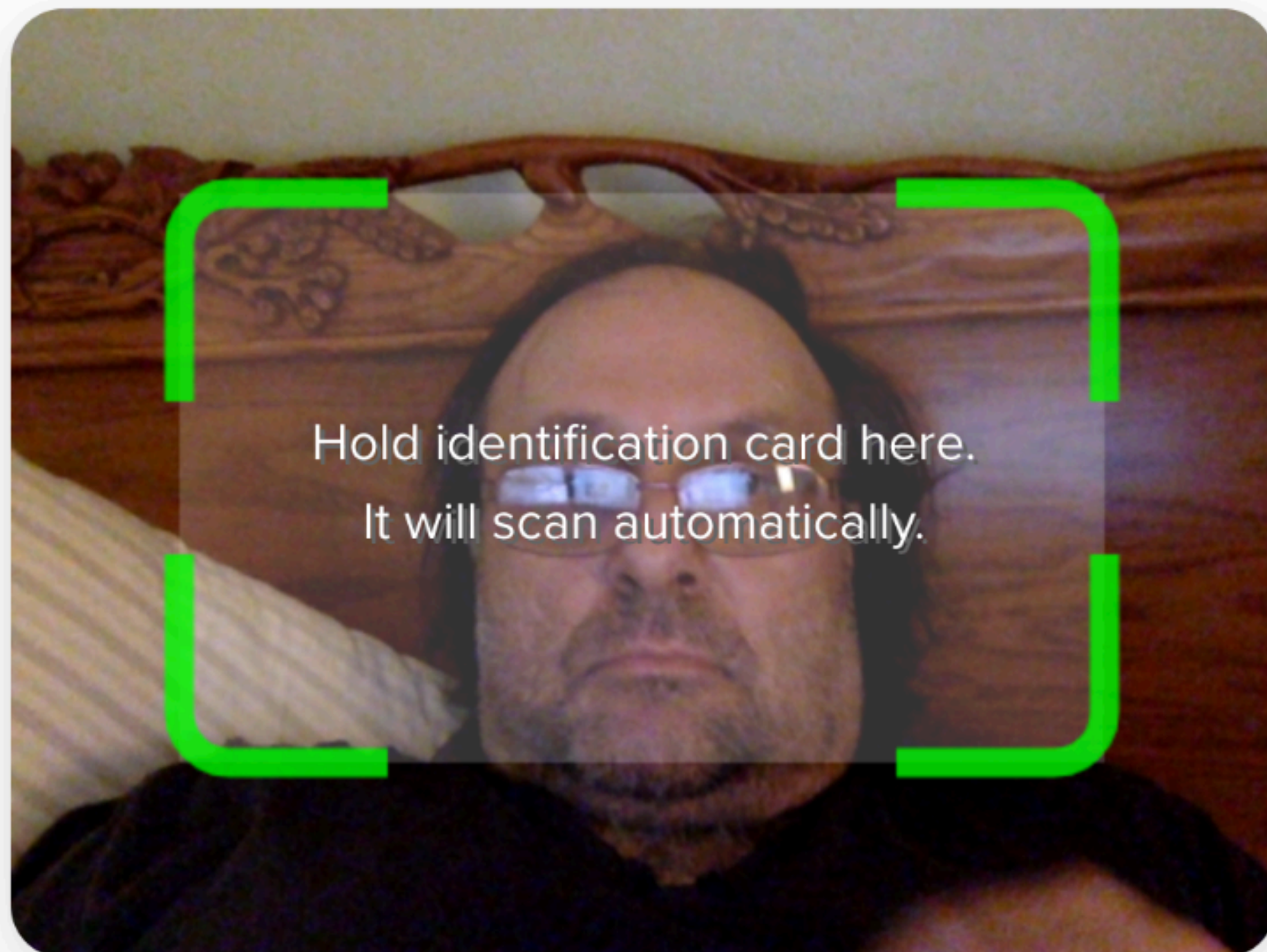
Letter “2000 Parents Call on McGraw-Hill Publishing to End Partnership with Proctorio”

<https://www.fightforthefuture.org/news/2020-12-17-2000-parents-call-on-mcgraw-hill-publishing-to-end/>

~~“It is necessary.”~~

Identification Card

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- “indistinguishable from spyware...” — EFF
- “Our job as teachers and professors is not to surveil and police our students, but it’s to educate them.”
— David Parry,
St. Josephs U.
- “CR asked several leading proctoring services about their security practices but got limited responses.”

“There’s something called the ‘prison-to-school pipeline,’ when schools take technologies and ideologies that originate either in policing, law enforcement, prisons, jails, and start using them in classrooms.

Proctorio is absolutely a ‘prison-to-school’ technology.”

Shea Swauger, University of Colorado Denver librarian

<https://hybridpedagogy.org/our-bodies-encoded-algorithmic-test-proctoring-in-higher-education>

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