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## ●FBI長官、顔認証システムに一般市民の写真は使わないと明言

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ジェームス・コミーFBI長官は11日の下院司法委員会公聴会で、犯罪者追跡のための顔認証プログラムでは、逮捕時に撮影された顔写真や指紋データベースを利用するが、一般市民の顔写真を収集することはないと証言した。

同氏は、顔認証技術のパイロット・プログラムでは、繰り返し利用でき、品質が統一されている、また、写真と犯罪行為とが関連付けられているという点から、利用されるのは逮捕時の写真に限られるとの説明を受けていると述べ、過去・現在にわたって逮捕時の写真以外を用いる計画はないとした。

電子フロンティア財団（EFF）が今年初めに情報開示法に基づき入手した文書では、FBIが来年までに「NextGeneration Identification」データベースに最高5200万枚の画像を収める方針が記されており、犯罪に関わったことのない一般市民の写真もこの中に含まれるのではとの懸念する声が上がっていた。

（参考）本件報道記事

### **FBI director pledges face-tracking program not for civilians**

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The FBI will use criminal mug shots to track suspects with facial recognition but won't be collecting pictures of innocent civilians, Director James Comey said on Wednesday.

“We're piloting the use of mug shots, along with our fingerprint database, to see if we can find bad guys by matching pictures with mug shots,” he said in a House Judiciary Committee hearing.

Despite concerns that tens of millions of innocent people's images would be included in the government's database of facial images, Comey said the effort will just be focused on pictures taken while criminals were in custody.

“The explanation to me was the pilot [program] is mug shots because those are repeatable, we can count on the equality of them, and they are tied to criminal conduct, obviously,” the FBI chief said. “There was not a plan and there isn't at present to add other, non-mug-shot photos.”

Earlier this year, the digital civil liberties group Electronic Frontier Foundation

(EFF) received records under the Freedom of Information Act showing that the agency planned to have as many as 52 million pictures in its Next Generation Identification database by next year.

The group said that database could include photos of people who had never been charged with a crime but have to submit photos as part of a background check at their job.

“This means that, even if you have never been arrested for a crime, if your employer requires you to submit a photo as part of your background check, your face image could be searched — and you could be implicated as a criminal suspect — just by virtue of having that image in the non-criminal file,” EFF senior staff attorney Jennifer Lynch wrote in a blog post at the time.

Comey said that’s not true. Though the FBI might get pictures of people in some sensitive jobs like drivers of school children, they would not be included in its Next Generation Identification system, and the agency also will not be mining local drivers’ license storehouses, he said.

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