

# The War on Cash!



Cash is legal tender in Ireland and must be accepted; it's the only form of money that is accessible to all citizens, and guarantees privacy. At the World Government Summit 2022 it was noted that we are moving away from cash and towards a total digital economy. It is important to understand the pitfalls and dangers of a truly cashless society.

## What Would Getting Rid of Cash Mean?

- ❖ Freezing out those without bank accounts, such as ethnic minorities.
- ❖ Many, such as older people and those who wish for a digital-lite life are already struggling; this will make their lives impossible.
- ❖ No tuck-away cash for those preparing to leave domestic violence.
- ❖ No cash donations to homeless people on the street.
- ❖ Constant Surveillance, every purchase logged, so there is no privacy. Big brother knows your every movement.
- ❖ No off-marketplace purchases, buskers, street food, farmers markets, arts and crafts fairs, boot sales, or street charity collecting.
- ❖ No more money in birthday/communion cards.
- ❖ No piggy banks, demise of the tooth fairy, no tips from relations.
- ❖ No cash tipping, the only way to ensure waiters etc. get their tips.

## Are Digital Payments Safer than Cash?

In the UK in 2019 consumers lost £620 million between card, online banking and push payment fraud.

<https://www.paymentscardsandmobile.com/focus-on-card-fraud-the-uk-market/>

## A Step Closer to a Social Credit System

Former Interpol head Bjorn Eriksson warns that a cashless society will lead to inequality, and control of the people by autocratic governments. It would also facilitate a social credit system, whereby people's purchases and interactions are monitored and rewards and sanctions are used to compel people to do whatever the government wants.

## Will A Social Credit System be Introduced in Ireland?

This system needs a Digital ID and mass surveillance. An EU Digital ID is currently being introduced, this, combined with all transactions being digital means the systems are there to set it up if we don't object.

## Social Credit Systems in Europe the USA & China

Social Credit systems are already in place in **Italy** and are currently being put in place in the **UK. & USA.**

[nationalreview.com/2021/07/chinas-social-credit-system-arrives-on-british-shores/](https://nationalreview.com/2021/07/chinas-social-credit-system-arrives-on-british-shores/)  
[thecountersignal.com/italy-could-be-first-eu-nation-with-social-credit-score/](https://thecountersignal.com/italy-could-be-first-eu-nation-with-social-credit-score/)  
[thehill.com/opinion/finance/565860-coming-soon-americas-own-social-credit-system/](https://thehill.com/opinion/finance/565860-coming-soon-americas-own-social-credit-system/)

In **China** the social credit system is well-established. Everything is tracked and rated to calculate your Social Credit Score. You lose points if you disagree with the government, delay your bill payment, socialise too much, purchase 'unsuitable' quantities of fast food, alcohol, video games etc; a low score leads to bank loan/credit card refusal, less choice of schools for your kids, limited access to public transport, cinemas, theatres, public facilities, shops etc.

## A Totally Digital Future is a Serious Concern

Governments will know everything about you and use that to control and sanction you. Carbon footprint will be measured by smart meters and purchasing and travel history; and sanctions such as not allowing you to buy more meat, petrol, tobacco or travel for pleasure could apply. **Your credit score would be assessed by artificial intelligence and by a faceless, unaccountable authority.**



The EU is currently working on a digital currency, this will give them even more control over your money.

<https://euroweeklynews.com/2021/08/05/development-of-new-european-digital-currency-has-begun/>

*We should be the masters not the slaves of our own money.*

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