Vocabulary: surveillance



Councillor A

You are a local councillor and your town has a number of problems:

- I Motorists drive too fast through the narrow streets.
- **2** Vandalism and drunkenness are a problem in the town centre. Families and elderly people keep away.
- **3** Attacks by dangerous dogs are becoming more common.
- **4** Gangs are selling illegal fake goods in the town centre.

You believe ways to deal with the issues are:

- to install cameras to act as a deterrent but also help the police keep track of trouble-makers and catch wanted criminals.
- to microchip all dogs so the owners of dangerous ones are registered. They can be easily identified and their details handed over to the police.
- to install CCTV in the town centre so the gangs selling fake goods will move out of the town. You believe their presence encourages others to break the law.

Councillor B

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You believe ways to deal with the issues are:

- not to install CCTV. You believe our surveillance society is not only an invasion of privacy but very expensive. The money could be spent on more police and other towns with CCTV still have these problems.
- not to microchip dogs, as only responsible owners would do this and not the owners of the dangerous dogs.
- not to worry about the people selling fake goods.
 You don't see the harm in people selling a few fake handbags and sunglasses.



Councillor C

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You believe ways to deal with the issues are:

- to install surveillance cameras. You believe that if you are a law-abiding citizen and you have done nothing wrong then it doesn't matter that your every move is monitored and logged.
- to use number plate recognition technology to discourage known criminals, some of whom are selling the fake goods, from entering the town.
- to install speed cameras. The evidence that they reduce accidents and make streets safer and nicer places to be is overwhelming.

Councillor D

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You believe ways to deal with the issues are:

- not to install speed cameras. You believe they cause accidents by people slowing down quickly before them and speeding up after them. The money they make is not spent on improving roads.
- not to install CCTV. It is rare for police to actually look at it for minor crimes like drunkenness and vandalism
- to encourage citizens to be more responsible and use their camera phones if they see someone committing a crime. You believe this would make individuals more accountable for their actions.