

21st Century Cointelpro:

Protecting ourselves in the Trump Era

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What is Cointelpro?

People of my generation and younger have experienced what feels like massive surveillance and disruption from police and even federal agents. How does our experience of the last 20 years compare with working under the Cointelpro program?

What would it look like now?

If the FBI had access to most meeting notes, full rosters of organizations, and most communications between members, how would the cointelpro program have been different?

Some Suggestions

- Use **Signal**.
- **Encrypt your disk** on your computer, iPhone and Android device. Use a screen lock.
- **Manage your passwords**. Use a different password for every service. Options:
 - Best (personal): Only use one computer and one browser, let Firefox remember all passwords (and lock that with a master password).
 - Next best (personal): Only use Firefox (on computer and phone) and use Firefox sync to synchronize saved passwords.
 - Best (organizations): use <http://keepass.info> - cross platform password manager
- **Use ownCloud**
 - For document sharing
 - Share documents like Drop box. Synchronize to everyone in you organization.
 - Share documents on the web (like Google Docs).
 - Online editing (vast improvements will be available in a future upgrade).
 - Available to all members and it is federated: you can share documents with other organizations running ownCloud.
 - For synchronizing contacts and calendar