Obama aims to fight identity theft with new online ID plan

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There are two key points about this strategy: First, this is NOT a government-mandated, national ID program; in fact, it's not an identity "program" at all. Second, this is a call by the administration to the private sector to step up, take leadership of this effort and provide the innovation to implement a privacy-enhancing, trusted system.

Leslie Harris, President and CEO, CDT

In an attempt to better fortify the security of online transactions, the Obama administration today revealed a new online security strategy that will provide individuals with a single, more reliable online identification. The White House hopes the plan will bolster Americans' confidence in doing business online, and provide a boost to the country's e-commerce economy.

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