

From Inside the House: How Surveillance Tech Poses Risks to Independent Living

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Independent Living Is Under Attack

- Recent Department of Justice Memo on *Olmstead* decision
- Cuts to Medicaid
- Executive order on institutionalization of people experiencing homelessness with mental health disabilities



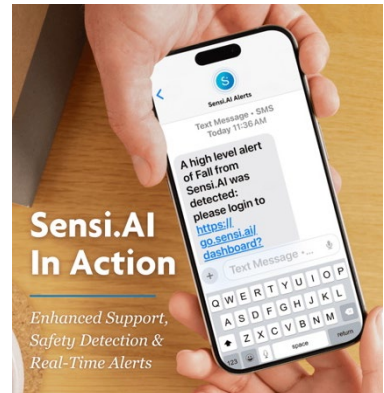
What Role Does Technology Play?

- Some tools are being marketed as allowing us to stay at home
- But, many of them threaten our privacy.
- They collect a lot of information, and sometimes that information can be sold or accessed by third parties
 - Data brokers can sell information to lots of people, including the government.



Types of Technologies

- Care apps like Sensi.AI – use “audio based trend analytics” to help caregivers make “data driven decisions”
 - Medication/safety management & monitoring tools
- Social agent robots (like ElliQ)





The New York Times

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To Stay in Her Home, She Let In an A.I. Robot

At 85, Jan Worrell lived alone on a remote corner of the Washington coast. Could ElliQ become her companion?



What Does Independent Living Really *Mean*?

- Freedom of choice
- Autonomy
- Agency

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The Burrito Test

- Focuses not on what a home looks like, but whether the person who lives there is able to do what they want, when they want
- There's no difference between not being able to microwave a burrito at 3AM because someone in-person prevented you from it, or because an AI tool warned your family about it who then prevented you from it.



Blurred Lines

- Technologies are blurring the lines between home and institution
- Our homes should be places where we can protect our privacy, and where we can choose what tech we want to use and when.
- Our commitment to independent living must include focusing on keeping disabled people at home and out of institutions, and keeping our homes free from unwanted surveillance.



Audience Q&A

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