

Restricting Identity-Linked Surveillance

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Introduction

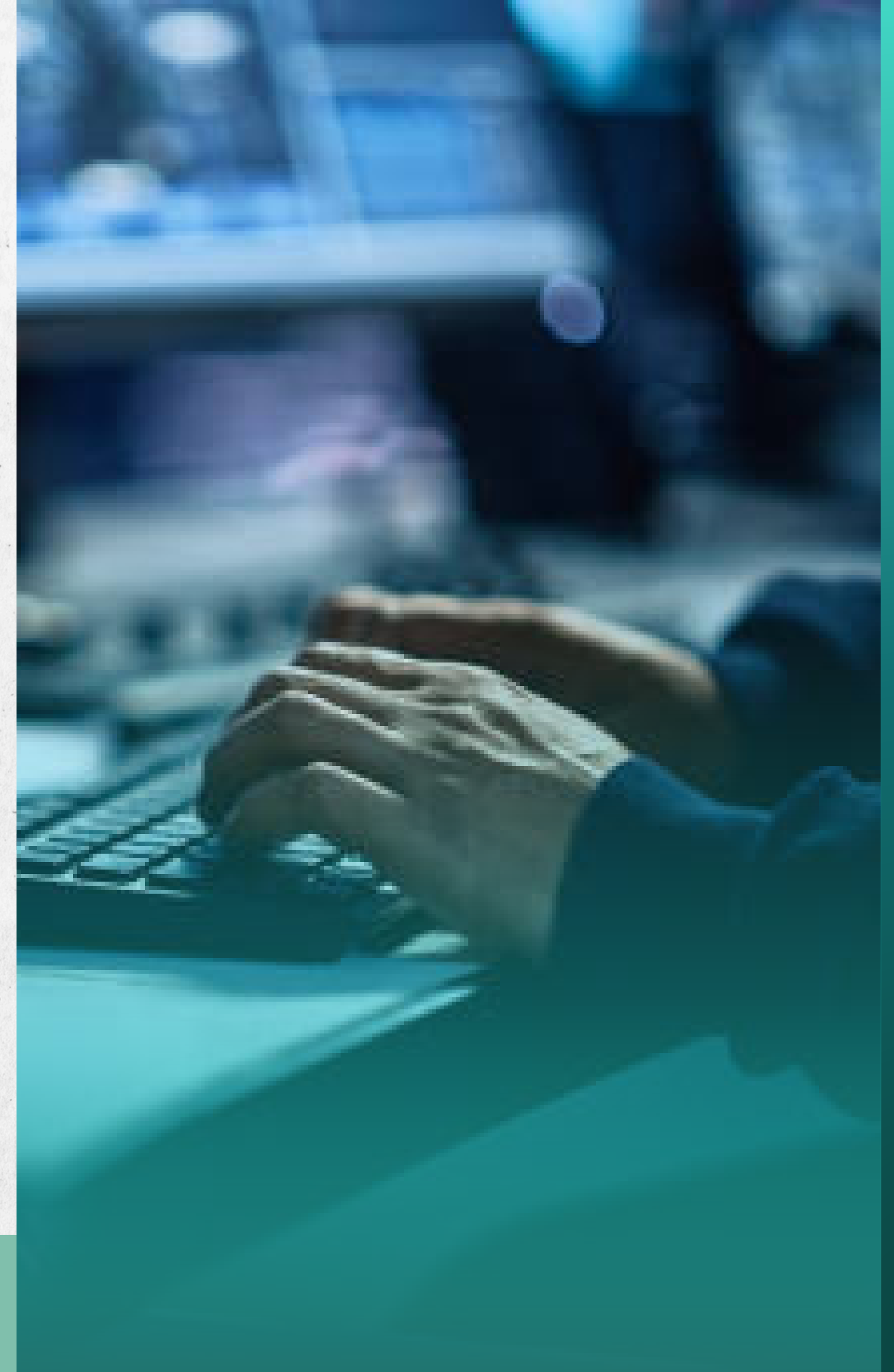
The Problem: Surveillance Without Policy

The Capability

- Palantir-type platforms analyze pedestrian movement
- Key fobs + student IDs can be linked to location logs
- Infrastructure exists and can expand

The Gap

- No formal policy limits identity-linked use
- Creates a "chilling effect" on free expression
- Goal: emergency-only restriction



Three Research Methods

Methodology

Interview:

- Kyilee Bell, UNT IT Student Assistant
- 10 Questions Over: Campus Infrastructure & Data Handling
- Feb 11, 2026

eSurvey

- 22 UNT student respondents
- 13 questions on “Student Attitudes Toward Identity-Linked Surveillance at UNT.”
- Qualtrics Survey. Feb. 2026.

Secondary Research:

- ACLU, EFF
- The Guardian
- Bloomberg

Results — Finding 1

Most Students Are Unfamiliar With Identity-Linked Tracking

Key Findings:

- 59% reported not or slightly familiar
- 7 respondents reported being “not familiar at all.”
- 6 reported being only “slightly familiar.”
- Only 5 respondents indicated they were very familiar with the concept.

How familiar are you with the concept of identity-linked surveillance?

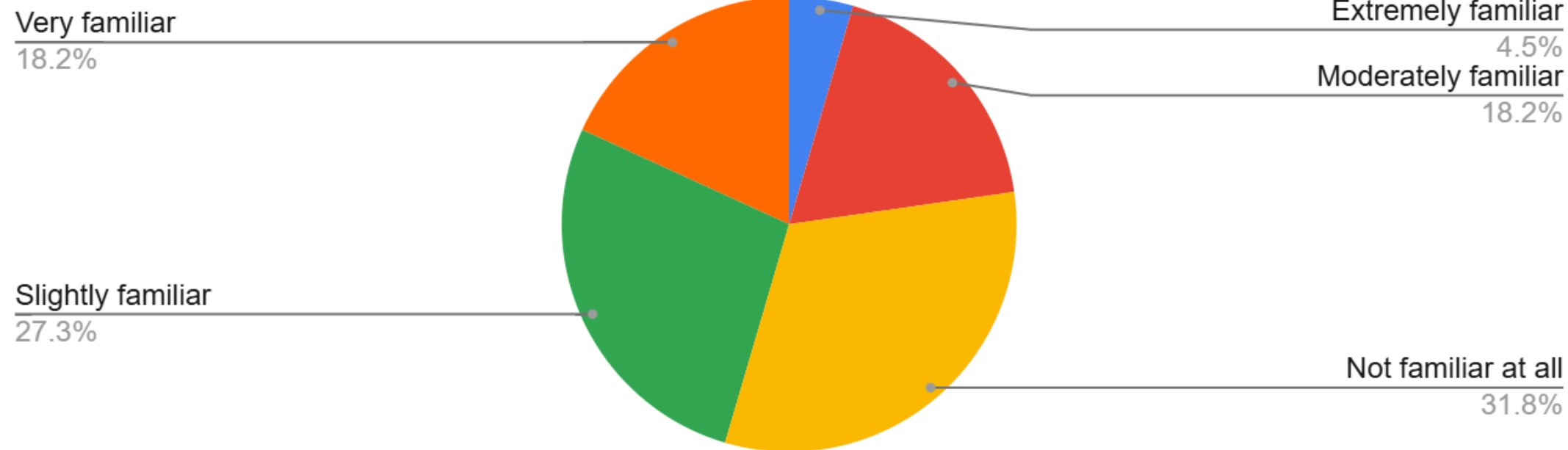


Figure 1: Familiarity with Identity-Linked Surveillance

Results — Finding 2

86% of Students Are Uncomfortable With Identity Tracking

Key Findings:

- "Students expressed fears of privacy invasion, being constantly watched, and uncertainty about how their personal data might be used."

Would you feel comfortable knowing your movement across campus could be

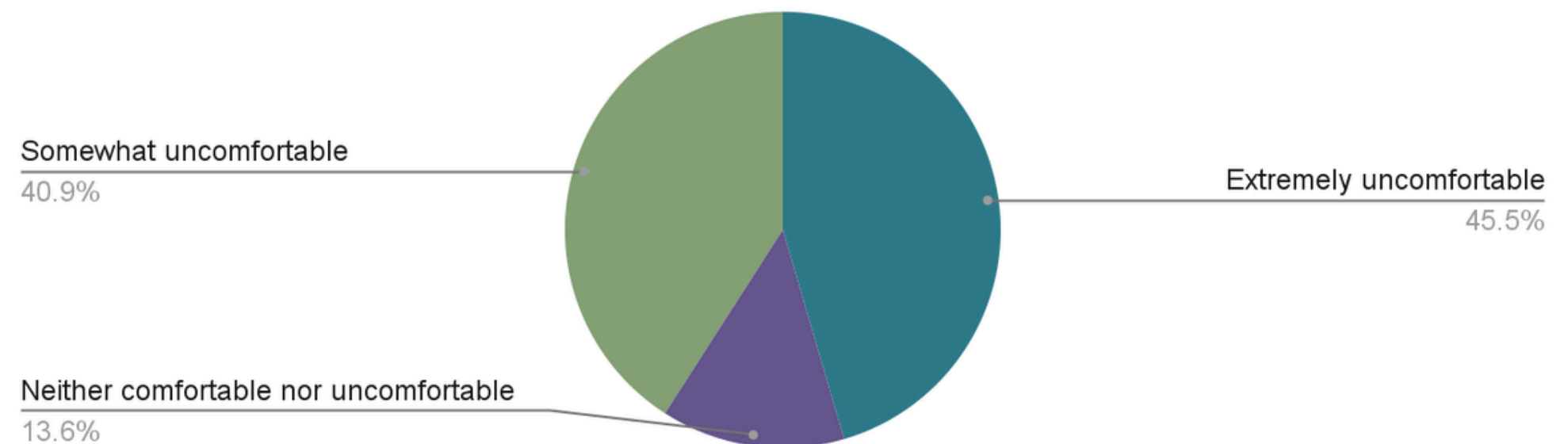


Figure 2: Comfort Level with Identity-Linked Surveillance

Results — Finding 3

Students Want Safeguards, Not a Ban

Key Findings:

- 13 respondents said surveillance should be limited strictly to emergencies
- 12 respondents said pedestrian data should remain anonymous by default
- 18 respondents said students should be notified when surveillance technology is being used
- 12 respondents supported regular independent audits of AI-based surveillance systems

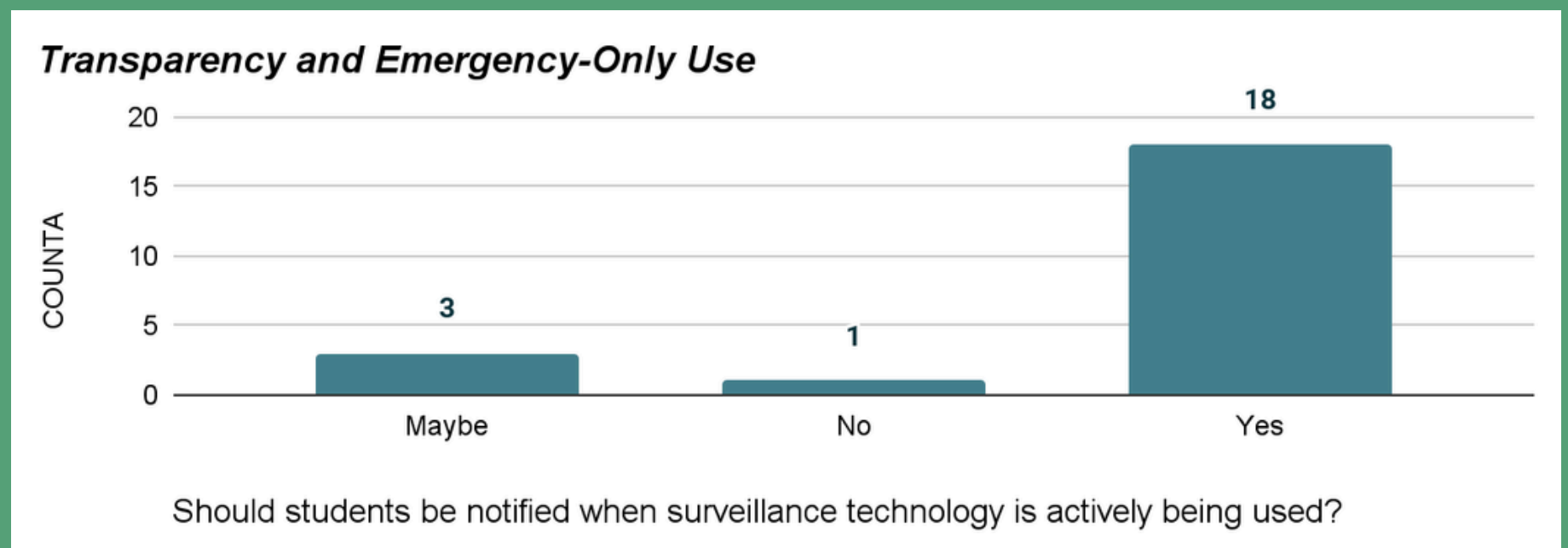


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Results — IT Interview

The Infrastructure Already Exists at UNT

Current Systems:

- Key fob access logs (buildings, labs)
- Laptop monitoring in computer labs
- Student ID-linked access control

The Risk:

- Logs can be linked to individual identities
- No policy prevents expansion
- Tech scales faster than policy (ACLU)



Discussion

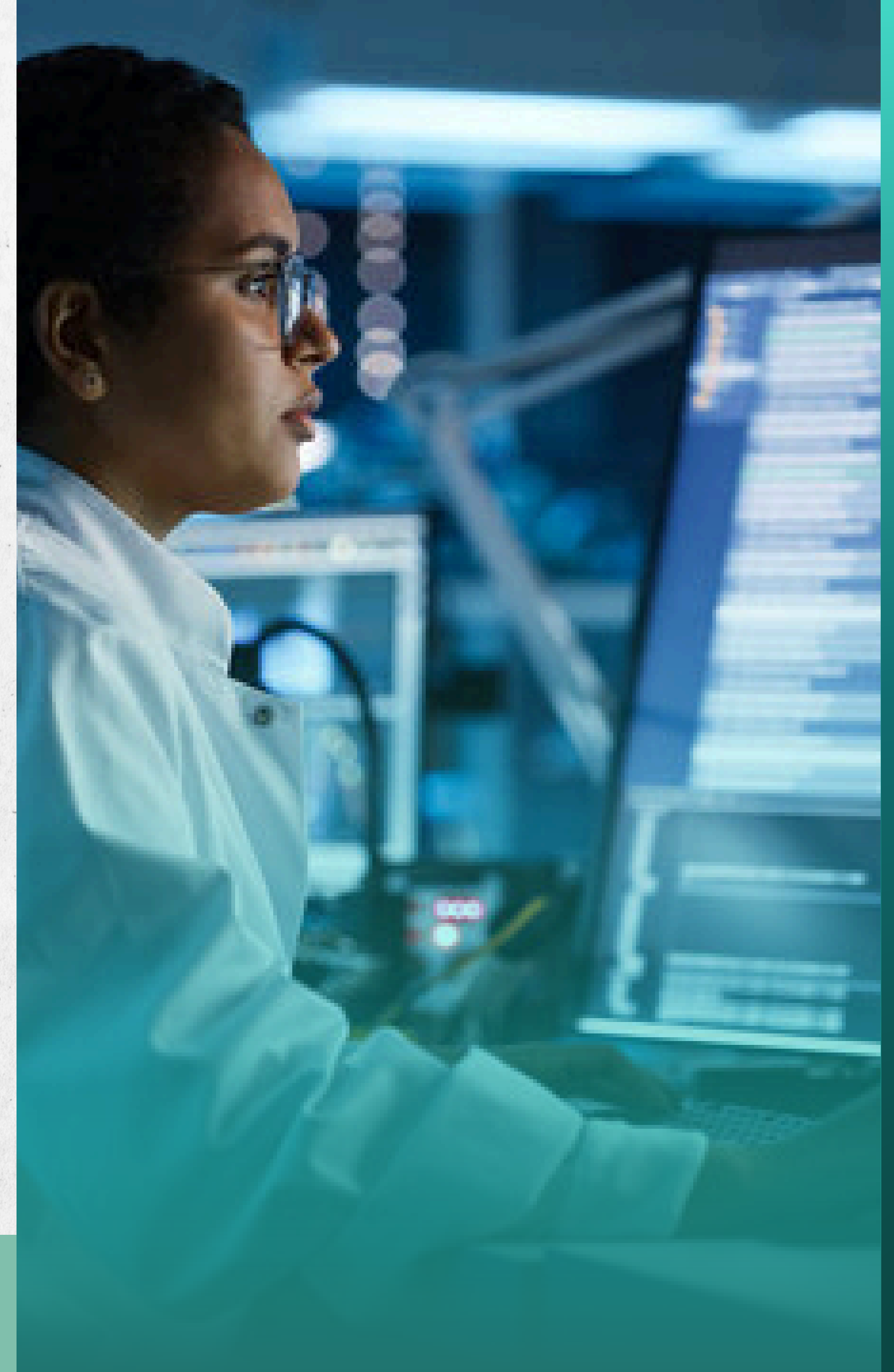
Safety and Privacy Are Not Mutually Exclusive

What the Data Shows:

- Monitoring that's not clear breaks down trust. The "chilling effect" stops people from speaking up. Students want security, but with some rules.

The Solution:

- Ethical AI through policy, not just technology
- Transparency restores trust
- Emergency-only restriction addresses the chilling effect



Results — Finding 1

Five Recommendations for UNT

- ① Restrict identity-linked surveillance to emergencies only
- ② Ban linking behavioral data to individual identities by default
- ③ Notify students when surveillance tools are active
- ④ Prohibit long-term data retention beyond original purpose
- ⑤ Conduct regular independent audits of AI surveillance systems