

The Color of Surveillance: Monitoring of Poor and Working People

Reading List

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We find our speakers through a combination of literature reviews and calls with experts and community leaders. This year, we wanted to share the fruits of that research. Sources written by or featuring our speakers are listed first and are followed by other sources in alphabetical order.

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