

Richard Lauwers, IL

Lack of controls when I do give personal information about how long the information is retained and how it is managed (security). PCI data rules should be extended to ALL NPI shared with companies.

Dana Egbert, NJ

None

Walter Salinger, NC

All intrusions into privacy should be on an explicit, "opt in" basis!

Estelle Geter, AL

Data Theft

Miria Olack, TX

Tracking software

Anthony Siciliano, CT

personal data being saved and shared

Tom Bachman, TX

companies holding onto data that they do not need anymore as that could become easy access for my personal info getting into the wrong hands

Deborah Ingalls, NC

My greatest concern is any internet or smartphone app that accesses contacts, photos, location, personal messages, and transactions without my permission.

Joseph Paone, NY

Internet Companies should never hold onto Credit Card information. Everybody (meaning consumers) want to save time by not entering credit information on the second and subsequent sales but not at the expense of leaking information or allowing credit information available to just about anybody that will and can steal this valuable information.

Brian Galfano, NY

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Louis Karrer, NJ

The more personal information that is acquired and spread by non-government agencies makes it easier for criminals to hurt the citizens in some way. The government should be able to collect information to help track down criminals and terrorists. If someone in the agency uses the information improperly they should be prosecuted

David Duffy, TX

In my mind any collection of info without the consumers permission is unacceptable and deceitful. And only the bare minimum information should be required to purchase online.

Sheldon Stuchell, MD

Companies should be up-front with consumers, informing them before a purchase or before signing up for a service, what will happen to their personal information. There should never be an opportunity for any company or advertiser to sell personal information to another company, or to provide personal information outside of its original intended use.

Kate Meginley, WA

It's none of anyone's business what I purchase or what my online habits are and I do not appreciate being Big Brother-ed.

Eugene Beregi, NJ

Other people's personal information should be treated with the same care / respect they would want their personal information treated!

Thomas Robinson, PA

Medical facilities collecting way more information than needed for treatment.

Robert Kinsey, TX
online information

Gregory Lingenfelter, PA

I feel that what I view is my own business. I know what I'm looking for and feel that search engines have plenty of information already to guide me in the proper direction. I feel that the use of information gathered from me would only be used to the gatherer's own interest by leading me to companies that benefit them in the form of monetary kickbacks. I believe that this could cost me more money in the long run as they would hold back information on a cheaper product. I prefer to make my own decisions.

Jeanne Teague, MI

Personal data is exactly that ~ personal. For a company to have the freedom to utilize it however they wish is a violation of our rights. Stop now and protect the consumer.

Clif Jordan, NY

I like the idea of targeted ads based on my data

William Johnson, CA

Companies that share or sell my information without my permission.

Seth Budney, IL

data used to deny employment or affect loans

David Jackovin, IL

any violations dealing with the first ammendment rights; evesdropping, selling of personal information without specific customer consent; instead of customers having to opt out of transferring personal info the option should be opting in to do so.

James Stewart, OH

I am very concerned that corporate greed is causing companies to abandon simple basic ethics with regard to how customers are treated. I am concerned that companies should treat their customers with respect, because the vast majority of their customers treat them with respect. Those who sue companies for violations of the privacy of customers is bound to rise if current trends continue, and this in turn will drive up prices. Companies who respect their customers' privacy will profit from the effort. My late Uncle, Dr. Glenn H. Stewart, taught Ph.D. students in industrial management. Were he still teaching today he would be appalled at the disintegrating ethics of today's American companies. This trend can be turned around to a positive direction, but the efforts must be diligent and focused.

Edward Parker, FL
Identity Theft

Brenda Richardson, MD

I fear that the horse is out of the barn, so to speak. . . .
We essentially have no privacy when it comes to what
our internet usage reveals about us. So we must focus
on abuses (and abusers) of that information, and make
sure there are sufficient disincentives to such abuse.

Robert Waddell, MD

the ability for an entity to accumulate personal
information from several resources and either use it
themselves or sell it. This leaves the consumer wide
open for unknown others to manipulate their lives for
the gain/benefit of the unknown, outside entity. It is just
insider trading in another form being applied to the use
and abuse of the consumer.

John Daly, NY

releasing and tracking my personal data without my
knowledge or consent.

Brian Orpin, AR

Any collection of personal data, without expressed
permission of the individual or their legal guardian for
minors, and the retention of any such data beyond the
necessary time to fulfill the purpose for which the
permission was granted, should be illegal and enforced
with stiff penalties.

Dyanna Bollinger, CA

shopping online and companies could lose your credit
card info

Kenneth Cook, NC

The rules MUST be changed so individuals would be offered an option to "OPT IN" to the COLLECTION and sharing of their data instead of being required to tell the companies that they want to "OPT OUT". There needs to be some sort of consumer database where individuals can enter their choice to allow their data to be shared. It could use the current national "DO NOT CALL" database as a model. The difference would be that it would contain information on the individuals that ARE willing to share their data; what type of information, how, with whom and when it can be shared.

Alan Warshawer, VA

dissemination of private information without explicit approval

Janet Nelson, IA

Privacy policies that are written by attorneys that make no sense, are too complex and too long. "Privacy Policies" that are written for the complete benefit of the company and not towards the consumer.

Todd Ricks, VA

Too much data about me and my actions spread amongst a myriad of companies with no way for me to control the information they have access to or the accuracy of that information.

Alden Bumstead, RI

Transparency! AND, some way to keep it simpler. If it takes hours to understand and configure one's privacy settings, then that control is not ultimately useful. People don't have the time for it.

Harold Sanders, TX

I am very concerned about a company collecting personal information that I have provided for a single and specific purpose then sharing this with other divisions of the company or even worse - selling the information to anyone willing to pay the price.

Nancy Malley, TX

Most important is companies collecting and selling information without my permission and holding on to information. Secondly, smartphone apps accessing data.

John Seay, FL

Very concerned that companies are using consumers as their on private herd of disposable cattle for their ultimate dining and disposal. We are constantly use as a way to exact another pound of flesh without any meaningful return to us.

Henrik Sandell, MA

Smartphone apps accessing contacts, location and other highly personal data without permission, and without recourse on my part.

Rebecca Freeland, NY

*6 is a major concern of mine! What I buy or do online should have NO effect on loan or employment decisions!

Denise Makris, AL

I feel that no personal information should be gathered by any companies, govt or any other party. It allows other countries to spy on America. We need to firm up our standards only to keep prying eyes from intruding on our freedom. All data collecting is a form of snooping in and should be banned under the constitution of the US. When my nieces can't get online for fear of the bad things out there, and to know that data could be tracked, on a minor, there is a really BIG problem. Any info collected should be clearly requested and approved by the user... Period..... Doing anything without an end-users permission is not only reprehensible but should be illegal.

Julee Roth, MI

People having information about me without my permission and used without my knowledge is of grave concern to my life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.

John Bell, OH

data collection of any kind without notification, including "cookies". Prior to any data collection, we should be able to agree, say Yes or No. and turn off anytime. This especially applies to the government.

James Rhyne, NC

If I want them to have my personal information, then they should clearly ask and allow me to decide.

Michael Coleman, OH

I am most concerned about the ability of people to get my personal information without my permission, especially financial information. It seems easier and easier to obtain financial details including pin numbers, card numbers, etc. and this needs to be locked down. As far as stores keeping my purchase history info, I often do not use my credit card in order to "hide" that information.

Linda Phillips, PA

The security of my personal account information, including credit card and purchasing information. I want the option that companies cannot keep any of my information once i log out of their site. Also, that our children can be safer on the Internet. Very bold warnings that a website is unsafe or highly not recommended for children. Maybe even a way that parents can be automatically sent an email if their children access any of those sites.

Craig Turner, IL

Personal Financial information being utilized or distributed without my consent for any reasons.

Douglas Gross, IN

I worry that there is so much "data mining" going on that I'm not aware of, nor am I in any position to control what is done with the data or how it is used. For example, if I share a good amount of personal information with Google, how can I be sure that they are not sharing or selling my data with their "business partners?"

Marietta Bricker, FL

I am very annoyed with advertisers collecting data about my interests and purchases online and then sending me unwanted ads and/or selling my information to someone else without my permission. This is an invasion of my privacy. These two areas impact me specifically. However, the other 6 should not be allowed either.

Jim Laytom, OK

accessing into my email contacts...

Charles Fohner, PA

Anything that can be used to identify me as an individual as opposed broad demographic data

David Kusel, CO

My biggest problem is to have an entity take information from me without any overt act on my part. A purchase is an overt act. Acquiring an ap for a limited purpose should not leave my doors open.

William Cherry, NC

The internet is a fantastic tool, but as all tools, it needs to be used safely. We, the consumers, can protect ourselves somewhat with anti-virus software and firewalls. But we have lives to lead and need help from our government to keep unscrupulous internet companies from targeting our information. Those companies have many employees who can work around the clock developing new ways to take our security (internet freedom.) We consumers need an "internet bill of rights".

Patrick Teague, CA

I would prefer total individual control

Jamie Hinojosa, TX

I am most concerned with companies keeping information that they do not need.

Carol Duit Brader, WI

I have long been a proponent of consumer privacy and by my answers, I hope that this is the message that I send. "Daddy", "The Big Boy/government is far too involved in the private affairs of consumers.

Richard Bretz, OH

I am unemployed and have been asked by a few potential employers about my Facebook account. There should be laws regarding protecting one's online social accounts against employers who use that to base their hiring standards on. If there are laws regarding discrimination against race, gender, religion and age. Why not create a law stopping employers asking the question of social online activity?

Miguel Peña, CA

My private information should not be used without my permission!

Michael Faria, FL

Invasion of personal information without permission.

Robert Heartsill, OK

the greatest concern I have is keeping all my data secure (aren't European countries using technology now that is able to protect this data--while companies operating in the USA are not using these features?)

Joseph Ramos, CA

I would like the default to be complete privacy, no collection of data. Only if I opt-in should data be collected.

Bill Ellingson, MN

Persons using your private data to get credit in your name.

Tina Kobrin, NJ

I think we need more privacy. Is this the KGB

Dwight Jaeggi, CA

My two biggest concerns involve security breaches of a company's database that contain my data. While the company that I did business with may be completely -- or at least nearly -- honorable, organizations that are willing to hack a system tend to be amoral or immoral. The emergence of "Big Data" analysis is possibly of even bigger concern. If companies and governments can sweep up large amounts of (sometimes questionably accurate) data and use algorithms that attempt to make sense them, any number of really bad things might result. As bad as a computerized "big mother" that "knows" everything you've been up to might be, the more probable outcome is that enough of the raw data and the algorithms using them would be of poor quality and the output would be significantly flawed. And again, the probability of the data and the resulting

Jane Van De Hey, WI

I should be able to totally control who sees and uses my personal information and/or choices and when they can use it.

Alan Griffith, NE

My concern is related to online activity more than phone activity. Collection of information on activity as well as what is in my computer should not be allowed.

Richard Mcquillan, OR

Apps or other forms of data collection that I am not specifically aware of are by far my greatest concern. These mechanisms, operating in a "steaslth" mode are in fact a form of spying and must be prohibited.

Bill Christensen, CA

QUESTIONS DERIVED FROM SUCH THING AS A REFI OF A HOUSE AND THEN YOU ARE BOMBARDED BY ADVERTIZEMENTS FROM OTHER COMPAINIES ELIMINATE OR SEVERELY RESTRICT "COOKIES" WHICH MAKES THE KIND OF THING POSSIBLE

Dilip Patel, GA
spamming and phishing

John Bartholomew, TX

The threat to senior citizens, many of whom have decreased ability to protect themselves from unscrupulous business practices.

Thomas Lincourt, PA

The sharing of my personal with anyone, and I have no control over it.

Terry Logan, CT

for item 6 I see no problem with employers being able to terminate employees for accessing inappropriate (pornographic) sites from work computers. I also see no problem with limiting work access to appropriate (work related) sites

George Brach, MI

I am most concerned about the lack of coherency and transparency regarding personal privacy online. Rather than having the default position being "opt-out", it's set to "opt-in" and consumers have to work very hard to find all of the places on the Internet to opt out of sharing their private information. As I mentioned, the default should be no sharing and there should be one site that everyone can visit to opt into such programs. I understand that sometimes it's valuable to share personal information for the mutual benefit of vendors and consumers, but right now there is no coherent method for us to determine exactly what we are opting into.

Terry San Cartier, CA

data storage for longer than 1 month

Gary Chenault, TX
privacy

Terry Jordan, TX

I don't like my privacy being violated by others trying to make a profit.

Patsy Mccord, GA

#4 Tell me every time you sell info about me. #6 No one should have access to this info except the individual who is doing it. #7 No one should have access to this info except the individual who is doing it unless they give permission.

Gail Poolner, AZ

Theft of personal information by hackers into legitimate vendors web sites

John Scott, TX

I am very concerned with the porno that is available on the internet. There should be some way to MAKE it unavailable to our children. Maybe if there was a subdstantial charge before they could sign on would stop this.

Harry Mangle, CT

My greatest concern is advertizers targeting kids with personalized ads based on the data they collect while kies surf the net.

Jere Jobe, MT

You have said it all pretty.

Robert Owens, OH

Very Concerned about smart phone use to ID and target all consumers with Email accounts in all invasive and clandestine ways. Also: Very concerned about all clandestine digital apps that target private accounts of cell phone users. This costs the cell phone user for minutes or monthly charges each time someone picks up on one of these contacts whether on purpose or by accident. This should be punishable by law. These same contacts via the www are a nuisance but at least they do not add direct costs to internet subscriber accounts.

Joe Joaquin, ME

All this collected data being hacked and used for identity theft.

Joseph Vitacco, NY

My main concern is allowing companies to track and hold on to my information. The truth, I do not want anybody to have my personal information without my consent.

Lucy Cheatham, CO
identity theft

Leon Johnson, NC
Companies selling my personal information Should
have my approval before being able to do so.

Craig Brand, NY
Blah, Blah, Blah

Roy Desousa, IL
Retaining and selling my personal information for their
gain and many times not asking for my permission to
gather and sell that information.

Nancie Barker, CA
Companies or individuals being able to access
ANYTHING on my computer, including address books,
words used, photos, etc. Companies attaching cookies
into my computer without my permission.

Frank Cassagnol, MD
There needs to be a general update on all privacy laws
in the realm of the internet. Technology and markets
have evolved some much the privacy laws dont not
address the information current businesses try collect,
use and sell.

Donald Andrews, NH

I am concerned about anything that intrudes on my privacy, that compromises my rights, or that restricts my access to information I deem important.

Elizabeth Droz, NY

PRIVACY IS AN ENTITY THAT I DO NOT WANT TRESPASSED UPON. WISH TO RETAIN AS MUCH PRIVACY AS POSSIBLE.

Sara George, NC

The sharing of information without permission is very wrong and should be stopped.

Sandra Taylor, TX

The fact that so much information can be procured in various ways on the internet is of major concern to me. It is quite difficult to point to just one of the above areas as the most important. I would probably have to put the selling and sharing of information at the top of the list. Most of the privacy issues would at the least be influenced by limiting this area of concern.

Michael Leyes, GA

Privacy Rights are just that, rights. And, as such, it should be my decision on the extent to which those Rights are "proxied" to another and not based on the marketing opportunities of a third party.

Patricia Gresimer, NJ

I do not like that advertisers target children with personalized ads. They easy targets so to speak. Kids just aren't savvy and are easily misguided by advertising. It can also be a way for perverts to gain access to children. I also do not want advertisers selling my information or keeping it after they no longer need it. That opens the door for spamming and phishers and also spyware can access the advertisers program and use it to my disadvantage. I absolutely think prospective employers and employers should NOT have access to where I go, what I do, and what I buy on the internet. It is an invasion of my privacy. I just don't like it. I guess my greatest concern is for children and after that is my privacy in relationship to employers. I would seriously hate to lose my job over what I do on the internet or what I buy. Thank you for your time, Patricia Gresimer

Mary Friedberg, MD

Let's get and keep "Big Brother" out of our personal lives. The Smart Meters that electric companies are using now is just another way of violating our privacy. It needs to stop! And pray Obama does not get re-elected! He has taken away our freedom of speech now too. Yes, he has check it out! He passed a law in private without our knowledge. This is one of the most disturbing news clips I've seen in a long time. Judge Napolitano speaks about the newest legislation just signed into law. It's another sad day, Americans. Unless we stop this seizure of American rights, we're doomed! Pray for our Country and put legs to your prayers with your vote this November! This narration is certainly worth your while if you possibly can view this clip. A Judge is speaking about a law our president just passed in secret!!!! about "Free speech". It boils down to..when

Bobbi Dickinson, WI

With the broad use of technology by many of us who really don't know how to get to the areas in the technology that we can change (sometimes) to protect our privacy I think it is important that we are fully protected unless we decide to allow other items. Many sites will not let you order or otherwise use areas in the site unless you click the accept button. It is amazing what they put in that area that you allow when you press the accept button. That needs overhaul also. I personally don't mind some of the collection of data for ads that pop up but if I decided to research something and had kids at home and they got on the computer I wouldn't like it that they might be subjected to the ads that might be for me so that I see as a problem in that area. I could go on and on as this area has so many concerns. My position is to let the consumer opt in for

Roland Moritz, CA

Browser companies security protocols and data storage vulnerability

Julie Domeier, NY

As stated in Numbers 6,7, and 2 above. They all have most direct impact in our daily lives. I think of all, Numbers 6 and 2 are the MOST important to address: Employers and such shouldn't have access to social websites, etc. Also, privacy policies should be made clear to the average consumer, so we all know what our options are, and what their consequences will be.

James Hubbell, NY

No entity has any right to compromise my privacy in any way, shape or form, online or otherwise, without my explicit and simple plain language consent.

David Driver, OR

Restricting or censoring news content. We get more than enough of that from the MSM! For an administration that touted transparency, that is one of the biggest lies and pitiful jokes that has been inflicted on the American public. I want the politicians to keep their grubby fingers completely off of the internet....for any reasons!

Richard Donovan, OR

The biggest threat to me is that our congressional delegation or at least some of them won't listen especially industry lap dog Ron Wyden.

Vanessa Johnson, MA

I am extremely concerned about any data that I have collected about myself, about my friends and contacts, being shared without my permission. I find this a severe infringement upon my right to privacy and personal safety.

Sharon Kornely, MD

Young people who don't even think about the possible implications that using these devices now can have on their futures.

Gary Hughes, OR

Not knowing precisely what information is being gathered about me online and just who all has access to it.

Larissa Brenner, NY

I am most concerned about someone committing identity theft by stealing information from a company that I've done business with. My information has been stolen a few times, and so far I have not had someone use that information. But I am very afraid it could happen.

Sharon Stratton, IA

All of it and it is nonsensical. It should be in my control and not yours, period! Who in the heck do you think you are?

Gary Gower, WA
Give no personal information without permission.

Beverly Stone, GA
Communication via phone, mail, social media, or E-mail is directed to specific individuals or groups and deserves to be limited as such.

Bob Hackamack, CA
My concern is access to my data on-line and the ability to correct errors in that data. Because of the way my data might be used, I do not use social media. I stick to standard email and web sites where I am as careful there as I am when dealing with strangers in person.

Thomas Rhoades, AZ
I am particularly concerned about any ap that can access my private information, contacts, photos, location and social media without my permission.

Riki Walsh, NJ
Right now the biggest concern is GPS locations linked to online personal photos and online data collection that might effect my efforts to obtain a job and or credit.

Gene Wyrick, OH
The technowledge has expanded so rapidly, especially for us older folks that we can't keep up with it. Therefore, the industry is collecting, sorting and using personnel info on us with out our knowledge nor understanding. Our governmen apparently does very little to safe guard us.

Steve Dunn, CA

online location tracking through smart phones and the targeted advertising that goes with it. Any spam mail that is sent using shared information. To much spam, spam, spam....

George Lara, TX

I am very concerned with all the privacy issue addressed above. I am also concerned with companies tracking customer and selling info to a third party.

Sheila Weber, WA

Our privacy and freedom is slowly eroded by small deceptive ways to eliminate our privacy rights. Usually, the method is so devious and complicated that people either have no idea or feel there is nothing they could do that would make a difference against the large powers of the government and business' that do the government's bidding. Most people do not look at the long legal, complicated forms of their privacy rights because in many cases it's just too difficult to understand by a person who is not a lawyer. They trust the company to keep their privacy only later to find that it's just the opposite. What is happening to our country when not only is trust betrayed but written policies are so complicated that, one would think, the real purpose to to use a confusing language that bars us from freedoms we have enjoyed in the past. Our privacy is

Marilyn Plechas, CO

I, Marilyn, am most concerned about data being used to deny employment and affect people's ability to get a loan. But all of the above issues are extremely important! Thank you for doing the hard work to get a Privacy Act developed and passed.

Steven Conwell, TX

I give my personal information to companies to use for a specific purpose. Example, to send me a purchase. That is what I want them to use it for. Now I have no problem with search engines gathering statistical data to improve their search algorithms, but I expect that information to be permanently and irrevocably anonymous. In addition, I consider my purchase history to be private and no one's business but my own.

Kevin Debrecht, MO

Misuse of private information like selling or giving it away. Tracking ever move I make, you should have something better to do.

Webster Pell, TX
collecting data without my knowlege

Joseph Donatacci, NJ
.companies selling or sharing information about me
without my permission

Richard Lee, CA
The default the companies should use is 'not to share'
my personal data UNLESS I grant it. Privacy policy
should be clear and concise.

Ruth Dolan, MN
Not requesting my permission.

Paula Thomas, IL
I get too many Spam on my e-mail that I have never
heard o the compny before I do not like this at all.
Companies know to much about and I never gave them
this information. /where are they getting this
information? Not from me, for sure. Cant this be stop?

Eric Krueger, FL
Government imposing their double standard on
everything they touch. Too much Big Brother mentality
in current Government

Jerry Slaybaugh, MO

My biggest concern is companies selling or sharing my information without my express permission. If I choose to give my information to a company that I do business with, I should have control of where that information goes. It should not wind up in the hands of a company I have had no prior association with ... and do not want to associate with.

Doug Franz, OH

security of information collected as hackers appear to illegally obtain data for identity theft. However. I do not want more bueaucratic regulation making the government bigger than it already isa

Michael Wen, CA

any issues concerning privacy should be treated with severe consequences such as those mandated by HIPPA. computers, viruses, electronics, etc are evolving faster than they can be policed. how easy is it to access a "contacts" file and data fish for personal information that should otherwise be considered covered by HIPPA? only when such penalties are enforced will you see any change in such a lucrative business model.

Frank Mahoney, IN

Companies selling or sharing my information without my permission.

Paul Shepard, CA

I am concerned that privacy policies are too advantageous to the issuer, and make me as a consumer feel helpless and vulnerable to a lot of pop-ups and spam.

C. Richard Mayson, GA

Companies holding on my data when they no longer need it is of greatest concern to me.

Barbara Celia, NJ

I am generally concerned about the invasion of my privacy and particularly concerned that I am being treated with disrespect!

Dale Bulla, TX

There are too many to mention

Thomas Duffy, OR

Companies selling or sharing information about me without my permission.

Martin Almanzan, CA

All of the above are of great concern to me.

Pamela Pare, NH

My privacy concerns have to do with personal information being sold to other companies, especially info that is required by institutions for security purposes such as social security information by banks, loan companies, and government agencies. At the very least, the public should be informed if their name and information is on a "list" which is then sold to another company. The public should be given the opportunity to opt out of any business with that new company.

Richard C Andrews, AK

Critical information on me is held by numerous companies without the same security and conscientious pursuit of same as I give, that is a concern of major importance to me. Why do they hold on to it long after I cease to use their product or service?

Pamela Walker, TX

I don't like the idea of cookies plantd in websites. I hate long terms of service agreements that are impossible to understand so people click in them having no idea what they say

Jennifer Olsson, TX

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Jacqueline Ots, MA

The whole privacy issue bothers me greatly, but it's the children that I worry about the most. There must be some way to protect them.

James Terwilliger, SD

The internet should be as anonymous as reading a magazine. I realize that much content may be underwritten by advertisers but the collection of data and use by advertisers is too great. Of course, if an advertiser can do it then the government will too.

Lawrence Schuldt, IL

I believe that the Patriot Act is the biggest threat to privacy there is. Having government sniffing my e-mails, sneak and peek, warrantless wiretaps and other abuses scare me more than advertisers.

Kathel Kerr, OH

I am especially worried about children. We can dispute the effectiveness of advertising directed toward adults, but we know that advertising directed toward children changes behaviors and attitudes. Our children should be allowed to grow up without all the manipulation that modern advertising can provide.

Janie Harvey, TN

One great concern is the negative effect on personal computers caused by efforts to collect data about the computer user.

Richard Krasner, NJ

Insufficient protection of my data from hackers

David Boyer, TX

Tracking Cookies

Michael Powers, MS

Not too concerned

Joe Moreschi, MA

Once a relationship is terminated between two parties the information should be erased.

W Patrick Adams, TX

4. Companies selling or sharing information about me without my permission!!!

Henry Rossbacher, CA

The practice of tracking and utilizing on line usage is an intolerable intrusion into personal freedoms and privacy. Further, the use of cookies and like instruments both as tracking devices and as conditions for use of websites is wrong.

Lynne Thomas, WY

No buying or selling of my information without my permission. We need to find a good policy to protect all of us from identity theft.

Gail Heine, LA

i am very concerned about the hold process.

Basil Pflumm, FL

I believe in good marketing and some data collectin is very useful in finding new products that meet my needs. HOWEVER, THIS SHOULD NOT HAPPEN WITHOUT PERMISSION AND MOST PRIVACY STATEMENTS ARE NOT USER FRIENDLY AND BEG TO BE SIGNED OFF WITHOUT BEING READ AND UNDERSTOOD. I am very concerned that the most vulnerable are the young and their overly busy parents.

Creed Terry, OR

Individual control over ones data is key issue. Transparency of that control and privacy polices are critical to that control.

Jonathan Rubinstein, NY

Google and other aggregatters are a nuisance but they do not represent the threats to our privacy that the manipulation of the Internet represents. I am profoudly concerned for our political health because of the manipulations that can be practiced on unknowing citizens

John Fider, CT

Too many companies and govt. agencies require SSN to validate identity for the most innocuous reasons. SSN's are flying around all over waiting to be abused.

Donna Hoisington, TX

I resent companies tracking me in order to mess with my mind to sell me something. I am not a lemming. Make a great product and I will buy it. Number 4 and number 6 above are especially onerous.

Bryan Jones, CA

The internet is too precious a human resource to be threatened by any business exploitation. Protective federal legislation must be detailed, and reflect universal human values as to every individual's right to privacy; and must be enforceable and enforced. bryan jones

Judith Messick, CA

I have an advanced college degree and I cannot understand consumer privacy fine print. As a parent and grand parent I need to be able to understand communications I receive. I especially need to know how to protect and guide the children who use internet devices, both mine and their own. As it becomes too complicated we question each activity that is internet connected.

Richard K. Curtis, WA

Privacy with on-line security is extremely important to me and the utilization of my personal data without my permission is appalling.

Janet Smith, SD

1. Targeting kids is of great concern -- they are a vulnerable audience and should not be taken advantage of. 2. Companies sharing my information with anyone else, even companies in their "affiliation", or holding onto my data beyond the time needed to provide me the services I've requested is of great concern to me. If I learn a company is doing that, I stop using that company.

Donval Hornburg, NY

The terms and conditions are so long and complicated that I often don't understand them and I worked with understandable contracts for years.

Ray Theet, NY

Using the data that can affect your personal information

John Meulendyk, MI

publishing personal data on the web

Edwin Sullivan, VA

Providing personal data without permission of the owner.

Randal Godbey, FL

Data about online activities and purchases

Kevin Koranda, IN

Invasion of Privacy must stop!

Heather Walden, WV

My private information is not really private, so many people can access that information now. that really concerns me.

Geoff Barnes, MA

Please respect our privacy rights. We want to trust those that we buy from and those that we work with. Personal information taken without consent is not ethical. Making people sign away their rights to privacy simply to access services makes us want to take our business elsewhere--IF there are any real options of companies who respect privacy!

Ira Kohn, NC

selling and sharing data without permission

Thomas Hoffman, IN

In an age of ever growing mobile connectivity I think that smartphone apps accessing my information without my permission is not a good direction for things to be headed. There should be legal repercussions for intentionally accessing data without prior consent.

Liz Whitaker, WA

Most important is security of SSN and financial account information; threat of identity theft. In general, I can tolerate and ignore advertising, but children should not have to.

Thomas Jones, FL

I take the Ron Paul approach to this subject matter: My primary concern is PERSONAL LIBERTY. If whatever I am doing on line in no way adversely affects or could adversely affect anybody else, my personal business is mine and nobody else's. I am also concerned about various marketing tactics used on me or my children without my consent.

Elijah White, MA

YOU IS JUST A NUMBER JUST TO BE USED FOR
THE GOOD OF THE PERSON OR PERSONS IN
VOLVED

Allan Thompson, FL

My search history.

Edward Siciliano, WA

Privacy policies that are too long and complicated, and
that do not give the user any choice except agree or
don't use product.

Patricia Hail, AZ

Companies selling or sharing information without my
permission.

Joanne Roman, MO

Privacy means privacy. No one has the right to go into
my information on the internet or phone for their use.
Large corporations or small, they need to stay out of our
personal and private business. Same thing with
advertisers. Stop manipulating kids with your ads and
giving them false information. Let people take care of
their own business, kids and everything else that is
PRIVATE.

Fred Schindler, OH

identifying activity or membership in organizations that
may be used to discredit you or affect your employment

Cheryl Deuel, NY
Bottom line ALL the above!!!

Russell Fowler, CT
Identity theft

Karen Sheaffer, MA
I use 3 different email accounts and I am shocked when I receive an invitation from myself to join something at one of the email addresses. I did not send it to myself so how did this site get this address? Whenever I sign up for something on line, I always check to do NOT send anything else to this address except for what I requested--but my box fills up with so much junk--not spam--but related to various businesses that I am certain that they are sharing information.

Robert Lynas, AZ
Use of my personal information and preferences

Ruby Brewer, WV
Too much private information is obtained from each sight I visit. If I place an order on a site, then I am bombarded with related ads in my email. I think I should have control of what part of my private info I want revealed.

Charlotte Lavelle, OH
What bothers me is when I get an email and try to delete,.....kinda sounds like 'crazy' cannot do so until I open...and that is that is a 'no, no' and I cannot delete until I open

A L Rach, NC

Companies tracking and selling information without permission

Nelda Majors, AZ

My two greatest concerns are the children being targeted and the companies keeping my information when they no longer have a need to do so.

Tom Reinertson, NV

i do not want my online activities monitored or recorded.

Brad Randel, NV

Information about what I do on line should never be shared.

Gilbert Rangel, CA

smart phones apps using photos without permission

Frank Helfen, OH

I already filled out the questionnaire but tried to leave my last name out and use a different generic email. After hitting submit, it reset the form and pre-filled in all my contact info! NOW THERE'S THE POT CALLING THE KETTLE BLACK!

Harold Marlow, OH

The selling of personal information without regard for its end use. All selling or giving of information should be banned

Rosanna Hunter, FL

about my action, where I shop and what I buy, my interests and family ties. My personal life is just that and not to be shared. Medical, finance Where I live and how

Ralph Bubeck, KS

Obtaining information without permission (#8)

Michael Miller, MD

I am concerned that far too many legitimate companies use the internet activities of consumers for the purposes of "data mining" without the knowledge or consent of the consumer. Scarier still, are the illegitimate hackers who conduct "phishing" scams and other activities designed to steal identities, credit card, and bank account data for the sole purposes of fraud and theft.

Jerry Knippel, AZ

Thank you

Mark Derouaux, FL

While I understand the concept of marketing and its importance, as a consumer I am very concerned about the use of my information, including purchases being kept/used to target me without my permission, or to share my information with other companies.

Phyllis Tenenholtz, OH

The right to privacy is a major concern to me. I don't like loop holes in privacy policies enabling a company to sell private information for any reason. The smart phones have become just a little too smart. They're now being used against us and it needs to stop. Our children are at risk for identity theft. Especially those in college.

Amelda Williams, TX

MY BUSINESS IS MY BUSINESS! NOT YOURS!
MY Life is private and I want it to stay that way. So stay out of my Business!

William Phillips, CA

i am not interested in ANYONE having any personal information on me w/o my knowledge.i see no reason why it is necessary to collect this data,while it may be advantageous to companies and to some consumers ,it is onerous to me .why can't i opt out?my guess is this will touch on the freedom of the internet issue---tough call---good luck

Millie Brandon, NY

We as a people have lost so much privacy do to technology. I am extremely concerned that my/our privacy be respected and protected. We need to implement policy and laws that will guard against invasion of my/our privacy. I encourage our law makers to see to it that this issue is addressed! Thanks, Millie Brandon

Charles Stout, IL

Any data, gathered without my express permission, used in any way to track my activities or profile me, is of great concern to me.

Henry Broge, OH

They are all of great concern to me.

Thomas Cowrey, VA

It should be against the law for any company to share ANY information they get from customers or consumers, Period! It is like being a little bit pregnant - if we let them share just what the customer tells them they can share, they will figure out a way around it for the rest of us. Once the sharing starts there is no way to stop it. The information must be used for the purpose it was intended and no other. Not tracking, not profiling, no information gathering of any kind for any reason. This should extend to financial information as well - they should not be able to collect and hold our credit card numbers. The customer can pay by looking up his/her credit card number for every transaction or pay with PayPal, but the seller should never have that information stored.

John Chase, CA

All of above however item 6 is a very grave concern.

Michael Golub, CA

Collection of financial data without my knowledge

Michael Mastramico, VA

The single biggest reason I refuse to get a smartphone is the myriad of privacy concerns that have arisen with them. You're practically begging for government intervention.

Brian Powers, CA

Mu personal information is just that, " MY PERSONAL INFORMATION". I will decide when and whom to share it with and under what circumstances. Because I choose to share with one vendor, company, group or individual that does not mean it can be passed along with out my expressed consent.

Ryan Mckinney, WA

Im concerned with the fact that the companies sell information to turn a profit. It should be up to the companies to market themselves, without the help of buying information from online tracking sites/companies or whatever or however they are getting this info. I would like to be able to search the web, on any site without and not have to worry about accidentally clicking on a ad that is off in the corner of the screen, of which is something that i know is information that was sold to someone. I cant speak for everyone, but if there is some online that im going to buy, i go straight to the site and buy it. And after i buy that item, i don't need to see items similar to the one i just bought, I jsut bought it. *STOP THE PAPERCLICKING*

Lucian Ziolczyk, AZ

Selling of your name and/or data to third parties. Selling of your home phone or cell phone number to advertisers.

Harold Gentry, TN

#6

Del Dayton, WI

Privacy regulations for the annual "privacy statements" for banks, insurance, etc, should be changed to require a consumer to OPT IN, in PLAIN ENGLISH-and to indicate whether you've opted in or out in previous years/mailings! The current practice where the consumer receives dozens of "multi page" legalese worded "privacy notices" each year is ridiculous! Though the wording is now a bit more understandable, I still receive them even if you've opted out. Since I receive more than a dozen of these yearly, it makes it confusing to tell if I already opted out. It gets to the point where it becomes such a bother to fill out every one, every year, that I just don't bother.

Patricia Genders, HI

I am extremely concerned about companies that sale or pass on personal information with out my permission! I have been working at getting my name off a calling list that was sold to other companies when I in good faith helped a disabled worker 4 or 5 years ago. I have done everything I can includeing signing up with the no phone sollicitaion program telling every caller to take me off thier calling list ,ect. Though the frequence of calls has deminised I still get two to four a year. THis needs to stop!! No one should have to go through this.

Constantine Georgiopoulos, NY

It is the Internet user, or consumer that should dictate what information is collected and how it is used. The gathering of Internet information can be put into an electronic funnel that would enable a programmer to create a profile of any one consumer, and then proocceed to sell that information may not be in the interest of the Internet user or consumer. It is cleary an invasion and misuse of privacy. There is no reason to gather, store, collate, organize and sell personal information except for profit of the people/organization that are doing so, at the expense of the Internet user / consumer.

Dave Sanda, SC

I don't want people knowing where I am or what I am doing since I am a law abiding citizen

Mark Mitry, NJ

Personal, identity theft, financial risks and loss. Very annoying and excessive emails. Very concerned making purchases on line.

Leonard Lewis, NY

I do not want my name/address/email to be used without my permission.

Anne Pinkham, FL

Don not like the policy of compamies sharing and/or selling my information

Ruth Bowman, NY

GPS TRACKING WHERE I GO AND WHEN

Doug Hughes, FL

I want the ability to know what the implications and impact of my security restriction choices are going to be. Things often are written in language I do not understand. If I make a choice to a level of privacy / security, what other impact will that have on my access to web sites, online banking, viruses, malware, firewall, etc. I know so little that I really do not know what questions to ask and concerns to express. If I am able to make privacy / security changes, then tell me the impact so that I can undo the selection when and if I have a problem. Require corporations to have free phone support to live people, with no more than a 15 minute wait time, to hold my hand for what strange things might happen to my computer when I use their product and try to be private and safe. Make these people provide easy to understand error messages to help me

Douglas Snow, CA

No, no need just stop.

Daniel Melendez, CA

Any type of collection of my financial information...bank account numbers, balances, home addresses/phone numbers for marketing purposes

Mitch Trant, FL

Use of ssn. Information gathering without prior notification or direct permission. Information security.

Janice Carr, MN

6 & 7 are a priority.

Timothy Jenkins, PA

Companies should not be allowed to share information without permission granted. This means that they should not require you to give permission in order to give you credit!!!!!!

Ed Kirkpatrick, Rn Msn, CA

Need standard language that applies to everyone. It needs to be simple and without complicated language. "We will use your data to suggest products you might find useful based on your purchase history." Cell phone companies or third party cell phone apps have NO business looking at my personal contacts.

Robert Tell, MI

Companies sharing or selling my info without my permission

Lisa Coin, NC

I'm concerned about my personal information being sold without my permission.

Harold Schmidt, MI

Being put on mailing and phone lists. I never give out my cell phone number but I am getting unwanted calls now.

Lawrence Kuda, MO

Credit scores should not be used to deny loans and increase interest rates. Let have the same privacy policy as hospitals and insurance companies. They can never give you information or answers because it is violating their client's or patient's privacy.

Marcia Lusardi, PA

There are two: companies selling or sharing my private information without my permission, and companies holding on to my private information indefinitely--thereby exposing me to identity theft.

Jacqueline Donovan Eadie, AZ

People/companies having access to personal information that I do not specifically approve of.

Martha Rockwell, OH

I am concerned about the smartphone apps. I do not have one yet, but intend to get one. I wouldn't want my personal information to be taken because I downloaded an app.

John Bowman, TX

I am most concerned about companies holding on to my data for more than a limited time period unless I opt otherwise.

David Bloom, CA

I am most concerned about two things: My ability to exercise control over my own data and how much of it is visible and available to others and how much "tailoring" I experience when I am online. Re: the former, I don't want, nor do I like, anyone to use my personal information, of any sort, for their own benefit without my knowledge or permission. Re: the latter, I use the web to find new things, things unknown to me, ideas and items that expand my world view. While recommendations can be helpful, I am absolutely uninterested in a web experience that tailors what I see based on previous history, email content, or keyword searches. Give me the world, not the rose colored lenses.

Brenda Palmer, WA

My habits, unless they are illegal, are no bodies bussness except my own and those I choose to share with. Just because I give YOU permission, doesn't mean that you can SHARE said information! Again, unless what I do in private is illegal, it should in NO WAY hinder me in obtaining or retaining gainful employment.

Teresa Labarga-Borg, NY

I do not like the idea of an app that can invade my privacy, and that of my contacts, without announcing it in bold letters. I feel like everytime I use an iPad or a computer, I am under surveillance! I have 2 kids- do they need to be vetted before going online?

Nancy Love, CO

gathering data from our computers, cell phones without our permission.

Kole Royal, TX

I don't think it should be legal for people to get your information from things you do on the Internet targeting us and our children with advertisements based on things you look at it is a complete invasion of privacy

Bennie Hoover, TX
i should be asked if i want something told

Arlene Bauer, AR
I hate being followed by ads on the internet, so I just won't buy from those annoying companies.

Manuel Salgado, TX
Not being able to know who has my information, how they are using it and why. There needs to be full disclosure and ability to opt out from having data collected and retained. For those cases where data is absolutely needed, I should be able to at a minimum know every bit of information being stored about me, and have way to dispute correctness of it or have it removed if it has served its usefulness.

Teresa Foley, PA
personal information

Laurence Anderson, MA
the retaining of personal data

J Schmid, CA
Without taking law course I should be able to understand the privacy agreement. Simple one screen, not screen after screen of mind numbing privacy policy. Collecting information w/o me being aware. I do not want any company tracking my purchases.

Christian Pedersen, PA

Most important to me is to know what is being collected and my ability to control what personal data companies collect and store. Everyone has a different level of trust of how carefully their information will be handled and how their privacy will be protected.

Steve Gordon, FL

All violations of my privacy while using internet access for such purposes as information, purchasing sites, data, surfing for information, collecting data and personal identifiable information without my permission or collection of personally identifiable data that was buried into a long not easily understandable privacy and security rules which must have been accepted in order to use a site, etc. is a direct violation of our personal privacy and must be halted.

James Wootton, GA

My life is my life and no concern to others

Robert Bleau, MN

Companies targeting consumers, especially kids by collecting, tracking, sharing or selling online activities , especially without consent. Opting out should be a default option. The data collected should not be transferable and should be mandated to be deleted after a certain amount of time (example all data collected should be tagged with the date the data was collected and then automatically be erased after a designated time).

John F. Tierney, MA

Companies using GPS tracking to see where I have been and the business I may have contact with

Karen Hamlin, NY

I am most concerned about advertisers targeting children. They are vulnerable victims who will fall prey to the advertising invasion of privacy.

Gerald Foster, NJ

My cell phone should let anyone know who I am or where I'm located unless I give specific aproval.

Linda Matsko, PA

I don't like anyone collecting, accessing or using personal contacts, photos or other private information without my permission.

Philip Lowenhaupt, NY

Companies collecting and using my personal info without my knowledge or permission.

Judith Rehder, TN

No one should be able to use data collected from my internet, phone, etc. use. Buying and selling my information is a major concern. To think that information like this is collected and used to deny employment and/or access to a loan is frightening.

George Brown, TN

I am most concerned about companies sharing information about me without my knowledge or permission.

Ronnie Iott, WY

privacy comes from the word private and if the whole world knows your bussiness then its not private.

Roland Delgado, FL

Companies should not be allowed to collect and distribute private information

Holly Campbell, TX

Any information revealed online is the property of the owner. Providing any access to personal, private information should only legally be used when granted expressed specific permission after requested in writing. The requestor should only be allowed use of specific information delineated by the owner for a specified limited time as deemed by law.

Joseph Burks, OR

Anything that tracks my usage and private information without my permission. The ability to opt out of the information gathering without being penalized. Spam, period, of any kind.

Lorenzo Messina, CT

There is a certain expectation to be able to search for information without someone else using that data for commercial benefit.

Lenn Scholl, VA

Internet privacy issues, especially for young people.

Richard Backe, CO

I expect my computer to be private!

Robert Johnson, OH

I do not think any company, etc should be able to pass my info onto anyone else without my expressed permission

Ron Howlett, CA

I want anyone collected data about me to send me a copy of what they have and allow me to read it and approve, correct or not approve what information they have. After reviewing this document I will return it to the data collector with permission to proceed or not.

Willard Motsinger, OH

Collecting anything without my expressed permission, or the selling of any of that information without my knowledge, or consent.,

John Hoffmann, WI

companies selling or sharing information about me without my permission?

Gwenda Helgert, WI

Unauthorized access to my private information.

Paul Pickett, UT

Everything that has been brought to my attention, from above. I have already canceled my smartphone because of the things I heard last week in the news. I don't need anything that is going to invade my privacy.

Charles Garito, NY
Identity theft is my major concern.

Howard Penn, TX
I detest unsolicited hang-up calls, supposedly checking on when I'm at home!

Brian Cohen, WA
The unintended collection of my personal data without explicit consent in a short one or two sentences without having to read pages of legalese.

Dennis Brooks Sr, CA
I am seriously concerned, with many aspects of the new technology...It is , if you'll excuse the example, for want of a better term...It's as if 'Big Brother' is here. I appreciate the technology, for the most part, yet it is in serious need of regulated privacy, and Not by the Government...It needs to be programmed by the designers, and those who create the programs, and concepts. I have to say, I don't like the degree of advertising, junk mail, and social solicitation either...It has become much to invasive, immoral and insulting...much like cable television, about 25 years ago...and look at it now!! I dread the coming months, with all the political advertising, and unsolicited mail, and interaction...Thank you for your time.

Patrick Morin, WA
I like the idea of focusing purchasing information about items I am interested in based on past purchases. Concerned about drawing conclusions about that affect my employment or ability to get a loan based solely on things that I buy.

Robert Scott, AZ
SECURITY! All data collected must have the greatest security possible. We are very careful with our SS number, our credit cards, etc. but we can't control the information being developed by others. We do not shop on-line for fear of identity theft and someone getting our credit card numbers.

Judi Swift, CA

personal info available on teh web

Adria Knight, MA

I don't want someone accessing my information without my permission

John Sandman, NJ

Companies sharing or selling info. about me without my permission.

Leah Bracen, WA

I am extremely concerned that web browsers, and social media sites can collect, sell, and indefinitely store your personal information even after you as the user have deleted the account and have not used the account with any frequency. I am also concerned that sites, track everything you click on, and instantly feed that information to some conglomerate to inundate you with with sales pitches for products. I am also concerned that some sites are linked with the social media sites, so anything I buy, look at, research within the main site is then announced to the social media, or shared within a certain community.

Sue Schoetker, AZ

My biggest concern is companies selling or sharing information about me without my permission. Companies should be required to have people opt IN if they want to provide their permission for their information to be shared with outsiders. No more small print in obscure places for default "permission for them to share my information. I am tired of being inundated with calls and emails about things I don't want, just because someone gave my information to outsiders. I am tired of trying to read small print that I don't understand in an attempt to stop this abuse from continuing. It shouldn't have to be this difficult. Companies need to be straightforward and respect their customers' rights to privacy.

Dorothy Ellsworth, MA

Do not want companies sharing my information with anyone else if I am not notified first & asked for my permission. Do not like web sites or companies that have pages of private policy that are complicated for a lay person to comprehend. Do not want to be targeted with personalized ads as I see enough of them on cable TV which when it started was supposed to have less ads than the programming we were used to watching. That was a big joke & shame on us for falling for it.

Diane Frost, NV

I am most concerned about the ability to access any information about me, my contacts, or any browsing history that results in more spam being directed my way as well as the potential threat of possible identity theft. I was extremely concerned to learn recently that companies had the ability to go into my smartphone and erase data. Although it was a virus that they were eradicating, there was no notification that they were doing this and it made me wonder just exactly what else they could help themselves to.

John Hudacko, OH

All of these items are extremely important. The only way to prevent the misuse personal information is be having tough laws and GOO enforcement policies.

William Clayton, MN

I do not like the idea of being tracked.

Jim Boerke, OH

No company should collect any information about my internet activity without my approval and express choice to allow them to do so. The default setting should always be no to collecting info and I should have the choice to allow it.

Ira White, OR

I am concerned about the targeting of children. It is unfair and unjust and has been going on through the TV for years. Now the internet can more precisely target not just my but my kids and grandkids. I am concerned that some social engineer will use their psychological and socialological skills to "groom" my grandkids to believe who knows what by using target information to get to them. This is not right.

Mark Dambach, MO

Tracking of what sites I visit on the internet for sale to other parties

Veronica Robertie, NC

Being unaware that someone has access to my personal information on my computer, iphone, whatever.

Louis Bede, OH

Privacy policies are too long and very difficult to understand. In many cases you have no choice but to agree to something that you have no control over.

Ray Miller, NV

There is no way to correct or delete personal information.

Nancy Michael, NY

1) I contacted what I thought was an office for Yahoo within USA. It turned into a computer cleaning offer & I found out that this person (accent; suspect not citizen of US) was able to access my complete computer files. I was watching the cursor dance all over the screen while this person had control of my computer. He asked once for a password, but I am not sure if he really needed to ask or could have gone into my e-mail if he wanted. If this service was US-based at least we have some laws in effect, but I don't know what is legal in other countries. 2) My other concern is the ads tracking my e-mails. I might be writing about my grandchild and all of a sudden I have pop-ups for all sorts of stuff aimed at buying for babies. I'll do my own searches when I want to go shopping thank you. If they can track my buying habits what else can they track????? I

Kenneth Mruk, MI

Make it felony and close all loopholes. Make all companies financially responsible for theft of data. My info is mine, if they want to use it or sell it they must pay me.

Randy Madden, TX

I want to be assured that when I surf the net, that my data is not being collected to be used especially by 3rd party people to hit me with more ads and also to be able to invade my privacy and steal any information.

David Campbell, FL

Companies collecting and selling personal data with convoluted on non disclosed opt out policies.

Peter Stefans, NY

Wow! And we used to be amazed at the Russian and East German civilian population being spied on, talk about Big Brother watching. What's happening to our freedoms? We've come down to the same level as those Communist countries. We thought we had a better life style then. Leave us alone and let us live in peace.

Summie White, VA

My concern is that these companys have the politations in their back pocket and will only do what the companys want and not what they were elected to do.

Gilbert Ross, CA

Number 6 is the most unsettling to me.

Richard Deroy, CT

Internet privacy, companies selling or sharing information about me.

James Lehman, AZ

data companies using my data without my permission

Robert Ludwig, TX

Smart phone apps & cookies. These items are used to collect unsolicited information which is unknown by the user. There should be a Federeral & State laws prohibiting these actions. These laws should apply to Banks and any financial institute that collects personal data. The rule should be "No info.without my consent!"

Cecilia Reynolds, CA

All privacy issues are of concern. Having said that, I also expect people to be responsible for their actions and am not in favor of more legislation. Educate children and adults to the ramifications of their actions online. Let them know the consequences.

Steven Cole, ID

My concerns center around the collection, use, and sell or trading of personal information without a persons permission.

Kathy Wyche, OK

Companies selling or sharing my information without my permission

Jane Patrick, OH

Marketers make my life so much more complicated than it has to be. Also, I'm concerned that if I or my kids accidentally get on a website that might put our morality in question, this small mistake might some day be the deciding factor in whether or not I or my kids get the job they want, or any job at all for that matter.

David Van Dyke, MO

Companies holding on your personal information after you have finished using them.

Melanie A. Robinson, FL

I have been a victim of Identity Theft and it is a living hell and extremely time consuming. I think the availability of personal information used for advertising / retail or anything else without my permission or using a child's information from surfing the internet is irresponsible on company's parts and is an invasion of my privacy and my family's privacy!

Deborah Cook, CA

I use the internet as a time saver to gather information or to shop quickly since I have limited time. I find it offensive to have ads pop up in face from a clothing company when I am using a website that assists me in learning Spanish. Those types of actions are not only an invasion of my privacy, they invade my personal space and get in the way of what I want to do. There has to be a balance -- can't we have the choice to opt out of these ads the first time they appear?

Brent Hicks, SC

I feel there is little or no privacy afforded to me when corporations are allowed to track my online activities for non-security related purposes. My personal information should only be needed for security measures or 'transaction purposes'. Basically, I believe this is my information and therefore I should be allowed to determine who uses it., not someone else.

Hugh Kilpatrick, CA

The INDIVIDUAL CONTROL principle (of the CPBR) is the main issue; the others are largely dilution of that control thru use of "art" words that are vague & subjective, rather than specific limits. For example (see capitalized text after title): RESPECT FOR CONTEXT: Consumers have a right to EXPECT that companies will collect, use, and disclose personal data CONSISTENT WITH THE CONTEXT in which consumers provide the data. SECURITY: Consumers have a right to secure and RESPONSIBLE HANDLING of personal data. ACCESS & ACCURACY: Consumers have a right to access and correct personal data, in a manner APPROPRIATE to the data sensitivity and THE RISK of ADVERSE consequences if data is inaccurate. FOCUSED COLLECTION: Consumers have a right to REASONABLE limits on data that

Karl Schwalb, NC

there should be an opportunity to opt out of data collection activities by companies. Some may want to have the company send targeted info. But others may not. We should be able to control that decision.

Janet Coulter, NY

Targeting children for specific advertising

Osiris Astwood, TX

Companies should NOT collect and maintain information on clients and/or potential clients. If they (companies) want a data base of customer information, they should solicit and obtain it solely after obtaining written consent from the customer and providing them with confirmation of the agreement. Such agreement must contain a proviso that the customer may immediately opt out if he/she did not agree with any of the provisos of the contract between the company and the customer or potential client.

Paul Recsei, CA

The government and industry are doing too much eavesdropping

Pavel Bogomolnyi, NJ

1. There is no mechanism for a consumer to assess and dispute the accuracy of information that has been collected about him/her by various online/mobile data mining engines (like there is with credit reports).
2. There seems to be no clear and certain way to stop/disable tracking or collecting personal data. This option should be legally mandated and software makers, web sites, and mobile operators must be legally bound to cease collecting personal data if consumer prefers so.
3. There is no (and never can be) an 100% secure way to store (personal) data in a computing environment. Any data (including personal and confidential) will ALWAYS be vulnerable to hacking attacks or being exposed by employees of the data handling organization through negligence or malicious intent. Securing data requires a combination of strong encryption and access

David Kauffman, PA

My biggest concern is with companies sharing my information without my permission. Secondly would be how my online activities could affect me personally. third would be smart phones apps being able to be tapped into for information.

Susan Mckeehan, CA

Information about me taken without my knowledge. The ability to easily control who may access my data and how it is used. Right now there are some options from some companies to restrict how they use a person's data, however, it generally is not easy to do (e.g., it requires reading fine print and taking initiative through some inconvenient means). And there is no easy way to keep track of what information restrictions you have put into place nor what information is gathered from which of many companies and how it is used.

David Walters, CA

I am concerned about companies sharing personnel information with companies or organizations I don't approve of.

Amelia Tsuchiya, AZ

That my personal life is being inspected by strangers and people looking for ways to exploit me for profit, hiding behind the guise of my personal convenience, bothers me the most.

Richard Reyna, TX

Just want to keep my stuff private and I decide want I want the public to know.

Scott Perfetuo, MA

I do not like that any of my information is tracked, kept, and sold to other companies.

Ryan Booher, IN

Online companies selling my data to insurance companies or data resellers.

Kathleen Cole, ID

Data should never be collected or stored without consent from the person that the information belongs to. The internet is for everyone. It should not be something we fear using because of the unethical practices of others.

Harvey Morgan, Li, NM

Potential and/or current employers demanding passwords to social media sites as a condition of employment is awful. Whatever happened to a personal life after work? In addition to that a lot of websites privacy policy pages seem to be offline when I would like to read them. Coincidence? I don't know! The home page needs to contain the privacy policies. Collecting my info to sell needs to be with my permission only. Maybe if they cut me in with a royalty we could talk.

Michael Burr, NC

Personal information that I choose to share with a company in exchange for some benefit to me is fine. What bothers me is that information is then redistributed without my consent for the benefit of the companies.

Ardythe Lange, IL

Protect children and their data; don't share or sell or collect data without simple permission; protect my privacy when i make an online purchase that is moral and legal.

Richard Fortunati, FL

Simple browsing leading to targeted contacts by organizations seeking to benefit from my interests.

George Ritner, CA

NO FURTHER COMMENT

Denys Hemen, CA

I am deeply concerned about employers or banks being able to track online purchases and activities. Internet browsing and purchases are private. The gap between public and private information is narrowing. Advertising agencies need to be reigned in.

William Ray, OH

Companies collecting my information with or without my knowledge.

Stella Kowalke, WI

I do not want my internet usage tracked in order to force unwanted ads or e-mails. My personal information is just that "personal". I feel we are forced to provide more information than needed for many online purchases.

James Steadman, IL

I dislike the online ads that constantly appear on my screen after I used a search engine to locate an item I am researching for possible purchase. If they can do that, what else are they doing behind the scenes? There should be a very simple opt-in or out collection of approval/disapproval from consumers. The current requirement to disallow the collection practices are quite complicated.

Terry Snyder, PA

I value my privacy. Social Security numbers were not to be used for identification when Social Security went into effect. Now SS numbers are our ID. If protections aren't put in place; what will the future use of our info, and access to our info, bring?

Jacques Germans, NY

I want short, easy opt out choices for everything that has to do with my privacy.

David Mclelland, AR

I am very concerned that our data and contact information about our friends, work associates, and families are being taken from our computers and phones. That information is used to target us, as individuals and groups, to maximize a commercial business advertising goals. There are other means in our society for these same businesses to determine the demographics, sales and purchases information. Stealing our contacts information and spying on our purchasing through these devices is ethically and morally wrong.

Hans D Lenz, ND

Complex privacy policies. I would prefer to opt in to items rather than to opt out.

Harry Smith ,Jr., PA

Our country was founded on freedom, but I think that this is an abuse of these freedoms!

Edgar Guerry, TX

Companies having information on me that they do not need. Many then pass this information on to others without my knowledge.

Mark Line, CO

It is my concern that we are losing our right to privacy. Yes I want company's to know I can be relied upon to pay my bills. However I do not want this information abused and further information exploited so as to be used against me.

Cynthia Vartenuk, AZ

My greatest concern is companies selling or sharing information about me without my permission. If they are selling it the person should get 75% of the money they make. That would stop that.

Richard Mauro, CA

Using my online info for marketing purposes.

Edward Seiter, OH

Selling my data is my most concern

Charles Wical, OR

Unsolicited morning and evening phone calls even though on "no call" list.

Diego Sanchez, NY

Accessing my personal data.

Brenda Hays, GA

The beauty of the internet is being made into an ugly tool by corporations and other power interests for whatever purposes they want. This is so wrong. Anything that can be done to protect individuals who want to feel safe using the internet for shopping, social media, browsing, education, etc., is of utmost importance. This lack of privacy and difficulty of expectation of privacy with long, multi-layered privacy policies leading to virtually "no privacy" is taking away from our basic freedoms.

Martin Brandwin, MD

Secure handling and appropriate use of private information collected.

Judith McGinnis, IN

I am very concerned with any company that collects personal information for any reason that I can not readily see directly affects my purchase. Today I received grocery coupons for six of the EXACT products that I regularly purchase. Although this example isn't obviously related to computer privacy, it is typical of the similar use of such data in my computer purchases. Maybe good marketing! Bad intrusion into my private life!

Neil Allen, NJ

Hard to pick between all these privacy intrusions, but anything that would be used for targetting minors, or denying employment opportunities based on browsing history i believe should be the priority.

Kenneth Haraburda, MI

Companies holding on to my data, when they don't need it any more

Stephen Galick, MN

The deluge of multi-page Privacy Policies from every company with which I do business, all in unreadable microprint, makes it impossible to even know what are my privacy rights. We need a single privacy policy, one page double-spaced, enacted by Congress, to apply to everyone, and it should only be allowed to be changed with signed approval by the individual concerned.

Ronald Britton, AK

I am very concerned about my personal life, without my permission, being used as barter for companies whose only interest is to sell me more stuff. There is no moral ethic or elected benefit for the individual whatsoever only corporate self interest and an easy pathway to information they've never before had access to...I can see the corporate gleam in their beady little eyes....

Paul Riley, TX

My greatest concern is for my fiscal security. My second greatest concern is targeting children. My next most important is my employers' access to my INTERNET information and using that to impinge on my earning ability. My fourth most not being compensated for my information and companies calling it theirs. Of equal concern is entities using my information for illegal reasons. An equal concern is governments using it to try to control me.

Margo Vale, NY

Companies sharing information such as buying habits, addresses, email addresses, etc without permission.

Ruby Rahn, MO

I feel privacy is extremely important/ I do not want to be targeted by unscrupulous marketers who may sell my information to who knows who and could possibly lead to criminal activity including identity theft.

Jacqueline Griesi, FL
All of the above concern me greatly.

Scott Marshall, IL
It should be illegal to mine data from any of my devices without my explicit permission...every time!

M J, CT
Its terrible that my whole personal file and whom I related to and addresses is splattered everywhere. Anyone can find anyone there is NO PRIVACY LAWS to protect that. THAT IS THE BIGGEST INVASION. Needs to stop!!!! Where I live and my phone numbers is no ones business!!!!

David Baker, IL
People should have to opt-in to any use of their private information, with some simple exceptions such as an easy to read, visible disclaimer on commercial or social networking sites that clearly states ALL sharing of the information to be done, and with whom. Any change to those policies should require an opt-in by the people affected.

Rickey Black, WI
number..4and 7

Denise Bartlett, TX
I do not like companies gathering information about me, to make money off of it. When I share with someone I consider to be trustworthy, they will break that trust if they turn around and not only share personal information, but sell it!

Patricia Castellano, NY
Identity theft.

Wende Pellecchia, TX

I believe the collection, storage and usage personal data by companies has gotten out of control. When confronted with these issues they fall back on complicated and disorted privacy policies that would frustrate any attorney with it's rhetoric. These practices need to be stopped.

Louise Vichas RN, CT
Release of personal info

Michael Gibbons, IL

companies that use my information and data and hold on to them for no reason.

Helen Sandford, NY

My greatest concern is a more general one-That these entities seem to feel ENTITLED to my information. A person should be able to use computers, smartphones etc. without giving up their privacy. "Privacy"-a concept that has been trivialized, then trampled on-in the name of progress. More honestly, in the name of greed.

Thomas Lauterback, IL

I have a smartphone, laptop, etc. for convenience and productivity, not to facilitate my being scammed by bad guys lurking in cyberspace. I expect privacy but obviously am not getting it. I'm not naive enough to think that "free" Internet activity doesn't come at a certain cost, but I want to limit this cost to something reasonable.

Stanley Handel, OK

Storage and use of data not authorized by the consumer to market and which would allow the consumer to be de-frauded.

William Bishop, TX

Retention of Social Security and Banking information.

michael bierbaum, PA

none

michael shavney, PA

Sharing any of my info with any government agency or having info in a long term data base. With info sitting around gives unwanted/people/hackers time to into data bases.

Robert Bullock, GA

1) One of my biggest concerns is related to every thing in government, in health plans, even in the business world being tied to my social security number. If our social security numbers are not supposed to be used for identification why do all the above entities require my social security number for them to provide me service?
2) Another concern is related to all our personal information being all over the internet through all the companies we interact with. There should be some real way of preventing those who abuse the system, those who want to steal our identity from doing so.

Dennis Winship, FL

Identity theft is another concern. Without enough privacy, ID theft has one more avenue to pursue.

Bob Ries, OH

My greatest concern is unfettered access to my personal information by third parties.

Richard Todd, TN

Compaines collecting information without my permission and holding it when not needed. Privacy policies are to long and complicated and compaines need to be regulated because consumers have little choice but to accept those policies if you want access to any of their services, even for top compaines like Apple and HP.

Kim Wall, VA

The overall invasion of my privacy disturbs me. No one has the right to this, even the initiators of this survey.

Lynn Borowitz, NY

all of the above...

Ed Hansen, KY

Personal information that is not needed for transactions I initiate need not be given to businesses. Businesses, whether related or not, should not keep track of everything I do, everything I eat or buy and definitely not be selling that information for any reason whatsoever. We do not need one gigantic database with everyone's personal data in it. That would certainly be accessed by the govt and political parties, legally or not. **THAT CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO HAPPEN!!**

eddy sue, KS

The ways in which the information could be used AGAINST me in a court of law. I also think that if a person doesn't mind having his information all over the place, that person might find another avenue to do it.

Cathie Payne, NY

Target ads get more annoying every day. Because of the Facebook experience, I always believe there's something awful in the lengthy privacy rules. And BTW, Facebook is the worst. I'm quitting it.

Andrew Sway, NY

All data we hand over should be done transparently and there should be a clear choice each time.

Bruce G Potter, MD

Major issue is LONG TERM storage (and use) of personal data. Would like to see requirements to purge or at least require that consumers re-affirm every year or so that it is OK for data holders to continue to hold and use data older than ? _____ -- three yearS?

Benjamin Chicosky, FL

all of the above

Catrina Yeldon, NY

I am equally concerned about all of these privacy concerns. Perhaps, the idea of companies keeping my data concerns me the most because that information can become prey to hackers.

Ann Deluty, MA

The idea of vast oceans of my data floating around in the ether being traded back and forth between ?who?

Bor Durga, NY

I would like all my online information to remain private. I do not want ANYONE that is not authorized BY ME to contact me, or use my information in any way. I don't want unauthorized individuals or companies to even see my information, that includes Facebook, and any other social browser. When I say block my information from the univited, I MEAN IT. I am sick of spam and junk mail and wonder how all these spammers get my information in the first place. This has to stop.

Wendy Eckert, ME

personal data being collected and shared without my permission or knowledge

Timothy Brady, MD

Slowly, users are becoming educated. A backlash, maybe even legislated, WILL occur. I recommend focusing not on serving your advertisers, but your traffic. There is your salvation. Do the right thing . . .

Philip Bancroft, MA

"A valid response"

Jean Speiser, PA

The biggest concern I have is companies that collect financial information about me -- my purchases, income, and financial transactions -- without my consent or knowledge.

Lin Ewing, IL

Online hackers getting my secure information from my paying bills or purchasing.

Eileen Prefontaine, MA
I do not want my family's privacy invaded.

Almeda Bigler, NC
Companies holding on to personal data even when they don't need it anymore.

Spafford Hutchinson, NH
someone stealing my ID and having to go through hell to fix the problem.

Porfirio Morales, NC
I am very concerned about my privacy rights!

Michael Sue Jenefsky, FL
I do not want my information kept or shared without my permission. I do not want someone trolling after my grandchildren while they are on the Internet.

Julie Stern, NJ
accessing personal information on cell phones and computers without consent

Jerry Heaton, KY

Data about my purchases and contacts should not be used by and sold by any company.

David Stadge, OH

The information about my interests, my habits, my preferences, and how I choose to spend my money is no one's business but mine. I should have to opt in before information of this nature can be collected, shared, or sold.

John Hunter, VA

The key to an effective policy is "opt-in." That is, data should not be collected on anyone by anyone until the person overtly allows it by opting in. An opt-out policy is useful but many people may not bother exercising their option or even know they can do so. Companies that collect data may argue that someone who opts-out (or does not opt-in) will miss out on opportunities that might accrue if data were to be collected. If that is the case, then they should make a convincing argument to that effect so that people can do a risk/benefit analysis before deciding whether or not to opt in or out.

Joe Blair, VA

I am deeply distressed by the invasion of my privacy. It is one thing if I know about it and consent, but this secretive data mining approach is repulsive and terrifying. It should not be permissible and I feel we must look to the government and courts to protect us. "Remedies" after the fact are too late, as many have learned from identity theft experiences. Companies have shown time and again that they cannot be trusted to protect private information of the public and customers without significant penalties and enforcement.

Vincent Sabatino, NJ

Very concerned that anything that is sent by phone or computer like pictures can be traced to gain locations or origins of same for less than friendly purposes

Robertq Richtfort, FL

Retention and accumulation of private data that I don't know about and have no control over the distribution of .

Jeffrey Baldessari, NC

That all mt internet traffic can be monitored without my permission, and used to sell information to other companys or individuals without my consent

Christopher Berry, AR

Companies selling and/or sharing my information without my consent.

Joe Weis, CA

I simply do not want to be tracked by any party for commercial or noncommercial purposes. If privacy is not an explicit right it most certainly is implicit to our understanding of the basic rights of the citizenry. This profit driven system is rotten and rapidly decaying; with the end near, but in the meantime I want all you capitalist whores out of my life.

Larry Powell, VA

all

Edward Vansant, DE

All companies should have to ask permission prior to using any information they collect from me.

Robert Weiss, OH

new federal information retention guidelines - increases chance of malign data mining.

Carl DeVilbiss, TN

Filtering what appears to me in searches, or on social media sites based on past information collected! This is censorship and manipulation!

Serita Bramlage, IN

My biggest concern is identity theft and whatever can prevent it would be welcome.

Steven Lazerowich, MD

the ability of companies like Google to aggregate information from multiple sources is the greatest threat. the 2nd greatest threat is that companies should switch to an "opt in" approach as opposed to an "opt out" model which may be difficult to find let alone get the company to comply

Bonnie Depaoli, PA

No person or company or organization should have access to ANY of my personal information without my express, written permission. My buying habits are personal. My credit card purchases are personal. My bank accounts are personal. My life is personal. No one should be given free access to any aspect of my life without my permission.

Virginig Markowski, FL

We do not have children in our home anymore, but I am tired of seeing ads for something I only looked up once online for fun.

Darlene Larive, SD

The privacy on internet should be just that PRIVATE, unless permission has been given from the user to use the information.

R. Goodier, AR

I hate being called on the phone at home for any reason. Any reason. I want the opportunity to avoid that happening.

Mary Workman, FL

I want to have control over my private information. I do not want anyone having access without my permission.

Michele Mccurdy, TX

I don't want my information sold to others who I do not do business with.

Edwin Martinson, GA

Collecting my email address because of a casual visit to a website. This should be an opt out item. Elimination of Chinese (Asian?) language emails from unknown people.

Peter Martin, NY

We used to think the Big Brother was the government...now its corporations and other private entities. The FICO scoring system is a detriment to our economy and the rights of those less fortunate.

Patricia Fear, PA

My biggest gripe is organizations that share my phone number. I have already registered on the do not call list, but I receive at least half a dozen phone calls per day from "unavailable," "anonymous," "V322165501000014," "800 Service," and so on.

Steve Smith, NY

email monitoring, data base hacking, right wing groups might target Consumer reports as they have acorn and planned parenthood and PBS

Terry Sanders, IN

With the increase in hackings, storing data longer makes identity theft all the more likely.

Carmen Vega, NY

I am concerned with all the above.

Kelly Fox, DC

Data about my online activities should be completely separate from any considerations about whether to offer me employment or a loan - that is not anyone's business but my own.

Carol Buchanan, TX

Personal information is exactly that--PERSONAL! No company should be able to use the information collected from my shopping, browsing, etc. history for their own person gain without my permission.

Donna Zenker, FL

people or companies collecting, sharing, using any info about a person. usually the only way to responds and supposedly to get some to even limit info collection/sharing is to write letters and mail. way too difficult.

Wm Dougherty, FL

i am out raged that the nsa is building a data center in bluffdale, utah to collect all communication in the us this is in violation of the law. will anything be done about this?

Kris Skow, CA

I don't want any thing shared with out my permission

Jessica Spicher, MI

We are Americans and as such you have no right to monitor our activities (online or offline) to begin with. To then retain that information and sell it to interested parties is unconstitutional!

Parker Morgan, OK

Don't sell my info to ANYONE!!

Mark Ottinger, MO

Computer hackers that unleash viruses on others. I don't understand their benefit from this.

L. B. Laws, MO

collecting any financial information without permission.

Jerome Arzt, PA

I'm really tired of companies (and charities!) promising not to use my information except for a very narrow specified purpose, and then letting that information, somehow, "get out" into the wider WEB world. I buy a tennis racket, provide my e-mail (after being promised that only that company will use it) and two days later begin receiving hundreds of spams from around the world about tennis. The SPAM is annoying, the lying worrying, and the fact that everyone now knows some of my business frightening. (Will Consumers Union share this address?!)

Earl Barron, FL

This is akin to the book "1984" by George Orwell. When will this stop? Nothing is private anymore.

James Carritte, MA

Gathering and storing personal data from my online activity.

Gerald Grotkier, CO

Consumers should be able to opt-out of all information sharing.

Carol Schmitt, KY

Personally, I feel every time my information is going to be stored or tracked, I should be given the option immediately to approve or deny that service. I understand the need to be able to follow undesirables' movements via the world wide web but the possibility of my information being hacked because someone else is not taking the care and concern that I do my information bothers me greatly.

Sarah Rath, LA

All of the above. The inability of the consumer (me) to shut off the barrage of ads-- catalogs, TV, Streets, Highways, on Buildings. At the very least, I wish I could stop the catalogs that waste our natural resources.

Peter Triplett, WV

Your violated when others take advantage and take monies thru online scams thats why I don't respond and remove them with out giving information out also report them to a law enforcement police and FBI and let the law enforcement take the steps to arrest them also surveys don't take them this is where the scams happen

Kito Mann, CT

I'm more worried about it getting into malicious hands than anything else.

Julie Mcfarland, TX

While I do think that companies have a right to collect certain information about customers, customers have a right to know up front what data is collected, how their data will be used and by whom so they can make a choice as to whether they want to allow it or not.

Robert Mills, NC

Privacy should be just that - PRIVACY! It's greatly disturbing that the primary focus of our society has become greed. Nothing matters 'cept the bottom line. To hell with customer service, customer satisfaction, product quality . . . Why aren't the laws prohibiting invasion of privacy being enforced?

Uel Jones, CA

Companies should not collect nor keep information on me especially info that is collected from my contacts without my knowledge or after saying the companies would not collect the infomation.

Bob Markell, OH

Advertisers collecting my personal data for target marketing

Fred Hall, NY

Personal information is just that. No one, no agency or no company has a right to access and distribute personal information without explicit permission from the individual to do so.

Douglas Helms, IL

Of primary concern are government agents breaking down my and others doors and secreting us off to well-concealed prisons controlled by the out of control, Wall St. funded organizations and politicians already imbued with far too much power.

terry eicher, NE
all of the above

James Simers, MA

Any collection of personal information should only be for that particular immediate use. I don't think my personal information needs to be retained by any commercial interest. Many databases are being compromised by inadequate or non existent security and personal information becoming available to any interest that may use it for illegal and personally harmful activities.

Robert Orr, VA

I am Most concerned about companies selling my information for profit without my permission

debraL swan, TX

Big companies that hold on to my on information when they no longer needed.

Valorie Baylis Rivero, GA
Thanks for covering this important issue.

Leila Goldmark, NY
People should be made explicitly aware of ALL data being collected about them by any party. Transparency is everything.

Thomas Walker, UT
Already expressed.

Nolan Melissa, PA
Having a bankruptcy stay on ones report long after the 7 year dismissal.

Amanda Green, NY
I am most concerned with advertisers targeting marketing toward children.

George Bussey, CO
Security of any info collected, sale to others, and the blanket requests to allow companies access to personal info on social networking sites. They really don't need to know all my friends' names and contacts!,

Albert Raymond, FL

I believe that any data farming done "behind the scenes" for a proprietary interest of the company collecting the data, should first require the consumer to opt-in, actively. The process to opt-in should be separate, clear English (or other) language, and not be buried in the guts of some free software or service. It should explain (again- simply and clearly) what data is being collected and how this will be used. Having opted in to the process, there should also be a simple way to opt out available at all times.

F. Ronald Keller, NJ

I want to see exactly everything that is collected about me. I don't care if they know what sites I visit. I do care if they know my name and address and so on. Targeted advertising is good, in my view. If I am going to see an ad, it should be one that interests me. It is ok if they know the kinds of things I have purchased, in generic terms. They sometimes need to know my age bracket, but not exact age. Obviously they do NOT need my name or house address or phone number in order to target me. Zipcode is ok.

Leslie Ockerman, TX

Protecting children online is paramount but everyone should have the right to privacy and not be targeted by aggressive ads and unwanted snooping into our web habits.

Christopher Henry, CO

What people (corporations) know about me should be what I tell them about me. Not what some algorithm says about me.

Sam Bosch, VA

I simply don't want these companies tracking everything we do on the Internet, what I do is my prerogative and it's not just information that they can/should be able to sell to the highest bidder.

Sharon Hughes, IN

I don't believe that companies should be able to use data on people's activity online to deny them employment or their ability to get a loan or line of credit.

Richard Reposa, MA

The greatest threat to my privacy is the threat of irresponsible handling of my data, a general disregard for the confidentiality of my data and disrespect to me, a valuable customer who is the absolute lifeblood of companies I do business with. I want the choice to use online services anonymously. If I choose the option to be anonymous I want EVERY TRACE, every bit, byte and electron related to my presence and identity deleted, wiped, erased, expunged, purged, shredded and/or otherwise mechanically destroyed so it will be used for *ANY* purpose other than to facilitate the transaction I am currently engaged in. I want the choice to be simple, clear, obvious and comprehensive. For example, one button or checkbox that totally and completely removes every trace of my presence and completely disables the system I am engaged online

Lynn Miller, FL

Being detained for no reason

David Randell, NC

turns out big brother is corporate big brothewr. rich ruling elite moneyed financial pig big brother. who would have thought?

Arnoldo Marin Sr, FL

The respect for the personal privacy is important. Must not used for financial gain. Respect the private person.

S-B EA, TX

Every American has a right to privacy; to an extent. Obviously, petafilers & terrorist wannabes & their activities should not be private. But where I buy a Blu Ray or where I'm considering having my next Girls Night Out at is NOT available to every unknown potential perp out there; even in the guise of "marketing"!!! That's like someone finding my private diary, opening it, reading it, then putting it on FB; where who knows WHO will read it! In a world w/so much needed attention to a persons' PRIVATE INFO & identity are needed, WHY would we want unknown people HAVING ACCESS TO OUR PRIVATE INFO??? That's like the confusing message some parents send their kids: DON'T TALK TO STRANGERS, then turn around & encourage them to knock on the doors of strangers & ask for candy!

connie cunningham, IL

the sharing of information between vendors never knowing where it will end up - including in the hands of a potential future employer

Jeri Thurber, AZ

Gathering information about children and using it to target them for marketing.

Lakeyva Catala, NY

N/a

John Larson, CT

If I give a company information I only want it to be used by them, if I want someone else to have it, I would like the right to give it to them

Charles Little, GA

I don't mind information being collected because I understand that it can be useful to present things that may be interesting, but if collected data can be tied in anyway to me personally, that is a problem (e.g. question 6).

Laurie Roy, CA

n/a

Richard Miller, ME

too much info exchanged

Joan Coleman, NY

In general, the information that can be collected about me through my use of the web.

Susan Harvey, FL

my email address being sold to so many companies that I can no longer find legitimate emails among the junk/spam emails. The cause may have been a privacy policy that was so long that I didn't know I may have given permission.

Cynthea LaCroix, CO

Companies, selling or sharing my information without my permission

Louis Linder, NY

Identity theft

Jim Herzog, VA

Companies should be required to permanently erase our private data after we stop doing business with them. This is my biggest concern because companies today never remove data after the service ends with that company. This needs to stop.

Jack Bruce, TX

I do not want government, at any level, in my personal business and what I do on the internet or in any venture. We do not need more regulations, we need less government regulations and less spending in order to get back to our basic REPUBLIC.

Michael Ryan, PA

Any type of personal, financial, or any other information that I do not specifically permit to be known by private industry or the government. They both meddle too much in one's legal or private business. Suspected criminal activity or fraud activity they can have free reign.

Ruth Heins, CT

If sellers want us to purchase their products we should be protected in every way possible.

Penny Van Vlerah, OH

I do not want my name and address and buying patterns shared by the companies or agencies I deal with. there should be no buying and selling of lists.

Dorothy Lawrence, NC

Accessing my online purchases and credit card information.

S Bourlier, MI

My biggest concern would be a company denying a loan or employment based on online activities or purchases. That is none of their business, and should be considered part of my personal privacy. I do not have a Facebook account because I am concerned about privacy, not to mention I haven't the time for it, but I don't think anyone who does want to use it should be penalized.

Wayne Countryman, TX

I am very concerned about violating one's privacy by companies using marketing techniques without a consumers' permission.

Michael Blum, FL

The mere fact that companies gather information about me without my permission.

Ellen Laegreid, TX

I am very concerned about most of these issues and definitely as a result using my computer less and less for anything regards sales, advertisements...even google...I think twice before googling something. It just is not right.

michael williams, IN
it concerns me greatly

Dennis Watkins, IL

i'm not fond to say the least about all of the education loan departments that want to give you a loan but,aren't willing to guarantee employment to repay it.and they call every day.

Thomas Adams, NJ

I don't have a smart phone purely because I don't want to be tracked. Tracking my movements is a creepy concept For professional reasons I have both a FaceBook page and a LinkedIn account, but neither has any personal info aside from my name. No photo. FaceBook actually tried to excerpt my face from a photo that a family member posted on HIS FaceBook page! What do these sleazy folks do all day? My policy from that day forward has been total secrecy, forever.

Ted Mendsen, PA

Tracking cookies and malware in general.

William Van De Kamp, VT

I'm very concerned about the ongoing diminution of our privacy. If it continues, we lose our identity. George Orwell's "1984" has arrived sooner than anticipated.

John Romano, MA

I find most of this an invasion of my privacy and should be illegal. It seems like everyday these companies find ways around our rights and no one does anything to stop it.

Patricia Krom, NY

Anyone who may be able to get into my personal info or that of my family's because of a purchase I made online.

Richard Capps, TX

All personal data collected without my permission is of grave concern. No entity has a right to collect one's personal information without authorization.. Even the government needs a warrant to view personal information or properties.

Stephen Brown, TX

Personal data collection without my knowledge or approval.

Erv Jankowski, NC

I do not want my privacy invaded by commercial companies

Ben Dangerfield, IN
Hackers stealing ip and financial info from 3rd parties

Philip Cooper, TX
All the above.

Emily Christopher, GA
I am concerned with the internet spreading my personal information and the threat of losing my identity. I know some who have not been able to regain their identity even with birth certificates, etc. Also the theft of money from banking accounts, and financial investing.

Allen Dixson, IL
Security breaches, especially those using social security and credit card numbers. Easy to toggle on and off smart phone apps that track personal data listed in *7. I won't upgrade to a smart phone until this is corrected.

Sheridan Layman, VA
With companies tracking so much of what we do and buy at a personal level and hackers actively hacking corporate networks there is absolutely no guarantee that our personal information always stays safe. I routinely disable cookies and tracking scripts through various browser add ons, however sometimes that negatively impacts how the site performs. Give me an option and keep the performance of the site at least somewhat similar to those who choose to have their every move tracked. I want to be able to browse the web without my tendencies being tracked. It is ok if the information is anonymous and roled in to generalized trends of like people. But to specifically code for tracking and targeting individuals is unacceptable.

Robert Lederman, NJ
I value my privacy and would not surrender it in exchange for any internet services.

Larry Faulk, FL

Loss of my personal data including Social security and credit card numbers.

Floyd Cotten, FL

Don't want my email addresses shared with anyone without my consent.

Bryan James, AZ

Just like fingerprinting a person for a job, if there is not criminal history then the prints must be destroyed. With the internet you don't know what is collected or how it is used. That is a violation of my 'right to privacy'. Any information gathered by whatever means must not and cannot be used without my expressed permission and the user must explain in 'Plain English' the would be understood by the average person, eighth grade education, could and would understand. I have two Post Graduate degrees and I cannot understand the munbo jumbo that is presented.

Elizabeth Wald, CO

Not only are most people unaware about how much information is collected about them without their knowledge, it is also done without their permission. There is virtually no privacy for people who shop on the web. With a little personal information about shoppers, advertising becomes way too aggressive, and targeting children with personalized ads is simply unacceptable.

Karen L Schutt, FL

Sty out if my private life!

Cleve Fair, LA

Any & all personal information about me is an invasion of privacy. Most especicially any apps that could access my contacts or any other data without my permission. I understand certain kinds of apps require my location to function but I reserve the right to allow it on an app by app basis.

Charles Taylor, MD

Companies using cookies to catalog and store personal information, and then selling or providing access to these cookies to other companies. The affect is that your personal information is no longer personaal and can be accessed by anyone, even foreign entities, without your knowlege and-or consent. The companies use encrypted forms to collect information and these forms cannot complete unless all the information requested is provided. E-mail addresses and cell phone numbers are notoriously demanded as are other forms of information. The consumer is put in a "either-or" situation wherein they must provide the information or not use or access the service. Cookies should be outlawed, or not used in information gaathering unless explicitly agreed to by the consumer, and then only to the extent that the company certifies that the

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tammy Espinosa, NY

I dont want my contact list or credit accounts shared

Robert Maioranarobertm, VA

Collecting and storing personal information. Sharing personal information for marketing purposes.

David Pratt, MA

I'm most concerned about *6. ...data about online activities and purchases being used to deny you employment or affect your ability to get a loan? But my concern goes further. The internet is also a conduit for political action. I am most concerned about information being involuntarily collected about political affiliations and activities that might be used to persecute users in the future.

Kate Cragwall, MI

I believe I should control my data and how it is used. Agreeing to use a search engine or buy an application is not a contract to mine my data for marketing reasons.

Linda McLaughlin, CT

All of the above.!!

Sharon Rountree, SC

Personal information getting sent to so many people.
People using computers to do so many things but unsure
of privacy.

Linda Role Goldberg, MA

Too much exposure that we are not aware of. Not
enough protection in place for the Consumer. Politicians
that do not care. All about the fast buck for them.
Corruption in our Internet access. On, and On. Thank
You Linda Country going down the drain, and corrupt.
Where do we turn with this ???

Ray Kennedy, FL

Smartphone access to track and gather information
about ones own private business

Anne Hill, SC

Identity theft thru theft of company lists. Firewalls need
to be much higher to prevent unauthorized entry.

Rebecca Tippens, MA

The whole spying reality puts a damper on all you do as
you imagine that you are being sourced. That in itself is
an infringement.

David Segasture, MO

Companies who tailor your On-Line-Experience based
on your previous actions... it limits the information
available to you.

FREDDY FERNANDEZ, LA

I have had my identity stolen before and it was very hard to repair. I am very concerned about this because it can destroy your life.

Dennis Smith, OH

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James Braga, VA

You are generally required to consent to the collection of data about your browsing as the terms and conditions of the service provided "contracts of adhesion." Many "free" services rely on selling advertising to corporate sponsors and rely on being able to target ads to subscriber's interests. I understand this but I am opposed to the all pervasive collection of personal identity information by internet service and content providers.

Robert D'Andrea, NJ

Loss of our freedom and liberty

Robert Ercolini, MA

Full disclosure by anyone that does above to individuals they are doing this too before they do it and to post on their website specific details of their policies and give you access to when and what your data is used for. Moreover any agreement on line must have a one page summary with clauses containing specific FTC language on certain information about policies set forth above

Robert W Davis, NY

Generally that companies are collecting instantaneous data on me and selling it to other companies that use it immediately. It is evident that pop-ups show up soon after I've visited a website. Some of the target marketing is actually good. Don't know where to draw the line. Probably between sensitive personal data and interests.

Amy Grishaber, MI

Companies should not have free access to all of my personal information unless I expressly allow them to. It cannot be hidden in 'Terms of Use' language. Marketers are stealing tons of personal information and using it however they like. Consumer privacy is paramount to me, and I don't want advertisers tracking my every move online.

Allen Marks, IL

companies holding on to my data and sharing information about me without my permission are equally important to me.

Ann Brennan-Zelenka, MD

Information regarding directions to my home and its address.

Nicole Lutz, ME

I want enforceable action against violators. Every time there is a breach, a company issues an apology and that's the end of it. If there are real consequences, fines, imprisonment, or both, **WITH TEETH**, maybe these "accidental" breeches wouldn't happen so much.

Saundra Dunne, NJ

The privacy threat that is of greatest concern to me is civil liberties--that information collected about my internet use will be used by the government, in much the same way that telephone records are, without my knowledge, without judicial review or search warrants, and without the government presenting any evidence of probable cause.

harry stoehr, NV

Companies holding data they sell to others (advertisers), second tier marketers, etc. should be stopped. Any personal data should not be held for any reason except to fill a customer's valid request and then deleted. All web search data or history should not be tracked and should be deleted by all search engines and web browsers.

Bernadette Rocks, NY

I do NOT want ANYONE accessing any of MY PRIVATE INFORMATION without my permission...it should be the law. I've been hacked on my own personal computer and have been a victim of identity theft..Let's make this ...THE LAW!!!!

Helen Evans, NC

Companies should be limited in what they can collect or save.

Christa Boarini, NY

My information sold to other parties, or used in any way other than for the original purpose (if I entered my own personal information willingly), or my browser history saved and used/accesssable to anyone other than myself.

James Dawe, NY

privacy policies should be cocise and not littered with complicated language or legal terms that takes a lawyer to disseminate.smart phone apps should not be used to trace your interest or shadow your usage by them or goverment agencies unless you requested it.and nobody should be be selling my personal or professional interest for there profit or any other gain.

Jonathan Slavin, MA

Collecting ANY data on children.

Susan Smith-Petersen, MA

holding on to data, targeting me with ads, sharing information without my permission

Claude Stauffer, NY

My greatest concern is that my private information will be leaked to the world making me vulnerable to those with malicious intents. I don't want ANYBODY seeing or using my personal information or knowing what I do on the Internet. Collecting and manipulating my online info is like an unauthorized wiretap as far as I'm concerned.

Eric Kirkpatrick, TX

First is probably secondhand distribution of personal data e.g. Company A shares data with a trusted partner, Company B. Company B then distributes the data unbound by the constraints of the original user agreement I made with Company A. Second is so called anonymous user data made network available to retailers for mining user behavior patterns.

Lee Steele, CO

All information about me personally is NO ONE else's business. It belongs to me not to anyone else! Big brother does not have the right to collect, distribute or use any thing about me and share it with any other entity.

Tikki Foy, NC

I do not want anyone to be able to access any of my information for whatever reason without my knowledge or permission. I expect clear and concise rules and regulations to be presented to me for my perusal and approval. I expect my data and any personal photos I share on line to belong solely to me.

Lucas Pfaff, PA

I'm a strong proponent for privacy and any system or program that infringes upon your privacy in any way should have an opt in requirement. NOT an opt out clause. Every person has a right of anonymity unless they give criminal reason to revoke that right or choose to give it up.

John Stufflebeem, VA

Sold, lost or stolen data that is used by criminals or malcontents to embarrass me or coerce me into something I don't want to.

Patricia Dussaux, OH

Web activities are as private as activities carried out in a store or a library. A brick & mortar merchant knows what I purchased and has access to my credit card information, yet does not bombard me with unwanted ads or phone calls. There is NO reason for a website to collect personal data and dispose of it as they see fit: the information does NOT belong to them. Further, AI will have to improve by leaps and bounds before so-called targeted ads actually hit their target. Until then, they're nothing more than unwanted ads. Which negates the professed need for retaining a customer's personal information.

beverlee williams, OH
this needs to stop! like yesterday!

Jacki Masar, OH

#6 is the greatest concern of mine because my work life and private life are worlds that do not collide.

Celia Brickman, IL
collecting data without my knowing it and using it without my permission

Pauline Hayespaulineh, GA

Advertisement targeting children info being sold w/o ur permission. Employers demanding access to social media passwords as a condition of employment.

Mitchell Kardon, NY
Every byte of information about me that is taken lessens our collective humanity.

Tony Barnett, MD

My phone and the contents I put into it or put through it, HAVE to remain mine until I make the very clear and understood choice to relinquish them. This includes any and all data that was not on phone upon the time of my purchase.

Deborah Hardifer, NJ

Getting and using ANY information about me that can have in any way a negative impact on me.

John Cross, NJ

Popular websites (Facebook) that collect personal information from unsophisticated youth and then make it available to data mining firms.

Lydia Bierer, TX

The thought of my online activities having the potential for keeping me away from employment scares me to the core. We are of a nation that says we value freedom, yet this type of cyber-snooping runs counter to ideals of freedom.

Thomas M. Walters, NJ

Facebook applications which demand the right to "post on my behalf" or the like for doing virtually anything. What if I read an article I completely disagree with for the sake of gaining an understanding of an opposing viewpoint and don't have the time to clarify that immediately after I read it? That may confuse my friends & contacts, right?

Susan Axtell, NY

The internet is a wonderful tool and I love the access to information that I have, but I am very concerned that corporations and the government are turning it into exactly what George Orwell warned us about in the book "1984". I am overwhelmed by the general lack of intelligence being used by those in positions of power.

C Shanahan, FL

Its like being outside naked! Everyone knows everything about me, even to those details that before were anonymous like paying a road toll

Emily Gonyer, OH

I have every privacy setting possible turned on and delete cookies everytime I close my browser in an attempt to avoid as much tracking as I possibly can. Its disturbing to say the least just how much Google and company know about me. I'd much rather they didn't.

Danny Young, TX

I am very concerned about all aspects regarding the invasion of my privacy.

Nancy Davin, IA

Where I surf is no one's business if I choose. I don't want my information hacked either.

Marti Dankert, NV

I buy very little online because there is no privacy, and any system can be hacked. It's an uneasy feeling. And worse yet, companies who make you sign into Facebook to enter their sweepstakes, etc. I don't necessarily want my freinds to know every move I make, either. And please send me periodic updates from Consumers Union. Periodic to me means quarterly or so, not daily, weekly nor even monthly. Thanks! And I do hope this is really the Consumers Union.

patricia myers, FL

Privacy policies that are long and complicated are almost useless since nobody has the time to read them!

Dennis Card, CT

I don't want what I buy, what products I look at, on web sites I visit, or what I search for tracked. I want to be able to tell sites not to track my family.

Michael Daszkiewicz, MA

Storing historical data without my permission or knowledge.

Tim Fox, FL

All of the above!

Anonymous, DC

Identity theft.

Jackson Chapman, GA

My complaint is w/ Zillow & companies like them. They publish data about your home w/out your permission. That being said, this info is public record so don't know if this can be stopped. But, what they should be stopped from is publishing a value for your property that "they" have come up with. In Zillow's case, they call it a "Zestimate". They use a ridiculous formula to come up w/ a value. In my case it is off by over 100K. If you go online and look at the # of complaints, there are many. My complaint along w/ many, is that you have no way to get them to remove this Zestimate from the listing. It can prevent you from selling your property if this figure is too low or too high. For proof just "Google" your home address, click on the Zillow link and check it out. Check out adjoining properties that are like or very similar to yours and you will see what

Beverly Rodriguez, TX

get rid of the Patriot Act so they cant throw us in jail without giving us habeus corpus.

Steve Green, TX
keeping any information without my permission

Martha Smythe, VA
Right now, it's RFID. Anyone with the proper, readily available device, can get credit card info by just walking past you and then begin using it.

Thomas Jackson, IL
*DO NOT SAVE OR HOLD SURFED MATERIAL
*DO NOT SAVE OR HOLD PERSONAL MATERIAL
*DO NOT SHARE MATERIAL THAT A PERSON SURFS *SEEK PERMISSION FOR ANY USE OF A
USERS ACTIVITY

Christin Grady, NC
As exciting and informative as today's technology is for consumers, fear of privacy violations does keep me from enjoying and utilizing it to the fullest.

Joseph Lawson, NY
The exchanging of my information is the issue of greatest concern.

Clayton Barbara, FL
Credit card fraud Private personal information being shared. Being sent lewd material without my permission. Children having access to adult material.

Charles Dyer, CO

Private life is just that, PRIVATE, especially when it has nothing to do with National Security!

Mary Pollock, VA

Security of personal financial data when ordering or browsing online is the greatest threat, and I think that all companies should be forced to provide the highest level of security available to all customers. Next is the threat to shoppers who go out to ATMs, banks and stores: those all should also by law provide maximum security - no exceptions!

Barbara Coughlin, OR

I understand using collected data to try and sell me goods or services I do not want that data held or sold or given to others for the same or other uses. who I look up or deal with on the web is one thing and should be information that is held only between me and that web site and I should be able to limit the information at any time.

Daniel Comellas, MA

My biggest pet peeve is that the ISP's are able to see exactly where people surf when they surf.

Daniel Hinkle, PA

1- 7 above are of equal concern to me.

Sharon Talarowski, ID

I want control over my information, to say who can have my information and who cannot, the right to remove my information from sites I don't want to hear from (especially those sites I never visited and am not interested in). I want to be able to delete my information from the hundreds or thousands of sites that have already acquired it. Basically, I just want control as to who is getting my information and how.

Ruth Tringo, MA

I have no idea how far and wide nor how long my personal information is out there. I don't know who uses my information, including governmental agencies. It is clear that others can and do access my computer through security installations and internet browsers, but do not announce themselves prior.

Thomas Bouchard, FL

Advertisers targeting you with personalized ads from collecting data about me.

Robert George Bailey, OH

Data that may be "leaking" from smart phones without my consent or knowledge.

Margaret Larue, FL

identity theft...accumulated and saved or dispersed private info can make one more liable to be the target of theft or deception. Saved accumulated private info regarding minors should be unlawfull. I want to see absolutely no personal info be gathered without one's expressed desire/permission...somewhat like the telephone 'do not call' list.

Riccardo Racicot, MA

Companies accessing, and sharing my data without my permission

Harold Rogers, FL

If I supply information for a particular purpose, that I should be able to expect that the information will be used for the purpose intended and nothing further. Anything a company might do that would be considered a violation of federal law if they intercepted a letter I sent via the US Postal Service, should apply to a communication I send via the Internet.

Loretta Martin, TN
Big Brother is watching you.

L D, NY
I don't like invasive forces in my computer. It is an extension of myself, and I have the right to explore without a company breathing down my neck.

Belinda Hill, TX
I am always amazed when I go on line and type my name...my address, name and other info is no ones business.

Thomas Mitchell, LA
Not knowing what they are going to do with the data and having no control over it after they collect it.

Veronica Komrow, FL
Advertisers targeting me with personalized ads by collecting data about my interests and purchases online.

Patricia Boeck, NY
see the above.

julio andujar, FL
privacy...

Mary Jo Murphy, MA
All of three above Oh and the new Samsung tvs

Roger Kropf, NY
Privacy policies are made hard to understand and should be simplified. Consumers should have to opt-in rather than opt-out of data disclosure.

Marguerite Finley, NH
I resent having a web site welcome me by name and showing items I have been looking at at earlier times.

James Ingle, GA
Compainies selling or sharing my information.

Robert Langton, TX
The upward mobility of millions is threatened by algorithmic filters and selective data aggregation in the profiling of citizens seeking jobs or loans to advance their careers,business, or financial security. Indirectly, an individual's freedom for equal opportunity and access, which the internet empowers, are at risk. Businesses look to the internet either as a high opportunity for their own interests (corporate slavery, consumer addiction) or as an equally high threat to the capitalist model they normally abuse to make exorbitant profits at the expense of others. It's in the interest of big business to monopolize and control internet usage to mitigate, if not obliterate, any alternative social and transactional potential that internet usage manifests. That impacts the evolution of social structure, business dealings, human resources, everything.

A Arias, NY

Privacy should be an individuals choice.

William Jeffreys, GA

I don't like anyone collecting information from me and about me without my express permission at the time the collecting begins.

Jack Maguire, TX

it's chilling to see an ad for something I had casually looked at the day before in a totally unrelated browser session. I would hate to see that occur every day everywhere. When I am going to make a purchase I research on my own before buying; I do not need nor do I want "plugs" for products following me everywhere.

Frank Hill, NY

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Gary Albright, WA

When you leave an online site, there should be no trace that you were ever there.

Dennis Matko, OH

Using or selling my personal information to third parties without my permission or knowledge.

Melanie Bowden, NC

I think companies should be required to ask permission to collect and save any personally identifiable or personally targeted information. For example, online sellers ask permission to save credit card information to make it easy for people to complete future purchases without reentering information. It is then up to the individual to decide on their level of comfort with each particular site. This should be required for all information.

Connie Nesbary, MI

Stop location tracking.

Richard Fortenberry, TX

Actually I am concerned about any breach of privacy no matter for what reason.

Ron Balko, MN

I really believe we need a national 'Opt In' approach to data collection as well as an opt in for data sharing between corporate entities. Let me decide.

Richard Petro, MO

Browser companies should allow consumers to opt out of all tracking software.

Jon Harford, CA

Providing any data for the purpose of trying to sell me anything.

Carol McLaughlin, TX

I admit I don't like any ads popping up while I'm on line, but understand the need for sales. I don't think any information should be held over 24 hours

Stacy Boudreaux, CA

Companies making money off of my information and corporations getting way to much personal information about myself

Ron Haithcock, VA

it is understandable that advertisers want to use how you surf to better tailor their ads. What is not needed is for companies to trade or sell this information to anyone else. No one should have to be concerned about employment because of information that is personal being used against them. Targeting children is something that should be handled best by parents. Children have not yet learned nor formed the ability to know what is or is not best for them. Advertisers do not need private information they need only demographics in a very broad and general sense to see what consumers want, online advertisers are smart to tailor ads by using a "is this relevant to you" yes/no format. And then they should show ads that a consumer wants to see.

David Ruskin, MI

Most computer and internet users are not experts on those topics, and those topics are very complicated, sophisticated and increasingly important in our daily lives. Therefore, providing the public with "individual" rights will likely result in the overwhelming majority of the public not understanding those rights and not knowing how to exercise those rights. We have seen this happen in many industries over the last 20 years or so. I believe that therefore it is of greatest importance to fashion privacy rights that are calculated to provide a minimum level of protection to all; and then allow those people with the interest and knowledge to adjust their privacy levels as they prefer

Kat Tambo, MI

I am concerned that anyone can go online and buy information about me or my family members from one of the many sites that collect and sell such information... ussearch.com, intellius.com, etc. All of these companies should have to ask me if I want to put my information out there instead of me having to ask them to remove it. Everyone from the idly curious (free basic info) to a potential predator can go online to find information about almost anyone. There should be some sort of mechanism where one can universally remove such information about themselves.

Janeann Jarrett, NY

Question would they like it done to them ? What happen to respect and diginty huh.People go to Jesus and pray.

Marie Platt, FL

I don't like the fact that smart phone apps can access MY information without my permission. I don't think anyone should be able to access my information with out my permission. EVER Employers should not be able to access my information with out my permission.

Elsa Turnbull, IL

These issues above are all of equal concern as they are all about the same fundamental issue - My privacy that is being infringed upon.

Andrea Hardesty, IN

Companies obtaining personal and financial data about me without my permission

Diana Larussa, LA

phone pps, selling data, tracking us, locating us-all is part of the big plan to track situations the govt can't handle by itself. I'm no threat and its a waste of money. Stop tracking me and my emails, habits and preferences.

Jill Galarowicz, WI

It is time that rules are developed to put limits on how my personal information is collected and used. I do not want companies contacting me personnaly because it bought my name from another company that collected the data.

John Peeling, NC
tracking

Anibal Cerda, NY
Identity theft

William Work, NY
If dogs run free, then why can't we?

Ian Elliott, OR
Data about online activities and purchases being used to deny employment or a loan concerns me the most.

Nance Whitemore, AZ
The entire spectrum of intrusion raises issues for many people...Lives are being impacted negatively...all in the name of the almighty buck!

Kris Blazkiewicz, NY
Why do need this information? I do not want them to have it at all.

Mary Feters, GA
Doing any and all of these things is of great concern for me. They should not be allowed to do anything with private information without express permission. That should be a crime--a felony. It allows access to your information by ANYONE. Besides all the contacts taking up valueable time to deal with something I am not interested in.

Don Strang, AB

In addition to all of the above, I am concerned about passing around data collected to third parties based on their selection of users. I expect my data to be accessible for the uses by the company to which I gave the information - ONLY, AND NOT PASSED AROUND INDISCRIMINATELY.

Rob Chappell, AL

this might stop me from going back to my dumb phone and paper bills.

Marlene Colombo, IL
Identity theft

Debra Bradley, FL

I don't NEED or want companies to collect data about my interests and purchases online for any purpose. If I am in buying a pair of shoes, I look it up. I don't need ads popping up to tell me that I need shoes. Or to tell me what kind of shoes I like. Just let me go to the websites in peace and safety!

James Schneider, TX

The greatest concern to me is companies that use my information to sell it to other companies that have no business having that information the information should only be used once for the purpose of ordering an item or making a sales transaction another company should not be sold this valuable personal information especially without my Express consent

Kay Considine-Baran, IL

The greatest concern is not having control over who collects my data, uses my data, sells my data, stores my data and the length of storage time. We all do and say things on occasion that may not be in our best interest-especially younger people. To have someone-or entity come along years in the future and hold a young persons words or an action against them and deny them gainful employment or do something even worse is incredibly draconian. We need more control over our own data-we need privacy.

Dawn Lewandowski, NC

I'm concerned about the over-collecting of data and the misuse of data. Just because you can obtain this data (through apps, technology, users' need for functionality) does not mean you should collect the data. All data collected should have a designated purpose and specific retention and disposal policy.

Thomas Mazour, NC

Threats that can lead to identity theft

kathy harris, FL

If you have ever been arrested, they publish the details of the arrest and mug shot online. They don't wait around to see if you were cleared of the charges.

William Lavner, NY

aps that can access contacts are very creepy and big-brother like.

David Orbin, PA

Wide spread sharing of personal information

Nancy Parris, IL

I do not think anyone has an inherent right to my privacy in terms of what I do on the web, shopping, social networks, etc as long as I am not breaking any laws. It's rather like having someone follow you around in a store or library and reporting to everyone else what you are doing.

Michelle Nimmer, WI

WHAT HAPPENED TO AMERICA??? This is just wrong. I feel like it's horrible that everyone feels the need to watch everyone, it's scary. I understand for the safety of our country to watch some people (the people that fit into the stereotype) but for the normal average "Joe" this is wrong on so many levels.

Don Weeks, MO

I do not think any info on anyone should be shared with anyone with out one on one written consent from that person. The people that want to make money of the public should be held to the highest standards

Short K, NY

I didn't even know companies were collecting data on me, let alone that it could at some point be used to deny me a loan in the future. Zoicks! And of course I am worried about what that means for my daughter, now 8, who is just learning to look at things online. There are so many cute invitations to "click here!" for "free" things - it's awful. She doesn't understand that they aren't really free offers. When did we end up in a world where companies have all the rights to get info about individual citizens? If I asked my next door neighbor what she searched for online, she'd think I was a freak!

d siebert, NJ

that somehow any purchase made over the web can be tracked both address and credit card info

James Morrow, MD

Opting out should be the default. Have long policies that must be read to opt in.

Wilkerson Steve, MA

The failure of most of the industry to stand with its customers against legislation and government orders that intrude on individual rights. If they would fight for their customers/clients much of what has been passed would at least have been publicly debated and some or all might have been defeated.

Eloise Marszalek, NY
please don't share my info.

Zoee Smith, OH

It is terrifying to know that my personal life can be tossed around by complete strangers. I want TOTAL privacy and complete control over who sees my personal information.

Joe Tilman, OR
Mostly the selling and "trading" of personal info.

Michael Weaver, IN

Smartphone apps that can access contacts, photos, location, etc.

Roy Bielewicz, OH
Unlawful monitoring of email and other personal correspondence, as well as recent trends of companies gaining access to personal data, files, etc.

Edith Malin, PA

If companies have info I don't know they have and would be unlikely to know they have, companies unknown to me who end up with my info, AND companies keeping my info then they get hacked...

Michonna Brooks, GA

I am concerned about information regarding finances. I don't like giving my SS, date of birth, account numbers, credit card numbers! This is of Great concern to me.

Andrea Alfred, TX

I am very concerned about all of the above. It seems my personal information is no longer personal and I pretty much can't do anything about it. My biggest concern is from companies selling my information, it should be illegal.

J Leblanc, NH

Privacy policies that are changed without informing the consumer and make it difficult for the consumer to understand and personalize what information is shared.

James Cullen, NY

Change the law to opt-in rather than opt-out.

Scott Mccowan, TX

I'm concerned about companies tracking my online activities without my permission or knowledge.

Margaret Brooks, NJ

Companies selling my data

A Kast, NY

I do not like to be bombarded by adds, if I want something I will look for it, therefore I do not want any information about me to be used or sold for any reason!

Ralph D Henze-Gongola, VA

I have less a concern than a mandate: NO company should collect ANY information about me personally for ANY reason to which I do not EXPLICITLY give consent. My information, even under those circumstances REMAINS MY PROPERTY, and I should have final authority over issues such as IF it is used, WHEN it is used, FOR WHAT PURPOSE it is used, and TO WHOM access is given. No employer, except in rare cases, such as Federal employment in law enforcement, military, and intelligence community positions, should EVER be able to have access to isolated or aggregated data about me from any source that TRADES, STEALS, PURCHASES or COVERTLY COLLECTS on me. Neither should insurance companies, mortgage companies -- you name it -- be able to access such information and utilize it in

Robert Hayes, FL

My greatest concern has to do with generalized linking. In order to correct information it is necessary to pay a company like Reputation.com to correct misinformation that has been linked to my name for reasons not known to me. I would like to have access to a central site with the ability to correct or edit this information without having to pay a fee.

Priscilla Wiesner, WI

Individual rights and privacy have always been important to the American people. Fast development of computer technology has outstripped the regulations necessary to protect individual rights and privacy. Since this technology is overreaching, individual states cannot successfully regulate the web providers and telephone companies. You must implement regulations to keep information private, not transferable for other uses and not used to deny employment or loans.

Ann Sinclair, MO

I am very concerned about personal information that is gathered and available to anyone, sometimes for a fee. I value my privacy and resent finding "information" about myself or my family online. I do search and try to contact sources to remove information, but I'm sure that I find only a small fraction of what is out there.

Amerigo Infantino, NY

I am concerned that my personal information being accessible on the Internet. I am concerned with credit fraud.

Takia Washington, IL

Companies feeling as if they have the right to ask you for your password to ANYTHING. Passwords are frequently re-used and with the amount of information they are legitimately entitled to adding a password to facebook or twitter or anything similar will likely also give them access to your banks and credit cards. Whatever they need to know regarding that sort of thing can be found on a credit report or by doing their due diligence and investigating completing background checks etc.

Kawsu Kinteh, MA

Seems like no one is free these days. U are tracked and watched all the time in the land of the free.

Donald Rotunda, DC

I am very concerned about invading someone's privacy when online searches are used to deny someone employment.

Dev Rajhansa, PA

I would feel much more comfortable knowing that I at least had a say. I'd like to know who is collecting data and what they are going to do with it from the very first person to collect to the very last person to use it. I'd feel better knowing that I can have a say in WHAT data gets collected and have input as to the specificity of the data being collected. I also would like to know that the data "expires" and is not being sold to ANYONE with info detailed enough to "pin it" to me.

Kevin O'Brien, OH

I'm most concerned with cookies from each website monitoring everything and not being able to delete them completely from your computer, phone or pad. I also hate getting spam emails from companies who got my email address from some company that I bought something from.

Sandra L Powers, MA

Lack of knowledge of how my online activities are being tracked and utilized by various companies and the lack of knowledge and/or inability to control such access on my end.

Erica Thornton, NC

I think security should be the most strict, allowing people to loosen their personal security if they wish. As opposed to current system of light security, and requiring individuals to tighten their personal security. Opposite of the process as it stands now. People who choose to loosen their security would know how, whereas those who wish to tighten probable don't know how, myself included.

Thomas Leonard, CA

The invasion of my privacy in my smart phone is an area the Bothers Me EXTREMELY. I have only apps that give me Truly useful help or information. Any app that wants complete control over my phone had BETTER GIVE me something in Return. This is one area that I am NOT Amused.

Jack Ehrlich, MN

All of it. It should be criminal with severe penalties to grab data about me off my computer. It is no different than coming into my house and accessing information from my filing cabinet. I don't see any value in getting "personalized" messages.

Janet Erber, MI

people in general and marketing companies getting information about my personal life and habits, my purchasing and browsing online. I think most people value their privacy and are very concerned about the lengths people (companies and their employees will go to, to obtain that information either to use against you in some way or for their own financial benefit and gain. I also worry about children's safety online.

Florence Keleher, NY

companies selling or sharing information about me without my permission?

June Morrison, GA

Any sharing of my online contact or purchase activity

Fred Sutter, FL

I cannot identify a specific concern since I'm very concerned about all forms of data collection, storing and sharing.

Thomas Cook, TN

My greatest concern is that software I use is being used to spy on me by collecting data not only related to my use of that software, but also on my use of other software as well, without my knowledge or permission.

Gilbert Dominguez, CA

Information that can be easily accessed by fraudulent sources.

Mary Lerosé, MO

I am sorry but my personal information should remain MY personal information and not everyone's business. Also, I do not believe that what I post or don't post on face book or other medias is any ones business either especially not my employer. This is just none of their business and they should stay out of it.

Gary Kmiecik, WI

data about online activities and purchases being used to deny me or my family employment or affect our ability to get a loans.

Richard J. Israel, MA

I am most concerned about third party tracking of on-line shopping and product browsing and selling accumulated data. I realize they have done this in the days of snail mail purchasing and over the counter retailing, but IT makes it just too easy.

Robert Cramer, MA
all of the above

Anthony Hall, CA
Advertising is offensive. That is why I don't watch television. I don't want to see the ads. And I really don't want to see "personalized ads" on the internet. This country (we are told) is about people. So, now there is a debate about whether corporations are people. What sort of inanity is this? This country (we are told) is a democracy. So why do we live in a corporate fascist state where businesses get all the financial breaks and we get to break our backs to support them? What sort of insanity is this?

Maria Morehead, WA
Marketing to my son and tracking my personal life

Joann Biederman, NC
No company has any need to collect and compile purchase data specific to a solitary subject. If I purchase Coca-Cola over Pepsi that is my decision, and no employer, creditor, or entity has the right to deny goods, services, freedom, or choice based upon my purchases. This country was founded upon freedom from the oppression of a single entity deciding how to dress, eat, pray, live. The internet was founded on the freedom of knowledge and information. Neither this country nor the internet should be used to excuse oppression of individuality or enforcement of conformity standards.

Robert Barth, VA
access to my financial data

Alexander Betser, NY
My greatest concern is the use of collected information for any kind of financial or employment discrimination and law enforcement. Personalization of shopping experience and aggregation of tracking data for marketing research are the great things.

Monica Adams, MA

It's all gotta stop....where do they draw the line??

Jen Malcom, TN

Get your nose out of my life and my business! Leave my info alone. If i want you to know it, I will TELL IT TO YOU...until then, MYOFB!!!

Dorothy Hicks, KS

Companies selling/giving information to others. Too much of my data out there makes ID theft more likely.

Larry Hecht, NY

BANKS AND CORPERATIONS SHARING WITH OUT MY PERMISSION,

Joseph Takacs, MN

I do want any of my information stared, sold or tracked without my permission.

ryan pallas, OH

The greatest threat in my mind is the sharing of information without my knowledge or approval. However I see the collecting of data to serve ads better targeted toward me as positive, as it both better serves the company hosting the ads and better serves me the consumer. However the idea that this information can then be sold for a 3rd party without my consent is deeply troubling.

Mary Gandolfo, WI

The thing that concerns me the most is not knowing who is collecting data and how it will eventually be used. It is a huge invasion of my privacy and I resent it.

Elizabeth Shaver, TX

I am concerned about Privacy policies, we agreed without reading them, and that's the main reason we are having this mess. It does not need to be that long and complicated. Thanks!

Ray Aquila, FL

The whole idea of Big Brother/Sister having access to the personal lives of the public is absurd. It is of no concern to them. And most importantly it is totally absurd to think they have rights to do as they please. Laws need to be passed to stop this invasion by these companies/corporations.

Phil Fetzer, FL

Collection of or tracking of internet activity by any individual must be legally banned in the U.S. and internationally, our government needs to lead in obtaining agreement by all other countries to do so.

Jim Konen, MI

My email inbox is clogged every day with useless advertising and come ons for products and services I have no interest in. Even if I was, I would not buy from these ads. I spend most of my time sifting through this mess deleting most of it and sometimes deleting important mail (by mistake) that got lost in this collection of email junk. I don't want to surf the net for information only to find days and sometimes weeks of mail related to my search from that day. If I want this info I'll authorize it myself. I'm tired of dealing with "pushy salesman" in my inbox.

Bobbie Jo Fanase, PA

My biggest concern I guess, would have to be Data about online activities and purchases being used to deny employment or a loan. I think that whatever you do outside of work is none of an employer's business and should not impact your performance on the job and I think that it's wrong of them and banks also to hold it against you.

Marc Mantione, CA

The entertainment and internet industries attempting to monitor everything users are doing when it's none of their business. The MPAA and RIAA are holding on to outdated business models and think they're entitled to a default customer base and default money. The ISPs shouldn't be content owners as well.

Frank Binder, CA

It's more than time to put a stop to the erosion of people's right to privacy. It is no one's business to know anything about you except what you want them to know; any information needs to be held in strict confidence and not shared with anyone else.

Sawako Tsai, TX

all of my concern are covered by the above questions.

Sue White, SD

identity theft

Kevin Hopson, MI

The smartphone app for tracking is really a big concern for me. Big brother has gone way too far.

Nancy Long, MO

Unfortunately, our new world of technology and shared information has created "cyber crime" and an invasion of privacy beyond anything I would have imagined in my lifetime. I have lost a lot of personal freedom. My information has been shared a lot, judging from the amount of unwanted mail and email I get on a daily basis. I don't appreciate companies selling/sharing my info with others.

Jim Sullivan, TN
Big business over reach

Catherine Peddie, TX
Sharing my information without my permission, and not keeping my information secure from hacking.

Robert Castelli, VA
Any and all data you collect, pool, share, sell, etc, frightens me. The fact that I have to pay to use the internet means you have to respect my privacy and not collect data. When everything is free you can do what you please. Until then STOP.

Jason Crognale, PA
That data collected about me is sold or stolen to someone I don't want to have it.

Daryl Prevost, NY
privacy policies that are too long and complicated companies selling or sharing information about me without my permission smartphone apps that can access contacts, photos, location and other data without your permission companies holding on to your data, even when they don't need it anymore

David Baurac, IL
No information about me should ever be collected without my explicit permission. No information about me should ever be sold or given away without my explicit permission.

Brenda Booker, VA

My greatest concern is that companies can even access information about me at all!!! I think I should be able to use the computer for the purposes that I need, and it appalls me that companies can gather information about me from that use! That is as bad as opening someone's snail mail and taking information from that.

Rebecca Blubaugh, IN

It's enough that the government already knows more about me than I know myself, I do NOT want companies having or having access to it all as well.

Thomas Dando, VA

I see our law makers more as a self centered groupe looking out for them selves rather than their constituents well being.

Jeni Munn, NC

Internet collection of personal data.

Concerned Manhattanite, NY

By me visiting a website and giving them my business, it should stay on that website. No selling information and no using it against us.

Jeff Goetting, PA

They are collecting too much personal information, it is in their financial interest but really none of their business!

Elizabeth Klub, WI

Block the ability to see what I've looked at, what I might want. Sometimes a website I click on will take me somewhere I didn't want to go, so all advertisers know what I've seen whether I wanted to see it or not, then the ads start in. My inbox fills up, my phone rings, even Yahoo, my home page, puts ads on top that relate to things I've looked up. These ads clog up my computer & slow it down, all because you are invading my privacy. If I click on a link & it has embedded right in it what city I live in, how do I know they aren't also collecting my credit card info & abusing it? I have a right to privacy, & those cookies should GO!

Leon Oboler, PA

While today's electronic processes and new media make it easier to do things we never imagined we wanted or "needed" to do, they come with a major loss of privacy, with unexpected penalties and opportunities for Big Corporations, employers, and government agencies to track our personal behaviors and activities. With the advent of the PATRIOT ACT and similar laws that can be interpreted to make anything you do illegal if you don't tightly fit into some declared or undeclared government mold or make demands like trying to express your First Amendment freedoms, you can be tracked, "wire"-tapped, and arrested or detained at any time. An example of this kind of abuse of illegally obtained information was when an FBI agent in California proposed to use humus sales records to track "Arabs." Other examples: when New Jersey first

http://www.fbi.gov/newsroom/pressrel/2001/010601a.htm

Scott Stevenson, TX

That any data collected will be made available for profit to private business to be used to deny me work or healthcare or credit

Mary Obrien, IA

My greatest annoyance is the length and complexity of explanations which are apparently written to cover the companies but which the consumer cannot really be expected to comprehend. I want to understand what the implications might be and make an informed consent.

Larry Ketchum, NC

I am most concerned about tracking of my information in situations where I am unaware they have even collected it and then putting me in a position where I can not undo or even see what they have collected.

Carleen Farrington, MA

All should be with MY permission. I should be able to opt out and not have tracking cookies or else I am blocked from a site. That is not fair

Dean Brassington, VA

Personally identifiable information bought and sold as a commodity without reference or permission from the person is like copyright material being flagrantly reproduced in China ... it is illegal and not going to get better until information is determined by law to be private property not to be used without permission. You can't put a person's picture into a commercial product without permission, and neither should personal information, a consumer picture, be allowed to be used without expressed consent.

Richard Harvey, OK

Just because I use technology to surf and survive the world should not allow the government and employers to access the information for information that really shouldn't be any concern of either...

Corina Downey, MI

I strongly object to tracking of any kind. I refuse to use a smart phone because of this and try to remove or prevent cookies as much as possible. I find it very upsetting that when I log into my email account at work, web searches that I did at home for personal items such as bras, maternity wear etc, show up in the ad streams at the office. It's incredibly embarrassing and typically results in me researching and shopping less online. Please stop this intrusive behavior.

Ann Kottner, NY

Every tracking of user activity should have an opt-in option, not an opt-out. Tracking activity should not be the norm but the exception.

Anthony Mavilia, NY

Companies should not have access to ANY data about me - should ask for my permission to obtain it and very specifically say what they will do with any data I choose to allow them to have. In general companies are out of control and must be intensely restricted by government regulations. This means ALL companies whether advertising or oil or banking

Mark Kenworthy, MI

All the issues above are important and need to be addressed. However, #6 stands out to me as one of the more loathsome activities that need to be curtailed immediately. What I do online is strictly of my own concern and no one else's, as long as I am harming neither the person or property of another citizen.

Ann Goldman, NJ
collecting data from internet

Roger Leisy, CO
The government collecting information about me from
my phone use in amny form without due process

Dorothy Eberle, TX
I am very concerned about ALL of the above. I resent
that any company, or the Federal government can
invade my privacy. What I do, how I spend money is
not the concern of government. If they were doing their
jobs they would be too busy to worry about me. Just
because I buy a shirt from one company, it doesn't mean
that I want information about others. And my personal
shopping information is private. All of the above are
invasions of my privacy. I want LESS government, not
MORE. The Constitution covers everything, we don't
need "CHANGE".

Steven Tello, NH
1. Using information on my personal web browsing and
shopping habits with other organizations without my
direct consent to share this information. 2. Companies
that use technology to access our personal info or
browsing habits without our knowledge. 3. An overall
lack of respect for personal privacy and customer ethics
across most all companies that use online data.
Technologists at companies like Google or Microsoft
need to learn that just because technology can do
something that gives the company a competitive
advantage, it may not be the "right" thing to do.

Sam Curcuro, CT
Internet & Cell phone invasion of privacy.

Sue Radcliff, CO
Smartphone apps that require accepting #7; inadequate
smartphone/tablet security software.

Mary Jacobs, MA

complicated privacy policies. State it up front in plain language and large type

Robert Plourde, MA

Use of my internet activity for any purpose.

Shirley Putschoegl, WI

Am mostly concerned with companies selling my information

Steven Mallinger, IA

The collection and release of any information that informs another party unknown or known to me about my activities on the Internet without my approval is my biggest concern. This invasion of my privacy is of great concern to me as I believe it assists also, to a degree, in Identity Theft.

Marian Holloway, GA

I love having a private life, what I do is NO ONE'S business. I wish it to remain that way, however, it is not and I am very angry. I do not like being tracked, for instance, when I look at shopping ideas, I do not want an ad on the local newspaper site reminding me if what I just looked at. If I want to make that purchase I will in my own due time. What it does is make me not want to purchase from those people! EVER. I do not like the idea of my private information being sold...everyday I get junk mail from companies that I do not care about! Make it STOP NOW.

El Fel, NY

I should be able to browse the internet without jeopardizing my health care, credit rating and without being tracked and targeted.

Raymond Huessy, VT

No private information should be harvested or stored without the explicit permission of the individual involved. By that I do not mean a box that you check off to acquire access to a site, but a statement on LEAVING the site that lays out in concise detail what information the site and its owners want to keep and whether they want the ability to share or sell that information. As the process is currently constituted, many of us are signing away our rights to satisfy a momentary eagerness to move forward, when the moment for reflection is when you realize for what you have exchanged your rights, to whom you have ceded them, and how much you want them to be able to have that information to sell or barter. Our impatience is our undoing. Surely the law should protect the consumer, not the corporation.

Susan Skidmore, NY

Credit card companies that sell my info to who knows who> I've been "compromised" several times through my credit cards and utility company computer breaches. So who knows what information they store? even though I pay a subscription for cc and id theft, I still have been compromised and yet I protect my id and others sell it like slave labor and then we get raped or the other word that's too frequently used, compromised. I don't want intrusion on my life. I will call or apply for things as I want or need them I don't open mail with solicitations and I'm on the Do not call list. What else should I need? I don't agree to be sold. Stop selling me.

John Degges, UT

Items 1 and 3-7 are of equal concern: It is one thing to ask a person about his interests, and thus give him the option of telling you or not telling you. It is another thing to collect information concerning his interests and activities without his giving you permission; this is tantamount to stealing from him.

Patrick Gulley, CA

So much can happen behind the scenes with the user unaware of what information is being collected and how it is used. If this type of activity is allowed there must be frequent reminders of opt out options and reminders of what is being collected and how it is being used.

Volney Blodgett, NY

I think #s 3, 4, & 5 should be illegal!

Ephraim Weiss, MA

Nobody should have access to information about me without a good specific (and legal) reason, and without my specific consent. After the specific use, that information should not be further exploited or available. I have no objection to the collection of information for statistical purposes, providing there is no personal connection to me. Some connection of the information to me for legitimate medical reasons may be acceptable, if it of medical benefit to me, but not for commercial purposes. I can understand some limited security exceptions, but only under strict legal protection and with full accountability.

Gerald Hagopian, WI
collection and dissemination of personal data without my express permission delivered to me in an easy to read, comprehensible form

John Sellers, IL

Simple policies in easy to understand language would help greatly. People would be a lot more restrictive with there approval if they understand how these campanies are using the data. That in turn would cause the companies to be more judicious in the way private information is treated.

Carole Enwright, MI
I am most concerned about children being targeted by advertising and companies sharing personal information about me. Privacy policies should be clear. Since I am not familiar with how personal information is used I don't always understand the implications of policies.

Sky King, MA
Everything

Leo Miller, CO
#7-apps that do not require owners permission to access private data is an invasion of privacy whiich should not be allowed.

William Lawler, IL

Companies sharing data that is not relvant to there business. Insurance company share data with all other insurance companies and some of it is mot accurate.Than other insurance companies can not give competitive quotes

David Sacks, CA

The consumer should have to opt in for companies to use data about that consumer.

Jean Sanger, NY

using data to reject health insurance, loans, employment

Robert Campopiano, NJ

I'm concerned about them retaining data long after they need it.

Ruth Johnson, MN

I am beginning to feel as if George Orwell's book "1984" is happening now. If I make a purchase online I see ads for that type of item showing up next to my emails, in my browsers, on Facebook. I thought neighbors were nosy and gossips but the internet seems far worse.

Antonio Castillo, FL

I'm very concerned about all new privacy policy. I'm very against it.

Arthur Gilmore, NY

no one should have access to my data without my simple express permission, not buried in legal text.

David Young, VA
All of the above

Robert Adams, MN

Consumers have a right to EASILY exercise control over what personal data companies collect from them and how they use it. The problem is the Government probably like access to the info also. The government forgets they work for us. We the People!!!!

Craig Zeni, NC

My name, my shopping and browsing habits are MY property. Companies with websites have no more right to collect and use my browsing data than does a company with a store has the right to record every other store I happen to visit. NO data collection beyond what happens on a given website, and NO data sharing between such sites/companies without my explicit permission. And I won't give that permission unless the privacy policy is explicit, to the point, and less than 100 words long!

Richard Widdicombe, NY

I think the things should always be OPT IN not OPT OUT. I like to control my data where possible. I would like to be able to see what data a company holds regarding me (similar to the credit bureau).

Susan Baker-Kaplan, ME

All of the above items are more than a concern. They pose a real threat to privacy and safety. I am reminded of the wolf in sheep's clothing; All of this seems so innocent on the surface. Data sharing, friending, twittering, connecting with one another...however, the connections have come with a price. I think most people do not understand this fact. Thank you for helping to educate us all!

Lisa Laing, WI

I truly don't mind if data about me is used in aggregate, in ways that can't be tied back to me. For example, I don't mind if web site managers track my path through their web site as a visitor. That kind of information helps them to make the web site better. I get it. But when I feel like companies are stalking me online, when the same ads from the same companies -- sites I've recently visited -- keep popping up wherever I go on the web, it gets creepy. Worse is the idea that my web searches could be used against me. If I research an obscure disease for a friend, or divorce and custody issues for a book I'm writing, I don't want anybody to track that. In the same way that we can spend time in a public library without anybody looking over our shoulder to find out what we're reading, I'd like to be able to wander through the web without feeling

Denise Amstel, TN

Companies selling or sharing information about me without my permission - as I would never give permission

Fred Stocking, CA

Unauthorized sharing of any information

Lee Jones, GA

Concerned about the Fed enlarging their role as "Big Brother"

Robert Kintzer, PA

SECURITY

Curtis Johnson, CO

The greatest threat is peoples' or companies' or governments' ability to gather any information on individuals without their permission. The only time an individual's information should be able to be gathered and utilized is with the individual's previous consent. The consent should have a time limit on it for complete deletion of all information or the individual should be fully informed in clear terms, easily understandable, that once this information is gathered, it will continue to be gathered and held on to for as long as the gatherer desires.

Carolyn Young, IL

The only time my information should be shared is with my written permission.

Christopher Sullivan, FL

The privacy threat of greatest concern to me, is use of data about online activities and purchases being used to deny employment or affect the ability to get a loan?

Gary Marchetti, MI

The greatest concern I have is the misuse of personal information, however whether or not personal information is misused or not, the thought of companies holding onto personal information is troublesome to say the least. Personal information is just that, personal and to be relinquished by the person at their discretion.

Ira Dember, TX

Government access to personal data, via cooperation/collusion of so-called private companies. Centralized data = power; power corrupts; absolute power of highly centralized data corrupts absolutely. We become fodder for overreaching federal agencies like NSA.

Ginny Saulnier, NH

Companies keeping track of my browsing and buying habits.

Wayne Harrigan, NJ

Selling without indiscretion my basic personal data. Targetting and tying my buying habits to my personal data.

Robert W. Feix, PA

...companies holding on to your data, even when they don't need it anymore?

Rae Dawn Chong, WA

I dislike any collection of data especially from online shopping. Since I am no longer on Facebook social networking is less a concern but still a concern overall.

Paula Wilt, OH

My online experience and smartphone use is MY business. It's not to be collected, sold, shared, or otherwise used without my expressed consent.

Linda Maser, WA

the continued collection and storing of data in one place about me and others creates a greater opportunity for fraud and identity theft and possible stalking - potentials for even greater criminal activity are huge

Jerry Stewart, NV

No company should be allowed to collect, release, publish, or use any information about me or my family without my PRIOR written, specific permission.

Russ Khoury, NJ

My greatest concern regarding privacy is that software, whether it be on my PC, tablet, or smartphone, accesses my information that it really doesn't require to function. Of particular concern, is contact info on my smartphone.

Maria Gonzalez, NY

I am concerned about the transparency of privacy policies--or lack thereof. Privacy policies are long and the language sometimes too complex--major issues that could affect users should be summarized and highlighted, and presented in a way that is as easy and quick to understand and navigate as the website itself. Users should also, always be told WHAT the company is planning on doing with the data collected. Oftentimes this is not clear when agreeing to a privacy policy--until AFTER the policy has been agreed to.

Alice Allen, OH

I want to keep my online activities, such as web surfing, purchases, even games or web sites that I visit totally private. No company (including browsers), or individuals should have access to anything I do online. This includes ALL personal information. To summarize I feel my life is private unto myself, no one else. This is how I want to keep it. If I want to share personal information I will tell you, and it will probably be face to face. Not over the internet or a cell phone. KEEP MY PRIVATE LIFE PRIVATE.

Patsy Noble, CO

Probably 6 or 7 although all of them concern me as it seems there are multiple ways to avoid the legislation if dishonest people really want to collect information. I am curious as to the consequence for violation of the rules; minor consequences will be of little value and how will the violations be tracked in a expedient way? Damage can be done in a short amount of time!

Mary Mcclintock, VT

The greatest threat is the use of data for purposes that we haven't even thought of yet. What are "they" collecting and where is this information being processed/used/stored!

Jay Glew, NM

Law enforcement demanding to know passwords to access my personal property--ie, unlawful searches

Janice Nirri, SC

my biggest concern is the security of my data with different sites. For this reason, I usually opt out of mailing lists and creating accounts, but some sites require that you create an account to order something and therefore are storing all your info. which can be hacked etc.

Christine Aldrich, NY

if companies want to use my personal data to make more money for themselves, they should give me the option to opt out or offer me some \$\$\$ to make it worth my while.

Matthew Cola, NY

Use of information without my permission.

John Gorrell, TX

I want to be able to request that a company remove my personal data from their database as well. This includes advertisers who are collecting data about my interests as well.

Laurence Miller, MI

Do the "correct" thing...

William Wimberly, MD

Collecting personal data for marketing; the threat of hackers.

Fernando Maldonado, TX

The acquisition of my personal information by someone with the intention of identity theft.

Allen Lovejoy, MN

Phishing is a big problem. Presumably legitimate businesses do not do this, but I have some doubts. I am a bit ambivalent about tracking purchases and customizing mailings that might make me aware of products I could use. But on the whole, I would prefer my purchases were NOT tracked. With the growing sophistication of hackers, I am concerned about any personal information held in businesses' data bases. Finally, time and time again there are instances where children make decisions on the internet that are poor. And access to credit cards may allow for mayhem. So I would like to see restrictions on products that are geared for anyone under 18.

Daniel Shearer, PA

I am concerned about my own government spying on my family and myself in their attempt to control or propagandize my thoughts and actions.

Carol Carol Stoneburner, MN

My biggest concern is dissemination of data collected to third parties I have not specified, be they advertisers, potential employers or random parties. This effectively includes the future version of the same company if I have intentionally cut ties previously.

Robert Millaway, FL

I believe that you "pays your money; you takes your chances". You and only you are responsible for your own actions. You may not assign such responsibility to someone else, aka, government, to protect you from abuse brought on by your own inanity.

Phil Triolo, UT

Biggest threat is that the NSA eavesdrops on my email and phone conversations. Big Brother is watching, often times using the eyes of the little brothers in the communications industry. WRT browser companies, I don't think they should store any information on what topics I search for. Period.

Scott Parmele, IN

the gathering and assimilation of any personal information should be illegal. It has to do with that whole America constitution thing, life liberty pursuit of happiness. but those rights have been trample and pissed on long ago and i expect yooour folks to do the same. talk is cheap and you will say all the right words but there will be no if little action.

Stephen Pilder, PA

Use of my family's personal information by politicians to further their agendas without my permission.

Deborah Slavitt, NJ

REally ! What to fix first! What I'm really concerned about is hackers into company/bank/hospital/credit card ETC and the fact that there's no big effort being made to cut them off at the pass. Hackers are smart and it's just a matter of time before something serious happens - like bank accounts - and then we will be in trouble. Research and action is needed now across the board.

Gary Johnson, NJ
any

Jody Morgan, CA

Users need to be confident that information that can be found about them isn't being used to restrict their rights or access. Targeted advertising is OK, it helps keep most of the internet free, and that's fine; not getting a job because of something a Facebook friend posted, or getting turned down for a loan because of political or religious beliefs stated on Twitter, or in an IM to a friend, is a terrible, and sadly real, possibility that needs to be prevented.

Daniel Lee, MA

With more and more of our daily activities happening online I am concerned that the personal information of myself and my family is no longer private and that it is being referenced, sold and used for marketing purposes without my consent. Please help protect the rights and privacy of the public!

Anita Cohen, NY
On line identity theft

Wally Blackburn, OR
privacy policies that are way to long that I don't bother to read it all when I know I should. And way to much spam like 40 to 70 daily...

Jacob Price, WA

I don't like people spying on internet users and what they do, even though they didn't do anything bad.

Kathy Smith, OH

I don't think the government should be spying on its own citizens--this is the case that would bother me a lot. And also I don't think it is appropriate for employers and potential employers to screen candidates and/or hold employees responsible for online activities (unless it is on work time). This is all said with a reasonable threshold of concern in mind.

Karen Miller, PA

data about online activities being used to negatively impact actions of an employer, insurer, or banking institution I am dealing with.

Janice Chandler, CA

Compiling data about the sites I visit and then selling the information

Robert Ross, FL

The greatest threat to civil liberties in America is through the loss of privacy, whether through government monitoring for "the war on terror" or by the commercial machinations of business. Internet users need to have maximum control over the gathering, use and retention of data based on that usage. Absolute transparency of the process, simplicity in explaining how these aggregations are conducted, and required opt-in (NOT opt-out) are good places to start.

Elaine Goldman, IL

Way too much private information being available on the internet. Eventually, there will be no privacy in this country - definitely not what this country is all about.

Larry Gross, CT

Collection and dissemination of personal data without my knowledge.

Sullivan Bernadette, CA

companies holding onto data...

Debra Inglefield, MI

I'm concerned about businesses that rely more and more on social media, and having to join Facebook or the like to do business with them. Having them potentially having access to all sorts of information that's none of their business is a concern. If I'm buying something, they don't need a list of my friends and family or a list of my interests so they can advertise to me.

Katherine Wilson, WI

I am most concerned about advertisers targeting children.

CAROLINE SANDERS, IL

Companies sellin and sharing information about me without my permission.

Fran Heckman, TX

I am mainly concerned about marketing to children. Children do not yet have the maturity to make purchasing decisions, and should not be the target of marketing efforts.

Rhonda Francis, NC
you covered all the ones I had.

Jane Olexa, WV
My email and facebook should be just as protected as the things in my home or the reading that I would do at a library, etc.

Gregory Richard, MA
I just want my privacy, please!

Alexander Still, OR
Information about purchases being used to deny employment?? So if someone buys a vibrator, they get a big, scarlet "V" tattooed to their computer profile? I'd like to know how employers get this information in the first place. Come to think of it, I don't think even George Orwell saw this coming when he wrote "1984."

John Kettell, MA
I am very concerned about personal information such as financials and health related being pirated electronically and subsequently used either for illegal purposes or to my detriment...or both.

Carolyn Biglow, PA
I DO NOT want any company to collect information about me, or share with or sell it to other companies without my permission. My personal information should not be used as a strategy for making profits.

Paul Munn, NJ

The lack of control over how much information is collected, and the inability of companies to secure this data from theft by online criminals.

Tara Prairie, TN

No one should have access to my information or attempt to sell or share my information without my permission.

Kent Smith, FL

Facebook...Facebook...Facebook

Robert J. Daly, FL

Privacy is another right that seems to have been taken from us by both BIG Business and the government. Happy to see someone leading the fight against the misuse

David Phillips, MD

Identity theft as a result of online advertisers sharing my personal information.

Gary Bowman Beckwith, ME

Leave the children alone! I believe that more often than not, Web advertisers know the ages, interests, and income level of their "targets". However, advertising is "free speech" now, and presents a can of worms to retrain.

Charles Berny, GA

There should be an access for individual to learn what is collected about them, with the chance to correct errors.

Jill Becker, NY

Anything done without my permission!

Ron Kadish, IN

I do not want any information about me gathered at all, period. What I purchase is my own business and no one else's.

John Pinezich, CO

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Milt Bronsdon, WA

Companies do not need to know anything about me except what I want them to know on my own accord.

Randy Sisco, OK

N/A

Anonymous, OK
Companies sharing information about me without my permission.

Steve Jatkowski, NY
companies holding my personal information and sharing with third parties.

Ivan Washington, AL
Use of personal data with out the owner's permission.

Voorheis Joan, ID
Leave me alone. Don't collect any data about me. Don't hold any data you collect for your own company unless necessary for company's internal operation. Do not sell my info. Do not give my info away to any other party. Do not let the internet become the KGB!

Sharyn Turnicky, PA
if I want a product or a service; I will contact the company concerned. I signed up to have junk snail mail stopped. Now the junk arrives via the computer. I decide who I want to do business with; therefore you have no need of my info on any level. Anoying me is a sure way to guarante You will not be on my short list.

Steven N Chase, NH
"Free Speech" (with privacy) has long been consider a basic right here in the US. This should also be true of all e-mail, text messaging, web browsing or any other interactions over the internet. The DEFAULT setting should be "total and maximum privacy", and any deviation from that should only be with specific permission from the user in very small and easily definable increments. There's no reason why all of our personal information should be bared to the general public (including criminals), or to advertisers who then his us with an onslaught of questionable deals and advertising.

Robert Dewar, CT

My greatest concern is what I do not know. Privacy policies are written so that no one reads them, and few can understand them. They offer no protection. I would like to know what others "know" about me. The data bases are filled with errors, for example, my phone number is used to hunt people (several different names in the past year) that I do not know. My phone number links me to their credit histories. Apart from the aggravation, what other users might follow that link? I certainly don't buy apps to tell the world random things about myself. I don't see any reason that my apps should store data off my phone.

Felipe Roman, PR

Number 4 is the one that worries me the most

Carol Mccutcheon, FL

I love the internet and it would be hard to function without it. But things are changing. Search engines don't find pages they used to for me because the big ones try to figure out what I want from my history. Especially with google, I can't find pages I know I have found before because of all the paid ads and narrowing my search because of my likes and dislikes. I don't want my personal information being shared with anyone but the website I shared it with.

Veronica Garrett, KS

Employers or potential employers requiring or determining the status of your employment based on information contained in social networking sites, such as Facebook, Myspace, and Twitter. This should have no bearing on a person's employment and companies should not even be able to ask for that access, much less determine employment based on the content. It is an invasion of privacy.

Barbara Lobdell, CO

I do not believe that any company or entity (such as the government) has any right getting or keeping any data about me/ my family that was not given to them directly. Once a company has used my information, they must delete it and not share it in any way. I need to know that what I do on line is between me and that entity only- and not being collected somewhere or used elsewhere.

Maria Maupin, AL

Anything that would affect my ability to get employment, loans, etc.

Nancy Geiger, OH

Any activity that causes my information to be obtained and used without my permission is a big concern because of identity theft.

Anne Jackley, NY

I have few concerns about data collection and usage -- other than making it clear what they are doing and offering an easy way to opt out. Transparency and accountability are key.

Mia Dixon, AR

I consider the internet as a tool. I look at it the same as a magazine or catalog or brochure. If someone came and peeped in my window of my private home, they would be arrested and would be charged with trespassing and maybe stalking. All of this is electronic stalking and there should definitely be laws against it.

Marty King, TN

The denial of employment or a loan based on my online activities is outrageous.

Dolores Alexander, IL

That they can just keep profiles and data about you and share it without your knowledge. I think it's wrong and I don't like it. I like my privacy.

Earl Brewer, MI

I think any invasion of my privacy is a crime and there should be penalties to those who do it. The penalty should be severe to discourage corporations or individuals from stealing my privacy.

Ruth Hughes, IN

I am nervous when I use anything that is connected to the Internet or publicly accessed communications. It is something that I know is used for commercial purposes, and that I have no control over. I am not your average consumer of goods and services, so naturally I do not wish my personal info to be data-banked by anyone.

Jo Nancy Gunn, ME

I try to minimize my exposure to phishing.

John Breyer, MA

Taking my personal info without notice or permission.

John Huston, MO

Just leave us alone!!!!!!

James Kellogg, CA

I am most concerned about the government collecting information on its citizens. Purchases and inquiries made on the web should be private. Most of all, private away from the government eyes. We lose freedom every time the government snoops especially in the name of security. I want the government out of the snoop and data collection business: unless they have "due cause" meaning a search warrant issued by a neutral judge.

Charles Martel, VT

#4 above

Julius Morris, LA

I'm extremely concerned about any data used without my permission collected by any electronic device!!!!
My permission should be requested and given by me each and every time information about is to be
DIVULGED!!!!!!! Thanks

Marie Hanson, NV

Personal information being used without my consent or knowledge. The lengthy consent forms found on websites that most people do not read creating apathy on the part of consumers and an opportunity to exploit by business.

Patricia Semrick, CA

Collecting data without permission and selling it!!
Consumers need to be able to block their address so these things cannot happen!

Maria Rodriguez, NY
just being watched!!

Jamo Smith, GA

My personal data, all of it, and that of my family, is a primary concern. Today, a child can make an entry on a site, even playfully, and have it effect them for the rest of their lives. Did you folks ever make an error in judgement which you do not wish to follow you through life?

Keith Powell, WI

Mining data for profit instead of providing useful services indicates a poor business plan.

Michael E Snyder, NC

I am extremely concerned that our political leaders are blinded by personal gain (contributions from influential sources) so as to turn their heads when legislation that is detrimental to the public is passed. We have a Constitution to protect us from such action only to be ignored by Congress and the courts!

Karyl Summrs, NV

Any threats to my privacy are of great concern. I love being able to take care of so much business via the internet; however, it upsets me to think that there are so many "criminals" out there stealing information about me. I do have concerns about over regulation, so where is a good middle ground???? On another totally different subject - why does everything have to be printed in two languages? This is the United States of America - learn the language!

Maryanna Clarke, TN

That what I post to Facebook or any other social media site can cease to be my property when I've posted it, and becomes the property of Facebook or whomever.

Stephanie Dark, CA

Consumers have a right to exercise control over what personal data companies collect from them and how they use it.

Curtis Demartini, CA

tracking my every move on the internet, gps, access to personal contact info, etc.

Kenneth Lierle, SC

There is too much sharing of information. I receive calls saying I signed up when I did not. Calls about information I searched for on line. Calls from numbers unknown or with "not accessible" numbers. With so much ID theft data needs to be guarded not shared. Policies should be short and to the point. Need to ask "TO SHARE OR NOT TO SHARE" and with whom. Let me make the choice always!

Melvin Humpa, IL

The build up of personal information by companies dedicated to that objective. They then sell this information to other companies.

Valeriya Efimova, NJ

Collection of information on one's online activities is frightening. People should be entitled to a serious standard of privacy without having to worry who knows what sites they visit, what purchases they make, etc.

Skye Bethel, VA

Because of the (potential) interconnectedness of the systems virtually all data is accessible so we need to rethink and recreate all the "security" measures and how they are used and what they mean.

kimberly wells, MI

These are ALL my concerns!!! Only if I give you my permission for any of these should a "Company" know anything about me. I don't like junk mail in my mail box or on my computer..& to have someone targeting my children is even more scary. My privacy is mine..I don't want my life to be public unless I say so & if an employer wants to see mine I want to see theirs, my activities & purchases is what I do at home & that is NOT on "company" time. None of the business, period. I want my life kept private. Thank you.

David Cunningham, NY

It's difficult to pick just one, since we have so little knowledge of how this information is currently being used. But the even greater threat -- as far as I'm concerned -- is what will happen in the future if we don't set clear, well-thought-out, enforceable rules immediately, to guide uses that we can't even contemplate at this stage of technical development. In other words, we need to decide now on a set of basic principles that define privacy rights and then create rules that are flexible enough to guide future use (and prevent future abuse).

Matthew Venuti, PA

I don't want my life to be market research,

James Hinshaw, TX

Abuse of online data by employers and financial institutions.

Srinivas Lingam, TX

"data about online activities and purchases being used to deny you employment or affect your ability to get a loan?"

David Scott, OH

Companies collecting or storing information about where I go online and about I buy. The aggregation of personal information in general.

Robert D Finley, AZ

No accesss to individual data by any agency of the United States or any foriegn government or agency without a specific United States civil court order.

John Grant, WA

It is the collection of data that the internet allows companies to collect without our knowledge and permission is very disconcerting. Take google and what it collects. We need to be in lock step with eec and prevent all of this from even starting.

wendy greising, PA

keeping my info when they dont need it any more

Fune Dorothy, AZ

I don't want anyone tracking my internet behavior. I want complete privacy when I am using the internet. I don't want disclosure to third parties. I would rather pay a fee to use a secure and private browser.

Jin Li, NY

it is the intrusion of our lives

Sherwood Rupp, CA

Number 6 and 7 concern me the most. All data gathered about an individuals online activities and purchases as well as all access to smartphone app information has do be done with utmost care and regard to privacy and law. I want to be able to choose what information is gathered about me. I want to know that my constitutional rights are respected.

Roy Donaldson, AL

Collecting data about online activities is wrong when it comes to credit, employment or anything of the sort.

Robert Richardson, OH

Access to my information without my knowledge and consent. The sites are useful but the requirement to consent to their privacy policy as a condition to use the product is unfair and unreasonable.

Mark Bacon, MA

No company should not be allowed to track any customer without first asking permission and setting strict limits as to what information would be captured and how long it would be held. All consumers should automatically be free from ad stalking, malware and spyware unless they specifically opt in to a monitoring program offered by companies.

Stephanie Sullivan, MA

Release of my information without my knowledge or permission. Intrusion into privacy used to be a deliberate act but now it seems a matter of course. Anonymous information is the excuse why collection isn't a bad thing but it doesn't take all that much anonymous information to build a very personal and specific profile which can be used for purposes good or evil.

Bill Hicks, NC

Tracking a person's every move on the internet is a heinous invasion of privacy and personal freedom to seek information and products anonymously.

Denzil Carney,
1984

Dennis Lawrence, UT

First is full privacy on smart phones for all information gathered. Second is a mandatory application of fiduciary law to all "cloud" services making criminal law applicable to all personnel.

Martin D. Bennett, NY

ALL web-based invasions of privacy, defined as any practice that exceeds the boundaries traditionally respected or understood in the physical world when, for instance, I pay cash for something, inquire anonymously about something (trivial or momentous) or browse anonymously in a library.

Ray Rodilosso, NJ

selling my personal information to who ever will buy it so that the company can make some small change by giving my privacy away

M. Kathleen King, CA
nothing to add here

Giuliano Gnugnoli, VA

So many companies have been hacked for private info that it's clear they cannot guarantee to protect info they gather so they shouldn't gather any without explicit permission and they should be ready to accept full responsibility for rectifying any breaches immediately if they are given permission -- ie, they should be required by law to clear all problems and indemnify victims without any time limit to their responsibility. Gathering personal info without permission should be a federal offense because of the nature of online communications.

Wilton Lowery, AL
Selling my informations to others

Alley Stoughton, MA

Privacy policies should be short, simple and transparent. Anything that is long or complicated won't be read or understood by most people. And companies shouldn't be trying to trick users by being opaque.

Tracy Warning, IL
Whatever I use my phone or internet for, there really is no reason, besides advertisement money greed, that everyone needs to know about it. Period!

Sue Defeo, NY

I feaqr that privacy no longer exists and that your life is on the internet for all to use and abuse

joseph fanto, MI

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Vince Woolums, IA

Corporate database insecurity, bank database insecurity, loss of control over personal data.

Michael Wilbur, ME

My two major concerns would be 1) Collection and sale of data collected from my online activities, including sites visited, searches made, and items purchased. This is unacceptable at any level 2) The unacknowledged "harvesting" of personal information by apps on smartphones

Robert Francoeur, MI

I am concerned about the mining of the social networks for information about individuals that can be exploited for profit or mischief. I am also concerned about the ability of search engine companies to track and exploit on line activity for their own gain thereby giving them rather unlimited economic power.

K. Reisen, NJ

Everything which intrudes into my life unrequested. Unsolicited text messages from companies which i then have to pay for on my phone plan.

Darla Elenbaas, TX

I don't want anyone to be able to locate me or my child without consent

Brent Benishek, FL

Concerned over the amount of data google and other sites are allowed to track and do what they want with little to no permission on my part.

Kirsten Lovett, FL

Online activities, unless they are criminal acts, should not be monitored by employers or creditors. Before the internet, these people had no knowledge of what the average law-abiding citizen did in their spare time and/or how they spent their money, communicated their ideas or expressed themselves. While it's one thing to do a criminal background check for a potential employer or creditor, it's another to have access to private information.

Felix E. Francisco, CA

The use of spyware is of great concern to me. The vulnerability of online shoppers' privacy seems to be threatened every time we make a purchase online. How we spend our money, on what, etc. is our business!

William Davis, TX

I am concerned about the proliferation of my private information to companies outside the one I originally shared with. In particular, I want my cell phone number to be unsharable, period. I really hate getting commercial

Wil Nelson, FL

There is a fine line between having recommendations of things you might really like and being bombarded with advertising of things someone or something things you might like. Personal control of what you are subjected to or who is allowed to track parts of your life is the key. There should be limits by age. That is no children ... limits to what adolescents get etc.

Lance Paris, CA

ALL data collection and retention programs should be OPT-IN ONLY. The default should protect the rights and privacy of the individual. Corporations ARE NOT People. Copyright protection is the responsibility of the copyright owner. If you stick your personal property out on the street and someone takes it... that is your fault. Same principle applies to intellectual property on the Net. It is no the government's responsibility. It is not a crime by a consumer. It is a lack of protection of the copyrights owner's rights

Jan Rae Clark, FL

Selling personal contact information to others for their use for advertising purposes. I'm just soooo tired of junk email from companies and people I've never dealt with and don't want to deal with.

Sherwood Larkin, IN

My greatest concerns are: websites attempting to access my contacts; and, websites which attempt to access my webcam.

Beda Herbison, WA

As noted above, there is little actual privacy left. Regulation regarding the policies that are allowed is a good first step.

Steve Potter, SC
Number 7!

John Caruana, NY

This gathering and selling of information is very disturbing. Perhaps the gatherers of such information should pay 99% of the money they get for selling such information to the actual person that information belongs to, and the company should get to keep only 1% of the sale. That would put a stop to it immediately. The data being sold is theft when it is sold without the express permission of the individual concerned.

Ryck Lent, MA

As a 20+ year veteran of online community work and privacy concerns, I demand: 1) Transparency about what is collected during my online sessions -- in detail and by whom so I can track THEM 2) Full, granular control over my privacy settings 3) Full, granular control of the use and resale of my personal data. This includes: who collects, what they collect (#1), how used and by whom. I OWN MY DATA, just as I own my words. Companies do not have rights to my data without explicit permission, which I have the right to revoke at any time. In our increasingly virtual societies, our virtual lives, data and privacy have the same or greater value than traditional activities, speech, property rights and privacy concerns. Let's expand the potential for these emerging technologies by raising and equalizing the rights of individual users with a well-

Mike Criddle, GA

The amount of data collected and retained by companies that are constantly bombarding us and our kids with advertising has reached a ridiculous level. It is past time to make a significant change in the privacy of American citizens. The policies should be easier to understand, and the default "setting" for all such policies should be for no information to be shared. If someone would like for their private information to be shared, then a simple "opt-in" procedure could be used.

Vernon Traverse, MI

So we know this is going on. Obama has broke the law and nothing is done. how can we fix any thing with out gov, following the law?

Susan Heyman, MA

I don't like company's storing my credit card information with out my authorization. I am concerned about lax security so that these websites get hacked.

Julius L Maurer, FL

Privacy is privacy. Each person should have total control of every aspect of it.

Dan Raymond, IL

information shared and thus lowering your credit score simply because you had a problem with one company.

William Dewitt, IL

ANY that contains, pilfers, or exchanges my personal data !!!!

Kim True, MO

Keeping our information or selling it to others is not right.

B T, WI

Fraud being perpetrated against myself or my siblings and family members. "Big brother is truly watching."

Kevin Burke, WI

I like the targeted ads based on my interests, but I don't want my data to be a product someone sells. Also, a company really only needs to know that I went to their site and what I looked at to figure out what ads to send me. Beyond that starts getting intrusive.

Arlene Connor, MD

Every privacy threat is of great concern to me. The more advanced in technology we become, the more we become prey to others who take advantage of us in every way they can.

Judy Matson, IN

I feel we should have more definite info regarding what is being accessed on our computers through cookies, etc. We should have immediate info regarding what will be done with our information when we are purchasing, accessing sites, etc.

Brian Jones, OR

I don't want anyone following my history. Not government, not companies, not anyone! It's like opening my mail or breaking in to my house. If I want to contact you, I will. Otherwise, stay out of my business.

Jack Kelly, MI

Very concerned on info which could be used to gain access to identity records. e.g. financial info.

Meredith Kearns, VA

Targeting children is just plain wrong; I don't think even most high school students have the foresight and wherewithall to protect their own privacy. And targeting ANYBODY based on their "surfing" should not be tolerated. What I BUY is fair game for advertisers, but what I READ should not be.

Mike Kurkowski, VA

The gathering of personal data without permission.

Annajean Henryhand, PA

when information is shared without permission or someone's system is being exploited.

botthof rick, IL

Have authority to have the accumulated personal information wiped clean

David Turpin, TX

Private information/statics floating around on the web and just out there for shammers/hackers and id thieves to use in any manner possible. Business transactions, Land purchases, Home data, etc. should only involved the parties in those transactions and not be public information. Anyone needing facts can go to county records for these. Also any thing containing Social Sec. # or Dr. Lic. # should be withheld. All this is just to easy for pirates to find and use for their purposes and Big Brother is not much better in many ways. Now if someone wants to go facebook or twitter or whatever and hang out their info. for all to view and use, that is their problem. You cannot fix stupid, but the average person needs protection. Thank you for your time & efforts.

Sydney Goddard, IN

Collection of data should be incident specific and only for those things absolutely needed for that specific incident. I do not like how I see ads w/in minutes on my browser home page and others for precisely that one item I actually looked at in detail moments earlier. Seems to me that is too much tracking.

Roberta Belulovich, NY

The thought of gadgets using informaiont about my spending habits and whereabouts horrifies me. I make it a point to clear my cookies so I won't be badgered with banner ads focused on my interests and I don't use a smart phone. These practices have quite the opposite effect intended - they convince me NOT to buy!

Elizabeth Gasser, NJ

medical data compilations

Leslie White, NM

Government intrusion into everything we do in the name of Homeland Security. BS. We are not the terrorist. Radical Muslums are.

Carolyn Earley, OK

Targeting kids and data about online activities and purchases being used to deny employment or affect ability to get a loan!

Thomas Cothran, MN

I don't believe all internet companies are transparent about what data they are collecting. Consumer software that guards against virtually all data collecting is needed. The only organizations that should be able to access complete information about a person are law enforcement agencies, and they should have a warrant.

Sherry Nichols, MI

use of info to determine jobs, insurance prices, political choices

Carol Thompson, TX

Corporations in America and outside of our nation are greed-ridden, have no respect for individuals, or humanity in general. People will soon stop using devices that are making these companies wealthy if our privacy rights are ignored. It is sad that not one company stands out as ethical.

Robert Romberg, IL

They all are. They all take a piece of my identity away without me saying so or having a choice not to allow it.

George Paiva, NV

Companies using information social networks, forums, etc. to make unrelated decisions about me (i.e. employment, lending).

Paul Furman, NY

its all about freedom & privacy not about private companies making \$ off me w/out my knowing about it
It is also theivery They are selling my private info w/out my knowledge & not paying me

Kari Andrikopoulos, NM
Number8

Larry Anderson, KS
Anything done without permission is unacceptable

Wayne Gateman, MA
placing tracking cookies that hide on my computers. No company should be allowed to use cookies that don't expire and remove themselves within 24 hours. If they put cameras in our house it would be called invasion of privacy or spying, monitoring what we do on our systems is no different.

Diana Walsh, CT
Applications that can access my contacts, location and other data without my permission pose a huge safety threat. I want it stopped.

Paul Goldsholl, NY
Collection of information about me from my internet searches.

Martha Whitaker, MO
increasing access to my private information

Anne Filley, VT
companies selling/sharing information without permission

Mark Johnson, IL

My biggest concern is companies sharing my information without my permission and having to read through legalese to see how my information is to be used

Charles Ray, MA

Privacy rights should be determined by the individual users and not the internet providers. Protect our rights to keep our lives private and our own in tis age of (too much) information.

Steve Rogers, NC

access of so much personal data 'automatically'. All it takes is one hacker or dishonest employee of a search engine firm or other entity to turn that into the ability to access passwords, bank info, tax records...a small step to even more identity theft.

James McNiff, NY

all of my personal information is of great concern to me. companies should delete all personal information given for a specific issue once completed. once deleted they should specify in writting that it has been deleted. the consumer should not have to complete a form requesting personal information not be shared - that should be automatic. the consumer should have to specify if information should be shared or sold

Michael McPhail, TX

I do not want my actions on the internet traced for one second longer than it takes for me to do whatever it is I'm doing. If I have to log in frequently then so be it. No one needs to know what I am doing online.

Walter Misiewicz, NY

companies selling or sharing my personel information.

Dana Craig, MA

I am concerned about the aggregation of private data about me that may be shared without my knowledge or permission.

Laura Dooley, IL

Stop controlling and gathering information about me or my personal preferences. Stop targeting me with information YOU think I should have. This is a form of censorship because if you don't think I would be interested in something there is no way for me to be aware of its existence. Look at Facebook, they decide what to show on my news feed. I alone should have the ability to control who gets access to my personal information.

David Butler, FL

#7

David Taylor, NY

Everything is NOT MARKET RESEARCH or business apps. I am very concerned that I can be tracked by my cell phone, even when turned off, unless I remove the battery. 1984 is here and Big Brother IS Watching You, he just got here a few years later than scheduled!!!

John Bishop, TN

With all of this tracking and GEO locations now being added is providing a gateway for people that tend to use this info with bad intentions (stalking, robbery, etc) can do so a little too easily. Also, the ability of so much personal information accessible via google is causing issues with employment especially when you have to explain it and try to prove that person just has the same name as you and that is not you. THIS IS A HUGE ISSUE!!!

Patricia Wharton, CA

I am not as concerned about the tracking of my purchases, with the exception of medical or medicine. Ordinary purchases are more of a nuisance until a company goes to sell that data. I am very against that practice! I do not like the collecting of any medical information I might search for being collected at all! I do not agree with potential employers looking at my private life to decide on employment issues.

Stephen Homoki, PA
All of the above.

nahid abbasi, MD

I am very concerned about my privacy and I don't like to share my information for anything if it is not necessary.

Judie Cooper, MO

Many people buy items on the internet because they wouldn't want to buy them in a store. Or they go to sites that they wouldn't go near a similar physical place of business. They do this in the privacy of their homes expecting that the privacy will be respected. That it has not is to the detriment of our society even as it has helped business. The businesses are doing the same to children. Invading spaces that were private but now have little privacy. A world where one can not retreat sounds more than a little frightening.

Edward Paolini, NY

I'm very concerned about identity theft. Recently in order to participate in a class action lawsuit, I was asked for my social security number and account information in a large brokerage institution. When I called the company assembling the information and asked if my info would be deleted at the completion of the lawsuit, they replied NO, my info would remain in their database for an undisclosed time. Needless to say, I will opt out of this lawsuit.

Charles Wittman, NY

Sharing of data amongst multiple sources to create a predictive profile for marketing purposes.

M C (Katie) Pape, AZ

Government access to the information

Francis Jordan, NY
they need permission.

Julia Moe, MN
I don't like how certain websites save my login information and use it to log me in to new sites without my permission. I do not use such sites anymore.

Connie Cade, GA
Piracy of passwords.

J. P. Jorgensen, CA
identity theft is a big concern.

Cynthia Stamy, PA
Companies collecting & sharing or selling data about anyone.

Barbara McLaughlin, TX
#4 Being unsure of what I am allowed to put on Facebook, personal shopping, political pages, without having this information being used against me. I want the right to screen my own information.

Deborah Rawlings, WA
Loss of freedom of speech

Lynne Preminger, FL
smartphone apps that steal contacts, other data

Susan Houston, TN
I am anxious about a slow erosion of individual privacy through the internet; I think we badly need to set out laws that limit corporate access to our personal information.

Sunnie Noellert, CA
it all gravely concerns me. it is out of hand!

Yankee Gindoff, NY
It is simply none of their business!!!!

Deborah Hopkins, IL
When dealing with children today, a red flag goes up; we can't be too concerned or careful. As to ones own privacy, this too causes concern. Identity theft, stalking, safe neighborhoods and homes, all these and more are reasons to be more careful with privacy matters. Please let me know how to restrict those with my childrens or my personal data.

David Roney, CO

I am a concerned that these myriad of companies claim to "OWN" my personal data that they collect. It should be made clear in law that each individual "OWNS" his personal data, and it should be very clear that no company may gather this data, store it, or use it without specific written permission on a case-by-case basis to store & use this data. Provision of goods and services MUST NOT BE contingent on anyone giving permission for data retention and use.

Dolores Giblin, KY

All of the situations above strike me as quite unethical. They are somewhat comparable to opening another's mail without that person's consent, and that's a federal crime. While adults are expected to judge wisely how not be vulnerable, we have enough people in our society who are vulnerable adults for any number of reasons, many valid and understandable. This is to say nothing of children's vulnerability. And this is just one aspect of the problem. Stop pushing the envelope here and act with common decency.

Sitzes Paula, IL

Someone getting my Social Security Number or Drivers License number starting a New Person with this info. Getting a list of Credit Cards that are still opened, and getting info from them.

Mary Osmer, TX

No personal data should be transmitted without explicit consent.

Michael Murphy, TX

All privacy agreements should be presented to the user with a default of "Opt Out". The user should have to explicitly agree to the policy by "Opting In".

Nancy Ann Gazo, FL

Can't stand websites that need you to "register" - just so that they can get hold of your info. Or stores that ask you phone number when you check out... You do not need my phone number to sell me a ream of paper and some pens at Office Depot, for example!

Nathaniel Candelaria, TX

There is too much personal information in cyberspace, especially in the modern day with cross-site account linking. I believe it is more crucial than ever that consumers be aware and have the ability to investigate and act upon their own data.

James Garrett, OH

My choices on the Internet are private choices and not data that companies or government can use to manipulate my interests or my view of the world. In a sense, my individuality is at risk.

Caroline Kellogg, TX

I'd like to clearly know what data is being collected, who it is being shared with, and I'd like to be able to opt out.

Wendy Beck, IL

Apps that collect my personal information such as my contact lists are of definite concern for me.

Jill Terry, CA

Facebook opens millions of users up to hackers every day simply by not allowing users to completely close their accounts. My account has been closed for two years, yet it has been hacked on four separate occasions, despite Facebook's "security procedures." Why is the onus solely on ME to protect my account, especially when I have clearly expressed a desire not to even HAVE a Facebook account any longer? Facebook is so eager to have user information in order to make money on advertising that privacy rights are of no concern to them. This is wrong and legislation needs to happen to allow a user not to be part of ad revenue schemes.

Valborg Freyholtz, MT

I think it's illegal for someone to open your U.S.Post Office box and go through your mail reading whatever they choose. Why should my emails,web viewing etc. be any different ? I highly value my privacy and if I find out that someone or some corportaion is invaiding it I will raise caine !!Please develop privacy rules that are respecting my privacy with limits and punishments for violations ! No peeking without my specific permission !

Larry L. Cartwright, MI
Do something !!!

David Giancola, OR
Identity theft is my main concern, followed by #4 above.

Reed Barbi, ID
The choice of whether I want my personal information disseminated or not should be mine. When that information is used for the personal gain of an individual or corporation or any other entity, I am being taken advantage of and used. It's a clear violation of my privacy. It's THAT SIMPLE!

Gary Brinkerhoff, FL
Concerning the Internet companies i do business with on line, I welcome there adds. Children should not be targeted by anyone or any business for advertisement purposes. companies selling or sharing my information with out my permission should be levied fines of high amounts by the regulatory board to be used for there purposes. to do there jobs. Data about # 6, This should not be and steep fines be by them for doing so. Pretaining to my answers to all questions, High fines should levied against those companies and corperations for these trespasses. These fines should be enacted into law.

Carl Croom, AR
As much information as these companies might have on my activities, I am 1000% more concerned about what info ISPs and TELCOs have about me and how they use it.

Rita Thayer, OH
Companies are acquiring too much information about us. By selling or sharing information about me they are violating my rights. If I wanted to share information, I would go where I want to share, not where the companies think. Because of this, I feel that I am more vulnerable than ever for scammers and for hackers.

Scott Zeitler, CO

I don't need anybody tracking where I am or what I am doing! It's called privacy and seems as though it's going to be more and more difficult to have. It's not that i'm doing anything bad, I just don't feel its right to have big brother watching over your every move! I don't have any trouble finding anything i'm looking for on the internet. I don't need Google or Apple or anyone else for that matter trying to give me a supposedly better experience on the web by tracking my habits!

Carter Mary, NC

Top priority is accessing any data without permission

michael Frontier, WI

Big Brother is watching us and using my information without my knowledge or consent. With my information, they sneak into my life and the lives of my family, children and grandchildren. Why? To sell something, deny employment and steal our identity. And behind it all: to make money off of my personal interests, activities and connections with friends and family. It is wrong.

Glenn Ent, NJ

I do if it concerns National security. I believe as long as it is not abused, today we must have folks looking at whats going on...Remember I said as long as its not abused. Folks have a right to voice opinion's on politicians etc...That doesn't mean threats!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Mike Waldron, IN

Privacy is just that....privacy. Quit eroding it, period!!!!!! Any information collected and allowed to be used to the detriment of an individual should be actionable in court. And that is the crux of this discussion: how privacy can be invaded and exploited without reprecussion!!

Pat Plummer, CO

Every individual has a basic right to chart his/her own course through life without interference from anybody else.

Patricia Jerrells, WA

Smart phones are an invasion of privacy from photo taking to accessing information about a person without their permission.

John Freer, KY

My greatest concerns are Individual Control, Access and Accuracy and Accountability. I am a physician and I very much felt "violated" and was offended when I found out drug companies were "farming" information from pharmacies about my prescribing for my patients and still do. I felt similarly when I found out how Facebook "farms" the information I put on Facebook. Thank you for working on this issue.

Cathy Macdonald, CA

My biggest concern is companies tracking me and my children on my computer and gathering information on us and basically profiling us for their own monetary gain. What we read, write or purchase on line as long as it is legal, is no one's business and we have a right to PRIVACY and not feel as if we are being spied upon by companies trying to gather information on us while we are on line. The Constitution protects our rights to privacy and these rights should not be compromised so that companies can make more money off of us.

Ann Witte, FL

Firms use and compilation of data from multiple sources with out specific permission. Permission needs to be active with a simple question related to data collection, retention and use. Passive box ticking at the end of long complicated material does not work. Simple questions like "May we keep your data" with a check box is what is needed.

Robert Threadgill, CO

data collection that i am unaware of in general

Robert Shackelford, MD

My privacy should be just that...."PRIVATE". STOP now with all the passing on of my information. If not I will stop using YOU as a provider!

Eric Mc Allister, QC

Too much intrusion, no more personal life ... we're just data at end of the day!

Carol Scott, SC

The story about the teen targeted by Target's advertisements for expectant mother's is the perfect example of commerce intruding into the personal and very private lives of their customers. I will never shop at Target again!! Decades ago they outlawed cameras in the changing rooms of department stores. Those cameras are back. And the digital collection of consumer information is just another form of EVIL snooping!

Ernie Colaneri, NY

You shouldn't have to opt out of anything - you should have to opt in if you want to

Blackman Joe, CA

We need privacy principles or rules and a lot of consumer education on the subject.

Mark Patton, CT

Companies that collect personal data do not generally maintain high levels of security to prevent data compromise.

Vicki Harwood, TX

Privacy is important and the consumer should enjoy the right to privacy when using a computer. I can post a sign on my door stating "No Solicitation" and need the same ability for my computer.

Robert Lamorte, DE
Companies selling and sharing information

Tjeng-Bo Lie, TX
What is Consumers Union doing regarding the previous
7 issues? Are you setting an example to others?

Gail Gomes, FL
there should be a registration, like the do not call opt out
for using any information

James Verity, RI
For a developed society, I believe there is an absolute
false sense of security. My personal information is
collected, stored and sold without my permission all the
time. It is against my wishes, yet I have no control over
it. This is UnAmerican! Intense restrictions need to be
afforded those of us who want them. Where and when I
disseminate information should be my choice, not
another's, or a company I have no dealings with.
PROTECT THE CONSUMER!

Langdon Stallard, GA
Ads in the form of text messages to my cell phone. Am
I paying to have someone interrupt me to send me an
ad? Another comment relating to landline phones:
There are too many "holes" in the "do not call" process,
for example non-profits, political campaigns, anyone
you have ever done business with. There ought to be an
"unsubscribe" process like with email distribution lists.

Bettyjean Green, OH
Companies holding my information when it is no longer
needed, and collecting data about interests and
purchases. FYI I am retired, live alone, do not own a
smart phone,

Carol Mante, WI

I am most worried about companies selling and sharing my information without my knowledge and collecting data about my interests and purchases online. Except for groceries, 90% of my purchases are done online. I don't want this tracked - I don't want all these ads targeted at me. I know what I have purchased, and now I purposely do not buy from those companies that I get targeted ads from. I'm sure this will not have any \$\$ impact on them, but I feel better about doing it!!!

Sylvester & Mary Breit, KS
On line tracking!!!

Sara Syswerda, MI

long-term data storage and possible miss-use--and the access of information without my permission.

Joseph De Miranda, FL

privacy policies should be veryeasy to understand whithin three or four lines at most

Dale Jimmo, MO

#7 is of greatest concern.

Susan Gerry, ME

Privacy policies that are too long and complicated. Today one has to be a lawyer to understand the privacy policies or the contracts when one subscribes to a service or application.

Samuel Karver, CA

Having already had my personal information hacked and my identity stolen, I am definitely for restricting what companies can do in terms of selling or sharing my personal information and security of storage. Even Sony got hacked and I think that's where they got my information- over 1 million Play station users got their information stolen.

Sam Dyle, MO

Collecting information that would lead to my identity being stolen as a result of these tracking activities.

Kenneth Crossman Jr., MA

Unnecessary retention (and thereafter, unauthorized further sharing and / or distribution of) any personal information without my overtly expressed knowledge and consent. In this "information age", it is absolutely imperative that any and all businesses secure and protect any and all customer information from any and all others. Period, amen. Decency and consideration will always be subordinate to the profit motive without clear and specific legislation which prohibits any such practices.

Crista Worthy, CA

I do not like the way GPS in your smartphone can track you. Then I can anticipate getting ads targeted toward my current location. I see enough ads already.

Steven Wittwer, IL

n/a

Rhea Lewin Geberer, NY

I am most concerned about online activities, including website-looking, being used for ANYTHING, much less being denied a job or a loan. I would like to be freer online, that I and everyone can visit sites of any kind without worrying about the future.

Alan Zubor, MD

You have listed them all above. Start with the authorizing of cookies before they are installed on a machine.

Clayton Eads, TX

My pet peeve is privacy policies that are written in "legalese" such that the average consumer needs to pass the bar in order to understand them.

c c, CA

most disturbing to me are ad ons, fraudulent charges and destructive viruses that keep popping up from various online sources and the complicity of large corporations like Verizon and bank of America in billing me for this criminal activity.

Tom Zens, IL

Using and selling data without permission is stealing plain and simple. We have laws against stealing in the USA. If someone shoplifts a \$3.00 item in a store they will be prosecuted. Isn't selling some data for \$3.00 without permission the same as stealing/shoplifting? Merchants have to be good marketeers to grow their businesses, but being a good marketing doesn't give a business the right to steal/shoplift my personal data without my permission.

Lanny Herlan, IL

My privacy has gone the way of the Tasmanian Tiger (Thylacine; extinct since 1936). I began surfing the Internet early and often many years ago. Between the banks and the Internet, any hope of privacy expired about the same time as my free movie passes. I am not against the collection of personal information. I am against it being passed around anybody's poker table without my permission. Period.

Wallace Dunham, NH

Companies selling or sharing information without my permission.

Henry Walker, IA

Privacy is one of the important themes that I highlight in my forthcoming book, The Tao of Computing, Second Edition, to be published in July/August by Chapman and Hall. A remarkable amount of data collection goes on behind the scenes in many Web-based applications, and this invites abuse by companies and organizations. In many cases, it seems that data are collected because they can be collected --- not because there is a need. This gives rise to data mining that further undermines privacy and encourages identity theft. A Strong Consumer Bill of Rights in this area is very important!

Barbara Hipps, TN

My biggest concern is companies selling my personal information without my permission.

Sheldon Tucker, MO

The biggest concern I have is "without my permission". The trust I want is no different than my trust, when I use a credit or debit card that that information is safe with the retailer!

Bonnie Candell, CA

I feel it is my right to browse or buy or search without my information being collected ANYWHERE.

Patrick Murphy, FL

I am very concerned that any information is collected. People should be able to decide if they want any information collected or shared.

Peter Kurath, IL

The requirement should be to a need opt in rather than the default as is currently the case for much information. In other words the company should request your permission.

David Reimer, OH

The collections and selling of personally identifiable info.

Michelle Pauling, CA

feels like Big Brother - I understand the need to make money but this is getting ridiculous, and as much as I love getting information from the web and purchasing online, I am also wishing I could go completely offgrid. Its sad that with modern technology comes this sinister side of information.

Deirdre McCartney, CA

We are encouraged to use technology, the internet etc.but then pay a hidden price. We give up our privacy without realizing it. It's discouraging to lose trust in businesses we deal with everyday and I feel I have lost respect for most business because of this. Since it is almost impossible not to do business, watch tv, and other daily activities on the internet, it is especially insidious that companies use our personal data for their gain.

Nancy Duncan, UT

Use of data that could increase my interest rates or cause me to not gain employment and I can not see what data is being use, if it is even my data and I have no way to refute

Richard Hackel, MI

I can not believe that smartphone apps are allowed to mine data off of my cell phone. I am more than very concerned...I am outraged! I am also very concerned how cloud storage has the potential for mining, not to mention responsibilities (or lack thereof) of the hosting company for storage safety.

Ron Goodwin, KY

We have no privacy any more.

Nick Pitt, GA

I don't want my information sold or shared with anyone without my authorization. It takes me 20 minutes a day just to delete SPAM, even with SPAM guard.

Dana Dalby, GA

I'm also very concerned about the inability to block spammers. No matter how many times you "unsubscribe" from them it doesn't work. Often after visiting a website you are suddenly hit with all kinds of spam that you can't stop. Why can't we have a do not mail list like the do not call list.?

Ramiro Reyes, NJ

invasion of privacy must be stopped now.

Henry Smith, NH

AARP sent me a survey recently about Medicare and Social Security. At the end there was a statement that AARP had the right to do anything they wanted with my answers. They owned them. I concluded that they could put them on a billboard with my name next to them. That seems a bit excessive, don't you think? I'd like to be able to choose whether I'm a poster-boy for some cause or not

Fran Houston, NJ

Identity theft resulting from all the data mining of personal records

Permaul Tulsi, NY

Tracking and storing of personal information.

Robert Nielsen, AZ
#1 targetting children

Martin Swartz, CA

Data about online activities, purchases, etc. being collected and used in any way without me specifically allowing it. I should not have to opt out to prevent data from being collected or used. I should be informed about the intent, method and use and asked to participate or not. If those requesting data have to explain their purpose, methods and use in a way that I can easily understand to make a decision, we will stop being confronted with extensive and complicated policies to review and multiple opt out options.

Marina Hillock, OK

I am most concerned about the smartphone apps that can access contacts, photos, location, etc. This seems to be the most egregious violation of privacy, as one now feels he/she must choose between useful technology or preserving the privacy of everyday actions. As some prefer to have this on a phone (i.e. a child's phone), I would suggest that each consumer be able to choose whether or not they want this feature. There should be a way to remove the apps we want removed, and a way to block any unwanted apps.

Carol Storke, OR

Very concerned about government using data collected by private sources to build databases which can be profiled for the latest "threat."

Logan Dalelogand, AZ

Posting,or pretending to be me. Not asking and using my information. Texting my friends to join a app with out my knowledge.

Klaus Grunewald, MO

It appears to me that there is no longer such a thing as privacy in this country. Virtually nothing claimed by companies about this can be believed. They seem to simply do what they want with my information and then proceed to lie about it.

Arun Desai, NJ

There shall not be any automatic "opt in" option for any private matter without consumer's permission. Consumers should not have to opt out of privacy policies, each and every companies should get consumer's specific and exclusive permission in writing for every aspect of use of personal information. This is every individual's personal information/property. No one has right to use or misuse or distribute it without exclusive permission in writing. But, everything is done WRONG WAY. e.g. Instead of having "Don't Call List", why do we not have " Do Call List"? If I want to receive calls from any companies, I would register my name on the list. that list will be very short & manageable. I have registered my number on don't call, but I still get calls everyday to reduce my credit card rate. ComplainS to FCC NEVER GET any result.

Steve Washburn, AZ
gps tracking

Stephen Liss, WA

Having decisions made for me or giving information that can be used against me, when that information is no one else's business. Having my wishes for privacy ignored.

MArcella Barron, PA

You might think that the Right Wingers and their sponsoring Corporations are taking Brave New World as their playbook for manipulating our population for their profit. Well, there has to be a more humane way of doing business, and governmental oversight and proper regulations covering such practices as described above are one of the ways Government of Good Conscience can do its job. How about starting with Real Privacy Acts Online. Simple - Clear - and Understandable Opt Outs for us Consumers.

Jacob Roberts, MD

I worry about companies embedding unreasonable or invasive clauses into their way-too-long agreements. You shouldn't need a law degree or legal counsel to decipher the terms of service of iTunes or twitter.

Jeffrey Madrak, PA

My personal information is just that - mine, and should be completely under my control to do or not do with as I please and nobody else. When I give personal information to any entity, I want it safeguarded and not distributed to anyone or any other entity without my express permission. I also should not be tricked into giving implied permission, a common trick employed by entities on their websites, by clicking on a button or tab, with only a microscopic declaration at the very bottom of the page that declares that clicking on this button or tab gives that entity the right to do with my personal information whatever it pleases.

Catherine Waltham-Sajdak, VA

I am most concerned about tracking my ad my children's online habits and purchases, and the storage of that information, because it could be sold to those who would use it for hiring, loan, and other issues. I think that all photos on a personal device should be unavailable to software on any device without permission. I am concerned that pictures I take of my kids could end up online and used as porn, or as a means of tracking them, which can be a security risk.

Melissa Peters, VA

From Democracy Now: A new exposé in Wired Magazine reveals details about how the National Security Agency is quietly building the largest spy center in the country in Bluffdale, Utah, as part of a secret NSA surveillance program codenamed "Stellar Wind." We speak with investigative reporter James Bamford, who says the NSA has established listening posts throughout the nation to collect and sift through billions of email messages and phone calls, whether they originate within the country or overseas. The Utah spy center will contain near-bottomless databases to store all forms of communication collected by the agency. This includes the complete contents of private emails, cell phone calls and Google searches, as well as all sorts of personal data trails -- parking receipts, travel itineraries, bookstore purchases and other digital

Earl Henry, PA

If anyone uses data I submit via handheld, or any online form that data is owned by me until I sign to release it either freely by such acknowledgement or be compensated for it. This is a transaction that is based on customer and provider of service activities which I pay for and have rights to the transaction. Remember users online pay in some form via isp, cell, and even free wifi as such costs are covered by provider in product or service costs. My information is not your data for personal gain.

Robert Lehman, IL

Privacy is one of the most cherished rights we have and many companies on the internet do not respect this right in order to make a buck.

Alan Poser, MN

Please do the RIGHT thing for you kids & mine!!!

Jan Weems, WI

Any and all of the above concerns. I do not want any companies, advertisers or potential employers checking up on my personal private business based on what I do online, with or without my permission!!

Dan Fischer, GA

There has become some sort of a "given" truth that internet companies "own" the data that goes through their systems. I think that basic concept needs to be changed. Under no circumstances should a company be allowed to mine data from files, messages, or other data that goes through their systems. Find another business model and leave my information to me and let me decide how it is going to be used. This is all about money and power and the companies need to revisit the whole issue.

George Avrunin, MA

I believe that the European system, in which the consumer owns his or her personal data, is the only way the internet can continue to be used. I have already greatly reduced my visits to commercial sites and online shopping because of the invasiveness of the data collection and use by private companies with no controls. And I am not a Luddite, I am a professor computer science who has done research in areas of computer security.

Shirley Wicker, WA

any data which is collected and dispersed is not proper..I shed friends who do this.

Peter Born, CA

Please put in place protection so that my on line privacy is respected!

Ann M Moe, CA

I believe this currently allowed invasion of privacy is the precursor and enablement for total government control and takeover of every facet of our lives from conception to natural death. In addition the current Obama Administration's intentional attack against our First Amendment guaranteed religious freedoms is only one example of the Obama's blatant attempt to be in total control of every facet of our lives. Obama has even stated that the US constitution gets in the way of how he wants to transform America. People wake up! ObamaCare, as intended, if undefeated is the total end of life in our guaranteed Foundation Documents. Remember, when Speaker of the House, Rep. Nancy Pelosi stated "we have to pass ObamaCare to find out what is in it." ObamaCare permits Health Secretary Sibilus "the right" to take our rights away and her first

Maargaret Graham, SD

MY greatest concern is information regarding my health and financial information

Ron Parker, MN

Dealing with an international corporation (bank, retail, airlines, etc.) is NOT like dealing with the local hardware or grocer or family physician. Yesteryear I did not need to be so concerned about information that I shared with those local entities. Today, those local entities are often connected with the large corporations. I don't mind sharing information about me with a friend, but those large corporations are not "friends", they are strangers. Sending me long, tiny grey print, privacy notices written in legalese has the effect of making me not want to do business with them. Those documents could be telling me that I am selling my children to labor in their quarries for all I know.

Hans Leander, OH

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Todd Hindman, KS

Privacy threats online in general are of great concern to me. I'm a very private person in real life, and I don't see any reason why that should change online. I understand some information is required for browsing or purchases online; however, I do not believe that means companies should be allowed to do whatever they want with the information they do gather about me. Put simply, I don't like anyone tracking my online activities, because I simply feel it isn't any of their business. I understand it's impossible to completely get away from this sort of tracking, but some of the ways information like this is used and shared scares me.

Peter Converse, MA

Potential employers, insurance companies, and the US and state governments having any access to personal information without my knowledge and permission.

Kitty Wilson, AR

Using my information, selling it without my permission. Using long involved legal talk in privacy letters. Taking my computer searches and using them against me.

Erin Anderson, SD

Information being gathered without my knowledge or permission,

Sharon Draper, TX

I used Netflix and canceled my contract after the time was up. Several months later they used my card information that they had held on to and reinstated my membership using that information. I had it stopped and got my money back. This is only one incidence. It happened to me again at a place called My Bar that I visited once. A month later I got charged and I was at the Doctor's that day. It was ridiculous, I don't know how they're doing it. Sharon Draper

eric nelson, FL

The irony here is that it is the consumers fault. Lets use facebook as an example. They enjoy simple apps that will tell them what their super hero name is, but they click that it is ok for the app to update and post as them. The consumer can say no. When at a point of sale and someone asks for your phone number, say no. Why do you think they are asking for it? Lets do this, increase customer awareness and education. Data is what fuels the economy. Short sighted complaints like this because of laziness and greed is not the issue. The real issue is the Patriot Act and big brother monitoring your online activity and personal data. Clearly a violation of unlawful search and seizure. But you waste your time with this. Where is your privacy policy? Best practices requires a link clearly visible at opt in. Because your a non-profit, you think it is ok not to have it there? Why,

Charles Breedlove, WY
Identity theft.

Steven Power, MI

Some legislators and groups like you are crying wolf on privacy issues. Over-reacting to a few honest mistakes by companies now, will make consumers less prone to vigilance against real threats by governments and unscrupulous businesses in the future.

John J Schmitz, AZ

As human beings, we have marched through the stone age, the iron age, etc. We are currently in the information age. That being said, we are all struggling with what is important. Along with the above, I would add "truth" and "virus manufacturers". Slander and misleading information is cruel and often harmful. I would be in favor of federal laws regarding virus makers. Let the punishment fit the crime. However, 5-10 mandatory and not available for parole would seem about right for me. Terrorist virus (military and other sensitive government info) and hackers get the needle. Period. Summary: The whole issue for me is hackers. My information given to sellers and manufactures is not an issue for me. Hackers and info stealers are.

Sami Plotkin, NY

Companies should not be able to collect data about me without my consent--Not just an opt-out option--I want to be asked whether or not I want to 'opt in'!

Lane Lama, CA
Item #6.

Amy D'Andrade, CA
The last - totally unacceptable

Joseph C. Snyder, IL
Advertisers who continue to post ads on my opening computer screen, especially when I have previously declined to purchase their product.

Keith McNichols, IL

I am also very concerned about games on Facebook and other social networks that tell me I must allow them to have access to my friends lists, contact info, etc... As far as I can see they just use that as a way to sell more ads to more and more people. Did you ever notice how you have to invite more and more friends to reach the next level. I don't mind them collecting information about age, gender, zip code and some preferences. But I don't think they should collect information about what I enter into a search engine or what I purchase online. They certainly don't need my address, phone number(s) or any other personally identifying info. Really, I'm sick and tired of being interminably assaulted, yes, assaulted, by ads, and the advertisers keep finding ways to get around the blocks we put on them. Hopefully we can get rid of the ads sometime soon.

Helene Schwarzenberger, CA

Unsolicited emails, ads, phone calls are all major concerns that no one should be assaulted with just because they are active either on the internet or in other communicative ways.

Damond Short, NY

1st - No information should be involuntarily transmitted such as with the smartphone apps. This is very disturbing that personal information etc will be transmitted without my permission.

Eve Bell, CA

I am most concerned about companies and advertisers using data they collect without my express permission to attempt to gain my business. This includes, but is not limited to, selling my information to third party advertisers, using facebook comments, statuses, and/or interests to "personalize" ads on the side bar, and accessing information from my web pages, then using that information in the name of profit. If any person or any business is to get personal information from me, the consumer, it should be with my express permission, or it won't happen at all.

Jana Kudrna, IL

SS# is my #1 concern

Millie Kalisz, IN

I get emails from companies that are related to purchases that I have made online and I have to try to get rid of these annoying emails, it's like spam. I'm afraid now to even purchase online without getting badgered by this. I try to read all the agreement but sometimes it is so long I could not read the whole notice.

Chris Robinson, OH

I believe there should definitely be a law to protect citizens from denial of employment or acquiring a loan based on data that should not have been acquired in the first place. This is a gross invasion of privacy.

Donald Malouf, CA

I am concerned that my information can be used for purposes unrelated to the reason I provided it.

Ben Taylor, FL

Lose privacy lose my constitution I will not stand for this type of action. Stop trading privacy so we can have security. This was done in the past by leaders and private citizens we fought a world war because of it. This is one part of history we do not want to repeat. Liberty and freedom are at stake here. There are millions and millions of us the people that will not tolerate this freedom loss.

Cheryl Aderholdt, AL

This is like giving someone the keys to our houses, and inviting them to come in and browse through our private papers, closets, etc.

David Lerner, MA

It seems like these companies are violating our trust and bringing more harm to people and thus, the world

Atimanaparampil Damodaran, IN

collecting any information about me and disseminating is of great concern to me

Barbara Patterson, IL

I have a real concern with invasion of my privacy, particularly when I'm not aware of it. If I want a product, I have so many ready sources I can turn to to get information on that product. I don't need a company collecting my information and then sending me pop-up ads.

Anita Rinehart, PA

There is a show on tv called "Person of Interest". This man developed a program, for the CIA, to pick out potential threats to our country. But this program not only picks out potential threats, it watches everyone. This show is not far from what our government and corporations would like to see happen. I do not want something like this to become a reality or maybe it already has.

Gary Casey, WA

Unauthorized use of personal information. Gathering and keeping personal information they have not been authorized to gather or to use. Then providing that information to a large clientele, even those who have no need for the information, including the government.

Joyce Wright, IL
phishing without permission by companies.

Tanna Harrington, OK
Stay out of my business. Delete all information after the sale is made, unless I ask you not to. And quit with the Cookies.

Kathleen Coyne, CA
Companies that collect any information without my knowledge and sell it or use it for their own purposes is of great concern to me.

Thomas Hooton, OK
I gave to an Indian Charity about 8 years ago. They shared my name, address and phone number with a bunch of other charities. I have requested them to "take me off your list", they keep sending stuff. Many charities share info and it is most frustrating. Typically we get from 5 to 10 every day via USPS. I recently got a malware virus that kept switching me to advertising sites related to whatever word I typed in, it cost \$99 to get it eradicated and I lost several programs. I am almost afraid to visit a new site even though I have Norton 360 protection.

Judy Arginteanu, MN
Kids should be OFF-LIMITS. No information collected should be available to potential employers.

Cyndi Bender, MO
I do not like companies accessing data on my internet viewing and purchasing habits. I do not want endless text messages trying to sell me things because they have been spying on my activities.

Christian Palmer, CA
the privacy policy needs to be written by experts and
concerned citizens, not the industry and its lobbyists.

Sherif Rizk, MO
Retention of specific information or media that i myself
had deleted or requested to be removed but still
continues to be retained and/or used.

Melissa Kurth, OH
Data being gathered on me without my knowledge or
consent. What I do is MY business and no one else's.

Leslie Edwards, IL
I don't like the fact that companies that I have to give
my phone number to online, such as banks, are selling
that information to brokers who sell that information to
people who then call me to solicit my business. I have
an unpublished number and am on do not call list. I
would like to see phone numbers not be a required part
of signing up for something online. In these days of
people checking email frequently, it is not necessary.
Also I would prefer that privacy policies are opt-in, not
opt-out. It is too much work to have to opt out of every
vendor I use.

Sam Storch, WI
Items 1, 4, and 6 need to be addressed immediately.

Craig Schlie, CA
I want my browser to protect my identity, protect my
information and data stored on my systems, and block
the introduction of all cookies or other spyware. I DO
NOT WANT MY DATA BEING MINED.

Brian Black, CO

The intelligence agencies that track American citizens, as well as the corporations that mine data from social networking sites. This has to stop.

Toni Speed-Winham, LA

I am concerned about my personal data being shared (even by subsidiaries) & holding my data when they don't need it. Opens the door for hackers to my private info.

Robert Whiteman, CA

I am very concerned about the broad collection, use, and sale of large anonymized data sets because it is proven that it is not difficult to de-anonymize large data sets. Anonymize data is distributed the most widely and usually there is no way for the user to opt out. I am also very concerned that the collection, use, and sharing of data is usually mandatory or opt-out, when it should be opt-in. Defaults matter!

Jason Barber, NC

**IDENTITY THEFT IS THE NUMBER ONE
GROWING CRIME IN THIS COUNTRY AND THE
BIGGEST THREAT TO ONLINE PRIVACY**

David Prall, OR

We the are the customer paying for services in the USA and should be protected by the our constitution and bill of rights. My greatest concern loosing that protection.

Jim Eiffert, CA

vc

Frances Waters, WA

I don't like that cellphone apps can access pretty much anything they want on my phone.

Connie Carmody, FL

Not sure how it happens but, after I have searched something on my computer, I get a deluge of mail concerning the subject from multiple places. So, how do we keep everyone from knowing my interest and then flooding me with e-mails, and worse yet, phone calls. Thank God for caller ID!

Judith Heier, CA

By definition, privacy indicates that information should NOT be shared without the express permission of the person the information is about. Otherwise, there is no privacy. If I want to tell you my income, that's my business; if I tell you, and then you tell others, that is NOT YOUR BUSINESS. And using the phrase "we have the express permission. . ." should not give you the generic right to decide what/who/when/how the information you were provided with is distributed. You should ALWAYS need MY specific approval to spread information about me to anyone else. I also extremely dislike the fact that, currently, if I do not agree to allow the distribution of information about me, then I am precluded from continuing to do business with quite a few entities.

phyllis rosenthal, PA

I am concerned that companies are selling and sharing information about me. I don't want to see any ads about my personalized interests. This intrusion of privacy is very distressing . It should be stopped.

Eldon Thiesen, CA

Security is a huge issue for me. I actively seek ways to minimize the ways internet concerns can access my information. I have stopped using Google because of their policy of storing all my searches. Not that I have anything to hide but because what I do, what I'm am interested in, is no one's business but my own. The internet offers incredible opportunities for the human race but only if we are able to freely and without concern use this wonderful resource.

Anita Ruzic, AL

What I look up on the Internet or purchase is my business and not that of anyone else. I do not want to be bombarded with junk emails, regular mail, phone calls, etc. from companies that have obtained my private information. There is already enough of that stuff going on. I also worry about such information as credit cards, banking info, social security info, etc. I know this is suppose to be secure but with everything getting so relaxed, who knows??

Susan Pfettscher, CA

re: question 6--I believe that this should be limited EXCEPT in situations such as FaceBook where everything appears to be "public." If you use a "public" site to post things, protections do not need to be as stringent.

Roberta Hurley, NJ

I am particularly concerned about my provate information being accessed through activity on smartphones and online surfing and purchasing. I would like to see these practices curbed or banned altogether.

I. petersek, VA

c'mon - in most situations we are PAYING for your service, products, etc. this in no way gives anyone permission to use ANY personal information for anything other than for the successful completion of that for which we have come to you. we are not fooled by your claim of 'wanting to serve customers better'.

Jennifer Andrews, MA

...data about online activities and purchases being used to deny you employment or affect your ability to get a loan. No one knows where my money comes from -- maybe it was a gift, maybe a secret savings -- regardless, it is none of their business. To use incomplete information to deny me a loan is unconscionable. If my credit score is good (ie. I have been on time with bill payments and my debt is low) that is the only information that should matter in the case of a loan. In the case of denying a job, it is absolutely NONE of my employers business how I handle my personal finances and should have no bearing on an offer.

Carol Wagner, OH

I DON'T LIKE GOOGLE, FACEBOOK ETC.
HOLDING ON TO MY DATA AND FOLLOWING
ME AROUND. BUTT OUT OF MY LIFE OR I'LL
JUST GET RID OF MY COMPUTER. DON'T OWN A
CELL PHONE. WON'T BE ABLE TO TRACK ME
PERIOD.

Carole Lindstrom, CA

Sharing information without my permission has my mail box and inbox filled with catalogs and online adds with things I don't want. Far too much information about me is given or sold by companies I thought I could trust.

Vincent Chaney, CA

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Luann Gruble, TX

Consumers, as individuals, seem to have no control whatsoever over their personal information, purchases or searches on the internet, all in the name of marketing, and it has to stop. Who we call, what we buy, where and what we search is no one's business and having to read and trying to comprehend a complicated privacy policy is impossible. Also, employees of the companies that obtain this information are a threat in that they may take the information and use it for their own personal gain. This is the United States of America! Come on!

Peter Bonebakker, CA

Personal information

Ralph Miller, NY

unwarranted assumptions from data collected.

Amy Chitwood, TX

I am extremely concerned that my personal data is being taken from me without my permission or knowledge and sold and used in ways I have not authorized. I am even more concerned that children have no protection from this data mining and are sent targeted ads that are inappropriate for them. Childrens data should not be collected and should be destroyed immediately if discovered to have been collected. I should be able to remove my personal data from sites or company's at my own discretion. I have provided the privacy bill of rights below. "Individual Control: Consumers have a right to exercise control over what personal data companies collect from them and how they use it. Transparency: Consumers have a right to easily understandable and accessible information about privacy and security practices. Respect for Context: Consumers have a right

Pat Berliner, NY

getting personal information re:my clients

Valerie Holt, FL

Identity theft is my biggest fear. I make online purchases often through reputable sites like Amazon, but still have some fear that I will be tracked and my information stolen.

Kenneth Moore, CA

Private information should be just that, PRIVATE! No company, internet related or otherwise should warehouse sensitive information unless there is a specific and current need to do so PERIOD.

You Want-What, AK

The bundling together of personal information across different platforms and different vendors; doesn't this amount to illegal recording or wiretapping, once it becomes centralized into one dossier.

John Sperry, MT

Selling, sharing or holding on to personal information in any manner

Carlene Petty, KY

Of greatest concern would be companies collecting and sharing information about me without my permission, especially sharing such information with government agencies. It is not that I either intend or do anything illegal or unethical. But our government has evolved into an authoritarian police state and might interpret my data as "unacceptable" by their views, arrest and detain me.

Charles Reddinger, PA

Nobody needs to collect any data on me unless I say it is okay.

William Pepper, NC

Advertising from companies that I have not done business with for years.

David Guthrie, WA

As it is right now, I am very upset about how smartphone apps follow me and track what I do, who I communicate with and sees what like. It scares me. I'm having to delete apps that have changed their policies, IF I see they've done this. It really scares me to think that apps have this ability and are doing it WITHOUT my knowlege.

Adrianne DaPonte, RI

I didn't even know that purchasing data could be used against someone for a job or loan. That's crazy. I also dislike the personalized ads, because it makes me feel that ANYTHING I look at on the web, including health information websites, could be used to target me in some way.

Amanda Johnson, CA

I'm most concerned with companies selling or sharing information about me without my permission

Daniel Higgins, OH

Life is tough enough for we elderly retired people without the added indirect and uncontrolled access to our internet use. It seems even the reputable sites are susceptible to vicious hacking of our information.

Hugh Blair-Smith, MA

Employers and other powerful entities (e.g. loan officers) demanding password access to your Facebook or other personal spaces. Not everyone feels secure enough to resist.

Robert Mccrae, CA
concern #5

Arnold Martin, WA
Data privacy is my main concern. There should be understandable privacy policies, perhaps like those that are contained in HIPAA.

Mary Glynn, MA
Where to begin?? I am opposed to data collection in its entirety. I don't use a cell phone or a computer for the convenience of the carriers or ISP providers. I use these devices for my OWN convenience. I am opposed to 'tracking' people's on-line activities for ANY purpose. I do not appreciate my personal data/information being used in any capacity. I am tired of hearing about advertisers' "needs" and "targeted" ads for MY supposed convenience. If I had my way, I wouldn't have to suffer ANY ads. These data mining companies are using MY phone and MY computer for their own private purposes and are not compensating me for collecting this very private information. Similarly, cell phone carriers invade my privacy by tracking information about which they should know nothing, unless I want to tell them, which I don't. Needless to say, no information should be

Justin Hall, MN
Me not knowing companies do this. They should at least have an obvious disclaimer.

Lisa P, IL
I don't like my google searches personalized for what they think I want. The rest is in the questions.

Monica Reinisch, MO
I feel it is my right to have control, at all times, over whether or not any person or company is allowed to use my preferences, purchases, location, personal data, etc. I don't ever, want to surrender my information to anyone without knowing I am doing so. There is no justification for allowing others to have this type of control and information. Not having the ability to "track" me, without my permission, will not hurt any entities as the majority of persons "tracked" will be happy to allow their information to be used by others. I would prefer to have a choice on this matter. Thank you

Gita Rose, NY

I am very concerned about all the above and any invasion of my privacy. Also about all the money spent on this!

Edna Frost Lemke, TX

I am concerned about all the above! I no longer use ANY Google products other than my email and I NEVER click on links! I'm tired of being spied on! No More!

Brian Sarvello, MI
Smartphone apps

Emma Ames, NJ

Collection of information that I expect to be anonymous .. such as searches.

Paul Bernier, MA
#4 #5#6

Richard Macdonald, CA

Why does it say this Error: Please enter a valid response

Norma Thompson, TX

I feel that a lack of privacy, whether taken away by companies or the government, is totally wrong. No one has a right to spy on me for their benefit. It should be against the law. Consumers are being used like a piece of merchandise--sold to the highest bidder. The government has the power to stop it but they are one of the biggest offenders so they won't stop it. What happened to the right to privacy?

Hoke Smith, NC

Big Brother and Big Business.

Edward Nowak, CO

Companies selling or sharing information about me without my permission. That must be stop at once. Who know's who the buyers are? That data maybe used for some criminal activities it also generates ton's of junk mail.

Gary Reid, WA

The use of hacking to access ones personal information is my biggest concern. Once an individuals personal data is out and about so to speak, especially with the rapid ability of dissemination via the internet, it makes one a victom of severe financial consequences and possibly emotional as well. In this regard if a company when using our info to process purchases, deposits, etc. is negligent or careless we consumers can be devistated. The companies of course usually add all sort of conditions and disclaimers to their web activities. They have attornies such that even when they are sued for carelessness or negligence can delay or drag out issues until the consumer faces financial burdens beyond his or her singular capabilities. I believe the companies making money via a process that could expose (either by accident or negligence) consumser's personal info to

Blaine Flowers, OR

My greatest concern about technology and privacy is that consumers will lose the ability to dictate the how, when and why their data is accessed and used by the companies they trust with it. While I acknowledge that for-profit organizations are obliged to pursue the highest profits attainable by their business model, it is absolutely imperative that consumers are able to maintain a positive, two-way relationship with the providers of every sort of service. This holds especially true for the internet where business relationships are easily entered, exited with difficulty and can exist in a very tenuous, difficult to define fashion.

Kat Perry, TX

The threats I am most concerned with is companies not only obtaining my information without my knowledge, but using and selling it without my knowledge. It is MY information and should only be used and manipulated when I say so.

Joanne Entrekin, MS
Any type of tracking should be illegal.

Daniel Winter, MO
Feel biggest threat is collection of data with out my knowledge or permission.

Judith Schechter, CA
Smartphones that can access my personal information and companies using that information against me concern me the most. I want to feel safe on the Internet. I want to be able to shop, do surveys, bank and use the Internet to the fullest and feel that my personal information is secure.

Stephen Santangelo, NV
Losing our privacy.

Alfred Bingham Iii, CT
I am most concerned about inadequate safeguards to my privacy when conducting business or searching on the internet.

Doug Webb, OH
No company should be allowed to collect personal data to target ads or for any other purpose without my permission. Period. This is a matter of common sense and dignity. It is a matter of freedom as well. What we have is far worse than the government tracking all that the citizens do- private companies do it to sell their products (and, among who knows what else, to sell the information to others, which is perhaps even worse) and, post 9/11, the government of course has full access to it and then some.

Robert Owen, OH
#4

Alan Barker, MA

I want easily understood and short privacy practices by the companies that have my data, limits on what can be done with it and only with my permission, rights to access and correct my data among other concerns.

Terry Thrasher, IN
Sharing of Information on Facebook against my express wishes

Susan Goldstein, NY

i think that it is appalling that companies have access to my data w/o my knowledge or permission. the emphasis should be on the companies not to be able to access this information, not the consumer having to tell them not to use it or access it. if a consumer wants them to have it, then they should be able to agree to it, not vice versa where the company automatically gets access!!

Alberto Guti  rrez, GA
That privacy is not so private if others can see what I do in my computer.

Bernadette van der Loo, PA

1-Internet is a great tool and help for many things but being all so public one loses total control of what you don't want everyone to know. 2-Apart from grown-ups especially the younger ones don't realize how fragile this system is and since they hang photos and describe everything about them, it can be dangerous. 3- I've been told that once an information is on internet it can never be erased and will remain for ever !! this is incredible and should be changed

Robert J. Clark, Jr., PA
All of the above.

David Dines, MA
That companies are doing this with little or no notification and with no oversight.

Anne Lewinson, GA
Marketing products to people based on their internet use and sharing information with other organizations without permission are both very problematic.

Stephanie Killian, GA
Any application that robs not only me, but, unbeknownst to them, my friends and family of their privacy is of grave concern to me. I feel the same about apps used by my friends and family. I may choose to give up my personal privacy to use a given app, but I should not have to betray my friends' privacy to do so. I have declined the use of many apps I would have enjoyed to protect my friends. I would propose given someone the option to pay a small price for an app in exchange for the company not being able to mine all my contacts for data. To get the app free, one would be consenting to sharing contacts, etc.

Robert Kamrin, PA
Divisions within a corporation that you deal with, such as banks or insurance companies, sharing your information with these divisions without obtaining your permission.

Richard Goggin, MN
Collection of personal data without my knowledge.

Darlene Bissonnette, TX

I feel threatened when my demographics, credit and personal information are used to deny me employment, a mortgage, or other financial responsibility. I'm not concerned about advertisers and kids. It's up to the parents to make sure their kid is using the internet as it should. What I do with my smartphone is NO ONE's business but my own. I'm not opening up a vault of personal information for anyone to access. It's a definite invasion of my privacy. I HATE it when job boards, resume writing services and recruiters add my name to mailing lists and SPAM so they can profit from my lack of employment. Everybody is looking to make a buck on some else's business. It's NOT right!

ladonna wilson, CA

I am most concerned with my children being targeted by advertising.

Bryant Hunt, NC

Any info gathered from the internet should be by permission only, the only exceptions to that rule should be if laws are being broken, or threats to national security. Personal info is the property of the individual and should be treated as such.

J Fields, AR
banking

George Yeager, MD

I think you should have total control over what companies do with information they have on you. You should be able to opt out of anything concerning what they can and can't give out or use.

Louis Moffett, CA

I want the opportunity to "opt in" to my data being collected or shared rather than an opportunity to "opt out" of such data collection or sharing.

Howard Goldman, FL

Personal information should only be collected if I "opt-in" to each entity, company, web-site, and if they explain VERY SIMPLY and concisely what information is being collected, how it will be used and by whom and for how long.

Michael Siwinski, FL

Apps that access my phone, photo, and location info are a big concern and also apps that allow a potential employer to snoop Twitter and Facebook are also wrong for employers to access. It can put me at a disadvantage because they can possibly misinterpret that data and misuse that data any way they want.

luis pardo, CA

too much access for advertisers and political concerns

Robert Jordan, OK

Saving data after specific need is done. NO info should be shared without specific permission.

David Flegel, WA

world government agreements like acta, etc

Roland Niess, MN

Nos. 6 and 7 Customers should be entitled to access and review their personal data collected by commercial companies and non-profit institutions without any fee or other restrictions.

James Canoy, OK
RIGHT TO PRIVACY!!!!!!

Donald Veldhuizen, IA
companies selling my information to others without my permission and/or hiding their priviledge...not a right....to do so hidden somewhere in their fine print privacy policy.

Anonymous, IN
There should be a limit to the amount of information anyone can collect and NONE of it should be collected without my advanced permission. Likewise, when/if information is collected, retention of that information should be permanantly purged/removed after a period of time...for instance 6 months or less. NOTHING should be collected on minors...period.

Theresa Farmer, CA
Companies being able to access and share my personal information without my permission.

Ruth Zalph, NC
The security branches of government (CIA,FBI, etc)trolling e-mails,cell phones, etc spying on U.S.citizens without warrants.

Karl Hausler, MI
I should have complete control over what inormation I agree to let them collect and be able to change my mind easily and have all existing info expunged

Nancy Harrison, LA

I don't want Waldo Street or Big Brother looking over my shoulder at my internet browsing.

Parker Libby, WA

My greatest concern is anyone accessing any personal information about me without my permission.

Hugh Gilmartin, NJ

Ease of governmental intrusion using electronic media

Ron Godin, CO

Online companies having unlimited access to my personal information and using it without my consent.

Geoffrey Stout, GA

#4. Data should never be shared without permission

William Neel, CA

COMPANIES HOLDING ON TOO LONG AND SELLING DATA.

Wayne Criswell, TN
Privacy should be private

Michael Di Bella, NJ
No smartphone apps should be allowed to record, keep, or share any photos or data to anyone or any company. No info about me should be shared or sold to anyone without my expressed permission.

Maryska Suda, MO
Of those listed, the ones with greatest priority for me are : (1) Security; and (2) Accountability and Accuracy. I don't think companies should be allowed to hoard data that they no longer need. And while I recognize the obvious benefits of computer tracking technology for law enforcement and criminal investigation, the public needs to be very vigilant that these data also remain secure and are not abused. Individuals also need to take personal responsibility, and not digitally record or distribute anything about themselves that, in an earlier media age, they wouldn't have wanted to see printed in 3inch high letters above the fold, on the front page of the daily newspaper.

Henry London, NJ
The ability for hackers to so easy break security and get our "secure" information.

Amanda Wright, IL
Any general lack of privacy is the greatest concern.

Rodrigo Miguel Ojeda Mota, CT
Companies keeping and tracking information without even letting you know.

John Ward, GA

My greatest concern is accumulation of information that any part of the government can insist on, with or without a court order, to prove some "suspicion" or other about me or any family member. Things have gotten out of hand folks. It's time to reign in the Orwellian aspects before it is too late.

Sidney Letter, NH

I am most concerned about the possibility of intruders gaining access to financial information stored on my computer.

Craig Allen, GA

Very concerned about any vehicle that can be used by companies to collect or use my personal information without my express authorization.

Hollis Higgins, WA

It should be illegal to use "credit scores" to determine a person's ability to pay for a loan, or to even qualify for a loan. This is the finance industry intruding illegally into the private lives of our citizens. And is patently absurd. It is fascism on its face. I would sign on immediately to a lawsuit prohibiting Equifax, Transunion and others from gathering ANY information on private citizens, period. I have found their personal information gathered on me to be inaccurate, out-of-date, and unrelated to my ability to take responsibility for my own financial affairs. All state Attorneys General should form a lawsuit cancelling credit reporting agencies from existing or gathering or reporting any information on our citizens!

Lawrence Shook, NC

The right to privacy is one of the fundamental rights guaranteed in our constitution. Companies doing business on the internet **SHOULD NOT** be able to arbitrarily use our personal information for ANY **REASON** without explicit permission from the user. Privacy policies therefore should be easy to read and understand and the "default" should be not to use the data, not having to "opt out". Just because this is relatively new technology should not undermine our basic rights. The possibility of abuse is too strong.

gerri mckinnie, FL

I am most concerned with fraud and theft, which may be difficult to prosecute, but can destroy the lives of innocent people. Personal information concerns and fraud are among the top reasons i dont do online purchases and my online activity is limited.

Wally Wallis, FL

IDENTITY THEFT---WE HAVE TO STOP IDENTITY THEFT

Nancy Schwarzmman, CA

First: companies selling or sharing info about me without my permission-- Close second: unwanted ads

Cynthia Jones, SC

Use of my information for purposes I did not intend when i provided it. In addition, if they have information on me, I want to be sure it is correct. With a common surname like Jones or Smith etc I need to be able to correct information when it is erroneously combined with someone elses info, which has happened before!

Jill Musgrove Ingram, LA

I am very concerned about privacy across the board. While I understand the internet is a great source for advertising. I feel very strongly that it should be up to the consumer to seek out the service or product they wish to find without being influenced. Tracking data about online purchases, site visits' to me it's one step away from stalking.

Jacques Lemieux, ID

My biggest concern is that we do not own our own information and therefore cannot control it. I very much favor the European model where privacy is seen as a right and individuals are much more in control of their private information. Business groups in this country claim this would be devastating to them, but they seem to do OK when they do business in Europe and have to go by those laws.

Corl Brittany, CO

Taking ANY of my info without my expressed permission whether it's on my phone or computer!! It's just wrong! How is anyone supposed to keep their information safe in this day in age?

Raymond Stone, NY
SHARING INFORMATION ABOUT ME.

Susanne Leitner, CA
I want all my information private. I am concerned with the internet companies prying into my private emails and retrieving sensitive material related to work etc. or allowing giving this information to others.

Richard Bishop, VA
Not having knowledge or ability to see data about me and my interests.

Deirdre Somers, NY
the fact that we do not know what information is out there, who it is with and what they are doing with it. We can not control it.

Janyce Brown, CA
Facebook & Twitter accounts being access able to future employers, insurance companies, lending agencies--even to the extent of requesting your private passwords.

Ronald Christ, NM
companies selling or sharing information about me without my permission

Christopher Nelson, NC

I do not believe corporations, advertisers, or other entities should use my information in any way, shape, or form without my permission.

David King, NH
all the above

Kun Liao, MO
Companies selling my information to others.

Rachel Anne Mencke, IL

It concerns me that no child or adult can afford to opt out of the risk-taking behavior that exposes his private information to various companies. In order to get an education, a job, purchase products necessary for daily life or live a normal life, we all end up inadvertently exposing information about who we are, how much money we have, what we are interested in to myriad unknown parties beyond our control, whose interests are often predatory. This **MUST** be regulated.

Jesse Bannister, AZ

Access to social media without permission of knowledge through agreements within social media sites or through "like" or "subscribe" buttons on websites as well as tracking clicks to outside sites for users from within social media sites.

Irene Sample, CA

The apps everyone is playing through Facebook that will access who knows what info from your Facebook info, perhaps even info you aren't sharing with the public. I don't know if that's happening but everytime I click to play a game, I get a msg box that tells me that if I play the game, they have the right to access this, that, and the other thing. I doubt most people understand the ramifications of that.

Lane Simon, NY

Access to personal information without specific permission to do so.

Michael Hocevar, CO

credit cards being used without a pin.

Anne Sullivan, MN

Online privacy is an enormous threat to personal security and all these issues need to be addressed transparently; simple questions regarding specific user permissions would probably be a good starting place.

Terry Cannon, OR

I don't want all my clicks and query's tracked and I especially don't want my contacts shared or stolen by anyone for any reason.

Larry Kay, GA

My privacy of personal information is my greatest concern.

Jessica Confessore, CO

I am concerned that my browsing history could be used against me. Friends often use my computer. I don't want their choices held against me.

Bert Joseph, TX

Big government tapping into my private life.

Eric Emde, CO

In general, doing business with any web site should be only between me and that site unless I specifically and overtly give specific permission to that site to tie into other, listed sites. My major single concern is having ANY government access to any information about searches, research or purchases that I may or may not have completed. This should only be allowed on an "opt in" basis or on a individual case-by-case basis.

patricia mulligan, CA

The biggest concern to me is not knowing what is being collected o how it is used.

Ernesto Hernandez, FL

I'm the owner of myself, my data and my freedom to do with it what I want. Everything that's me, belongs only to me.

Carl Carnein, CO

You don't build a relationship of trust by doing the kinds of things listed above. I am convinced that, eventually, unless they show some concern for ethics, the "big deals" in internet service will be replaced by companies that we can trust to show some concern for our interests.

Nate Devan, IL

The potential for remote use of web cam technology to visually spy on individuals in their homes.

C Harley, NY

Potential employers using personal online activity to deny applicant a position. Historically speaking, what a person did outside of his or her employment was his or her own business. Unless a crime is committed an employer should have no access to this. It is personal. Let's draw the line, please.

Patticia Samuelson, SC

Companies sharing and selling my info.

Malcolm Hartley, CA

Issues of privacy must be address soon, before there is too much momentum from applications by "big business" to have them cease their intrusions.

Derral Brown, KY

Personal data going to or getting outside the immediate boundaries of the collector without my expressed permission for each incident or occurrence (blanket permission should never be tolerated).

Richard Grelck, IL

Direct access to my data. Also selling my profile information to 3rd party organizations

Tom Scott, AR

It should be illegal to collect and use data and information about people. It should be illegal to access people's phones and computers.

Megan Denner, FL
Data collection without my permission.

William F Croxby, MI
ALL OF THE ABOVE!

Colleen Kimberlin, PA
My greatest concern is the collection, storage and use of my data for purposes that I have not specifically approved - i.e. employment, getting a loan, getting insurance coverage, etc. From there, it is a small jump to being denied other critical needs, such as surgery, organ transplant, etc. Companies should not be permitted to store my information on any level without my express permission and a brief EASY TO READ and understand document of what they are using it for.

Greiner Gerard, NV
There doesn't seem to be any privacy anymore. All my private information is on the world wide web and who knows where else. I don't like being tracked as to what I do and what I purchase. It is no one's business except mine.

ROBERT ANDERSON, WI
We must rain in the personal info stream

Ken, Sandra, & Nicole Gaborek, IL
Companies monitoring our contacts, location, and other personal data without our permission.

Bert Adams, GA

Control/security/accuracy of personal data collected. The use of which could lead to identity theft, erroneous credit scoring, job denial, unwarranted use of medical data.

Lehman Holder, WA

I'm particularly concerned about my financial privacy. My bank account, income, tax information, social security number, and other related items in this area should not be divulged to ANYONE without MY permission.

Thomas Skolak, MO

I would like to specifically WHO information on me is being allowed access.

Laura Spector Heinzl, TX

I want complete privacy as an American citizen, but most of all leave our children alone!!!

John Courtney, CA

selling my name to other mailing lists and getting spam ads in my e-mail that I have no need of.

Anonymous, CA

Stop companies selling to advertisers who may be putting our online identity up for sale to the highest bidder, and to strangers who could track you across town. Privacy today isn't what it was a year ago. This is going too far.

esther dutton, MD

I understand..we are in an information age greedy for what we think we need.. Your right to know ceases when you dare to invade my privacy for dishonest gain.

Joan M Pinkert, OR

Privacy violations and data storage/sale.

Robert Brown Jr, TX

Of greatest concern to me is the potential for financial information (e.g., account numbers, passwords, etc.) to be obtained by hackers and put to their nefarious use before I even become aware that there is a problem. Identity theft runs a close second.

Michael Swan, CA

Selling my information to other parties

Syd Harper, LA

I would prefer to grant permission before someone uses my info. In prior times politeness required that. Now everyone is so eager to turn my info into their money that I will not post my art or writings on line any longer. We have and are being taught that it is ok to steal if it is just for the making of money.

Clarence Lewis, DC

Items 4 through 7 concern me the most. Then items 3, 2 & 1.

Diane Gumpel, FL

Maybe I'm old fashioned but I don't like the idea of ANYONE peeking, listening or reading about my personal choices, habits or interests unless I've specifically informed the party of interest. And once my interest is satisfied, my personal information should be destroyed by that entity.

Raymond Hips, NC

COMPANIES SHARING INFO FOR ANALYTICAL PURPOSES, SELLING TO OTHERS SUCH AS TELEMARKETERS. SHARING OR SELLING INFO SHOULD BE PROHIBITED.

Dena R. McKittrick, CA

I really want control over which data of mine is being collected. First of all, computers can get it wrong, and then there I am with misinformation about me running around out there outside of my awareness. With so many weird things like identity theft happening these days, it is not ok for someone to be able to collect data on me without my knowledge and/or permission.

Joe Bean, IL

The attempt to build a personal data base over which I have neither control nor access. And if another person uses my computer (with or without my consent) how do I know that information associated with that usage does not attach to my name? Such a data base then can become the foundation of a background check -- now required by so many professional and volunteer organizations, prospective employers to the boy scouts - - that is inaccurate, incomplete and misleading.

Robert Lange, MI

The use or sharing of my personal information should be restricted to the specific reason for which it was provided. Any sharing or or future use for any reason what so ever should require an approval by the party (me) in question. Browsers should have the option for the user to deny any and all such uses as a standard matter of course. Unauthorized use se of personal and/or private information should be penalized, and the damaged individual compensated.

Paul Meeks, GA

Smartphone apps w/access because we will continue to store more personal & business info on them.

Mary Anna Jansen, CA

Too much data is collected in the beginning of any transaction or application for a store card etc.

Kenneth Mccaw, MI

Being targeted for advertising by my app useage

Francis G. Billeter, FL

the tracking of my information and movements

Ann King, IL

Online security being maintained.

Don Phillips, TX

The lack of diversity in the broadcast media , brought about by the mergers of the last 30 years or so ...The web must act more forcefully to counter this trend !

Karen White, WI

All of these privacy threats have the potential to impact my life in a negative way. It's MY information. I want to manage it. I don't want others giving or selling my information to another person or company.

Laurel Coberly, OR

The amount of information being collected is astronomical. All of the privacy notices are enormous. It would take hundreds of hours to read each one, and even then, if you decline, you do not have access to those websites and companies. I believe that privacy ought to be the default--I should not have to opt out, and companies should not have the right to collect information except the very minimal amount that they need to process any transactions.

Roger Boudreau, RI
Identity theft

Sandy Tubb, TX

I have a right to the same privacy enjoyed by corporations through their corporate veil which today is far greater than the privacy any individual has. My information should never be sold or shared with anyone else without my express permission and only after I have been paid not the company that sells it. Only I have the right to profit from my identity.

Dianne Comini, CA

1)The NSA 2)Commercial concern...ban what we now know as "ads" in preference for information LIST (in order to do this, TAKE away corporate personhood.. tooo tough for you, 1st Amendment problem? I don't think so! People are sick of that sham. How are you going to make money? Well, we banned commercials for drugs(prescription), doctors, lawyers etc. for years with good results.

Kalyan Chakravarti, TX

I have young people in the family who are easily influenced in spite of our best efforts. Without these privacy standards, I would be very afraid to participate in the online community and will have to turn to ways to hide my family and my identity online.

Vanessa Ferreira, FL

Using or sharing without authorization, and keeping my personal information on file is of greatest concern to me.

Lenelle Boyd, GA
ALL OF THE ABOVE!

Hani Youssef, IL
Privacy - Privacy - Privacy

Richard Paulson, OH
may adds or other data access that allows for the collection of personal data is of great concern. Just as importantly, I believe that the recent trend to require candidates for jobs to hand over their passwords to social media sites or any other sites is absolutely something to be stopped. This invasion of privacy is unnecessary.

Amy Wimp, AZ
Big brother controlling too much and identity theft

Ken Millrood, PA
I am extremely concerned if when I use an app on my phone they can tap into all of my personal info without my permission!

Nancy Bohorad, PA
I am very concerned about the telemarketer's intrusive phone calls that penetrate my world. They are relentless and ask for you personally, by name. Using four letter words and rudeness seems to be the recipe they follow. I have over eighty different numbers from these scams. Please honor our privacy and make them stop.

Charlotte Pickering, AL

Any information that would allow the government to spy on citizens without a reasonable cause is a concern, as well as any information that would possibly jeopardize the safety of a child by revealing personal information about him or her. I would also have a problem with someone obtaining information to use in denying employment or loans.

Lawrence Wilson, SD

all of the above matters of great concern to me

John Rossi, PA

The main concern is that internet info be used against you in any way. Employment or school access ect. The other big concern is that while they are taking your info and "helping" you, they are deciding what you get when you search. Freedom of information is the key and if we're all being fedd what "they" think we want where's the freedom?

Charles Ottesen, FL

I am very upset to learn that companies are keeping info on where I go and who I communicate with. If this info ever gets into the hands of a malevolent leader, what will happen? You only need to read a few history books. Say one day their is a movement against a certain political party, what damage could result from that. My Mom said that it is unwise to tell anyone what party you belong to or what is your religion!!!

Noel Carlson, CA

My biggest concern is search engines that skew results based on past searches, leading to difficulty locating complete information or pro and con viewpoints

Ronald Safko, SC

I do not want my personal data and online activity used for ANY purpose without my express authorization. My authorization will depend on my complete and total understanding of how my information will be used. Since online companies pay nothing for my information, I will not authorize any use of this information to support activities which are of no benefit to me. Online companies should make their money the "old-fashioned way". They should EARN IT!

Stanley Cavitt, TX

Looking at your personal information to embarrass, degrade, disrespect, or expose you or your habits to companies, organizations, or persons for their amusement or business or political interests. For example, companies, groups or organizations witch-hunting for personal information to ruin reputations, prevent people from reaching their dreams or ambitions, to slander, or other questionable purposes.

tom antorietto, CA

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Holly Savin, IL

The internet has no right to distribute and share my personal information.

Jodi McEdward, CA

My biggest fear is that on-line retail monsters like Amazon or Ebay will set their own policies with impunity and I have no legal or financial recourse. I accept that there is risk in credit card transactions. I accept that marketing data is collected. I accept that the buyer should beware. Right now, that happens in brick and mortar business as well. I'm savvy enough to protect myself. But my biggest fear is that multi-billion dollar retailers have lobbyists that cut my consumer protection away in little pieces. The fact of the matter is: they ARE smarter than any government entity. So my biggest fear is that Consumer Protection laws and advocacy groups will be too little, too late. The Department of Commerce needs to adopt plain language, transparent policies (for us to understand) and publish information regularly about the businesses that

Kathleen Ott-Davis, CA

All of the above is a threat to my privacy!!!!

Duvendack Jim, OH

I like advertising. I do NOT like my personal data being SOLD. I do NOT like money being made without my consent or sharing. Nuff said!

Karen Patterson, TX

People's browsing, reading and purchasing should in no way be available for unrelated purposes. As an adult, I'm not offended to see an ad tailored to my *very recently browsed* interests - but browsing histories should be retained over the short term, just a month or so - they should not be something that is on a long-term basis usable or subpoenaable. NEVER should this information be sold or shared to other companies or marketing databases, lest soon we have insurance companies raising our homeowner or medical or other rates (or issuing denials) based on information that they have no idea why we sought. For instance, I am a journalist who writes a lot about cancer. Given the search terms I use, an insurer or employer could reasonably conclude I have cancer and am hiding that from the company in an application for coverage.

Elodie Westover, GA

I am extremely concerned with applications that give your location without your consent. It's a serious safety issue for some people and not one that I appreciate. I do not think that one's online activities in general should ever be used against a person, especially not for employment or loan reasons. That's a serious invasion of privacy.

John Lawton, NM

The lack of transparency! Anybody collecting my data should let me know what they are doing, and give me the option of opting out if I want to. But when they do it all behind my back, my instinct is to just run away and avoid anything that might be collecting and saving data.

Kristal Baldwin, CA

My "Individual" Control is most important to me. I don't want any company collecting or holding on to my personal information for any reason. This is probably why identity theft is so prevalent in this country. If I'm interested in a company and/or their product I have the resources via the internet or library to find it out. I don't want someone trying to force or coerce me to purchasing anything I don't want or need. I want to keep the control.

Lee Musante, MA

What I do, who I know, what I read, buy, like, dislike etc is my business and my business only to be shared with only those I choose to share it with. I do understand what is going on here (am able to read between the lines) and find it quite disturbing on many levels.

Kim Pinkley, PA

Selling my data without my permission. People or corporations should not be able to make money from my stuff. If my information is being sold I should be the one being paid for it, not some corporation that is essentially pirating it.

Lisa Pahl, CA

Collecting and reporting data on me is my greatest concern. Opt-in vs. Opt-out should be the standard on any kind of data collection. There should be a time limit on data retention after the company no longer has a need for it, and enforcement policies to make it work.

Nancy Stocker, CO

Clearly protection of children is the greatest issue to me about the larger society. For me personally, it seems unfair to collect info that can be used against me or that can make my life a huge hassle by filling up my inbox with junk emails. I worry when companies keep my credit card number on file, but have solved that through use of a time- and amount- limited alternate credit card number. This is a hassle and may not be available to many.

Carol Benardos, NY

I'm very concerned about search engines & advertisers sharing my data with others. I feel as though Big Brother is looking over my shoulder every time I go to my computer.

Peter Cheles, CA

THE GATHERING, SHARING AND SELLING OF MY PERSONAL INFORMATION WITHOUT MY KNOWLEDGE AND/OR SPECIFIC PERMISSION.....AS WELL AS THE TRACKING OF MY PERSONAL ACTIVITY.

Frederick Luckay, OH

I'm especially concerned with issues 4 and 5 in this survey

Robert Roesener, FL

I do not like the fact that I have to take some action on my part to "Opt Out" of some privacy options to reduce my exposure. Why can't it be assumed that I want to "Opt Out" in the first place and then take some action on my part if I want to increase the exposure to data sharing?

Cheryl Rowan, WV

The problem as I see it is that consumers don't know all of the possibilities of how our data could be used. It's like these vendors saying, "I will answer your questions. All that you have to do is ask." Then the consumer not knowing which questions to ask, and having these vendors say, " Oh, you didn't ask that specific question so we thought doing what we did was OK with you." Not so.

Elizabeth Weitzen, NY

I am most concerned with the fact that internet companies are holding on to years and years of data (that pre-date many privacy policies) without any statement of purpose in regards to this data. This data should be erased - period. Internet companies: however valuable, our data is not yours to exploit, particularly when you collected it prior to these issues becoming public knowledge. Purge your data banks!

Mindy Diltz, OH

It's ironic to receive this form now. I've been thinking about the issue of privacy a lot lately. First it was just the phone calls which indicated others had information about me that I hadn't given them. Now, my In-box online is packed every day with e-mails that just go too far. And, it's a one-way street. I can't find out anything of consequence about the organizations/companies that contact me. There is no dialog, much less what we now call transparency. I worry that it's going to get worse and will be resistant to appropriate changes.

Sandra Lister, CA

The ability of smart phone apps that can access data without permission concerns me. Also the fine print that comes with these apps that you have to agree to in order to download them.

G. Ann Campbell, GA

Using the Internet shouldn't mean giving up my privacy. If I choose to broadcast my every thought and whim, that's my choice, but it should be just as easy for me to remain anonymous.

Henry Gaudet, GA

Companies selling or sharing information about me without my permission.

Ronen Y., MA

...Pretty much all of these. I can't even believe that these things are on the table of considerations, I'm appalled at how much information corporations want to know about me.

Wayne Collard, UT

They have way too much information. I can google search something, and the advertisements all of a sudden are that search. WHY? Kids need to be protected.

Marty Landa, NV

Advertising manipulation of children's minds.

Karen Smith, NY

I like the ease of shopping online but find I often don't because of fears of the company saving and later accessing my private information.

Robert Altany, TX

Collecting any data at all without my knowledge and permission. Companies ought to be required to ask you to opt-in to data sharing. Mandatory opt-in is an obvious step ahead.

Maritza Mercado, NJ

I have been receiving calls for website that wants you to browse on their sites and then bombards you with e-mails and calls because of the information they requested to allow you to browse their site. I am tired of the calls and the unlimited e-mails even though I asked or did not mark the item asking if they can send or e-mail me further information. They still annoy you with e-mails and unwanted calls. Also, I am concerned about who else is getting my information on the sites that are supposedly secure when you provide PI information. I used to do banking online but not anymore; now I only check the account but nothing else. I had to cancel many credit cards because someone used it to charge purchases that I did not make and hacked my information. I hope you can regulate the heck out of it to secure your and my privacy.

Martin Samuels, MA

Targeted marketing to children, and the invasion of the privacy of the young.

Andrew Keller, UT

I am most concerned about the security of my personal financial information and the protection of my individual freedoms. I also worry about the privacy and confidentiality of my electronic communications.

Ashton Hardy, LA

I am most concerned my credit cards might be compromised by others without my knowledge and used to make purchases.

Michele Martinez, NY

I am VERY concerned about the possibility of identity theft. When a company holds onto one's information, ESPECIALLY when it's no longer necessary to hold onto it LONG after a purchase, that puts me at extreme unease.

Nancy Hakala, OR

Where I go and what I do on the Internet with my computer or phone should be TOTALLY private. Companies should have no right to put cookies or other data on my computer or phone or other mobile device. I own these devices, not the companies. What is put on them should be up to me, not marketers.

Julian Santos, FL

Any company that targets the youth as well as companies using your information for the sole purpose of marketing their product.

Mary Workman, MO

I will tell them what i want them to know & nothing else. It's no one's business about me or my family that I don't want them to know unless I tell them.

Nancy Quittmeyer, AL

Anything that sells/shares my information without my permission; even if I do give permission, what's to prevent subsequent parties from sharing my information? Also, using online activity to deny employment, loans, etc. Where to draw the line? I now hear about employers asking job candidates for their FaceBook passwords. Is that not invasive? If my privacy setting is to share only with friends, isn't looking over someone's FB activity akin to reading someone else's mail?

Henry Lopez-Cepero, CT

Incorrect information that is gathered on an individual and then passed onto other entities.

Steve Barker, GA

The fact that you can track my every movement is very disturbing.

Dale Laing, CO

I believe that a consumer should be have the right to request that all personal data collected by a company be purged from their system, with no capability for the company to recover the data. A consumer should have the right to request and receive documentation with who a company shares your information.

Anne Collins, SC

I believe that just because I choose to use a service or an "app", I should not be subject to distribution of my personal information without my specific permission EACH TIME.

Joan Jackson, WI

Accessing my personal phone as if it were theirs. Why should someone be able to call using my phone? No things about me and my friends and family without me knowing. I feel very violated. I just logged out of facebook and got a message that said.if I logged out everything would be.erased so I did and logged back in and everything was there.So explain that.The only permissions needed is.to put it on your phone.

Robert Odebralski, NY

greatest concern is the collection and keeping of information - it can be hacked or lost or stolen - my info is my life and identity - not someone else - I already had someone steal my credit card and try to use it - it sucked big time - so keep my info safe by not collecting it at all... I can sleep so much better knowing it's not out there in never-neverland waiting to be used by some devious entity....

Chris Hollenbeck, NJ

I'd like to know that my internet activity is not tracked or sold to people who only want to sell me things.

Martha Dzioba, NC

I really object to companies sharing my personal data with other companies. My understanding now is that as a consumer I am required to "opt out" of such sharing with each individual company, including credit cards and bank entities. It would be extraordinarily helpful if there was a centralized location on the web that I could go to and choose those companies that I wish not to receive information from. I don't mind the targeted personal ads to me so much--e.g. Amazon sends suggestions-sometimes I like them sometimes not. I can simply delete them if I don't like them. It's a complicated business.

Karen Descamps, CA

can't think of anything specific at this time.

Kathleen Clementi, NM

that my information is shared, sold, etc

E. Robert Buntin, SD

The idea that employers can demand you Facebook password and the compilation of personal data and interests by using the data in your searches. This whole thing has made the internet the greatest threat to personal liberty that far exceeds the threat posed by potential terrorists. In fact, the modern internet is a terrorist threat.

Ed Cowart, IN

people who sell information about people with no permission

Carly Nacmanie, CA
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Bill Brown, MI

That we even have to ask about targeting young people as an issue of national debate is in itself frightening. Corporate greed and arrogance (think Citizens United or Credit Swap Defaults or even the Credit Bureaus) run way too much of the American ship. If Company "A" is exchanging my personal data with Company "B" without my express permission it should be illegal; no ifs, and or buts. So much goes on behind our backs right now it is shameful. Anything that brings more transparency and corporate accountability will be good. Thank you.

Jason Reed, OR

The greatest threat to the people is the power taken away BY these corporations. The LOSS of our democracy.

James Luisi, VT

I will avoid sites such as Facebook that compromise my security and privacy. As a software engineer I will encourage my family and friends to do the same.

pedro jimenez, FL

The access to personal information. The internet is best served not by advertisers, but by the people using it. Respect users and do not gather information, to ensure that the internet's future potential is as great as when it began.

Susan Shaver, MI

I want to be able to very simply access whatever information is shared about me, and with whom, whenever I want to access it.

Sheila Macomber, IL

The collection of any of my personal data without my permission - and then selling it to a 3rd party. I do NOT mind if I get targeted ads based on my browsing or purchases, but I DO mind if that information is given to my bank, employer, etc.

Nancy Givens, KY

I have extremely high concern about all of these privacy violations which I consider to be an infringement on Constitutionally-protected privacy rights for individual citizens, for commercial gain which is unacceptable.

Rita Freed, MO

my privacy is important. I do not want anyone tampering with it.

James Caplan, MD

Data aggregators being able to mine multiple datasets and then selling private, personal information to the highest bidder.

Sharon Gray, SD

The thing that disturbs me the most is the fact that citizens, and young people in particular, don't seem to truly VALUE privacy anymore. I teach courses on ethical issues in the digital age and find that there is quite a discrepancy between how OLDER Americans feel about privacy and how YOUNGER Americans feel about privacy. Many feel that 'if I'm not doing anything wrong, why should I care what people know'. They don't view privacy as something that SHOULD be protected. Thank you for all you are doing to protect privacy!

William Conable, WA

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David Jefferys, WA

I don't mind my generic identity (middle-aged white male etc.) being used to create marketing plans or whatever. I do not want any of my specific information (email, address, name, phone number, etc.) being used without my specific approval, ie. they must ask me and I must approve it. No response = no approval.

James Reaser, MO

Companies/Groups should use your information to process current actions and then discard that information. It can be submitted again if and when you wish to do business with them in the future. Too many databases are targets for less than honest people.

Donald Carino, OH

The amount of "junk spam" emails I get. On average one of my email addresses receives 10 to 12 spam emails a day from companies I have never done business with and have never requested their information. This information is being purchased or "pfished" from someplace. The email in question is one specifically set up for a career search and should only have emails relating to that. The fact that companies are pfishing, purchasing or in some other way getting our information is a great concern and there needs to be a way to stop it once and for all. Further, this new trend of companies asking applicants for the Facebook user information is in total and complete violation of privacy and probably is a restriction of the First Amendment. It is just one more way they can refuse to hire you. There has to be a law forbidding it. It seems the more

Mary Oren, NC

All of the above.

William Abraham, CT

Shared information which is collected without consumer's knowledge and passed from one source to another. Tracking cookies that latch on without knowledge of the user. Privacy policies must be short and succinct and absent complicated legal language.

Thelma Heyer, CA

All of these issues are important, but #7 about smartphone apps accessing private data without express permission.

Floyd Miller, FL

Other than identity theft, my biggest concern is an employer or prospective employer being allowed to spy on my personal life. If government did this, we'd scream "1984!" and protest and sue. If it was a neighbor, we'd sue them for voyeurism and/or stalking. A corporation should not be so above the law and devoid of morality.

Wendell Smith, TX

People need to know that nothing they do on the internet is anonymous. Government knows that best, as they require ISPs to keep logs of all user activity for one year.

Carol Graalum, TX

My Greatest concern is for the privacy of my grandchildren. I'm somewhat concerned over my own privacy, but not as much. I just think it's ridiculous and a waste of time for companies to keep track of my expenditures since I don't look at online ads and have already usually made the purchase from my own research and choice. Just too many more things to put in "Spam"!

Stuart Walthers, FL

Needs to be an off button on any apps that do this

Eileen Herlihy, AZ

It seems like we do not have any more privacy. Whenever possible, I opt out of sharing my information with any other subsidiary that I do business with. I do not store credit card information with on-line vendors whenever possible. It seems like there are too many systems getting hacked, employees stealing info etc. We should have some privacy and be able to protect our reputation, credit scores...This is also a way that identity theft can occur. Cookies should be disabled. This is even more important with children, teens and young adults. They do not realize or even care that they are being tracked, watched and marketed to in such a way. They are not criminals, just kids.

Barry Tripp, NY

There appears to be no privacy over the internet and this needs to change.

Marianne Meyer, NC

Data about online activities and purchases being used to deny employment or affect ability to get a loan. It is scary that employers can ask for and get facebook etc. passwords when considering employment! That is basically a threat to the applicant. People need to be more thoughtful about monitoring their own posts as well--be responsible and grown-up.

Susan Bragg, CA

My greatest concern is that this information will end up endangering my life someday, or that of children. All advertisers say "we protect your information" but there is always a leak somewhere, or some hacker somewhere who cracks the code. If the information is not collected there is nothing to leak, no code to crack.

Luther Peterson, Ph.D., NY

Hard to choose a "greatest concern" among those I've marked "very concerned," but I guess no. 4, "companies selling or sharing information about me" logically tops the list.

Scott Borsick, OH

Purchases being used for employment

Mulligan Jim, WA
Companies selling my information.

Judith Schindler, MN
While I don't mind targeted advertising directed at me (that can be useful), I am VERY opposed to directing it to children. Kids are too susceptible and naive.

Rebecca Stringer, GA
It is not right to pry into people's lives and use trickery to find and sell information.

Carol Peck, FL
Very concerned about financial and credit card info as I have had my credit card compromised twice in the past 2 years, in fact, yesterday someone used my credit card number to buy shoes from a retailer for an online purchase. Amazingly the retailer caught this mistake and called me questioning the purchase. If not for her quick detection that something was amiss there might have been more illegal charges made to my account.

Ann Tyson, VA
Any thing that is acted upon with out my knowledge or permission.

Marie Barlow, DE
Make all policies dealing with private info clear and concise, and on the opening page of the site with an easy opt-out choice.

Eugene Ferrick, MD

In addition when I try to drop from a company I receive more messages from other companies.

Shea Smith, IL

No one has the right to my personal business unless I opt-in! Furthermore, no one has the right to distribute my personal business unless I provide permission. If data needs to be collected momentarily to make a purchase or allow an app that I choose to use work, there is no reason that data needs to be stored any longer than it takes to serve it's initial purpose. Also, in the same fashion that people are given access to their own credit information, people should also be given access to any information about themselves that is being stored. They should also be given the option before that info is stored or distributed to deny permission for that.

Donna Mccarraher, ME

Personally, I feel that if I choose to give information to a company online, that they are the only ones who should be able to use that information and it should NOT be shared with anyone else.

Paul Boehme, WA

What we do, how we do it, are among the most basic of American Freedoms. Those should be voluntary, if I want something from someone, I can ask for it. If I don't know something exists, I can ask for it. Develop search engines to find what is available, and stop pushing everything in hopes someone will buy more.

James Valente, MA

The Internet is a valuable and rich resource. However, the nature of the Internet also allows companies to retain privacy information in a manner that has never been easier. While the industry has moved in the the direction of self-regulation, I do not believe it is enough. I am very concerned about my privacy on the Internet, and I want to be absolutely certain that I can control the data that is collected about me, and for what purposes it is used.

Andrew Cummings, NM

The apparent lack of concern for privacy that has been shown by Congress.

Clifford Queen, PA

I think all data gathering programs that are put in place should be an opt-in as the default--not opt-out as most are. Usage agreements such as those in internet entities should summarize with a plain language checkoff for individuals.

Kathryn Roth, FL

Gathering data without permission in any form is a violation not only of ethics, but manipulative and violates our rights!

Louis Weiss, GA

The total intrusion into my everyday life. Because of how some companies conduct business, I am forced to go on line to conduct more and more of my everyday activities. And then, they collect, maintain and sell my personal information. If it were possible, I would go entirely off the grid!

Douglas Holmes, MA

Governmental agencies and companies using data about me to form opinions about me, even when this data fails to describe the context, etc., and may not even be relevant to me (e.g., my grandchild may have been using my computer, visiting websites that I would never visit, etc.). And they do this, without even speaking with me first!

Nicole DeLuca, NC

Already listed.

Luther Petty, CA

Using information (accurate or not) to deny anyone employment, insurance, or loans.

Gayle Nordholm, WA

As we implement privacy controls, we are giving the government more power. Why not give the user power and allow us to block data collection as we see fit? The three things that I have the strongest feelings about is child safety, employment rights (should not be denied employment based on activities or purchases), and companies (if they were allowed by the user) should not hold information more than a year. We should all be able to block or filter any access to personal data, pictures, location (except if a missing person report was filed) and our contacts.

Steve Graham, FL

The privacy threat of greatest concern is the unauthorized disclosure or use of personally identifiable information without my knowledge or consent.

Wayne Katuin, WA

There is too much data being collected that collectively adds up to identity theft.

Allen Kent, VA

The code of ethics from American public libraries should be a template for internet privacy. What I read is my business and data should not be collected or shared with others.

William Sandreuter, ME

All of these are very important concerns. Making as much profit as possible is the root cause of the issues these questions are targeting. What really needs to be fixed is humanity's collective greed. That said, I believe the following are most important: (1) Companies should be required to obtain an individual's explicit permission to retain any personal data beyond a period of 90 days and be required to delete the data if that permission is not granted. (2) Apps that access ANY personal data without permission should be illegal (3) There should be standards for clear, simple, easy to understand "opt-in" and "opt out" permission granting - companies that do not comply would be sanctioned, including not being allowed to conduct business on line.

Mary Jane Bingham, CT

I think there are more than one areas of strong concern regarding privacy. Each of the above is important. Too many people know too much about each of us and I fear for what they might do with the information. I do believe in law enforcement agencies needing to know things for security reasons, but even there, I think there is a limit.

George Alexopoulos, NY

Read George Orwell! We are there! Big Brother has been watching for years!

Connie Hevron, NM

Just others having access to personal information in general. We should have control over who gets any of our personal info.

Mary Ellen Peters, CA

Companies selling my personal info to others (for pay) without my knowledge or consent

Veronique Bucherre, CA

The use, abuse and misuse of our personal information, its sale without permission, to trace our supposed needs.

Donna Perkins, NY

I am extremely concerned that my information is being shared without my permission and knowledge. I have no interest whatsoever in advertisers targeting me, or tracking my purchases or activities. There definitely isn't enough transparency, but even with clear privacy policies, I wouldn't feel comfortable.

Anonymous, FL

The use of Social Security numbers used for ID and tracking. This should never have been allowed by the government. I have a SS card that reads not to be used for these reasons.

David Heywood, WA

U.S. corporations have too much power. Individuals need more privacy.

Jan Pickett, OR

My greatest concern is I want to control the information that is collected and what is done with it. In other words no one should be allowed to collect anything about me without my expressed permission. Problem is that companies have a right to deny service if you don't agree to their policy on how information is handled. This should not be a condition of using their service or buying their product.

Jamshied Sharifi, NY

Using personal and financial data to create a profile of citizens that can be used against them.

sylvia bernal, CA

This is a true invasion on people's lives, and if the various companies want our business, they have to show us respect.

Theodore Reinmiller, PA

1. All data is personal and PRIVATE. 2. All data requests MUST and SHALL have my permission to be accessed or it is illegal and can not be used. We MUST and SHALL have legal recourse to remedy violations of this issue. 3. Some tracking cookies never expire, or have decades long expiration dates. This practice must stop. 4. All data gleaned from this process is to be used by the original gatherer and WILL NOT be sold, transferred, or traded to ANY other party, nor to a sister or parent company, nor any other assignee.

Karen Montee-Charest, NE

The entire notion that smartphones can collect all sorts of data and pass it along without my permission is extremely frightening to me, especially in light of the Supreme Court's ruling that the FBI cannot plant GPS trackers on cars to trace activity in order to generate probable cause that a crime has been committed. If the government cannot spy on us that way, businesses shouldn't be able to, either.

Robert Molison, CO

Companies sharing my information without my permission

Carol Tenneriello, PA

I don't like that different sites like google can read anything that is attached to your site..even if you signed up years ago just to get you tube or whatever. I DEFAULT SETTING SHOULD BE THE MOST PRIVATE. DEFAULT SETTING SHOULD BE NO COLLECTING. (THEY DON'T NEED TO KNOW EVERY SINGLE DETALI OF EVERY THING TO COLLECT ADVERTISING REVENUE. Opting in to sharing info should be SPECIFIC as to WHAT is being shared and with WHOM. It should be INCREMENTAL and EASILY REVOKABLE at ANYTIME. Stop ignoring the Constitution!

Robert Quinn, CA

Companies selling and sharing my information without my permission.

Brooke Pooler, MA

advertisers targeting children.

Julietta Eisenberg, NY

Certainly the greatest threat would be experiencing denial of employment or a loan based on private, legal online activities and purchases.

Tammy Boylan, MI

I am appalled that a company can have access to ANY personal data without permission from the person who owns it. No one has the right to impede on another's personal rights.

Gordon Jones, SC
misuse of my information

Walter Hoesel, WA
Tapping my phone. Tapping my computer.

Kris Curtis, FL
I strongly believe that, at minimum, anytime any person and/or business forwards and/or requests information on any human being, it should be a requirement for any and all requests and transfers to also be passed along to the individual who is the subject matter on record. Anytime anyone's personal privacy is being invaded, that person needs to know and see all information being requested or passed along, each and every time. This would include detailed information from landlords or realtors and all credit information, including credit scores. There should be no charge to provide this information to every individual being discussed at every time information is transferred and requested to and from specific names of parties. This includes: Who makes each request, who receives each request, and specifics being asked and told.

Norman Edwards, NJ
I object to unauthorized sharing of personal and financial data with any other agency or organization, whether public, private, commercial, non-profit, or whatever.

Robin Mennis, OR
Facebook is a nightmare, they make it sound as though they have it so you can control your own privacy but they make very little effort to make it easy to do so, it takes hours to find what should be simple controls. And hey it's not in their best interest. They want to share information. They need to be made responsible. Make it up front and easy to control your own privacy. Then kids and adults will be able to better use their service.

Shannon Bradford, CA
What concerns me the most is how companies think it is OK to invade our privacy and we have to constantly fight them about this. The burden should be on the companies, not the consumers.

John Shinaman, AZ

collecting personal data and using it for credit purposes

Jule Laudisio, FL

Companies should not be allowed to pass on information to other companies. We should have control over our private information.

Victoria Furio, NY

Surveillance via smart phones Censorship applied to personal life

Antonio Salcido, CA

I am concerned that some groups will be targeted by some unethical companies: the elderly, the young, and some people that are not up-to-date on the nuances of these unethical marketing techniques by some groups and companies...

Eddie Vehouni, CA

Companies selling and sharing information, data used to deny employment and smartphone apps that allow access to location, contacts, and photos.

Pedro Sole', CA

Data about my online activities and purchases being used to deny me employment or affecting my ability to get a loan.

David Carnese, OR

Freedom in the electronic world is the same as in the physical world!

Randy Wilson, IL

It is my data, I should be able to remove it from any system housing it when I want. A company that simply removes me from their lists is not enough, they are still holding my data when I have just informed them that I am ending whatever business arrangement we previously had. This is unacceptable and many/most companies still keep your information in their systems long after that point.

Charles Levin, OR

It is too easy for any high tech financial entity to access, edit, withdraw or deposit without my knowledge in the slightest. Credit histories are swarmed upon when you check to see if financing is available for a car or any auto company's website.

Francis Parfitt, MI

Our privacy will be gone unless we control now!

James Corrigan, VA

CONTROL, TRANSPARENCY, AND
ACCOUNTABILITY!

Joyce Foster-Konya, WA

Our Freedom is being attacked everyday! The New Administration is out to destroy our Freedoms and run our lives! This has to stop now!

Linda Nordwall, MN

I am very concerned about all data collecting but I think the most dangerous would be the accessing of contacts, photos, and location without our permission. I think it is just fine if people agree to it, and It could be very helpful in certain circumstances but without our clearly (underline that) understanding just what these companies could do or are doing, it is just wrong of them without our permission.

Robert Finkelmeier, CO

Way too many organizations keeping and storing personal data

lorraine miller, NJ

we have been victims of identity theft, aron, theft harassment, tracking. We have a right to expect privacy in our lives. I understand my alarm cameras have been linked to a third parties smart phone and I can do nothing to delete it. I have to turn cameras to wall during day when in house.

Carl Muecke, AZ

The new center that gathers all information of emails, phone calls, tweets, and twitters all over the US.

Kirk McLoren, OR

identity theft obviously but people do not need to collect a data base about me unless I opt in

Herb Lambrechts, IL

file sharing and data mining without my consent.

John Williams, FL

Make privacy policies shorter and so we can understand them

Cor van de Water, CA

The thing with privacy is - it is private info. It is *my* info. Nobody should be able without my explicit consent to use it, store it, trade it or in any other way breach my privacy by meddling with my information. It is mine and I have the right to it, if you want to use it then you must ask. I must always have the right to access it, correct it or destroy whatever info anybody has about me.

Reuben Nimmer, WI

It's not American.

Spencer Lane, OH

My main concern with the use of my personal data by advertisers and companies is they are all profiting from my data. I am the data creator so it should be fitting that I get the final say on who gets access to and how much my data is worth. If they want to make money off of me then they will have to pay me for the privilege to do so. When I was making a living as a photographer a willful infringement of copyright may have incurred a maximum penalty of \$1,500 per offense. If proven and the infringement was a photograph printed on 30,000 brochures that would be \$1,500 times 30,000 for a fine of \$45,000,000. Something similar should be in place for unlawful use of personal data.

Bill Harding, FL

advertisers targeting me with personalized ads by collecting data about my interests and purchases online

Desiree Cadena, CA

knowing and selling info. about me.

Heidi Rorick-Evans, CA

My greatest concern is that my personal information is not protected and can be accessed by anyone.

Sarah Morrison, MN

I'm most bothered by the idea of hackers or accessing my phone or computer without my permission, and then possibly using my private information against me. That is kind of worrisome.

April Combs, OH

I am tremendously concerned about all online privacy violations, but I would have to say that I think the biggest threat is data about online activities and purchases being used to deny employment or affect the ability to get a loan. I abhor companies selling consumer information and I think it should be absolutely illegal for them to collect information about kids' internet activity and targeting them with ads.

Akihiko Yamamoto, NC

unauthorized use of information

Trey Petty, NY

It all comes down to what I know about, and whether or not I have a choice in it. As long as they let me know what they are doing, and I can choose whether or not I want them to do it, then I am fine with it.

Rebecca Scarborough, NJ

I want to be in control of information collected about me and I want to be alerted when on a website that if I proceed I will lose control of my information.

James Recht, MA

For me and my family, the most dangerous privacy threats are those that use the collected information for commercial purposes. The corporations that use our personal information to tailor their advertising messages are the very worst offenders here, because they combine the purely exploitative aspects of capitalism with the immorality of privacy invasion.

David Gurevitch, NY
All of the above.

Norma Haak, AZ

Receiving emails that appear official demanding payment of my bill which then is enormous.

Cinsy Dinges, WI

I am bothered by all of my information that is collected without my knowledge or consent and how companies are using the information in a manner that could negatively impact my lifestyle.

Douglas Biagini, IL

This issue is about property. It is my belief that my Facebook page or other activities I do online are my property to control, so long as I am not violating the terms of service of the website or ISP. That being said, no party should be able to access information about me unless I give consent for them to do so. The idea that someones online activities can keep them from earning a living or getting a loan is horrifying. What is a free society if practices like those are to be allowed. As much of our lives and livelihoods do go online, we need legislators that will not put forth laws contrary to our freedoms. I will not support any lawmaker who wishes to do so and will vote against anyone that is willing to do so.

Amy Smitherman, MT

Using private issues to effect employment or outcome of borrowing funds, this is not right and it whatever happened to privacy laws ???

Stephanie Larson, IL

The worst threat is the consumer's lack of choices about their own privacy. For example, if asked, I'd allow some tracking by an application, but another person might not be comfortable with that. Companies should ask and clearly inform every customer.

Elizabeth Horton, MN

Sharing my personal information without my permission.

Barbara Larsen, CA

Identity theft is on the rise and at critical numbers. We must protect our personal information and the Internet MUST be the first place I am allowed to block. None of my personal shopping, e-mailing or experience should be accessed by these big companies.

Thelma Follett, WA

NSA's Bluffdale complex should be of major concern to citizens the world over. It is unconscionable but of concern to me personally is the visual invasion of ridiculous ads on my pc desk space. I am completely impervious to ads, I never buy anything but the simplest, locally made products and I run entirely the other way from anything advertised to me.

Frances Kinzel, CA

Companies that store and retain personal and online data activities, for who knows how long, is my biggest concern. Also, the use of that stored information is highly suspect. Many of these companies are working hand in hand with government agencies and infringing on the privacy rights of citizens.

Helen Henry, OR

I am most concerned that personal information about me or my contacts get passed on to third parties that I don't know and that retained information can be sold. Consumers should get a cut of any financial transaction that involves their information or the opportunity to sell their own information. The system should be made transparent and democratic.

Larry Douglas, MO
Access to cell phone data

M Cherry, CA
this wonderful tool (the internet) has turned into a weapon that harms and exploits people. There will always be bad-eggs, but to legislate companies being able to use and sell individual's personal information is a flagrant disregard of our rights privacy.

Don Beams, NM
The idea that a corporation has ANY right at all to collect, store and use information about an individual, WITHOUT YOUR EXPRESS PERMISSION, even for their own marketing purposes, much less for SALE to other entities, or dissemination to governmental and law enforcement agencies without a warrant is an invasion of privacy that is not supported by the Constitution.

Chad Lampson, WI
a big one as of late is when I tell a company to cease calling or emailing me and then they get one last profit by selling my info to "Jackie from Card Holder Services" who wants to "give me better rates" on my 4 or 5 non-existent credit cards.

Nancy Tickel, PA
My biggest concern is people having access to contacts, photos, location, and other important data.

Becky Bolt, NM
I am very concerned about companies tracking my online shopping and browsing history. I am concerned about any company or government being able to use my phone GPS. I do not feel the consumer has enough control or information about what actually goes on regarding privacy, information data collection and the internet. I leave my phone at home, in the car when I shop and I try not to bank online due to these and other concerns.

Merissa Lovett, FL

Employers and creditors monitoring activity on the internet that is not illegal.

Mariel Birnbaumer, NC

The use of electronic "social sites". They seem to provide an entry for computer hackers into the computers of persons that do not use them but communicate electronically with the users.

Gregory Penchoen, WA

The head of the CIA has stated that smart devices in the home can be used to gather data, and this can lead to intelligence gathering on US citizens without a warrant, a violation of the constitution.

Waldo Latowsky, TN

The crux of the problem is if I have given permission and if I can opt out. Any gathering of data that doesn't take those into consideration is wrong, in my opinion.

Tana Patterson, MT

apps that can collect data without permission and data being used without permission

Robert Barton, AZ

Numbers 4, 5 & 6 are equal for me because they are rather sneaky and invasive.

Terri Heuser, ID
They have no right to collect and use our information.

John Hoffman, PA
uninvited cookies

Jennifer Mocksfield, CT
Number 6

Larry Turner, TN
Gathering and using my online use data for their and other companies use. Selling my usage and frequency data for their own private gain.

Terrence Deweerd, MI
Giving or selling information about me.

Steven Smith, CA
We have all heard and seen on the tv news or radio news the horror stories of people whose identity has been stolen. It destroys their lives and causes them financial ruin many times. We have all heard all too often about some executives lap top being stolen or compromised with hundreds of thousands of peoples personal information. So many horror stories of real people being denied employment, health coverage, credit, housing, etc are commonplace now that this digital internet age invades every aspect of our daily lives, that it makes me wonder why anyone thought it was a good idea anyways. Inaccurate info, incomplete info, it's all out there. Malicious acts as well. Yes we need stiff standards on privacy----AND a real process for every form of remediation and recovery for those who are harmed by this.

Ray Gulbrand, WI

The use of my information more than once and only for the purpose I may have provided any company at the first time I desired to provide information. My information should not be stored or sold for future use.

Jennifer Anderson, TN

No one should be allowed to access your personal information without a clear and concise understanding of the written policy for the consumer.

Cecilie Scott, OR

Don't track my personal information. And all my information is personal. By the way, anyone who stops to think about this knows that if you don't track info -- by name or internet address -- you can't sell it, trade it, or otherwise share it by name or internet address (or any other identifying code). Simple, isn't it? Not that hard to understand.

Kathy Mackie, PA

The long, long, long, notices. The Policy statements are ridiculous. You cannot read them online because it is truly "small print". And they are sometimes 6 pages long, who is paying for my ink? I have actually chosen to ignore a site that requires me to read a novel written in Legaleeze!

Robert Brewer, WI

stay out of my business!

Barbara Dargatz, ID

I am 88 years old and have friends of about that age and my main concern is the scams organizations come up with based on information they might have gotten from the web about me or my senior friends. Some of us fall for good sounding "DEALS" when they are not in our best interest. Also I don't like the deluge of solicitations I get from so-called charities. THEY only serve to fill up my re-cycle bin and I send back the postage paid envelopes with nothing in them. I limit my charities to ones I have chosen years ago and do not subscribe to new ones no matter how worthy.

Malachi Harrison, NY
All of the above.

Laurence Wagner, CA

I want the choice in browser to receive no dynamic ads which degrade browser performance. I want to be able to block specific company's ads as I choose, easily. Such as Match.com. incessant and annoying. I want no Flash ads.

Deanne Rocchietti, CA

My greatest concern is that private interest groups as well as our government can access and process private information without our consent! This is a blatant disregard for our constitutional rights of privacy! Our civil liberties have been corroding for many years now, and it MUST be addressed!!! Thank you for your help.

Ronald Daniels, CA

We all have the right to privacy

Ben Green, IL

The data and info is our own, no company, government or anyone else has a right to use it without our permission.

Jena Sleboda Braun, IL

I am concerned with blanket privacy policies that are agreed to once and used across the board. Users should have an option to opt in once/every time or accept a blanket privacy policy. Tools for parents should also be available so they can protect their children's privacy.

Eric Voorhies, MD

The threat that concerns me most is a breakdown of the wall between my private and public life- what I do and say on my own time, versus what I do and say in the workplace. This is a very basic thing in a free society. You have to be able to go home, turn off the part of your brain that acts as a paid subsidiary of your boss's operations, and be your own human being for at least a few hours a day. Otherwise, life becomes intolerable. That is what I fear most- that I will not be able to live as my own person, abiding by all laws and harming no one, without having to worry constantly about suffering because someone decided to cast me in a bad light using online information they never should have had or held in the first place. I don't care what advertisements you throw at me, because I can make my own decisions about whether to watch or ignore them. I do care about

Sheila Burleson, NC

All of the above bother me greatly but that some employers want the password to a job applicant's Facebook page is INSANE. I repeat - INSANE. I don't belong to Facebook because that site has always given me the shivers. It's a breeding ground for trouble IMHO. But no employer should be able to see what someone posts. Because they will see not only what the job applicant has posted but also what people have written TO prospective employees that is very personal and not for employers to see.

Dennis Emge, CA

The amount of control that companies have over us is unreal. Our founding fathers must be rolling over in their graves right now knowing that the average American citizen has almost no control over their own private information. One company I complained to argued with me over the matter. I told the women when I agreed to do business with you; I meant only you and not other companies. I told them that they had no right to sell and market my personal information. She went on to inform me that they did have the "right" to my personal information when I entered into a business agreement with them. It was a credit card company and that was over 8 years ago and things have gotten much worse now. Right now it absolutely war. Most browsers are set up with tracking cookies that allows companies to follow me all over the internet. If I was shopping for

James Freytag, IN

We as Americans practically have lost our personal lives for corporate needs. Allowing "ANYONE" to gain access to our credit histories can deny an individual the right to a job, a place to live, the ability to afford insurance to name only a few. ALL requests for credit history should be confidential and only allowed to a financial institution after applying for a loan. After the worst financial disaster since the "great depression" too many young adults have "NO" chance to lead a normal life due to unfair privacy laws like the before mentioned.

Gloria Berk, FL

I never thought I would live long enough to worry about Big Brother and 1984. It's no one's business what I do, read, see, or buy as an American. The problems we have don't come from average citizens, they come from a government too busy fighting with itself over power and money and without a real concern about its citizens. I resent living in what is becoming a 3rd world country when I lived almost my whole life in the #1 country on earth. The greatest privacy threat to me? Greed and stupidity and the lies that are being fed to the masses by the right wing and Fox.

Leslie Weber, IA

The privacy threat is of great concern. It appears that not only do online merchants have access but the threat that government can look in on your internet activity is frightening.

James Barnes, CA

Collecting, Selling and sharing of info. with out prior approval.

Thomas Mercier, MS

ANY group gathering and/or selling my personal information without my permissioin.

Joel Olson, OK

I want to know the contents of any file with my name in it. And then I want to delete that information.

David Nuesmeyer, WA

Customers should have the right to "opt in", not be required to "opt out" in all uses by companies of personal information.

Kenneth Iffrig, MO

All the above are abuse to my privacy.

Lorraine Robledo, CA

Do not sell my information.

Chris Cherry, CA

i don't like how privacy policies are too long and complicated...

Olof Hansen, CA

effect on career/job

Pam Pudewa, CA

I am concerned enough about data collection on me that I have considered deleting myself entirely and never going online again. I hate that anyone can know what I buy, who my friends are, who I have asked for credit, and what information I am interested in.

R David Mahler, PA

unsolicited emails from women who are basically out to get you without regard to marital status. These women are basically hookers whose motives are bogus; and if you reply to them you're sunk! They continue to bug you ad infinitum. Tell Yahoo and other web search cos that this should be illegal.

david younce, IN

If I grant permission for these companies to do this, knowing ahead of time, how and what information and how this information is being used is one thing. My line of work my privacy is very important as bad peopel do bad things.

Herbert Barker, MO

I very much dislike advertisers targeting me with ads by collecting data about me or following the purchases I make online. It should be unlawful for companies to share information about me with other persons or companies without my permission. This is invasion of privacy!!

Elizabeth Bakst, RI

No one person or business should collect data without express permission, and ALL collected data should be used ONLY for the purpose for which informed consent/permission is given. No data should ever be secretly collected from other parts of a PC, smartphone, etc. while user is online or taking pictures or...whatever... on another part of a PC, smartphone, etc. NO SECRET DATA COLLECTION EVER!!!!

James Anderson, TX

The sharing of information for profit with third party contacts.

David Thomas, TX
NA

Leah Richter, NJ

As you can see I am very concerned about 6 of these issues.

David Gifford, NM

Greatest Concern: ...companies holding on to my data when they don't need it for "any purpose" any more!

David J Stevenson, NJ

My biggest concern is an ISP (Internet Provider) that filters my outgoing (or even incoming mail) because THEY feel it is spam or junk. I pay for the service and that is MY choice to make, not THEIRS ! Having a good browser allows me to filter my own junk... PS: there is an alleged rumor of even charging a fee for emails. Don't know how true this is but is BS as that is also included in my service !!

Rich Papas, PA
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Jason Heing, OH

The most concern I have right now is understanding the permissions I give to apps on my mobile devices. Companies need to be more transparent about what information they need to run their apps and why they need it. Guidelines for data collection policies need to be set. Companies should be held accountable if guidelines are not met.

Geoff Wally, CA

Knowing who I am; where I am; and what I'm interested in (searches) or buying is VERY concerning to me. Create the data for the transaction and purge it immediately whilst surfing and in the case of purchases - purge after 30/45 days (or whatever the dispute or return period maybe). Long term retention IS NOT necessary ANYWHERE outside of data needed for warranty coverages.

Lyn Judd, CA

I don't want companies to share my information with any other affiliates, companies, government entities. If I'm interested in a product I will contact the appropriate people and give them my information.

Jean O'Reilly, NY

IDENTITY THEFT.TOO MUCH INVASION OF MY PRIVACY BY ON-LINE COMPANIES.NO INFORMATION SHOULD EVER BE GIVEN TO ANYONE WITHOUT MY CONSENT.

Alice Beauchene, TN

I am most concerned about ads targeting kids based on info collected about them.

Stephen Schmidt, NM
NSA collection of data on all citizens done secretly.

Andrew Arrabaca, NY
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Crawford Theodora, CA
#7. Don't have smart phone Evidence of my information being used is mostly catalogs, robo calls and other marketing ploys. Infuriating but worse...they indicate someone has access to my private concerns...This is NOT OK! Thanks for fighting this incursion on our lives. There has to be an opt in/out option...Worst example is a daily call telling me I can reduce my credit interest!...I don't have it!

Brooke Felmar, CA
selling/giving my information out to others without my knowledge or permission

David Astrachan, CA
collection of too much personal information and consumer not knowing how or what is being done...all is secret

Terri Bumgardner, WY
Not being able to keep my Facebook information private from my employer or other groups.

Jimmy Magiasis, WA

I don't think it is appropriate that things are tracked without consent.

Mary Lyons, MA

My personal information out there for anyone who wishes to read it.

Frank Rodriguez, WA

The collection of my data. I should have the choice to use a service and not have my data collected. I should also be able to look at the data out there now and delete it all. Collection of data is not bad only if it is done without linking it to a specific user or computer.

Lindsay Kant, NY

See above. Online information being used to fire people and/or to make decisions about employment, loans, etc.

Arlene Ferguson, WA

having anyone have access to what I do on my pc is unacceptable unless I give them permission directly.

Peter Knee, CA

Credit and social security information.

James Jorgensen, CA

All of my online activities shall be as sacred and private as if I were performing activities in my home or talking on the telephone.

Joanna Defelice, OR

Since I am clearly very concerned about all these invasions of privacy, it's difficult to choose a worst offender. Since the invasion spreads like a disease, however, I choose #4.

Falcone Richard, CO

I think the indefinite retention of data poses a serious problem for all of us. Certainly data collected should not be preserved indefinitely. I can accept some targeting but not forever! In the information age we need to consider a proactive way to help preserve privacy. This could include a mechanism for individuals to opt out of the collection of data or require deletion of that data.

Casey Willson, OK

It truly is ILLEGAL to use someone's SS # for anything but taxes and govt related situations. On line and off line companies do it regularly and nobody seems to care. Also the security of my data seems to be questionable with employees of various companies/agencies able to download the data to non-secure electronics. It isn't even encrypted for the most part as well as I can find out.

Luanne Alomair, OR

I hate that every single outfitter seems to want you to open a "membership card". Merchants should see their products for their price and leave it at that. The membership card is fine for Costco, but for all merchants to get on the membership wagon is such a turn off. I refuse them for many reasons. I hate giving out my personal information that they do not have any business having, and for the ploy they present to get to be "loyal" through their stupid points programs...and the cards...I hate the cards and will not carry 20 cards around. The entire membership scam is just that, a scam to get more information and to trick consumers into thinking they need to be loyal.

Judy Carver, CA

All of the above issues are of great concern to me. It smacks of technological voyeurism when we cannot use our computers for what SHOULD be personal and private uses, and not have our information 'harvested' and 'sent to market.' It's intrusive and abusive.

Charles Hanfman, FL

Lack of uniformity concerning privacy issues. That is, everyone sends out their "stuff". It is all different. Therefore, no one has time to read it. Also the assumption should be the answer is no unless the consumer elects in; not the other way around

Chris Wicks, CA

I am most concerned about #7, that apps can access my contacts, photos, location, accounts, or any other data without my permission. This is truly an intrusion of my privacy and unwanted on my part. I should have the right to decide who and what is seen of my personal info.

leslie waller, TN

I pay a company to provide me a service, not give my confidential information to others. What I search and buy on the internet are not the business of companies, advertisers, or future employers. That is a complete invasion of privacy, and my personal information is not for sale.

Wesley Wolf, IL

I am concerned that my data on corporate servers may be stolen.

Margaret Goodale, CA

CHILDREN especially must be protected!!!! My life is VERY private. I do not want any information collected or shared unless I give my permission specifically!

Michael Gomes, UT

Remote assistance abuse used to gather; personal information, addresses and address lists, contact lists, habits & health information. This has got to stop or be controlled at the least.

Ken Barnhart, CA

I WOULD LIKE THE 'JENNIE' BACK IN THE
"BOTTLE"!!! (Not going to happen)! I WOULD LIKE
FOR MY PERSOANAL INFORMATION NEVER TO
BE USED/GIVEN/SHARED/SOLD TO ANY
"CORPARATION" OR "PERSON"; FOR ANY
"COMERICAL" PERPOSE WITHOUT! A
CONTRACT; WITH ME "PERSONALY".
SINCERELY, KEN V. BARNHART

Christopher Hart, MD

Recently the RIAA and big Telecom are talking about
creating an antipiracy system but that would require a
alot of oversight on the average user's browsing history,
and that is very disturbing.

Harold Ross, NY

Permission should be asked, at the very least

Cheryl Lieberman, MA

I have huge concerns. It feels worse than the concerns
we had years ago about the government prying into our
lives. This feels more insidious.

Minerva Bordeaux, SD
Number 3

Kimberly Elmore, OK

My personal data is *mine*. I should have complete
control over it. If a company wants to use it *personal
data*, they need to ask. If all they want is a general
demographic that cannot be traced personally back to
me, no problem. In academic research (which is not for
profit), if we use any data that can be traced back to an
individual, we must deal with an internal review board
and undergo extensive training. Why is it, then, that the
very same requirements are not imposed on for-profit
entities?

Larry Butler, CA

Retention of searches by Google and other search engines.

Mitchell Goldstein, VA

The greatest threat is the lack of a comprehensive and consistent privacy scheme. The information available, the surreptitious methods of collection and the consolidation and use of private information to gather even more information on our lives and those of our children threatens freedom. The collection of information without our consent or ability to correct the data gives too much power to corporate America over our private lives. It is even more of a threat than incorrect credit reports (and that has been the source of a number of statutes and lawsuits). Preserve our last shred of dignity, privacy.

Chris Short, OH

I honestly don't want any company storing or using any personal information about me ever, unless its my bank.

Robert Beeks, OR

My biggest concern is companies who mandate that I provide them with personal information and then share my personal information with other companies and sometimes at a profit. In cases like this, I am given no choice but to provide personal information but loose the ability to control who I share it with. I need a way to enforce my privacy rights and hold companies liable for allowing others to gain access to my personal information. If I am mandated to provide information to any company, they must only use that for purposes of contacting me themselves relating to the business relationship I am entering into with them. My personal rights must always trump the rights of a company where they desire to share my information or sell it to others.

Judith Brayton, IA

All of these are very troubling, but I think my primary concern is with privacy policies being too long & complicated, and with 'legalese' that is very difficult to understand.

John Flores, FL

With company selling data and having lose security in place, it's concerning the amount of information that goes unchecked/stolen with no control. It doesn't take a trained theif long to pull someones complete life/history...

Bobbye Carsten, MS

Any contact which I did not initiate. And un-requested follow-up to any contact that I did initiate.

Beverley Mas, FL

Any personal information regarding my credit, banking, and health should stay private.

Susan Byra, MS

It all concerns me. Nobody needs to know my business just as I don't need to know theirs. And targeted advertising is an infringement of my right to choose what I want. If I never get to see anything except what some retailer things I want, how will I know what else is out there. Looks like restraint of trade to me, and that's illegal.

Nomercy4u Offenders, WA

What happened to privacy? What I say or do online is nobody else's business. As well as other businesses associated with the business I contact. Privacy policies need to be direct & to the point. I know of many people who have 'skimmed down' through the 'policy' only to sign because it sounded good, but found out otherwise. Government needs to be kept out also.

Lawrence Gettleman, KY

I especially dislike unsolicited religious messages in my in-box or included in ads and during purchases.

Lewis Clark, VT

I have heard that European countries have much better protection for their citizens -- yet we are supposed to be the land of the free. This really needs to be fixed. We do not exist for the benefit of business.

Kathy Alvarado, AZ

Identity Theft, the more information about me out there on the web or obtained from companies who do not need it, makes the chance of someone stealing my identity that much more of a threat!

Meghan Paulsen, IA

software that tracks my web history

Susan Pfaffe, AK

Companies collecting and storing information without adequate security measures in place. The opt out process needs to be easy and simple to access and offered upfront.

Peter Campbell, NY

Ownership of personal information

James Pannunzio, CA

Almost complete sharing of all information personal thru the INTERNET nearly destroys Privacy. Pressure and tempting for purchases are making debt continue to grow with the ones on the INTERNET more.

Vicki Firth, PA

My greatest concern is that my private info gets into the hands of those who will use it illegally.

Nanette Yannuzzi-Macias, OH

Privacy is a HUMAN RIGHT issue. Any country that has to spy on it's citizens to obtain information has seriously lost the support, belief and integrity of its people. The United States is such a country, but it's not too late, We can turn this around, but in order to do so we have to agree to live by a code of ethics instead of a code of greed and suspicion.

Roberta Christian, CA

keeping my data after the transaction, opens the door to someone grabbing it later or at the same time. Selling my information or giving my information to another company or division of the company for marketing or snooping purposes. No need to keep my info, track my habits etc.

Rosemary Hall, CT

I'm very concerned about all of these. There doesn't appear to be much left of privacy these days. We are bombarded with catalogues, advertising, and phone calls that most probably relate to tracking my online purchasing and interest tracking. I do not go on Facebook or do online banking because I am fairly sure that these two things are risky as to identity theft.

Sal Mendez, NV

Any kind of data collection from me or my family that is used without permission should always be illegal. Any company collecting data and using it or selling it without my permission should should stop unless they have permission or pay money to the individuals they are collecting it from before they do anything with that information. Employers should stay out of the employees personal life unless employee agrees before hand to give access-only for promotion or higher positions in the company but never used in the pre-employment process.

Michael Thomason, CA

It disturbs me greatly that I am becoming more and more subject to scrutiny by organizations over which I have NO CONTROL! I am a member of a number of different social organizations and feel that these organizations should have the security within their system which I would expect of them. I do NOT expect commercial entities to have access to my details through these social groups.

Millie Phillips, CA

The ability of companies and government agencies to access social networking sites like Facebook in order to investigate worthiness for employment, housing, credit, etc. or to profile a person based on ethnicity, religion, and activities. Sites should be secure enough that the customer's privacy selections cannot be overridden without extreme safeguards.

Leanne Olea, CA

It seems little about us is sacred anymore. It was especially hurtful to me following 5 separate miscarriages to receive solicitations from companies trying to sell me items related to my children since I never was able to carry a pregnancy to term. These were not one time offers; solicitations tracked the "ages" through the years and so did the offers. It is completely wrong for companies to sell our information to marketers for profit.

Sybil Erden, AZ

I want my information to remain private unless I state a certain portion is public. The idea of the Internet as a means of collecting data or spying on the US citizenry is anathema to our way of life....

Kenn Brooks, PA

These companies should not profit by using my personal data without real benefit to me. It's my concern that these data mines can be used in ways that could be detrimental to us all. If anyone is collecting information on me it must be clearly spelled out and I should be allowed to opt out.

Dennis Thompson, CA

Wide-spread dissemination of information about me, even to companies that I have not relationship with. Selling of info about me.

Franziska Theodoropoulos, NY

I'm very concerned with all the questions as indicated above

Inez S. Miles, NV

What concerns me is the desire of many newly elected politicians to implement multiple types of government intrusion into every aspect of our lives; mostly, it seems, to the benefit of large corps. What happened to fitting government into a bathtub? Now, rather than by the people for the people, the tea partiers/Repubs want to take our rights away and put the corps in charge; of course they want to know where we surf and what we buy as it's all about greed and control. Control women; control what people can and can't watch, do or see; control whom we love. I am very concerned that we are entering a period during which children do not expect any type of privacy so when they become adults, they won't miss what they never had. Problem now for all the greedy &\$#@*s is that we older Americans do realize we are in the process of losing our freedoms, most

Kevin Sarian, CA

Monitoring personal activities and selling personal data.

Linda Scher, OR

Using data collected from my use of the internet against me in any way. I am not greatly concerned with anonymous collection of information, just the connecting it with my identity.

V. M. Faulkner, FL

The U.S. constitution has lately been interpreted as having a "right to privacy" inherent within it. IF this is so, we MUST above all else, have the ability to understand and control any information about us collected by anyone for any reason!

Artemis Dibenedetto, NY

I'm also very concerned about the following:

Transparency: Consumers have a right to easily understandable and accessible information about privacy and security practices. Respect for Context: Consumers have a right to expect that companies will collect, use, and disclose personal data in ways that are consistent with the context in which consumers provide the data. Security: Consumers have a right to secure and responsible handling of personal data.

Janine Nicolosi, CA

My biggest concern is my information being used for anything without my permission, and identity theft.

Richard Filewicz, IL

Companies selling or sharing my information without my permission

Arthur Coffin, MT

Nos. 1, 3, 5, 6, are of greatest concern to me.

ELIZABETH DESIMONE, NJ

constant tracking of my internet actions

Christine Hankins, OR

Hospitals, doctors, ambulance crews should be able to share health records as needed. The courts, and the police should be able to share info on a subject's background. Everything else should be on a "By Permission Only" basis. Without written permission, no sharing of personal information, period!

James Savage, CA

I do not like the fact that other people have the ability, not right, to access data, information, and the ability to change things on my computer, in my home, without my permission and or knowledge. If people want any data on me, my family, or my household facts and informaton, they need my approval, with my knowlodge that I am giving them my approval.

W. Michael Biklen, IA

Others would have no right to search through my mail, my journal, my diary, my home (looking for what I like, dont' like, read, view, etc. without probable cause and due process. Eelectronically being able to is no different.

Jonathan Lentz, HI

What I do, see, read, is of no one's business but my own. I am paying for a service to access the Internet already; why should I have to participate in the company's quest for more profit if it compromises my security? I am, after all, already paying for something that was originally "free" and created for the exchange of information; not a cash cow.

Joyce Mcneil, MA

All of the above threats to privacy are of great concern to me. It is obvious that "big business" and money are the winners of weak privacy laws. All individuals are owed privacy and robust laws should be enforced to protect that privacy.

Jean James, CA

Tracking on line searches can lead to inaccurate and possibly damaging conclusions. For example, an author may be researching a book on a medical condition. The tracking information might be supplied to an insurance company that then denies coverage based on the assumption the author suffers from that condition. This could also affect applications for credit, and hiring.

Onat Astrida, WA

If I want someone to know something about me, I will let them know. Having access to advertising sources would be good; advertising sources having access to me is an invasion of privacy.

Kelly Janeway, IN

Anyone being able to search me and get my address/phone #, etc.

Wolfgang McBride, OR

Capitalism has brought so much good to people, from the heads of corporations, down to the lowliest consumers. It produces jobs, meets needs and wants, raises the standard of living and health, is instrumental in technical progress and the quality of life and more. It has been and still can be a force for good in society. However, it is only as good or ethical as the people who own and manage it. While we are all consumers, we are all more fundamentally, humans. If we are just seen as dollar signs with no regard to our fundamental rights of respect as people, then I see the good that can be, dissipated in exchange for the hope of more wealth. These ethical lapses play into the hands of the enemies of capitalism and put us in danger, of losing our freedoms and way of life. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you", still holds up. We

Helen-Thomas Donnelly, MA

I want to be able to order on line without fear that I will get "pop ups" down the road which show that my information is being broadly shared.

Caroline Oda, HI
Gathering information about me and even selling it.

Martin Kunzmann, PA
With so much personal info floating around the web and also being stored by companies without 100% security from hacking, I think that the greatest threat to all of us is increased vulnerability to identity theft and/or fraudulent use of our personal info.

Jerry Hartman, CA
Any collection and use of private information by anyone concerns me. When ordering online, I'd prefer that companies be required to delete ALL info once an order is complete.

Kathleen Piazza, AZ
I don't like ANY information about me being used without my express permission. The largest threat is the lack of "safe haven" for the information we provide to online agents. That is a sacred trust and needs to be COMPLETELY deleted/removed from an agent's server, etc when someone no longer wishes to be a subscriber for their services. That means "ghost" data also needs to be erased. I also want the freedom to NOT provide SS number or other specifically sensitive information online. Something else needs to be substituted.

Karla Youngblood, CA
I am concerned about sharing my information with other companies/agencies. It seems there is a greater chance of that information being hacked into the more it is shared and if I want a company to have my info, I will give it myself.

Tom Rossi, CA
I don't want anyone at any time to access anything about me without my express consent. Opt out is terrible - I want opt in and even then it should be clear and simple exactly what I'd be opting in for. Taking someone's information without their permission is STEALING plain and simple.

Don Corg Bernstein, CA

smartphone apps that can access contacts, photos, location and other data without your permission?

Donald Billings, IN

Employers and others asking for access to social media.

Douglas Gonzales, LA

Two simple solutions. No made up names for e-mails. Everyone must put their real name and address. Second. Make software makers only allow forwards only with permission of the original sender.

Anthony Buttell, AZ

This is badly needed reform and should be enacted as quickly as possible

Richard Dixon, CA

The major threat is the uncontrolled gathering of personal profile information from multiple sources by data aggregators who profit from the data. Much of the data out there is not accurate. I had to have a background check for my seasonal employment this year the result contained about 40% of addresses I never lived at. When the background check company is challenged, they delete the entire file and then you have no data and the employer questions it!

M. Williams, GA

Being deaf, I especially object to requirement of driver's license and SSN for records purpose. Three times I have been subjected to fraud apparently by use of this information along with credit card charge data. The SSN should only be required for tax related matters as originally intended. I detest my credit being accessed and that I am burdened with opting out when I never opted in. This should stop immediately. Companies, providers, institutions, marketers, etc, should only be allowed to access an individuals credit profile/record with signed and written permission. By the same token, the opt out law for telemarketers calls should be enforced. I have reported constant privacy invasions from telemarketers while still on the opt out list and have gotten no relief with reporting it. How are they getting information to perfectly target me for

Dawn Walker, AZ

I do not want data about my online activities affecting my offline life (job applications, loans) in ANY way.

Carly Schwartz, NC

Greatest concerns: location apps used without permission and the sharing of data collected online.

Ivan Kinne, FL

Selling or sharing information without my knowledge

James Fraser, HI

data about online activities and purchases being used to deny you employment or affect your ability to get a loan? Or being used in any manner to affect decisions that are unrelated to my personal purposes.

Nicholas Wilson, OR

Honestly, I normally do not mind if companies take my info. Companies like Google offer amazing free products, and having my data harvested seems like a fair way to repay them. Also, Google's customization makes it worth them taking my data. 99% of the time, my personalized results and ads make using my computer faster and more interesting. The thing I have a problem with is them harvesting information about my friends. I do not know if they share the same views as I do, so they shouldn't be subjected to the same treatment.

Deanna Reed, NY

No information should be collected from me.

Cameron McLaughlin, FL

LACK OF TRANSPARENCY about who is collecting what and LACK OF ACCESS to that information about who snoops on me are my primary concerns. Freedom in a democracy entails the freedom to know who is trying to interfere in your life or invade your privacy and to be able to hold them accountable in the civil or criminal courts. We have no such safeguards because there is no way to know who is spying on us and for what purpose. I want the spies and data miners to be 1) required by federal and international law to reveal fully what private information has been collected about an individual; and 2) every individual should have legal means to take recourse either as punitive or corrective action in case personal information is misused or used without explicit consent.

de Regil Alvaro, CA

...companies selling or sharing information about me without my permission?

Brian Nelson, MD

I don't like any information being collected on me or my family. It is an unwelcome intrusion, and a violation of privacy.

Todd Eastman, TX

ID Theft through hackers accessing stored data from store/vendor sites or payment processing firms & banks. Also Income Tax Refund fraud committed by criminals faking returns/refunds

Robert Cregar, MI

I am concerned mostly about companies or individuals that glean my info or sell it after obtaining it for their use only

Jim Keller, NY

Android phones: even though you grant "permissions", you have no way to verify that the app is behaving well or deviously.

Lisa Rorh, CA

I believe in total privacy. Anything that the company or government do not need they should not have. And what they have they should not sell, store, share or use for any other purpose than what they got it for in the first place. Something like HIPPA for business would be good.

Paul Rinaldi, NY

commercial sharing of personal data. It should be completely banned unless required by law.

Paula Jacobs, TX

Search Engines like Google and Social Networks like Facebook need to be reined in and stop any exploitation of people. Also Facebook accounts and the basic info on profile can NOT BE DELETED which is a very big concern. thankyou

Kaye Susan, NY

People who are looking for jobs. Now many companies are asking for your Facebook password to see what you are talking about. This is no one business to get a job in today's horrible job market.

William Whitley, MI

It is all just too much. There is no reason that I cannot go online, surf, look, shop -- without being tracked, profiled, categorized and targeted. This is not paranoia -- this is about the freedom of privacy. I should have to RIGHT to opt IN, not be required to opt out, not be subjected to no choice or no ability to control information that is collected on or about me. Or worse yet -- not even know when it is being collected about me. I should not have to worry about the security or privacy of information that is collected about me -- EVEN WHEN I DON'T WANT IT TO BE -- and the impact of what may happen to that information, or to me, when (not if) it falls into the wrong hands. I think it is not a great stretch to compare the driving force that created our nation and shaped our constitution -- taxation without representation -- to the forces at play

David Hacker, VA

Privacy regulations are years behind those abusers, catch up and surpass now.

Deborah Sams-Usatin, CA

Private citizens engaging in normal daily activities should have protection from the prying activities of "businesses" who are attempting to profile us to their ultimate financial advantage. Many of the activities advertisers claim are their right have significant potential to harm their victims.

Alton Thomson Jr, FL

Perhaps the biggest privacy concern should be the emergence of electronic medical records. These will be easily hacked and all kinds of information will be available. In addition with a requirement that the government have access to your records for "billing purposes" or "data collection" the chance compromise is greatly enhanced. It is not only private companies that we need to worry about.

michael manning, PA

that you can be denied employment or a loan due to your private purchases on the internet and companies accessing your personal info without your permission. what kind of society have we become is there nothing personal and sacred anymore

Richard Belt, VA

In addition to the above, the ability of the Government to look at will at server contents including emails is of great concern. Anything akin to snooping in a USPS mailbox should not be allowed.

VERAN SHARP, OK

How would the people that make large amounts of money like to be treated the way they treat others, as sometimes in making this money. Give me your information to do as I choose whether you like it or not.

Adrian Gropper, MA

Lack of transparency in what companies and institutions know about me. Every database should have a consumer portal.

Zelda Penzel, NY

Zero tolerance for spam policies, have made the ISP's the equivalent of the Internet Police. Sometimes the recipient of a group email is just having a bad day, is upset or angry about something totally unrelated and decides to hit "spam" rather than delete or ask you to remove their name from a group mailing. This has greatly interfered with online activism by non-profit groups and individuals who wish to advocate for any one of a number causes or reasons. This is entirely unreasonable. If I receive unwanted email through the US postal service I cannot tell them to stop delivering the mail or get the source to stop sending. It is my responsibility to just dump it in the garbage, even though it is unwanted and is responsible for the destruction of trees and forests...used to make the paper they use. We need a more reasonable policy.

Kim King, CA

I am most concerned about smartphone apps accessing my contacts, my photos, my data, my personal information and/or my whereabouts without my specific, item-by-item permission!

Donald Cousino, CA

The DO NOT CALL list seems to be deteriorating, and less effective at stopping unwanted solicitations

Donald Slottke, TX

While I am not opposed to directed online advertising, I am most concerned about the security and potential use of my online activities, especially in relation to associating them the my physical person, address, location, accounts, etc.

GERALD GRIFFETH, OR

JUST DON'T WANT ANY PERSONAL INFO GIVEN OUT----PERIOD!! THAT'S MY BUSINESS FOR ME TO GIVE OUT-----AND NO ONE ELSE!!!! DO NOT LIKE COMPANIES SHARING INFO -----WITHOUT MY PERMISSION!!

Michael Wisniewski, CA

This entire fascist police state that has diminished privacy and the bill of rights almost entirely. Between government and corporate spying and tracking and selling/trading people's info there is no sense of privacy any longer. Why pretend that it exists. This must end--NOW!

Karlene Blaydes, CA

The smartphone apps don't bother me because I have control to over whether I give permission. I am very uncomfortable with the idea of google and all of their advertisers being allowed to track all of my Internet movement. If someone was physically following me like that they could be charged with stalking. Collecting data for purposes of being denied employment employment or a loan is discriminatory and should be illegal. I'm shocked that it's not.

Betty Greene, TX

My greatest concern is that my personal identification data will be used for fraudulent or illegal activity.

Nelson Cochrane, NV

Having no control over what is collected, what it used for, who it is shared with and how long it is kept. What protection is taken to protect it. Notification of when data has been compromised.

Erlinda Gorgona, CA

Very concerned about my personal information, account numbers, credit card numbers security because I have them all online.

Eric Gilliland, NY

Everything is troublesome. How's that?

Jean Nelson, CA

I am very concerned about any use of my personal information without my specific and clearly defined permission

Carolyn D. Jackson, PA

The sharing of and use of my Social Security Number for ID purposes by credit card companies for their files and their sharing with 3rd parties without my permission. One's Social Security Number should only be requested and used for Governmental/Social Security Related Transactions, not as Personal ID for other non-related communicative actions.

Mark Burr, IL

If I had to prioritize the above my very first concern a company using data about online activities when they are considering employment. That is outrageous. Secondly is ads targeting kids online. Simply shameful. Third is a tie with 3, 4 and 5. This leads to number 2. Make it real simple to understand what the privacy policies are before all the legal mumbo jumbo. Number 7 is a no no.

Elaine Hughes, WA

All of the above concern me. I particularly dislike seeing what another person is reading, I don't think it's any of my concern. I also hate personalized ads. Just because I look up something does not mean I need to have their advertising stuck in my face the next time I log in.

Rebecca Brown, NC

The worst is not being able to use their website unless we agree to let them have control to our computers..this is even worst. Then we get so many ads sent to us, and junk mail. Then when we put a stop to it, and when we return on one of their sites, it will come up for me to open up and let them control my third party setting..this makes me want off my computer completely. This is bad..

Richard Anderson, OR

Lack of severe penalties when violations are made makes rules meaningless. Build in fines for non-compliance to be paid directly to those whose rights have been violated and all this will be really meaningful.

Albert Lenny, NY

Beyond what type of information is collected about me and how it is used and with whom it is shared, I am very concerned about the ability (or lack thereof) of the entities that are collecting this information to keep it safe and guard it from being used by others with criminal intent.

Ricky Martino, NY

All agreements and privacy documents are too long and not easily understandable. Fix that!

Donald Berman, MA

I have already been the victim of identity theft and cannot trace the source of the privacy leaks that led to it.

Gutshall LeeAllan, NJ

Have nothing to hide but do not want my activities followed for any reason. I believe that we have the right to privacy. Am am a disabled retiree with medical issues that should I be looking for a job, would not want a prospective employer able to follow my medical records should I be able to perform the job otherwise. Nor do I want government able to override MD judgement due to snooping through my internet interactions. Having had my identity stolen via the internet which was costly, I do not trust the fact that anyone can hack into my personal info

Cody Slauson, IL

Personal data being used against me legally, politically, or financially. We all have a right to a private life, and no organization of any kind can take those rights away. Individuals need to be placed above profits and politics. What happens when we get a conservative government in power and they decide to witch hunt those that disagree with them, or those who engage in a lifestyle that the politicians find distasteful? The information will be taken by the government and used to persecute people. This cannot be allowed in a free society.

Frank Baratta, VA

"Privacy," whether actual (for example, who may enter my home) or virtual (for example, who may collect and dispense information about me) has little meaning if I am without meaningful means to control others' access. In the public sphere, we are called on to yield some of this control for official purposes that are in the interests of society. However, here we are talking about a commercial context, and the controls should favor the individual rather than the corporation. Moreover, because the Internet has become so integrated into the fabric of the information society, it is insufficient for ISPs, browser companies and the like to make access to the Internet through their software contingent upon acceptance of any and all data collection about the user and its dissemination. As such, implementation of the privacy framework needs to focus on maximizing and

Nick Pijoan, CO

I think the greatest privacy threat is the law that allows the federal gov't to collect communications data on all citizens through the phones, cell phones and internet/e-mail. Private business is a concern, but the greatest concern is what our gov't is collecting in the name of national security through the NSA.

Glen Hendricks, AZ

All of it; none of their hidden tactics should be legal at all!

Amir Reza Kashani Pour, VA

I want to be in control of the data I share not at all time through my browsing and I want to monitor where my allowed data is sharing to. I want to know companies that use personalized data and I want to know for what purpose at any given time.

Paul Sedor, PA

first fourth & tenth amendment of the constitution

Cathryn Lea, MA

If we can't search a variety of subjects on the internet for fear of records, it makes a wonderful resource less available. Less available also for advertisers. This tracking is much worse than trying to find out if you return to a site.

Ed Plitt, MO

Barack Obama

Robert Hoffman, FL

Anyone obtaining personal information on me or my family without our permission.

Jean Harvey, MA

I have no problem with collecting and storing information that is not connected to a specific person. But when you attach a name it is dangerous and I would find it intrusive.

Handsome Jeff, CA

geo-tagging and privacy setting at Google and Facebook.

Alvin Harris, NC

smartphone apps leave me my privacy

Richard L Seiden, MA

1. That collected personal data is not destroyed after a fairly short time. 2. That personal data is share or sold. 3. That personal data is not protected. 4. That government can get data collected such as political affiliations, organizations I belong to, news or other sites that I go to, what I buy online or with a credit card, my E-Mail lists and accounts, and more. 5. That I cannot effectively restrict sites. How did Nigerian scams get my E-Mail address? 6, That my ISP does not effectively scan for scams - mass E-Mail (E-Mal) purported to be from the FBI or promising rewards if only I will allow them to use my name to collect whatever. I object to sites that I purchase from sending me daily or even weekly advertisements - nag ware if you will from the likes of Classmates.com, Online Shoes, Zappos, Getz, Tiger Direct, and many many

Jo Ann Emery, NC

Using my personal information without my permission and sharing it with 3rd parties without my permission (future employers, charities, banks, etc) Having opt out info too confusing and lengthy or companies that ignore opt out requests.

Leslie Otto, IL

I believe I deserve to have the same level of privacy as when I conduct business in person.

Pix Howell, TX

Mostly concerned that my government would collect information on me and my family and distribute it to multiple agencies run by people who are given directives by people who I didn't elect. Anyone who peruses an individual's information should have to notify that person and, in turn, share their personal information.

Michael Meyers, UT

Information is so freely shared. All is great until it is used against you by people with evil intent! and that is who we need to protect ourselves from.

Beverly Douglas, KS

I am mostly concerned about the children. And access to their photos and information. However, The whole privacy thing is really out of control. I would prefer no one had access to any of my information.....tho I realize that isn't possible.

Mohr David, CA

How data correlation can be used to weld independent silos of data into some Orwellian nightmare!

Keith Kinder, CA

The privacy threat of greatest concern is any activity without my permission.

John Murphy, CO

No one--but especially children--should not be solicited without permission. (Permission obviously to be granted by parents in the case of children.)

Mary Rogers, CO

All of this is a problem to me. Interestingly, we would have a fit if government were to suddenly begin collecting and using all this data about us. But somehow, Big Brother in the guise of businesses are doing the same things without any resistance at all. My purchasing, researching, etc. does not equal permission to collect and use that information. When did there ever get to be a presumption that just because I'm purchasing over electric wires, big companies get to have free access to my data?

Michele Dana, CA

I object to any business/group/etc sharing any of my info without my express permission. Buying from/donating to an organization is not express permission. Everything should be opt IN, not opt out.

Kevin Nicholas, TN

Companies selling or sharing my personal information without my permission.

William R Edwards, MS

I do not want any tracking of my computer period. To me this is invasion of my privacy. It should be against the law for companies to implant tracking software without your knowledge anyway.

Jim Jagers, TN

Potenital Employers asking for Facebook passwords

James Brady, IL

The greatest threat to privacy is the voracious appetite that marketers and advertising companies insist they need to bombard us with "targeted" ads. I don't want to be a target. I want to get only what I seek. I don't find it cool or convenient to have "relevant" ads thrown up around me, or to have my experience thrown off course due to some marketer's agenda. The greatest threat is that people just don't understand how much they are treated as prey.

Robert Travers, PA
They are all very important.

lee c mitchell, VA
all of the above concern me very much.

Donna Olsen, WI
I don't like being "tracked" or my information being sold to other companies. I also don't think it's any business of a possible employer whether I buy cat toys or shoe pads, it doesn't affect how I do my job.

Kristi Bucklin, WA
Privacy violations are getting out of control. Society is forcing consumers to use the internet to obtain goods and services and then secretly collecting information about us without our permission. The worst offense is their requiring individuals to create accounts to buy a single item and storing credit card and other personal information on their servers. This just happened to me at zappos. I had no control over their collection and retention of my information which was subsequently hacked. People's privacy rights need to be protected. It is no one's business but ours what we buy, what sites we surf (absent the obvious), making a profit by selling our information or posting it on websites for sale. Companies should be prohibited from retaining credit card or other personal information. It is impossible to safeguard this from online thieves. Privacy policies

Robert French, FL
There is NO reason anybody or company needs to infringe on the privacy of any AMERICAN citizen. Violation of Constitutional rights of AMERICANS. Lets bug Obamas office and see how he likes it. Then again maybe it would be to horrific for the AMERICAN public to know.

Patricia Nichols, CA
Big corporations making money off of taxpayer-funded projects that established the internet and world-wide web in the first place. The collection of data is yet another example of greedy companies making money just by pushing paper--not by producing a single solitary product. We need to re-focus our Business in America to those that serve the public good. And we should expertise our right to cancel corporate charter for those that do not.

Cindy Rumpel, IL

Companies sharing information or worse yet, selling my informaion without my permission bothers me the most

Debra Depew, OR

I work very hard to keep my infromation private,so why would I let just anyone have it I don't want to become a victim of identy theft.

Jonathan Scott, FL

PRIVACY IS A RIGHT ! I CHOOSE WHAT INFO GOES OUT AND I SHOULD BE PAID FOR IT. NOT ANYONE ELSE. PERIOD.

Pearlann Rutherford, FL

I don't want any sites to share my information with anyone. My business is nobody elses business. If I want someone to know my business I will tell them.

Mary Murphy, CO

information being taken without permission.

Bob Hebrank, SC

There are virtually (pun intended) 0 laws to protect the consumer from the parasites that make it their buisness to find out all they can about me and to pay all members of the u.s. senate to protect their buisness. The only constituency recognized by the senate are those that pay them, and pay them very well. Senators are multi-millionaires for a very good reason.Citizens are at best secondary or tertiary concerns for these people - every six years.

Earl Whetstone, CA

I AM PRIMARILY AGAINST THE COLLECTION
AND RETENTION OF ANY PERSONAL DATA.

Mark Powell, WA

My information is just that, MY information. Nobody
should EVER have access to it without my express
written consent.

Thomas Brogan, NC

Unless the targeting is related to national security and is
done by the government after obtaining warrants, I
strongly object to any kind of tracking of my browsing.

Joseph Roesch, NM

In general, my biggest concern is "electronic tracking"
of my life choices (through purchase records, internet
surfing, clandestine collection of my personal
information, etc.) by both commercial and government
entities. I do not wish to be tracked, targeted or have
my personal information shared with anyone, period!

Sue Nash, WI

The advertising on the Internet has become somewhat
offensive and there is no way to turn it off. So much of
it is wasted time. When I want to view some of the
News videos, it's crazy that I should have to wait
through the SAME targeted Phone ad time after time for
a half minute plus load time when I have no intension of
changing services. That's just one "Ad" that really got to
me!

Bill Kellenberger, MO

Even though they CAN do something doesn't mean they
SHOULD do it.

Betty Peckmann, IL
companies should not be able to track my activities without permission. No one except my GPS system should know where I am or where I am going. Once that information is given to me, it should be permanently erased from my server.

Lawrence Sindaco, PA
Holding on to data.

Barry Davis, FL
Using facebook to advertise without permission and seaminly no way to get them to stop.

Rosalie Stephens, TX
Individual Control: Consumers have a right to exercise control over what personal data companies collect from them and how they use it.

Beth Cunningham, NM
Not that I'm paranoid, but I do not like the idea of my online activities being watched or tracked.

Sam Smolker, CA
Smart phones.

Lorence Kinsman, FL
I'm uncertain which is the greatest.

Gavin Baker, DC
Enormous companies, like Google, that have so much data about so many aspects of our lives

Terrance Bramblett, GA
It should be a simple matter: if I do not explicitly agree, no one can legally track my activities on the Internet. Period. If I decide that the benefit outweighs the drawback, I can allow a specific firm to gather mu information. Otherwise, the default is 'No Tracking, No Data Mini

Scott Atkinson, CA
My biggest concern is being monitored for political reasons.

Caitlin Causey, IN
On a personal level, I don't have a problem with companies gathering information on me. My concern is that it will have a huge negative impact on those who don't use the Internet. As I am 23 years old, I grew up in the age of HTMLs, URLs, email scams and constant new technology. My parents and the next generation, however, did not have this opportunity and therefore are at risk of being taken advantage of. That is my concern. Knowledge is power, and not only should future generations be educated on the risks and benefits of Internet usage but they should also have a comprehensive guard against many of the serious risks they could encounter.

Daniel Vallero, AZ
I do not use apps at all, and I use my cell phones only for emergencies

Winifred Bergeron, CA

I am very concerned about all of the above, but am especially concerned about my personal information being used to deny myself or others employment or the ability to get a loan. My information is private until I choose to release it, and I should be the one who decides what information I share, not browser companies, banks or potential employers.

Susan Hathaway, CA

Tracking trends in consumer product interest as a whole is probably ok, but anyone or any company or any branch of the government that tracks a persons personal interests (as in politics or religion or any other personal preferences) should be a violation of law.

Geoffrey Small, MA

Environmental, social and political discussion, opinion, views, contacts and non-violent, legal activism information being used in the future to infringe upon fundamental civil liberties of U.S. citizens under the Bill of Rights and the Constitution of the United States.

Eric Beck, CA

I am appalled at the loss of privacy for the purposes of exploiting the consumer, and the larger implications of a society that places consumerism above human dignity.

Khalsa Guruneil, NM

Do not allow the national security state (the war machine, the secret government, the CIA) to follow my political activities as a peace worker online.

William Miller, CA

Lack of transparency about what is being done with my information.

Stephanie Green, CA

Selling customer personal contact and preference information for marketing purposes is a deplorable. As consumer, we are perfectly capable of making our own observations and choices within the marketplace, and do not need to be barraged with marketing materials AKA JUNK MAIL. Tracking my online information is pretty disgusting, as well. I feel spied on. I am confused as to why this is ok for corporations, but for an individual to mine the same information would be considered an invasion of privacy. Double-standards for corporations must end. In the past century, corporate marketing dollars have turned the United States into a pretty sad, consumerist society where materialism and superficiality consume *us*.

marty friedman, NY

Any form of information gathering without my permission or knowledge. Is a threat to my liberty.

Charles Marslett, TX

Excessive data collection that can have a negative impact on my quality of life (collection of information without my explicit permission, delivery of information to government agencies without my knowledge or explicit permission, etc.).

Larry Ellis, IL

There are already too many things that can contain inaccurate information about us with little to no way of getting it changed. Any collection or swapping of information without being able to verify the accuracy of the data and being able to consent to it being done should not be allowed.

Warren Kessler, CA

Gathering or using data without my permission is the greatest threat. A close second is selling it. And the third is having it around in a way that hackers could get it and use it to harass me or abuse my identity. Private data is here to stay. It can be used and abused. I don't fear the gathering of data with permission. I do fear the misuse of it as stated above. Going after children and the elderly are also, of course, totally reprehensible.

Stephen Spada-Doherty, AL

Online activity being used to influence employment and credit.

John Jovino, CA

There doesn't seem to be any self regulation in the industry about what boundaries should be crossed, when it comes to collecting and using information. It seems the only way to fight back is to not use their services or buy their products.

vincent digiovanni, FL
internet tracking

Craig Rimby, NY

The fact that I have very little control over what companies share with others. I should have the right to tell them what they can and cannot share.

J Robertson, OR

The fact that companies collect data that can be used in one of three ways because they store the data and do not rapidly use it and permanently delete it. 1. They either voluntarily or not end up supplying data to government agencies. 2. the data is hacked into and used for any purpose at all by hackers 3. the data is shared sold or exchanged with other companies groups whatever. I want the right to choose whether data is obtained and stored and to be aware of what is being monitored, collected and how it is to be used.

F.L. graves, CA

The large ad agencies and corporations know exactly what they are doing to increase revenue for themselves on benefits and leaving us the consumers in the wake and victims of each entities greed.

Austin Sten Kaercher, AZ

I feel the greatest threat to my privacy is organizations inserting cookies in my computer without my knowledge.

Janet Johnson, CA

I think security is one of my biggest concerns.

William Minnick, OR

I think that they are all very intrusive.

Ronald Allen, CA

Access to my financial information.

Joan Ruffing, OH

I feel companies should not collect and profit by the sale of information about me and my family. Even "reputable" companies such as banks and insurance companies offer a privacy option statement that is filled with doubletalk and is not read or understood by most people. The steps required to request "privacy" only offer limited protection and in most cases is too much trouble to pursue for the limited protection available.

Tom McMahon, CO

Smartphone apps by far!

Stollmack Stephen, MD

targeting kids with personalized ads based on data they collect while kids surf the Web?

Haidie Simonet, CA
Companies selling/sharing info about me

Ralph Kleeber, WI
I do not want anyone to have my wage, phone number.
Can not give or sell my information to anyone.....

Brittany Olson, FL
i feel my privacy online is always a concern

Nathan Butler, CA
What worries me most is the lack of privacy in what I do on the web. If I wanted to drive my car around all day, I would not want someone making a list of every road and stop I took. The same thing goes with the web. Whether it is google saving browser history or searches or sites looking up your IP it has to stop now or it never will.

Wm Verica, CA
You've started with the following: "Individual Control: Consumers have a right to exercise control over what personal data companies collect from them and how they use it. Transparency: Consumers have a right to easily understandable and accessible information about privacy and security practices. Respect for Context: Consumers have a right to expect that companies will collect, use, and disclose personal data in ways that are consistent with the context in which consumers provide the data. Security: Consumers have a right to secure and responsible handling of personal data. Access and Accuracy: Consumers have a right to access and correct personal data in usable formats, in a manner that is appropriate to the sensitivity of the data and the risk of adverse consequences to consumers if the data is inaccurate. Focused Collection: Consumers have a right

roger mcclay, TX
Eavesdropping on private conversations.

David Grant, OR

Creating the illusion of privacy when there is in reality none. Attaching cookies that never expire. Thinking people really want to be solicited.

Charles Hoagland, CA

Unauthorized tracking should be illegal.

Brad LaRonde, NY

Who knows what information on me has been collected and sold. Consumers have a right to see all information collected and be informed of how and when it is used, and consumers must be able to withdraw the information and choose how it is used, if at all. The time has come for standards to reveal the abuses of our private information and effective systems to control how and when the information is used, and a means to hold a company liable for personal information abuse.

Dennis Gray, NJ

Any invasion of my privacy. Stupid ads that you can not get off your screen. Repeated pop ups that refuse to go away.

Offutt Chris, CA

What i'm most concerned about is "my permission"... any information that is used for advertising or anything else needs to have my permission.

Meredith Lane, VA

Invasion of my contacts list without easy-to-understand controls that I can set. I can defend my own privacy fairly well, but I resent having to defend that of everyone on my contact list. That list is MINE, and the people who are on it are there because they are my friends and associates, not because I am listing them for YOU to contact.

Anne Potter, OR

Most important, I want OPT_IN arrangements regarding the collection of my personal data. I am concerned about data being held sold and data mined to associate my personal identity to other characteristics.

Heather Cason, GA

I do not think it should be the right of a company to pass along your information. I think permission from each company should be accessed directly from the consumer. Otherwise, the consumer can be unaware and unable to filter the amount and type of information that is used.

Jim Holst, MN

No information should ever be collected and/or saved without your full knowledge and consent. Full disclosure about what is collected, saved and how it is and will be used should be made and I determine if they can collect it and use it. I should also be allowed to see and have a copy of all information anyone or any company has collected at any time and at no charge. I should also be able to revoke any permissions given and request that data be deleted at any time.

J Arthur Heise, NC

I don't think anyone should have access to any of the data I generate electronically. The only exception I would make would be the sharing of my health data by legitimate health providers

Kimberly Stratton, ON

I don't like having Big Brother watch my every move and monitor my behavior. Creepy and potentially dangerous if such information got into the wrong hands, including a fascist right wing government.

Jeffrey West, VA

Data collection should be "opt in" only. This is especially true if any of the data has any chance of being tied to me in any way.

mike butkiewicz, MI

Personal identification information that is not safeguarded sufficiently to stop the information getting into the wrong hands.

Thomas Carione, CA

It is a disgrace the way corporations use the public like conon farter.

Alex La Time, CA

ALL OF ABOVE! I LOST A PURSE LAST YEAR. IT WAS RETURNED to me with a LONG PROFILE downloaded from SPOKEO FOLDED UP IN IT. I WAS APPALLED BEYOND BELIEF. I AM AN "ADOPTED" AMERICAN AND THESE unspeakable INVASIONS OF PRIVACY MADE ME WISH I'D STAYED HOME. SPOKEO gave my complete address and a picture of my residence. I was mugged twice on my own doorstep. I am 70 years old.

Angela D'Orfani, CA

companies selling or sharing my info without my permission. My information should be MINE. Nobody should be able to profit from it or disburse it with out my prior consent. This consent should be by my free will, for example a company should not be allowed to state "allow us to share/sell your information or we will not do business with you". If they want to include a MINIMAL fee (less than \$1) in order for me to do business with them without giving up my right to privacy I am willing to consider that.

Duane Dixon, TX

The sharing of my information so freely without me knowing about it, or the policies being so long and difficult to comprehend with privacy policies buried and spread out over the whole policy. Ugh!

Robert Ballance, CA

I understand companies wanting to collect info on individuals for targeting ads but thats the furthest they should go. In return, they should keep our information private so it's not used against anyone & should be disposed of after a set time. And all information should be available to the set person anytime.

Lynn Bernhardt, Jr, NJ

The collection of personally identifiable information by any internet company or source.

Harry Mikkleson, NY

Data about online activities and purchases being used to deny you employment or affect your ability to get a loan.

Mary Green, OK

Companies sending/selling personal info.

Gary Howard, FL

The security of my information. Many firms have been broken into and information of great importance has been taken.

Steve Neithercott, CA

numbers 6 & 7 pose as extreme threats to my personal safety and my rights as an American citizen. everything possible must be done to stop these practices

Richard Rosenberger, IL

I would prefer that the companies not share info with anyone else even if they have "partners".

Robert Fahnestock, NE

The new NSA "listening" super center in Utah. The government has no right, and no need, to collect data of any sort on US citizens that are not the subject of an investigation and no right to do so with no warrant of any kind. That this information could eventually be sold for commercial or employment use is a secondary concern. The constitution is being shredded as I type and no one seems willing to stand up and say "this is wrong". Well, this is wrong. All other privacy concerns are small potatoes compared to this new NSA project. It is a fascist project in concept and in its implementation.

Michael Spindler, NM

telemarketing while on the do not call list

Carol Jennings, CA

I get nervous when, after visiting a web site looking for product information/prices, I get ads obviously targeting me with products directly related to my search. What other information is collected without my knowledge or approval? Books I buy or read from the library, information I get from Wikipedia, Google, etc. What is happening to the right of privacy in our society?

Richard Triplett, CA

I do not want any personal data collected or passed to anyone without my express permission. I also want privacy statements to clearly state what is being collected & why.

Bobbie Knight, CO

Sites asking for too much information and later finding a hacker has stolen this information and used it to access bank accounts, etc. I do not like giving name, birthday and address to facilitate fraud. This might be necessary after a purchase and the secure signs are showing but some companies want too much information just to get a coupon. I frequently close any website asking for unnecessary private information for minor things.

Louis Fourmeaux, FL

lack of any control on what, how, and where data is collected on public without our knowledge or consent, or consent is forced because you need a certain product and that need is used to force you to consent, or the consent statement is so long and confusing that people just agree anyway which is what they are counting on.

Gerald Kauffman, CO

WE NEED PROTECTION FROM THESE
PREDATORY PRACTICES. FREEDOM FROM
COLLECTING OUR PERSONAL INFORMATION
AND USING IT TO TARGET US WITH
ADVERTISERS AND FROM SELLING IT.

Lorry Kikta, NY

I don't want to be bombarded with any more
advertisements than I already am. Also the thought
someone could deny my employment based on my
online purchases is absurd.

Mark Fowler, CA

My greatest concern is that criminals will use my
personal information in a way that will detrimental to
me.

Debra Pinkham, MA

I don't like information collected as to my location when
using a cellphone.

Gaylon Lee, CA

I dislike legally unsupported assertions of
sundry "rights" as a surrogates for proper/moral
behaviour. That being said: Control over what personal
data an entity collects from and/or about a
consumer/citizen, as well as how and why it is used
and/or shared, should be vested in the affected
consumer/ citizen. No entity has a legal right to collect,
use and/or share personal data in a manner not explicitly
authorized ("opt-in") by the consumer/citizen to whom
it pertains, notwithstanding any benefits to the entity or
any alleged benefits to the affected consumer/ citizen.
Further, no entity has a legal right to use any personal
data for purposes that are not clearly within the scope of
the authorization given by the consumer/citizen. (In this
context, the term "entity" includes any business,
financial or medical entity, as well as, absent

Robert Kuhn, NY

Probably identity theft, and what appears to be the
horrible, time-consuming, war with red tape to reverse
the effects FULLY. I would like to see business have to
pay for this information -- to purchase it, and a royalty
to continue maintaining it.

Laurie Tanenbaum, IL

All of the above are frightening and absolutely none of it should be allowed without clearly asking our permission first, and then stopping it when asked to stop it. Government and companies **SHOULD NOT** be invading us!

M. Miller, NC

I am extremely concerned that advertisers are invading my privacy in all areas. Where I go on the Web, contacts, family, etc. is none of their business. They sell this information which could cause identity theft and intrusion into my private business. I am tired of telemarketers and the loads of junk mail I already receive. Using my computer is one I should be able to do without having someone track everything I am doing. This has to stop!

Lillian Champion, CA

data about online activities and purchases being used to deny you employment or affect your ability to get a loan

Jonathan Speigel, IL

The general intrusion of both government and private business into the private lives of individuals. No one asked. We all are apparently "open for business" 24/7. The government has decided without any kind of by your leave that we shouldn't be consulted on their level of inquiry into our lives. The HIPPA laws obliterate medical privacy. It's a long list and growing whether it's industry or government we no longer exist as "we the people" we're more of an idea the "little people". That's my greatest concern, there are far too many intrusions to name.

Jacquie Begemann, WA

tracking of my use and storage of my personal info without my express permission

Howard Cohn, CT

Remember the Beatles song "Back in the USSR" . . . well, with all the government and private snooping on individuals it seems that is the direction we are going in.

Cassandra Kurt, WI

My personal information being used or sold to companies without my permission.

David Anderson, WA

My greatest concern is a lack of transparency. There is no consistent way to find out what information about me is collected and by whom. There is also no consistent procedure for requiring removal of personal information and no means of insuring that information that was to be deleted was in fact deleted not only from the original location but also from any other locations where it was shared.

Mahlon Hubenthal, CA

Companies and individuals retaining any of my information after my transaction is complete and selling it or sharing it with anyone without my permission

Gail Partain, TX

Identity theft.

Renee Gregory, MI

For question # 4 - need a stronger response like "horrified".

Ken Weed, FL

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Dawn Griswold, CT

The more companies with my personal information, the more the chance of fraud occurring. No one has the right to use any information about me without my permission. Data used about my online purchases should never be shared or used to deny employment.

Kathryn Mckinley, IA

I am concerned about all of these privacy invasions. However, when personal activities are used to deny access to employment and loans, that is of utmost concern to me.

Vikki Howard, NC

I feel that information should not be shared about my interests, activities and purchases without my expressed consent. I do not want to be contacted via email, phone, or otherwise by companies who want my business because of some list they have purchased without my knowledge.

Rebecca Jones, TX

The thing that concerns me most is that information is being collected when I am unaware of it. I do not like companies assuming that it is okay to gather whatever information they want about me and my family without letting us know they are doing it. I do not like "affiliated" companies getting information from the one company I dealt with and using it to contact me or try to sell me something. Yes, I understand that there may be deals or bargains that I miss, but I can do without those things. I can also do without my information floating all over the internet.

James Boyd, MI

websites that collect data from you without your expressed consent. Whether they have a tab somewhere that allows you access to review it is not the issue.

Bert Swift, OR

Threats that pick up banking or Social Security information.

Lola Bice, CA

I don't want to feel that every time I use the net, a million companies are ready to take that info and run with it. Compiling information even from my address book, which linked-in has done, to contact people I know and send them an email that says I invited them to join. It's a lie and it's taking information from me that I didn't volunteer or know they were taking, making me a third party to this sharing.

Len Wolff, CA

I'm not so much concerned about privacy as about the assumptions and drive to commercialize everything. I'm not sure that I can see any benefits to any of this that is geared towards to selling us products and I'm sure most of us don't need much of what we buy. I also have concerns for safety, although I think that it is mostly perceived safety that drives all of this. WE are taught to be afraid and so need to spend too much money and compromise our privacy.

Isabelle Wang, CA

I am very concerned about private financial data, contact data being captured by other parties. No one should have access to what's on my computer unless I see a clear request and then give consent. I would like to see stricter privacy laws giving us the option to opt out of giving access to any one. I would like to see severe punishment for any one who violates people's privacy, including CEOs of companies who profit from such activities.

David Engelhard, CA

Sharing or viewing of personal information without my consent. I joined several social sites and discontinued all only to find that, even though I quit the services, my information is still being shared and I get email from people I have never been associated with.

B. McD, MA

When we let these greedy, short-sighted organizations erode our privacy and liberty, we are paying a very heavy price. Human error can be very dangerous, and giving personal information to large industries is going to hurt us all in the end. As it is, insurance companies do whatever they can to restrict you or increase premiums.

Dwain Landtroop, TN

Privacy no longer exists in America.

Walter De Felice, CA

I do not grant nor seek anyone to enter into my private life, be it bank, insurance or business and industrial firms without my express permission. I will back any measure to stop intrusion into our personal lives...

Gary Long, VA

I am also concerned about online merchants storing my bank account/credit card data on their sites without my consent, for the sites may be hacked and my personal data could be compromised.

Claire Geyer, NJ

bits and pieces of info put together correctly or incorrectly to identify me for theft or marketing.

Steven Morris, CA
tracking activity

Olga Ehrlich, MA

I think what I do while using the internet should all be private and I shouldn't have to opt out. Companies who want to use my data should have to offer me the opportunity to opt in.

Tom Hermance, NY
Intercepted communications.

Rebecca Troxel, KY

The ones listed above so far unless more decides to come up.

Charlotte Badger, TN

What I want to share about myself, personally or financially, should be totally up to me. If I want to share, I will. I don't want anyone else assuming they have that right.

Gordon Stevens, ID

Collecting and using private information about me without my knowledge

Clint Thornton, GA

I want to research the products I'm interested in. I don't want to be an ad target for corporations. If I'm interested in something, I'll go find it. I don't want ANY information about me being shared without my explicit permission, and I want to be notified in writing EVERY time my information is being shared. I am not a demographic or statistic, I am a human being, and want to have my own complex existence without ANY influence from corporations or other institutions.

Andrew Margaritis, NY

I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT COMPANIES SELLING INFO ABOUT ME WITHOUT MY PERMISSION.

Cara Hawkins, GA

I don't like the fact that "people can know where I am or what I am doing at any given time...not because I am doing anything wrong but for safety reasons!

Barbara Pickering, AZ

With so much of my private life so public, I think the more that can be done to return that privacy would be good. I'm not a facebook user for just that reason. Thanks for all you can do to help return privacy to us all.

Montserrat Washburn, NY

So far, nothing has happened yet but the aggressive ways with which advertisers and companies try to get you to sell something to you at all hours and at all costs is scary.

Daniel Martin, WA

I love the Democratization of knowledge and capital. I realize there are downsides to every decision. Shining sunlight is the best disinfectant.

Nancy Bargar, WA

The biggest threat for me is the amount of information collected and retained by web sites and advertisers. No matter what their privacy statement says, the policy can change (i.e. Google) and the privacy statements are too long and too "Legal" to easily understand. It is far too easy for this information to be used in ways that are not clear to the individual. Also, all of these web sites and advertisers are subject to hackers no matter how well they claim to be protected.

Troyce Barton, TX

Tracking cookies or other malware put on a person's computer without permission should result in fines. These must be "opt in" rather than "opt out"

Christopher Arciniega, CA

People have the right to privacy over the internet.

Garry Brody, CA

I believe that use of any of my information other than for its intended purpose such as a purchase or Google search without permission is grand larceny. I am surprised that some enterprising class action lawyer hasn't brought suit already. Also dropping cookies on my computer without a "remember me" release is a similar invasion of privacy.

Richard C. Willingham, MO

The selling or sharing of information about me without my permission is not only unethical but could result in damage to my reputation and credit. Such practices should be stopped immediately.

James Scott, MA

I will make it a point to cease doing business with any company who fosters policies that infringe upon the privacy of their customers, be it hardware or software based.

Richard Butts, CA

My greatest concern is who is able to access my personal data without a legal warrant and without my permission.

Woodrow Fogg, LA

I stopped, I think all tracking on my computer. A family member with terrific computer knowledge made me aware of Google, Microsoft & others sharing my every stroke on my keyboard with many different companies. It's big business.....A company named ABINE will allow you to download a program that will BLOCK and show you who was trying to steal your info.. I downloaded it on about Feb. 21ST and a total of 9,875 tracking companies have been denied access to my computer. Abine allows you to download their program FREE...This is a good start. Get your free download

from, WWW.donottrackplus.com/howitworks.php Send me an e-mail with your reaction to this download. THANKS Woody P.S. PLEASE SHARE THIS INFO. WITH OTHER CONCERNED FOLKS !!!

Domani Nicastro, MD

Advertisers targeting kids. This is a big threat and should worry parents. Especially those who do not supervise what sites their children are on. This is a perfectly good way for some whack job to find his/her next victim.

Mike Miller Jr, PA
The above about does it!

Robert Varela, FL
Finding everything about you on line. Unable to have even your utility payments private anymore.

Joyce Feigenbaum, NY
The most dangerous concern is the selling of your information. This has been going on for many years and has caused a lot of damage.

William Palmateer, NY
"Individual Control: Consumers have a right to exercise control over what personal data companies collect from them and how they use it. Transparency: Consumers have a right to easily understandable and accessible information about privacy and security practices. Respect for Context: Consumers have a right to expect that companies will collect, use, and disclose personal data in ways that are consistent with the context in which consumers provide the data. Security: Consumers have a right to secure and responsible handling of personal data. Access and Accuracy: Consumers have a right to access and correct personal data in usable formats, in a manner that is appropriate to the sensitivity of the data and the risk of adverse consequences to consumers if the data is inaccurate. Focused Collection: Consumers have a right to reasonable limits on the

Tessa Bragg, WV
This has me, as an internet user, and for other internet users out there, very concerned, for myself, and others that surf the net. We all have a right to our own privacy, what we do on the net, what we purchase on the net, as long as it doesn't cause any harm to anyone or the other person. I do believe privacy is a very important thing for everyone, everyone has a right to a private life. I feel this is a very wrong way to go, and politics shouldn't be doing this on the net. They should be MORE concerned with the economy and inflation, not taking away our privacy and freedom.

Kenenth John Ervas, CA
Privacy faces multi-faceted threats these days due to advances in technology. It's unlikely this issue will ever be resolved. The struggle continues...the war wages on.

Charles Knight, MO

No one should be allowed to store, sell, or sell information about me or anyone. We receive too much junk mail and unwanted phone calls now. We do not need this waste of time and resources. This is a violation of our PRIVACY!!

Brent Pulliam, IL

Any and all privacy threats, especially ones where I have no choice or notification of data collection being conducted.

Carl Kirkland, NY
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Ismael Santos, FL

Companies selling info about me without my permission, such as Facebook selling personal info to governments

Ruth Amiel, NY
let us get going and get these important things done

Patrick Padovan, WA

Companies holding onto information, and selling or sharing it with others or with government agencies.

Keli May, NV

Simple, common sense disclosures is very important for a better understanding. Why make a request or disclosure so complex that the reader has no clear understanding of their rights to privacy. Simply for a company to gain a profit at my personal expense and have to fight later after the private information has been released to a third party. Make requests simple

Colleen Boll, NC

I value my privacy very much and resent that I have no control over so much of these issues. I just received a notice from my bank that told me how they use my personal information and they apologetically said there was no recourse for me at all.

JOHN MCLAIN, VA

Privacy is a safety concern, corporations have no business in our business without permission. Period. Advertise the old fashion way, not by violating our rights.

Suzanne Stoltz, CA

Nobody has the right to use private information on others for their own use. This is way out of control. It is PRIVATE for a reason. It should be up to the person whose information it is whether or not they want information given out.

Beth Herr, PA

I am not only concerned about my privacy I am concerned about hackers, and all the other things that invade my privacy. I am concerned about the trash in movies and on TV. Much of it insults me and I resent so much is directed to kids. I worry about how all this liberal agenda is affecting our young people. I keep hearing "it's a generational thing" obviously but change for the sake of change is not good. And where are the stop gap measures protecting us all?

George Patat, GA

Companies transacting with consumers at any level must protect privacy rights collecting only information that is necessary to complete the transaction. Privacy RIGHTS must be written and provided to consumers in language that is easily understood and brief as possible. Currently policies are confusing, extremely verbose and obtuse and written to encourage consumers to skip reading them and just agree. The retaining and sharing information not authorized by consumers should be illegal .

David Anderson, CO

The privacy laws need to get realistic. No one reads the ridiculously small print except for major transactions.

The wording needs to be short and concise and uniform between different sources. The need for me to sign a paper so that my doctor can view my test results needs to be eliminated. Likewise, I need to do everything online - not via the US mail. I live out of the country and basically receive US mail about 2 months late.

Max Use, TX

stop the privacy leaks and complicated privacy policies written intentionally to confuse

Bertrand Kahn, NJ

Nos. 6 and 1

Bill Herman, CA

My personal information.

Matthew Patton, FL

Employers trying to access private information on social or political activities. This is none of their business.

Madhup Joshi, HI

1)collection of information which is unnecessary to view a site. 2)retention of data once one has stopped utilizing the site. 3)selling/trading/giving away user habits while on the net without users consent 4)opting in users without asking & not offering ability to decline collection of personal information and habits.

Edward Maguire, MA

I don't like "Big Brother" looking over my shoulder and poking into my PRIVATE LIFE! I expect my private life to be private and not shared with anyone without my explicit permission. This includes personal information that I may choose to share with individuals or companies for a specific purpose. I DO NOT expect them to share my personal information with anyone without my permission.

Ronald Slutsky, CA

All these issues are important to me. I do not want information floating around without my knowledge that can be used about me, or against me.

Della Wilson, FL

Each credit card that I have was obtained with my belief that it was USA based! When I receive or make a call to/from one of these companies and the person to whom I speak is located in a foreign company...I am outraged! At no time did I knowingly give permission to these companies to outsource my personal information. This practice infuriates me. I have slowly begun to shed myself of each account that does this. I only wish I had the resources to disconnect all of them immediately!!!

John Blakeley, CA

keep it PRIVATE. No selling of info.

Gary Phillips, WA

I'm very concerned about all of the above. Companies shouldn't be able to hold on to or sell my information without specific written permission. Non of this opt-out; I should have to be opt-in.

Dwight Roofe, OR

Data minning

Jacqueline Kuran, WA

I resent that I have to opt out, I should not have to do anything, companies should ask not request consumers to fill out forms and return them, it should be the other way around.

Christopher Beaumont, CA

any UNAUTHORIZED collection of data. If people want their information collected for whatever use, let them decide.

Charles Thomas, MD

If our govenment collected this data we would be outraged. Why so sanguine about data brokers? The government just buys it from data brokers more efficiently than doing it themselves.

Jim Anderson, AZ

Any access or use without my explicit permission.

Chester Miller, OK

Greatly concerned about companies using ANYTHING about me without my permission.

Lynn Whittemore, CA

Policies that our elected official's impose on us "for our own good"

Harry Knutson, GA

OBTAINING OR USING INFORMATION THAT IS
NOT COMING DIRECTLY FROM ME ALONG
WITH MY PERMISSION TO USE IT.

Cory Creen, ME

The biggest threat I feel is that companies are asking me
for more data than they actually need and retain that
data for longer than needed.

Fred Goodnow, NY

Financial, investment and identify theft issues such as
account numbers, Social Security identity issues, credit
card numbers, etc.

Michael Philip, CA

I think one of my biggest concerns is companies and
smartphone apps sharing my information without my
permission.

Charles Meador, KS

Stealing my ss# and bamlong information. Using my
personal and private information in ways I would not
want.

William Niehaus, ND

Insecure storage of personal data that could increase the
risk of identity theft.

Richard Tuckett, AZ

Maintaining privacy is TOO COMPLEX- very often you have to "opt out" of the sharing of your information instead of being asked for your permission to share your information. Websites and social media hide the places where you need to go to "opt out", or change their privacy policies without notifying you, so you don't know when you need to review or update your settings.

lisa love, KS

Unauthorized collection to my personal information

KK DuVivier, CO

I don't mind companies collecting data when I know about it--i.e., my loyalty card at the supermarket. However, this has gone way beyond what anyone could imagine (i.e., Target knows about pregnancy before the father does). Shift the agreements to opt into sharing rather than opting out. Also, please don't use this survey to collect data on me.

Neal Miller, IL

Employers have far too much power to invade the privacy of their employees, and this needs to be restrained. Law Enforcement access to non-public information should only be available by subpoena, and should not otherwise be coerced.

Whit Haggerson, FL

Following where I go on the internet

Linda Wilson, CA

collecting info relating to my address, phone number, cell phone number. 100% unacceptable for a phone app to collect info from my phone. Simple full disclosures must be made at the beginning of a statement about info being collected and how used.

Donna Wooten, FL

It ALL concerns me - employers shouldn't use my credit history or buying habits (or even my Facebook posts) to deny me employment, and companies shouldn't sell my personal information because their business partners "may" have products I "might" be interested in (actually, it goes right in the shredder or the spam folder). Any kind of data sharing should be "opt in" rather than "opting out". Of course, companies don't want to do that, because most sane people will never "opt in".

Chad Robson, SD

that online companies can use private information about some one including sharing it with other parties without informing the person can lead to some company using it against some one.

chris buck, CO

Simply respect others privacy as you would want yours respected.

Gerard Schad, NJ

all of them

Byron Clemens, MO

sharing of data between providers and companies without transparency, selling of information to third parties and/or employers

Judson Butterman, ME

I'm concerned about the idea that government can follow you through the cellular network without your permission.

Eugene Sicoli, FL

Sharing data without permission, including tracking web activity.

Michael Everett, NC

There should be no reason for anyone to sell information. Most times there is no way to respond to one company without accepting their ability to use your information improperly. That should be seen as a turn off to potential clients. Let's limit ability to share information and limit time held on file. It is so easy to renew your interest the retention should be unimportant to those who gather it.

Olivia Tiballi, NY

By adopting even one of the possibilities listed above, we are not just sacrificing but being robbed of the very promises our land was built on by powers who have no decent nor moral right to make such decisions and act on them supposedly for the behalf of the public. THIS MUST END NOW!

Francesca Fuller, WA

All of the above, I don't want anyone to have any kind of access to my information.

Julie Cannon, NM
identity theft

John Sudol, NJ

Concerned with credit card info, investment account info and bank account info. I try to use the internet as little as possible when it concerns this info. I do not use twitter or facebook, etc., because I feel that it puts out too much of my personal info for every one to use.

Donald Richards, None

My Greatest concern is companies collecting any information to sell or pass on to another company which includes followinng my internet searches.

Magaly Queralt, FL

Like in Europe, companies in the US should not have the right to share my private data. Only if I grant them the right, should they be able to share my data. In the US, they start with that right and I am required to "opt out" in order to deny it. I don't have the time to be opting out.

Grier Audrey, NJ

This is an ethics concern even though almost everybody is aware that websites are collecting information about us as we use them. It is infuriating that companies are not content to bombard us with advertising all day on radio and television but must also bug our computer usage in the hopes of getting our money.

John Van Eenwyk, WA

my greatest concern is the amassing of data about my browsing habits and financial data.

Samuel Trinkaus, CA

On a personal scale, I'm most concerned about my online activities being used to determine my employment or loans. On a broad societal scale, I'm concerned about the exposure to advertisements that young people might see online. They have great power in influencing minds and societies.

Ben Liles, TX

Any information gleaned about me from my using the Internet is totally unacceptable.

Jim Rosenberg, NY

Every thing I look at, shop for, and buy whether it is in the brick and mortar store with a rewards card or online is track. That is a fact. This information is then either sold or traded to other entities without my implicit permission. Further, once the information has been collected and correlated, I have no way of addressing any discrepancies or even saying "NO" to the process. It is not inconceivable for employers or the government to use this information about my private life to do me harm. (Witness the number of organizations demanding your Facebook password). Even as I fill out this form, I am very much cognizant of the fact that it too will go into the database of what ever organization may justify access. What's most important to me? That no more information is gathered than is necessary to perform the task I need, that this information is not shared, and that

Kate Luzius, FL
Identity Theft!

jerry inskeep, CA
i if your co. is not concerned then go out of business there are enough people out there that don.t care how they hurt you

Susan Smith, PA

It is an invasion of my privacy for companies to collect data about me without my knowledge. I am offended that even search engines are tailoring results based on their perception of my needs/wants. I want full access to data without someone or some machine censoring choices.

Henry Miller, PA

I do not make online purchases due to concern that my important confidential data will be sold or stolen by hackers.

lennon avery o'maonaigh, OH

I am the single mother of two and three year old little girls...these companies need to leave us alone...all of this pestering..for what??...money.

Marie Taylor, NY

Privacy threats that concern me, are those that are called on our phone. We have opted out of such calls, but sometimes they still come through. They ask if we want to go on a cruise, for a small down payment, or have our energy use audited, or....

Josephine Noetzel, IL

I don't want any websites collecting my personal data unless they need it to provide a service that I have requested. They should not keep it longer than they need to provide that service, and they should make sure it is "disposed of" in a way that guards the security of sensitive information.

Rhya Cawley, CA

When I purchase online I don't want to be spied on.

Harlan Williams, FL

Quite difficult to gather all the various aspects of this problem into a single, or even multiple, statement. Therefore, it would appear it might be helpful if the various companies would write their policies from the view point of the consumer rather from their principal approach of trying to protect themselves. And limit the statement to a very modest number of words like 30 or 40.

Al Wallace, MO

Doing anything without my knowledge or approval.

donald kadidlo, WI

Any access that allows anyone, private or public to obtain data on me without permission is in my opinion piracy of personal data.

C Reed, NJ

Social media companies that hide or lie about the data they are collecting and selling

Matt Levin, MA

companies and/or institutions investigating/ tabulating data not solicited directly from citizens (ie., without a citizen's knowledge).

Scott Bieber, NH

I'm very concerned about companies selling or sharing information about us without our permission. They claim or imply confidentiality when they gather our information, they earn our trust and then pass along this information. It also begs the question why, in the first place, companies we do business with need that much personal information. This also increases the danger of information about us getting into the wrong hands, which in turn can lead to identity theft and unwanted solicitations.

Sheila Bell, KS

I don't want my information sold elsewhere.

Cindy Stader, IN

all the above

Cynthia Perkins, NC

I am extremely concerned about persons hacking into secure sights where I bank or purchase items. Also, I worry about if and how the information that I reveal online is used other than what I intended. The ramifications of the many ways in which we deal online are not yet known.

Victoria Weaver, CA

My biggest concern with online privacy is that incredible lack of control I have over ALL of my personal information. I have no means of agency over my information, no method of choosing to not share certain facets of my online behavior with companies.

Deborah Colella, MT

No one has any right to track my actions on the internet. No one has any right to control what I can see or cannot see when I am on the internet. I want access to all information, not the information that someone thinks I want to see. No one has any right to my personal information on the internet other than the companies I interface with.

John Pyne, CO

I believe that all data collection should be on an "opt-in" basis only. There are too many ways that companies can "brush up against" your information without your knowing and claim ownership.

Laura Kracke, IL

I am concerned that privacy is becoming a thing of the past. I find the internet very useful, but do not want the search engines I use to keep track of everything I do.

Roseanne Defino, PA

All of the above are very important, it seems the technology has been used to the detriment of the public privacy

Barbara Kauderer, NJ

that people are allowed to access my personal data and pass them on to anyone, and maybe get money for passing them on.

Manny Miranda, NV
no personal information

Larry Mori, CA

Business are getting too much information on the public without their knowledge and it will, if not already, come back to hurt us financially. Also, It's so time consuming not only dumping our paper junk mail we get in our mailboxes and the emails we get on our computers.

Arthur Figur, NY

Companies doing ANY kind of THING with ANY and ALL my stuff without my consent. I don't believe in implied CONSENT. I don't believe in OPT OUT. So that applies to storing, sending, selling my stuff, using it to target me AND TRACK ME.

Mary Grace Manning, OH

I9 don't want people knowing about me without me being aware of it EACH TIME, not with an initial disclaimer.

Kenyon Donohew, CA

I should have the right to protect my privacy from everybody.

Priscilla McFarlin, TX

Loosing privacy. Having my information ripped off and shared or sold.

Thomas Prochaska, PA

Data from online sources being used to deny a person employment and advertisement targeting kids. Privacy is a right granted by the constitution and should not be stepped on or taken advantage of by companies trying to meet their bottom line. Advertisement should be allowed on products but not at the stake of our right to privacy.

Dawn Griffin, LA

I recently got my first android phone and am appalled that my location, contacts, sd card that contains my personal photos and music, that my sd card can be deleted at google's discretion if I even upgrade an app. Needless to say I'm not using hardly any apps, only the basic what I need. Kind of defeats the purpose of having a smartphone.

John Schmitt, NJ
Lack of disclosure

Gary Tanner, TX

I don't want these companies capturing or retaining any data pertaining to myself or my children. If they want to retain something I want the law to require that they ask my permission.

Jessica Millnitz, NE

My greatest concern is simply the synching of all my information to build an inaccurate representation of me. I am not what I buy, I am not what I read about online. The fact that this information could be used, not only to target me for advertising, but could bleed over into my real life, effecting employment, credit, or academic or financial opportunities deeply disturbs me. I think it's wrong and we don't permit it in our tangible real life consumer dealings so why should it be acceptable online?

Carroll Albertson, CA

I am concerned about any privacy threat that could result in identity theft. I do not want my information being "out there" where unauthorized persons can access it.

Terry Mason, OH
none

None Of Yourbusiness, NY

My personal information is just that - personal. No one should be able to search and find me online, nor should they be able to find out my address, phone number, my income or anything else. If I want someone to know that information, I will tell them. One of my biggest concerns are these websites that compile all of my information and post it without my permission. THEN when I want to have my information removed, they want me to fax them even more information. If I don't want my personal information out there, and I request that it be removed, it should be removed immediately, without question.

Sharon Spruill, VA
Getting my charge and bank card numbers.

Cindy Allyn, OR

I am concerned about all the collection of private data that I believe companies have no right to collect or save or pass on. The cell phone apps that allow collection of contacts, location, photos or any private information should be completely and absolutely outlawed. I don't believe that companies should be allowed to track any personal use of my computer like what websites I go to , products that I buy or any personally identifying information at all.

Sara Evans, KS
credit theft

Mary Curcio, GA

I do not want my every move tracked.

Janice G Gary, WI

At this time I do not have a smartphone. I am concerned that the methods used to gather data can be or will be used by & for "identity theft" purposes.

Jane Rodgers, FL

I am desperately looking for a job now, as are millions of Americans. If an employer were to ask for my FB pass in order to be considered for the job--as bad as I need one--I STILL would NOT give it! What I do on MY own free time is MY business, NOT THEIRS! Privacy invasion MUST stop somewhere! Why not here, why not now!

Steve Ho, HI

sharing of personal information between companies without my authorization.

Kathryn Heidepriem, AZ

I would like to feel free to use my computers for the things I need to do without being concerned that my information is picked up and distributed for other uses. I would like to be able to have anything of mine that has been stored deleted whenever I want. I DO NOT WANT MY PERSONAL CONTACTS INFORMATION STOLEN FROM MY CONTACT LIST OR E-MAILS AND THEN SHOWING UP ON FACEBOOK OR G+!!!! I do not want internet providers to even have the capability of trolling for account numbers within my information.

Rosalyn Nierman, NY

I am very concerned about anyone 'tracking' my purchases. At the present time someone is spamming everyone I contact trying to get them to click on a link ostensibly about an iphone app. This first appeared after I made an online purchase from a most well known and respected site.

Jonathan Wood, PA

Big brother has more than enough information about every person already. I get so much advertising in the mail and on the computer that it takes some time to just remove it. I have become very careful of questionnaires and other means of obtaining info about me and my family.

Mary Stein, GA

-Companies, such as Google, saving all browsing information even if it is deleted from your history. -
Little clarity on exactly what companies save.

Larry Norgaard, IL

I want a clear statement on top of any policy in bold print and a select box that states that I do not want any of my info to be forwarded to any one for any purpose. I do not want any advertising back from anyone on my PC, Smart phone, tablet as a result of any email, text or purchase I make on line. I chose to look into a product I am interested in and make my decision without any un requested follow up emails!

Elaine Klein, MD

advertisers targeting children and teenagers

Sherr Warnock, OH

I am concerned about all of these issues equally

Paul Kaufman, FL

Pretty much anything without my permission. If you want to sell my data - tell me and I'll decide if I still want to do business with you. Email spam is my biggest pet peeve.

Nancy Evans, AL

1.) I have a great niece and nephew and the idea that companies targeting children when the children are on-line is very, very upsetting to me. At least parents are aware of the Saturday morning "info-mercials" on TV that pass for children's programming but the targeting of on-line and collecting information on children's web-visits seems much more insidious. 2.) How wonderful it would be to have easy to read Privacy Agreements-then folks would actually read the policies! I think a good court case could be made that in the policies current legalese it would take someone trained or at least familiar with law terms to understand what most policies say. 3.) There should be a pre-set time companies can hold on to old data and then it should be "destroyed" 4.) This makes me very angry-my personal information should NEVER be "sold, shared,or

Carol Gilbert, WI

online banking security and password listing leaks threaten our ability to feel secure about transactions. Downloads of menu bars should be not permitted from sites unless specifically requested. You should not have the tracking stuff added automatically if you don't UNCHECK boxes

George Comeau, CA

Definitely big-brother actions that go against civil-liberties.

Roger Williams, IN

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TJ Young, FL

I prefer for my search engine to be open and free and not restricted by marketing. There was a time when real information results in google search was available, then when doing research all of the sudden the results were very limited. This is very troubling to me. Free up searches on search engines to freely research the world wide web without being redirected for marketing purposes.

Janelle Via-Mckown, TX

My greatest concern is the selling and/or trading of my name and interests to advertisers, charities, corporations, credit card companies, and political parties (I understand that political parties can call if I have donated, worked, etc., but I've never given to a Republican cause in my life; however, I continue to receive USPS mail and telephone calls from them) and infinitum for online, USPS mail and/or telephone calls that take up my time and clutter up my life. I resent the interruptions and usually make it a practice to ignore all that continue to disturb. I subscribe to all no-call lists that I can, but that is no deterrent. Last evening alone I received about 15 telephone calls. I screen with caller ID but the noise is an interruption and annoyance.

Dawn Swartout, PA

I am concerned that even once we address these concerns there will be insufficient enforcement.

Kevin Gallagher, CT

Most concerned about political information being mined which could affect my security (from Government) as the USA becomes more and more facist.

Fran Austin, CA

All of the above cited are of great, even grave concern to me. Most especially would be holding on to my data when not needed and using my data to deny employment and ability to get a loan. This is reprehensible.

Michael Gordon, MA

information being passed on without my permission

Maureen Doyle, MA

First the children need protection against any data collection concerning them. They mustn't be subjected to commercials for anything, especially for food and violence in any and every form. I would prefer that all collected data be scrubbed at some point, perhaps after five years. Sooner if it's not being used. I need to know what credit unions say about me and be able to correct incorrect matter. I don't want anything collected without my permission. NO SHARING ANYONE'S LOCATION without specific permission.

Arthur Rothstein, PA

As I'm retired the only item I have no concern about is no. 6. Aside from that I find all the others quit annoying and intrusive.

Mj Harper, AL

THEY NEED TO ONLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE
TERRORIST THAT HAS BEEN LET INTO OUR
COUNTRY. WHAT PRIVACY DO WE HAVE
ANYMORE? WE,THE AMERICANS HAVE NOT
HAD PRIVACY IN A LONG TIME.GIVE US OUR
PRIVACY BACK. ONLY GET INFORMATION WE
GIVE THEM PERMISSION FOR. -----

R G, CO

Tracking any information while surfing the web is the same as tapping a phone and should not be allowed by anyone. Information for a purchase should only be enough to complete the purchase, kept for 6 mo and then deleted. Never handed off to anyone else. Case in point #9 you sent me this e-mail you already have this info, why do I have to.....

Fred Reed, NC

All of the above, but especially item #6 listed above.

Daniel Rashid, NE

Taking unnecessary personal information, even browsing habits, even if I am not actually identified. I receive no discounts for participating in a survey, nobody should profit from knowing my browsing habits, this is theft to me. Targeted advertising should be illegal, unless consented to by the recipient.

Robert Emerson, GA

No personal/private data should be kept and/or shared with or by others for any reason.

Lisa Pace, OH

The Internet and web sites would work for me--not I for them, at least not to the extent that I do now.

Kenneth Rivard, MA

I don't think companies should have the right to collect and retain ANY data from you except what is deemed necessary to process financial transactions. Under no circumstances should they have the right to sell or share that information, except as provided by a duly authorized court order. In brief I think that online privacy ought to be a right. Individuals ought to be able to control their online history, including financial transactions, except and unless they willingly decides to relinquish such control, in exchange for a premium, for example, or for payment.

Norma Pearson, GA

Data used to deny employment is my most concern because what I do on line is my personal and social business is personally mind and not of no one else.

Clifton Snider, CA

Companies should not keep any information without my explicit permission.

Helen Jones, IL

collecting, keeping, and selling or giving away my personal data including my name, ssn, etc.

S Witt, CA

Anything that might contribute to identity theft!

Daniel Frohman, VA

All the above.

Kris Nill-Snow, CA

I am most concerned about phone apps that can pinpoint my location & also my online browsing history being accessed without my permission.

George Dini, CA

Apps that compromise my security and follow my online activity

William F. Hoover, NV

I would like the internet experience for everyone to be completely free of ads and information gathering unless that person on a specific pc. laptop. notebook, or phone OPT's IN to allow those things. They would then be specific for that person on that device. Nothing would ever be collected on anyone who did not opt in for this 'service". the same would hold true with on screen advertising for a specific computer or person.

June Bautista, IN

Unauthorized gathering information about me from computer, from the way I use my computer,etc NO ONE should be allowed to access my computer, accept MYSELF. THIS IS MY PRIVATE PROPERTY. NO ONE CAN HAVE ACCESS TO MY PRIVATE U.S. MAIL, SO WHY MY PRIVATE COMPUTER.

Reno Reno, NY

trolling data that personalizes my so called interests when I search so that my search results reflect a much more insular world than is real. I HATE THAT!

Ann Schriever, TX

The word privacy means just that. Quit keeping files on me. I won't get on facebook or twitter for that reason. I run 3 malware/adware programs a day to try and protect myself.

Gary Sabel, MD

Forwarding or selling of e-mail address without authorization.

Ramona Newhouse, FL

Sadly I'm a cynic and pessimist. As long as there is a buck to be made at the taxpayers' expense, I doubt anything will change.

E Wheeler, CT

Companies like Google tracking my every on-line move, keeping the data forever- and making it available to others! It is shocking.

Eric Cheren, AZ

Essentially the selling my personal data to anyone with a checkbook and the seeming immunity that these companies have from disclosing what data they possess and the integrity of that data. Also they seem to have zero obligation for protecting that data. I am less concerned with my browsing habits being tracked as long as no identifying data is attached.

Ed Slaughter, TX

Anytime my personal information is shared without my permission I find it a violation of my privacy. and I think there should be laws with severe penalties for companies or individuals that break the law

Stephen Margulis, MI

The failure of most companies to provide opt-in, in contrast to opt-out, to privacy policies and for placing tracking cookies on our computers without our permission.

David Swant, CA

I am most concerned about any use of personal data, including personal data on smartphones and data about online activities and purchases, for any purpose other than that originally intended by the person by who in put the data, purchased an item or surfed the web. Businesses have shown that they don't care about the harm that their data collection and distribution/sale may the consumers. Of particular concern are errors creeping onto the collection process that companies always seem to refuse to correct or remove.

John Blakeney, VA

Only I have the right to share my data. I should not have to OPT out to avoid sharing my data. I should be asked if I choose to opt in. Privacy is a concern in all aspects of life, leave us to be who we are without fear of ridicule or punishment.

Margaret Lange Freud, NY

COMPANIES SHARING INFORMATION ABOUT ME WITHOUT MY PERMISSION -- THIS COVERS CONCERNS 1 THROUGH 7 ABOVE.

Scott Blystone, CO

Credit reporting agencies: They compile extensive lists of sensitive info with no way to opt out, ineffective challenge and updating policies. Errors create exceptionally costly impacts on the livelihood of millions of Americans. They create barriers to jobs and financing. Some unscrupulous collection agencies milk settlements from people that should not be accountable because it is easier and cheaper to pay than to challenge the extortionist practices.

Jeffrey Peacock, CA

Online activities that are recorded and used in discriminatory practices.

Ena Hertz, AZ

Privacy is paramount to any transaction online. As well, inasmuch as banking is being done with computers and smartphones, the danger of identity theft is increased. Privacy policy should be transparent. One of the disturbing things about current policies is that so many locations request birth dates. That is the issue that keeps me from signing up to many sites. If age is a problem, the sites can bunch categories. Sites that provide you with free service are entitled to pay attention to your likes and dislikes.

Bradford Dow, NY

Any data collected needs to have my permission to be collected before being collected; a permission form needs to be "authorized" everytime

nance Kinney, FL
companies holding onto and sharing information
without my permission.

Rodney Remsing, CO
Data collected from the use of my Credit Cards.

Jill Denton, CA
I am sick and tired of receiving solicitations that I
haven't requested.

Fred Derks, NY
Too much info being passed around.

Russell Thompson, TX
A requirement that the basic approach to requesting
information or asking for an approval to send or capture
information be an 'opt-in' policy - which requires the
user to actively take action to approve or initiate action.
Example: check boxes that are pre-checked with
approval and the user has to remove to not have action
taken should be not permitted.

Laura Bruce, KS
Collecting data from my online activities and purchases
without my permission.

Laura Kelly, KY
n/a

Rachel Schwartz, MO

I am especially concerned that searches into things like genetic illnesses will mark people for problems like not being able to get insurance.

Carl J. Kaufmann, CO

I do not think companies should retain personal data after they no longer need it. Once a transaction is completed they should delete it unless given permission to retain it for future orders.

Christine Begley, CA

I receive medical services from a health organization. I recently found out that ANY DOCTOR can get on and read dictations by doctors, even doctors who do not work at this clinic. I go to a psychiatrist and I am APPALLED by my recent discovery that any doctor who works at (Sansum) clinic can read what he writes after a visit. In addition to privacy concerns, I am troubled by the fact that inaccurate dictations are practically ubiquitous; it is EXTREMELY common for doctors to write things that are not accurate and confuse patients. I don't want other doctors knowing things besides medications that I take and doctors that I see! I just want to add that I recently saw, for the first time in my life, a credit report, saying that I had bad credit for a number of reasons. I couldn't even understand it, even though I am a very educated and intelligent person.

Jennifer Militzer-Kopperl, CA

In 1984, it was the government. In 2012, it is corporations. Corporations are the new Big Brother. Keep your noses out of my business. If I haven't written you a letter, dropped you an email, or told you in person, assume I don't want you to know. I don't care much for gossips and snoops who are human. Why would I want those traits in corporations? Mind your own business without trying to mind mine.

Michael Lunney, FL

The type of transgressions suggested in questions #6 and #7!

David Breard, ME

Personal information is just that personal. This matter should not even be brought up but the dollar rules so making it illegal is the only way to go.

Faye Field, HI

As an American citizen, I have a right to privacy in my dealings with the world, as long as I am not trying to harm anyone. I also don't want to hear from people or organizations who don't respect my personal privacy.

hildred sprayregen, CA

Anytime anyone or any group can get and use private information for their own purposes without my knowledge or permission I have great concern.

Alan Cranston, NY

Misuse of the information without the knowledge or approval of the consumer/individual.

Karen Connolly, CA

I'm especially concerned about the misuse of personal and financial information that could lead to identity theft if misused or invasion of privacy by unwanted advertisers. More importantly, I am concerned about the vulnerability of younger users of the internet to stalkers or other sources of harm from misuse of their personal information.

Doug Trotter, OR

I am very concerned about all the issues raised above. All my data and electronic devices should be considered private property(MINE!!) and all companies should have to ask the consumers permission to sell, save, control or otherwise manipulate for private profit.

Douglas Hamm, NY
Companys sharing my information.

Robert Siebers, ID

I am very concerned about any access to my personal information without my permission, and used for any use that a company or organization wants to use my personal information without my permission.

Pete Cotterill, IN

There has gotten to be absolutely no privacy online. Advertising drives me nuts. If I want to buy something, I will buy it after researching - not because of some bothersome ad that invades my online activities - on any computer or device or wherever else they dream up to invade. It's been an ongoing and toughening battle trying to block ads online. Rooted my phone to get rid of some of it but can't get rid of all of it as it's based on Android which as we all should well know is Google's domain. Google ("Do no evil" Ha!), Facebook, and social sites everywhere know more about people than their spouses. It's ridiculous, invasive, unnerving, rude, and stealing since no device truly belongs to a customer anymore but to the provider who sets it up with all the garbage. Sick and tired of the invasion to my privacy and rude ads at every turn!

Lawrence Scott, GA

My greatest concern is with my government accessing without court order my personal conversations, data exchanges, online searches, etc. Although the issues you list above are of concern, the motivation is to be more successful in promoting their product or service. There is NOTHING wrong with that but there does need to be guidelines and reasonable protection of our personal information. The government, on the other hand, capturing our communication and internet activity is very frightening. If we are under suspicion for criminal activity the courts should give appropriate authority to look that deep into our lives. However, the rest of us are not under suspicion and should have our private information protected from government review.

David Mendelsohn, CA

I should be able to Opt out of any activity the advertisers want to use my private data.

Howard Brotine, CA

The assumption is there is no longer any privacy, so let's just mine it for maximum profit... The internet needs to remain free and particularly free from parasitic greed-heads that will stop at nothing to intrude and sell private information!

Debra Corbin, OR

Biggest concern is there is not a law which restricts potential employers requesting your email and passwords for social media as a condition for employment.

Alyce Maher, KS

Consumers should have control over what information is collected and how it is used.

Patricia Black, CA

I do not want any of my personal information made available to anyone outside of the organizations or companies I communicate with.

Anthony Lapray, UT

I do not like my privacy stolen at all

P. Smith, CA

identity theft information

Robin Levy, MA

I am very concerned about all of the above.

Jim Lotarski, IL

No one has the right to share my personal info. without my permission.

William Lawrence, PA

Using my personal data for benefit without my permission

Thomas Murphy, IA

All of the above as well as companies that don't fully delete their servers of social networking sights people unsubscribed from. No information of any kind should be left behind on corporate servers for ANY purpose whatsoever!

WILLIAM RUCH JR, NJ

the government that can get all the info like att than let them go free

Christine Despres, MA

I wonder about the whole meaning of being an American when I see and understand that technology and loopholes in rights in regards to corporate "spying" abilities is misused and invasive. Information about personal choices and lifestyle should not be free and should certainly not come without consent. This is a gross invasion of privacy - and not much different than corporations and businesses being given a free hand to spy on citizens without accountability. Not only do I oppose this practice, but I feel it is a violation of Constitutional rights.

Donald Kinach, LA

All of the above are of concern. Government collecting information is also a problem, especially with the advent of the Patriot Act.

Deborah Van Wormer, IN
someone hacking into my accounts especially my email
accounts and sending unwanted emails

Joshua McEnaney, OH
Quit tracking my business. Christ I've had to set up
Ghostery, Adblock, and a host of other DNT extensions
just to feel like I'm not constantly under the watchful
eye of hundreds of creepy marketing firms. And I still
feel that way.

Maria Camacho, CA
Just because I am a consumer of information and
products online does not give any corporation the right
to treat me as a product. I am an individual and will
base my consumer choices on the corporations ability to
respect privacy.

George Espy, PA
Private information means just that--PRIVATE!! What I
do on line or off-is my own choice and my own
business unless it impacts another person in a negative
way. With scammers and identity theft running rampant
no information should be shared without the express
written consent of the person concerned.---NOT like on
a bill that I recently received from a credit card
company--hidden on the back in fine print was the
statement that if I gave them my phone number they
were allowed to share ANY of my information with
whomever they chose to!! Permission to share needs to
be open and OBVIOUS to the consumer-NOT HIDDEN
FINE PRINT!

Jacob Markow, TX
My usage statistics being released to the authorities
without my consent. A terms of service policy that
requires i give that consent in order to use the service.

Sybil Kea, HI
bias against me for what I may say on the internet if
what I say is misinturpreted.

Cecilia Rose Sprekelmeyer, AZ

I am VERY CONCERNED about anyway my personal data is handled or obtained. Where is respect for each other going in our country? If people would be more thoughtful and cautious we would be a country to look up to--which at this time we are not.

Bruce L Nowak, MI

The greatest privacy threat is the ability of anyone gather information with out our beign aware of it.

David Damas, IL

#'s 1 thru 6 above pretty much cover it !

Mary K Healy, CA

4--companies selling or sharing information about me without my permission #5 advertisers targeting me with personalized ads by collecting data about my interests and purchases on line

Joanne Klepal, FL

collection of information without permission {must have transparency and an option for info NOT to be collected} and use of information without permission. Providing information to 3rd parties.

Steven Ebey, IL

Employers (or prospective employers) being allowed access to someone's Facebook profile page to determine that persons' eligibility for hiring - or, to read their personal posts with the risk of later confronting that employee about this message or that post, & then using that info in determining that employees' potential for promotion, pay adjustment, etc. Basically, it's like going up to someones' front porch, opening the mailbox & opening/reading that residents' private mail. That is not only wrong, but illegal.

Paula Dodd, AR

All of the above are of great concern to me. My browsing and shopping habits are no one's business but my own. My personal information is just that personal. No one has the right to use it, sell it or buy it. It is an invasion of my privacy and should be illegal and punishable by law.

Dick Brian, NJ

#1-#7

Kenrick Swift, PA

I am most concerned about #6 above. Employers already have access to your credit report and that should be enough.

C W, NY

Selling my info & spamming me

Cynthia Hammer, AL

The idea that people feel entitled to this information just because the technology is there for them to retrieve it is more than worrisome to me.

Dana Shimizu, NY

Information obtained from a computer should not be sold to another company. That should be illegal.

Zangmo Yeshe, CA

ALL of it! I want TOTAL and COMPLETE privacy!
Let's start with that! Let's go back to that! What we
buy, who we speak to and why, what we say, is NO
ONE'S business! BACK OFF!

Richard Culver, CO

I DESIRE COMPLETE PRIVACY. NO PERSON,
ORGANIZATION, OR GOVERNMENT SHOULD
GATHER INFORMATION FROM ME IN ANY
FORM! THAT INCLUDES USE OF MY
TELEPHONE NUMBER.

Wojciech Bogdan, VA

I am a very private person, who served our
government/military for over 15 years now, and am
NOT interested in having corrupt corporations
collecting data about me, my personal habits,
likes/dislikes and choices. Only to be later sold for
profit!

Carolyn Hinds, CO

The "Big Brother" behavior of major corporations is
unnerving. I am extremely concerned about
corporations snooping and tracking the things I do and
buy. Targeting kids up to age 20 is really nasty
because they grow up thinking it's OK to do things like
that. They will never know what privacy really is and
why it is important to guard your privacy. A person's
privacy should never be usurped with permission.

Raymond Young, MT

As a user, I understand the value of data being used to
enhance my internet experience. However, I have a
right to know what specifically is being returned and
why. I want to be able to elect either in or out of these
procedures. Honestly, some of these programs have no
clue what I am interested in or where I want to go on the
Web. Sometimes, it would be best if I was allowed to
find my own way without digital assistance.

Brett Beazley, SC

Any software that collects, maintains and distributes
personal data including identifying information, internet
habits, purchasing habits, stored information on my
computers/mobiles, communications data and other like
information without my expressly indicated consent. In
other words, invasive practices that in other
communication mediums would be illegal or unethical
practices; consider opening others mail, wire tapping,
eaves dropping, etc.

Carmen Camuglia, CA

Biggest threat to me would be companies that collect data about online activities or purchases online and use that to deny employment or even your ability to get a loan.

Judie Luisi, NY

I don't want to share any information without my permission, this includes sharing with the government

Janet Morello, WA

Companies need to be transparent about what they are doing so consumers/users have the option to opt out before their information is used.

Roger Pipkin, WI

The threat of the US Govt controlling the use and ownership of firearms is my main concern. The Constitution gives citizens of the US the right to self protection. The Govt. has no right to force us to register the ownership of any firearm we legally possess. It is the first step to disarmament. And disarmed citizens are nothing more than subjects.

LILLIAN FALCONE, PA

I am very concerned about my personal info. including age, addressess, children's info. etc. for everyone to have immediate access. If this info is public record, it still shouldn't be posted all over the internet.

Meagen Kay, GA

My greatest concern is that users no longer have the option to control who sees their information. I don't mind some add targeting. I get that companies have to make money. However,I do believe that people should have a choice about who sees their information.

David Wallen, CA
don't know

James Mackenzie, WI
Do not collect ANY data about me. If I buy something or subscribe to something keep my data as secure as a bank would keep my bank account information. Nothing I do online should be available to anyone.

Richard Marking-Camuto, MO
I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE
INABILITY OF ANYONE - GOVERNMENT OR
COMMERCIAL ENTITY - TO ABSOLUTELY
GUARANTEE THE PRIVACY OF PERSONAL
DATA. THE MORE WIDESPREAD AND LONGER
THIS DATA IS AVAILABLE, THE GREATER THE
CONCERN AND THREAT.

Mike Johnson, MN
When the information you collect on me effects my life in any way shape of form other than showing me possible interests of mine I can opt out of receiving, you've collected too much information and must be stopped. I want to know in simple, brief, unambiguous language (at a grade school level) what information you keep on me, and how I can block information you keep on me. My privacy must be the default, and I must actively opt IN to let you keep any information on me. You must periodically notify me again of specifically what information you keep on me, how you use it, if it goes outside of your possession, where it goes, how others might use it, and how to opt out again.

Christopher Qualiardi, IL
All of it. Nothing less than complete privacy. Ha!
Yeah right. The fools and jokers need to spy on you because they can't actually manufacture anything of quality. No one had to gather information on me to get me to purchase the Gibson guitar I just bought. Make sense? Idiots. Parasitic trash. Ah....that's better.

Edward McCabe, NC
advertisers targeting you with personalized ads by collecting data about your interests and purchases online

Pat Kincaid, CA

I dislike being targeted by personal ads and do not think anyone should be able to access contacts, photos, etc. without permission. Accessing location should be allowed only in dire emergency situations.

Okei Okusogu, MD

Sharing my information which endangers my chances of earning a living by obtaining legitimate employment.

Martha Woolman, MO

My greatest concern is capturing personal, private information, such as sign-on information, account numbers, etc. I resent the details being buried in a document so large it is unreadable. I resent having to agree to capturing my personal information in order to use the services. I resent having to accept cookies on my PC. No one has the right to add anything to my PC.

Thomas Mccartney, WA

My data belongs to me. Any data gathering must be opt-in.

Ariel Styles, IL

While all of these concern me greatly, *1. concerns me the most. Targeting children in any way should be considered a felony. All of these actions seem to be attempting to see just how far they can push violations of the law and people's rights. These rights to privacy should be a "given" and simply understood by all! For decades, retailers, etc. have been targeting consumers by first targeting their children and this needs to stop now along with the rest of the 7 concerns listed!

Ronald Van Norman, MD

*7 smartphone apps and uncontrolled track of my phone and position.

Richard Adrian Nelson, Jr., CA

I want to make sure that my financial information is secure from those who would use it to steal from me.

Dwight Pettegrove, ME

I've always felt like I was getting my arm twisted by having to agree to terms by various sites that always lead to me having to agree to allow them to share my info with other companies. I never appreciated that at all nor did I ever trust such terms.

Patricia Geller, MA

I do not like information about my Google searches, etc. to be collected by anyone. I am concerned for adolescents and young adults that they are being asked to open their Facebook pages to potential employers.

Bryan Moore, NY

#5

Nathan Roy, MN

Everything I do is my own concern and none of yours. Stop following me. Leave me be.

Rita Cerajewski, IL

HAVING THE FREEDOM TO USE PERSONAL INFORMATION AS "THEY" CHOOSE!

John Melin, NJ

Privacy statements are way too hard to understand. The statements are too long and very confusing. They're written for the lawyers and not for the common person. Many applications ask for permission to go into the address book. I find that that is an unacceptable invasion of privacy.

Nancy Moore, MD

Spam email that I am unable to block and does not give a safe and effective way to shut it off or unsubscribe.

Anne Kornhauser, NY

The collecting of my personal information (including consumer preferences and internet searches) by companies and the government.

Sue Ann Heutink, WA

I especially don't like anything that identifies my location, showing that I'm away from home & thus making it easier for thieves to know when to rob my house. I want to have the smartphone app that accesses my info OFF unless I choose to turn it on. And make privacy policies one sentence long, don't sell my information -- as it's not yours to sell. Any and all information should NOT be accessible unless I give permission, not the other way around.

Mary Ann Maher, AZ

The main privacy concern is that there is no erasing what has been put on the net. For example, a young person posts something stupid; a future employer can see it. Aren't we entitled to mistakes that don't haunt us forever!

Raul Macias, CA

Not respect my privacy is very concerned for my future.

Douglas Adams, TX
FBI, NSA, BATF, The Obama menstration, & George Soros are all threats to privacy, security and personal freedoms.

Chris Dynes, OH
This is all starting to seem very "George Orwell". With this new thing about local police being able to use drones, it won't be long before there is complete, 24/7, surveillance net.

Ammiel Schwartz, NY
all of it

Linda Clements, NV
I believe that my personal information is exactly that, personal. NO ONE has the right to gather or use it without my explicit written permission. This also means that no one has the right to use coercive or veiled means to acquire that information, such as hiding its acquisition in a complex privacy policy, gathering information routinely during business done with a company, aggregating information from other sites to identify me and track without my explicit written permission, etc. Big Brother is NOT the government but rather the corporations that wish to dictate the terms of our lives. (Note that Consumers Union needs to practice this as well. I tried to subscribe to the online version...and could not without giving up too much personal information and allowing permanent cookies. Shame on you!)

Arthur Carr, NJ
They all concern me very much. I feel as tho my privacy is invaded every day by internet, phone calls and cell phone calls. I resent the intrusion and not being able to do much about it. I feel threatened and angry.

Florence Lansden, AR
number 7

Ben Pubols, OR
All of the above

Katherine Marion, TX
My personal data being used in ways of which I'm not aware.

William Purse, FL
Unauthorized access to financial data!!!!

Rebecca McLane, DE
#4: Companies should not be able to share my personal information without my permission. Permission should be granted in a clear fashion not as an already "checked" box buried in small type somewhere in the fine print.

Marcia Winter, NY
I don't think I even can GUESS or dream of what these people think of next, so I probably would say that the greatest concern to me is just that: their methods never fail to frighten, threaten and surprise the average person. There's an inherent evil lurking in all this - a "1984" Big Brother aspect that defies most normal people's imagination.

C Sutherland, CA
I believe personal information on file needs to be kept to an absolute minimum in order to lessen the threat of identity theft or other unforeseen consequences. This information should not be shared nor sold to any other company--it is private, and does not belong to companies in the first place. We are in great need of laws to protect consumers, so I hope to see real protection in the works soon.

P Fox, OR
Secret loss of privacy.

Terry Burketerryb, MI
Accessing my data and online activities being used to
deny loans and employment!

Mercedes Boothe, FL
The taking of and use of my personal information
without my consent. I'm also very concerned that
websites are not held responsible/accountable for
maintaining customer privacy.

Patricia Sullivan, FL
Especially concerned about items 3, 4, and 6.
Essentially my feelings are that unless I'm doing
something illegal what I do, where I go, and what I buy
is nobody's business but mine.

David L Morgan, NY
the selling or sharing of my data and information

Timothy Sandry, MN
Collecting data without my permission and sharing /
selling my personal information without my permission

William Masincup, FL

I am generally concerned that my every move is watched online and used to target me either with ads or junk e-mail or potentially, a profile to be sold to prospective creditors or employers. This could get very out of hand very quickly. Where I go on the web and what I view is as private as the places I visit in my car or on foot. There should be NO tracing of movements or what is viewed outside of each vendor's own website, excluding the likes of Google and Yahoo that are general search engines for the entire web. They should have a strict neutrality and non-disclosure policy for all.

Charles Ward, Jr., WA

Phone apps that access data and information that they do not need really concerns me.

Ste Bow, NY

Why do you need my personal information for a fucking survey?

Kathleen Morse, NY

My personal information being used without my explicit permission.

Allan Levy, NY

People should be asked if they want any information about themselves released. All of this information technology really makes it seem that big brother is watching. It almost feels as though someone is following you and watching everything you do. There has to be some kind of constraints against all of these information hunters.

Norma J. Doty, KS

Invasion of our privacy, sharing of personal information with others that effect our borrowing abilities or employment opportunities in any way, and that betray our trust is unAmerican and intrusive and damaging to our families in this democracy that we are now forced to defend. We need to be protected by laws that allow us full control of confidential information and other data that cannot be used "without our permission". This includes sites we visit on the internet, and security that our phones are not programmed to track our locations and who we call. This is just WRONG!!! We do not live in a communist country yet!! Please stop this now, thank you.

Nathaniel Sturgis, MT

Web privacy and security is, in my opinion and experience, nearly nonexistent. There should be ways for children and the elderly to experience the web in complete privacy, and there should be ways for all users to specify, dependably, the amount of personal and online usage they wish to share.

Donna Robson, VA

Companies selling or sharing information about me without my permission.

Joshua Mitchell, NY

Goggle, along with others on the web, need to STOP collecting, storing, categorizing and sharing our data with anyone; PERIOD! My solution will be to opt out of all data sharing in the browser; cookies, etc and privacy options from Goggle and others to reduce or eliminate all of my personal information. If need be, I will use a false identity online, buying only via telephone and using alias names.

Everett Hutchinson, CA

Private is a simple concept, further it is, as regards persons, baked into the Constitution of the US. It is not subject to fancy legalise nor is it ". . .subject to change without notice." We have a "Right" to privacy. You have the privilege of asking us to relinquish some of it, at our discretion, for business and other purposes. Deal with it!

Paul Bernier, MA

#4 #5 #6

Jay Goldenberg, ND

Any personal information collected without my permission is of concern to me. I would like to have the option of opting out of having information collected.

Brian Ferrin, CA

Paul Michaelis, NJ

This entire situation can be easily rectified by requiring Opt-In instead of Opt-Out.

Bryan Glovetsky, CA

Potential employers should have no right to mine data of prospective employees, especially their financial information and credit scores.

Kazuya Sato, KY

The information we have to share with the net company should not be shared or sold without our own permission. There are so much information floating around in the world, if/when in wrong hand they could be used against us. Jeffery Deaver's Broken Glass warns us the possible danger.

Gladys Smalls, NJ

I HAVE BEEN A VICTIM OF BANK FRAUD
SOMEONE TOOK MY INFORMATION AND USED
MY CHECKING ACCOUNT TO PAY HER BILLS,
SOMEONE BROKE IN STOLE MY BC, SS, AND PP
AND MY BRAND NEW COMPUTER SO I DON'T
TRUST TELEMARKETING CALLS OR
FRAUDULENT E-MAILS ABOUT WINNING THE
LOTTERY OR I'VE WON A SWEEPSTAKE OF
SOME KIND, IT'S VERY FRUSTRATING TO BE
VIOLATED IN SUCH A WAY THAT YOUR LIFE
HAS BEEN STRIPPED AND YOU TRUST NO-ONE
I'M ESPECIALLY ABOUT MY NAME, AGE AND
ADDRESS IS SO ACCESSABLE TO THE WORLD.
ITS JUST NOT FAIR. I SUSPENDED MY AOL
ACCOUNT FOR TWO YEARS. I JUST GOT IT
BACK MARCH 4TH, 2012 THIS HAS BEEN FOR
ME LIKE BEING RABED IF I HAD IT MY WAY

Pamela Wilde, CA

I have nothing tohide but it is the principle of the fact that I might ot be as anonymous as I would like. It creates lack of incentive, makes one behave more secretively for no reason. Privacy is privacy, nothing more, nothing less and should be honored by all for all. For example, when I began to enter my first name, with just the initial up pops my full name. Get my point?

Roger Geilen, NH

Accuracy and ease of availability are key concerns, along with extremely sloppy IT procedures that make the data easily 'hacked.'

alfonso reynoso, CA

I think you covered them for me.

Francis Reining, FL

I consider my personal information to basically be "Secret" in the National Security use of that designation. Not to be available to anyone but me without my explicit approval on a limited case-by-case basis and with no right of further dissemination under any circumstance.

Deborah Maloney, TX

Apps that can access contacts, photos, location and other data without my knowledge or permission is my greatest concern.

Barbara Crawley, UT

It aggravates me when I am in a store to purchase something and I am asked for my telephone number or for my zip code. I know that this happens because they want to see where their customers come from but as far as I am concerned, it is none of their business. I have received mail at my address with the names of three different people this past month. This is scary to me because only two families have lived at this address. I also do not like my information shared with other companies when I have given it to someone. Also, I receive too many emails and am very hesitant to give my email address to anyone.

Ronald Holt, WA

We need to be told what happens with our information and able to opt out if we desire.

Herbert Wilson, TX
vulnerable, aging, technology challenged population

Sophia Correnti, MO
I'm most annoyed my advertisers targeting me with personalized ads. I feel like someone is always stalking me.

Susan Klement, AZ
It's hard to say which of these issues is more worrisome.
If I absolutely had to choose one, I would choose smartphone apps that access contacts and other data without my permission.

Daryl Prevost, NY
companies holding on to your data, even when they don't need it anymore companies selling or sharing information about me without my permission

Jennifer Walsh, IL
When I'm reading something and the site accesses facebook without my permission and then posts on my wall. I should be able to choose whether a site is accessing my facebook

Jonathan Ward, NC
I am most concerned about privacy threats that could result in prejudicial actions against me (eg job related, identity theft, or financial). Linkage of my personal identity to data in the possession of Internet companies should be restricted to the minimum required to do business with me. Privacy violations for children are a great concern.

Axel Graf, SC
tracking all online searches and purchases

Richard Spector, CA
Automatic opt-in provisions should be outlawed. If a person is going to purchase a service or product, they should have clearly opt-in for the contract to be legally binding.

allyson coco, PA
This is worse than big brother monitoring your buying, this is many big brothers monitoring your spending and invades the consumers right to privacy.

Jay Klick, PA
access to my information without my consent

Annalisa Larson, WA
I have a very personal stake in privacy issues. My exhusband stalked me for years after I ended the marriage and the internet provided him with many excellent tools to do so. He would even go so far as to order credit reports, apply for mortgages, etc...pretending to be me in "phishing" expeditions for possible people to contact or to find out if I had engaged in any professional or consumer activities. I couldn't do either, of course, due to the electronic information trail such "normal activities" leave. I was forced to get a "sealed name change" (the court procedure is forever sealed, to access my own records regarding the name change, even I would require a court order) and to get a new Social Security Number (and trust me, the SSA does NOT just hand out new numbers, the situation has to be proven through legal and medical records to be life

Michael David, ME
Smart phone invasion and use of private data without direct permission.

Robert Carew, TX

The major threat that I am concerned about is identity theft which can affect a person life for years.

Al Newman, CA

Collections of data open to both misuse and hacking!

Mary Madison, MT

Companies like Consumer Reports keeping your credit card information to automatically renew you subscription

Joe Zierden, MN

Companies holding on to private data and companies selling and/or sharing data about me.

Robert B. Toner, VA

I object to not being able to set up on the web something very similar to the "Do Not Call" personal protection feature of the phone system

Diana Waters, CA

Data about online activities and purchases being used to deny employment or affect ability to get a loan or rate up insurance or a myriad of important personal or financial impact issues. Also, phone apps that can access contacts, photos, location and other data without my permission.

Cynthia Nevius, NJ

Very Concerned how people can search for anyone online and get a lot of information on you.

Paul Castronovo, NJ

Search engines and internet providers tracking web sites I visit and search terms.

Roy Salley, FL

All the above 7 questions are valid concerns

Nancy Justice, KY

Companies selling or sharing information about without my permission.

John Agosta, NY

I wouldn't expect or allow a salesperson in my home to go through my files in my desk. Why is it ok on line?

Joan Green, SC

Financial information, such as purchases, financial affiliations, and investment activity, have the potential to make me vulnerable to predators. Likewise, personal information has the potential to make me and my family vulnerable to other kinds of predators.

Deb Haffner, SD

I feel that any collection and sharing of any of my data without my permission is a huge concern as ID theft has become such a big issue and is so difficult to recover from. I should be in control of my personal data and I would prefer to ALWAYS be asked whether any part of my personal data can be shared.

Katherine Childs, NY

The whole idea that my internet use is being monitored concerns me greatly.

John W Waters, GA

Identity fraud that is made more possible by the sharing of personal information.

Michael Ellis, VA

Getting emails from companies about something else I might like to buy, since they noticed I recently bought something.

John Haubrich, OH

Lack of personal control

Tanya Desloover, CA

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Chas Clark, AZ

I I'm most concerned mostabout6 above.

Andy Gebhard, IN

My greatest concern is a lack of transparency about data being collected while I use the Internet. I think companies should ask (or be required to ask) my permission first.

Robert Vandagriff Sr., FL

stop all privacy infrigenments, toataly, if we want any business,or people to know something we will tell them , as long as they do not sell trade or give away or information,to anyone, it is private.

Rose Mary Agin, TX

Companies selling or sharing information about me without my knowledge. I don't want any information about me being distributed without my knowledge or consent. I consider it an invasion of privacy.

Maryann Farrell, NJ

Identity theft is my primary concern, but my personal information is also very important just for my own privacy. I'm even concerned about replying to this survey.

Richard Thompson, FL

Sorry if it threatens the internet spying business, but no one should be collecting any information about anyone without first obtaining specific permission to do so. Nor should that permission be the gateway to a purchase, a website, or anything else!

Marie Pacillas, NV

Tea Party members are concerned about government knowing everything about them and I am concerned about private business' knowing about my private affairs. I do not want any of my personal information on the internet, so anyone can look it up and use it. Private MEANS PRIVATE!!!!!!! Even this form asks for too much information. Name and Email should be enough!!! You do not allow me a voice unless I give this added information

Zachary Manty, AZ

I am very concerned about how data is collected about me online and with online tracking capabilities. I want to think that my privacy will be protected. I do not want information about my online use being shared with any third parties without my explicit consent.

Jane Tiedemann, OR

My biggest concern is companies holding on to my data after I make a purchase. I have had some issues with companies whose security measures fell short and put my information in the wrong hands.

Randy Billington, NC

The monitoring of web traffic to determine content.

Carl Wipperman, AL

concerned about ads targetted at kids

Thomas Atwood, IA

apps that "look" or say they are free, but aren't. Even though, we are signed up for the "Do Not Call", they still call. They also need a "Do Not Spam".

Jeanne Danboise, DE

I resent being tracked. When I want to purchase something, it should be MY choice - not vendors trying to convince me to spend my money. Today's economic situation is horrible. I deeply resent vendors trying to coerce me into spending money.

eve e wright, FL

anything concerning the access of my contacts and my photos.

Linda Rabeler, NY

companies sharing data without my permission

Marilyn Seierup, CA

There is a meaning to the words "personal" and "private" and it is not that everyone can learn or have access to your business or information about you personally!!

Cheryl Sutherland, IL

I am very concerned about the way that ALL of the above. I am particularly concerned about marketing companies data mining this information and profiling users for more than consumer information, including political, economic and other personal info. used to track my private concerns. Marketing tactics are just annoying. Case in point. Bought my niece a tee shirt from a horse fancier site on line. Since then I have been inundated with emails and snail mail catalogs, advertisements, etc. I even received a catalog from a veterinarian supply company. Amazon still thinks I'm a huge Kurt Cobain fan and sends me suggestions based on the purchase of a book as a gift. Ridiculous.

Dale Keller, IN

Rather than bowing to the claim that gathering consumer behavior allows for a more targeted marketing strategy, how about allowing those consumers to decide if they want such focused advertisements in the first place.

Tom Pitman, CA

My most concern is data about online activities and purchases being used to deny me employment or affect my ability to get a loan?

Mark Lotwis, DC

Collecting data without the consumer having a right to own it. my data belongs to me, and is not for sale! no one should make a profit from what I should own.

Lamarr Anderson, AK

I don't mind collection/maintenance of information that I've been made aware of and approved. I DON'T want secret-unauthorized tracking of on-line practices for marketing-business uses.

JD Baker, FL

Company's and Corporation's Business should always be public, but isn't! An individuals business should always remain private, but isn't! What's wrong with this picture?! You're in positions that could truly be beneficial to mankind, but yet you all choose to participate in actions that undermine and will eventually destroy any chance any of us have for a personal life! In my eyes you are a detriment to privacy, positive and natural civil development, for all mankind!

Kevin Rodgers, TX

The threat I am most concerned about is about my internet history being saved and used against me when trying to find work or used with my credit. That is very disturbing, and completely not ok with me.

Randall Enas, CO

Lack of transparency in the entire collection and distribution processes regarding my personal info.

Gabrielle Prouty, MI

I am most concerned that my private information is not secure. I do not want to be put at risk.

Carmen Schultz, AR

When companies can get information about me without my permission, this scares me to death.

Janice McCormick, MN

I am most concerned with the targeting of kids.

Edward Kern, TX

NSA and FBI collection of data on ordinary citizens and the warehousing of this information for possible future use against that citizen. This kind of activity is unAmerican, despicable, and unconstitutional.

R. Berry, TX

Access to personal information that would allow someone to steal my identity.

Julie Brin, KS

Freedom doesn't mean companies get to do whatever they want; everyone needs to respect each other's privacy and only take information that is given consensually.

Daniel Jones, UT

The invasion of personal privacy has become so common as to be almost standard. Stealing my privacy is taking away my personal liberties that are guaranteed by the Constitution. This has to stop now.

Billy Halgat, TX

Health care and financial databases that are too easily breached.

Robert Y. Ellis, MA

Something wrong with this survey. I have answered everything and it tells me I haven't

James Williams, MO

Unknown gathering of private information for indefinite periods of time for indeterminate reasons.

Barry Lia, WA

Make it permission based.

Martin Contreras, CA

My greatest concern is that these companies sell or share your information. I should be the one who decides who gets my info not someone else. If i want companies to have my info then i will apply for there products or services.

Randy Gambler, KY

There is Thief's out there and NO one needs my info

Donald Stone, PA

Privacy is privacy leave it alone.

Richard Nisley, VA

My number one concern is security. Every company conducting business on the Internet should be required to encrypt all personal data. My second concern is the use and reuse of personal information through the sale of that information. Personal data is personal data and should not be exchanged or sold by companies conducting business on the Internet. I also find the Google policy of tracking a user's selection of websites to tailor data presented to be a dubious practice. As far as ads are concerned, I ignore them all. If I am looking for something, I will initiate the search myself. I do not like to be presented with search results that are tailored. I often find that the responses are not what I am looking for and I need to change to a different search engine to broaden the responses.

Joyce Worcester, ME

Security for transactions and information.

Allison DuVal, NC

I don't want my information collected, saved, or used for any purpose, including it being reviewed by the government or private organizations (employers).

Jennifer Rego, WA

Holding onto data after I have deleted my account and selling it and/or using it in unexpected places to try to influence my decisions.

giuseppe piha, FL
all seven points are of deep concern

Ric Lopez-Fabrega, CT
Unless I go to a company and specifically sign a document; a document explicitly designed for this purpose - not permission tacitly derived simply from my visiting the site or selecting yes that I want to get information or download a product.. I want NO ONE collecting ANY information on what I look at, what I buy, who I talk to. I want NO ads targeted to someone's concept of my interests based on past history. I want NO devices able to connect to any aspect of my internet life. The only way any of this should be allowed is if an individual signs or clicks affirmative to a document that is in no way attached to any other aspect of a web site visit... No more of this "By visiting our site you have given permission to receive newsletters" and all variations hereof. And if one should grant permission, then there needs to be a simple universal 'Opt Out', so

Freddie G Simmons, IL
I think it leads to bugging calls by telemarketers.

Carlos Trevino, TX
we should have our privacy behind our screen as behind our door

Brieanne Fluewelling, ID
It is critical in this day and age to protect what little privacy we have left. There is no reason to invade a person's privacy to sell more products.

paul pepper, CA
c above. i feel none of my information should be given out under any circumstances

Walter Beeken, FL

Each and every data collecting and it's use is a threat to privacy!

Betsey Hansell, PA

It terrifies me that all sorts of people and businesses know the most intimate facts and financial information about me even though I never told anybody about them, even my husband! I get ads for facelifts and tummy tucks every time I search on Google. I am getting old. How can I protect myself? I am a sophisticated woman - former advertising and marketing columnist of the Detroit Free Press - yet I feel utterly helpless and afraid that someone will tap into my savings or ruin my credit.

Leland Sullivan, NC

not having control how dataa collected from me is used before it is used.

Bruce Moulton, CA

My greatest concern is the lack of personal control I have over these issues short of giving up my computer. Every item the industry collects should be presented to me and I should be given the opportunity to deny it. Currently I don't even know what information is collected or how it is used. privacy statements should include several options not just a blank "use this and we will..." type attitude.

Donald Jordan, CA

Item No. 7 would seem to pose the the risk of significantly impacting one's ability to earn a living and provide for one's family. However, as a general principle, I think that personal privacy is being threatened simply because the technology is available to do so. Whether information is used for unscrupulous purposes or not, we need to remember that once released, it can never be recovered. Hence, the safest course is to restrict its dissemination in the first place.

Jo Ann Thompson, MT

phishing is my biggest concern and getting info they do not need to get therefore I do not buy online am too afraid to have been taken for money from my credit card while playing games on face book, so please help put a stop to invading our accounts...

Ann Lynch-Oasen, WI

All of the above are very concerning to me! It bothers me that the more new technology I make use of, the more vulnerable I am to commercial entities spying on me WITHOUT MY KNOWLEDGE OR CONSENT!

Deirdre Cole, NY

I would say any threat to children would be a number one concern for me. However, ALL of the above are number one concerns of mine. Perhaps the place to start is to consider that basic privacy should not EVER be for sale.

Howard Olsen, FL

I am concerned that nationally we have president that does not want to protect our rights.. In fact he believes we have no privacy rights on the internet or in our homes. He is willing to trmple the Constitutional Rights we as Americans won long ago. Further, I am cerned that the young kids and adults of today are not aware. And not concerned until it is too late.

Gwen Reeves, GA

What with the world gone digital everything we do is a target for anyone or company especially the Government to be able to infiltrate our daily lives and privacy. We should be able to very simply fill out a form as to what we want and do not want. It really is that simple, like we do on the computer under security options etc. As far as phones go we should be able to do the same thing.

Edward Hancock, NY

We are held over a barrel, I don't like it.

Perrie'Lee Prouty, MD

the tracking and then targeting children to buy items.They are vunerable. Iam then extremely concerned about data being used to deny employment and getting loans.Followed by smartphone tracking w/o my permission. Overall, very disturbed about what amounts to spying on us by companies that then either sell our information or target us for sales.

Jennifer Oliver, CA

My largest concern is that there is so much data collection going on that I am concerned about how many people/strangers to me, have information about me and how many ways EACH of those who have any amount at all use it. The list is exponentially endless..... and my identity has already been used, without my permission continuously for more than 10 years. the thief is not in jail. the crime of this nature is our of control and not enforced but also barely enforceable. This is a problem. A major problem. It is out of integrity. I get too too too too much junk email/physical mail now. What will it be like in the future?? It is a bombardment into my personal life and peaceful enjoyment of it!

Allison Jones, IL
all of the above

Erica Ervin, OH

If you're just collect data to pitch me a product, I have no problem with that- but after I've made my decision on whether or not I'm going to buy it, you should get rid of it. Also, don't sell my data to anyone- especially employers and financial institutions. They've taken control of enough of my life. Finally, privacy policies could afford to be shorter, maybe twenty or fewer bullet points?

Tyler Gholson, MO

I do not want the government invading the privacy of any/all/certain internet users by constantly monitoring all internet activity of all users when it's not required. If you want to do records for personalized ads or giving info to other companies. Ask first. Short privacy policies are good. Internet activity should also not be used to deny employment or loans. If you have to monitor the internet, only do it for convicted felons, and only if the internet was involved in the crime. Not common users.

Jennifer Cook, PA

What I really hate are the long brochures companies send out explaining all the information they are legally entitled to share, and 4 to 5 pages in to it, they give you the option to opt out of a portion of their information sharing. But you still have to get on their website and answer a lot more questions, and submit more of your information, just so they won't share part of your information. I spend a lot of time doing this. What a pain!! It should not be a default position that we share all UNLESS you tell us otherwise. It should be they don't share ANYTHING unless you call them or get on their website and specify what personal information they can sell and hand out to all their buddies!!!! AND political campaign fundraisers should also have to abide to the DO NOT CALL list. We get called 5-6 times a day asking for money. My husband gave money once

Jean Tradup, TX

I detest the ads I receive shortly after I buy online or search for information about a product. I take note and refuse to deal with either the advertiser or the original company whose product precipitated the junk mail

Louise Litman, MN

We need to rein in the dissemination by corporations and service companies in the U.S. of personal private data of citizens without their knowledge and approval. Privacy policies seem to be purposely difficult to understand by consumers so they agree to them without complete knowledge of the intended uses and consequences.

Letticia Arreazola, CA

I am just concerned that all these companies are taking advantage of people's willingness to put themselves out there just to make a profit. There should be more regulation for these kinds of things.

Daniel Walter, IL

TOTAL INVASION OF PRIVACY UNDER FALSE PRETENSES.

Daniel Ostermiller, CA

All online activity should be private privileged information and should be the property of the individual and not be used in any form without monetary compensation (negotiated) paid to said individual.

Gen bullock, PA

I'm concerned about all of the above. While the internet is a great medium to advertise products and services, its advertisers should NOT be gathering information about its users that the users have not given SPECIFIC permission to do. I should NOT have to go through any process to deny the gathering of my information. My privacy should be respected FROM THE GITGO!!!!

Zonia Acton, MD

I don't think I should be tracked by companies an example is putting cookies on my computer to track me. All of my information should be private. If it appears someplace I should have the right to delete it easily.

Patricia Seivert, WI
online sharing of information

Robert Engelhardt, NV
Medical & Financial!

J Craig Peters, VA
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marcia peterzell, CA
My email box is overloaded. Most of the email is stuck among important items. I do Not like, appreciate, or want to be on anyone's list Except the ones I Choose to join.

shamima anis, NY
I am very concerned that while on the internet, I've no privacy at all. I don't like that my history follows me all the time. for example, if I go to Land's End, I end up seeing their ads when logged onto my hotmail. It's downright creepy and annoying. Since I'm a female, I get to see all kinds of sexy fashionable clothes I should wear - it's deplorable. I don't trust facebook and I don't feel comfortable going on my email with my cellphone. The lack of privacy on the net makes me feel as if I'm being watched all the time while I'm on the net at home or on the phone.

Peg Winsor, NH
We are giving away our freedom. It seems unimportant now, but will be critical, and irreversable when the users are hostile. We need regulations and safeguards in place now to protect us.

David Garland, MN

Data mining, and government use of the collected data. (Note that this is exacerbated by the recent gov't decision to retain data on citizens for 5 years.) If data is collected, it WILL be misused.

Kathy Whorton, LA

I do not want advertisers targeting children with ads, also do not want to have them target me by using my name. They should not be able to sell any information without speaking to me first.

penny mcquaig, NY

I believe that no one should collect and use data that I gave in order to buy a product, to now use it to target me or share that information. This is technology taking over our lives without our permission. This is corporate takeover of our lives purely for profit.

Vaughan Amare, WA

Corporations have all the benefits, and very few of the responsibilities of individual citizens. Their vast resources leave individuals positioned like serfs and slaves.

Elizabeth Lincoln, CA

Not knowing what is being done with my personal data and not being able to understand the lengthy jargon in the privacy policies.

Judy Mcculloch, FL

I am most concerned about the amount of information that is collected by internet sites, without our knowledge or consent. Claims that the company wishes to "personalize my experience" on their site are merely a coverup to hide their true goal, to make money from the information they collect about me. I am also concerned about claims that data is aggregated and "anonymized," when the reality is that there are still flags within that data that can point to an individual. I am opposed to 3rd party tracking cookies, Flash cookies, and the use of Java script to uniquely identify my computer. It is my system, not theirs, and no company should have the right to place anything on it without my express knowledge and permission.

Joyce Ballard, MS

I feel that my privacy has been invaded when ads pop up on my computer for products I have ordered or looked at. Please respect my privacy. If they are watching what I order and look at, what else are they collecting about me?

chris thomas, AZ

I am not a free commodity. If you want to data mine, I should have full disclosure and I should be paid for it if I choose to participate. Employers are overstepping my privacy and this should be stopped.

George Frangos, FL

If my communications using the internet can be accessed, it would be the same opening the postal mail I receive or send, purchase orders that I mail to companies, etc. If it is not legal for now for government or businesses to open my postal mail, then they should not be able to see what I do online.

Anne Damskey, AK
Quit data mining.

John Stevens, MI

data about online activities and purchases being used to deny you employment or affect your ability to get a loan

Stephen Peithman, CA

Where I go on the Internet is my business alone, unless I give permission for someone else to record my visits.

S. Bluethman, TX

I feel that privacy should always be an option and told to you up front without all of the 99 pages of legal mumbo jumbo that the average person doesn't take the time to read or can even understand. This is an invasion of privacy and should be treated as theft. Take Facebook for example, it's constantly changing so that a person hasn't a clue about the information being sold or given without their knowledge. It's plain and simple...invasion of personal privacy and information...period.

Grace TUMANG, NY

Identity theft Invasion of privacy

Michael Ryan, MI

A presumption of privacy must be the standard, and authorizations and disclosure of information must be time-limited and not transferable to other companies whether through sale or through mergers and acquisitions. Thank you!

Susan Leader, VA

Tracking what I search and providing profile information (Facebook) even if I have restricted my information to Friends only!

Michael Blair, MD

Enticements to users such as free games, apps. or other offers which younger users find irresistible and then require "terms-of-use" agreements that are pages long and full of legalese are a ploy used by Phishers of permissions and personal information. The "service" they provide is always far out of balance with the agreement users are required to sign. The right for them to then gather on-line usage tracks from their helpless prey into perpetuity, gathering, storage and dissemination of personal information about the user to their loosely defined "partners" ... ALL of this is an abomination when foisted upon an unaware public. Simpler and less invasive agreements are needed NOW. After all, they are often "giving" away the particular software ! A simple do not abuse with a few easy examples would suffice.... But really ... we KNOW

Barbara McClain, ID

Data being used about online activity
<http://cu.convio.net/site/R?i=VhjXHfFfQoURUIQIN>
Yhbbwities and purchases affecting my employment or ability to get a loan

David Parker, NV

Tracking me???? How dare you.

Steven Campiglia, NY

If you want my business, keep my personal information confidential. If you share my information, I won't do business with you anymore. If I do business with your company, it does NOT mean I want to be a target for ANYTHING! RESPECT the PRIVACY of your customers/clients, or we will take our business elsewhere. Your company became successful because of customers. The customers can be your downfall if you do not respect our wishes.

Hailey Gladden, MI

The privacy threat of greatest concern to me would be data being collected and saved without my permission.

Nancy Kahler, TX

.data about online activities and purchases being used to deny you employment or affect your ability to get a loan

Sherri Fleming, OH

using my personal data in regards to my employment. My personal life, views and opinions are just that, and should always be private! And no, I am not a teenager, I am in my late fifties...I am trialing a free product for internet security browsing called DoNotTrack, and it "appears" to be blocking things I never thought could track me and collect info without me even knowing it!

William Vannerus, CA

Am very concerned about companies being able to gather personal, economic, political and financial information about me, and scrutinizing my e-mail, evesdropping on my telephone and cellphone conversations, installing the so-called "smart meters" to spy on my family and I and very possibly affect our health in a negative and harmful way.....all without my permission!!!

Michael Short, MA
Selling and sharing data without permission

jennifer castrup, CA
I am concerned about any information collected from my internet use without my permission and understanding of how it will be used.

Lauren Hubbard, CA
I idea of purchases being used to affect my ability to gain employment sickens me.

Peter Rosenbluth, NH
between the info gathering on the internet, the nsa wireless phone listening and a slew of computers who know more about me than i remember there is almost no place or way to be annonymous when you want to be. government and private services can track your movement by gps cellphones, ezpass, and credit cards. these computers should be prohibited from sharing andcollating all this information information like this should be regarded as my property, and never collected ,stored or distributed without my written consent !!! big brother is really watching, listening and spying on us now ! we should have paid attention to orwell.

Clyde Summerell, FL
I don't like companies or anyone targeting children or adults or spying on their activities. Targeted ads just make it more difficult to get to the things I need at the current time. Restricting peoples access to employment or financial services because of their activities on the web is wrong. It they are doing nothing illegal, it should be private.

Sheila Dean, WA
Something must be done to stop the 3rd party contractor data mining of our transactional data to the federal government. It's a thinly veiled strategy to launder the information gathering efforts as "marketing". 3rd party dataveillance is just our government's way of enabling commercial practices injurious to privacy while railroading the 4th Amendment.

Walter Nodelman, CT

I am an American citizen, High Tech, multiple degrees, multiple decades of IT experience (Mainframes) and I am unemployed since my employer's facility burned on 9/11. I am 540 weeks beyond my most recent paycheck. My biggest issue is OFFSHORING, for obvious reasons. When I do not see "MADE IN USA" on any product, - I do NOT reach for my wallet. No exceptions. That is a survival technique which provably works. I do not want my PRIVATE INFORMATION crossing the Federal National Borders of my country, the USA. Databases in Calcutta are a big issue for me, for obvious reasons. I do not want my information being traded in the back alleys of India and Communist China. That includes my facts in the CLOUD databases of Calcutta. All companies. Insurance of all types. Retailers. Creditcards. Banks. Gordon Kansas, NJ

Their are many assumptions made with the data collecting algorithms that may be implied, but not necessarily accurate. I've never found the "people who like this, also like this" principle to be effective for me because my tastes are eclectic and often mercurial. So, advertisers can try to figure out what may appeal to me based on previous web sessions, but it has a 50-50 chance of appealing to me. Of greater concern than useless advertising though, is the thought that information being collected might be used to deny anyone employment or affect one's credit rating. I believe that the information must be easily accessible to me before it is shared with anyone so that I may challenge "questionable" data -- such as a search on "cancer" because a friend has been diagnosed. I would hate to think of a case where my bank thought that I had

Aimee LeMaster, IL

Too much access through my browser history.

Theo Giesy, VA

Google accessing my grandson's e-mail and targeting ads according to what he has written. I am most concerned about their reading his e-mail.

John Hamilton, PA

#4 - selling or sharing my information, and, just as bad, BUYING my information. When I give information, it is part of a private contract I enter into for a single transaction. Any other use constitutes an invasion of my privacy, endless pages of opaque legalese notwithstanding.

Robert Demoss, CA

Getting Home and Cell phone advertising, solicitation calls. Unsolicited "E" mails adds. Having to give phone and "E" mail addresses to answer surveys.

Lee Ann Peacock, TX

Personal data accessed with or without permission is of greatest concern. Even permission can be obtained discreetly by the companies.

Merle Reiste, TX

Recently, HP offered a routine update to my printer. Although I had registered my purchase with them 2 years ago, they wanted the info again. WHY? I declined the update.

Diana Lawrence, NY

I am most concerned about companies holding on to and sharing data that they don't need to retain for any completed transaction.

Jennifer Power, WA

I'm fine with companies collecting information on me for the most part because it means they can serve me better and make my life easier. I don't even mind targeted advertising very much, because I figure if I'm going to see ads, they might as well be ones I'm interested in. That said, I have a huge problem with companies selling the information they gather on me without my permission. I don't want potential employers using my purchasing information when they're making the decision to hire me or not - it's none of their business, and it's extremely creepy. I don't want someone being able to stalk me because they purchase all my online activity info.

Louise L Ulrich, NY

Advertising bombardment - for example, I was searching on-line earlier this week for a new watch. Suddenly, I get adverts on the sidebar, which roll over - an unwelcome distraction. Let ME choose what ads I want to see! (And NOT see.)

Gene Davenport, CA

my privacy compared to our U.S. Congress

Anonymous, VA
privacy protection is important to me!!!

Anthony Guido, MD
same privacy protection should apply to tablet computers as well as smart phones and home computers. too much data is being collected and then not adequately protected.

Mike Barr, GA
Advertisers targeting me with personalized ads and targeting children with ads.

Judy Boehm, FL
Your mail is you're mail whether it's thru th Post office or email. It should be handled with the same respect for privacy as a sealed letter. We are ALL inundated with multitudes of ads everywhere, why can't we say no to collecting my private info to target(nag)kids,etc to nag adults to buy. The kids today have enough stuff thrown at them for sale but nothing to teach them lessons or responsible purchasing actions. We can't ALL buy ALL the time. Or we'd be homeless. Give us a break. By the way if I am pummeled by ads for a product, I tend to not buy it due to the irritation of being intruded on by advertisers. And I grew up in an ad house,no have degree in ad design but what they call ads I think are just horrible.

Ronald Brickman, IL
All of the above

Sam Winner, NE
blah

Evelyn Nesbit, MO

Opting IN to whatever offer as opposed to opting OUT is a HUGE CONCERN for me. Consumers shouldn't have to do extra work to opt OUT of some offer/mailling/sweepstake/subscription etc. Make the consumer OPT IN and take some action should they desire the product or service. Don't make the consumer take the time and work to "uncheck" the box as these boxes that need to be unchecked can be overlooked easily by accident (or more likely, on purpose). Make the consumer "check" the box if they want to OPT IN whatever the opportunity may be. I don't like being tricked into something while I'm filling out something else that I am actually interested in. The sharing of information between these companies or departments of the same company using shady practices to get people to sign up for things they don't want. (You know who

Dan Samani, CA

providers must not be able to act covertly on any information they receive/acquire, or arrive at by any means (including analysis of the acquired data), without explicit permission of the person(s) the data is (directly or indirectly) taken from. The fact that AT ALL TIMES the data and its use/application are fully owned by the entities from whom the data is taken, must be respected.

Sandy Holloway, FL
Number 6

Elaine DiStasi, NY
All of the above

Mark Lippard, OK

Credit bureaus, telephone companies, internet providers, retail stores ... it doesn't matter. As long as I am not breaking the law my actions, activities, choices, etc are mine and should not be tracked.

John Wienert, GA

Individual control, security, and access and accuracy are essential, and respect for context, focused collection, and accountability are important.

Allan Meyer, TX

I do not want my info shared with out my permission.

Helen Touster, PA

smartphone apps that can access contacts photos, location and other data without permission of individual. also data about online activities and purchases that can affect employment or credit children being targeted on the basis of their online activity.

Scott Nuanes, CA

Always afraid my bank, credit or social security information will be breached and do not like all advertising on cell, computer or telephone I receive.

Angela Mogin, CA

I do not want companies holding my data and either selling it or keeping it in their records where it can be subject to hacking. There should be a time limit on how long data can be held and an absolute prohibition against selling it.

Kodid L-Two Elk, CO

Companies should not be able to access and use the information regarding my personal shopping habits and activities for their own benefit. I should have the right to privacy in these aspects of my life. This information is not available to these companies when I am conducting my life in the real world, so why should they have access to it in the virtual world?

Christine deFaymoreau, CA

Intrusion into my private information via phone or Internet is a serious infringement not only of my privacy but of my freedom to access information, make purchases, pursue personal interests since this information can then be used against me or as commercial leverage. Are we to become puppets of the industrial complex to be programmed by their choices of ads, of information, or products for us? Big Brother is definitely here.

Renato D'Orfani, CA
Login info. Private contacts. Pictures. Backed up files

Katharine Rivera, DE
all of them

Niall Glancy, VA
Incorrect and damaging profiles can be built up like a credit rating, that could be used against one and users mislabeled without their knowledge or consent.

Clinton Cave, CO
We must balance the need for companies to make money with the privacy of the individual. Make it clear to people what you, the companies, plan to do with our information. Give us the option to allow the info sharing. You might be surprised by our willingness to allow it if you are upfront about your intentions.

Regina Gellineau, NC
#4 & 7 are major concerns. The selling of my personal information without my permission is not acceptable. Neither is tracking me without my permission.

James Shelton, VA
I have read that tv's are made these days so the government can spy on me which does not go well with me. I have read that the government plans to plant cameras in homes which is pathetic. I have read that technology is a surveillance business which is malevolent and sinister. I have read the CIA collects information about people through Facebook and even own Facebook which is a horrifying thing. The list goes on with my concerns to the point that I sometimes acknowledge leaving planet earth because the earth is not so trustworthy as it used to be or seemed to be times ago, yet I have had it up to the highest star with the developers who make machines and techs that could spy on my every move is devilish and wrong and I will boycott it because nobody deserves this. Nobody. It is the United States of America for goodness sake. People need

Robin Dier, CA

I am concerned about any data collection that I have not expressly agreed to.

Diane Jackson, CA

Any gathering of data on online usage that is used to discriminate against people in any way, unless the usage is illegal in itself, such as the viewing of child pornography or using the internet to defraud someone.

Joanne Mullins, TX

Not being able to surf the web, any way I want and any time I want. I don't want the government or private companies telling me how to use or when to use the web. It's my individual right to use my web the way I want to use it. No shutting down the web, ever!!

Brian Alexander, CA

ISPs, search engines (Google, Yahoo, etc.), and other web sites should not be permitted to spy on and obtain users' personal information for any purpose without first obtaining users' actual informed consent, not just some passive, ..."If you use our site, you agree ..." couched in pages of legalese that most users are unable to understand. If they want to obtain user information for legitimate purposes, they should ask for it in a straightforward, easy to understand manner and explain exactly how it will be used, and not withhold access to their sites, if a user refuses to comply. There is no restriction with regard to how many ads appear on their sites and users are capable of deciding to which ads they may be responsive. Spying on site users is no different than stealing from them. Despite having at least 3 layers of security software and spam filters, I receive 30 or

Jennifer Haverlah, TN

I'm concerned with employers using personal information to decide employment status or deny a loan.

Anonymous,

Applicants for employment should not be required to give access to their "Social" internet sites (such as Facebook, etc.) as a condition of submitting job applications nor as a basis for being accepted for employment.

Sue Westrell, TX

The fact that anyone collects my information and keeps it without my express consent.

Ron Esparza, CA

I want my privacy rules intact and my privacy keep private.

Kathleen Donovan, CA

companys selling or sharing info about me, smart phone that can access information

Tina Duenninger, FL

prospective employers using online data, credit history, or viewing social networking sites to determine employment is of big concern. Also, online ads targeting children and companies sharing my information without my permission. If I provide personal information for a specific company, that is where it should remain until the allotted retention period.

Melody Dahlgren, CA

I am most worried about my personal information being shared without my permission. I fear that this could put me in danger.

Thomas Chase, MA

The use of consumer data without consent.

Kelly Raph, CA

targeting my daughter, she is 11 and cant tell what is a real email from a friend or SPAM. It makes her feel very uncomfortable if she gets unwanted emails.

Bob Mink, WA

What I did on my own time is nobodys business as long as it did not effect my work, before I retired. The company I was working for came out with a rule saying no one could smoke while driving. However since I was driving my own vehile about 800 miles a week I considered (and still do)it none of their business.

David Valcore, IN

Sharing any personal info without permission

Theodore Desmarais, CA

WE ARE TURNING INTO A TOTALITARIAN FOR PROFIT POLICE AND PROFIT STATE. Russia and China don't have much on us anymore in terms of abuse of the Mandate of the People , where all true power comes from as we have seen in the recent Arab Spring movements and throughout history as ALL empires fall. We are falling fast and as always like in Germany the elite resort to Force to fascism to violence to control the masses. always. and it always fails in the end. might is not right. those with the gold only make the rules till the gold is gone. The true Golden Rule always lives on: Treat other as you treat yourself. We will always triumph in the end. Never give UP, Never Surrender.

Melanie Sinclair, TX

All of the above, I find the personalized marketing particularly disturbing. I think privacy should be guaranteed.

Bruce Bailey, WA

The use of my personal data, including my name, for any purpose at all beyond the immediate context. Say I order a book online. I give shipping and billing information that is necessary for the transaction. It should then be destroyed. Noting the sale for inventory control purposes is fine but using it to build a profile of my tastes absolutely is not.

Sharon Martinez, UT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, None of the issues listed above are consistent with a free democratic society. It's difficult to choose just one item of greatest concern. Consumer privacy laws are the bedrock of our once great nation. It is your duty and your responsibility to help prevent the bald-faced intrusion into our privacy. I applaud your efforts to help stem the tide privacy invasion. While all seven issues need to be addressed and eliminated, the issues of using personal data to deny employment and loans is perhaps the worst of the bunch. Using the smart phone to access personal and private data is another one high on the list. I don't have, nor will I ever have a smart phone because of this danger. Google has been my browser of choice for many years. I expect Google to respect my privacy, as they have done in the past. Thank you for this

Edie Killmer, NY

Any information that I give a company should be held as private unless I consent otherwise. I am extremely concerned by any company/credit card/bank that asks for my social security number. My right to privacy is extremely important to me. Anything that could be used to compile enough for identity theft should be restricted.

Christopher Abel, MA

The undermining of the Constitution with acts like the Patriot Act and NDAA.

Morgan Mazzoni, CA

I do not want to live in a world that feels like George Orwell's 1984. There are cameras on many street lights. Please make sure our time on the internet is private. Don't let corporate greed come into our lives. Enough already!

Audrey J. Seman, AK

Each one of these issues are of great concern! After buying some articles on-line, I was surprised to see me being targeted by the company as it showed similar things that they wanted me to purchase. Buying is a consumer's need for something. Care should be made that the business' grab for more money does not become a leech rather than a business that provides for its customers....then both are benefited!

Anne Peterson, ID

I don't even like Apple moving my contacts from one device to another; I want to decide what information each Apple device has in its memory. So apps that access my stored information are very high on my privacy threat list. Also using information of online activities and purchases to deny employment or loans.

Montie Mazo, CA

I resent receiving emails from companies that I have not done business with and have no knowledge off. When mark them on my don't allow register, they change email address and keep sending me junk mail, that I newer requested or even knew them. I can receive the same pieces of junk eamil from the same company only their email address is changed, so it appears to be a new company sending themie Canadian Pharmacy@/////1, CanadaianPharmacy@/////2. etc. I have blocked over 500 different addresses, but they just change the "@/////"

Angeline Zalben, WA

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Nancy Mcghee, CA

Number 6 is my biggest concern. There is no context by which to judge online activity as it relates to employment or loans. What if I were writing a paper on anarchy and visited some websites and chat rooms? What if a friend or family member had a drug problem and I researched rehab facilities in order to try to help him? I would especially be concerned if prospective employers used online monitoring as the first filter for applicants. There would be no way for the applicant to defend or explain information taken out of context.

Teena Thomas, WA

ALL OF THE POINTS ABOVE CONCERN ME. NOONE SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO SELL MY INFORMATION WITHOUT MY WRITTEN PERMISSION. AND THE FACT THAT THEY ARE COLLECTING ANY INFORMATION ABOUT MINOR CHILDREN.SAY NO TO IT ALL.

Robert Ferreri, CA

Identity theft is my greatest concern and fear.My purchases on line are private, and should never be sold or shared without my permission.

Douglas Welch, CA

Apps on my smartphone accessing features of the phone whenever the app wants including extra cost features.

Ashley Bozekowski, CO

We need the ability to manage and control our own private information and what companies can and cannot steal from us without us knowing about it.

Jon Early, TX

I think privacy is being stripped away from the common man for the monetary gain of a select group of companies. And it is not right!

Erica St. John, OR

Collecting personal data that may be used in an inappropriate manner in the future. Big brother really is watching.

John Leutenberg, OH

smartphone apps that can access contacts, photos, location and other data without my permission. This is an unabashed invasion, it is morally, and ethically WRONG! I pay my phone bill, they do NOT pay me. This is like letting the cashier at the grocery store go thru everything you carry with you so you can buy a pack of gum.

Mara Hollaway, TX

I think all companies should need express permission from each consumer regarding each piece of personally identifying data they want to collect. No one should be able to be targeted specifically for marketing and advertising simply for surfing the net or making a phone call to a business.

Kevin Iid, MI

Collecting and selling personal information or searches performed by an individual on the internet. This information is private and should not be bought and sold like a commodity.

Norm Renney, AK

I am concerned about all forms of privacy violation. I think it should be illegal for any company to track me online without me express WRITTEN PERMISSION! Not th signing of some legalize form that is so complicated and long that few bother to read it. I think it should be illegal for any company to use any information they collect on me, (after having recieved my WRITTEN PERMISSION), for any perpose other than what I have consented too and that they should not be able to share or sell any information they have on me. In short, I do not believe that any company should be able to collect any information on me that is not absolutely necessary to the operation of the service I am using. For example a company does not need my name or other personal information so I can surf the web! No company should ever be able to collect personal

Debbie Garvey, NY

That you buy something and then next thing you know you are getting all this junk mail and emails that are of no interest. I just hate the internet for many reasons but use it as that's the way it is nowadays. Had problems with a bank acct and I think it's because the hackers can get in anywhere and they thought they were fool proof when they went very public with info. Noone should be able to get in anywhere at anytime. It sucks that this happens..

Sudden Richard, CA

Medical and Financial Info being stolen from businesses I trust.

George Cowan, WA

Very concerned about sharing my privacy.

Annetta Smith, TN

Holding on to any personal and financial information puts one at higher risk of being victimized online and off. There should be heavy consequences both statewide or nationally.

Allan Smith, CA

Selling and collecting my private information without asking whether I agree or not.

Theresa Palmieri, NV

I do not like the idea of having my personal information for everyone who can will be able to obtain it and use it as they see fit.

David Lynch, SD

I do not want you collecting and keeping ANY information about me. Period!

Sharon Burkitt, NC

Data mining should not include emails. I should be able to opt out for targeting marketing, or (preferably) choose the marketing I'd like.

Bonnie Mutchler, MO

I don't want any of my personal information used except for what would be available in a phone book. What I look at or have an interest in is nobody's business but mine. The point of the internet was to supply information for me, not to bare my soul to corporations and government snoops.

Arielle Black-Foley, AZ

I cannot believe that it could be considered legal for a company to sell or share information about me without consent. It honestly feels Orwellian.

A HARTWELL, NY

Identity theft

Evelyn Silver, IL

Sometimes, the information collected by companies about some consumers is false. If companies can keep our information and give it to third parties who could possibly make life changing decisions upon receiving that information, then how could we, the consumers, attempt to explain when we're already out the door.

Kenneth Wilson, CO

Any data I provide related to a transaction with a company should be for the purpose of that business only. My information should not be transferred to anyone else. My information should be deleted after my business with that company is done.

Patricia Walters, HI

With so many people hacking into the files of others no one is safe. Please protect the little we have left. No one should have to be subjected to sharing this information so that we are targeted to pay or buy things without knowledge. No transferring of information or selling the stats.

Thomas O'Connell, NJ

Using private information to identify my daughter and expose her to stalking by pedophiles.

Chris Morano, CA

People should really be more cognizant of their privacy and how to protect it.

Albert D'Orazio, CA

My greatest concerns are: numbers 3, 4, 6, and 7

Jesse Jong, CA

collection of data with or without knowledge of the user. Even if data is collected with the knowledge of user, likely user cannot prevent the collection of data so the consent is made as if under duress, because the user would not be able to access the site without this collection of data.

Alvelia Antillon, CA

What privacy? we have none it has gone out the window!!!! That is my concern everything I do On the computer and smartphone are being recorded somewhere! Yes no privacy any more!!!!

Gary Li, HI

I am on the computer or online almost every day but have no idea of the total sum of personal data about me that is out there. I wish that companies can provide a profile of personally identifiable data upon request, like a credit report. I do not want those companies to sell, trade, or exchange with other companies or charities like my data was money. If I want them to delete or change that data, they should honor my wishes immediately. I also take my privacy seriously because of junk postal mail and junk email. Many of these things do not indicate how or whether I can get them to stop. Telemarketers, collection companies, survey companies are just as bad; some do not fall under the federal Do Not Call registry, other must comply but do not. Some companies will not remove your name unless explicitly asked to "put my phone number on your internal Do Not Call list."

Florence Wong, CA

I do not want any info about me track.

Diane Pearce, AZ

the soa for internet privacy. and personal.

Shannon Moyer, OH

I am very concerned that my online data is being used in a very negative way and without my permission. I do not want my personal private online data to be used without my permission!

Vial Catherine, DC
ID theft

Michael Schwartz, FL
Privacy rights of individuals is more important than the desires of companies looking to increase profits

Gayle Wood, IA
Apps that access contacts, photos, and especially location w/o my permission or knowledge.

Laura Scali, OH
I want to know how much information companies are gathering and what information they are gathering. I want the option before I shop on line or use my phone to opt out. Just because I have the internet or a smartphone doesn't give anyone the right to my information without my consent. I pay for these services, they are not free.

G Thomas Hutchinson, PA
When companies share information and when the government at any level gather information about individual are both serious concerns for me.

Maryann Macdougall, MA
children do not understand the implications of being tracked creepy when I type in name of city and suddenly this city appears on other web sites I visit one time I typed in an email that I wanted to use for a web account and was greeted by my gmail name which is not the email account I used. This was VERY creepy! all web accounts should make it so that you have to opt IN to what you want to receive from them, not opt OUT

Gail Fries, MA

Children should not be targeted for advertising based on data they collect while searching the web. They don't have the cognitive capacity nor the impulse control to prioritize and filter that most adults have. Parents need to be in charge of what children have access to. Adults, too, need to have privacy. Period. Online companies should not collect data without user permission. Ditto with apps. Perhaps most concerning is information that could be used to deny employment or major purchases such as a home. People are not using the internet expecting to have user information used in these ways, and they cannot access much of that information easily otherwise. Privacy, the way it is now defined, is anything but.

R Joseph Barton, VA

Websites storing and using personal data.

Michaelene Schwarz, VT

accessing any of my personal info without my permission or knowledge. being able to place tracking cookies without my permission.

David Harper, IL

Account numbers of any kind, including, but not limited to, bank accounts, credit/debit cards, gas, electric, phone and insurance providers seem to me to be the greatest vulnerabilities.

Rafael Rivera, FL

The constant targetting of my information by means of malware that reports my activities in the internet

Dave Thomas, MI

I do not think anyone should be able to collect my personal data without asking me for it. I do not think anyone should be able to place cookies on my computer without my permission. I think that anyone who has personal data obtained without permission from the individual should be required to delete it.

Broderick Snow, FL

I don't like any company or entity rifling through my computer looking for goodies to use to sell me stuff. If I research products on the web and then later see some of those companies ads start popping up on every web site I visit later, I automatically decide not to do business with that or those companies. It's as if you do some window shopping and then that company sends out someone to stalk you until you relent and come back to the store to buy what you passed up earlier. It's disturbing. At that point, I'll probably pass up that product, even if it's the best one of it's kind, just because they irritated me.

Stephen Repogle, NY

Data about my online activities should have absolutely no bearing on any employment opportunities nor on anything to do with my credit. The only exception being that any failures to pay debt could be used to determine creditworthiness, but should still have absolutely no bearing on employment opportunities.

john bartlett, GA

We won't our privacy back!

Bruce Coleman, NM

I am a former systems analyst for an IBM Business Partner Company. I designed and coded systems designed to *prevent* the hackers and Identity Whackers from gathering data from my clients. I am opposed to *ANY* collection of my private data, no matter *HOW* much you yearn to help lead a more pleasant life. What part of "None of your business" seems that obtuse to you ? It is *NOT* yours, stay *OUT* of it - ALL of it.

Ragnar Midtskogen, NY

Any data that could be used in identity theft.

Richard Benjamin, NY

1. company procedures that describes how i can stop usage of my personal data are impossible to implement without several hours of work on my part. this needs to be a simple one stop procedure for all their data . 2. compute apps call me cell phone with adds and it is impossible to stop. the default for this usage should be not allowed unless explicitly agreed to by a clee phone user. the company initiating the robo call should be charged for the call. 3.companies that have my personal data should not be allowed to pass it on to other companies for sale or for free. 4. there should be a universal do not call list option with no exceptions.

Gaetano Ferraiolo, CT

The quantity of personel data now being collected and passed around almost insures that my data will be put into the wrong hands. Government and hackers can make life miserable and losses may be extensive.

Joy M. Nixon, AL

As a result of private information being so easily accessible to various companies, my mail and telephone is daily swamped with contacts from unsolicited and unwanted companies. Had always criticized people who screened their phone calls, but it has now become necessary. Also, have learned to go through my mail, standing by the trashcan. Realize that companies need certain demographic information to operate, but it has gotten to the point of being ridiculous and offensive. I am 86 years old and have better things to do with my time than battle over the phone with some of these people, and certainly hve better ways to add to the recycling of paper. Am thankful that my grandchildren are old enough to supposedly have enough intelligence about solicitations, etc., but have just recently "bailed" my stepdaughter and her husband out of thousands of

Brandon Lott, CA

All of the above.

Girard Hemminger, PA

Data storage, security and accuracy, like any process, cannot be perfect in perpetuity. While private firms often work with the highest regard for security, their budgets and economic reality may not allow them to achieve their goals. Some data is too important to allow into the hands of wrongdoers, and its release, even of inaccurate data, can be the personal digital equivalent of a nuclear meltdown.

Barbara Griffin, NY

My personal information should not be shared with ANYONE without my permission.

Kathryn Foster-Martin, FL

EVERYTHING! My info is my info, plain and simple. NONE OF IT SHOULD BE STRED OR SHARED.

Curt Gozaydin, RI

STEVE Gibson in recent SecurityNow podcast talks www.twit.tv/sn about Govt buying data, companies have fewer rules than Govt itself under Privacy Act, we need to start doing something about this. I HAVE been skimmed, had money taken out of account, I speak from experience.

Chip Burkitt, MN

There is no privacy. There is only a waning hope of escaping notice.

David Weeks, NJ

I am particularly concerned with the aggregation of data collected by disparate sources. While we now have the capability of aggregating and developing incredibly complex profiles of individuals, we need to establish some ground rules that rein in the propensity to do this. Regardless of lost profits.

Elizabeth Lauther, PA

It is annoying, and a bit frightening, to realize that ads pop up based on info in my emails and according to sites I have visited. I have even received a phone call while I was on line. Big Brother INDEED

Cornelius Noonan, NY
identity theft

Ken Templin, IL

The key to my privacy is permission. If I give a web site permission to use my demographic information for example, it does not mean I give to anyone else to do the same or more. Like all of us, companies need to be held accountable for their actions. If they violate a person's privacy by any means, there must be a penalty sufficient to ensure the violation is clearly not worth the risk.

Mary R. Smith, WI
My greatest fear is identity theft.

Karen Genest, WA
I resent seeing ads from recent searches I've made online. Certainly makes me NOT look at them because I don't want to support that kind of invasion of my privacy. I find it especially worrisome when it's a child online - they tend to be too trusting and could easily be manipulated.

David Crawford, MI
I should have control over how and when my information is shared.

Mathilde Landberg, CA
i wish it was easy to see and understand privacy policies.

James Montgomery, IN
Extremely concerned about all internet, cyberspace, credit card companies and Credit rating companies selling information to any one who pay most. Also drug companies legally and illegally buy information and resell it and misuse it all the time without transparency or responsibilities.

Joseph Hooper, NH
I should have a reasonable expectation of privacy...

Kellie Long, AR

My biggest concern is the programs designed to get your info from your computer and who knows what they can do with it then. Keeping your personal information from being taken without your permission is a scary thought. You can be careful about what you choose to give or put out there but somehow they end up with all of it.

Charles Fera, IN

I want my choices to remain m business.

Charles Howard, OK

I am concerned that anytime that I access information on the internet, I get spam or emails from other companies that are associated with that product or service area.

I bryant, GA

If i want my information made i available it should be my choice not the advertisers.

Mary Dougherty, AL

I want companies to be accountable so that our information is safe and cannot be accessed by people who will use it for criminal purposes. I want companies to be accountable about whom they give or sell my information. I would prefer to have the ability to give permission...or they should provide a list of companies with whom they forward the information.

Jennifer Buscema, NY

It is very upsetting to know that there is information floating around in cyberspace about me that I have no control over. Data collected about online activities should never be used to deny employment or ability to get a loan. It is about time our privacy is protected!

Sidney Leibovich, NY
Breach of the security of my data

Carlene Bechen, WI
I am concerned that people/organizations with nefarious intent will access my information for criminal activity or to target me in some way.

Walter McIntosh, VA
Providing on-line information that will help others to steal your identity.

Joe Edwards, VA
I want to control my info. No unknown collecting info. from my computer without my permission.

Larry Dupre, VT
Big corporations and the U.S. government gathering, storing and using information on me and my family without our consent or knowledge.

David Densmore, OH
Policy Policies should only be a couple paragraphs long. Longer than that is just trying obfuscation. Online data being used to affect employment or loans. Way to many fakes and lies out there. There should be choice about what a smartphone apps can access. I.E. turn them off or on.

Mark Allen, CA

Companies sharing information without my permission and the lack of protections against such information being used to determine or restrict access to employment and insurance.

Michael Dorn, OH

Protect financial data from unauthorized access.

William Sabol, PA

Just because the internet is an electronic but open exchange, some believe it is their right to collect any information they can to use to their benefit. It is like they invite themselves in to your house and watch and learn everything they want from you and then leave when they don't want that option anymore.

George Hallam, IL

I want to be asked to "opt in" rather than "opt out" on privacy policies I receive from people I do business with online.

Judith Wade, VA

No one should use our information without first getting permission from us. Children's privacy should be just that private.

Dennis Roscetti, WI

I am most concerned about the aggregation of information about me that smartphones have enabled. The combination of tracking queries, tracking location, and tracking "likes" and "dislikes" on social network sites. This may be anachronistic, and the companies doing the tracking may mean well, but it still makes me nervous. I don't want to be that well known to anyone, except possibly my spouse.

Kathleen Gladden, PA
phone tapping

James Szafarek, OH

Where I look, and comments I may use on the internet, should never be used in a "Big Brother" fashion! I feel like I'm being spied upon and exploited for profit. Private information should be private, just as US Mail is!

Rich Henley, NC
Internet companies selling data and information about me without my permission

Jim Jolly, NC

If they can do this the hackers can get the information also

T Walsh, NY

I simply do not like the fact that I am NEVER in control over what context, personal data or history is being used when I am on line. I feel that it is a violation of my rights as a free american. I am very concerned about the internet privacy and safety of my children. If I know that companies, websites are tracking I do NOT use them if at all possible.

Bernard Goodman, NY

All personal information gathered or disseminated without my permission.

Scott Lafountain, VT
apps that share data with 3rd parties

Heather G Jorgensen, KS
The issues touched upon in item 7 seem to me to be the most dangerous, followed by item 6 and item 1.

Edward Cambria, NY
The fact that most of my personal information can be accessed by so many branches of government and stored while knowing how porous their security of the same information is.

Willie R Harris, OH
It to easy to get information.

James Greene, IN
The us of private information should be stopped.

Bernard Bindel, MD
security of sensitive financial and personal information, e.g., credit cards, social security number, account numbers, etc.

Linda Watson, CO

It is not a good thing to track individuals this closely. Additionally, I have had my information retrieved from two separate locations where I worked for an employer more than 20 years ago. Thankfully, my credit card company caught a high priced unusual transaction and contacted me, saving me from the identity theft. I did have to cancel all my credit cards, bank accounts and more. It was a nightmare. We need to draw the line on privacy.

Patricia M. Payne, NY

The ability to use apps to access data without my permission is a huge invasion of privacy and very threatening to me. I feel that privacy policies have to err on the side of the public and must provide less access to personal information not more unless each individual consumer is asked and specifically agrees to provide that access. There should be no generic access.

William Fraser, CA

That advertisement email/call Opt outs don't always work.

Darleen Bell, FL

I don't need people I don't want reading what I put on the Internet who have know right reading it. It's my business and my business only and it should stay that way. Who gives you authority over what I write to share?

Marie Flom, NY

Medical information being leaked or used inappropriately, especially to deny insurance coverage concerns me very much.

Stuart Dawson, FL

Targeting people based on political beliefs expressed on-line.

Mirel Crumb, TN

The internet should never be used to control people.

Mark Goldstein, CT

Collect nothing about me without my permission; it's my data NOT yours

mary avitts, OK

what is on my personalized account SHOULD STAY MY PERSONALIZED ACCOUNT ITS NO BODIES BUSINESS BUT MINE I HAVE THE RIGHT TO DISCLOSE MY INFORMATION TO WHOM I SEE FIT NOT A COMPANY TO DO IT. HOW DARE YOU EVEN THINK THAT YOU HAVE THAT RIGHT.

Rexanne Bishop, NC

In the fast-paced world of the internet, most people don't take the time to read long complicated privacy policies so they don't understand most of these policies actually give up their right to privacy.

Carolyn Moon, TX

I just got a new smart phone and was horrified to find it sucked in all my Facebook contacts. 800 people don't need my phone number.

Trudy Lannon, FL

Retailers, companies having access to my private info. No matter what you do you have to provide your SSN for anything even though it is not supposed to be used as a form of id. You can not get a credit card or anything else without providing this info as a minimum. This in addition to all the other info they say they require or have a right to. Nothing should be done without my permission with signed consent.

Roland Nanni, RI

Eventually they will have collected more info than the CIA. Policies say what they will never do however large companies can be unscrupulous and do the opposite at a later date or an employee can steal data and sell it. There are no safeguards in a large organization or small one to protect the public.

Richard Wolfe, NC

Lack of transparency regarding use of my personal information; inability to control how my personal information is used; lack of clarity for explaining use of information.

Meagan Frame, MD

I've used my computer and phone for browsing FAR LESS knowing that companies are trying not only to bombard me with advertising (and thus, waste my time) but that the data they collect about me is being sold as a commodity. I'm a human being, not a statistic or inanimate object. My transactions should only be important to me and the company I'm doing business with, not their affiliates or their brother's friend's sister's husband's cousin.

Betsy Birchenough, NY

I am very selective with the companies and organizations that I deal with, and I'm extremely concerned that these organizations may be sharing my personal information with other groups that could target me and my family. I believe that no person or group (non-profit or profit) has the right to share my personal information with anyone else unless they have my specific written consent.

Angelo Dilullo, CO

The fact that they are getting all this info about me and I don't even know it

Tracey Messer, OH

I think that I should be able to control whether information is collected about me and, if it is, how it can be used. For this to happen, there have to be rules or legislation that don't let ISPS or other vendors wiggle out of it and privacy policies need to be easy to read and SHORT.

Teri Kennedy, AZ

Data mining of contacts without permission or as 'forced permission' is wrong. Holding onto personal data expands identity compromises exponentially. If a breach in security happens, does the company pay for all the costs, pain, suffering, lost productivity in reversing or rebuilding credit due to identity theft? Not without an expensive lawsuit. -Not good-

Lynn Chicarell, OH

I am very unhappy that everything I do someone is watching. It leaves us very unprotected we might as well be naked with all our info printed on us.

Jose M. Rodriguez, PR

Sneaking in to my private information without authorization.

William Edsall, PA

I am most concern of personal tracking when there is no evidence that the person is a threat.

Suzanne Randall, ME

If I write a letter, it is private and I can also add P&C (personal/confidential) to written correspondence. In an electronic format, I may password protect or encrypt information. Most on line apps actively take my info/data while I passively enjoy something (gaming, watch you tube. This is wrong. I am PAYING to use your service. You are not paying me to leverage my info. I am not being paid to be in a focus group, I am paying and in addition, you are stealing my information, thought, preferences. Stop making believe you develop technology for our benefit--you do it because it makes money (sales) and without further investment risk, you can steal personal data (legally--because privacy rights are weak) to make money.NO DOWNSIDE for anyone except the consumer.

Thomas Wynne, PA

Stop selling my name/I D to others.....I waste a lot of time trashing 99% of my e mails

J. Grunfelder, FL

I am very concerned that companies do not protect their databases containing my personal information well enough. Intrepid hackers often break into less secure databases and I do not want my personal information and/or identity stolen.

Scarlett Miles, NY

sharing my info and contacts info without my specific permission

Hans Schaetzke, IL

All of this data collection should be prohibited by law.

rev. gloria stanchak alexander, FL

Every one of these issues is extremely important to me'probably the biggest worry is smart phones accessihngs information

Marion Field, CA

I am most concerned about #6. Although I am retired and have excellent credit, the idea that one's personal browsing/purchasing data could be used in any way to affect job or credit is unconscionable. Thanks

Sandra Burris, CA

Top priority: keeping children safe from predators!

Robert Obrinsky, OR

Smartphone apps are my biggest concern at this point. There appears to be little a user can do except comply with the app's requirements for access to personal information, or not install the app. Many will just go ahead and install the app and hope for the best.

Emily Lacina, CA

I do not want my online purchases or searches shared with anyone. Seeing pop-up ads for something I searched for several days earlier is really disconcerting. It makes me feel that "big brother is watching."

Mark Olsztyn, CA

I am most concerned about private companies following my every mouse-click, seeing and recording which links I follow and how long I stay on a particular page. I'm also concerned about the ease with which this is accomplished and the longevity of the information. If a law were in place that companies had to "clear their caches" once a year, that would be a good starting point.

Doyle Henderson, VA

I most concerned with the ever evolving means technology can be used to invade my privacy. I can to see giant technological advances, yet the creators of technologies put little thought, much less resources into how the product can be used with malice intent.

John Van Aalst, IL

The public vs. private status of a communication or online action could be modeled on its purpose if it were a hand written or non-electronic transaction. An email to an individual would be like a paper note, and, therefore, private; a letter to the editor, public; an online purchase is like a direct store purchase, eg private.

Dianne Johns, MI

I am most concerned about children being targeted.

Chuck Biddinger, AL
Identity theft

Halvor Iverson, MA
Privacy should be the default setting, not an opt-in choice.

Glenn Evens, PA
Federal government of the United States.

Robert LeGault, WI
I'm particularly concerned about long, complicated privacy policies.

Cheryl Caldwell, FL
I don't like companies sharing my information without my knowledge/consent as well as long rambling privacy policies designed to make it difficult to understand what you are agreeing to. I also am concerned about companies or apps accessing my personal information without my permission (contacts, location, etc) especially when it is done in a subtle, secretive, "this will be good for you" way.

Lisa Douglas, IL
all of them

Barbara Schmitter, NY

I am most concerned about "companies selling or sharing information about me without my permission." This seems to me to be completely and indefensibly intrusive. (I don't approve of any of the other practices either! I am considering ceasing to order anything online.)

Clifford Stewart, VA

The ability of ANY agency to use my information on an opt-out basis. I should not have to specify what I don't want them to use. They should be required to get my permission for any item of information about me that they share with others.

Ralph Shoop, UT

The Government mining data that would have required a warrant before this was possible.

James Wall, WI

it should be a crime to sell data about people without their permission, or at least paying the individual royalties for their data.

Hella Viola, VA

The biggest threat to us all is the "government" keeping tabs on everything we do, say, or write, always with the excuse/reason that they have to do this to keep us safe from terrorists! It will get even worse once they (and private companies) have perfected drones! "Big Brother is coming! Big Brother is coming"

Sholom Wacholder, MD

I use the Internet to learn and make my life simpler. Concerns about protecting my privacy will stop me from using the Internet. I don't want to get pitches, no matter how clever, designed to convince me to buy stuff I don't want. I don't want a presumptuous search engine to decide what information to prioritize based on what I already have looked at -- I want new information.

Gail Minogue, SC

Passing on or giving out any of my personal information is of greatest concern to me. There should be a box on every form/site, that specifies if you want or do not want them to give out your info to others.

Chloe Erskine, NY

very concerned about all of these issues

Joseph Ramirez, CA

I think the first place to start is to enact a sweeping ban on any and all monitoring period. Companies take it upon themselves to provide advertising, service and assistance as sellers to provide a superior product. They should earn a customer's trust and protect that relationship. Why have we now become so vulnerable? Consumers should have the utmost ability research, browse and purchase in privacy. Nobody likes a pushy salesman, or to be followed around when shopping. This is worse! Privacy should be protected and no one should be able to Google anybody's name and find their home location, neighbors' names etc. Same goes for things like Zillow.com, where anyone can get a bird's eye and street view of their house, and all the pricing and tax information for their property by just entering an address. Why was this just allowed to happen? How

Ronald Warrick, NJ

1, Identity theft via insecure databases or smartphone apps 2. Ineffective privacy rules and laws that may give users a false sense of security. Perhaps it would be better to leave things as they are so that people realize they are not safe.

Robert Shaw, FL

Theft of my ID. Hacking my computer and email account.

James Horner, KS

The biggest concern I have is that marketers and businesses often work strictly according to what is legal. The legal test is not enough. They must ask themselves: what is right? The business argument is usually along the lines of this. 1) The internet is public 2) if you access it you are doing so in a public manner 3) therefore we have the legal right to observe you in that public setting. To a certain extent this is true. And by making a few wordy disclaimers the business can claim legality in obtaining your personal info, using it to track you, or using it for their profit. However, when I walk down a street in a retail district or a mall and I am window shopping, that too is public. Yet, those merchants do not have the right to grab me on the sidewalk, obtain my name, credit information, or other personal data. It would be considered rude even if they

Paul Mcclung, WA

I don't any one using any of my information. I concerned about them holding data they don't need, selling data about myself to others,

Sarah Goodwin, NY

My greatest concern is that personal data will be stored and mined indefinitely and that individuals have neither knowledge nor control over what data are stored where and how they are being used. We have a right to know about and to delimit the uses of data that are gathered digitally.

George Chrysiliou, CA

Collection of private information with out my concent. The unknown of what companies do with my information and weather they actually delete them after a certain time as they claim they do. Not collecting and sharing consumer private information should be the default setting for all companies, internet based or not. Consumers should not have the burden of making sure they sign/select the do not share option for every single company they do business with, for their private information not to be collected and shared.

Arthur Georgelas, WY

Any Collection or sale/dissemination of information without my express permission from other than public records as defined by law. I do not suscribe that "what you buy or express an interest in from my/our company is my/our information to do with as I/we please" to be a valid viewpoint unless signed release is given

Lana Temme, CA

#1. Of my outmost concern is - data about online activities and purchases being used to deny employment. #2. Smartphone apps that can access my contacts, photos, location and other data is UNACCEPTABLE violation of My Privacy. #3. Companies selling or sharing information about me without my permission completely violate My Privacy!! #4. Advertisers targeting kids with personalized adds based on data they collect while kids surf the web - is an absolute immoral violation of privacy and must be stopped! # 5. Companies holding on to my data longer than they need to - is another clear example of Violation of My Privacy! Etc..

Ellen Macdonald, MO

The "stalking" or following of one's activities online for commercial gain disturbs me. Hackers, as well, who have more opportunities to steal your private information through troves of info stored by these companies.

Lawrence Widick, NV

My biggest concern is that we have become a nation of 'Big Brother', and it isn't just the Government. So much information is being gathered on a daily basis. It happens every time you go on a website. With all this info being gathered it just makes it too easy for identity theft to occur. More importantly is just isn't right in a nation where my privacy shouldn't be breached unless I have given permission after obtaining full disclosure.

john kozlauskos, MI
hacking of banking accounts

ed michals, LA
ALL THE ABOVE.

Bridget Wilson, TX
I am greatly concerned that applications and websites are allowed to collect and share personal data and worse yet, photos. INdividuals should have more rights than corporations and privacy notices should not require a law degree to understand and refute.

Gregory Stark, OH
I am most concerned about the purchase or access to information without my permission, but most importantly I am frustrated by the legalese and complicated language of waivers and privacy agreements. I applaud Google for making it clearer, even if I disapprove of what it may entail. At least now I know what I am agreeing to.

Thomas Van De Steeg, FL
Smartphone apps and other things that keep track of us without our knowledge, That should be illegal!

Fr Foley, PA

Data collecting about individuals is akin to stalking and should be illegal. There should be no signing away the right to privacy by way of privacy policy acceptance.

paul price, MN
my personal info

Sarah Van Leer, NY

Legislation taking away all rights to personal information, and allowing the government to see into everything that I think and do. Second concern is the release of personal health information without my consent.

Kim Rivers, MA
The loss of complete privacy when we are online

Clark Avera, MO

Companies not securly storing personal data. We hear too many times of hackers accessing personal data from company networks.

Fred Berra, CA
Government and large corporate "to big to fail" so call partners obtaining and maintaining private data on consumers (US citizens) to possibly deny and destroy the basic rights of each US citizen. A step toward tyranny (Concerns 4-7 are extremely important).

Gunnbjorg Lavoll, IL

My biggest concern that another person such as my physician logs in information about me on line as will happen with electronic health records will become public information.

Jim Fuquay, IN

Undisclosed collection and use of my personal data is of great concern to me (and my wife). We believe personal data is routinely and secretly collected during our use of the internet without our knowledge. We also assume that some of this data is sold to marketers.

Tisha Mendiola Jessop, CO

Using personal information for employers or others without my permission.

Joyce Leininger, IL

My greatest concern is the selling or sharing of my personal information without my permission. I want my information to only be used by the company/entity with whom I decide to share it. It should be MY CHOICE. There is too little privacy now, and I believe this also contributes to the high rates of identity theft.

Wera Hildebrand, CA

If advertisers would not have access to information or the ability to target their attacks for individuals most of the other problems would disappear.

Susan Pacillo, AK

Unless I specifically (truly informed consent) give someone my information, my Internet use and personal information is none of their business.

Karen Jarvis, NJ

The inability to opt out if need to use online services. Should have more ability to opt out on certain features. Most companies are transparent on their privacy features but have little options on the packaged deal, have more options on paper than on the web. Most privacy statements on paper give you options to opt out on sharing info., tracking, etc. Only ones I see online are if you want to receive emails or if want add ons to browser, etc.

Jacqueline Soverall, TN

Holding on to my information and also making it available to others on the Internet is a major concern for me. I want to have some level of privacy yet it seems that the Internet has stripped me and many others from having his basic right. Now we must pay other companies to ensure that our privacy is not compromised. This is sad. I should have a choice on every level concerning what is shared about me on the Internet. If I set my privacy policies a certain way then this is how it should remain.

Nicole Mussen, MI

I am concerned that data about myself and my family is collected and used without my permission. I feel that while this may allow what some people call a 'targeted shopping experience' I think that this limits my options and may allow the unnecessary collection of data about us. I want to set my own parameters on a search, rather than have them imposed by what I have searched for previously.

Hope McKim, IN

Identity theft: caused by collection of information that is not related to the transaction being conducted, and breaches of security at those companies.

Arthur Conrad, PA

My greatest concern is for people who are too young and/or lack sufficient life experience to understand the risks associate with too much sharing of personal information.

Carl Styrcula, IL

Overall collection of any data, online activity, purchases, contact information, financial information by anyone or any company without consent or approval and then to profit by selling any of the information to others.

Charles Boyer, CO

#6 is utmost in my concerns. Should not affect employment or loan ability. . . ever!

Robert Kranz, CA

I am most concerned with snooping by insurance companies, financial organizations, marketers and government who search for data indicating a person may fit a particular profile. In such a world, every action you take on the web can be scrutinized, analyzed and categorized according to the aims of the organization with access to the data without your knowledge or permission.

Kenneth Peterson, MI

Companies selling or sharing personal information without permission

Mary Ruggiero, CT

As indicated above in the responses, my greatest concern is companies utilizing my private data in whatever way they desire. Stringent curbs should be enacted to stop this!!

Kim P, AR

privacy is a word for a reason companies shouldnt overdue it i dont want my personal info all over the web and it is invasion of my privacy

John Mowen, CA

all of the above!!!!!!

Stuart Friedman, NY

where greed is corruption is, the internet is not to be trusted. Facebook especially, earning over \$400 per sub. info.....

Robert Kidwell, TX

That information collected is of a personal nature which could be used in a manner to deny me credit, job consideration and/or be used to steal my identity. There is no need for medical information to be stored by most internet intities. All information should be provided the same protection as the governemtn provides by identifying information as "Personal Identifying Information" or PII. Any request or need to share my information with anyone or any company for any reason should be referred to me for approval every time.

Jaimie Davis, TN

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Donna Pangrle, IL

Privacy - that has turned into a joke. This is like the book, 1984. Who needs all of this unless there is a \$ behind it. There is no human care - just to use people to their monetary advantage. I pay for my internet service and do not want to be bombarded with advertising, especially after connecting with an email address and then it is assumed you are owned by that connection to whomever wants to sell you or snope on you for their benefit. I will not participate in facebook, etc. and I resent my lack of privacy to use my computer as I see fit for my own reasons. And you want contact info. I hope you will respect my concern to keep it private. Only send me information regarding this subject. Do not share my email address.

Rodney Read, WA

I am tired of companies collecting data under the pretence of marketing when it just boils down to greed and propaganda and control of the people

Paul Kelly, AZ

Identity theft is becoming commonplace. My wife and I have had our charge card compromised, another online account was hacked. I don't want anyone collecting any data on us for any reason. We need to feel safe. We want our privacy. We want all these companies to leave us alone. Collecting data on people without their permission should be illegal

Trucia Quistarc, KS

1. That whatever data that is gained by whatever means must be available for me to access and know, and to easily affect removal of any-to-all of that which i may not or no longer want to be available for corporate-public use. 2. That whatever-to-all data gained about me and is sold to other corporate and government entities must occur only with my permission, and must include my receiving a percentage as royalties on these resources created by my lifeliving. 3. That all information held by any corporate and government entity remains known for where/by whom it is being held, and remains freely available for my self-study and understanding. This absolute transparency of personal records to the records generator, each person, must remain a pervasive right to we people and primary responsibility of all corporate and government entities,

Paul Griffin, IL

My largest concern is my privacy.

Edwinna Skipper, TX

I believe I should have control over everything that concerns me. Nothing should be made available to others without my consent.

Andrew Curran, NY

I am against the gathering of any information about myself or my wife by any means whatsoever other than direct communication with me.

Ann Maclaren, CA

Gathering information for political purposes.

Gary Overby, WI

I want MORE privacy

Kenneth Foelster, PA

I am especially concerned about tracking software that tracks your movements and creates a record of your movements.

Sally Woodard, WV

The selling of my name, address, and e-mail to other companies, organizations, etc.

Linda Stuhlman, MD

Actually, identity theft is my greatest concern.

John McIlvain, OR

Give me the choice to "OPT OUT" and allow me to read your policies not designed for and by lawyers. If I give you permission to use my data then use it; but give me the option choose. Your intentions are good (?), but there are too many smart, bad people with out your good intentions. That is why I want control of my information.

cathy hill, NV

employment and loan companies have no right to my personal information.

Okey Taylor, OH

I see no need for personal information to be traded and/or sold between companies to enhance their sales performance. If you reply to anything on the internet these days you almost immediatly are flooded with sales pitches. The practice of trading or selling e-mail addreses for sales promotions should be banned. The fact that this questionnaire wanty my email is an example.

Bruce Halling, TX

Companies should not track what one does online, period. They are more of a privacy threat than worrying about the government being "big brother" because these companies, tracking people online, are an even "bigger brother." IF companies are allowed to track one's online activity then it should take an affirmative action on the part of the "customer" to say it is OK (as opposed to the tracking occurring unless a customer says "no.")

Carlos Ginebra, NY

No matter how trivial the information, availing yourself to someone else's information without unequivocal consent is good old fashion stealing - period. And to deceptively acquire such consent by purposely confusing the reader with unnecessary complexities and mumbo-jumbo is simply reprehensible, immoral and - yes, criminal.

Jerry Button, FL

I used to be able to make a phone call or write a letter without worrying that someone somewhere would be "listening in". The internet should afford me the same privacy.

Nona Wadsworth, AL

#7 accessing my contacts. photos, location and other data without my permission...This information is private and if it is accessed, without my permission, will affect not only me but everyone that I have information on. This information is no one's business and should be protected by law.

Pat Champion, FL

All of the above. I am so tired of constantly receiving emails or notices that I have not solicited. Also am concerned as to just how safe it really is to do my banking on line.

Carol Griffith, OH

Technology that can mine information from my computer or phone calls without my being aware of its presence.

Smith Susan, OR

The Internet should not give businesses anymore information about me than a store would Obtain when I buy from a store. I notice when I do a search for something on the Internet that for a LONG time afterwards ads for that thing keep showing up on my computer. I don't want what information the Internet gives me to be influenced by my searches. Just because the information can be stored doesn't make it right to do so. Other than the information needed for our transaction, nothing else is anyone's business.

Dorothy Brown, SC

Smart phone apps that can access contacts, photos, location, and other data without my permission.

Jan Pickel, PA

I'm outraged that companies are asking for user names and passwords from job applicants. They might as well ask an applicant to spill the contents of their purse or wallet on the desk. There are things you might say to a friend or family member that you would never want read by an outsider. Moreover, it's an invasion of the privacy of the applicant's friends.

Steven Po, Lodna, OH

Give the consumer maximum privacy protection the let the consumer decide if they want to what degree that they OPT OUT of privacy protections. Not the company out to make a fast profit selling any thing that is learned about a person.

Eugene Randle, TN

My greatest concern is the matters relating smartphone apps.

Daniel Morgan, IN

It seems as if there is no privacy at all any more since hackers can obtain any information about you that they want. My biggest concern is that the social security number is also your Medicare number and you are supposed to have it with you. And places, like hospitals and doctors' offices, take your picture when you arrive. What privacy is that?

Stephanie Fryar, IL

I don't like being bombarded with ads for products that I may not want or even care for while I'm online. I find it to be highly annoying.

Harvey Bernhardt, NY

Much too much worry about PRIVACY! Everybody can get all your information except YOU

Denis Dion, NC

Gathering personal data is appalling and I am opposed any data collection whatsoever.

Brent Doan, CO

The greatest privacy concerns of mine are the violations of constitutional rights and legal rights being conducted presently, by the government, (NSA) to tap, listen to, record, and form lists of American citizens. What can we do to counteract the administration's support of these continuing, Bush years violations of American citizens' rights! Brent Doan

Janice Ruggles, MD

The greatest threat is how few protections consumers have and how little regard to online privacy issues the government expresses unless a bunch of people get outraged. There is so much publicly available information on us based on any transaction we have and this is disturbing. The increasing number of transactions requesting additional personal information like "the name of your first pet" or "the name of the street you grew up on," so that they can recover your password is mind boggling. There is no way to keep track of all of your passwords and answers without writing this down somewhere. With an aging population this is ripe for the picking. Every party in a transaction wants your email address and you cannot opt out until you get an email from them. In some cases I have had trouble being directed to the appropriate link

Michael Gregoire, WA

I have no other concerns other than those expressed above in the questionnaire.

Linda Pike, CA

On the whole, I don't want outside sources looking in to my private business. Anything that can be done to alleviate this is positive.

N. Gladfelter, NJ

I want the ability to have, at my request, DO NOT TRACK made binding to the advertiser that I am communicating with.

Norma Winkler, CA

Companies selling and sharing my information.

Tanya Brown, TN

I'm very concern that anyone can get information of me without my consent. That is an invasion on my privacy. I just don't think a company needs to hold on to any information I given them and then sell it to the highest bidder. That is very scary. I hold dear to my privacy as anyone should.

Gerald Pease, CA

1. Individuals or companies stealing my identity and passwords from my supposedly secure internet transactions. 2. Individuals illegally gaining access to my bank accounts online. 3. Companies, notably Sears, not refunding me for items I bought over the internet and returned to their local store. 4. Others, especially foreigners, using my name and email address on the internet.

Marla Struck, WA

If internet use was totally voluntary I'd have far less concern. In today's world individuals are being cornered into conducting business online with no choice of opting out. There should always be an option to putting one's private information on the web to be mined.

Matt Thorndal, AZ

My main concern is with companies collecting information about children. Who has access to this data, what use will companies and governments make of this information?

Robert Zilske, WI

I believe that opt in should be required as a matter of law. Policies that allow one to "opt out" are insufficient. I also do not believe that tracking cookies or the like should be legal. I have no interest in "targeted" advertising and in fact ignore and am offended by my receipt of such. When I receive what I believe are targeted ads, I generally boycott the company responsible.

John Cadorette, MA

No data should be used without permission. Period.

Paul Howard, CO

Knowing what is collected, how long it is kept and having the ability to have it removed and/or corrected. For mobile, knowing why an app needs access to various aspects of my data would be very useful.

George Barnard, TX

Companies holding onto my information and being able to see to others.

Bob Davis, VT

Such data tracking as "cookies" when using the Web for either purchasing or research for products that might be purchased. ANY and ALL data regarding how much I spend and how I spend it should not be kept for any reason.

Le Guglielmini, CA
Any identify theft.

Michelle J, MA
People using my information without telling me or in
vague fine print.

Benito Dominguez, VA
I'm not sure why, we as Americans who are so
concerned about our privacy and prevent our
government from tracking our activities without a
warrant, will we succumb to others and let them track
our and our childrens' movements / activities on line and
elsewhere, especially companies that are only only
interested in furthering their own financial gain.

Judy Hall, CA
No company should be able to track, use, send targeted
ads, share or do anything with my personal information,
browsing habits, or anything else on my computer, cell
phone or tablet without my express permission. The opt
out policy needs to become an opt in policy. Children
should not be able to opt in. It is not unreasonable to
begin with the assumption that all of my information is
private, my browsing is my own business and any
collection of that information should be illegal and
swiftly punished by large fines and jail terms.

Clement Springer, TN
The constant flow of unwanted emails has reduced the
value of the medium and its usefulness. user's should be
restricted from targeting individuals.

Jack Marengo, IL
Use of unverified sources to judge my credit or
worthiness for a new job

Daniel Agemy, NC

Combining my personal information in a data warehouse for sale to third-party

Caryl Terrell, WI

I am most concerned about the sale or sharing of privacy information with third parties unknown to me.

Francis Alderson, MO

I wrote as LITTLE as I wanted to!!!!

Charles Flansburg, NY

Unsolicited contacts, either by phone, internet or e-mail

Scott Boudry, CA

Individual privacy is under full scale attack by government (example, the ACS program) and "big business." I find it scary and disgusting when private information is compromised to merely bolster profits for businesses, that then feel free to "share" the data with "affiliates" and others. The U.S. is going in the wrong direction.

Margaret Goodnough, MN

I don't think I should have to worry about any of this. Instead of opting out of having my information sold without my consent. Companies that want to make money off me should ask if I want to opt in, and then I should get paid by them whenever they make money on my information.

A. Ali Vassef, GA

Identity theft and collection of my personal data in general are the key reasons I have not joined any social networks up to now.

Joseph Purvis, PA

I am particularly concerned about deceptive tracking policies that make it very difficult to find out how to decline tracking. Google's new policy is a good example, and the main reason I dropped my gmail account. I do not have a problem with a vendor (e.g. Amazon) tracking what I buy from them, but I do not want it shared with others.

Michael Krummel, WI

The Government knowing I purchase things the Government doesn't want me to purchase or going websites or places the Government doesn't want me to go.

Robert Lockman, VA

Invasion of privacy and creeping intrusion as technology grows along with corporate market share.

Janet Billingsley, IL

Very concerned about my privacy. You should not get to collect my private information while on the Internet. No website should keep your information & sell it to others. If they keep or sell your private information they should be banned from the Internet, fined & put in jail.

Pearl Whitaker, DE

Companies selling on sharing info w/o my permission

Paul Bross, CA

Any of my personal information being used anywhere without my permission extremely irritates and concerns me. You can't or won't stop illegals from coming into our country now you are allowing access to my personal information so they can steal my identity for their illegal use. NO to them and NO to you!

Barbara Howard, MA

I think each organization should make clear what information they are in a position to glean from your on-line activity and provide a check list seeking permission before they store it or share it!!!!!!

Ethel Cornbrooks, MD

All are great threats considering they are out of our control. Do not know how to respond to #1 as I don't think parents enforce control or limitations on use of electronics (internet, cell phones, etc.) for children in grade and middle school as they are not mature enough to know the consequences of what they venture into without supervision or consequences.

Connie Carlisle Polley, KY

I like companies that allow me to put an item in a "shopping cart" to save while I shop around more before making a decision to buy; however, I deplore the pop-ups that show up on my screen over and over from items that I have just looked at when I go back into a particular shopping site or more particularly even if I am not at that web site!

Danene Peterson, UT

I don't like apps that can get into your information without your permission.

Jeffrey Zimmerman, IL

The increasing amount of detailed data assiduously collected and maintained by corporate and government entities.

Jeffrey Dowdell, VA

Online activities and purchases should not be used for employment decisions or loans.

Barry Smith, VA

Businesses doing things to compromise your rights in attempts to make sales and enhance their profits!

Hans Schweikert, PA

I'm afraid that companies will work against my best interest.

Rt Carioca, FL

1. Multiple sites owned by the same company (Google) collecting information across all of them and building a profile for the individual user. Then being unable to opt out. 2. Sites should default to opt in instead of opt out. You can't understand the privacy policies anyway. 3. Non profit groups (Consumers union, etc) need to follow the same rules.

Gerald Cuffe, NV

any attempt to use any data without my expressed permission

Eleanor Alderson, MO

I do not wish to state my concerns.

Norman Darling, FL

Many companies and apps want all your Facebook info to access their website or app. I don't want them having access to my friends and all other info. I just want info about the company. Then maybe I will supply more info.

Joseph Peoples, AL

I want this country to return to what it was. People should be free and respected. I don't like that everything we do is recorded. I am afraid we are giving up far to many freedoms for far to few benefits

Dan Scripture, CA

The general invasiveness is what bothers me the most, the notion that anything not expressly illegal is permitted to the data miners.

Paul Steagall, TN

Too much personal data collected and disseminated among companies sets us all up for targets of crooks.

Gail Farmer, KS

I am concerned about all of them

Maria Girlando, NC

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Ralph G. Smith, CA

Personal information being gathered and used or sold on without effective notification and consent in whatever medium and whatever form is the essential problem.

Douglas Curran, MO

I am most concerned about databases of information about me. They can be merged. They can be hacked. Don't keep the data. That is the best security.

Donna Murray, TX

The whole internet privacy issue is of concern. To buy, sell or share information--whether computer or smartphone sourced--without my permission or knowledge must be stopped! And, WHY should anyone hold my data if they don't need it any longer?? I don't think kids should be targeted for anything; and those long, complicated privacy policy statement MUST be simplified, shortened and made understandable as soon as possible. Thank you!

John Hanson, MN

Identity theft!

Frank Molina, CA

The internet and its connectivity to information and data that is passed back and forth throughout the world has been faster than the capability of laws and regulations that need to be in place to attempt to slow down this egregious behavior. This behavior of allowing proprietary and personal private property to be passed back and forth without the approval of the customer who is being violated.

Obietta Elizondo, CA

i am concerned that people will use this information against me when it comes to jobs or credit or even personal relations. My information is for me to decide how to use it. I will have to give up using the internet if this does not change.

Erik Guter, IL

I am concerned that data produced by our use of the Internet can be made available to third parties to our detriment. Potential employers, insurance companies reviewing our claims, banks reviewing loan applications, opposing counsel in court cases, and schools reviewing admissions applications, are some of the groups and institutions that are motivated to acquire private data about us to our detriment. It concerns me greatly that I no longer know how private our Internet research and communication is, even after taking precautions.

Curtis Cooper, IL

Maintaining and sharing of personal information

Louis Sierra, NY

Stop spying where I go, what I buy, who I see and what I read daily. If, we as americans let this happen in our country ; we lost the greatest gift LIBERTY . LIBERTY is the sOUL of AMERICA; without it we are dead.

Shekinah Horowitz, OR

No personal data should be for sale, retained, or collected w/o our knowledge & permission. And children should NEVER be targeted.

Harold Rohlman, AK

Il of the above need strict attention as they are simply not fair to the consumer.

Alan Lambert, OH

That there's really no way to put the genie back in the bottle.

James Everhart, MD

Gathering my personal information without my permission. I go on line with the expectation of gathering information without others knowing about it.

Deborah Uhlman, IL

Collecting personal data without permission is unconstitutional and infringes on privacy and one's freedom to hold that data private. I object to infringing! I do not want any of my personal information or that of my friends collected by anyone or companies, period! The theft of personal information is out of control. Thank you for your time.

David Knuth, WI

People conveying to unknown persons information about me that I would never ever consider sharing with those people.

Cynthia Chodor, MA

Online companies should have to follow the same policies as brick and mortar establishments. My credit information should not be kept, shared or sold for any reason. If I go into a store and buy something with a credit card, they do not keep my information and sell or share it with other businesses or advertisers. Online sellers should be held to the same standards.

Virginia Chakejian, NY

Privacy vs Right of Speech is of great concern to me. But I believe that a correct balance between the two can be worked out if only Congress could get its collective head out of its "you-know-what" and work together. Then we would all benefit.

Maureen Accardo, NY

Smart phones that can access contacts photos and most particularly my location WITHOUT MY PERMISSION. SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT THIS!

Charles Billings, OR
Number 7.

Maurice Nott, FL
Privacy Policies that are so long and in such legalese that you are not sure what they say or mean and are too long to read.

Michael Beech, NC
The inability of providers to effectively stop hacking attacks

Melissa Ambrose, CA
All the data being collected by corporations with out our understanding and permission about what will be done with it.

Monica Cawvey, PA
Companies or individuals obtaining my information or information about me without my consent.

Virginia Riegel, CA
I bitterly resent the overall extent used by companies to prevent keeping one's individual decisions to oneself, AND obstructions to know by whom and when any and all such personal information is being utilized for employment and marketing purposes.

Charles Conklin, NJ

We lose more of our freedoms and privacy every day . It must stop now,

Patricia Brooking, VA

This unnecessary collection of personal information and no guarantee that the information won't be sold or kept safe.

Elizabeth Barger, TN

The internet has become our Mrs. Grundy nosing around in everything we do. That is nosy and rude. Stop all of it.

Kelly Chaves, TX

#7 regarding smartphone apps

Vicki Bush, AL

PRIVACY! If I want to browse or purchase something I will go to the sites I am interested in. I do not want any company, advertiser etc. keeping ANY data on me. Right now if I go into a store to browse or purchase something I know that that store is not going to keep data on me so why is it any different if I browse or purchase something online. I should have the right to know that my interest, browsing and purchasing habits stay private! If I want some company to store info on me I will tell them it is ok. It should NOT just be done without my permission! Companies should never be allowed to sell or share any info on an individual without their written permission!

Mary Greenia, MI

If someone wants to get a hold of me use snail mail.

Trevin Pinto, CA

Private data collection is all a violation of our rights. If data is collected it will be shared and eventually consolidated and used against us.

Tracy Robinson, PA

My interests are my concern unless I want to share! I am not the sharing kind!

Phillip Lockwood, CA

collection of information without permission period.

Lenora Scott, OR

The fact that they can get your personal information. i don not put any banking account info. any medical info. Its very scary. hackers are getting very good about what they do. And if they can hack into government computers they can hack into a private persons.

Chad Cheatham, IL

data about online activities and purchases being used to deny you employment or affect your ability to get a loan

Richard Shafer, MI

Collecting any data and using it in any form without asking me first and secondly, not using any form of my personal information until they notify me EACH time before the information is released and obtain my permission. I singly have the right to share my information with only the people that I choose and not anyone else. Thank you!

Kathryn Puckett, TX

No company should be able to collect, sell, or use any of my personal data without my express permission. This includes sites which which I do business, play games, surf, or have any other dealings with. Employers should be banned from asking for your personal passwords to any site, including social media. Specifically, data mining should be banned by law for any reason.

Lilian Hersey, RI

How can there be privacy policies when nothing is private. You can find out anything today about any one. Just as long as you know how to run a computer.

Eva Monheim, PA

There is no oversight on who and what robot has your information. There is no such thing as privacy in the US any more.

Amy Germain, MA

I suppose it would have to do with security and the threat of identity theft.

S L, NY

Access without permission

Patrick Perkins, CA

I intensely dislike & am further disgusted with the erosion of the Orwellian characteristics of the behavior of these communications companies that, like others, want to vitiate our individual rights to privacy so that they can sell & profit from that they have presumed to be with in their purview and ownership. Kick the bums out as a much more worthy individual has previously vocalized. This would include all the politicians who have & are permitting this type of activity to further their own further at the cost of the individuals, whom they are supposed to represent and promote the national welfare.

Anonymous,
Tracking my web browsing history.

Jelica Roland, None
on-line tracking

Rose Villa, WI
data about online activities should not affect
employment or credit

Soretta Rodack, NY
reading my email, affecting my credit rating, SOPA

Deborah Deel, VA
I am extremely concerned about data about online
activities and purchases being used to deny consumers
employment or their ability to get a loan. This is a far
and grave overreach into our privacy. I feel strongly
that this should be outlawed!!!

John Dereix, VA
With so much personal data available, the threat of
identity theft is greater and many organizations don't
properly guard or dispose of this data--some even
collect or buy it without our knowledge. Additionally,
we are overwhelmed with data and junk mail, spam, and
advertising online, so it would be great to see a dramatic
reduction on this front. I personally don't want "Big
Brother" watching me online, when I shop, when I surf,
or when I place an order.

Stephen Halstead, PA

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Germain Holmes, NC

I'm concerned with the gathering and processing of information about me and my likes and dislikes. I would like to know that this information isn't being used against me. I don't want to be seen as one dimensional or made to be one dimensional by receiving only info that is perceived to be supposedly my kinda stuff. I want control over that and security is a must. My concern (paranoia) with security stems from the fact that I pay my bills and bank online and would like to know that I'm safe.

Bertrand Judy, IL

I am very concerned, all Americans should have every privacy respected.

Mark Loeb, FL

Individuals should have a right to view the information that companies collect about them much like getting a credit report from the credit agencies. I don't like not knowing what companies know about me.

Curt Frederick, MN

No information about any citizen should be collected without express, written permission. There should be no exceptions to this.

Andres Liens, FL

very concerned with my privacy while I'm online and some companies or webside track where I go and them reflect they into advertising products or services in response to my diferents searches.

Nathaniel Graham II, GA

Collecting data about interest and online purchases. Any type of tracking.

Robert Sullivan, CA

Nos 6 & 7 are the big issues!

Ilene Carpenter, CO

I'm concerned about sharing of information without knowledge and explicit permission, either on smart phone apps or on regular computers. Users should have to opt-in rather than trying to figure out how to opt out.

Keith Enerson, CA

ability of companies or private parties to access my personal and financial information without knowing about it. The disclosure flyers that are sent are just a way for them to cover themselves legally. We should be able to clearly and simply opt out of giving away our privacy--on every transaction.

Joe Champagne, VA

My personal information should NEVER be for sale by another party.

Judith Palleschi, NY

I don't want companies selling my info without my permission.

Leon Van Steen, CA

1) tracking applications based on smartphone & etc. gps and/or other location tracking systems 2) Use of shopping/browings history for purposes OTHER THAN advertising ... i.e. the use of this information for other business decisions.

Marti Feinstein, CA

My greatest privacy concern is a mistake in information being promulgated across many sites with no way to fix it.

John Santarlas, PA

lot of mism information on people that can hurt reputations and I want a mechanism to alert us regarding and a mechanism to correct this mis information.

Merrilee Morrison-Cotter, MI

Employers and anyone else have NO business knowing what I do in my time they do not pay for. They have no right to snoop in my mailbox. This is the electronic form of mail, and they could be jailed for tampering with US mail, so they need to be jailed for this.

Alexei Demchouk, MN

Unauthorized use of tracked information.

Clifford Sennello, CA

Access to legitimately collected information on legitimate sites, by hackers ? criminals. "How secure are the websites wher my information is stored?

Kim Warden, CA

The biggest concerns are the tracking of my movement on the Internet and how it may affect my employment. The government should not be complacent and needs to step in. Our civil liberties are being violated. The tracking of our cell phone useage violates our privacy.

Lisa Edmonds, FL

All of these privacy issues are a major concern. While the ability to save and collect information grows, it seems almost everything we do online can be seen. I do not want my families activities monitored or used by businesses, government, or individuals. I do not want our time on the computer to put our privacy or safety in jeoporady.

William Kavesh, PA

Individual control is the key as far as I am concerned. Just because I choose to communicate by using a computer doesn't grant someone the right to gather information without my explicit permission. The US postal system has rules regarding the privacy and security of mail. The internet should not be any different.

David Kidd, KS

I don't think that it's anybody's business what I look at online. Cookies shoould be banned.

Robert Moore, NY

Companies tracking my browsing and sharing information about me without my permission.

David Miller, PA

all invasion of privacy without concent should be abolished

Angelo Angelocci, MI

Any thing that I do on the Internet should never be collected by anyone,ever. My freedom to use the internet should not be restricted by concerns about privacy.

Juanicki Mcandrews, GA

Accessing my contacts, photos, etc.

Ralph Hart, NC

Medias insatiable desire to control computer use by making privacy impossible.

Mark Thomas, WA

I want to determine what information any company is allowed to collect about my identity, web use and shopping on-line. I believe my consent should be required before any information could be collected, and that I should be able to determine precisely what information is and is not collected. There should be complete and clear disclosure of the use for data about me, and who it will be shared with. I should be able to withdraw my permission for the use of any data, at any time, for any reason I see fit.

Heather Larkin Vogler, TN

My personal information being extracted without my knowledge or consent

Josh Diebel, MI

Data being used to deny employment or loans (6) as well as Smartphone apps collecting any information used on my Smartphone (7). All of the questions/statements are concerning, but the two I mentioned are VERY disturbing.

Joan Riffey, CA

I don't want my information being traded away whether it is personal Or related to shopping. If my employer wants information he/she can ask for references, check public records or ask me.

Kathryn Roth, CA

The internet is akin to everything I do in the privacy of my own home. No one, not a future employer, neighbors, corporations, US intelligence, local police, or retail conglomerates have a right to view my private comments, conversations, opinions, or photos without my permission. The websites I visit, the conversations I have with friends, family, and like-minded people are mine to engage in without fear of misguided repercussions or unwanted ads flooding my email, Facebook pages, or cell phone texts. Don't turn America into Syria.

Barry Mullins, NV

Item 6 is of most concern. Credit data should be sufficient for credit decisions. Personal preferences should not affect credit decisions. I would never volunteer my personal data to an employer. They have the right to see what I do on their website only.

George Edmonds, MI

I am very concerned that in some privacy rules they may use your name, likeness, opinionins, atc: for their ads in any way they wish if you agree to their rules of privacy to be used at their discretion. I won't join or accept any companies agreement with rules like that even though I would really like to. Sad that a company has to resort to this kind of invasion of MY privacy for their gains.

Angela Pavlick, MI

Transparency, I don't mind sharing my information, as long as I know what is being used and for what. I don't want to preyed upon because someone is spying on my browsing habits.

Jerry Benterou, CA

The privacy threat of greatest concern to me is online companies such as Facebook, Google, and others that capture my personal information from my address book. With or without my permission!

Mary Cottingham, NJ

Any attempt to link to my bank account. I've actually kept my old checking account, and move money into it from my main checking account to keep things like PayPal from link to the account where I keep more than \$200. Sure, it is insured, but it takes time and aggravation to get it back. This is simpler. I'm very rabid about my social security number and driver's license number as well. I surrendered on the basic information front a long time ago.

Gary Lampman, TN
Everything

Nick Vivian, CT

Smart phone apps that can access personal photos and contacts on your phone.

George Stadnik, NY
ID Theft.

James Childress, PA

Companies and advertisers and government agencies should obtain permission to accumulate any personal data and that data, if allowed, should be limited to use by the entity obtaining permission to collect it. Full disclosure concerning the use of collected data must be divulged to the individual(s) from whom the data has been collected.

Carol Metzner, CO

I don't understand why there can't be one standard privacy policy for each industry. It could be approved by a 'control' group that is elected. The person would be able to hold the position for 1 term--whatever length had been pre-determined--and is not able to hold any position again at any time.

Bill Cope, IL

Data being gathered about me without my knowledge and without me being able to easily control and opt out.

Pennie Leachman, CA

I have a right to control the personal data companies collect from me and how they use it. The default for each company with which I do business should be absolutely no sharing of information. The company should request permission each time it shares information.

Todd Mckenney, WA

CONTROL of my own data.

Ron Snow, CA

When I get a message that the site has changed it's privacy policy, the hair on the back of my neck stands up.

Armando Vicente, CA

I am most concerned about question number 7 above about apps that can access private personal information with / or without my permission.

Lynn Mcdaniel, ID

companies selling and or sharing information about me period. Some companies share everything if you order from them. I don't want to have to read some complicated small print to stop this.

Marsha Zilles, CA

Being followed in my more private moments - deciding on gifts - deciding on purchases - just being mobile on the internet and being followed.

Roberta Matthews, NY

People use the Internet as a service and believe that their transactions are private. Any intrusion on my privacy is a threat to me and my family. The unauthorized collection of information should be illegal and strictly forbidden, and the Internet monitored to make sure it is not happening. We need laws that carefully and thoroughly lay out what is and what is not permissible on the Internet and by people, groups and businesses that use the internet.

Elizabeth Dailey, MN

Data access without permission.

Deborah Carney, TN

I do not want anyone to know my location, it is a safety risk that is unacceptable to me.

Lonny Johnson, AZ

Using my online activity for job applications or loan applications is outrageous. And apps that can raid your personal data should be illegal at the felony level.

Daniela Goncalves, FL

selling or sharing my information without my permission

Faye Daigler, IL

Anything that tracks what websites I'm on without my consent is a problem to me.

Charles Wright, FL

companies selling or sharing information about me without my permission I should be asked to give my consent or non-consent.

Stuart Ambler, IN

People not being given control over hardware they buy, for instance not having root privileges or equivalent on smartphones, e-book readers, tablets, etc., or not having control over the 'secure boot' mechanisms for computers now being thought up. (Btw, nowhere else to say it, so on #1 and #5, personalized ads don't bother me, but personalized *news* would bother me very much - I could never believe "news" of that kind, and it could help destroy the basis for democracy. I want "objective" news (as far as possible) and not to be fed someone's idea of what I'm interested in. Of course, I'll use my own filtering systems, but I don't want someone else doing it to me.)

Justin Hester, CA

All privacy issues are a concern. Also, in my opinion, "cloud" services are not any more secure than any other online activity and companies moving towards "cloud" based services concerns me regarding the what kind of information is being stored.

Eric Baron, WA

I think this invasion of of privacy has gotten way out of hand. The young people have no idea of how this issue will haunt them 10-20 years from now!

J. Bell, CA

My personal information being stored on a server without my consent and that server later being compromised.

Ben Byrnes, VA

What concerns me so much is the lack of knowledge of knowing how much businesses and organizations know about me without myself realizing the extent of what they know about my browsing history, buying purchases, etc. I would like to see more transparency on their ends to ensure that they are as open with what information they obtain about me.

Ranko Balog, CA
Green Scare

Rose L. Parker, AZ

Nos. 4 and 5 are my greatest concerns. I feel as if I am being stalked on the internet. I have no privacy with regard to the information I am looking for.

April Buchwald, NY

I want to be in charge of what I purchase, where I search, who I email, what I say on Facebook and I don't want any info given to anyone...ever!! I don't want email solicitations that I didn't sign up for, hidden fine print about privacy that says if I sign up on some site, or play some facebook game, my info goes viral meaning I will get a lot of emails that I have to delete daily and that target the kids who play those games on facebook. Keep it Simple.

Sherry Abu, NE

My information is mine and mine alone! I WILL SHARE WITH WHOM I SEE FIT! No one else has the right to share MY PERSONAL INFORMATION!!!

Elizabeth C. Walters, FL

Companies selling or sharing information about me.

William Magowan, VA
Companies using my information without my permission.

Thetus Smith, AK
Websites that I ask to remove my name and data should do it, rather than just saying that they will but retaining it despite my request. My information belongs to me and not to the websites.

Jerry Alferink, MI
#6 and#4

Mark Menikos, TX
If I decide to enter into a business relationship with an online company in order to purchase goods and services, then I willingly accept the stated conditions as disclosed on the website. However, if there are uses of my information that are NOT disclosed, or hidden in such a way as to be within the letter of the law, but intentionally meant to be misleading and/or confusing, then THAT is an unforgivable behavior that needs to be corrected.

Debra Dahl, TX
I don't want corporations, advertisers or any one else collecting information about me without my permission.

Kevin Johnson, SC
Gathering information without my knowledge which may include financial information or data from my contact lists.

Michelle Matewicz, MI

I do not want data about my online activity and purchases to be used unless "I" give approval to the inquiring companies. It is a violation of my rights and those of family and friends when apps can access contacts, photos, etc., without my/our knowledge - it violates all of our privacy.

Dave Ellis, NH

Sharing my information without my KNOWLEDGE or permission is a concern of mine. If their privacy policy says they will only share information with their associated companies they should list those associated companies.

Tom Herrelko, PA

They need to make their policies easy to understand and only use your information if you give them permission. They must ask for your permission in an easily understood form.

James Votaw, MA

history of activity of surfing.

James Reilly, NY

I am very concerned that my privacy rights are simply taken away by internet and technology companies without my permission or using privacy policies that are so long and complicated that only a lawyer could understand.

Tim Wilson, SC

The threat or real action of someone hacking or retrieving credit card info even on a secure site. This recently happened to me and I'm very relieved that the credit card company is or was monitoring my account.

Ernest Davis, AL

I can't record a warranty without leaving my dob or cell phone number. Enough is enough. The US Post Office is still in business and I have begun going back to asking for paper billings via USPS. I am writing more checks.

Logan Hazell, NY

To much data is being collected

Adrian Bellesguard, FL

The information about me that can be used legally or politically.

Michel Goldberg, NY

I am opposed to information being gathered, archived, analyses and used for whatever purpose without my permission.

Matthew Kossler, GA

The issue of privacy as a right, and of fair use of personal information that is not owned by the parties collecting and using it, must be addressed formally by law. This should not be limited to data collected over the Internet - it should include ALL data collected and managed electronically.

Patricia Benjamin, MA

Corporate data aggregation/data mining: 1. The very notion that personal data is a commodity to be manipulated/traded/sold for profit without the actual PERSON's permission is offensive. 2. The potential for Orwellian corporate / government cooperation in profiling individuals based on who-knows-what criteria for who-knows-what purposes -- contributes to the erosion of democracy and continued growth of national security state -- especially in the context of the Patriot Act, the NDAA, "terrorism" fear-mongering and a gutless Congress' track record of giving corporations after-the-fact immunity for illegal spying.

Jasper Haynes, CA

My being rated as a fit or unfit American society member by some homeland security algorithm , now that rights of habeus corpus are in ? under certain conditions in this country.

Cindi Craig, OR

Companies should not sell or share any personal information with anyone else. They should not keep any type of personal data for tracking or anything else. I am definitely against all the information floating around on the internet.

John Keegan, NY

The gathering of personal data of a user should be totally outlawed. There is no benefit to the individual and the process continues to be "Big Brother" control.

John Hannon, FL

All of the above

Mary Ann Grossman, IL

All the concerns above leading to idenity theft

Thomas Wardle, UT

I am worried about too much information being out there in the cyber world and not enough protection for consumers. There are way too many instances of places being hacked into and then people's lives being disrupted or worse, by having their bank accounts accessed and having to spend months or even years fixing what should have been their personal information that should be unaccessible to anyone unless they have that persons permission to see that information.

Eric Clark, CT

Companies should not be able to sell your data without your explicit consent. Consent should be given through a standardized, regulated and short set of questions.

Susan Zipp, CA

Medical Records are being computerized, yet very often errors are made and never corrected. Please address the issue of the individual's right to correct/change data for accuracy.

Robert Duff, TX

Why is all this information collection necessary? Whose concern is my web browsing history?

David Shonebarger, OH

The collection and share/sale of personal information.

James Perkins, VA

That the DOJ doesn't optimize its harvesting algorithms affording better privacy. If I have to lose my privacy rights to prevent Terrorism command and control that's a small price to pay in an open society.

Shayne Taylor, UT

My biggest concern is websites trying to force my computer to download some software or anything that tracks me or gives out info. To me that is a form of piracy. It's piracy of my personal information. And since piracy is outlawed these companies or website owners should be prosecuted!

James Bonem, FL

I want to know in simple language when my information about me is shred. I want it to be assumed that I do not want my information to be shared.

David Hornemann, WI
Employment

Dominic Kanaventi, MN

I need my privacy as I had prior to the advent of 3G and 4G network systems. I need providers or advertisers not to spy on me. Currently it is as if through my preference for the latest telecommunications technology I sacrificed my privacy rights because those with the know-how can track me anywhere anyway, without my having to give them the go-ahead. I DO NOT LIKE THE WHOLE SET-UP.

Brian Dexter, MA

I do not want any browser company watching, recording or selling my internet activity period. The internet is for me to use privately and that's what I think I am paying for.

Kasey Wylin, MI

All of the above. We should be able to "surf" the web without being tracked as though we were microbes under a microscope.

Jessie Jones, IL

It amazes me that individuals bare their souls on Facebook, etc, and then expect privacy. I do not and will not participate in this fiasco.

Gordon Balbach, VA

Anything to do with your personal data should be opt in... Stop with the cookies. As soon as I complete my browsing, all data about my browsing should be permanently deleted.

Harris Clearwater, CT

Anytime or anyplace that personal information is released without my permission or even realizing that it is taking place.

Klaus Ziermaier, OH

Full, simple disclosure with appropriate opt-in options seems to be reasonable for both interests.

Jody Cain, OH

I enjoy the convenience of on-line banking and purchasing and the use of a smart phone, but worry that too much information is "out there" for someone to hack into.

hatcher priscilla, AL

I do not wish to have data collected and shared about me without my permission. This is immoral- to provide this information to others whom could deny me employment or affect my ability to get a loan. This all negatively impacts my life and livelihood.

Amy Sharaf, NY

Information being collected, archived for more than the period of time I am on a particular session, information that looks at other "stuff" in my computer (or cell phone, if I had one.) I do not want information collated and sold, not retained to be accessed by any one else be it marketers, law enforcement or government. I do not mind if I do a search for dish towels and then a bunch of paid ads come up. I find it very creepy when I've done a disease search and several days later, after closing and reopening my browser, I find ads for medications for that disease! I want all information deleted as soon as I close my browser.

Charles Ramsey, FL

That my email address will be compromised and my Banking and Credit Card accounts will be hacked.

Loren Clark, FL

In this age of instant communication, individual privacy is almost impossible to maintain. I am offended by any organization collecting information about my likes and dislikes in order to target me for anything! Of course, the big scare is ID theft. With companies covertly and overtly collecting personal information, ID theft is becoming too easy. Fraud is becoming a way of life for people who can ill afford to be experiencing it. It must be stopped. Thank you for getting the ball rolling to curtail fraud, as well as, "Big Brotherism" in this country.

Lynn Orion, CA

Do we really want to move into the Big Brother world described in the book, 1984? What we're facing is far worse than the author could possibly imagine!

Rick Rajala, ME

Internet privacy is a major concern and the current systems and regulations are ripe for abuse. It is essentially like wire tapping your phone without cause. Internet searches and purchases should be private and limited to the transaction between the two parties involved. But along with privacy comes responsibility-when you do anything online that involves the public-like setting up a website, a blog, or posting your comments, your IP address should not be hidden.

Barbara Mackle, NH

I'm most concerned with any personal data accessed without my permission, and using data gathered from online activities and purchases to deny employment or affect ability to get a loan. While I believe that individuals need to accept responsibility for their activities on line, there often is information (accurate or inaccurate) about individuals on line that has been submitted by someone other than that individual.

Herb Seubert, MI

Any personal information that can be used without permission. Also, right along with that, any surveys that cannot be submitted without my personal information. You are also invading my personal privacy.

Arthur Bulger, VA
ALL OF THE ABOVE

Janina Rubinowitz, NY
Theft of my intellectual properties, including but not exclusively my photographs shared with friends and family.

E Phillips, AR
Sharing my data with other companies. Do not like them collectng any data, especally wthout disclosure to me, but wish t were a felony to share without my permission. MOST OF THE TIME I WILL BUY NOTHING UNLESS HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR IT OF MY OWN VOLITION

Don Taylor, GA
I am extremely concerned about hidden uses that aren't understood by the consumer. I am also extremely concerned about "friends" who don't care much about privacy allowing my data to be shared because I've shared something with them.

Constance Dabkowski, FL
I'm VERY CONCERNED about all of the above issues. Private information is just that. PRIVATE. It shouldn't be shard by anyone.

Rose Switzer, AZ
PRIVACY POLICIES 2LONG AND COMPLICATED.COMPANIES SHOULD NOT HOLD OUR DATA EVEN WHEN NO LONGER NEEDED.THEY SHOULD NOT SHARE OR SELL OUR INFORMATION WITHOUT OUR SPECIFIC CONSENT. THEY SHOULD NOT HAVE ACCESS TO OUR CONTACTS,PHOTOS,LOCATIONS.

Josh Gray, CT

Sharing of information without permission, and the smartphone apps that access information without permission.

Erminio Napolillo, MA

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S. Hage, TX

What has happened to our constitutional rights of privacy? Just because we use the internet or are in some database for personal reasons, that doesn't give anyone the right to disperse or use our information for their own gain.

John Maloney Jr., PA

Selling, giving or trading any information about me to a third party without my knowledge or permission directly or indirectly.

Clarissa Frost, ME

Advertisers collecting data and using it to target you with personalized ads.

Valerie Johnson, GA

I believe that companies should be forbidden from collecting information while I am surfing the web. It horrifies me that products I have considered purchasing are subsequently shown to me while I am visiting totally unrelated websites. Information about me, belongs to me and only me. I believe that the only way to return privacy to the individual is through legislation forbidding these types of invasive practices by companies. Privacy policies do not work! Privacy policies only provide the illusion that the individual actually has a choice.

Michael Neiswinger, IL

It all starts with the company that initially collects my personal data. If I am able to prevent companies from collecting ANY personal information and information that can be tied to me, personally, all other concerns are somewhat palliated.

Patricia Brewer, MO

Companies passing/selling information about you. This information should remain strictly between you the client and the company in question as a matter of professional courtesy.

Ross, RN Nina, UT

I'm very concerned about companies selling or sharing information about me without my permission. I'm also very concerned about companies not having encrypted secure systems that protect their online customers.

Robert Meyer, OH

Web companys hold data, tracking your online places.

Benjamin Hunter, HI

I am perfectly capable of finding the products that I need and want without business interests tracking my moves.

Thomas Holmes, AL

Use of personal information without my permission

Dick Lee, FL
Using data to deny employment

Myra Holloway, WI
Every question I answered "very concerned" towards are of the greatest concern towards me! It makes no sense to hold on to my information when you don't need it, or to pass around my information, or to send me spam about things I can't afford or are irrelevant to me since I don't need or can't afford them.

Philip Spencer, HI
Number 4 & 6 are of greatest concern.

Michael Yam, NY

1. Any user participation in marketing and advertising needs to be opt-in. 2. Frequent privacy policy changes (ie; Facebook) needs to be opt-in. 3. Archival data should be automatically "aged out" and deleted after some agreed upon period. Archival data can be flagged for long-term/permanent retention, but that needs to be opt-in by the user.

Michael Tunik, NY

Privacy is a right that should be protected for ALL CONSUMERS. NO DATA should be allowed to be collected OR SOLD that identifies a person, their preferences and other personal information, UNLESS THE PERSON GIVES THEIR PERMISSION FOR THE DATA USE. COMPANIES SHOULD BE LEGALLY FORCED TO DISCARD ALL PREVIOUSLY COLLECTED DATA.

Jerry Drake, TX

Data being used by parties outside of the sphere of interest that you contributed the information to, esp. as to such things as in your question 6 above.

Nora Reid-Lezotte, MI

I no longer am responsible for my personal identity, my personal data and stats, my personal thoughts as I am redefined by the digital world WITHOUT MY RIGHTS TO LIMIT OR DEFEND how the digital world sees me.

Weston Pringle, CA

I am very concerned that businesses and the government are data mining all of us on a massive scale and that most of our private information is available for unwarranted investigation or just for sale.

Gloria Welburn, PA

"m a victim of DOMESTIC TERRORISM AND TORTURE, HERE IN THE UNITED STATES,SINCE JUNE15,2009. I THINK IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE NEW WORLD ORDER, OR THE ILLUMINATI,THERE'S ABOUT 300,000 PEOPLE THIS IS HAPPENING TO.WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT THAT? NO ONE IS LISTENING TO US.

Leon Dyer, TN

Just plain old not knowing what, where, how and for what purpose private information is being collected. For example: I have entered my name and phone numbers in the do not call register on several occasions and still get unsolicited phone calls on both land line and cell phone(s). Even reported some of the offenders and nothing happens.

Jennifer Richard, MO

I find it very interesting the lengths companies will go to invade American's privacy. Targeting their marketing to information they gain subversively is reprehensible. I believe they need to be stopped.

Joseph Ferraro, TX

Modern conveniences should not compromise individual privacy and security. There has to be a level of trust. There has to be constant pressure to provide a level of public trust. Those that victimize the individual and hence violate the public trust must suffer severe consequences. Individual trust and public trust must go hand in hand.

Joe Burke, FL

Tracking my interests or purchases on the internet. I searched the internet, (mostly Google), to buy a swim pool pump. By the next day almost every site I went to showed me an add for a pool pump. That's a bit much.

Gene And Jo Cavanagh, WA

Beginning with government spying during the Bush years we have become more and more frightened about the collection, storage and usage of our private information. Because the corporations have slid right into the opening provided by the government and we feel that nothing is sacred to us anymore. This, we feel, is unconstitutional, invasive and threatening to our lives. Thank you, Consumers Union, for this platform.

Kathryn Reilly, SC

The sharing of personal information and activity without written permission by myself.

Anon Ymous, MN

My biggest concern is that companies such as Facebook, Google et al are conglomerating my information from many different sources, compiling it into databases and using it for commercial purposes. If they fall prey to a cracker attack and that data falls into the hands of pirates or spammers it could be very bad for my credit rating or simply overload my inbox with email I don't want.

Kathryn Gilbert, SC

I don't think that I have just one threat of greatest concern as seen by my answers above. I don't want my online activities to be purchased, collected, targeted, or used in any way to access my information without my permission!!!

michael tighe, MD

sharing or selling personal data

Earl Mosley, TN

I want to be in charge of all information that is about me, I don't want it shared unless I give permission to share it.

Mark Sol, FL

I do not want any information garnered from my online activity to be collected, retained, or shared by any private or governmental entity without my express permission or a court order.

Dan Andrews, TX

I want the choice each time as to who gets any of my information

Delores Steele, NY

I just don't like the idea of people scrolling through my personal information. I am a very private person and if I want to share something I want it to be my choice. I also don't feel that my private beliefs should affect my employment as long as they don't interfere with the performance of my duties.

P B Jnr, PA

Possibly all privacy threats are of great concern.

Clarence Buell, NV

To start with, I do not believe any company or entity should be able to collect or distribute any personal or private information without the direct consent of the person involved. Additionally, I believe that any personal information collected should be flagged, easily accessible and subject to correction or removal at the discretion of the person involved.

Thomas Webster, HI

The most threatening aspect of companies collecting personal data is that the government is also collecting such data and there is no reason to expect government will not attempt to access commercial personal data bases. Probably under some application of "Homeland Security" government ends up with extensive personal data on individuals. This has extremely negative potential for individual rights to privacy.

Petra Bray, AZ

No company has the right to use, sell, etc. my information without my consent.

Robert Orsino, NY

Companies sharing any kind of data about me without my permission.

Nancy Lawroski, MN

It's hard to know what to be most concerned about, given we have so little information about what goes on behind the scenes. I would like much more transparency about what is and is not possible, what is and is not legal, more public hearings to address these issues, and more legislative protections.

Marleen Paul, MI

All of them! I believe that no one other than the consumer should share personal information. Every time a consumer buys something, shows curiosity about something or inquires about something, he/she starts a domino effect of waste of resources, risk of criminal activity, propagation of the greed/gotta have it culture, and just plain annoyance at being bombarded by pressure tactics to buy or do something.

Paul Raino, NY

companies selling or sharing information about me without my permission.

Robert Rowlands, PA

I fail to see why the current system requires me to "opt out" if I don't want my information to be shared. The system should be set-up that no one can share my information unless I opt in. As usual the system is set-up in favor of the big corporations instead of the consumer. Do the right thing and protect the consumer, and not pander to big business. We hear everyday how important it is to protect our information but the big corporations are free to collect and share are personal information with anyone and everyone.

Dale Terry, TX

Whether online or on the phone, consumers pay for access and services (both directly and indirectly.) While there will always be unscrupulous operators, consumers should have guaranteed protection from various media mining for data to use. Without protection, it is like giving a thief a key to the house so they can report on what TV shows we watch, what DVDs we view, etc. Companies and others should have no right to use an open public media for their own purposes.

Daniel Devlin, CT

The gathering and retention of information on consumers is excessive and dangerous. I request and support consumer union's attempts to return privacy back to the average american citizen.

Aaron Urbanski, OH

I would say the smartphone apps and sharing info without my permission. This is definitely an invasion of privacy and needs to stop.

Patrick Furlong, IL
Smartphone Aps

Russell Curl, CA

Advertisers and companies should have ABSLUTELY NO ACCESS to personal or ANY information of consumers or individuals, ESPECIALLY if they are unaware and / or have not consented. Period.

Paul Kane, NY

Government agencies gathering information online without search warrant.

Gail Lyons, OR

I would like to see all information off limits unless the consumer gives the ok to gather such information and not unless permission is given.

Nicholas Thompson, NY

The shear amount of data that exists is open to anyone with a big enough wallet. This data was collected, sometimes illegally and should not necessarily be legal to share.

William R Werner, MA

I am very concerned about the unwarranted and excessive collection of personal information by all forms of "smart" technology. I feel there is no reason to collect this information that benefits me. This information is only collected to benefit the profits of people targeting me against my will. This unfettered collection of personal data must be tightly regulated and restricted.

Diane Gallagher, CA

Access to activity and information on cell phone & computer.

Nicole Paul, CA

accessing my info without me knowing about it!

Peggy Miller, NY

having no privacy because all my actions are recorded and combined into a giant database!!

Thomas Wallace, PA

Very simply. I believe that my personal information and interests should not be shared or given to anyone w/o my expressed permission. I believe this is an intrusion on my right to privacy.

Foo Bar, CA

Censorship, e.g. Google being asked to remove youtube videos of rallies and protests. Are we turning into China?

Patience Virtue, OR

The biggest privacy threat for me is that companies will hold on to my information for too long and/or that my information will be compromised or shared in ways that I have not explicitly agreed to, or that my consent will be implied in some long and confusing privacy agreement that I don't really understand.

June Mcmillin, GA

Too much information gotten from too many sites used in ways that I had not intended for it to be used and used in ways that I am not even aware of.

Kathy Verdone, PA

#3.

Hap Cox, VA

#7--I use my smartphone for confidential and sensitive purposes.

John McLaughlin, IL

My personal information is owned by me, not by some person or organization collecting it. The use of my property should only be with my express permission. Any online organization should have the obligation to keep personal information private, not sharing it with anyone. Organizations should have no right to do anything they wish with personal information without permission. Anyone abusing this should be liable under the law.

Walter Bowron, CA

I'm very concerned but the non authorized distribution of my profile/personal info to whom ever might request it. If the organization holding this info must request permission before distribution and be penalized severally if they violate this requirement.

Erin Perkins, MA

It should be my decision with whom, how and when my personal information is distributed.....not some internet business.

Michael Nicoletti, FL

I have been railing at Yahoo because I cannot stop the advertisements on my email. I have opted out of everything I can and still they go on. I am particularly upset about Match.com presented by Yahoo. I have been married for 40 years to the same person and I do not want this and yet Yahoo and ATT seem powerless to stop it. I have threatened them legally and I finally got an individual to email me from Yahoo but still no results.

Ralph Parkansky, TN

I;m vert concerned about all of the above. Privacy is privacy, Period!!

Patrick Slone, FL

Like the question about my children being bombarded my crap to buy. Leave the kids alone. you have the rest of thier ADULT lives to drive them crazy with your worthless garbage. And you should not be able to sell or give away something that is not yours, like peoples private info. You have to give info on the phone or the internet to do anything productive. And you should take that responsability serious. But of course you just find another way to screw the people again. Do you really think that we are so dumb as to believe you will change anything...? Not a chance! If you sell something that does not belong to you, is that not theft? Or trafficking in stolen goods? After our transaction is complete you should destroy all info except maybe contact info, email and or telephone. That's it. If I had my I would make all companies who profitted from selling or giving away

Arthur Clark, NJ

Identity theft from unauthorized collection and/or use of personal information.

Margaret Ziegler, VA

The more dependent I become on my computer/internet transactions, the more vulnerable I feel. The genie is out of the bottle, and I'm beginning to feel like my privacy, let alone my ability to choose who to allow into my personal life, is no longer my own decision.

Janan Wurzbach, CA

No company should be able to collect any personal information about me without my permission, not the other way around. I shouldn't have to opt out, they should have to get my permission.

Linda Cook, NC

Privacy should be protected. Employers, governments and others should not be able to access private accounts or require private passwords be given to them .. This is akin to trespass or accessing private mail which is a crime.

Michael Voutsas, CT

tracking apps that profiles individuals preferences and locations

Lisa Laney, IL

What internet service providers do with our information and blocking sites and/or emails; cyber-rights in the workplace;

Helen Duberstein, NY

having access to my spending habits and online banking

Robert Bates, MA

I am very concerned about the above. At this moment I am annoyed and frustrated by constant text messages from advertizers that constantly come to my cell phone even though I have registered over and over for do not call!!!

Jen Bau, MD

no comment

Bridget Smith, ID

Collecting my information and using MY INFORMATION willy nilly. It is mine, not yours. If you want mine and want to use it then ask permission. Real permission, not this 8 pages of confidentiality that slips in that you are using it b/c I used something on the internet. I am tired of my phone number being used when I have never exclusively given permission for people to have it. I am tired of seeing my credit score and report to see that people are posting and "seeing" it that I never gave permission to. It is suppose to be mine. Just ask openly, honestly.

Greg Alkire, OH

I usually have my browser to set to ask me if I would like to set a cookie. For some Web sites, they ask to set cookies that don't expire for 15 or 20 years. There is no reason to have cookies that would expire in reasonable time,

Timothy Pelletier, MA

Consumers should be able to decide what information they want retailers to know about them.

Clark Eva, KY

All of the above would describe my concerns. And if companies are selling my info, then shouldn't they have to give me the money since it is my info?

sellers arthur, CA

indiscriminate personal tracking through manufacturers' rf research chips in their products, such as tires. The performance data acquired also includes the car's whereabouts and times.

Dovel Burcham, WV

I don't like any of my personal information shared without my consent.

Leota Jones, IL

Companies sharing my data without my permission and privacy concerns for children such as targeting young people.

Charles Palmer, OH

We should be asked if we want to "Opt In" not telling us if we don't like it we can "Opt Out". It's hard telling how many things I've been "Opt In" without my permission. It would probably scare me to death if I knew what they have Opt'd me into without my knowledge. I keep "Opting Out" of Spokeo.com and they keep "Opting" me back in without my knowledge.

William Perry, PA
data being collected without my knowledge or consent

Lawrence Lazar, CT

A new one I heard about recently is companies demanding usernames and passwords to email or other online accounts during employment interviews. They can claim it was given voluntarily, but this is not true if it is perceived as necessary to land a job. This is like demanding to come search your house or read your written diary. It should be illegal.

Harvey Vlahos, NY
My biggest concern is that the internet businesses will "buy" congress and prevent meaningful reform.

Ronald Urban, MI

I'm even more concerned about the government collecting data. Any laws that the government implements to stop private companies from collecting such data will not stop the government from continuing their data collection. It will continue to get worse.

William Schmitz, NJ
Far too many popup ads, some are borderline offensive.

Loma Webber, CA

I am most concerned about companies or individuals accessing or sharing any information about me without my knowledge &/or without making it easy for me to make informed choices about what they can access &/or share.

Carol Englander, MA

Privacy means just that, and there is precious little attention being paid by industry to the individual other than as a potential for sales and advertising. I am personally frustrated and fed up with the constant nibbling at my privacy.

hadas desta, CA

where is all our private information ending up at? the convenience of technology is great but at what cost? I am very worried about any agency, government or private, collecting information on the citizens of any country. please use our information with caution and tell us what you are doing with it. thank you.

Ramona Yunger, MN
Hackers

Stephen Sr, CO

Websites that assume that any personal information I share with them is their property to distribute and sell.

Dianne Richardson, MA

The greatest threat is when someone that can access my information without explicit agreement from me. That includes my contacts and personal information, as well as my whereabouts. It makes me shudder to think this can actually happen and it makes me feel the horror I felt when reading the book 1984; as if someone can watch my every move. Nothing is worse than that complete lack of privacy.

Roberta Hoffer, NY

I want companies to stay out of my private business!

Michael Mackison, WA
All of the above

Alonso Arballo, CA
I don't want to be exploited or marketed!

Gregory White, CO
I am an individual with a great need to keep my personal life private and am increasingly disturbed by the recent encroachment by corporate powers into personal information. Consequently, I'm now so reluctant to provide any information (even to seemingly innocuous questions by well-intentioned sales people) that I appear somewhat "paranoid" to anyone who accompanies me to a retail store. No more disclosure of information for the purpose of financial exploitation, please.

Timothy Pawelek, TX
I feel that these companies should not hold on to my information for any reason whatsoever. The information should be used for the intended transaction and then eliminated. If my information is needed for something I can be asked. This would eliminate the concern for selling of information, of privacy invasion and continual access of my information. An additional concern not addressed here is: If my information is stored then it can be stolen by identity thieves or others of a similar nature. This is entirely unacceptable.

Seymour Beck, CA
I only wish others to have access to information about me that I specifically allow in advance.

Jennifer Martin, ME
It is becoming less and less of a choice for people in our society to use a computer. In order to apply for a job that is more complex than, say, a fast food service job, one must use a computer. We are being urged to and rewarded monetarily for going 'paperless' for paying bills or doing online banking. It has become a NECESSITY for all of us to be putting our information on a computer, not a choice. Because this is now true, the laws for privacy need to catch up. Computer privacy is a MUST in today's world.

Stuart Patterson, FL

Loss of privacy due to sharing of personal information between companies without my consent.

James Booker, MD

I am extremely concerned about each of the above and my inability to opt-out of gathering and/or sharing information easily and quickly, as well as not being informed of when, how, and why any of my personal information is being gathered.

Spencer Borden, MA

I don't know what information is being collected and by who and for what purpose.

Michael Carden, OH

Personalized advertising.

Edward Szymansky, MA

Banks, retailers, and others that don't provide security for my credit card purchases.

Shannon Markley, WA

taking information from email accounts and then taking actions against the account

Michael Siano, MA

If I were to write and mail a letter the person receiving it should be the ONLY person reading it. So to with e-mail and web transactions.

Kenneth Davis, HI

It is all of the above.

Unger Sarita, CA

Sharing my information with other companies or individuals without my permission. This is outrageous!!!

Robert Bobar, AZ

Any information collected during an on-line transaction should be deleted by on the on-line business once the transaction is completed unless the purchaser specifically gives the business permission to retain the information.

Steve Weeks, MN

Identity theft, it seems, is even more vulnerable these days.

Michael Boshears, CA

there is no more privacy.

lisa hills, CA

It is wrong to violate anyone's privacy

Cynthia Watson, MI

I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT COMPANIES
TAKING INFORMATION FROM MY CONTACT
LIST FROM MY E-MAIL ACCOUNT AND
POPULATING THEIR OWN MAILING LISTS WITH
MY PERSONAL CONTACTS. I DO NOT WANT
COMPANIES TO TRACK MY INTERESTS FROM
THE WEB SITES THAT I VISIT.

Reyes Espinoza, NM

No one should sell my information or give it out without
my consent. Ads targeted to me are good as long as I
make the choice or saying I like a certain ad. Like hulu,
hulu asks me if a certain ad is to my liking and I can
press "yes" or "no". Ebay selling me stuff based on what
I buy is bad, because I did not agree to be spied on.
Finally, apps shouldn't be able to access my contacts
,photos, etc. without my permission.

Rawan Almomani, CA

companies sharing my information and holding onto
data.

Kathrine Christy, NJ

Information from the internet being used against
someone by their employers or school.

Conrad Dailey, NC

Privacy threat # 1.

Cleveland Norton Jr., CA

Social Media networks are the worst offenders of this. Anyone can look up and find out sensitive information about you. Not good at all.

Avril Prakash, CA

I am most concerned about the invasion of privacy by companies that use data collected about me for their own financial gain and without my expressed consent.

John Mcswigan, OR

Selling of my data that I haven't authorized.

Terrence Collier, CA

people accessing my computer

Carmault Jackson, TX

Browser companies have no right to use, share, or sell my information without my strict and individual acceptance to do so in each particular case. Long agreement forms that give away this right should be invalid.

Charles Bent, AZ

Online data about purchases that can be held against you and companies that sell or give away your data.

Robert Edge, TX

If information about individuals is acquired covertly, it should NOT be acquired at all.

Ruth Jassmann, SD

Identity theft!

Ronald Meckler, WA

Accumulating and hold data forever.

Lisbeth Zajac, NC

Valid response.

Mark Hollopeter, OH

any smartphone app or computer program that tracks and saves my personal activity and information.

Tadzio Kowalczyk, CA

There is enough tracking with cookies.

Miranda Deckers, HI

Companies shouldn't be selling or sharing information about me.

Sara Elkins, MA

All of the privacy threats are a concern to me.

Acacia Slocum, AZ

The privacy threat of greatest concern to me is when my information can be kept without my permission and can be shared/used without permission.

Quanisha Coffey, NY

I think any internet company having access to my personal information or habits is problematic. every single piece of digital information can be hacked. this makes all information saved liable.

Todd Q Smith, WA

It is time to put an end to the unchecked abuses that American citizens have suffered at the hands of unscrupulous businesses and corporations in their never ending quest to subvert our ability to decide for ourselves what, if anything, we will allow them to do with the vast amount of personal and private information that they have access to. It's paramount that you rein in these entities and create more oversight.

Sharon Errickson, NJ

I am most concerned about personal information being used to steal identity, and also being used to deny employment, terminate employment, or use against someone in other detrimental ways.

Dorette Kerian, ND

Obtaining and retaining private information that can be misused to steal my identity.

havens shelly, HI

Dear Big Corp: Butt into our affairs and we will no longer buy your products.

Eugenia Marcus, MA

Any invasion of privacy is a concern of mine but especially when it can be used to damage me in some way either financially or personally. I heard recently about prospective employers asking for facebook user name and password. That is a huge invasion and I would walk out of that interview. Any spurious access to my financial records or stealing my financial assets is egregious. Ads about things I might like are only mildly invasive.

Joseph Kotas, IL

Misuse of my life by criminals, political, religious or others instead of real public health concerns.

Eric Hunt, NV

Transparency in all things are great, if used to benefit man kind lets move to lightening the load off of the people and move towards a better place

Jack Enders, WI

companies selling or sharing information about me without my permission.

Charles Kummer, MN

My biggest concern is transparency and control. I need to know in no uncertain terms what information is collected and how it is used, and I have an absolute right to okay or deny such collection.

Kirk Jackson, CA

The problem with information collecting is that it is not objective. I don't trust the way that information is scrutinized or analyzed and certainly don't want it SOLD without my knowing.

J. David Schnupp, FL

My major concern at this time is 'What EXACTLY do the asterisks by questions 1 - 8 and my contact information represent'?

Laura Williams, UT

People being able to access photos and especially information about my location (and especially my child's location) via our smartphones

Kathy Kelly, IL

I'm very concerned about all of these issues. Especially how online activities are tracked and about those activities being used to deny employment or to affect credit ratings.

Joyce Stillman-Myers, NY

I am concerned for people who have made silly mistakes in their life, and how that will affect their careers, their legal status, . So terrible! There is no personal protection any more.

Melvin Grant, ID

The Internet has the real potential to interconnect nearly everyone on the planet. With this fantastic capability, our individual privacy will be dramatically reduced. As the Internet expands and as we continue to increase our daily use of the Internet, our every action can and will be exposed to public use, both for good and bad. As a minimum, whoever collects information on Internet Users must notify those individuals that they have collected information, what the information is to be used for, and what 'Rights' the individual has to protect that information. However, I believe that, in a Free and Open society, the collection of information on Internet users actions and activities can never be controlled, which leads back to the basic premise, stated above.

Susan Steele, WA

All of this bothers me and we need some government protections in place as we go forward.

ellen rodney, NC

It we don't tell you it's OK, then it's not. We should not be required to tell you it's not OK to store, sell or in any way share our info. It should be your responsibility to get our permission if you want to store, share or sell our info.

Michael Bravo, CA

All of the above issues concern me greatly.

Kegeles Gloria, MA
#6 & #7

Wileen Ellen Sweet, CA

Surreptitious tracking of my personal contacts and actions is and should be of concern to every citizen.

George Seitz, CA

I am very concerned about all this

Donna Bransford, CA

I am concerned about data being collected across various platforms to build a profile of me that can be sold or used to target me for advertising or worse, used to discriminate against me. Data from my email, social networking, shopping or search should not be combined. I don't expect that information from my email should be used to target ads to me when I am using search functions later. I should be able to opt-out of any data collection, and better yet, I should have to opt-in!

toby fisher, IL

i don't want anyone to know anything about me.

Kurt Loffler, NY

I'm most concerned when things are done without requesting my permission beforehand.

Dan Irwin, CA

I am furious that Congress passed a bill that telemarketers can solicit us on our cell numbers when we have to pay for their text and calls! I have "opt" out several times but they keep soliciting me and my kids. I have even sent an online report to the Attorney General but they still invade our privacy. How am I suppose to protect my kids from these telemarketers when they do what ever they want and the government seems to be paid off to look the other way?

Lara Emmanuelli, AZ

I want to read policies that are transparent and to the point AND short....time is gold! I don't mind companies offering me what I want. I don't want my information never ever ever to be tampered with sold to or hold hostaged for any reason unless we together have agreed to. I expect online retailers ALL OF THEM TO HAVE A PROPER SECURED SITES SPECIALLY IF I'M PURCHASING GOODS FROM THEM. But the most important my informatiion is private and keep your greedy fingers off of it Thank you,

Edward Hart, NY

Concerned about the ability of advertisers to find about any of my personal business for any reason.

Paulita Aboualy, NJ

The collection of personal information has hit an all time high. Most of the information leads to SPAM and too many emails. This over saturation becomes garbage.

Kenz Rhodes, MA

I am not interested in being tracked at all, and can even survive (gasp) not having these gadgets at all, up to and including a cell phone, if the intrusion continues. I can find my own items to purchase when I am looking to buy something- I HATE being solicited. Stay the hell out of my kid's business, too!

Robin Taylor, CA

Because my HMO uses e-mail to communicate between health care providers and patients, I feel that my confidential medical record is too available to too many people. Any employee of the HMO who has access to the HMO's server can access my information. An unauthorized outside party tried to obtain my medical records, and it was only an alert medical secretary who realized this person had no legitimate right to access my records. Had she been just a bit greedy, she could have downloaded my record, and sold a print-out to anyone!

Alexandra Stefanovic, FL

All of the above

Cecilia Flores, CO

That a website that would gather information that is none of their business and pass it on to other websites that only want it for "greedy purposes" and says it's their right has no business doing business. Certain things need to be kept out of other websites that could harm a person.

Timothy Rhode, FL

I do not think that they should be able to collect any information without first obtaining approval from each person whose information they intend to share.

Glen Maylath, MI

I am most concerned about personal data being collected about me and saved for more than one week or sold/shared with other individuals.

Nathan Charlson, MD
all of them.

Kat Whitney, GA

My computer should not be open to public view, I am in my home which means it is private!

Erin Cunningham, NY
smartphone apps that can access contacts, photos, location and other data without your permission

Judie Gaess, NJ

Every individual decision, purchase or attitude should not be an targeted invitation to market something through advertising . . especially to children !! BIG BROTHER is going too far . . what is his real relationship to UNCLE SAM anyway ??? What happened to personal FREEDOM or are we just all about THE MONEY ?????

Jason Balgavy, MI

I recognize the value of companies gathering information to better target advertisements to me. However, I do not like them accessing my personal information stored on my phone or computer and believe it should be illegal. I also believe it should be illegal for them to share my information without my prior, explicit permission.

Jim Probolus, CT

Selling of Personal Data is huge for me. Banks and other Financial Institutions are selling "me" and I have no real control on who gets the data or what data they get. This practice has got to stop. We need MORE REGULATION and ENFORCEMENT of Privacy laws.

Carol Fletcher, MI

I am extremely concerned about having my data shared and passed on to other companies who then have no reason not to share and pass it on again for profit. In reality there is no longer any such thing as private data.

Donna Brabec, NE

My biggest concern is the companies following my purchases and selling my address to other advertisers and when I sign up for something they little (at the very end) notices that says other companies can also contact me.

Kevin Agard, NJ

I have no real issue with merchants I choose to do business with using my info to to provide me with a better shopping experience as long as I KNOW (they are transparent about) what data they are collecting and I can opt out if I choose. I do strongly object to these online entities collecting all manner of personal info about me and treating it as a commodity that they own or somehow have a right to.

Barbara Butler, IN

I feel that most companies' privacy policy is not stringent enough to prohibit identity theft and fraud. I think there needs to be tighter security in place if offering purchasing items from the internet

Michael Earle, MI

I consider ALL of the above to be Criminal Activities, no Corporation or Law Enforcement Agency should be able to do these things without a Warrant.

Calixto Hernandez, KY

There has to be an end to data mining and it should begin now !!!

Elizabeth Carl, DC

Since I do not use affinity cards and pay for many items with cash due to privacy concerns, I should probably begin by saying my privacy concerns greatly restrain and control my online and consumer behavior. Apart from that, my greatest concern is with software or other usage licensing agreements such as the one I just agreed to in order to use Quicken 2012. The broad-ranging permission such companies give themselves to disclose information to subcontractors, many of them probably overseas and outside the reach of US regulation and law enforcement is worrisome indeed, especially where financial information is concerned.

John Kosiorek, MA

Privacy has changed with technology. We need to be aware of that and institute policies that protect privacy from technological assaults. Information gathering is inexpensive but validating it is expensive so companies and governments skip that step. It comes down to holding those gathering entities accountable with civil and criminal penalties and of course enforcing those rules. Once the cost of gathering information includes the essential verifying and validating step, the privacy issue will be resolved. Technology can be used to solve this problem.

Lu Farmer, WI

This all concerns me

shelton simmons, SC

i am most concerned with websites such as google storing information on internet activities. I feel that they haven't made it easy enough to stop them from collecting said information.

Phil Dobranski, CA

No company should be allowed to collect data that has personal information. It should not be sold or shared if it is in fact collected. Privacy is essential in our society.

Stanley Darmofal, MA

No one should be able to ask your income without a opt out option as there is sometimes for race. No one should have your exact birthday for commercial reasons as it makes identity theft easier. All spam should have a legitimate opt out choice. Spyware prohibited.

Barney Brannen, GA

I am most concerned when I get solicitation phone calls and email that I did not initiate. Sharing my information that I have honestly provided to a pertinent inquiry is a serious security breach of my trust. This makes me feel that I can trust no one that I do not know personally!

Leroy Jones, AL

I am deeply concern abot my privacy be sold or exchange without my knowledge.

Ronald Dulaney, GA

I strongly object to any collecting of information from use of the internet without my express permission. I would like to have to "opt in" to any collection, as opposed to having to figure out how to "opt out."

Bob Patterson, NC

more worried about censorship than privacy

Sandy Morgan, NY

PRIVACY AND PROTECTING YOUNG KIDS IS
EXTREMELY IMPORTANT.

Erika Feulner, MD

I have learned to use the internet for my concerns as little as possible because of - according to my standards - the fraudulent behavior of advertisers and product sellers using this media. Also - my name or data in the hands of these internet operators has caused a flood of unwanted phone calls and e-mails. And yes, having this data in their hands is of great concern to me.

Larry Tuttle, OR

The growing corporate attitude that online consumers are "products" is my greatest concern. The thought of what has formerly been a customer becoming a commodity and corporations becoming the new customer is frightening. As if we can be bought and sold!

Wil Santiago, NY

I do not want anyone getting my info by infiltrating on my browsing and buying patterns. If I want to buy something I don't want to have a gazillion adds to sell me what I already bought. I do not want anyone being able to access or use my personal web pages to profile me or deny me a job, housing or anything else.

Debra Mee, OK

I think ALL of my online activities should be kept confidential unless I have given express permission (in language I can understand) for it to be used and have been fully informed of ALL WAYS it will be used.

Paul De Young, FL

Privacy as a whole, is going "out the door" with the cameras, and tracking on line activities.... It's opened a whole new industry and unless stopped we'll have no privacy left.

Greg Holley, NC
web sites collecting my data and sharing it

Michael McGuire, NY
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Jane Twitmyer, VA
Permission needs to be given by me ... Otherwise noone really has the right to read and use my info. How about a company that blocks your stuff from being collected or will we all need aliases?

Thomas Motta, NY
The ability of marketers, not for profits and thieves who have the ability to conjure up a profile and personal data. If I want information I can retrieve it from the internet. I don't want to be solicited based on past purchases or personal information.

Daniel Craig, KS
These practices counter our freedoms as individuals and citizens.

ED Clemons, NV
Banking exposure. Security. Marketing needs do not bother me, I like the system of assessing my traffic in order to suggest product. But, I do want a secure system for online banking and commerce.

Ellen Nowicki, NJ

The widespread use of your SocialSecurity number by doctors,credit card companies,etc.I am especially concerned about the fact that the SocialSecurity number is on the Medicare card which must be carried by everyone 65 and over and can be used for identity theft

Tad Milford, MI

Banks selling personal financial information to 3rd parties. Telemarketers finding your telephone numbers and calling constantly even though you are on the "Do Not Call" list. They are real pests; plus on the cell phone, I get charged. How did they get my number?

Ronell Currie, OR

Sharing personal information with other advertisers, companies, etc. Allowing unrelated users to access personal information when the information was specifically given to only one particular user.

William Trammell, GA

Companies selling or sharing information about me without my permission.

Marisol Acevedo, IL

The keeping and/or selling of my data. No matter how strong the security measures of a business, I believe hackers or an unscrupulous individual can wreak havoc. I prefer that the sites support temporary credit card numbers and/or allowing purchases without the creation of an account. Selling of my data without my permission is a huge abuse of my trust in the business.

Al Landucci, CA

Do not want any info about anyone in our families on the internet that could be used to help anyone steal our personal identity or cause any harm to any of us. We feel we should control all info on any of us and only give out info when we choose to do it.

Ralph Shell, TN
Companies sharing my info.

Lee Stripling, FL

I should be able to lock my doors and not worry about intrusion. I should be able to close my curtains and not worry about spying or peeping. I should be able eat wholesome food and not worry about mystery ingredients. I should be able to utilize the internet and not worry about tracking or profiling.

Marilyn Conner, AR
I feel that we have no privacy really any longer.

James Rice, TX

All Privacy belongs to the individual. Just because one does activities on the internet does not mean that a corporation has the right to use this information to attempt to control our lives. Corporation exist for one reason only to sustain themselves through profitability. They have no soul and no care to what is right or wrong. Their management should leave privacy to the individual.

Marte Pierson, ID
Keep all my contact information private!

Diane Norland, MN

The fact that "miners" are selling my info to catalogs and certain services as well as nonprofits seeking funds.

Wayne Abdella, MN
none

Nancy Goth, MO

No one should be able to force anyone to give up their ID and password for any site for any use. Social Media such as Facebook being used as a login device for access to commenting on media stories, etc and then gaining access to personal info and posts. KISS. Waay to complicated. No one truly understands except the lawyers.

Justin Jackson, PA

As a direct or indirect consumer of virtual services I trust that my data / actions, will be held in confidence and used only with my explicit permission. Current "opt-out" options are insufficient and not well understood by the user community at large.

Arthur Slagter, FL

collection and retention of any personal data without advisories/requests.

Sean Pinder, AZ

Data collection should be solely Opt-In, not Opt-Out. In the event someone Opt-In, there should be compensation for the person who is Opting-In, and the ability to easily Opt-Out at the consumer's choice, so make the compensation worth it!

Mary May, TX

My concern is that these so called "Privacy Policies" I thought were in place to help the consumer but they don't help and we don't have any PRIVACY!

Howard Shipley, KS

We should be able to use the internet and our cell phones without our every move being collected, stored, and sold. If this practice is necessary we should easily be able to opt out.

Frances Sullivan, NV

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Victoria Middleton, MO

things that can deny me employment.

Pamela Krupinsky, MA

There need to be some standard rules that protect our privacy. We all know there are no "Internet police", yet some reasonable limits would stop it from getting completely out of control.

Kenneth Snyder, PA

I would like to only be targeted for contact only from the places I do business with.

Mary O'Malley-Keyes, HI

companies gathering personal information without my permission and then selling or sharing information without my permission.

John Grace, CA

When credit or service is allowed to be established without proof of where that transaction was initiated it prevents prosecution of fraudulent activity like identity or credit card theft because to file a police report you have to know and prove where the activity took place to file a police report in the right jurisdiction. A phone number no longer is tied to a location if there even is a record of the number called in on in a phone transaction and I'm not sure its any better in an on-line transaction.

Stan Penland, CO

Information about me being used without my permission. For example: AMAZON.com

Jodi Sweet, FL

My biggest priority, though they are all important, is preventing employers, creditors, etc. from accessing any of this information. It should be illegal to even ask for this information for any of those purposes.

Carol Viole Rosenberg, CA

It is of great concern that computer information cna be open to possible bilking of a person's finances.

Nicolas Blair, PA

I think the most important thing is to make privacy policies stated in common english so the user understands what they are 'agreeing' too. itunes has me look at 17 pages on my iphone to update software.

Dorothy Cummings, NY

Following my sequence of site visits is as intrusive as wiretapping my phone line or trailing me as I move around town. My browsing and e-mail are private. If I haven't invited you to witness my activities, your surveillance is inappropriate.

RI White, OR

Corporate interests are working tirelessly to force human beings to either be production slaves &/or debt slaves. Either form of slavery is WRONG and in America, UNCONSTITUTIONAL!! It's time to "JUST SAY NO" to Corporate control of anything, especially the Internet and OUR personal information, lives and choices!

Judi Rosas, MI

Do not track us. Do not keep our information

Carl Belson, NY

no.6 this issue strikes fear in me.

Joe Ayala, CA

My biggest concern is that my personal information is given to others without my consent or knowledge.

Elizabeth Lacey, VA

It's disgraceful that in this society we have little to no control over our personal information; who has it, who shares it, who uses it to discriminate, and/or to track or use it for financial profit or gain. I hope that laws will be enacted to protect us, the consumer. The issue that scares me the most is the one that allows data about online activities being used to deny anyone a loan or employment. This is highly depressing, demoralizing. It may make me think about ordering online or even using the mobile phone en route anywhere.

MARK D'AMATO, NJ

I have concerns about security.

Linda Partsch, CA

That my information is held and shared with others I do not know, then being used to 'decide' my wants and desires without ever giving me the freedom of choice, directing my purchases, reducing the amount of freedom I have over my personal life and choices.

jennifer johnson, CA

I am concerned that what I do online could have an impact on my real life.

Greg Mahoney, CO

1984 and Brave New World, only this time it's not the government. Besides the data collected, it is a waste of time to remove these items from my electronic devices.

Debra Siscaretti, OR

I am most concerned about the smartphone apps that can access contacts, photos, location and other data . I've noticed when updating some of the apps on my phone that some of those things have changed and it doesn't seem relevant to be able to use the app that they would need to know any of that information. So either I update the app and fix bugs along with accepting the intrusion or I keep using the buggy software. Not a great choice.

Alexander esche, IL
Loans/employment

Millard Dawson, DE

I consider most of the data "collection" to be a moderate to high level of spying.

Julie Casto, FL

I don't want advertising sent to me based on my or my family's surfing. Also there should be a choice to not receive advertising from companies associated with who I deal directly with. If I want extra advertisements I will make the choice, not the companies. I recently received an updated privacy statement from a credit card where I absolutely had no choice about opting out of related companies to get advertisement...only non-related companies.

John Bozeday, IL

The disclosure of information, intentional or not, to parties that may harass or otherwise try to harm my family or me. I understand that these companies claim to have safeguards but we all know that even very secret government information gets out to the public though the perpetrators, if caught, can suffer punishment. Anonymity is my only protection and I want to maintain as much of it as possible.

Sophie Lehr, NY

I am very concerned that my privacy is being invaded with little regard for me or my feelings

Norman Scarpulla, MA

Apparent ineffectiveness of current "do-not-call" regulations: "Heather from account services". Also exemption from these regulations for political candidates.

Karol Fitton, NH

How I choose to spend my time and money online is no one else's business but mine. Credit reports and work history and criminal background checks are all that is needed for both loan and employment concerns. Why should they care what I purchase with my money? In regards to smartphone apps, my attitude is not any different. My friends, family, and photos are just that. MINE!!! No one should be able to see or access them without my permission. I do see benefits upon occasion for the utilization of my location information, however, it should be my choice to have it displayed or not.

Thomas Jones, FL

all privacy information should be just that when it comes to the consumer.

Christiana Gagen, CA

Accounts linking themselves is a problem. There are separate emails for separate things, work, art, hobbies, personal communication. Email, youtube, google, facebook accounts should not link or automatically connect. Consumers should be told what is happening (the article you're reading is being posted to your facebook page for everyone to see) as well as how to prevent that action from occurring should you so desire.

Ronald Agresta, NC

I have two major concerns above the others; although the others are still very important. My first concern is about companies selling or sharing information about me without my permission. The second is about data about online activities and purchases being used to deny me employment or affect my ability to get a loan. Overnight, we are now being watched by "Big Brother". I'm sure, the problem will get worse, before it gets better, if it ever does get better.

John W. Stanowski, MI

I do not believe that internet companies have any right to collect data about my use of the internet. Far too often, innocent collection turns into profitable adventures for the internet by selling collected information to third parties who in turn flood my email box. Stay out and Keep Out of my business.

Richard Whiton, VT

I am totally against social engineering and the new United States infiltration of fascism from both inside and outside the country. I adhere STRICTLY to the rights under the United States constitution and Bill of Rights, ESPECIALLY PRIVACY! I believe that we, as a people, are under siege by a wealthy criminal class. The lies of 911 have been used against the American people to bring about a totalitarian NWO, a police state coalition between "banks", corporations and the so-called "government". I will fight the evil cabals of the ultra rich to the death.

David Wol, CA

Corporations taking private data, using it without explicit consent of individual, and passing it off to other companies, affiliated or not.

William Bower, IL

I don't want any thing shared with anyone.

Nancy Strong, FL
Changes should be made.

Ben Hu, NY
Being not in control who collects what part of my data.

Kripa Sijapati, CA
The dissemination of information that affects non-purchase activities is of extreme concern to me. It seems unavoidable that information will be collected and disseminated, but when those affect credit worthiness, or ability to get a job, it restricts freedom, and has a negative impact based on speculation.

Dave Wiig, CT
It is something that I don't take time to think about, which is a concern. Though, the biggest concern is the fact that everyone is ready to take action to protect the monied interests from on-line piracy, while it is the on-line piracy of personal information and our personal lives that must come first. We need to protect what is important, as it won't matter how much money we have if we aren't safe in the first place.

Jose Villegas, TX
Keep my privacy in mind at all times.

Harrison Anderson, AL
Personal information should never be given to anyone without the written consent of the individual. Privacy statements that indicate consent by the very use of a web site should be unlawful. My contact information is not for the use of anyone other than Consumers Union Advocacy or Department of Commerce.

Gail Ayestas, NY

Very worried how to keep financial accounts secure, e.g. bank accounts, debit cards, credit accounts, etc. Also worried about security of "materials"/info on my smartphone. Very worried about identity theft. And I am not sure why you need my name and zip code below!!!

Berwyn Ito, HI

It basically comes down to anyone getting access to my personal information WITHOUT my permission.

Mia Hernandez, CO

I do not appreciate being tracked, I will not tolerate advertisers tracking my online activity or my online or physical purchases. If I want information on a product, service or company I will seek it out or ask for it myself

Nancy Beadles, IN
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Sherrill Gates, NC

collecting data on kids and targeting with ads
smartphone apps that collect data of any sort

L. Barrett, NY

Of greatest concern to me is an employer using information that should be considered "private" to deny anyone employment. Information on my smartphone should be "my" information, not for use by anyone but me.

Al Needleman, NV

Collecting information as I do r&d on the web Access to my LAN containing proprietary information. A possible remedy: any company/program/entity extracting information from my use of the internet must leave their name or code and the information they have extracted... if I have been injured by their action I will sue and sue and sue!

Marcus Greenspan, TX

Non-standard policies that are too long and complicated which obscure the underlying privacy rights they are addressing and the unaddressed implications of these privacy policy statements.

Mark Dickson, NJ

Google blocks web searches to infowars.com ,when search terms are used to link to their stories. Why does Google do this? Could it be that Google works with the government? How could this be possible?

Clay Howell, CA

data collection without permission

Virginia Martucci, NJ

I stay away from doing things on the internet (which does not allow me the opportunity to experience freedom of worry) due to past experiences of accessing a certain website and then getting more and more e-mails that I have no interest in contacting me. If I want to share my life with anyone, it should be at my discretion and not that of a company I may have had a one time business contact. It gets to the point that I tell all businesses that I do not have an e-mail just so I won't be bothered with other companies.

Pia Parker, CA

I don't trust them anymore. I cancelled my Facebook; i declined the new gmail features full of advertising getting in your browser. This is invasion of privacy and it is against the first amendment of the constitution of United States. This is outrageous, this is not secure for our children and Us, always being targeted by this cybernetic pirates. Stop this abuse!!!

Frank Scanzillo, MA

data about online activities and purchases being used to deny you employment or affect your ability to get a loan

Lynn Anderson, LA

hackers, big business having access to our private and personal information.

TANYA BROWN, CA

Stop invading our privacy without permission.

Thomas Vandewart, NY

Apps looking at personal data (contacts) and logs some even claim while the application isn't even running.

Sandra McCreary, MO

I don't want you to know more about me than I explicitly tell you. Information you glean from sites I visit should not be specifically tied to me. Also, information I give you when making a purchase or other transaction should not be retained by you beyond the time needed for the single event unless I give you specific permission. Privacy policies that are too long and detailed are never read and are worthless to anyone but the lawyers. Please shorten them to no more than 2 paragraphs of plain English.

M. Greenspan, TX

It is very odd that companies are allowed to profit from exploiting consumer's privacy while using the internet. This is tantamount to peeking into our homes to see what we are buying, what our preferences and tastes are for not only clothing, music, sports, but an unlimited number of other activities. Further, it is particularly odd that lawmakers continue to condone such snooping when there are an escalating number of increasingly malevolent security concerns from internet connectivity.

Katharine Ginsburg, MA

Saving and sharing of private information without the individual's conscious knowledge and consent.

Eva Esparza, TX

One of my biggest concerns is the collection and distribution of facebook and cellphone data to target anyone including children

Jeremy Hicks, FL

We are monitored from all angles these days. Walmart watches you for Homeland Security & people don't even trust their neighbors anymore. We have allowed ourselves to become so far divided, not just the USA but the entire world. I search for a common ground to unite us all so that we can move towards a brighter future that serves us all and allows EVERY human to be all they can be. This starts with the free flow of information. We live in a time unlike any other, it's time to start doing the right thing! :-) Thank You, Jeremy Hicks

D Ross Jensen, OR

If I want to be advertised to I should get to pick what it is and remain anonymous. Any information collected on an individual should be available to the individual as well.

Elizabeth Williams, CO

When I want to look up information, or buy a product, I do a search and look up what I want. I will not open up a spam email that is based on my interests or click on an advertisement. Nothing in this life is free. So for example a company like freecreditcheck.com is definitely using your information for some other purpose or selling it to someone else. It would be one thing if they stated that on the form that you fill out so that a person could make an educated choice. They don't, and less educated people, such as children and seniors especially, are taken advantage of.

George Jacroux, HI

I am NOT an individual who needs to be connected 24/7 and my cell phone is only on when I am away from home. Caller ID is the best thing since sliced bread and if I do not recognize the caller, the call is let go to voicemail which normally discourages surveys, political announcements, salespeople, etc, from leaving a message. Obviously, I do not do any texting since if communication is needed a phone call will just as well suffice. I do not have any social accounts as they want more than my name and e-mail and from the events that have occurred at Facebook, I'm glad I haven't signed up for any of those accounts. The fewer organizations that have my personal information, the better off I am.

Joan Garland, SC
shopping online security

Olivia Mathis, NY
data about online activities and purchases being used to
dent employment or affect credit rating.

Jeff Reeds, CA
I'm concerned about my personal financial information
being sold or shared by companies I do business with.
I'm also concerned about having my personal
information being retained when it should be purged.
I've already had an "attack" on my identity by someone
who tried to hijack my credit card. It could be a lot
worse if a criminal had my social security number and
other info.

Bunuel Marc, CA
My greatest privacy concern is when employers believe
it's their business to collect information from employee's
nonworking activities including both online and offline
time. This practice is a complete violation of privacy
that must be stopped. Another concern is when
companies sell information about their customer's online
habits. This is both a privacy invasion and theft since
these companies are not compensating their customers.

Allison Gore, AL
Just the fact that my preferences, choices, history of
purchase, etc are collected and or monitored.

James Barber, GA
1. Smartphones transmitting personal information and
monitoring who I call. 2. Unsafe online businesses
giving my information away to others. 3. The
accessibility of personal and financial information on
the web.

Randall Blanchard, PA

All computers communicate with

"search.namequery.com:80" without telling the user.

Anti-malware companies tacitly allow this

communication without reporting it, and it is nearly impossible to block. It is purportedly to allow recovery of a stolen computer, but a user is not given the choice of whether he/she wants it, or not. In addition, one should lookup the terms "copware" and "Magic Lantern" on Wikipedia, wherein authorities can possibly reach-in to a user's computer.

Victor Davis, MT

I'm most concerned re: entities maintainin peresonal info beyon thei "need to know".

Philip Tritschler, FL

The ability to control my personal data is of great concern to me. Free and open access to information should not be bundled with no other option but to abrogate protection of personal information.

Virginia Trader, CO

These things are all bad but the ability to deny a person a livelihood is the worst. You have to be able to correct false information at least to the degree you have with the credit score companies-even more completely.

McVay Sterling, AR

Invasive data collecting about what I research, what I visit, what I Post on Facebook - which, lets face it, is open already, but that is for My Friends to See and Share. I'm VERY OPEN about Who I am, and I speak my mind Freely. I Believe that WE THE PEOPLE have to Always Stand Up to FASCISM and call it out to the Open. I believe that invasive Spying on American Citizens is WRONG!!! If someone is Validly Suspected of true criminal Activity, that falls into a Different category. I Support America as Originally Envisioned by Our Forefathers who wrote Our Constitution and helped form Our BILL OF RIGHTS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

John Mcguire, OH

MAKE me TRUST YOU!!! Right now there is no TRUST on either side. I am the CONSUMER!!! Make me trust you...MAKE ME TRUST YOU!!!

Philip Green, FL

I am concerned that privacy policies change so that information that was once private can subsequently be shared.

Andrew Smith, SC

Data and online activities and purchases being used to deny employment or affect ability to get a loan

John Shock, PA

Current privacy policies are preposterously long and complex, so in their current form they're useless. Any intent to use information should be preceded by a request in plain English for that permission, with the default set to NO. That way, every subsequently agreed-upon use of information would be governed by a response where the choice was a consciously chosen YES.

Michael Lopez, IL
tracking cookies

Margaret Peeples, NC

Big brother turning into immense global robot.

William Nesspor, NY

increasing possibility of unauthorized or illegal access to my personal information

Minal Patel, ME

I would say that advertisers targeting kids would be my biggest concern. And although I do not think privacy policies are too long I think they need to be in a language the every day person can understand.

billy woods, CO

personal profiling to target groups of people out of favor with gov/corp,/church. big brother is watching and needs to be held in check

Graydon Decamp, MI

The greatest threat to my privacy is from the U. S. Government, and from the constant prodding of do-good organizations like Consumers Union.

Betty Malone, TX

My personal information belongs only to me, and I am distressed when the statement runs to such length that I cannot understand its basic principles in just a few minutes. Sometimes the print is so small that I have to change settings to read it. I would be glad to see a more concise and open statement of privacy policies.

C Erickson, KS

There is no need for companies to store data without my consent!

Loretta Simbartl, OH

Anything that targets kids or minors

Gerald Lingenfelter, DE

Companies using data re online activities/purchases, contacts, financial info, etc. without my permission

Adam Driscoll, NY

The greatest privacy threat is that companies feel that they have the right to ANY information that I may give out. They DO NOT.

Mike Krier, NY

gathered social networking information

Rosemary Stuart-Libbey, ME

I'm fed up with companies spying on me and maintaining records for WHATEVER reasons. I tend to avoid companies that pop up on Facebook trying to get my attention and will always do my best to shop selectively according to my own criteria - not based on what advertisers are trying to con me into.

Anne Napier, NC

I'm concerned enough about abuse of smart phone data that I don't have a smart phone. Same for using social media (facebook, etc.). I get hundreds of emails a week advertising stuff I have no interest in, which wastes my time and computer space. Is there really a way to put that genie back in the bottle? It's obvious that many companies are spreading info about all of us, without our knowledge or consent. There's no way for an individual to fix this while still using the internet. It seems we can't access the benefits of the internet without being vulnerable to the many abuses by businesses and criminals.

Ted Mitchell, MI

My greatest concern is that my information will be shared without my knowledge or permission.

Marie Condley, MO

I am concerned about threats against our privacy that we are not really even aware of. Can people get information from our phones or computers without our knowledge? How do you protect yourself from that? How do you know you've wiped all of the data off of the electronics before you sell or donate your equipment, etc? I have a firewall & I have set all of the privacy settings that I know how to on my internet software, but I always wonder if it is enough.

Larry Lawton, CO

I believe that an individual should be able to see what data is being collected each time it is collected and at the same time be able to approve or not approve it's collection. The data already collected on the individual should be reviewable and a process in place that will allow changes, corrections, additions and deletions of data that the individual deems inappropriate or untrue. The individual making the changes would need to be verified perhaps with a new web identity identification program.

Bob Gandel, NJ

Identity theft

Constance Sutton, NY

#2 is especially worrisome

David Christy, GA

This is my Notice of My Privacy Practices I DON'T THINK ANY COMPANY SHOULD BE SHARING ANY OF MY INFORMATION, ANYONE'S INFORMATION OR ANYTHING OR ANY TYPE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION TO ANYONE INCLUDING CREDIT SERVICES, AFFILIATES, MARKETING OR OTHERWISE. ONLY THE COMPANY WE HAVE AN ACCOUNT WITH. NO THIRD PARTY CRAP, PERIOD!! IT IS ALL AN INVASION OF ALL PRIVACY OF EVERYONE INCLUDING THE GOVERNMENT PEOPLE AND OUR PRESIDENT TOO. JUST BECAUSE U TELL US IT IS NOT BEING SHARED THIS WAY OR ANY OTHER, DOES NOT MEAN IT WON'T BE OR SHOULD BE. PEOPLES INFORMATION ARE FOREVER BEING STOLEN OR FALLING INTO THE WRONG HANDS. IT IS NO ONE'S BUSINESS

Margaret Rauhut, IL

Tracking credit card & bank info.

Ken Fry, CA
All collection of any private data

Bruce Edwards, NY
Data collection,retention ...

Kenneth Zeller, NY
Online activities and purchases should have absolutely no effect on employment or loan applications. Are you kidding me!

David Guzman, FL
I do not want others tracking my informaton

Lb Rame, TN
The Federal Government is the the privacy threat that concerns me most.

Kim Akenhead, TX
I am tired of all of these targeted ads. When I use the web, I want to decide whom to contact and when. These ads waste my time! They often function to advise me on another company, site, etc. to stop using or purchasing. Since I read about the I-Phone sharing of contacts, I decided to delete my list and go back to my hand written address bk. That really angers me!! Had I known that would happen, I never would have bought my phone.

Robert Thompson, NH

I had not thought of the online marketing threat to our children before. That concern is greater than all others to me.

Robert Milkey, AZ

Information gathered without my permission

garry thomas, IL

The erosion of my privacy is VERY disturbing to me. The problem is None of the data mining is ever explained or do these sites ask for any type of permission. Both of these practices are unacceptable.

Karen Baouche, CT

people using my private information without my permission

Michael Shannon, NM

1. Surreptitious gathering of data and use of that data. Some of these companies assert that they gather data in order to make the user web experience easier or more useful. Hogwash! They gather the data for their own commercial benefit, using it in ways that anyone who does not follow their intricate privacy policies (if you can call them that) in great detail would be clueless about. 2. Retention of data on servers, when it is a well established fact at this point in time that the best-secured servers are, in fact, penetrable.

Christian Herb, NJ

Requirements: Any time an organization sells or transfers an individuals personal information they must notify that person in writing (both email and snail mail.) Any organization that denies a loan or employment based on data gathered via these information trades must notify the individual again through both email and snail mail. Any organization that is found to have not made proper notification (deadline less than 30 days) will be required to pay the wronged party \$10,000 -- no judicial costs to the wronged party. If the organization that failed in proper notice wishes to contest the the payment they must escrow the funds, pay all legal fees for both parties and submit to arbitration, such arbitration hearing to take place no later than 120 days following discovery of the error.

Patricia Hampton, IA

What I do and where I go on the web is my business, not yours! If you want to collect this data, ask my permission and/or allow me to know about it and opt out easily!

Margery L. Shroba, IL

All these examples of data mining, identity theft, targeted advertising and social interfacing being monitored by foreign corporations and military interests, like we are all common criminals. Unless it stops, people will just unplug it all, I know I will. We have a collective choice not to be monitored and can vote with our wallets. The corporate interests have WAAAAY too much power today.

Gerald Waller, WI

I am greatly concerned that there is little or no effort made to punish people who misuse the internet. If someone robs a bank, they go to jail. If they access my account and take my money from my bank account, it is my loss. What is the difference? With today's technology there must be the ability to track them down and make them pay. Find a way to catch the hackers and stop the pilfering, fishing and all internet crime. The internet is a great tool when used properly. Let's find a way to keep it safe for everyone.

Carol Farkas, NV

What happened to the process by which any and every individual had to sign a release before anyone could use or share someone's private information? That's what I want for on-line information as well. It's my information, not "theirs"! If they get it from my computer, they have Stolen It.

Sharyn Watt, CA

Any and everything that violates my personal privacy especially tracking my physical location also my internet browsing.

Dean Naylon, FL

America has gotten dumber. We stopped caring about being lied to, stolen from and subjected to sales tactics that go well beyond decency. We must take back control of our time and money. Stripping me of my constitutional right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness is deplorable. The attacks on my privacy must stop. This is a small problem in my life. The big problem is losing control of our elected federal representatives. We must flush Washington like the toilet it has become. Then we can get honorable people to actually represent us.

Peter J.F. Shaw, FL

It is the user's choice about the widespread availability of their very own personal information. The user should stay off social web sites, don't enter contests for so called "free" stuff, don't give out e-mail address and telephone number to unknown entities and people, and just don't put data on the Internet (or a cell phone) that could bite you. Don't act or do stupid things. There is a lot of that! Users in America do not need more government to be a traffic cop in their lives. Users need to be truly cognitively smarter and look out for themselves more. There should be a banner when logging on the Internet and powering up one's cell phone.....Let the user beware. Personal danger lurks.

Mark Checchia, VA

Not being told of an inadvertent disclosure of my information which could lead to a loss or damage on my part. Also, to have a remedy if my records are accidentally confused with someone else's which has a negative effect on my credit, reputation, or other things I value.

Brenda Smith, FL
Identity theft

Antoinette Jones, MD

I find allowing access to my personal information, contacts, and photos, without my permission the most unnerving. There has to be a line of demarcation; companies do not have my permission to come into my home and look into my window, whenever they like.

Christopher Lanphear, SC

I like my privacy. I do not like anyone knowing what I am doing.

Upchurch Sharon, KY

I don't want any company keeping track of my buying and web surfing habits. All web activity should be totally private.

Robin King, NH

1. The security of my personal information. I don't want anyone to have it that I have not personally given it to.
- 2, The safety of my identity should not be put at risk sitting in some computer server that gets hacked because their security is outdated.

Debra Pommer-Siegel, CA

Home phone given to advertisers.

Laura Parker, GA

I do not believe that anyone or any entity has any right to collect, sell, store any data or information on me whatsoever. If I want to give that data out or sell it the I WILL. It infuriates me that I pay for a smart phone contract and I pay for internet service for information and security NOT TO BE FOLLOWED, COLLECTED, BOXED, SOLD, AND TARGETED! GET OUT OF MY BUSINESS ... PERIOD!!! I have also noticed that my Verizon phone often will not hang up when I push the "end" button or it will redirect me to something that I did not input. I'm paying for a service not a mind game.

Gabrielle Johnson, VA

All of the above concerns me very much.

Christiane Leach, PA

This survey is a good start. One should be given a choice as to whether they want to be tracked or not. That's democratic. If I can't call someone at a job and get their contact information, because it violates the privacy laws, that so many companies abide by, then why aren't all companies abiding by this. Keep it consistent with the laws that non-online businesses follow and there shouldn't and wouldn't be this problem. Being online changes nothing in regards to this.

Tricia Rizzi, NY

advertisers targeting me with personalized ads by collecting data about my interests and purchases online

Betsy Lehnert, TX

The greatest concern is hackers getting access to any entity's database - whether a company (a bank or credit card co., etc.) or the government (Internal Revenue, Social Security, etc.). Somehow we need to develop tighter safeguards against hackers.

David Roderick, FL

data about online activities and purchases being used to deny you employment or affect your ability to get a loan?

Jon Gaskill, RI

Accessing my contacts list and browsing history on my smart phone.

Amir Khan, NY

need respect others privacy. do not invade for making money. need to stop violators and stiff fine and prosecution.

Nancy Schwartz, OK

Privacy and identity theft are the biggest concern.

Laura Shapiro, NY

identity theft, consumer scams,

Lysandro Sandoval, CO

All items in the form are really concerning to me, especially when personal information is being accessed and shared without explicit permission. Additionally, I believe that privacy policies are intentionally made too long to discourage most people to read them. It's okay to share privacy if consented, and some of the new customized adds services based on personal information could even be a good idea when not promoted in an abusive manner.

Lucek Deanne, IL

Using online activities and purchases affecting employment.

Randy Langel, CA

That the U.S. government is enlisting the cooperation of businesses such as Google to obtain information about American citizens through records of e-mails, web surfing and other activities.

Janice Jones, CA

I want ***NO*** data collection on my family and me. This whole thing is **OUTRAGEOUS!** We ant **PRIVACY!**

Ellen Harris, FL

Face it it has become a digital gossip world...etc...once it has passed your lips or keyboard it is manipulated by people and programs with talent no judgement and they each use it for their own purposes and you can not take it back as with gossip it usually has poison results.

Carol Alfano, NJ

The Constitutional Right to Privacy is no more. I wish to retain my right to choose to whom I entrust my personal information.

Steve Kern, RI

My phone line was monitored after my stepson was killed in Iraq. I am very sensitive to something like that. It brings up resentment.

John Davis, MA

Is this really a question? There should be absolutely, positively, entirely, completely no access to anyone's private information.

Aminah El-Dhany, VA

All of the above concern me greatly. I want to be able to control where my info goes as much as possible.

Michael Jimenez, NY

We should be notified of all unseen activity that our digital media does - and most importantly, be given the choice whether we want such actions to take place. If I do not want google to record my data or send me advertisements related to my searches and email then I should be given the choice to deny that.

Paul Chance, CA

All of the above.

John Hurley, NY

Big Brother scares me. Government and business are collecting way more data than they need. the FAFSA is one of the worst but the others do it to, basically because they can. And if we do not comply, then they can just deny us the product or service we want or need. Then our data just sits with them long after our transaction is done. It stays there waiting for them to come up with another use for it or even worse it sits there as an inviting target for some hacker/criminal.

Lois Trinklein, PA

I am most concerned about online activities and purchases that could affect employment or ability to get a loan.

DeNeece Butler, NC

The threat of greatest concern, as a consumer, is pretty well covered above. As to privacy protection from governmental agencies in connection with national security, I have no need for privacy. To my mind, the only reason for not wanting security agencies to access my computer-generated information is if I had something I wanted hidden from them, which I do not. Agencies attempting to ferret security sensitive information should be given free rein.

D. William Hollister, MI

It is nothing short of mob level criminal, in my opinion, to deny a person goods or services, private or public, based on their refusal to surrender their right to privacy guaranteed the by the U.S. Constitution. I should be able to transact in complete anonymity if I choose. Just like walking in to a store and deliver payment walk out with goods, period. Other than that, nothing else should allowed except by informed voluntary individual grant.

Delbert Schwab, NC

Collection of personal information without my consent or knowledge is not acceptable.

Michael Mccrary, TX

I simply no longer trust companies with my personal information and I'm tired of always having to look over my shoulder.

Maureen Burley, WI

The smartphone apps that access contacts etc.

Thomas Haanen, WI

Use of collected data for personalized advertising.

Marsha Harden, MD

What concerns me the most is companies accessing my information & then being able to deny me employment, credit and/or a loan if they choose to. They really should be stopped from being able to do that to people.

Karin Newsome, IL

data about online activity and purchases that could be used to deny me employment, and affect my ability to get a loan

Norah Otto, CO

I am most concerned that the obsessive desire to collect data by corporations and other businesses to "facilitate" finding potential customers will provide a splendidly complete profile that will be a very tempting source of info for all kinds of illicit activities that will target me as a victim. It could be criminals, illicit gov't activity (remember J. Edgar!), as well as insurers, employers, etc. In sum, creating such a collection of personal information is an accident waiting to happen. Or worse. As a voter, I am completely against collection of personal information except as mandated by law (driver's licenses, tax forms. etc.). And the info should remain there.

Melanie Mott, CA

Responsible handling of data including prompt notification of any breach of data security

Christopher Steer, WA

smartphone apps that can access contacts, photos, location and other data without your permission

THOMAS CLEARY, MA
I BELIEVE I SHOULD BE ABLE TO OPT OUT OF
ANY TRACKING.

George Keller, GA
Identity theft

Frank Bruder, CA
This has to change its totally out of control.

Jean Richtfort, FL
I am so concerned about the deterioration of privacy
that I will not use any of the social media.