Understanding Privacy by Daniel J. Solove

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Agenda

- Introduction
- Talk about the book
- Q&A
Privacy: A Concept in Disarray
Introduction

- Many laws regarding privacy
  - No solid understanding of what privacy is
- Define a clear meaning of privacy
Privacy: A Concept in Disarray

- An Issue of Global Concern
  - Fundamental human right
- Technology and the Rising Concern over Privacy
  - Privacy has become one of the most important issues in the world
- “Privacy seems to encompass everything, and therefore it appears to be nothing in itself”
Theories of Privacy and Their Shortcomings
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- Conception v.s. Examination
- Method of Conceptualization
- Too broad, too narrow
Conceptions of Privacy

- The Right to be Let Alone
- Limited Access to the Self
- Secrecy
- Control over Personal Information
- Personhood
- Intimacy
Reconstructing Privacy
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- Solove’s 4 dimensions of privacy
  - Method
  - Generality
  - Variability
  - Focus
The Value of Privacy
The Virtues and Vices of Privacy

Pro

- Promotes psychological well-being
- Vital to self-development
- Creates for intimate relationships
- Important to democracy
- Enables individuals to contemplate and engage in society

Con

- Socially detrimental
- A threat to community and solidarity
- Makes hard to establish trust and judge reputations
- Impedes commercial efficiency and profitability
- Conflict with the free flow of information
- Conflicts with other values
The Value of Privacy

- Theories of the Valuations of Privacy
  - Intrinsic and Instrumental Value
  - Nonconsequentialist Accounts of Privacy’s Value
  - A Pragmatic Account of Privacy’s Value
A Taxonomy of Privacy
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- Information Collection
  - Surveillance
  - Interrogation
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- Information Procession
  - Aggregation
  - Identification
  - Insecurity
  - Secondary Use
  - Exclusion
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- Information Dissemination
  - Breach of Confidentiality
  - Disclosure
  - Exposure
  - Increased Accessibility
  - Blackmail
  - Appropriation
  - Distortion
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- Invasion
  - Intrusion
  - Decisional Interference
Privacy: A new Understanding
A New Understanding of Privacy

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- The Nature of Privacy Problems
- Privacy and Cultural differences
- The benefits of a pluralistic conception of Privacy
A New Understanding of Privacy

-The Nature of Privacy Problems
  - Individual and Societal harms
  - Physical Injuries
  - Financial losses and Property Harms
  - Reputational Harms
  - Emotional and Psychological Harms
  - Relationships Harms
  - Vulnerability Harms
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- The Benefits of a pluralistic conception of Privacy
Questions