

Abstract

The topic to discuss for my research paper is Privacy and Social Media in regards to laws and court cases related to the two topics. As more devices become connected to the Internet, more data related to our bodies, belongings, and lives will become available and sharing of this data will be commonplace. While there are many stories regarding privacy and social media that are run on mainstream news channels and that are shared amongst people on the Internet, courts are setting precedence in regards to how privacy is treated in the legal system in regards to social media, and by extension, the Internet. In *U.S. vs. Meregildon*, the court's decision to allow evidence obtained from the defendant's Facebook profile and status updates marked as limited access, retrieved by a friend's cooperation with the government investigation, seems acceptable. While Facebook simply shares information through its medium, the ruling does not translate well when discussing sharing of information that affects a physical space, for example, if a building is secured by an electronic lock, it is not as sound that when granting a friend access to the building electronically that the friend could also allow the government to come in as well. This ruling spells trouble for those who wish to make their everyday lives better by connecting themselves and their environment to the Internet, but would leave open a number of legal issues yet to be sussed out.

Good start! Lots of new litigation!

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Tommy has not confirmed that a time on this day is open, but this is what I sent to him.