

Essay:

When we mention the word 'privacy', we mean that there is something very personal about ourselves. Something that we think others are not supposed to know, or, we do not want them to. But why is it so? Why are people reluctant to let others know about them entirely? It is because either they are afraid of people doing them harm or they scare that people may treat them differently after their secrets are known. So laws are set up to protect our privacy.

Still, there are circumstances in which we need to tell others our own privacy. But surely we are not going to let them know all. Each of us should have our own extent as we reveal our secrets. In my opinion, privacy is divided into two kinds. The first one includes those which we think it is acceptable to be known. An obvious example is our personal information. We are usually required to fill in things like our name, age, sex, contact number, address etc. before we can apply for a library card, an e-mail account, a job or whatsoever. And of course, in this case, we need to ensure that it is a reliable organization for we won't want to put ourselves into troubles. Also, the so-called 'secrets' which we would often like to share with our fellows are no doubt included here.

However, sometimes there may still be some secrets that we keep even from our closest friends. This is the other type of privacy. It can be our feelings deep inside our hearts, or it may be the way how we think things are going on. We are afraid of others discovering it because we don't want to be found silly in having this kind of feeling, or it maybe the desire to leave some 'room' for ourselves. As a result, we only keep this in our mind. Although it seems that the first type is more important, one should never attempt to disclose any of others' privacy illegally for this is an offensive act.

Nowadays, many people tend to uncover others' privacy in order to steal their money or property. Therefore, we must protect ourselves well; otherwise, it is nothing different from opening the door of our home allowing anyone to come inside freely and take whatever they want. One may then suggest, 'why not just amend the law so that none of our privacy should be disclosed?' However, we should not forget that human beings are not solitary animals, we cannot live on our own or without any communication with others. For sure, we must involve in revealing at least a little of our privacy, if not much. Also, what if a policeman asks for our identity cards and we refuse to offer him for checking due to privacy? We cannot open a bank account either. It is almost impossible for not giving some of our information to others because the society will be in a mess and no one will be benefited from this. Thus, there should be

a balance between the operation of a society and the protection of citizens' privacy.

Privacy is like a city gate. If people keep it open and at the same time guard it, the city will be prosperous and safe. This is the same for privacy. Our city will be in order and people will live in harmony if we protect our privacy wisely. I believe this will only be successful with everyone's effort in the community as a whole.

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