

Privacy is your business

Privacy is my business. Privacy is your business. Privacy is everyone's business. Recently, 'privacy' has become a hot topic. There are a lot of articles about 'privacy' in newspapers and magazines. Some claim that we are well-protected but some argue that we are risking our privacy. I am going to express my opinion on the popularity of the internet, setting up surveillance cameras and the privacy of celebrities.

Nowadays, Internet has become a necessity. Most youngsters surf the Net every day. Many teenagers have set up blogs. They share their experiences and feelings with the Net users around the world. Also, YouTube is one of the most popular websites in the world now. Anyone can share their videos with others on it. Moreover, when we open an email account or want to become a member of a forum, we need to submit a lot of information including personal information.

Some believe that Internet really means the death of privacy. I do not totally agree with them. In fact, website operators have to follow the privacy policy. They have to collect and use the data lawfully. As Internet users, we should take action to protect our privacy. For instance, we should think twice before submitting our personal information; we can set locks on our blogs and only let our friends read them. Also, we ought to get the characters' permission before we share videos on the Net.

Recently, there are controversies over surveillance cameras. There are a lot of surveillance cameras in public places such as shopping malls, lifts and even some schools. Some complain that these cameras violate our privacy. On the other hand, the government proposes placing some surveillance cameras in some busy streets.

From my point of view, setting up surveillance cameras for security reasons is acceptable. I believe the cameras can help to reduce crimes. However, I suggest the government put up some notices to inform the residents that the area is being monitored. Also, I object to placing cameras in washrooms.

Besides, protecting our own privacy, we ought to protect the others' privacy. Celebrities are always our focus. The public are always concerned about them and curious about their lifestyles. Therefore some paparazzi follow the celebrities every day and disclose their private affairs. Most of the celebrities hate the paparazzi and complain that the reporters violate their privacy and seriously disturb them.

In my opinion, reporters and celebrities should get a balance between privacy and news. I understand that the celebrities wish to protect their privacy properly. But to be frank, such news may help them to get publicity, which is good for their career. On the other hand, the reporters ought to have ethical conduct. I know that some paparazzi search the celebrities' rubbish and make up some stories. This is totally unacceptable. Therefore, I hope the reporters and celebrities will get an equilibrium

between privacy and news.

In short, we should always have a sense of our own privacy and that of others. When we surf the Net, we ought to think twice before disclosing in our personal information. I think placing surveillance cameras for security reasons is acceptable. Lastly, I wish the reporters and celebrities would get a balance between privacy and news.

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