

Computation & Culture in a Digital World : Discussion 2

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University Security

Dormitories

There will be cameras near the entrance of dormitories, as well as in the elevators and in the lounge of every floor of the building. There will also be a security officer in the main lobby entrance of the dorms to prevent non-resident entry (parents must prove guardianship before entry). Cameras will not be permitted in the showers, bathrooms, hallways, study areas or within the individual dorm rooms, as this will cause a loss of privacy, which all of us are entitled to.

Academic Buildings

Cameras are permitted in all academic buildings. They will be posted in classrooms and offices with information which we do not want stolen. Such as, rooms with computers as well as rooms with important files and documents. Cameras will also be posted near all entrances of academic buildings.

On Campus

There will be campus security in case of emergencies. There will also be emergency buttons posted on every street in case of serious emergencies. Usage of this button during a non-emergency will result in fines of up to \$1000.

Policies

All of the cameras will be monitored by security individuals and the information on them will be destroyed every month unless used in an investigation. We do not require a huge amount of security and surveillance because it is a university campus, and all students and professors should hold a certain amount of trust with each other.

- Our approach to these policies is heavily based on utilitarianism because, even though the presence of cameras may have an effect on people's behavior, we focus more on keeping the total population safe. But, we tried to create a mix of US and U.E. policies by placing some security on campus, but not too much as to cause an intrinsic loss of freedom due to invasion of privacy.

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What information Cornell can ask when admitting a student

International student

•These items are allowed to be requested by the University for International students:

--Your permanent home address.

--In case of a problem with any health issues, your Medical history. However, university cannot view it, unless there is an emergency, then they can send it to the hospital.

--Your criminal record, in case of problems arising, we would like to know if anyone had issues with those certain problems.

--Your Passport #.

•These items are NOT allowed to be requested by the University for International students:

--Religion, because religion is a personal choice and sometimes can be very personal. Such as, you might not be the same religion as your family and wish to keep it quiet.

--Marital Status, you are welcome to tell us; however, we do not require you tell us.

Student

•These items are allowed to be requested by the University for International students:

--Your permanent home address.

--In case of a problem with any health issues, your Medical history. However university cannot view it, unless there is an emergency, then they can send it to the hospital.

--Your Passport #.

-- Social security number, so that we will know that you are a US citizen.

•These items are NOT allowed to be requested by the University for International students:

--General criminal record, we do however, require that you give us any serious criminal records, such as first degree murder and manslaughter.

--Email or internet surveillance, because we believe that students should have privacy on their own machines, since it is their property and not ours.

--Surveillance on a specific person; we do not believe it right to send a "stalker" around to look after a student, we believe that students are responsible, and if a problem arises we will call in that student and talk to him or her.

--Employment status, we do not believe that employment status has anything to do with college, and whether you work or not, is of no concern to us.

Disagreements

Criminal Records.

The board members of the college, are currently in disagreement with Criminal Records rules, but have decided that we will only require serious Criminal Records, such as first degree murder and manslaughter. As for petty theft, we do not yet believe that we require this information.

Justification

We tried to follow the European policy of privacy, which consists of preserving the maximum amount of privacy possible. However some information is necessary for the government and Cornell, so we could not defend the right of privacy, and in those cases we followed a more utilitarian approach. For the international students, more information is needed because they come from different countries and they have different rules. We understand that some of the things we ask for are on the common application but we restated them here.

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Company Policy Concerning Privacy

Company facts

Company name: KCSB

KCSB is an international distributor of Game Boys and are the innovators in Game Boy technology and design.

Company is run on a 4-ring hierarchy. At the top, CEO and idea-specialists make decisions. Second, are the Engineers who build and design the Game Boys. Third, customer service employee answer calls from current or future consumers. At the bottom, the workers physically mass-produce the Game Boys.

KCSB is an equal opportunity employer that does not discriminate against race, gender, ethnicity, or sexual orientation. Health Care will be provided for both spouses: Spouses must be bound by legal marriage or a civil union.

Company's Internet policy

The engineer's are the ones who utilize the Internet on a daily basis. KCSB will use the software known as Employee Internet management (EIM), which will monitor an employee's incoming and outgoing email. Employee's will be told in advanced that their E-mail will be monitor, but only for the purpose of not exposing company secrets. Personal E-mail are allowed and will not be read; however, they should be kept at a minimum or else the employee may lose his or her job. It is important that they allowed personal e-mails because it will maintain a practical level of happiness and will psychologically increase employee productivity.

As far as accessing other websites, the company will be allowed to monitor all "general" URL's. What this means is that the company can see the websites the employees visit but not what they do on the website. Thus, we are not advocating monitoring systems such as Silent Watch.

Health Care policy

Since we do provide health care for our employees and their spouses, we must receive the necessary medical records. KSCB requires the employees to provide medical records and the company will not, under any circumstance, obtain the information from health-care providers. This is done so that KSCB does not violate the Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act.

Monitoring Costumer Service Employee's

The main job of a costumer service employee is to adhere to the comments and concerns of consumers and future consumers via telephone. Their phone calls will definitely be monitored: this is to insure customer satisfaction and to determine proper phone etiquette was present. We will also utilize biometric system to ensure employee's are present at their respective desks and are working.

Reason's behind Company Policy

As a company that is determined to follow federal law concerning privacy protection, we strive to provide a yin and yang to the issue of monitoring internet and phone calls. The company's decision to only very the "general" websites is fueled by Kant's philosophy of perfect duties. In the condition of following perfect duties, employees will be obliged to follow certain rules and norms. For example, they will not commit treason against the company by giving away secrets.

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Neighborhood Security

The Gated Community

As the name implies, we are a big gated community that requires a pass, much like our Cornell ID cards in order to enter. If inviting guests, they simply need their friend who is a resident to open up the gate for them. They can also be attached to cars in order to facilitate entering. Should your car get stolen, we can quickly annul the pass, reissue you a new one and alert the police should that card be used.

The Cameras

The biggest source of security within the neighborhood comes from the multitude of cameras around. First of all, the entrances into the community will have cameras in order to get a picture or license plate of anyone entering. Should a problem arise due to guests, their picture can be sent to the police in order to hasten the process of capturing them. Within the neighborhood, the cameras will be placed in a position so that they can cover the front and sides of the houses without penetrating into them. In addition, cameras will also be placed in stores, public areas and around traffic lights where we hope people will restrain themselves from acting foolishly.

More Facts About the Cameras

The reason for the use of cameras to prevent the intrinsic loss of freedom. This means that we do not want our citizens to change their behaviors because of the cameras. In addition, the cameras will not be viewed by anyone until an incident is reported. In other words, we are depending on the good will of our community to denounce any potential threats so we can stop them before they happen. To prevent people from using these tapes as a way to learn somebody's schedule, the tapes will overwrite themselves every two weeks.

What Hope to Accomplish

Although we would like to keep everyone safe, we are planning to go through steps so that nobody is startled too much by the changes. We would like to have more security to prevent any sort of problem but in doing, we would be destroying the privacy of our citizens turning them into prisoners within their own home. In the end, we are hoping that we chose the lesser of two evils in which we monitor our citizens but allow them to live a life with the cameras out of mind. After all, we are trying to maintain

Anonymity

Solitude

Secrecy