

Prompt:

Discuss how the Identify function within the NIST model relates to at least one of the protections discussed by Garon this week. Are there clear connections between laws, policies, and ethics? Explore both similarities and differences. What evidence suggests that the authors of the NIST Identify function are aware of legal, policy, and ethical considerations?

Response:

The NIST Identify function helps organizations understand their cybersecurity risks and develop strategies to manage and reduce them, protecting their resources and customer information. Garon's discussion on privacy emphasizes the need for companies to balance protecting their information and customer data with respecting customer privacy rights.

Both the NIST Identify function and Garon's perspective highlight the importance of establishing policies and procedures that mitigate risk while upholding ethical and legal considerations.

Similarities between Laws, Policies, and Ethics:

- **Promoting Order:** All three concepts contribute to a well-ordered environment.
- **Guiding Actions:** Laws, policies, and ethics guide behavior, expression, operations, and activities within a specific context (e.g., an organization, society).

Differences between Laws, Policies, and Ethics:

- **Enforcement:** Laws are enforced by governments, policies by employers (public or private), and ethics by social norms (e.g., schools, families).
- **Specificity:** Laws are typically more specific and enforceable than policies.
- **Focus:** Ethics focus on individual conduct within a societal framework.

Evidence of Legal, Policy, and Ethical Awareness in NIST Identify:

The NIST framework's structure demonstrates awareness of legal, policy, and ethical considerations. It provides a step-by-step approach for organizations to:

- Develop a model tailored to their needs.
- Gain understanding of cyberattack detection best practices.
- Protect company resources.
- Respond to incidents effectively.
- Recover lost resources.

By promoting plans that analyze situations, mitigate risks, and improve security practices, the NIST framework helps organizations maintain necessary control and operate ethically within legal and regulatory boundaries.

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