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Date: _____

Data Diary

Instructions:

You will keep a data diary for 24 hours. You will write down everything you do that could potentially provide someone with electronic personal data about you without you necessarily choosing to give him/her your information.

Do not include events such as how long you brush your teeth, for example, unless you are transmitting this data to an outside source.

Some good examples might include using Google to do a search online, using TikTok, shopping with a credit card, using a GPS, using an app on your phone, watching a movie on Netflix, texting, etc. An example is given to you in the first line.

Time	Activity	Type of data collected from you
4:00-4:45 pm	Watched "Mad Men" on Netflix.	Viewing interests, time watched, possibly geographic location, account information (name, e-mail address, and credit card number)

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Questions:

1. What was the most surprising data that you recorded? Why?
2. What data are concerning or unnerving to you? Why?
3. Who would you NOT want to see or access this data? Why?
4. How are these data being used?
5. Do you think data collection by companies is a positive service or a negative harm? Why?