

RESEARCH PAPER OUTLINE (Argumentative Format)	
WORKING TITLE: Is User Responsibility the Key to Data Privacy, or Should Technology Companies Bear the Burden of privacy? KEYWORDS: User Privacy, Tech Companies, Data Security, User Responsibility	
INTRODUCTION	1.0 Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hook: It's a major issue on companies handling users' sensitive information. • General Information: Defining companies' responsibility on data privacy. • Specific Information: Shows two different responsibilities of users and company. • Thesis Statement: Tech companies must bear the primary responsibility for user privacy because they control the features that handle sensitive data, have the obligation to secure that information, and provide services that rely on user trust. While some argue that users should take full responsibility for their data, many lack the knowledge to effectively navigate privacy concerns.
BODY	2.0 MAIN POINT 1: 1st Argument: User's control of feature <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tech companies design and control the privacy settings and features available to users. • Users often rely on default settings that may not protect their privacy adequately. • Companies have the expertise to implement stronger privacy measures, which users might not understand. 3.0 MAIN POINT 2: 2nd Argument: Security of Privacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Users submit private information that is often sensitive and personal, necessitating strong security measures. • Tech companies have the resources and responsibility to protect user data from breaches and misuse. • Historical data breaches highlight the consequences of inadequate security measures taken by companies. 4.0 MAIN POINT 3: 3rd Argument: Users Are Buying Their Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Users pay for tech services with the expectation that their data will be handled responsibly. • Companies use user data to improve services and target advertisements, creating a moral obligation to protect that data. • Trust is essential in the customer-company relationship, and failure to protect privacy erodes that trust. 5.0 MAIN POINT 4: Counter-argument/Rebuttal Counter-Argument: Users should take full responsibility for their privacy because they have the knowledge and tools to protect themselves.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many believe that users should educate themselves about privacy settings and data sharing. • There is an assumption that all users are tech-savvy enough to navigate complex privacy policies. <p>Rebuttal: However, not all users possess the knowledge or skills to effectively manage their privacy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many users may not fully understand privacy policies or the implications of sharing their data. • The complexity of privacy settings can be overwhelming, leading to uninformed choices. • Tech companies have a duty to simplify privacy management and inform users adequately.
	<p>6.0 Conclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restate Stand and Thesis: Tech companies hold the primary responsibility for user privacy, given their control over data handling and security practices. • Brief Overview: The necessity for companies to prioritize user privacy is supported by their control of features, the importance of data security, and the expectations of paying users, countered by the limited knowledge many users have regarding privacy. • Final Statement: As we navigate an increasingly digital world, it is imperative that tech companies prioritize user privacy not only as a legal obligation but as a cornerstone of ethical business practices.

Review and Reflection

Outline [Draft 1 Checklist]

Self-Review

Team:

Introduction and Conclusion: Thesis Statement

The thesis statement:	
	includes the research topic
	includes your stand
	is clear and specific
	is arguable
	includes the main points
	does not include i think/i believe, etc
	was paraphrased in the conclusion

Body Paragraphs: Topic Sentence

The Topic sentences	
	have clear topics and controlling ideas
	are detailed, precise yet brief

	allow the main ideas to be addressed in
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Instructor Feedback

Follow up

1. These were the errors they found (if any)
2. What do you need to do improve? Did you miss anything?
3. Do you have any questions for your instructor? Specify