

Collaborative Discussion 1 – Received Response: Ying Chan

Thanks, Michael, the post showed a great understanding of Grabosky's article and focuses on supposed anonymity behaviour. Especially provide the motivation and analysis of cyberbullying.

To control and track some of the online anonymity activity, some governments required identity and limited registration on phone and internet usage. Office of the Communications Authority (OFCA) in Hong Kong (HK) required real-name registration for the existing and new Subscriber Identification Module (SIM) Cards starting from Mar 2022 to facilitate the law enforcement agency (GovHK, 2022). The service providers as data controllers should comply with the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap. 486) to ensure the registered information is properly kept and avoid being misused (OFCA, 2022).

Compared to the governments with more restrictions, HK collected less personal information, higher limit of cards, and has comprehensive data protection relatively. There are 157 national governments that mandate SIM-card registration, during phone service registration required to provide your real name and other personal information. Additionally, approximately 30 governments need biometrics, such as fingerprint or face scan identification (GSMA, 2021).

However, the downside of SIM-card registration would threaten privacy. If the collected information is lack proper control, the data processor or controller could build a database of people's mobile numbers restricts their ability to communicate privately, raises the possibility that they will be tracked and monitored, allowing to

create of detailed profiles of users, and increases the chance that the personal information will end up in the wrong hands.

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