Ethics Assignment #8: Privacy
Due: Tuesday, 10.25.22, by 1:00 pm

Background

On Tuesday, we'll have the first of two lectures on privacy. Hardware and software have had and will continue to have a major impact on our privacy. To prepare for the first lecture, you'll need to read a few articles and answer some questions related to them.

Learning Goals

By the end of the lecture, you will:
- have a working definition for privacy
- understand Nissenbaum's idea on how privacy is related to contextual integrity
- know several examples of privacy issues
- have applied Nissenbaum's contextual integrity criteria to the Cambridge Analytica case

Assignment

Read *from the beginning to the end of the section called "Data use"* (stop at Responses) in the article at en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Facebook–Cambridge_Analytica_data_scandal (not long) which concerns the case of Cambridge Analytica obtaining the private information of 87 million Facebook users without their authorization or knowledge. Next read the *introduction, i.e., up to the ToC,* to the Wikipedia article on the EU's General Data Protection Regulation at en.wikipedia.org/wiki/General_Data_Protection_Regulation (really short). Finally, read the article regarding the implications of Facebook's latest controversy on corporations at techxplore.com/news/2021-10-facebook-controversy-ethical-corporations.html (longer, but not too bad). Write short responses to the following questions.

1. Facebook has adopted the EU's GDPR. Do you think this has made user data at Facebook safer? Why or why not?
2. Currently, the United States doesn't have a law similar to the GDPR. Do you think the United States needs a privacy law at the federal level? Why or why not?
3. Do you think the data collected by Cambridge Analytica were used to influence the votes of Facebook users? If the data were used, do you think it influenced the voting of Facebook users? Why or why not?

Submit a PDF file of your work via Canvas by 1:00 pm on Tuesday, 10.25.22.