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Data Privacy Assignment

1. What kinds of information about yourself are you giving away when you use apps like Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Snapchat?

We are giving away a large amount of data, lots more than we realize. Obviously, we are giving personal data like name, address, phone number, etc. But what most people don't realize, is that we are also giving away our behavioral habits. This allows companies to target ads and things that they know we would either buy or try.

2. What information did you find in the Personal Information and Privacy section on Google?

I noticed that they had my email, phone number, birthday and name in the personal information section. In the privacy section, personalized and targeted ads were enabled, however, I had manually turned off the timeline a while back so they could not track where I was going at what time.

3. Did you find any information about yourself when you googled your name? Do you have a common name that gives you lots of results or an uncommon one that nets you fewer?

When I google my name there are lots of old pictures of me that show up from back when I was in middle school. Most of them are from sports teams or school pictures. I'm honestly very surprised how much about me is online with a simple name search. Just searching Rymer Popovich results in all that information.

4. What two sites did you try? Did you find any additional information about yourself? Was it correct? Is there a way to have the entry removed from the site?

Right when you search my name, the first thing that appears is my LinkedIn and the second thing is my Instagram. Both of which I have made purposely to be easy to find by anyone on the internet. There is also some other information about me from websites like Forage, which is a project/training website. Unfortunately, the only way to remove this data would be to delete the accounts entirely, which I do not plan on doing.