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Our political and judiciary systems were never formed to deal with the rules and politics surrounding mass amounts of digital data. Everything from the ownership rights of personal content, to privacy concerns all seem to be up in the air as lawmakers scramble to try and set the proper precedent around these issues. September 11th, 2001 set off a whole domino effect of governmental control that was unheard of before then, and bills like the Patriot Act have given the US government an unrestricted stranglehold over the personal digital information of a great deal of the North American public. Have privacy become obsolete? I believe that the original meaning of that word is now out of date by today's standards. Privacy today means something very different from privacy 30 years ago. Privacy is not inevitable, and we could very well lose all sense of it as some dystopian reality unfolds in the not so distant future. Facebook pixels, google search history, credit card transaction history; these are a few of the many forces that are eroding our base-level standard for privacy. Unless legislative bodies begin to further recognize subcategories of personal data and regulate them, we very well may find ourselves in a position where maintaining any sense of privacy is next to impossible, in any aspect of life.