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Reflection: The Time Canada Wanted Its Own Internet Because It Thought the US Would Mess It Up

In today's day and age, where technology is so prevalent in our everyday life, the question of privacy arises often as our information is more and more digitized. The concern is real, and it has been for many years now.

In this article they mention its importance and how even in the 1970's Canada thought it important enough to have a field research, however it didn't happen. I find that quite concerning and disappointing that to this day, the debate still exists, especially considering that the big companies Microsoft and some social media like Facebook own so much personal information on individuals. We have so much digitized data already and we are still going. In Asia, everything is collected on their mobile phones including cards, transportation passes, documents. It is only a matter of time before it happens here in North America. That is an incredible amount of information that will be stored on the cloud and the question of privacy grows evermore.

It is a very strange concept to me how issues that were present 50 years ago are still pressing concerns that have only gotten worse because of the globalization of the internet. It is, in my opinion, very important to look more into it and have properly established research on the matter because this is only going to grow. Technology and communication have become vital in our society and it is crucial to create privacy rules and even laws to protect Canadian citizens' information.