

# **How is the GDPR Affecting Privacy Policies?**

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## Background

Effective May 25th, 2018, the General Data Privacy Regulation (GDPR) mandates a sweeping set of rules governing data protections and user privacy for European citizens and residents. The GDPR outlines 19 major requirements for notification of data practices.

#### **Objectives**

How have privacy policies changed since adoption of the GDPR?





User-centric language and formatting?



IP-based geo-blocking?

## Methodology



### Privacy policy collection



All US-based organizations on the Alexa Top 1000 List



Current privacy policies collected using Bing search API



Pre-GDPR policies collected from Wayback Machine

Labeling Disclosure Requirements



#### Manual policy analysis



Analyzed GDPR, creating a list of privacy policy

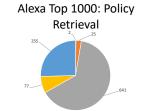


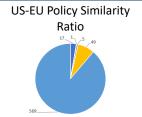
Selected five sites from Alexa



Using a new browsing session and a VPN, we collected policies through a proxy in London, England

## **Preliminary Results**





#### Differences in Privacy Policies for Same Organization

Webpage	Before/After GDPR	US/EU	Redesign	
Google	Х	Х		
Facebook	X	Х		
Netflix	X	Х	Х	
Twitch	Х			
eBay	Х		Х	

#### EU User: GDPR Privacy Policy Disclosure Requirements Met

Disclosure Requirement	Google	Facebook	Netflix	Twitch	eBa
Contact info of Controller	Х	х	х	х	Х
Contact details of DPO	х	х	х		х
Purposes & legal basis for processing	X	х	х	x	X
Categories of data concerned	х	х	х	х	Х
Recipients of data				х	Х
Intention of transfer to 3rd party	X	х	х	х	
Transfer adequacy decision	X	х	х		
Copy of safeguards	Х			х	х
Period of data storage	Х	х		х	х
Right to request access/rectify data	х		х	х	х
Request erasure or restrict	X		х	х	х
Ability to restrict processing	х	х	х	х	х
Object to processing	X	х	х	х	х
Right to data portability	х		х	х	
Right to withdraw consent	X	х	х	х	Х
Right to lodge a complaint with S.A.		х	х	х	
Whether provision of data is required					
Automated decision-making/profiling			х	х	х
Source of data about user	х	х	х	х	х

## **Planned Research**



Customize GATE: Privacy **GDPR Privacy Policy** Policy Annotation Tool Corpus





Measure Changes at Scale Automated Tool for Policy Analysis