

I believe that the unalienable rights of a digital citizen should be largely the same as a regular citizen walk the street as a baseline, but the rights of digital citizens need to be extended because information is much more readily available and scrapeable online. I think unalienable right #1 needs to be that all digital citizens have full autonomy on their data and who has it. If websites are allowed to use cookies to plant bits of code into our own personal devices that track our browsing history, then we too should have the ability to tag our own data and either remove or destroy it any time we would like. EVEN IF it is stated in a very lengthy and exhausting privacy policy, all citizens deserve the right to be consulted first before their data is sold to third parties, and be able to withdraw their data or alter it at anytime. After all, this is information about ourselves we are discussing. We also have the right to decide or at least be consult on what our data is being used for. While we are consenting that by using facebook our photos are out there for the public to see, we are not consenting on having our photos of ourselves, our friends, and our families to be stored in a mysterious company black box to be used to train robots. If our data is being discussed to be sold, then we have the right to be alerted when this is happening before it happens.

In terms of practicality, perhaps some kind of notification ahead of any kind of data trade or purchase would be most attainable. It doesn't seem too impossible to have user data lumped into different groups, and when that group's data is on the market some kind of alert is sent to the user's to alert them that their data is potentially being traded away. User's would then have the right to choose whether or not they want this information about them to be made available to third parties or not. I could see companies working out incentives for user's who choose to have their data made available to third parties.

I think that the most important thing to teach high schoolers about their online privacy is that their information is being extracted and traded every time they sign up for a new app. Students should be made more aware of WHAT data is being taken, and what the data is being used for once it is purchased or traded. Students can't view all technology as big brother watching them; this will only lead to them having a very dystopian view of the world. Instead they should be taught more about AI, and how the data we choose to give away by downloading that next free app is actually the food that most AI need in order to be trained and to do a better job. We should have students spend time debating both sides of this argument; both for and against the sale of user data.