

Consumers filed a lawsuit with the FTC alleging that Facebook violates privacy rights with its facial recognition software.

This comes after past privacy issues for facebook, one being where they accidentally allowed a leak of 87,000,000 users' personal information to Cambridge Analytica.

The complaint focuses on the tag suggestion feature which relies on Facebook scanning photos for biometrical matches against a large database without user permission and then uses tag confirmations to advance its techniques.

The complaint ultimately alleges that these facial recognition programs ignore facebook users' preferences and are illegal in multiple states and many countries.

Facebook is defending its practices by saying that their features improve the user experience for visually impaired users and states that users can choose if they want to be identified in photos or if they would like to opt out.

Some things I think about are minors or other people in these photos. While Facebook has the permission of their users to scan the photos, Facebook does not have the permission from other people in these photos. While these features may be nice to help others and make a better experience, at what cost if the site has breaches? We have seen that facial recognition can be dangerous and I think this may violate people's privacy(specifically people in the photos who are not Facebook users). I think about my younger sister who is a minor and maybe have a boyfriend who posts bad pictures of her without her permission if they break up. Once an image is out there, it is out there.