

DEFINING PRIVACY

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The right to be left alone;

Limited access to the self, or the ability to shield oneself from unwanted access by others;

Secrecy, or the concealment of certain matters from others;

Control over personal information, or the ability to exercise control over information about oneself;

Personhood, or the protection of one's personality, individuality, and dignity; and

Intimacy, which is to say, control over, or limited access to, one's intimate relationships or aspects of life (Solove, 2002).