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Essay 1

The controversy regarding Facebook Cambridge Analytica case greatly intersects with the concept of professional code of ethics and principles of prima facie ethics. Mostly, the behavior of a software engineer professional is illustrated with SECEPP and its’ 8 points. Keeping in mind the previous concept, this case questions upon the violation of the concept committed by the offenders, and whether if they have disregarded their professionalism conduct.

To begin the analysis, the initial inquiry should be: whether if such incident is beneficial or detrimental to the public? Known to many, facebook possesses information that should be kept discrete. Cambridge broke the aforementioned rule through the invasion of privacy for the benefit of oneself instead of for the public. The second inquiry should be—whether if the offender is committing these acts for the interest of employers or stakeholders? However, Cambridge committed such act neither for the benefit of the stakeholders nor employers, but for the sake of self. The third and fourth inquiry are—Observing good professional conduct while producing greatest number of result that looks at the professional standard while maintaining judgmental integrity. The Cambridge associates have also neglected this rule since they invaded other people privacy and their safety.

Retrieving private information for their own ends is not a valid excuse. Point seven also relates to the situation and it shows a failed attempt to following guidance of SECEPP. The final three points are five, six and eight that concentrates all on Mark Zuckerberg being summoned to testify in front of Congress for his managerial, professionalism as a leader but failed to clarify his own software.

Next analysis is the SECEPP, prima facie case for the analysis of this case. Facebook is renowned as a multi-billionaire dollars company with information that should not be made public. Facebook realizes their problems and should concentrate more on security. Employing the Spiderman’s motto of the prima facie, Facebook did not follow this practice. They were unsuccessful with the securing of data that they were responsible for. If consumer’s privacy is not taken into account, the code of ethics will not be compatible with this situation. As a CEO, Mark Zuckerberg has failed, because he did not follow the industrial standard of respecting users’ privacy.

Essay 2

A :

The best way to comprehend accessibility privacy is defining it as one’s right to not be intruded for one’s physical space. Furthermore, it can be also perceived as decisional privacy where an individual’s choice and judgment determines the public sources. Finally informational privacy is about the ability to determine the receiving and sending of information by an individual without disruption

B:

There exists the USA Constitutional Penumbral Right of Privacy, which is about rights and depict them in the Constitution as the ability to defend other rights that may not be part of the Constitution. Relating to a case, Griswold vs Connecticut is a great example where the court determined that Griswold was in the right. The case itself possesses marital status information that is part of the 1st amendment despite the fact that it is not on it. Furthermore, the 3rd, 4th and 5th amendments support the rights to privacy.

C:

The U.S.A Patriot Act can be perceived as unconstitutional, because it covers the horrendous damages dealt by 9/11 incident. Despite the fact that it is a bill that supposedly counteracts terrorism, the way it is defined lacks details. Due to the lack of detail within the definition regarding terrorism, the government had the excuse and reasons to increase the surveillance against its citizens despite the population privacy. Even if someone is found not guilty, his personal information is still being kept for a long time. This act is a intrusion on someone’s privacy, as a result, allocates more power to the government. Therefore, this is not a moral or ethical behavior since it violates the privacy of an individual.