User data blurb in FAQs page

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* Data Minimization Practices
* Optimal Data Minimization

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**Description:** This criterion evaluates the clarity and comprehensiveness of our privacy policies and the ease of providing and withdrawing consent for data collection.

**Rating Scale:**

* Lack of Transparency
* Basic Transparency
* Clear Transparency and Consent Practices
* User-centric Transparency and Consent

**Suggestions for CS Specialist Research:**

* Evaluate privacy policies and terms of service for clarity and comprehensiveness.
* Assess methods for obtaining user consent and the ease of opting out of data collection.

**6. Third-party Services**

**Criteria:** Evaluation of third-party service providers' adherence to data protection standards.

**Description:** This criterion assesses the compliance status and track record of third-party service providers involved in handling user data.

**Rating Scale:**

* Unverified Third-party Services
* Basic Third-party Service Verification
* Thorough Third-party Service Verification
* Rigorous Third-party Service Audits

**Suggestions for CS Specialist Research:**

* Investigate the compliance status and track record of third-party service providers.
* Assess the frequency and severity of breaches associated with third-party services.