

There is a fine line between law enforcement's capacity to investigate crimes and people's right to privacy online, and Walden describes how the rise of cybercrime is disrupting that balance. The author elaborates on specific examples where they feel this balance was struck, such as the need to acquire a warrant for search on devices prior to executing the search or the need to pay for a personal data while conducting the inquiry to guarantee superfluous requests are avoided.

I agree with the author that there has been an increase in the enforcement of laws at the price of individual liberty. For instance, Amnesty International is planning to sue the UK government in 2020 because of the GCHQ's suspected involvement in a huge spying operation dubbed Tempora, which was supposedly carried out without the government's knowledge or the agreement of the people of the UK.

Bryant and Kennedy (2014) highlight the change in investigators' priorities from securing convictions to uncovering the truth, which they describe as the pursuit of information regardless of whether or not it confirms or disproves the suspect's participation. The essay claims that there is a close connection between the law and policing because of how injustices committed by police have led to the development of new rules. That law enforcement must adhere to predetermined procedures rather than using discretion in matters such as case preparation, evidence collection, and suspect selection.

Even though the authors are addressing a historical aspect of law enforcement, the relationship between policing and the rule of law remains consistent throughout the ages. The methods and equipment used to commit crimes are evolving. Officers typically conduct investigations based on their own subjective conceptions of what is right since many of the present standards are insufficient to guide law enforcement through investigations and convictions. The resulting court actions might shine light on the police department's mistakes, setting a legal norm and perhaps leading to new legislation guiding future policing tactics.

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