**CSE 262, Fall 2014**

**Paper 1 – Privacy**

**Background**

Very recently compromising photos of stars have been leaked on the internet. The following article provides some information on this situation:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/09/03/technology/trove-of-nude-photos-sparks-debate-over-online-behavior.html?_r=0>

Some possible prompts or starting places for reacting for your free write:

* Is there any moral/ethical problem with revealing private information this way? Does the way the private information was obtained make any difference?
* Should some government agency or large tech companies step in, and intervene? What form should the intervention take?
* Are there any problems with regulating on what users can or cannot post?
* Is there a difference when government publishes public records on the internet with information that one would like to remain private, for example, divorce or bankruptcy records?

**What you have to do**

**1. Paper topic free-write (Due Thursday Sept. 18 at 23:59 p.m. (midnight))**

Free-write for 15-30 minutes. At the end you should state your main idea as a *thesis statement*, which will become the main idea of your first paper. Upload it into the turnins freewrite directory

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The goal of this part is for you to *brainstorm* possible ideas and arguments for your paper.

**2. Paper topic formal statement (Due Thursday Sept. 25 at 23:59 p.m. (midnight))**

A *thesis statement with two arguments*. Your thesis should be a brief (*no more than 3 sentences*) and clear statement of your position. It should be *interesting*, which I think means that:

* 1. You must take a position on the topic, not simply state facts about the topic
  2. Your position should not be obviously correct or incorrect: It should be something that requires argument or evidence to convince a reasonable person
  3. It should relate to your own life or to issues that you care about
  4. Novelty is not necessary to get a good grade, but it does help.
  5. At least two very brief (2 to 3 sentences for each one) clearly labeled arguments supporting your thesis. Most cogent arguments will either be:
     1. Based on data. In this case, you should present relevant data, and interpret it, using it to support your position.
     2. Based on theory/reason. In this case you should present the relevant theory, and then use a reasoned argument to show how the theory relates to and supports your position.

You may also find other related articles but you are not required to do so. *If you do use other articles to support your arguments, please include a properly formatted reference (APA style).*

Upload your formal statement into directory

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**3. Peer review paper (Due Thursday, October 2 *at class time*)**

First, read the grading rubric. Then write a 1300-2000 word position paper arguing in support of your thesis*. Please include a complete reference section (APA style) including the above listed article and any articles you might have found and used for your paper. Please include citations in your paper.*

Upload this paper to the turnins directory. **PLEASE use the suffix –draft on your paper name.**

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*Bring a printed copy of your paper to class to facilitate the in-class peer review process*

**4. Final Position paper (Due Thursday Oct 14 at 23:59 p.m. (midnight))**

Make sure to go over the peer review of your paper and make final edits/corrections before uploading the final paper into the turnins directory. **PLEASE use the suffix –final on your paper name.**

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