Internet Abuses and Privacy Rights

"Like other books in this six-volume set, this work presents texts (thirty-one in this case) from a variety of sources that examine issues concerning privacy and safety on the internet. The sources include magazines, blogs, NPR and PBS programs, and website articles, from Slate.com and other sites. All were first published in 2016 or 2017. There are five sections, each with a brief introduction: Personal Cybersecurity, Net Neutrality and Government Surveillance, New Challenges to Privacy, Internet News and Accountability, and The Power and Influence of Technology. The articles run from two to fourteen pages. Considering the focus of this book, many of the pieces present the risks and dangers facing users of the internet, particularly the threats to the safety of individuals’ personal information. While some passages presume some prior knowledge of the internet’s functioning, many are accessible to the broad audience interested in or concerned about the issues presented here. From “fake news” and its effect on people’s behavior and political decisions, to the various aspects of net neutrality, this selection of texts presents a number of topics worthy of the public’s attention, particularly in the recent light of the Facebook revelations concerning personal information being used to affect the 2016 presidential election.

This text will be a useful addition to public, school and academic libraries, and they all should consider placing it in their collections."

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