Youth and Justice: Digital Footprint Project
Anonymity and Privacy
Students in First Year Seminars 45, 46, 47 | Professor Ric Curtis

Internet Anonymity
Brandon Quinones

Research Question
Will the public accept government “Intelligence gathering” or resist it?

Methods
• 690 person survey
• In depth interviews on internet privacy
• Direct observations
• Literature review

Findings
20% of males and females have never changed their password.
60% changed passwords within the past year.

Conclusions
Many users show little concern about Government spying on average Americans.
50% said their account was hacked.

References
• "Global Survey on Internet Privacy and Freedom of Expression." By: Toby Mendel
• "Revealed: How US and UK Spy Agencies Defeat Internet Privacy and Security" By: James Ball, Julian Borger and Glenn Greenwald

Research Question
Are young people becoming more concerned about online security?

Findings
• "Global Survey on Internet Privacy and Freedom of Expression." By: Toby Mendel

Conclusions
50% had their account hacked at least once.
"Some kids today express themselves too much on social networking sites, it's too easy for them to access."

Methods
• Reviewed literature
• Surveyed 690 individuals
• Conducted in-depth interviews
• Conducted field observations

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Privacy in Social Media
Jaclyn Benson

Research Question
Are young internet users becoming more careful with their online behavior?

Methods
• Survey of 690 young internet users
• Literature review
• In-depth interviews

Findings
50% of users have been hacked at least once but say: “I’m always careful with what I post online because I know that once it’s out on the internet, it’s there forever.”

Conclusions
Women are heavier users of Instagram than men, but say: “All of my accounts are private and I only friends with people I know because I do not want the wrong people to see and know my information and posts.”

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Research Question
Does trying to protect your digital footprint really matter?

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A Risky Endeavor
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More than 1/3 had no public internet accounts.
They said they were exposing too much personal information: “They start bullying people to get attention or start talking to strangers.”

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No One is Safe
Jerome Cardenas

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