The Impact of the GDPR on US Companies & Cross-Border Data Management

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Wait, privacy is a “thing”?! 

Does the US have a fundamental right to privacy? — NO
Is there national federal privacy legislation in the US? NO

Does the US constitution mention “privacy”? NO
*Brief* History of US Privacy Law

1970s: Fair Credit Reporting Act & other financial regulations

1974: The Privacy Act of 1974

1990s: Telecommunications Regulation, GLBA, & COPPA

2000s: PATRIOT Act and HIPAA

2010s: Growing role for Federal Trade Commission

2015: Safe Harbor Provisions invalidated

EXTRATERRITORIAL IMPACT
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Personal data is more than just a Social Security number?

Before GDPR:

General definition of “personal information”

- An individual’s first name or first initial & last name
- Social Security Number;
- Driver license number or state identification card number;
- Account number or credit card number or debit card number in combination with any required security code, access code or password.
GDPR Definitions (Art. 4):

“personal data”

any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person (‘data subject’); an identifiable natural person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data, an online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person;

States expanded definition of “personal information” to include:

- Login Credentials;
- Biometric Data;
- Online Identifiers; etc.
I don’t understand: my supply chain matters for my privacy compliance?
What do these companies all have in common?

1. Target
2. Quest Diagnostics
3. American Medical Collection Agency (AMCA)
4. Evite
5. US Customs & Borders Protection
6. Facebook
7. Uber
8. Slack
9. Yves Rocher
10. Instagram
11. UNIQLO

And, the list keeps growing . . .
I can be fined for privacy?

FTC’s $5 billion Facebook settlement: Record-breaking and history-making

By: Lesley Fair | Jul 24, 2019 8:52AM
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Google and YouTube Will Pay Record $170 Million for Alleged Violations of Children’s Privacy Law

FTC, New York Attorney General allege YouTube channels collected kids’ personal information without parental consent

FTC Announces Settlements with Four Companies Related to Allegations they Deceived Consumers over Participation in the EU-U.S. Privacy Shield
Wait, we can have privacy regulations too?!

State-by-State Privacy & Security Legislation

States with Pending Legislation (as of 01/15/2020)

1. California
2. Hawaii
3. Illinois
4. Massachusetts
5. Minnesota
6. New Hampshire
7. New Jersey
8. New York
9. Pennsylvania
10. Rhode Island
11. South Carolina
12. Washington
13. Vermont

And, the list keeps growing . . .
Washington state lawmakers debut legislation for consumer privacy and facial recognition

BY TAYLOR SOPER on January 13, 2020 at 5:28 pm

Republican Bills Would Allow Wisconsin Residents To Block Tech Companies From Collecting Personal Data

Legislation Would Set Fines Up To $20M For Companies Violating Proposed Data Law

BY LAUREN MORRIS on 15 July 2019
Overview of the California Consumer Privacy Act

The CCPA applies to the collection of personal information related to a “consumer.”

Personal Information
- “information that identifies, relates to, describes, is reasonably capable of being associated with, or could reasonably be linked, directly, or indirectly, with a particular consumer or household.” Cal. Civ. Code § 1798.140(o)(1).
- Includes (Cal. Civ. Code § 1798.140 (o)(1)(A)):
  - biometric information,
  - internet network activity,
  - geolocation data,
  - education information, and
  - passport numbers.

Comparing the CCPA to the GDPR

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What can we expected in 2020?

Federal Privacy Legislation?

US Senators Introduce New COPRA Digital Privacy Act
Federal Privacy Legislation?


By Alysa Zeltzer Hutnik & Khouryanna DiPrima on December 2, 2019

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Federal Privacy Legislation?

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CANTWELL, SENATE DEMOCRATS UNVEIL STRONG ONLINE PRIVACY RIGHTS

NEW CONSUMER RIGHTS GUARANTEED BY STRONG FEDERAL COMPLIANCE AND CONSUMER RIGHT TO SUE; DATA COMPANIES WITH SECURITY BREACHES CAN BE FINED

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Today U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation Ranking Member Maria Cantwell (D-WA) and fellow senior members Senators Brian Schatz (D-HI), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), and Ed Markey (D-MA) unveiled comprehensive federal online privacy legislation to establish privacy rights, outlaw harmful and deceptive practices, and improve data security safeguards for the record number of American consumers who now shop or conduct business online.

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Recap of Impacts

1. Privacy became a top business concern in the US.
2. Privacy means more than just healthcare and financial information.
3. The Data Supply Chain became a top priority.
4. The FTC is regulating more US company privacy practices.
5. US Regulations are starting to follow the GDPR-trend.
Questions?

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