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Internet and the individuals; problems and possible law solutions

In our days, the Internet and the general progress of technology has made possible the use of various forms of global communication. The e-mail, the Web pages, on-line shopping, and virtual chat are all ways in which the Internet user can not only interact with machines, but communicate with other persons online. We know that the benefits electronic communication are many because of its rapidity and universality, but there are severe drawbacks; the risk is the potential to reveal personal information about the user. Every time we communicate by electronic media, the risk exists that someone else is compiling or recording personal information for an unwanted use. There is a general consensus that Internet privacy standards are unsafe. The lack of information safeguards can fall into one of two areas: security or confidentiality.

On this basis this paper discusses changes in the relationship of the public and the private, also based on examples such as WikiLeaks, contemporary Internet surveillance, the exploitation of digital labour on social media, Internet corporations' tax avoidance, Internet whistleblowing, etc. It argues that we need to overcome the liberal concept of freedom and that limits to freedom by law are inherent to liberalism itself; we therefore need to find the adequate rules and laws to our liberal-technological society and the corporate Internet that embodied in its mode of control and surveillance the very principles of freedom and privacy that have brought about the situation and problems we are facing today.