

OPERATION PRIVACY

In previous Missions, many of you mentioned 'privacy' as one of the three most important rights to have in the digital age, and many also listed the 'right to privacy' as one of your rights that is most impacted by new technology.

So we all agree that we have a right to privacy, don't we? But does that mean the same thing to everyone?

MISSION 1: ARTICLE 16

Article 16 of the Convention states: "No child shall be subjected to arbitrary or unlawful interference with his or her privacy, family, or correspondence, nor to unlawful attacks on his or her honour and reputation".

What are your thoughts on this right? And what does privacy really mean to you?

Does article 16 have it covered?

Answer the questions below to explore the meaning of privacy. Write more details and/or examples in the boxes provided.

Does privacy exist online?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

When we ask 'What is private?', what are the top 3 things that come to your mind?

Is public the opposite of private?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

**Are the things that are private online the same as those that are private offline?
Can some things be both private AND online? Tell us why, or why not, and give examples.**

DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS?

I post photos and information about myself often and I don't think privacy is such a big deal.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

I am worried about privacy but I still post photos and information about myself because that's just how things are now.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Protecting privacy is important but I am not worried because I am careful online.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

People who don't want to have their name or photo online are just afraid of technology or just don't know enough about it.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

I am worried about privacy and never post personal information.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

I can't see why people are so concerned about privacy, I have nothing to hide!

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Everything is private until you make it public.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Everything is public until you make it private.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

What is public or private, and how I decide to make it public or private, depends on the circumstances of each situation.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

So, article 16 says: no “arbitrary or unlawful interference with one’s privacy, family, or correspondence” and no “unlawful attacks on one’s honour and reputation”... Does this reflect what you mean by ‘right to privacy’? How would you amend this article?

MISSION 2: MANAGE

Many of us have heard about the risks of being online and how we should be careful what information we put on the internet. But what do you actually believe and DO when it comes to your own privacy online? What is your experience of online privacy issues?

Send us a creative response to tell us about your experience of privacy in your online life. Your response can be in the form of a video, an audio recording, a script for a play, a drawing, a presentation, a short text, etc.

You can, if you want, use some of the following questions as a starting point.

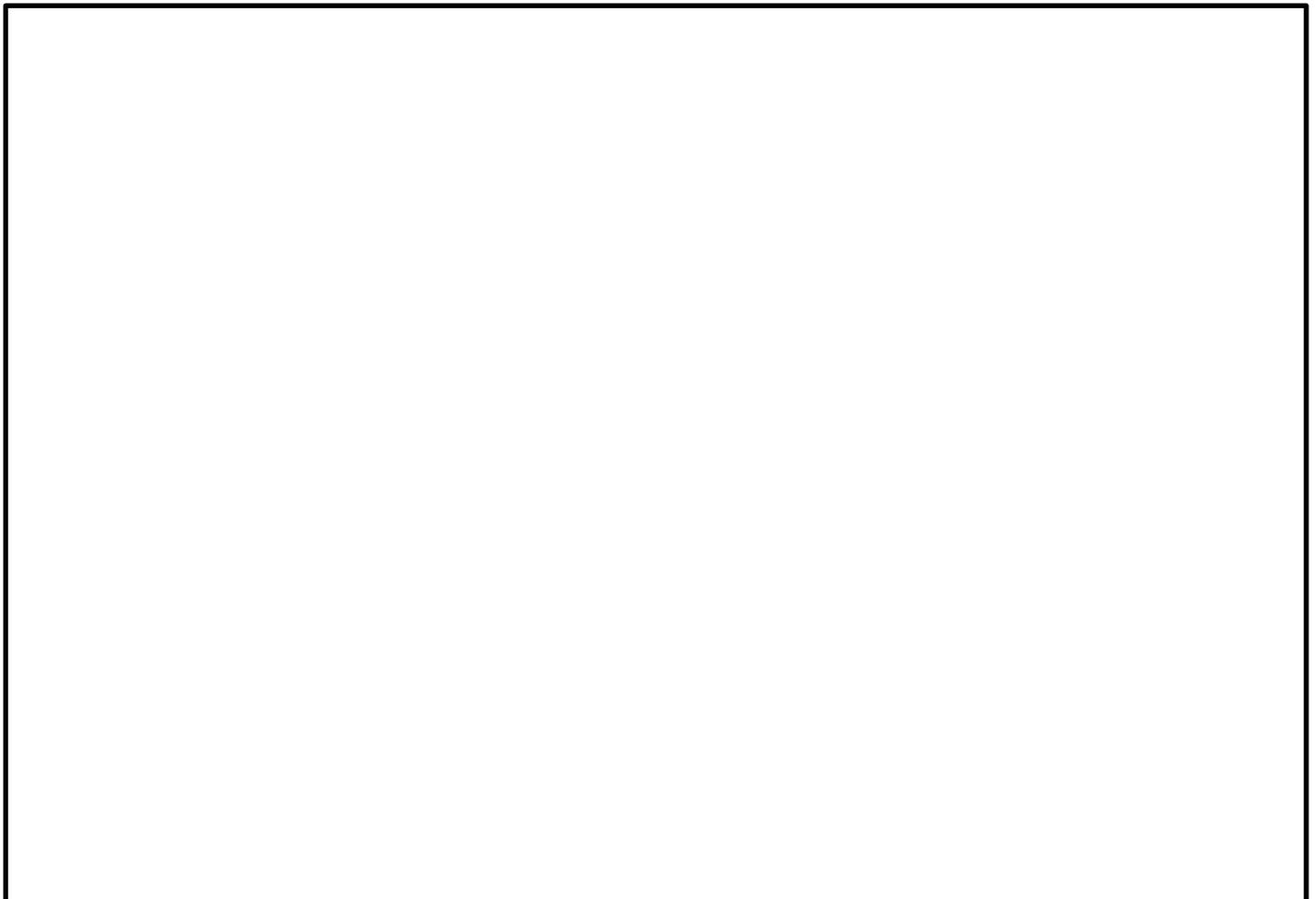
What do you do to manage your privacy online?

Have you ever checked or changed privacy settings on a device or an app? Are there personal rules you follow? Are there things you won't post online? Are there things you only share with specific people?

What is your experience of privacy issues?

Have you ever witnessed or experienced an issue related to your privacy or someone else's that you know? What happened? What were the consequences? Or do you do things like changing privacy settings just because you were told to do so?

How and where did you learn about privacy online?



MISSION 3: PERSPECTIVE

Previous research* shows that adults and young people do not approach the concept of privacy in the same way. **danah boyd, it's complicated, the social lives of networked teens, 2014.*

This is a two-part mission: first, read the statement and questions below and prepare your answers. Then, interview a trusted adult about the meaning of privacy and ask the same questions. Conclude by comparing your answers. Do a video or audio recording if you can. Remember - you must obtain permission from the person you're interviewing (follow the guidelines below).

Tip: Choose a parent, teacher or other adult that you are comfortable talking to. If you record the interview, don't identify yourself or your interviewee by name, or by showing specific details of where you live. Video or audio recordings may become part of other materials created and shared later as part of the RErights project.

If you cannot or do not want to interview an adult, simply write down your own answers.

Adults think that everything is private until you make it public, whereas young people think that everything is public until you make it private.

What do you think?

- Do you agree with this statement? Why/why not?
- Do you think children and adults see privacy differently? Why/why not?
- Is privacy different now to what it used to be before digital media?

PERMISSION GUIDELINES:

1. Explain to the interviewee that this activity is part of a research project and the information recorded will be analysed by researchers at Western Sydney University in Australia.
2. If you are video/audio recording, ask the interviewee to read the following once you have started recording:

“I understand this is part of a research project and I agree for my content to be used by the research team. I understand I will not be identified by name and the information I provide may be made publicly available”

3. If you are making a written record, include the above sentence and ask the interviewee to sign the paper with their signature, name and date. Make sure you include their written permission with your interview.