



Homework 4: Privacy and Social of the Web

Goal: The purpose of this exercise is to think carefully about privacy, and explain your thoughts of privacy.

In this assignment you are asked to write a brief essay on the topic “Is it ever justified to post surreptitiously acquired information on the Web?”

For us, “surreptitiously acquired” means information that has been taken without the creator’s or owner’s knowledge.

Read two tiny sections from *Blown To Bits*: pp. 1-2, 14-16. [Note, using the Chapter 1 .pdf available at <http://www.bitsbook.com/excerpts/>, add 3 to each page number.]

See the Julian Assange Documentary: <http://stopwar.org.uk/content/view/2192/27/>
(It runs nearly an hour, but the most important information from the point of view of the essay is in the last half ... so please watch it all the way through.)

Assignment. Considering the definition of privacy, the sections in *Blown To Bits*, any further information that you gather on Star Wars Kid, Numa, Numa Guy, Tyler Clementi and similar cases, together with the information in “WikiLeaks The Movie”, write a two-page essay on your thoughts concerning the ethics of this matter. (If you want to write more, go for it, but keep it as crisp as you can!)

To Turn In. Write the essay using a Word processor, name it <your name>essay and turn it in to the class dropbox.