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Why should I care about privacy in my personal communication?

I often hear arguments something to the effect that "I'm just a boring ordinary person. Why should I care what government and Big Tech finds out about me?"

1. Do you think everyone in government is a good and well-intentioned person?
2. Are there any computer hackers at work today?
3. Who is "Big Tech" selling your personal data to and what are their customers going to use your data for?
4. Are there people who are willing to resort to "any means necessary" -- including violence -- in order to force their views on others?
5. Are there thieves "out there" -- looking for clues?
6. Have you made any regrettable remarks? Regrettable remarks might be used against you even years later to prevent you from getting a job, or renting an apartment ...

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Exerpt from : *Why I Wrote PGP*

(*Part of the Original 1991 PGP User's Guide (updated in 1999)*)

It's personal. It's private. And it's no one's business but yours. You may be planning a political campaign, discussing your taxes, or having a secret romance. Or you may be communicating with a political dissident in a repressive country.

Whatever it is, you don't want your private electronic mail (email) or confidential documents read by anyone else. There's nothing wrong with asserting your privacy.

Philip Zimmermann

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... and good reasons why you should assert your privacy.

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