

The Right to be Forgotten

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The “Right to Erasure” or deletion has been around pre-Europe’s General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”). California passed the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) that goes into effect on January 1, 2020, which enables individuals the right to erasure. California took a big step forward, but why isn’t data privacy a priority in the U.S.?

Our government has been eerily silent regarding our individual data privacy. Let’s move forward and strike a balance between data privacy and freedom of expression. The fact that corporations in the U.S. are “tasked” with securing my personal information is not reassuring.

Everyone should have the right to the protection of his or her personal data. Everyone should also have the right of access to data which has been collected about him or her, and the right to have it rectified. Yes, there will be instances where personal data is required for security and transactions etc. This should be carved out in a commercially reasonable manner.

Congress, pass a comprehensive and meaningful online privacy act establishing online privacy as a human right. You have the GDPR and the CCPA as a roadmap. And don’t buckle under the lurking armies of well-paid lobbyists to water it down. We know better.