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Private Lives: do we still value our privacy?

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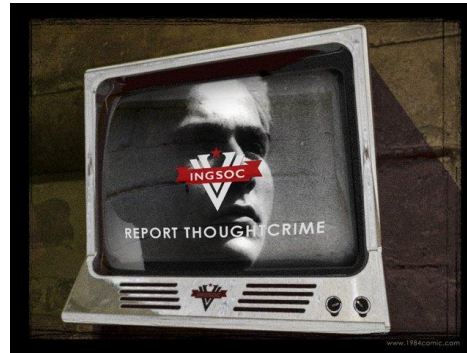


Recent inventions and business methods call attention to the next step which must be taken for the protection of the person, and for securing to the individual ... the right “to be let alone”.

For years there has been a feeling that the law must afford some remedy for the unauthorized circulation of portraits of private persons; and the evil of invasion of privacy by the newspapers, long keenly felt. The alleged facts of a somewhat notorious case brought before an inferior tribunal in New York a few months ago, directly involved the consideration of the right of circulating portraits; and the question whether our law will recognize and protect the right to privacy in this and in other respects must soon come before our courts for consideration.

The Right to Privacy by Warren and Brandeis (1890)









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