The Trust Crisis: Why privacy reform is so critical to democracy

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“It seems to me that everyone—whether you have a title attached to your name or not—is entitled to some degree of privacy,” says Michael McEvoy, British Columbia’s privacy commissioner. He notes that even as Victoria-area locals talked of encountering Harry and Meghan while walking or hiking before the announcement that they were stepping back from royal duties, no photos emerged. “I think it says something about the culture of B.C. and Canada, the civility that exists here. People generally respect each other’s space,” says McEvoy.
Microsoft says it will follow California's digital privacy law in U.S.

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Microsoft Corp said in a blog post on Monday that it would honor California’s privacy law throughout the United States, expanding the impact of a strict set of rules meant to protect consumers and their data.
REPORT OF FINDINGS

Joint investigation of Facebook, Inc. by the Privacy Commissioner of Canada and the Information and Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia

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Joint Investigation by the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada and the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia into Facebook, Inc.’s compliance with the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (“PIPEDA”) and the Personal Information Protection Act (British Columbia) (“PIPA”)

Respondent: Facebook, Inc.

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AggregateIQ will not face financial penalties in investigation that finds it broke privacy laws
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LifeLabs reveals data breach, possibly affecting up to 15 million Canadians

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4.7M of B.C.'s 5M residents may have been impacted by LifeLabs cyberattack: privacy commissioner

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LifeLabs breach highlights data protection crisis in Canada
All bets are off if AI becomes smarter than people

The acceleration of development and lack of global regulatory control represents the biggest threat going forward.

Technology is bestowing wonderful opportunities and benefits to the world, but the acceleration of development, and lack of global regulatory control, represents the biggest threat going forward.

Cool toys, fancy devices, and healthcare cures are positive developments. But less benign will be the development, without guard rails, of artificial intelligence that matches human capability by 2029. Worse yet, this will be followed by the spectre of what's known as General AI — machines capable of designing machines.
1. MANDATORY BREACH NOTIFICATION

2. ADMINISTRATIVE MONETARY PENALTIES
“Seven in 10 Canadians said they would be more willing to do business with a company if it faced the threat of heavy fines for misusing their data.”

Source: 2018-19 Survey of Canadians on Privacy, Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada, May 9, 2019
Cambridge Analytica harvested data from millions of unsuspecting Facebook users

Facebook says more than 600,000 Canadians were affected by Cambridge Analytica data scandal

By National Observer in News, Politics | April 4th 2018

'Vere sorry': 15M LifeLabs customers may have had data breached in cyberattack