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Consumers need to be given clearer disclosure on what information the media companies obtain, and they need to know how that information is used. I tried to read the terms and conditions when I signed up for Google and Facebook, but I probably didn't read the details. Everyday people can't understand these terms, nor do they take the time to read all of them. I don't like the idea that my data is being sold or used in any way that I didn't intend it to be.

Google's Android phones have been tracking users, and they continue to track them when they turn off the location function. I recently saw on TV that if you use Google Maps, it leaves a fingerprint on your phone. Then, people can go back and track where you've been, even after you've deleted your history. I don't like it that people can still access something I think I've removed from my history or my phone,

In addition to my concerns on data privacy, I resent YouTube deleting accounts with conservative views and supporting only one side. This is especially troubling since a lot of young people only look at this type of thing rather than seeing the big picture. That has a major impact on democracy. All of our views should be heard, and people need to see both sides of the story.

The European Union has fined Google because it was using its dominance in the smartphone market to keep out competitors. It's never fair when these bigger companies profit off the smaller guys. It would be a positive thing to stop this kind of behavior. I always think opening competition up is a good idea. Google has too much dominance in this area, anyway.

I was happy to see that some of the countries in Great Britain started to crack down on this issue. That had a ripple effect for all of us, even here. I would like to see better laws created in the United States. These companies should be held liable for what they do. They tell us in the small print that they are protecting our data and they're not. They should be held responsible for that.

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