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Re: Competition and Consumer Protection in the 21st Century Hearing, Project Number P181201

It disturbs me that nearly everything I do online generates information that companies use without my permission. I don't want other people interfering in my life. I just want them to leave me alone. It is unfair that the media companies are harvesting our data and selling it for big profits.

Google was caught altering search results to promote its products over the competition. Google's got the market, and they're pushing themselves on us, but more competition would be better for consumers. Anytime you have more competition, you're better off. You don't want someone monopolizing everything, but that's the way Google is.

I also worry about certain political views being silenced, as seen in YouTube's removal of user accounts with conservative positions. Democracy is melting away when this kind of thing happens.

These companies have no right to interfere in my life or steal my information. I think companies like Google should leave us alone and not interfere in our lives. They have no right to sell our private data for a profit without our permission. They're just too big for their britches if you ask me!

Sincerely,

Leslie Privette