

Senate votes to kill privacy rules guarding your online information

NEW YORK (AP) — The Senate voted to kill Obama-era online privacy regulations, a first step toward allowing internet providers such as Comcast, AT&T and Verizon to sell your browsing habits and other personal information as they expand their own online ad businesses.

“Advertisers and marketers are lining up to get access to all the information that’s now available about us,” said Jeff Chester of the Center for Digital Democracy, which advocates for tougher internet privacy measures.

you don’t like its practices. Of course, it’s also hard to stop using Google or Facebook. Undoing the Federal Communications Commission’s regulation leaves people’s online information in a murky area. Today, you can tell a broadband provider not to use your data. Experts say federal law still requires broadband providers to protect customer information — but it doesn’t spell out how or what companies must do.

PARENTS TALK BACK Political disagreements: Is it better to know?

Matt McCain hasn’t felt the same about a close friend after reading what she posted about the Women’s March in D.C. two months ago. They used to talk about everything, and he had been a groomsman in her wedding five years ago.



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McCain, who grew up in a small town in Texas but now lives in Austin, said he wasn’t upset by her political position, but rather by how she expressed it. He was surprised at how naive and closed-minded she came across. He hasn’t made an effort to see her since, doesn’t talk to her as much and feels uneasy toward her.

These are not people you can mute, unfollow or de-friend with the click of a button. In relationships that can’t be easily severed, many people deal with differences with good ol’ fashioned avoidance. This is the preferred approach in many families: Steer clear of any topics likely to create tension or conflict.

But some who successfully used the avoidance strategy during the contentious campaign season say the tension has only been building since Election Day. One woman said she has avoided asking her husband of 30 years who he voted for. But his unwillingness to be critical of anything Trump has said or done has pushed her to the brink emotionally.

“There have never been two things harder to reconcile, ever,” she said. “This man I love, and this man I loathe. And both such a part of my daily life.” Rachel D’Souza-Siebert of St. Louis says it’s important for her to know her close friends’ political beliefs in order to have authentic relationships. She describes herself as a liberal and has friends who are politically conservative.

“On some issues we agree and on some we don’t, but at the end of the day we respect each other,” she said. “That being said, I have had some friendships and relationships end over politics, and I’m OK with that.”

Kandi Gregory of St. Louis describes herself as a very conservative Christian, and has unfollowed some of her Facebook friends. But one of her closest friends in real life is a “very liberal Jewish lady.” She says they have had many discussions on issues ranging from abortion to religion.

As the environment gets more charged, it continues to test friendships and other relationships. A friend recently asked a question on Facebook after seeing an offensive post from an acquaintance: When it comes to your friends’ beliefs, “is it better not to know?” She said she had previously tried challenging this casual friend’s misinformation, but gave up trying to talk to her after the latest post.

Those who are outliers in a politically homogenous family, neighborhood or city may opt to stay quiet about their views. But divisions can be extra painful in the most intimate relationships: spouses, parents and close

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

WEDNESDAY
1:04 a.m. - A Hermiston caller on West Juniper Avenue reported someone was knocking on the bedroom window.
4:39 a.m. - Hermiston police took a report for the theft of a vehicle at Eldorado Apartments, 245 N.W. 11th St.
7:58 a.m. - A man asked Umatilla police to call him because he lost his drone on top of an abandoned building on Columbia Street.

240 S.W. 11th St., Hermiston.
10:16 p.m. - The Morrow County Sheriff’s Office responded to Cedar Road, Irigon, on a report of a man beating a woman. The deputy found no one committed a crime.
11:54 p.m. - Pendleton police took a report for theft of a vehicle from in front of the closed Pendleton Cinema, 415 S.W. First St.

ARRESTS, CITATIONS
•Umatilla tribal police arrested Colten Kee Nez, 27, of Pendleton, for domestic abuse and assault, both felonies.
•Pendleton police arrested Marion Ivan Taylor III, 57, of 74960 Brace Road, Irigon, for possession of methamphetamine, possession of cocaine, felon in possession of a weapon (electric stun device and switchblade-type knife), carrying concealed weapons, and on a warrant for failure to appear.
•Oregon State Police arrested Kayla Marie Doty, 29, of Washougal, Washington, for driving under the influence of intoxicants. State police reported a trooper at 5:26 p.m. stopped a pickup for speeding east on Interstate 84 near milepost in Morrow County, and Doty failed a sobriety test. The trooper took her to the Boardman Police Department, where she provided a breath sample showing her blood-alcohol level was .23 percent, just shy of three times the legal limit of .08 percent.

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