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National security versus protection of personal data in the EU

ABSTRACT:

The purpose of this paper is to give a short preview on the European legislative regarding the fundamental right to protection on personal data, established with the Charter of Fundamental Rights in EU, and it's interconnection with the national security. The main issue elaborated in this paper is how which freedom and how much of our privacy are we willing to sacrifice in order to provide a high level of national security. National security cannot be achieved in isolation from fundamental rights. In order to achieve national security while safeguarding fundamental rights we must do careful consideration to see whether too much freedom is being sacrificed to achieve a high degree of security.

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