

Someone is Always Watching

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Introduction

My project is on the various violations of privacy that have occurred as a result of a spike in proctoring software, and COVID-19 symptom trackers at universities. Pre-pandemic there were proctoring software available but not nearly as many and they were used significantly less. Now proctoring software is widespread and so are the gaps



in the software and privacy violations that put both High School and College Students at risk

Findings

Throughout our evaluation of articles and testimonies we have been able to characterize the issues we have identified in the following categories:

- Privacy and Surveillance
 - Requires a full profile
 - Information is not confidential
 - Personal Devices
- Fairness
 - Natural Testing Habits
 - Disorders
- Civil Rights Violations
 - Racial Issues
 - Sexism
 - Agism
- Socioeconomic Issues
 - Incompatible software



The God who made eyes can see

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Key Takeaways

- Awareness brings about the best chance for change
- Computer Programs are only as smart as the people who programmed it and information received
- Requiring these programs puts students in danger

Quick Fixes

- Avoid giving extra information online
- Report privacy violations
- Minimize online profiles
- Limit tracking in your settings (Google, Apple, etc.)
- Keep personal information on personal devices
 - Note: convenience can put you at risk



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"Chrome thought one of the fields was for a credit card and auto filled. "Why...did that show up?" [the student] asked. "First and last name without space," said [the proctor], unperturbed. [the student] quickly unselected the box, but [their] card's last four digits and expiration date had already been displayed"

Hayes's Story

Courtesy of The Verge



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