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Summary

In this excerpt by Daniel Solove, he starts with the argument of how saying that people have “nothing to fear or hide” while talking about the government looking at our information, is not the best idea. Our privacy, whether we have things to hide or not, is a fundamental right and has nothing to do with being guilty or innocent. He goes on to look into surveillance and the idea of privacy in the age of technology.

Solove exposes the flaws as to why the argument of only those involved in illegal activities have something to hide. A lot of people enjoy their privacy, knowing that it is safer to be the only person that knows their information. Privacy is essential to our freedom and our individuality. Not everyone can be an open book, and that should be a good reason why they won't share. Privacy violations can turn out to be bigger than we think, and we can lose trust in society.

With privacy issues, the government can believe that everyone's information is subject to their knowledge, and it basically open to the public. However, Solove argues that there are consequences for this type of thinking. Each individual's information should be protected by law and should be controlled by the person who belongs to this information.

Privacy is a foundational value in our society. Everyone should understand the importance of their own privacy and challenge the government with surveillance issues. We should fight for our rights and save individual freedom so that we can maintain a healthy balance between security and privacy.