



***Privacy &
Information***

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**NEH Summer
Seminars**

My proposal

Bill Parent

My History with Privacy

**Parent's
article**

**My failed
response**

**My
subsequent
work**

Privacy is the condition of not having undocumented personal knowledge of one possessed by others. A person's privacy is diminished exactly to the degree that others possess this kind of knowledge about him.

. . . [P]ersonal information . . . [should] be understood to consist of facts about a person which most individuals in a given society do not want widely known about themselves.

**Centrality of
information**

**Parent and
philosophical
analysis**

**Statement of
the model**

Parent's Model

**“Personal”
information**

**“Documented” &
“undocumented”
information**

**Clear,
elegant, &
pausable**

**Philosophical
analysis**

**Definitions as
job
descriptions**

**Vagueness &
ambiguity**

Semantic Legislation

**Semantic
improvement**

**Futility of the
project**

**Begging-the-
question**

**Philosophical
counter-
examples**

**Knowledge &
information**

Height???

***Undocumented
Personal Information***

Documentation

**Web-page
counter-
example**

**Does this
really damage
Parent's
model?**