Reflection on PrivacyRights

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After looking through the website PrivacyRights.org and the information provided through it, I see why it is such a powerful tool for people who are doing research into cybersecurity that uses information on data breaches. This website provides data on different breaches that is used to see trends throughout the datasets. Using things like these trends, consistency of how much they occur, and who gets specifically targeted is extremely important in order to properly research these issues. These researchers can also see how current settings and policies that are in place work in comparison to the attacks that they receive and how they are handled. With this being available researchers are able to provide positive information and solutions into how to prevent or at least mitigate some issues and breaches. The data supports a form of empirical research that is able to take technical risks and combines them with human and organizational factors. Specifically, from a social science perspective, a vast majority of branches would be very beneficial if they took part in researching and using this resource.

- **Sociology** is able to show how a company or organization's social structure and dynamics can greatly impact their risks and how they respond to issues.
- **Criminology** is able to show different changes in behavior, study what the motivations of the actions are, and how the networks of criminals act.
- Psychology greatly benefits by gaining the ability to see into the behavioral actions of people who are in organizations by seeing how easy it is to get them to fall for a phishing attack.

All in all, the website <u>PrivacyRights.org</u> is a great source for valuable data in order to study different breaches over time, and is able to be a positive stepping stone for research through the social science of cybersecurity. These research threads are able to help grasp a proper understanding of cybersecurity threats and even possibly mitigate them.

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