

Why do people deserve privacy—what is it good for? Do people who use privacy to act immorally (but not illegally) still deserve their privacy? Why or why not?

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Privacy can essentially be defined as being free from observation or other people's presence. Regardless of the location an individual is born and raised in, there are times that they may be alone (e.g., taking care of hygiene, defecating, recreation). Chances are that these individuals expect to be left alone and wish that other individuals would respect that desire. People deserve privacy because it allows them to act freely. It removes inhibitions, improves self-expression, and in some cases, it allows people to focus. The lack of external pressure may influence individuals into being independent and confident.

Only a small percentage of our population would enjoy being stared at while they are naked or having their deepest secrets be spread to relatives, friends, and strangers, or in general, having their personal information be known to the public.

To an extent, individuals who use privacy to act immorally but not illegally still deserve their privacy. However, we have to ask if these immoral actions are harmful. We also have to ask if the victims of these immoral actions consent to them. From the article, Williams mentions that a wife defended her husband for his alleged infidelity and that there are circumstances/contexts that the public may not know about. We do not have the full picture. We may judge too harshly and too early. If we normalize this form of surveillance, we start to lose our privacy, and we begin criticizing others for the smallest reasons. Punishment may outweigh the immorality of actions. To what extent do we stop shaming others for the way they act? Discrimination/stigma can be disastrous for one's life.

Ultimately, as long as no harm was done, individuals who use privacy to act immorally deserve their privacy.