

CS 495 Spring 2006

Quiz Two

Directions: Please answer each question completely. Use any course readings & notes which you believe will be helpful. Answers must be handed in on Monday, April 17th during class. Quiz must be typed, stapled and in paper format. No emails accepted. Please keep a backup copy of your answers.

1. The Olmstead and Katz decisions represent two approaches to the question of privacy within technology. For each case, explain your understanding of the basis for the majority's decision, whether or not you agree with its conclusions and why. Does either case still have relevance to issues dealing with computer privacy? Explain why or why not and feel free to suggest new ways in which courts might analyze privacy claims. Your description of the actual case technicalities and outcomes need not be exhaustive. Use your notes as well as the links provided on the course Web site.

2. Discuss the current state of employee email privacy. In addition, based upon your readings and our class discussions, give your opinion of whether this situation is fair to employers and employees and make suggestions on what legal or ethical changes you would make to the current status.

3. What changes or additions, if any, would you make in the current privacy legislation (e.g., ECPA, Patriot which we have discussed). Do you think that the current legislation strikes an appropriate balance between privacy and other interests? In your explanation, describe the changes or additions which you would make, or if none, explain why you feel that the current status should remain unchanged.

4. What do you believe is the most important current or future issue in computer privacy? Explain your reasons for your selection and offer what approaches you would take to deal with the challenge.

Quiz Evaluation and Recommendations:

40% Use of Course Material	-----	Remember to refer to readings & notes
40% Comprehensiveness & Clarity strengths	-----	Cover the entire topic which the question <u>reasonably</u> suggests, including and weaknesses, criticisms, examples, hypotheticals and exceptions.
20% Creativity & Originality	-----	Give your opinion and reflections on the issues (after fulfilling the above-listed requirements). Suggest possible additional perspectives, based on your own experiences or readings.