collectively turning our face from people who either enliven or diminish crucial online spaces for discourse, networking, and enlightenment. That mechanism should be entirely voluntary,” argue lawyers Danielle Citron and Benjamin Wittes on the national security site Lawfare, seeking to bring civility to one part of the social-media world.

- Tips on managing your account in Facebook protectively, in The Guardian: web site.
- Alarmed that school officials often tell pupils that they have “no expectation of privacy” on the internet or devices at school, the ACLU of Massachusetts is offering two model policies for school districts, one covering school internet networks and devices and the second governing how students’ personal devices may be searched or accessed by school officials. ACLU Massachusetts web site.
- The Electronic Privacy Information Center has published the newest edition of its publication The Privacy Law Sourcebook 2016 cataloging many of the essential international privacy laws. Available in print or digital formats at www.epic.org/bookstore/pls2016/.
- After a terse history of intelligence in American history, Anthony Gregory of the Independent Institute in California probes into the activities of the National Security Agency disclosed by Edward Snowden, in his new book American Surveillance, Intelligence, Privacy and the Fourth Amendment (288 pages $44.95 from The University of Wisconsin Press). The emphasis is on national-security intelligence gathering as opposed to surveillance of individuals. web site, Institute email.

Agenda – In D.C. and Brussels

The Federal Trade Commission will hold its second PrivacyCon, a free public forum that will continue and expand collaboration among leaders from academia, research, consumer advocacy, and industry on the privacy and security implications of emerging technologies Jan 12 in Washington D.C. There will be 18 presentations of original research in this field and a closing panel moderated by Jessica Rich, director of the Bureau of Consumer Protection. The event will cover the Internet of Things (IoT) and big data; mobile privacy; consumer privacy expectations; online behavioral advertising; and information security. privacycon@ftc.gov.

- A nonprofit platform originally founded in 2007 by research groups from the Vrije Universiteit Brussels, the Université de Namur and Tilburg University and joined by National de Recherche en Informatique et en Automatique and the Fraunhofer Institut für System und Innovationsforschung sponsors a leading multi-disciplinary conference, Computers, Privacy & Data Protection Conference. It is scheduled for Jan. 25-27 in Brussels with the theme “The Age of Intelligent Machines.” Included are advanced discussions in the field: surveillance in “smart cities” by Queens University in Ontario; data protection policy after Brexit, consumer credit, law enforcement, and “The Data Driven Economy” organized by Facebook. Information from email, web site.

- Throughout the year, the Health Care Compliance Association will present “basic compliance academies on privacy and HIPAA enforcement throughout the year. Information from email, hcca academies.

- The 26th National HIPAA Summit will be held in the Grand Hyatt Hotel Washington Mar. 29-31. www.hipaasummit.com/.

- The annual privacy symposium in Canada sponsored by the International Association of Privacy Professionals is scheduled for Toronto May 15-16. Information from web site.

- In an all-day conference in Washington May 24, the Federal Trade Commission will bring together academics, business and industry representatives, government experts and consumer advocates to discuss the ways in which theft of identity affects consumers and how that has changed in the last decade. Public comments: Information from John Krebs, 202/ 326-2692.