Possible Topics/Directions/Angles:

* Internet privacy
  + Consumer online privacy
  + Social networking privacy
  + Cell phone privacy
  + Email privacy
  + Cybersecurity (massive data breaches)
* Privacy and smart home devices: Ring, Alexa, Roomba, children’s toys, etc. / The Internet of Things and hackability
* Location tracking (cell phones, automatic license plate readers)
* Medical privacy (digitized medical records)
* Surveillance technologies (video surveillance, police body cameras, domestic drones, face recognition technology, RFID chips)
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