Group Project – Society and Computers

Computer history is filled with questions of individual rights, property, and questions of freedom. This project will ask each group to tackle a specific aspect of these broader societal issues. Over a few weeks period the teams will develop the different issues, create and present a white document that outline the issues. The document will be a group document that broadly discusses the issue, but also has sections presenting a specific subsection of our society. These subsections will include: conservative politician, liberal politician, conservative electorate, and liberal electorate. Note that liberal and conservative do not necessarily equate to the simple categories of Democrat and Republican.

**Topics:** Privacy, Freedom of Speech, Intellectual Property, and Crime

**Goal:** The goal of this project is to come to understand the nuances of these issues and how they relate to other similar issues. Additionally, students will gain experience writing in a cooperative setting.

**General requirements and info:**

- The primary product of this project will be a collaboratively written overview of the group’s topic. The paper will have between 2,500 and 3,500 words.
- Your work should be referenced and can include resources like Newsweek, Time, and the Wall Street Journal. Note that editorial opinion pages of major newspapers may make for good references.
- Wikipedia is a good starting point, but not allowed as a reference.

**Important Dates:**
Week 10: 4/2 – Assignment distributed
Week 14: 4/29 – Final draft due on Moodle: Sunday at 11:59pm.
   Only one group member should submit the paper.
Week 14: 5/2 and 5/4: 20 minute presentations