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The Facebook scandal could change politics as well as the internet

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Even used legitimately, it is a powerful, intrusive political tool

“MY GOAL was never really to make Facebook cool. I am not a cool person,” said Mark Zuckerberg,

Ironically, before the Facebook story even broke, I was attending a meeting at the University of Cambridge this week, what an awesome institution, I love it! Personally I found the timing profound, when Stephen Hawking passed into the ether, it is a huge loss to the world at large. (<https://www.cam.ac.uk/news/professor-stephen-hawking-1942-2018>).

Like most of us, we have a self-image I believe. Professionally I'm a technologist, cybersecurity specialist, entrepreneur/businessman and futurist, yet like many of my former and fellow colleagues, past and present, I don't have a Facebook account.

Being a father, a son, a brother, an uncle and so on, I've always held apprehensions about sharing my private life with the world at large, despite being an avid photographer and writer! So, do some of my fellow and former colleagues and friends. Being self-critical, maybe it's paranoia – but this Facebook story depicts an alternative perspective.

This week's story exemplifies why! Which is sad, given the power Facebook's capability gave humanity to connect, keep in contact and share their lives in a virtual fashion, or as I regard it, increasingly 'geosphered' ('my term - hopefully Oxford can add it to the dictionary') as we move and live around the globe at an ever-hastening pace. To quote one older Oxford Schollar, "We've seen the last generation where we can expect to grow and live in one place"

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From a cybersecurity perspective, I believe it's like opening the door to your most intimate, personal aspects of your life ~ call me conservative. Having built solutions that secure billions of dollars for millions of people, perhaps I'm just a cynic ~ doesn't seem that way now!

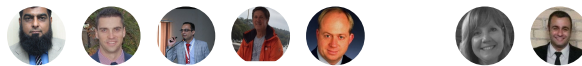
Sharing photos of your beloved family, children, family and friends who are increasingly "geosphered" away from their near and dear highlights the need for secure solutions. It's disappointing to see such amazing institutions as University of Cambridge, that has brought humanity innovation, knowledge and self-insight has been maligned for simply using the 'key' for Facebook (NOT wishing to malign it either). Facebook has brought the world together ~ but at what cost?

In short, such a brilliant tool as Facebook that brought humanity together has been compromised by the basics of ~ cybersecurity. Perhaps The Economist is not, 'bleeding edge', but their article summarised the story well... I hope you find it educational. <https://www.economist.com/news/united-states/21739167-even-used-legitimately-it-powerful-intrusive-political-tool-facebook-scandal>

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