

PERSONAL MEDICAL DATA: THE COST OF THE PRIVACY IN THE SURVEILLANCE SOCIETY

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ABSTRACT: *Personal medical data is beginning to raise more and more interpretation issues in the context of the current crisis caused by the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic and is threatening to become an explosive social problem. In this paper, we draw attention to the difficulties that arise in the practical effort to protect personal privacy, including in terms of medical information. Collective values, the public interest or the rights of others may constitute legitimate limitations on individual freedom and the right to privacy. To these are added the illegitimate interferences specific to the surveillance society, as well as the anti-democratic slippages to which the global society is always exposed. Our conclusion is that only the Law can be the authentic social binder and the defender of all, in times of peace or crisis, and Justice must remain the supreme virtue of social systems.*

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