

## The Privacy Payoff:

How Building Privacy Into Your Communications Will Give You A Sustainable Competitive Advantage

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## Privacy "101" Setting the Stage





#### **Information Privacy Defined**

#### **Information Privacy: Data Protection**

- Freedom of choice; personal control; informational self-determination;
- Control over the collection, use and disclosure of any recorded information about an identifiable individual;
- Privacy principles embodied in "Fair Information Practices."





### What Privacy is Not

Privacy 

Security





## Privacy and Security: The Difference

- Authentication
- Data Integrity
- Confidentiality
- Non-repudiation

#### Security:

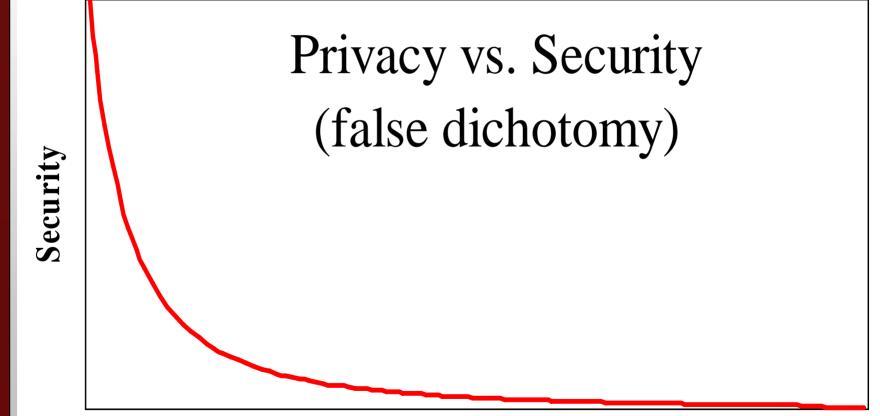
Organizational control of information through information systems

- Privacy; Data Protection
- Fair Information Practices
- "Use" of Personally Identifiable Information (PII)





# Privacy OR Security: A Zero-Sum Game



**Privacy** 





#### **Positive-Sum Model**

Change the paradigm from a zero-sum to a positive-sum model: Create a "win-win" scenario, not an "either/or" involving trade-offs





## Fair Information Practices: A Brief History

- OECD Guidelines on the Protection of Privacy and Transborder Flows of Personal Data (1980);
- European Union Directive on Data Protection (1995/1998);
- CSA Model Code for the Protection of Personal Information (1996);
- United States Safe Harbor Agreement (2000);
- Global Privacy Standard (2006).

www.ipc.on.ca/images/Resources/up-gps.pdf





# The Golden Rules: Fair Information Practices

- Why are you asking?
  - Collection; purpose specification;
- How will the information be used?
  - Primary purpose; use limitation;
- Any additional secondary uses?
  - Notice and consent; prohibition against unauthorized disclosures;
- Who will be able to see my information?
  - Restricted access from unauthorized third parties.





### **Global Privacy Standard**

- In 2005, at the 27th International Data Protection Commissioners Conference in Montreux, Switzerland, I chaired a Working Group of Commissioners convened for the sole purpose of creating a single Global Privacy Standard (GPS);
- Globalization and converging business practices created a need to harmonize various sets of fair information practices so that businesses and technology companies could turn to a single instrument for evaluating whether their practices or systems were actually enhancing privacy;
- The GPS builds upon the strengths of existing codes containing timehonoured privacy principles and reflects an enhancement by explicitly recognizing the concept of "data minimization" under the "collection limitation" principle;
- The final version of the GPS was formally tabled and accepted in the United Kingdom, on November 3, 2006, at the 28th International Data Protection Commissioners Conference.





# Why Privacy is Good for Business





#### The Bottom Line

Privacy should be viewed as a business issue, not a compliance issue

Think strategically and transform privacy into a competitive business advantage





#### CMO Council Study: Consumer Concerns over Information Security

According to the *Secure the Trust of Your Brand* survey released by the Chief Marketing Officer Council:

- More than **50%** of survey respondents (consumers) said their security concerns were rising;
- 40% have actually stopped a transaction online, on the phone or in a store due to a security concern;
- More than 30% indicated they would strongly consider taking their business elsewhere if their personal information was compromised;
- 25% firmly said they would definitely take their business elsewhere.



— Chief Marketing Officer Council,



### Privacy Concerns are Adversely Affecting E-Commerce

United States: e-commerce sales were only 3.4% of total sales – \$136 billion in 2007.

— U.S. Dept. of Commerce Census Bureau, February 2008

Canada: Online sales were just under 2% of total revenues – \$62.7 billion in 2007.

— Statistics Canada, April 2008





# Consumer Confidence and Trust





#### Consumer Trust is the Key

#### A simple fact about online behavior:

- Increased trust online breeds more online customers;
- The key to increasing online commerce is to draw in new consumers by removing the barriers to consumer trust.
  - Isaac Scarborough, *Consumers Still Don't Trust the Internet*, imediaconnection.com, November 14, 2005.





### **Consumer Choice and Privacy**

- There is a strong competitive advantage for businesses to invest in good data privacy and security practices;
- "There is a significant portion of the population that is becoming concerned about identity theft, and it is influencing their purchasing decisions."

— Rena Mears, Deloitte & Touche LLP, Survey Reports An Increase in ID Theft and Decrease in Consumer Confidence, June 29, 2005





### **Costs of A Privacy Breach**

- Legal liabilities, class action suits;
- Loss of client confidentiality and trust;
- Diminution of brand and reputation;
- Loss of customers, competitive edge;
- Penalties and fines levied;
- Costs of crisis management, damage control, review and retrofit of information systems, policies and procedures.

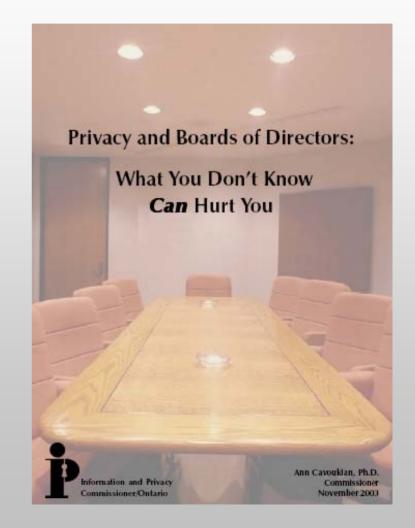




# Good Governance and Privacy: Board of Directors

#### **IPC Publication:**

- Guidance to corporate directors faced with increasing responsibilities and expectation of openness and transparency;
- Privacy among the key issues that Boards of Directors must address;
- Potential risks if Directors ignore privacy;
- Great benefits to be reaped if privacy included in a company's business plan.





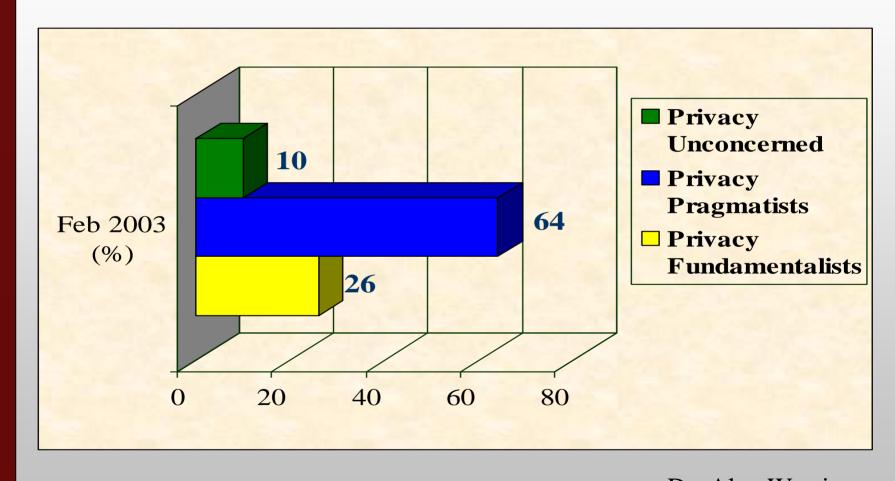


# Privacy-Enhanced Marketing





# How The Public Divides on Privacy

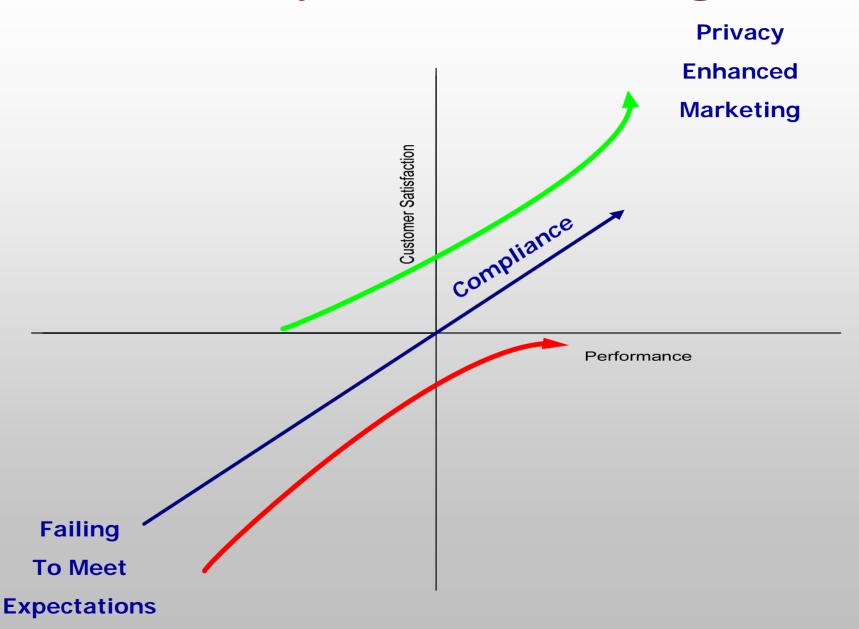




— Dr. Alan Westin,



### **Privacy and Marketing**







### **Privacy Enhanced Marketing**

- Develop a good **privacy product** it's all about trust and consumer confidence;
- Use privacy to gain a competitive advantage;
- Don't be short sighted: Build in **long-term** customer value.





## Your Privacy Product ...

should include three elements:

People
Processes
Technology





# Bottom Line: It's All About Trust

"Trust is more important than ever online ...

Price does not rule the Web ...

Trust does."

— Frederick F. Reichheld,

Loyalty Rules: How Today's Leaders Build Lasting Relationships, 2001.





## Ten Reasons for Building Consumer Trust

- 1. Avoiding damage to your company's and/or brand's reputation;
- 2. Avoiding penalization by any existing or pending laws;
- 3. Avoiding civil and class-action lawsuits;
- 4. Maintaining the balance of monitoring the activities of employees while not harming their morale and productivity;
- 5. Ensuring the continuation of valuable business relationships by ensuring your company measures up to the privacy standards adopted by strategic partners;





# Ten Reasons for Building Consumer Trust (Cont'd)

- 6. Being aware of the privacy laws and customs in other countries;
- 7. Gaining the trust and confidence of customers so that they will not provide you with false information;
- 8. Dealing with consumers who expect you to treat their personal information the same way that you would treat your own;
- 9. Repeat online customers are those that feel assured that shopping online is secure and that their information is protected;
- 10. Gain and maintain an edge over your competitors through embracing more than just the minimum of laws, regulations and privacy best practices.



— Ann Cavoukian, Ph.D., Tyler Hamilton, *The Privacy Payoff: How Successful Business Build Consumer Trust*, McGraw-Hill Ryerson, 2002, pp. 13-14.



### **Relating to Customers – 1:1**

"The 1:1 enterprise, operating in an interactive environment, relies not just on information *about* customers, but information *from* them."

"It is absolutely imperative for the 1:1 enterprise to take into account the issue of protecting individual customer privacy."

– Don Peppers and Martha Rogers, Ph.D.,

Enterprise One to One: Tools for Competing in the Interactive Age, 1996.





#### Permission-Based Marketing: The Personal Touch

- Essential premise: persuade consumers to *volunteer* their attention;
- Predicated on Consent: makes consumers *active* recipients of marketing information;
- Puts control in the hands of consumers.

— Seth Godin, *Permission-Based Marketing*, 2001.





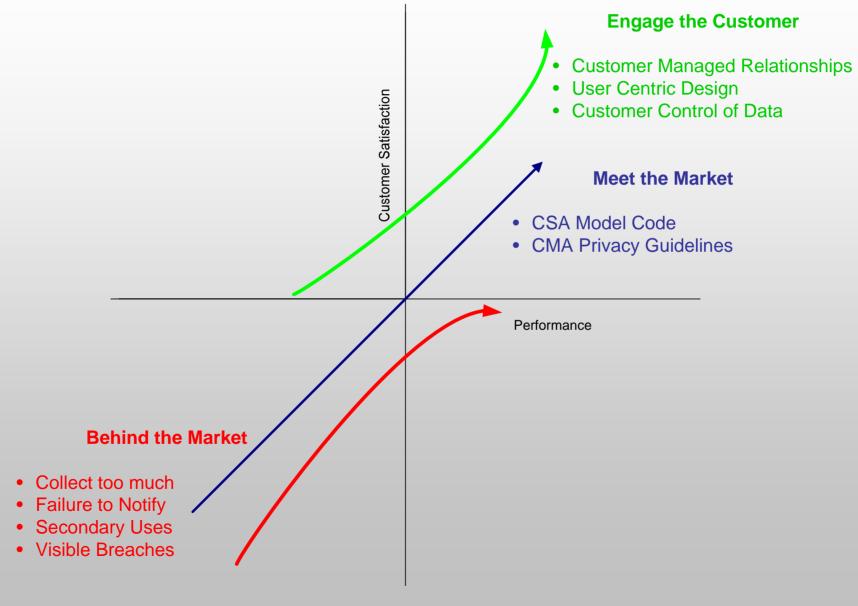
### The CMR Challenge

- Become more focused on your customers, more customer-centric by changing CRM to CMR:
   Customer Managed Relationships;
- NOT: "Know everything about your customers." Replace with: "Know everything that your customers want you to know, and are willing to tell you;"
- Lead by assuming nothing, instead, *always ask* think of this as a simple yet highly effective customer retention strategy.





#### Privacy and the Market







# Make Privacy A Core Competency





### What is a Core Competency?

For a business, a core competency is something that a business can do well, and meets the following conditions:

- 1. It provides customer benefits;
- 2. It is hard for competitors to imitate;
- 3. It can be leveraged widely to many products/markets.
- A core competency can take various forms, including technical/subject matter know how, a reliable process, and/or close relationships with customers and suppliers;
- If a core competency yields a long term advantage to the company, it will become a sustainable competitive advantage.

— C.K. Prahalad and Gary Hamel,

The Core Competence of the Corporation, Harvard Business Review, 1990.





# Make Privacy A Core Competency for Competitive Advantage

#### **Customer benefits:**

• Protecting privacy gives customers the reassurance of knowing what is happening to their personal information;

#### Hard to imitate:

 Privacy is respected when you have a "culture of privacy" – we all know how difficult it is to effect culture change;

#### It can be leveraged widely to many products and markets:

• Respect for privacy attaches to your brand, and therefore, cuts across product and service lines, just as a reputation for bad service infects all lines.





### Add Privacy to the Value Chain

#### Personal Information has great value:

- The closer it is to the customer; value is reduced as information moves away from the individual;
- Value is enhanced with the use of consent;
- Increasing the value of the P.I. that you hold increases your brand value for privacy;
- This concept is demonstrated with the idea of Return on Customer (ROC).
  - Martha Rogers, Ph.D., Return on Customer, June 2005.





# Privacy and ROC: Return on Customer

- When a customer is offended by an experience, their equity (the present value of future transactions) goes down AT THAT POINT, even if they complete the transaction they are in;
- You need to account for, and balance, the need for immediate short term cash flow vs. long term customer value.

— Martha Rogers, Ph.D., Return on Customer, June 2005.





# Develop A Culture of Privacy





#### **Redirecting Institutional Culture**

"A company must challenge all its assumptions about how each task is handled. It must not be afraid to peel back the layers and examine itself in a way it has never had to in the past ... devoting a tremendous amount of time and energy to the task."

— William A. Wheeler, Business Process Engineering: Breakpoint Strategies for Market Dominance, 1993.

"Organizational learning theorists propose that it is not enough for leaders to design appropriate organization structures and continue to make well-reasoned decisions; instead, organizations must be characterized at all levels by attentiveness to changing conditions."

— Dr. Amy C. Edmondson, Professor of Leadership and Management and Chair of the Doctoral Programs, Harvard Business School.





### **Building A Culture of Privacy**

- A culture of privacy enables sustained collective action by providing people with a similarity of approach, outlook, and priorities;
- The importance of privacy must be a message that comes from the top;
- Privacy must be woven into the fabric of the day-to-day operations of an organization, with adequate resources.





# Benefits of A Commitment to Privacy

- Strong organizational image and reputation as a forward-thinking, progressive leader;
- Enhanced data quality and integrity;
- Savings in terms of time and money (e.g., avoid lawsuits, avoid requirement to notify individuals following a privacy breach, etc.).





# Weaving Privacy into Day-to-Day Operations

- On-going privacy training and awareness program (new staff training; refresher training for existing staff, new threats to privacy, new technology threats and solutions);
- Policies and procedures for maintaining privacy must be clearly articulated and individuals must know how to apply them in the day-to-day work;
- Privacy must form part of the performance standard for every individual working in the information-intensive health care sector.





#### **Conclusions:**

#### Building privacy into your communications will give you a sustainable competitive advantage

- If you develop a trusted business relationship with your customers, they will provide you with a steady stream of information enhancing communication opportunities;
- It's all about trust when personal information is involved, you build consumer confidence and trust by strongly protecting your customers' privacy;
- By protecting privacy, and communicating that clearly to your customers, it will give them a comfort level to communicate freely with you, without fear of their information being indiscriminately disclosed
  - a true "win/win."





### The Future of Privacy

"Here's a prediction you can take to the bank:

Within a decade, privacy management will be

one of America's great growth service industries."

— Jim Taylor and Watts Wacker,

The 500 Year Delta: What Happens After What Comes Next, 1997.





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