

Records/information management practices and standards often trail technology, at the same time technology is designed and implemented without records/information management principles – would you agree or disagree?

This statement could not be any more accurate. I rarely look at my feed on Facebook anymore because the material I see on my feed. When I do look at Facebook, is often politically or personally motivated material that is on my feed. I am guilty of this too because the platform of Facebook has made it easier to get your message out there without having to talk to people. What often happens though with the posts made however is Facebook's ability to archive posts that individuals have posted on their wall and often those posts are used for datamining to send us ads that help Facebook stay intact. Also, one of the passages from the reading pretty much explains a significant issue: Lacy of IT policy

"Many organizations are just now discovering that social media has popped up in the pockets of their organization. They may believe that their e-mail and communications policy will pretty much cover social media use, and it is not worth the time and expense to update IG policies to include social media. This invites complexities, vagaries, and potential disaster. A simple comment could invite litigation; "Our new project is almost ready, but I'm not sure about the widget assembly." It's out there. There is a record of it. Instant potential liability in 140 characters or less." (Smallwood, R. p. 215).

Essentially, this is a significant issue because users on Facebook have a very similar issue. They often post information about something in their life or post a response to someone else's post and that could have serious litigation issues which could damage the image of an individual or an organization. I have considered after the reading this week shutting down my Facebook because of all the legal issues that could arise from having a social media outlet. While I cannot delete my Facebook at the moment because messenger is the only way I can communicate with some of my friends, I do have to consider my posts more carefully. While I had an idea this was the case, these readings confirmed my suspicions of publicly posting.

References

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