Chapter 7 – Online Anonymity

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What I expect to learn: What I expect to learn from this chapter is the definition of Online Anonymity and what it is about and its relation to ethics.

Quote: "The internet as a social environment may be of concern in so far as it has the capacity to increase the scope of natural or spontaneous anonymity as a by-product of or endemic to the nature of online communicative relations."

Review: The chapter talks about what Online Anonymity is all about. Online Anonymity is according to the text "has been used to denote a number of related things: namelessness, detachment, unidentifiability, lack of recognition, loss of identify or sense of self and soon." Meaning it is the indication of the relation between namelessness, detachment, etc. according to the text anonymity "occurs spontaneously" because we are not expecting if it will happen or not. The text also discussed about "Anonymity as a feature of complex social structures" where he discusses how is Anonymity happening in real life and how it is happening in our social life for example in schools and offices. Online Anonymity is done in the internet where people socialize like web chatting or using social network sites this is what we call Online Anonymity because it can be spontaneous because we don't know what will happen once we start using this or once we start talking to strangers, some of them might have different other motives other than talking and socializing therefore we have to be careful on whom we are talking to specially if in these sites. Based on the text the assuming of Online Anonymity has increased because of the social network sites that requires registration and people don't sometimes put they're real information. The text also discussed the Concept of Anonymity where it is defined to be nameless or namelessness. Where people don't have to be identified by their name they can also be identified by their SSS no's and other id's who have identification number because the world is modern today government organizations or companies are now using identification number for employee and customer purposes for the list to be more organized like if you are doing a database for the employee you need to have a employee code to identify its number because you have other employees who also has the same name but different location.

What I have learned:

1. Anonymity is spontaneous or you are like assuming something.
2. Today a case of assuming in Online Anonymity has increased.
3. Many people are giving false information while they are registering in some sites.
4. Many organizations are using identification numbers to identify their employees and customers.
5. Online Anonymity "occurs spontaneously".

Integrative Questions:

1. Why should they use the term Online Anonymity why don't they use the "assuming spontaneously" term instead?
2. What is the importance of Online Anonymity?
3. Why should the internet sites do to stop the increasing of Online Anonymity?
4. Does having a identification number important?
5. What is the relation of Online Anonymity to information technology?