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An anonymous reader at slashdot writes that [AOL released search logs](#) of 657,427 users “AOL has released very private data about its users without their permission. While the AOL username has been changed to a random ID number, the ability to analyze all searches by a single user will often lead people to easily determine who the user is, and what they are up to. The data includes personal names, addresses, social security numbers and everything else someone might type into a search box.” The German Green Party already filed a [legislation proposal](#) that companies and institutions will need to inform their clients about such accidents. This seems to be very important also for [genetic data](#). Yea, yea.

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