

## **ABSTRACT**

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In the context of the IRS computer system modernization, this article examines the demands of privacy in the information age. The first section of the article reviews the history of privacy law in the United States and notes that many of the changes have been directed at the paper environment. The article then moves to a discussion of the IRS Office of the Privacy Advocate. The privacy policies and principles of that office are considered and then the article examines the "Privacy Impact Assessment" being used by the office.

In the third and final section of the article, the author discusses other federal privacy initiatives. The author examines various initiatives of the Clinton administration. The article concludes that the important goals of privacy protection can only be achieved with the assistance of public confidence in government agencies.