

# High School Essays on Technology Topic

## **Topic:**

Personal Data: How Much is Getting Away?

## **Prompt:**

Personal data is stored in large amounts on our personal cell phone devices. Various applications are sending data directly from our phones to numerous companies and agencies. Once the app is downloaded and activated, your location while using the app is only the tip of the iceberg of data that is being monitored. People wonder why they pass a restaurant and then sudden start receiving ads promoting their products.

Carefully read the following four sources. Then synthesize material from at least three of the four sources and incorporate it into a coherent, well-written essay in which you develop a position on the answer to the following question: **When it comes to personal data on our cellular device, how safe are we in the United States of America?**

Your position should be the focus of your essay. Use the sources to develop your position and explain the reasoning for it. Avoid merely summarizing the sources. Indicate clearly which sources you are drawing from, whether through direct quotation, paraphrase, or summary.

## **Sources:**

- <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-protect-your-phone-and-data-it>
- <https://www.sciencenewsforstudents.org/article/smartphones-put-your-privacy-risk>
- <https://www.wfmynews2.com/article/news/local/2-wants-to-know/phone-data-talking-privacy/83-6738a229-3a0c-47dd-a1e4-31930a6e18bb>
- <https://www.techradar.com/news/8-reasons-why-smartphones-are-privacy-nightmare>