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Apple's Privacy Policy, Your Info and the Dept. of Justice

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DESCRIPTION:

"The Department of Justice has been explicit about its disgust for the government-grade encryption Apple baked into iOS." That's one recent media perspective on Apple's dilligence in protecting your information. Regarding government information requests, Apple's website reads "We believe security shouldn't come at the expense of individual privacy."

BACKGROUND:

In the past Apple and the Department of Justice have come head to head over issues of privacy in criminal cases, most recently in the case of an iPhone 5c owned by defendant in a drug case. For now Apple is holding strong in its stance of privacy for all of their customers but the Department of Justice is adamantly arguing that Apple can't hide behind its licensing argument and its disclaim "any ownership or obligation to assist law enforcement." Your information is at the center of this high-stakes tussle which continues to evolve.



- Justice Department Wants Court to Force Apple to Decrypt iPhones
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