Privacy

Of continuing interest to visitors of <u>usmnews.net</u> and the Chronicle of Higher Education is a recent article entitled "Why Privacy Matters Even If You 'Have Nothing to Hide' " (<u>http://chronicle.com/article/Why-Privacy-Matters-Even-if/127461/</u>)

<u>usmnews.net</u>'s editor offered the following comment on the CHE privacy article, May 31, 2011. He provided several other comments reporting Mississippi government monitoring of <u>usmnews.net</u> last week.

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Sometimes the Mississippi government visits <u>www.usmnews.net</u> more than once a day, like today (they don't visit on the weekends or holidays.). Either Mississippi state employees are spending a lot of taxpayers' money on their personal visits to <u>usmnews.net</u> or the Mississippi government is monitoring our website daily. This has been going on for years. Mississippi Department of Information Technology refuses to provide information about their monitoring of our website when requested through freedom of information requests. We are a long-time critic of the University of Southern Mississippi administrations and have won our legal battle against them to preserve my freedom of speech.

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