



The Going Dark Debate: Encryption, Technology, and the Future of Privacy

Just Security's Second Anniversary Event

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Monday, September 21st, 12:00–2:00 p.m.

As consumers increasingly adopt encryption tools, government officials have warned of the “Going Dark” problem – the notion that widespread encryption will thwart legitimate government efforts to investigate crime and safeguard national security. To address this problem, law enforcement and intelligence community officials have suggested that companies include “backdoors” in their products to permit lawful government access to encrypted data. This proposal has been met with criticism from technologists and privacy advocates alike. Technology experts have explained that encryption “backdoors” will jeopardize security and render us more vulnerable to cyber attacks. Privacy advocates say that the government already has unprecedented access to individuals’ communications and argue that we live in the “Golden Age of Surveillance.”

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Who: **Robert S. Litt** - General Counsel, Office of the Director of National Intelligence
Kiran Raj - Senior Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General, US Department of Justice
Julian Sanchez - Founding Editor, *Just Security* and Senior Fellow, Cato Institute
Wendy Seltzer - Policy Counsel, World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) and Visiting Fellow, Yale Law School Information Society Project
Jonathan Mayer - Graduate Fellow, Stanford University Department of Computer Science and Lecturer, Stanford Law School
Paul Ohm (Moderator) - Professor of Law and Faculty Director of the Center on Privacy and Technology, Georgetown University Law Center

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Where: Georgetown University Law Center, Gewirtz Student Center, 12th Floor
120 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001 ([map](#))

RSVP: Space is limited, so please [RSVP here](#) by Friday, September 18th. You can join the discussion on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) using **#JSGoingDark**.