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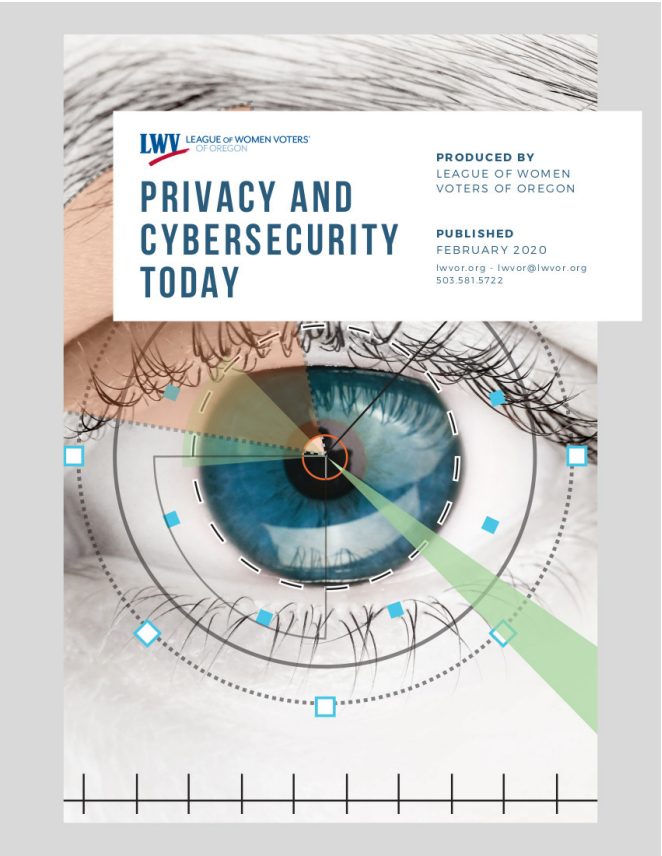

Cybersecurity and Privacy Concurrence: Rationale

Information Security & Personal Information Protection

"The League of Women Voters has evolved from a mighty political experiment designed to help 20 million newly enfranchised women vote in 1920, to a nonpartisan organization that is a recognized force in molding political leaders, ***shaping public policy****, and promoting informed civic participation."*
https://www.lwv.org/about-us/history.

We can wait no longer to address cybersecurity and privacy. There are no boundaries to these issues. Global cybersecurity concerns have changed dramatically in the last few weeks. Technology enhances our lives and economy while introducing risks never imagined in 1990. LWV can Make Democracy Work by advocating for and defending personal privacy. LWV needs these tools to address cyber threats that impact individuals, governments, and corporations.

LWVOR invites you to read our study for the fascinating ways that privacy issues have and have not changed over the last century and a half in America. Digital intrusions are sometimes just a twist on an old concern, like theft of images to doxing today. But our advocacy positions need to adapt. LWVOR researched and only found a single (important) reference to "privacy" in Impact on Issues, *Public Policy on Reproductive Choice - Protect the constitutional right of* ***privacy*** *of the individual to make reproductive choices.*

The LWVOR position advocates for privacy protection of elections workers:
"The League of Women Voters believes voting is a fundamental citizen right, including protection from harassment and intimidation. This bill would exempt elections workers home addresses from public records disclosure." LWVOR Testimony, HB 4144, Feb 28, 2022.

Information technology is evolving at a dizzying pace. Consumers enjoy technological conveniences. Businesses improve efficiency, productivity, and profit from E-commerce. Governments use technology to serve and protect citizens. Yet hidden security and privacy risks

can outstrip our ability to safeguard our data and ourselves. Networked computers are increasingly vulnerable to cyber-attacks; E-commerce leverages consumer data for profit. These risks are causing loss of personal data and privacy. Robust cybersecurity protects against intrusions, attacks, damage, misuse or harm to all system components, including hardware, software, and the data stored in the system.

The LWVOR 2019 Privacy and Cybersecurity study arose to support Oregon's identity theft bill, HB 1551, addressing the 2017 Equifax data breach.

Policy makers strive to balance transparency with privacy, personal information privacy with accountability, transparency (information disclosure), and responsible oversight. The current fragmented regulatory framework fails to provide comprehensive cybersecurity. But it is rapidly developing and LWV should be able to influence it. (Craig, Shackelford, & Hiller, 2015).

The Oregon Identity Theft Protection Act ***requires you to develop, implement, and maintain reasonable safeguards to ensure the security, confidentiality, and integrity of personal information.*** *Safeguarding also means properly disposing of information.* HB 1551

LWVOR included Election Security in our study and position. LWV CO worked with us to present a separate Election Security concurrence based on our position, which LWVOR supports.

From the LWV CO…..*"built upon LWV of Oregon's Privacy and Security study and position, of which election security is a component. We applaud Oregon's work. However, elections are central to the LWV mission and deserve a more detailed, actionable, and stand-alone position statement."*

There is a true urgency for LWV to be able to address privacy and cybersecurity. Events are happening now and this cannot wait for a study in 2022-2024 to reach a position.

LWV Oregon is asking all delegates to concur with our privacy and cybersecurity position enabling LWV and all leagues the opportunity to address these issues now.