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The FCC's Latest Privacy Regulations: A New Stance on Private-Sector Protections?

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The Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) recently published regulations for Internet Service Providers (ISP) are significantly different from previous federal privacy regulations. To some extent, these new regulations follow a trend of increased privacy protections in the post-Snowden era.[1] Nonetheless, in many aspects, these privacy protections are qualitatively different than other privacy regulations that have emerged in the last few years. They are aimed at key private stakeholders; pose unified data breach notification and data security requirements to advance both privacy and cyber-security; and advance consumer privacy at the expense of corporate revenue. Are we at the brink of a new regulatory model for private-sector privacy protections in the United States?

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