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## **The Right to Privacy**

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The Constitution of the United States guarantee the right of privacy for every citizen. It's mean that each person has the right to an undisturbed private life. In my opinion, not only does a country have to make its citizens feel secure in the privacy of their homes, but every citizen has to respect his fellow citizens.

In the book *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee, we see the example set by Atticus, a prominent lawyer, as he addresses the issue of personal privacy. Atticus is raising his two children, Jem and Jean Louise. Next door to the Finches lives Arthur Radley, a mysterious man who never show himself in public. Jem and Jean Louise often try to sneak into the Radleys' backyard to get a look at Arthur. He gathers his children together to explain to them the meaning of privacy. He tells his children that it's doesn't matter who this person is; he can live as he want as long as he is not a disturbance to society, which Arthur is not.

Violations of privacy occur in many places around the world and take many forms. When I lived in Belorus, it was popular for government officials to listen in on people's phone calls, especially if the person was Jewish. A few times I had to ask an invisible and unknown listener to clean the line for me. A teacher in the public school could check my backpack without saying a word. Then, when I would ask her why she was doing this, she look at me with a strange look. This

even happening when I was an adult in technical school. I thought that our government supposed to guard its citizens' privacy. I felt very insecure and was very disappointed in my country.

Americans are lucky that the American Constitution guaranteed the right of privacy. A country has to ensure that its citizens feel secure in the privacy of their homes. It's will be very nice if everyone, the authorities and private citizens alike, respected the rights of others to their personal space, free from the public eye. The message that Atticus Finch taught his children is a message for each of us.

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