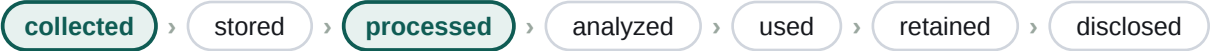


CASE: Clearview AI — scraping public faces into a police face-search tool

NAME: Worked example

DATE: Week 2

LOCATE THE HARM



Consequences

Real gains: some crimes solved, victims and suspects identified. Against that: billions lose anonymity without consent; misidentification risks wrongful arrest; it enables stalking and authoritarian use. Diffuse harm to everyone, weighed against a narrow, concrete benefit in some cases.

Duty & Rights

Faces were conscripted — scraped without consent to serve police and Clearview's profit. People were used merely as a means to others' ends. “Public” does not equal “agreed to this use.” It is wrong even if the tool works.

Virtue

It cultivates a policing culture of frictionless surveillance, and a company willing to cross a line Google and Facebook saw and refused. It erodes the professional restraint democratic policing depends on — and asks what kind of society treats every face as searchable.

Justice

The burden falls on everyone, heaviest on already over-policed communities: more searched, more misidentified. Power accrues to the state and a private firm; individuals cannot opt out or even see it. It concentrates power in the already-powerful.

WHERE THE LENSES MEET

Converge

Duty & Rights, Virtue, and Justice all condemn the same thing: the untargeted, non-consensual scale.

Diverge

Only Consequences can partly defend it — real crimes solved. The wrestle: do the investigative wins justify conscripting everyone's face?

Question

What would change the verdict? Evidence it prevents serious crime at scale? A warrant limit? Where is the line between “public” and “fair to index”?

When the lenses disagree, the disagreement is information, not failure. Reason well without certainty.