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I'm sure you saw the news about Google in the EU, but if you haven't, an excerpt.

>> Today the EU's highest court interpreted the EU's 1995 Data Protection
>> Directive to mean that individuals should have a shot at insisting that
>> Google and other search engines remove certain search results found upon a
>> search for their names, not because they are false, or infringe copyright,
>> but because they violate a "respect for private life" or a "right to
>> protection of personal data." What does that mean specifically? Not easy
>> to say. Neither the opinion nor the Court's press release is clear on that.
>> Among the many cases pending about it, the one that the Court heard involved
>> a Spanish citizen who did not like that people could find the public records
>> of a foreclosure sale of one of his properties. So that's not personal,
>> secret information that was somehow uncovered; it's a public record or fact
>> made more searchable. And it's not in the narrow category of things like
>> social security numbers that might be in public documents, but for which
>> Google and other search engines have taken some steps to make them not work
>> as search terms. (Same with credit card numbers.)