

Childhood spaces? – Privacy, surveillance and the minimization of minor's private space in the digital age

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The article discusses the phenomenon of minor's private space minimization in the digital age. First, the article defines the importance of privacy and private space for minors, based on theories of developmental psychology. Then, the article conceptualizes minor's main childhood spaces – the home sphere; the educational sphere; the public sphere and the virtual sphere. The article discusses the factors influencing the reduction of minor's private space, their interests, and the role of the law in this matter.

The main argument of the article is that Israeli law plays a major role in the minimization of minor's private space. Based on the model developed by Lawrence Lessig, the article shows that technological development, economic interests, and social norms in Israel, combined with the neutrality of the law regarding the issue, leads to the intensification of the phenomenon. The article analyzes the implications of the phenomenon and offers several suggestions for dealing with it.