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Even our local news channels have been reporting that Facebook has simplified their privacy policies. What they failed to notice is how Facebook is encouraging users to disclose even more information to "Everyone".

The Facebook privacy news has also given credibility to the malicious phishing attempts that arrive in your Email with the subject "Facebook Account Update". Some of my friends who would normally know better have fallen for these spam Emails thinking it's part of the newly announced privacy policies.

Instead what Facebook users should see is the following pop up when they sign on.



Like me your first reaction may be hurray! Facebook has listened to us and will be increasing our privacy. Guess again. When you click to continue you'll see a revamped version of their current privacy settings. Unless you're paying attention much of the information you only want "Friends" to see will now be available to "Everyone". In all the accounts I tested Facebook inconsistently changed the setting from "Friends" to either "Everyone" or "Friends of Friends".

Please update your privacy settings

Facebook's new, simplified privacy settings give you more control over the information you share. We've recommended settings below, but you can choose to apply your old settings to any of the fields.

	Everyone	Old Settings
About me [?]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Family and Relationships [?]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Work and Education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Posts I Create <small>Status Updates, Links, Photos, Videos, and Notes</small>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Photos and Videos of Me [?]	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Friends of Friends
Birthday [?]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Religious and Political Views	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Friends	Old Settings

Unless you explicitly tell Facebook to use your old settings you'll be opening up your personal information to the world.

Here are your new settings:

Everyone can see:	Friends of Friends can see:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> About me	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Photos and Videos of Me
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family and Relationship	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Birthday
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education and Work	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious and Political Views
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

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