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My audience for my podcast on the Facebook Privacy Hoax will be Facebook users- in particular, those who know about, outsmarted, and fell for the hoax. Facebook has over a Billion Users and is therefore relevant to many people. The hoax was realistic enough to trick a decent percentage of Facebook users into posting a privacy disclaimer on their Facebook page. The podcast should cater mainly to those who knew it was a hoax all along and did not fall for it. This is seemingly a majority of Facebook users who laughed at those who fell for the hoax. My sarcastic tone should be in agreement with those who outsmarted the hoax.

Music Intro: 0-20 seconds

If you haven’t been living in a cave the past week or so, you have seen this status:

\*Say this over really daunting and ominous music\* “As of \*insert today’s date and time\* I do not give Facebook or any related entities permission to use my pictures, information or posts, both past and future.” How Believable! Where to even begin… It comes off as almost a crime against society’s intelligence that someone would try to showcase the ignorance of Facebook users in such an elaborate hoax, but then came the bombardment of believers who shamelessly copied and pasted the lengthy paragraph onto their Facebook walls and thus disrupted any sense of feng shui and harmony the average teenage girl’s Facebook wall could have.

**Insert basic teenage white girl quote** here

Behold, the tell that shouts “I am cautious!” to some but also “I am gullible!” to a not so convinced majority. I admit that I contemplated posting it. The sheer multitude of people who were doing it, and some even very credible people jumped on the bandwagon. I can definitely see why people actually believed it.

If you don’t trust an algorithm to tell you whether you should believe a random person on the Internet, then try the myth busters at [Snopes.com](http://snopes.com/). The world-renowned rumor/urban legend busting couple Barbara and David Mikkelson updated their entry on the “Facebook Privacy Notice” hoax late September.

**Insert Quote from that Video**

Perhaps the most questionable statement is the ending statement that says

**Say This over really daunting and ominous music (Use Reverb for your voice)** That title is reserved for the declaration at the end, usually in all caps, “DO NOT SHARE. You MUST copy and paste.”

Insert Interview with Roommate who fell for this (30 seconds)

The truth is that social media is so huge with people of ranging beliefs and gullibility, that there are bound to be people who will believe this and blow it out of proportion, spreading the hoax like wildfire. Go delete that embarrassing Facebook post and go buy a sense of humor!

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