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Key Words: SPECPOL

Corporate Surveillance, Accountability and Privacy

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Word	Meaning (Oxford Learner's Dictionaries)	My note
spyware	software that enables somebody to obtain secret information about somebody else and their computer activities without their knowledge or permission	
surveillance	the act of carefully watching a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed	
encryption	the act of putting information into a special code, especially in order to prevent people from looking at it without authority	
moratorium	a temporary stopping of an activity, especially by official agreement	
export	the selling and transporting of goods to another country	
privacy	the state of being alone and not watched or interrupted by other people	
malware	software such as a virus specifically designed to damage or gain access to a computer system without the user knowing	
accountability	the fact of being responsible for your decisions or actions and expected to explain them when you are asked	
regulation	an official rule made by a government or some other authority	
hacking	the activity of using computers to get access to data in somebody else's computer or phone system without permission	
biometric	using measurements of human features, such as fingers or eyes, in order to identify people	
due diligence	reasonable steps taken by a person or an organization to avoid committing a tort	

Meanings: Oxford Learner's Dictionaries, oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com, Last Accessed: November 7, 2026.