

# A privacy policy that doesn't actively offend me

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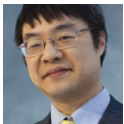
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I've ranted before about privacy policies and how they don't actually protect your privacy. (All they're required to do is disclose the policy; there is no requirement that the policy must be any good.) Today I read [MetLife's privacy policy](#) and found to my surprise that it does not actively offend me. It's written in plain English, it's well-organized, and it actually explains **and limits the scope of** each exception.

I have noticed how the word "terrorism" has turned into a "magic word" of late. Anything distasteful you want to do, just say you're doing it to combat "terrorism" and people will give you the green light.



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