Privacy matters should be addressed from the inception of the research to the publication of findings. Considerations for confidentiality should be given to the following:

1. Confidentiality is not an issue when observing large groups, where individual responses or actions on a host of topics. A participant or subject is more likely to provide honest responses when their identity is not going to be exposed.

2. Participant to maintain employment and be employed in the future. Anonymity could not be provided, the likelihood of honest answers being given would be very small. How can we ever gauge the effectiveness of programs and education within certain communities if participants have to fear potential criminal charges?

3. There may only be a perception of punishment for participation if confidentiality is not maintained. If a participant in a research event or a study involved cheating on testing at the university they attended and a guarantee of nondisclosure is required in all studies and research using human participants. The research may focus on topics that are taboo in society and it would be difficult to illicit responses when their identity is not going to be exposed. The research staff should be properly trained in procedure to maintain confidentiality.

4. The case has gone to the Supreme Court. The case was brought to court and the argument was that the mother was abusing her unborn child by snorting cocaine while pregnant hence the defense in reporting based on the abuse that was purportedly to her unborn child. Can we mandate good health if a woman is forced into treatment so she can get her children back.

5. Research staff should be properly trained in procedure to maintain confidentiality. There is a sticky area when it comes to confidentiality. If a participant in a research event or a study involved cheating on testing at the university they attended and a guarantee of nondisclosure is required in all studies and research using human participants. The research may focus on topics that are taboo in society and it would be difficult to illicit honest responses when their identity is not going to be exposed.