

**Should There Be Limits on the Right to Privacy?
A History of Privacy and Surveillance in America.**

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Dr. Bayer discussed the cultural and ethical realities that characterize the history of public health practice, and the politicization of public health reporting, including HIV/AIDS. He asked the question "What does good public health require?" and distinguished between public health surveillance and public health research. Public health research, unlike surveillance, requires informed consent and IRB approval.

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