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Data Privacy Detective Podcast – Episode 86: Blockchain and Privacy – The First Imposition of U.S. Sanctions

Blockchain. Does it protect personal privacy? Is it a tool that can evade the law? How should we think about the relationship between blockchain technology and individual privacy?

In this first of a [series of podcast episodes about blockchain and privacy](#), we turn our spotlight on the first use of U.S. Government sanctions against a cryptocurrency mining company. On April 20, 2022, the U.S. sanctioned the Russian–Swiss Bitriver conglomerate, as part of its response to Russia’s 2022 invasion of Ukraine. [U.S. Treasury Designates Facilitators of Russian Sanctions Evasion | U.S. Department of the Treasury](#)

Consider how blockchain and privacy interact and what it means for the future of this technology, the use of cryptocurrency, and the ongoing contest between government and personal privacy.

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