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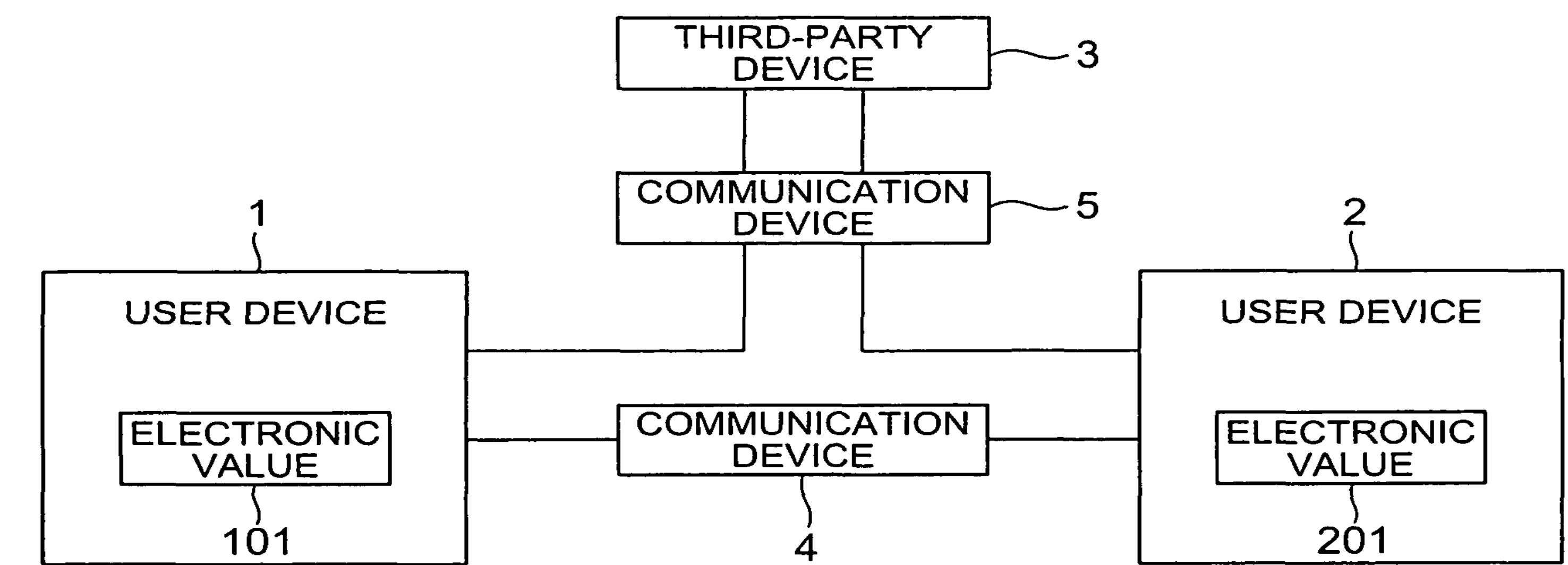
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Federalism and Homeland Security: Examining Privacy Issues Of Personal Devices And Management Of Security Policy

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Abstract

The focus of this research is an examination of privacy, federalism, and government organization for intergovernmental issues and their relationship to national security. Exploring the operation and relationship of intergovernmental organizations in the policy process includes exploring cases and building data on inter-agency organization, policy and regulatory interactions. Case studies will be regulations and privacy for personal technology devices. These will be assessed comparatively within the U.S. system of federalism.

Case Studies

- Survey the general public of their knowledge and usage of Echo devices.
- Unsecure Echo device and examine for tampering hardware.

Identifying Information

Department of Homeland Security Definition –
"Any information that permits to the identity of an individual to be directly or indirectly inferred, including any information that is linked to or linkable to that individual. "
- This includes **user's name**, **email address**, **location**, and **phone number** which are often needed to activate Echo devices.

Intellectual Property:

✓Amazon Echo
✓Echo Dot

Federalism & Privacy Rights

There has always been the question of national security versus citizen's right to privacy. The right to privacy is expressed in various sections of the U.S. and state constitutions, such as in Amendment IX of the U.S. Constitution and the areas of state sovereignty and reserved rights for individuals and state has been an emerging part of the Supreme Court jurisprudence in recent years. Likewise, public policy actions by governments at all levels have addressed privacy rights through statutes, rules, regulations, and executive orders.