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The suit in question has been filed (in Federal Court in Washington) by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and challenges the government’s right to demand the Social Security Number. The law governing the Social Security Number is vague, and an ACLU request for an injunction was denied during the summer.

The ACLU suit is a class action suit on behalf of a number of named individuals and all others in similar circumstances. It has been accepted by a Washington judge as a valid class action. All registrants, therefore, are actually party to the suit.

The Social Security Number question is an issue of deep principal and great importance. It questions the limits of the government’s right to demand information of its citizens. Registrants who took a stand on this principal should be aware of all avenues of recourse at their disposal.

The registration issue was highly divisive, especially among students. Individuals who did register should not allow government intimidation over their Social Security Number to back them into yet another moral dilemma.

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Conventional wisdom has it that it's a woman's prerogative to change her mind, even if she's a 12-month-old noni. Right? Noni decided to give a cookie to her friend Mariska, 10 months. After thinking about the generosity for awhile, she just had to take it back. Both were out yesterday with Mariska's mother, Annette Prins. (photos by Jim Mihori)