

Q	IGF-USA 2018 Topic Survey Results, by Ranked Subjects				Not Important	Weighted Avg 3-2-1	Response Count	Subject Ranking
		Important	Neutral					
	3. Balancing Privacy Concerns with Security, Connectivity, and Innovation	170	44	17	2.66	231	1	
3.1	How should privacy rights be defined in an era of mass data collection and surveillance?	56	15	6	2.65	77		
3.2	Should we focus more on understanding the harms of declining personal privacy?	50	19	9	2.53	78		
3.3	What do GDPR and other national privacy regulations mean for cross-border data flows and WHOIS? What is the right thing to do when a nation's "Right to be Forgotten" regulation means the global suppression of search results?	64	10	2	2.82	76		
	6. Next Generation Networks and the Internet of Things	150	57	31	2.50	238	2	
6.1	How can we ensure that the benefits of smart cities and connected communities are efficient, inclusive, transparent and secure? How can open data initiatives play a role?	45	25	9	2.46	79		
6.2	What are the obstacles and opportunities around 5G and IoT?	39	23	17	2.28	79		
6.3	What are the best ways to protect privacy and security of users of the Internet of Things?	66	9	5	2.76	80		
	11. Balancing the Fight against Fake News against Rights of Free Expression and Privacy	137	61	26	2.50	224	3	
11.1	What is the impact of Fake News, disinformation, and misinformation on the public's trust in the Internet? How can the level of trust be increased?	45	22	7	2.51	74		
11.2	How should the prevalence of misinformation and the business models that enable it be addressed while respecting freedom of expression?	48	17	10	2.51	75		
11.3	If we require transparency in sponsorship of political ads, how can we avoid compromising privacy and online free expression, especially for ads on political issues not related to elections?	44	22	9	2.47	75		
	8. Internet Governance	321	140	63	2.49	524	4	
8.1	Should we limit state and national governments when it comes to cross-border regulation and taxation of the Internet?	52	17	5	2.64	74		
8.2	Should governments create mutual agreements (such as Cloud Act) to give access to personal data held on corporate servers?	41	28	6	2.47	75		
8.3	How to preserve the multistakeholder model for the management of Critical Internet Resources from encroachment by governments.	52	17	6	2.61	75		
8.4	Will US and foreign governments extend their control over Internet content and conduct and what are the impacts to the rest of society?	43	17	15	2.37	75		
8.5	How can we increase involvement in Internet governance with new organizations and cultivate the next generation of IG leaders?	41	18	16	2.33	75		
8.6	How to counter economic, political & security pressures that could fragment the net?	43	24	8	2.47	75		
8.7	What role should the government play in securing the Internet?	49	19	7	2.56	75		
	7. Platform Content Moderation and Liability	219	115	41	2.47	375	5	
7.1	To preserve free expression and an open Internet, should federal law protect a platform against intermediary liability for conduct or content posted by a user?	54	15	6	2.64	75		
7.2	Should the government increase regulation of online platforms, or allow platforms to determine their own concept of corporate responsibility?	48	25	4	2.57	77		
7.3	How do we separate regulation of data/info from regulation of content and speech?	44	22	9	2.47	75		
7.4	How can Internet platforms protect and promote positive counter-speech?	31	33	11	2.27	75		
7.5	Is the US losing its initial advantage in Internet expertise and innovation?	42	20	11	2.42	73		
	4. Competition	171	89	45	2.41	305	6	
4.1	Should the government regulate online platforms when they achieve market dominance, taking into consideration competition, innovation and civil rights?	49	20	8	2.53	77		
4.2	Should governments take action to prevent cloud providers from abusing their market power or can standard setting for cloud providers facilitate market entry?	32	28	14	2.24	74		
4.3	How to maintain a pro-innovation environment as it matures, e.g. encouraging opportunity for start-ups and behemoths alike.	42	22	13	2.38	77		
4.4	What do Internet platforms, and those with market dominance, mean for openness?	48	19	10	2.49	77		
	1. Future of Work and the New Economy	251	135	78	2.37	464	7	
1.1	How can the Internet be used to address the issue of employment -- esp. in high impact areas like agriculture, refugees, and youth?	46	21	11	2.45	78		
1.2	How to structure Internet programs/investments to better connect rural & urban populations? How to accelerate deployment and adoption of new tech to improve supply chain?	38	25	14	2.31	77		
1.3	Will lack of security and trust on the Internet hinder innovation and economic gains and jobs?	54	13	9	2.59	76		
1.4	Will domestic policies & int'l agreements mitigate effect of Artificial Intelligence on work?	31	31	16	2.19	78		
1.5	How can we ensure that the Internet helps improve the livelihood of all people?	42	21	15	2.35	78		
1.6	How to balance innovation in emerging concerns such as smart cars or cryptocurrency with proper regulation so it is safe and secure while also fulfills the promise of the technology?	40	24	13	2.35	77		
	10. Preserving the Benefits of an Open Internet (Net Neutrality)	134	109	54	2.27	297	8	
10.1	What can be done to make the Internet more open? Has this goal been lost?	37	23	15	2.29	75		
10.2	How to preserve an open Internet -- without going back to Title II regulatory regime of 1930's?	43	18	13	2.41	74		
10.3	Are there any First Amendment concerns with the current approach to Net Neutrality?	25	33	16	2.12	74		
10.4	How are policymakers/regulators approaching services that are accessed over Internet connections ("over-the-top" services) as the digital economy grows?	29	35	10	2.26	74		

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	9. Is Blockchain a Better Way to Record Transactions and Protect Identities?	280	195	120	2.27	595	9	
9.1	Will Blockchain technologies lead to a more distributed and decentralized Internet? How would this affect the average consumer?	43	21	11	2.43	75		
9.2	Should there be a governance model with Blockchain, or is self-regulation sufficient?	34	26	15	2.25	75		
9.3	What are the implications of Blockchain and decentralization initiatives on the DNS?	40	19	15	2.34	74		
9.4	What are the humanitarian applications of Blockchain?	25	24	25	2.00	74		
9.5	What will provide better broadly used but secure identification?	28	26	20	2.11	74		
9.6	What is the current level of trust in the Internet and how can technology improve it?	35	29	10	2.34	74		
9.7	What are implications of digital protectionism on digital trade & digital currencies?	35	28	12	2.31	75		
9.8	How to promote trust & confidence that Internet connections are not spoofed or counterfeit?	40	22	12	2.38	74		
	5. Connectivity and Economic Opportunity	34	26	15	2.26	75	10	
5.1	Can Community Networks make indigenous, local and vulnerable communities become more connected and involved in changing the Internet's future?	38	25	13	2.33	76		
5.2	What policies, technologies, structures, and funding can provide connectivity to underserved communities? How do we ensure this brings economic opportunity, while providing adequate levels of privacy and security?	46	22	9	2.48	77		
5.3	How to identify intersection between energy needs and challenges, connectivity in American Indian and Alaska Native communities?	23	30	22	2.01	75		
5.4	How should those in the US help bridge the digital divide?	30	28	15	2.21	73		
	2. Internet Impact on our Social, Cultural, and Democratic Values	240	158	136	2.19	534	11	
2.1	With increasing dependency on and potential over-use of connected devices and online services, how can we address any harmful effects while maximizing benefits?	41	22	14	2.35	77		
2.2	While many Americans are concerned about over-use of smartphones and online services, should our government impose regulations, such as restricting auto-play for videos, or mandating rules for social media news feeds?	28	17	31	1.96	76		
2.3	How will culture (i.e. language, community, attitudes, civil discourse, social structures, etc.) impact and be impacted by the Internet?	40	21	16	2.31	77		
2.4	With the decline of text in favor of audio and video, how do we prepare for an Internet where slogans and memes have more sticking power than arguments?	25	29	22	2.04	76		
2.5	Should the Internet be the scapegoat for societal trends that may have existed for centuries, but are exacerbated in the digital age?	34	27	15	2.25	76		
2.6	How do we regulate technology when it starts to destroy democracy and hurt people?	39	18	19	2.26	76		
2.7	Should American Internet platforms who serve developing countries be focusing more on benefits to the local economy?	33	24	19	2.18	76		