Coalition of Advocacy Groups Releases Internet Policy Platform Highlighting Important Principles for 2016

2016 Internet Policy Platform Identifies Six Key Points for Candidates

The coalition included public interest groups, civil rights groups, and think tanks such as the ACLU, Free Press, and New America's Open Technology Institute. The platform was released on June 13, 2016 and was distributed to the leading presidential candidates.

Free Speech
- Oppose policies that curtail constitutional rights
- Balance copyright law with freedom of expression
- Oppose policies that make illegal to record official and police activity occurring in public
- Support measures to prevent ISPs from blocking, throttling, and discriminating content

Access
- Focus on increasing affordability and competition
- Promote community-based and municipal broadband networks
- Promote growth in wireless broadband and affordable public Wi-Fi

Choice
- Oppose the current trend of the telecom industry toward mergers and acquisitions to prevent a monopolistic model
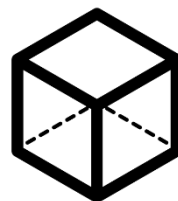- Remove barriers of competition in the broadband industry

Privacy
- Protect web user rights to remain anonymous
- Advocate for the elimination of discriminatory profiling in surveillance
- Oppose limits to encryption that expose vulnerabilities to unwarranted backdoor access
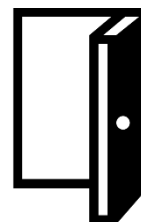- Review surveillance legislation such as FISA and ECPA

Transparency
- Ensure that government agencies and intermediaries establish practices to disclose legislation and policies surrounding the handling of user data
- Push for transparency reports from government agencies and intermediaries

Openness
- Support Net Neutrality and the FCC's Open Internet rules
- Support the reclassification of broadband internet service as a "telecommunications service" under Title II
- Oppose punitive data caps and zero-rating favoring ISP + affiliate content and services