EFF Around the World

The Internet is global, and so are threats to online freedom. The laws that regulate the use of technology in one nation can have profound effects on human rights in another. Often, when one state treads on the rights of users, other countries are quick to follow. And where citizens are free to innovate with technology in their own country, their work benefits us all.

The Electronic Frontier Foundation's international team works to defend digital rights on the global stage, supporting local organizations by identifying and preventing damaging changes in laws and regulations before they can spread worldwide. Working alongside our allies around the globe, we fight national and international laws and treaties that weaken civil liberties, trample bloggers' and coders' rights, and harm innovation.



Privacy

When laws and treaties threaten to legitimize mass surveillance or tread on Internet users' privacy, EFF fights back. We fend off proposals for mandatory data retention, national ID schemes, biometrics initiatives, location tracking, warrantless access to our data, and wiretapping-friendly legislation. In cooperation with privacy organizations and lawyers worldwide, we created the International Principles for the Application of Human Rights to Communications Surveillance (necessaryandproportionate.net) that outlines 13 policies that governments must follow to protect human rights in an age of digital surveillance, and have led efforts such as launching IFightSurveillance.org to protect the rights of non-US citizens from NSA spying.

Free Expression

EFF works with partners around the world to encourage governments and Internet intermediaries to take a stand against the increasing threat of online censorship. We educate our members and readers through our Deeplinks blog and through a a multilingual, biweekly review of news, policy, and research on human rights and technology in the Arab World. , Digital Citizen (digcit.org). We highlight cases of individuals threatened or detained for exercising their right to free expression on our blog and provide resources such as onlinecensorship.org for individuals who have been censored unjustly.

Intellectual Property

Our international work on intellectual property focuses on educating global policymakers about the need for balanced IP laws and policies that protect creators, preserve access to knowledge, foster innovation, and empower digital consumers. EFF fights to protect Internet users' rights and the open Internet from threats posed by secretive multi-nation trade agreements such as and the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP).

Digital Security

At a time when surveillance impacts us all, good data hygiene is paramount. Our team has conducted security trainings in various countries and worked to create and launch EFF's Surveillance Self-Defense Project (**ssd.eff.org**), a comprehensive resource of educational materials to educate activists, journalists, and regular Internet users on digital security. Surveillance Self-Defense is currently available in ten languages.

EFF is global

Whether fighting bad laws or supporting the work of our global allies, EFF's international team is at the front lines of protecting your digital rights worldwide!

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