

EFF Around the World



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The Internet is global, and so is EFF. Whether it's fighting bad laws and treaties, or supporting the work of a global alliance of Internet activists, EFF is on the front lines of protecting your rights worldwide.

Digital Security

Our Threat Lab team works to protect the vulnerable from digital attacks, wherever they are. We research threats that these communities face, such as state-sponsored malware, and help them defend themselves through our Surveillance Self-Defense project (ssd.eff.org)—now available in over ten languages. We protect security researchers globally with our work on export controls and the Coders Rights Project (eff.org/issues/coders).

Free Expression

EFF has worked to highlight censorship by governments—but online voices across the world can be silenced by large Internet companies too. We shine a light on social media content takedowns at [Onlinecensorship.org](https://onlinecensorship.org), which collects reports of content and account deletions on social media platforms and acts as a resource on content moderation and speech policies. And we press tech platforms to make policy changes to protect free expression—particularly when their policies result in discriminatory practices, such as real names policies, or algorithmic account suspensions and content removal.

Privacy

EFF works with partners to fend off proposals for mandatory data retention, national identity schemes, biometric initiatives, and invasive location tracking. With shared campaigns like our international “Who Has Your Back” surveys, EFF works with national digital rights organizations to uncover damaging privacy practices and pressures telecommunications companies to protect their customers. Read some success stories at www.eff.org/csss.



A Watchdog on Global and Regional Policymaking

EFF's advocacy and legal teams seek to ensure that technology users' voices are heard in global and regional policymaking. We've worked to open up the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), opposed Internet-unfriendly trade agreements such as the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP). Using our activism tools and our media reach, we support our local members and digital rights groups when they stand against ill-conceived regional proposals, such as the European Union's copyright filters.

Setting Global Norms and Standards

Where international bodies fail to include user rights in their considerations, EFF works to fill the gap. We hammer out global principles such as the Manila Principles for Intermediary Liability (manilaprinciples.org), the Necessary and Proportionate principles (necessaryandproportionate.org) and the Santa Clara Principles on Transparency and Accountability in Content Moderation (santaclaraprinciples.org). We use these to push for users' rights on the global stage in bodies such as the United Nations General Assembly, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and the Internet Governance Forum (IGF), as well as using them to hold Big Tech accountable to its users.

Building Capacity in Latin America

EFF works with our closest neighbours in Latin America to challenge dangerous surveillance proposals and practices that erode civil liberties in the region. We campaign against invasive surveillance and gather research and success stories that we share with a global coalition of NGOs, judges, and policymakers. We train lawyers and judges to better understand surveillance and free expression online and, with them devise strong, realistic safeguards against excessive government access to people's communications and data.

Defending Imprisoned Technologists and Online Writers

Our Offline Project (eff.org/offline) seeks to highlight international cases of individuals who have used technology to speak out against abuse or have built and shared technology that protects human rights, and have been imprisoned as a result. We cooperate with the communities that support these prisoners of conscience, and work for their release.

Tackling International Issues in U.S. Courts and Beyond

We've defended Kazakhstan newspapers from online censorship in the U.S., and sued the Ethiopian government for wiretapping conducted against activists in Washington D.C. We've also intervened in court cases elsewhere, including providing expert guidance at the European Court of Human Rights and the Organization of American States.

How Can You Help?

Digital rights start at home: you can send us news of injustices and attacks on the Internet and the rights of its users, and support (or start!) local digital rights groups in your own country. Find out more about the issues that affect users on our Deeplinks blog, and take action locally with our international actions at the EFF Action Center at act.eff.org.

If you'd like to see more in your own language, EFF translates its software and advice: check out eff.org/translating-eff for how you can help. And remember: wherever you live, you can always join EFF and become a member of our global community, fighting for Internet and technology freedom for everyone.

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