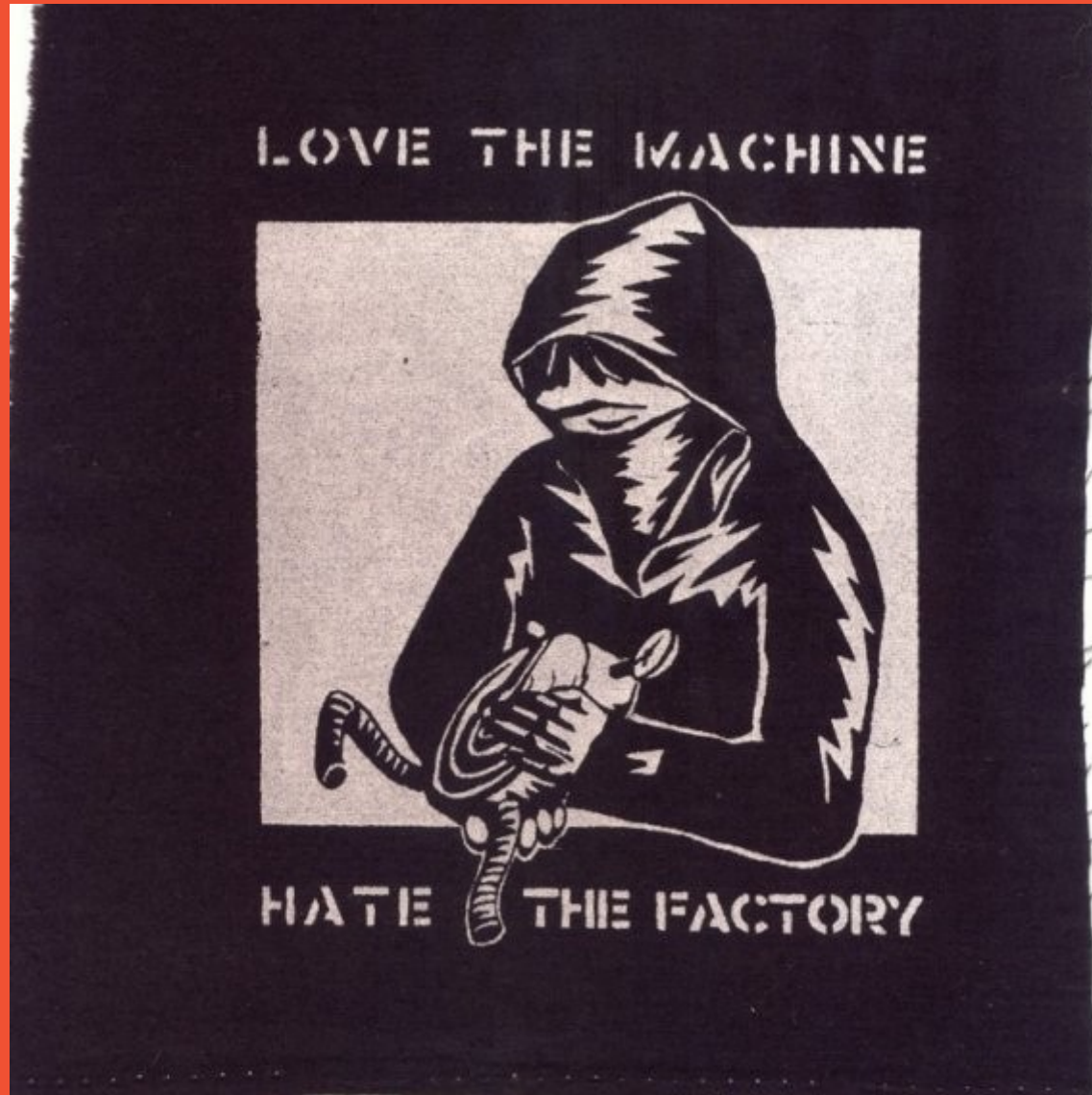


Doing the right(s) thing



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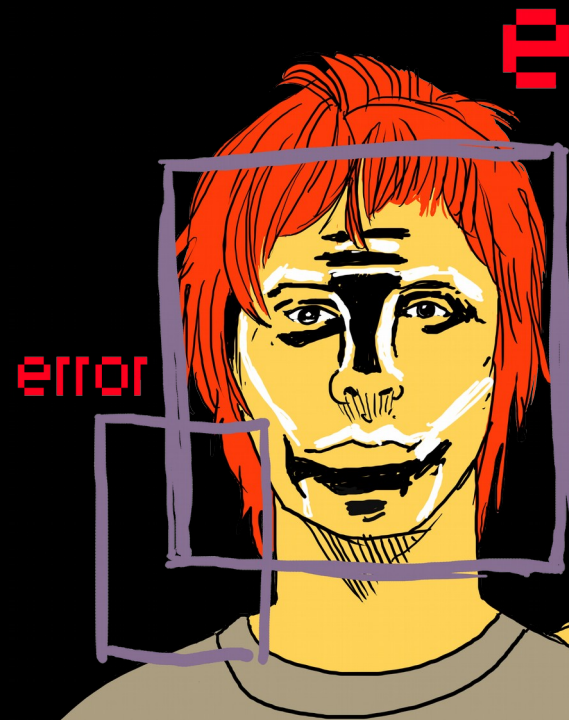
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- This research aims to:
  - provide framing for the understanding of **how civil society** (working on Internet issues) **perceives and envisions a better Internet**
  - document the main **activities, tactics, and strategies** that civil society uses to protect and push for (the exercise of) digital rights
  - **establish relations** between frames and tactics adopted by civil society to protect (the exercise of) digital rights on the Internet



You got a digital strategy  
(for my NGO) ?



# What can you do?

According to Lawrence Lessig

Societal values

Architecture

Law

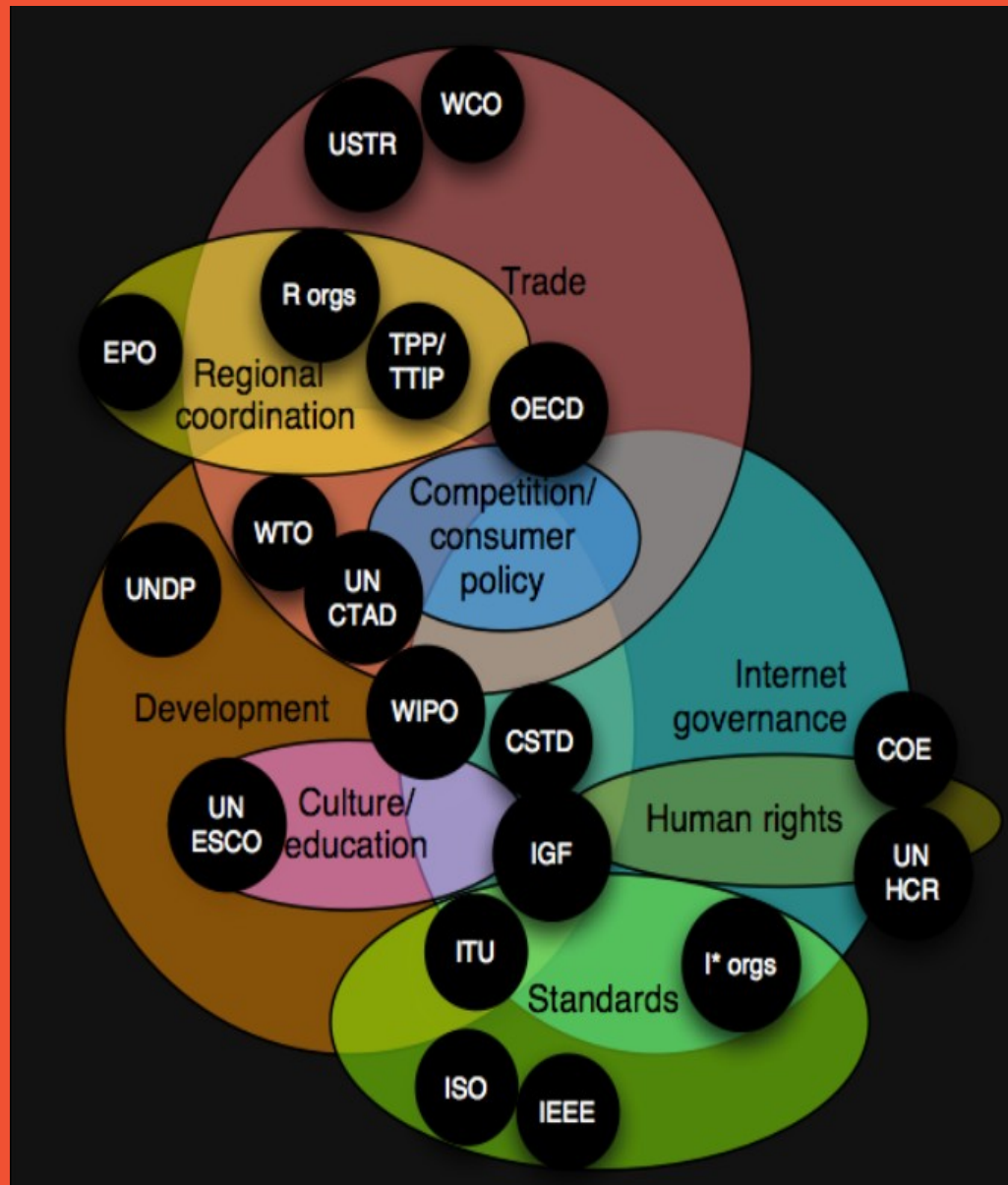
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# What is civil society doing? & where are they doing it?

Technical	Training Development Infrastructure provision Direct action Research	Digital security, open data Tor, I2P, PGP, OTR, Globaleaks, etc Riseup, Autistici Anonymous Citizen Lab, M-Lab, Ripe Atlas
Lobby & advocacy	National International Industry International Internet Governance (governmental) International Internet Governance (multistakeholder)	Data protection, net neutrality, surveillance laws, access Data protection, surveillance standards, Human Rights Council Terms and conditions, transparency reports, GNI ITU, WSIS, TTIP, TPP IETF, W3C, ICANN, GFCE
Legal	Court cases	Privacy International, EFF
Advocacy	Leaking documents Tweeting & Public Speaking	Wikileaks, Cryptome

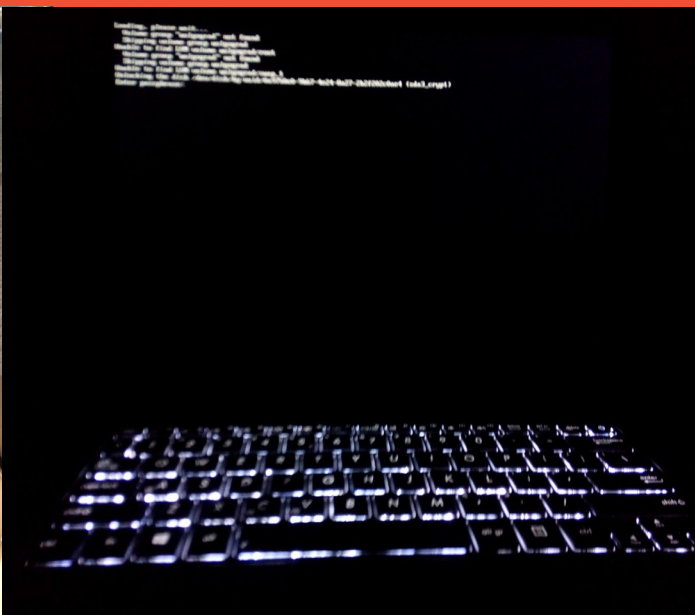
# Where?





# Why are they doing *this*?

- They've done it before (in other areas)?
- They were trained to do so?
- This is what others do?
- This is what they can get funding to do?





# Why are they doing it?

- Maintain current situation (conservation)
- Political opportunity (reactive)
- Enable (specific) **human rights** (reactive or have a model?)
  - Rights discourse in increasing



# Precedent

WSIS declaration of Principles

Resolution on 'The promotion, protection and enjoyment of human rights on the Internet' HRC2012 (offline = online)

Resolution on The right to privacy in the digital age.  
UNGA2013

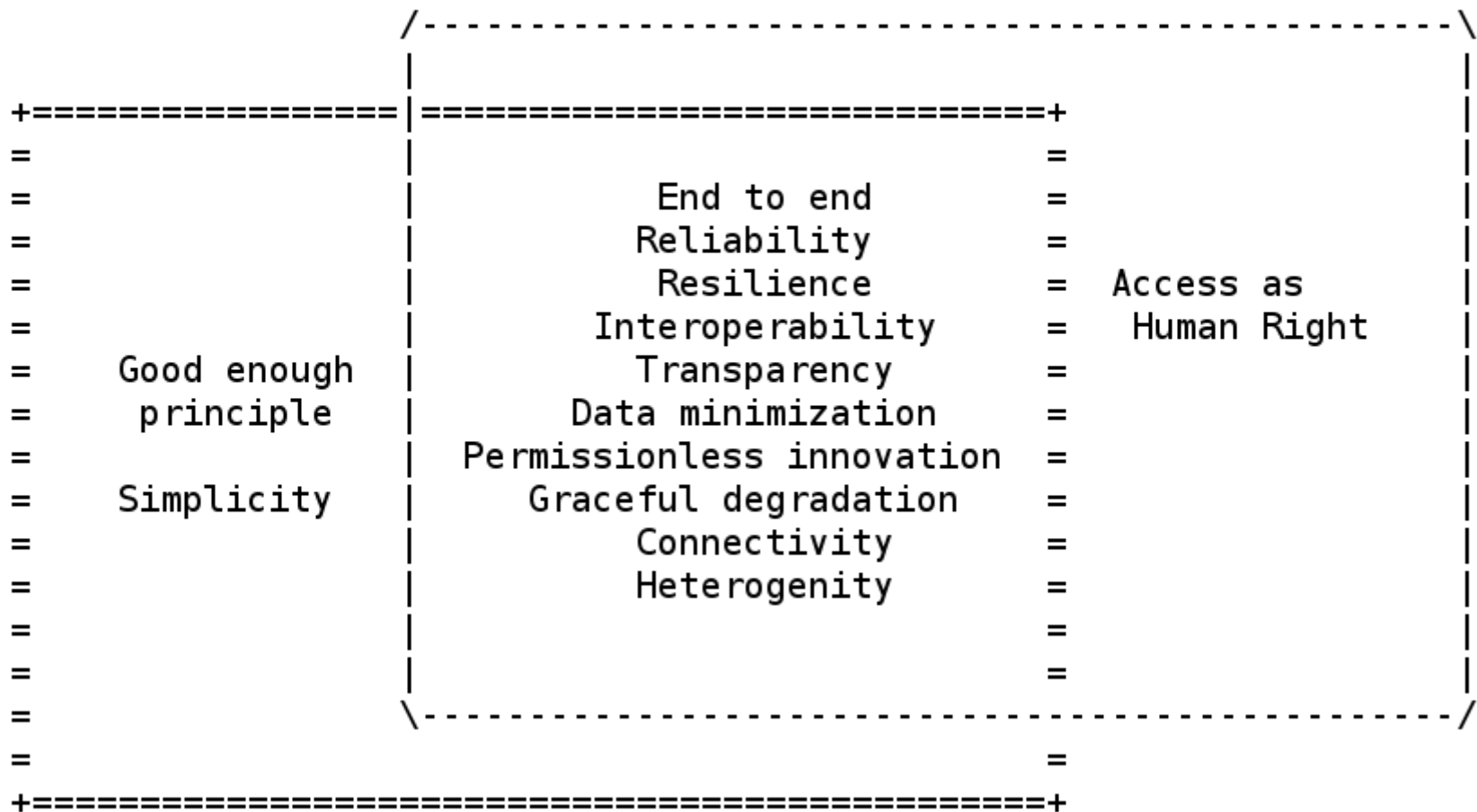
NETmundial outcome document affirms that human rights, as reflected in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, should underpin Internet governance principles.

Governments should promote the use of strong encryption and protect anonymous expression online. UNSR FoE2015

# What is the vision?

Architectural principles  
and characteristics

Enabling features  
for user rights



# What is the vision? (2)

**FREEDOM OF  
EXPRESSION**

**=**

**CONTENT AGNOSTICISM**

**+**

**CONNECTIVITY**

**+**

**PRIVACY**

**+**

**SECURITY**



# What does it mean?

- One or several definitions of the Internet in civil society?
- Does this fit in a narrative (Turner 2006)?
- If  $X >$  then  $Y$  ?
  - $X$  being education, funding availability, (self identified) ideology, specific definition of the Internet,
  - $Y$  being a specific action repertoire



SELF-DESCRIBED AND SELF-DEFINED

# Interview questions?

## Semi structured questions

1. Could you please state your name, gender and age?
2. Can you list projects, organizations and movements your are affiliated with? Please order them on which you spend the most time.
3. Was this project, organization or movement established with the primary aim of working on Internet related issues?
4. What do you recognize as your key education?
5. How would you describe your ideology?
6. How are you contributing to a better Internet?
7. What are the means you are using to contribute to a better Internet?
8. How would you describe the current Internet?
9. What would the Internet that you are fighting for look like?



# Join or follow the work

<https://github.com/nllz/PhD>

