Q	IGF-USA 2018 Topic Survey Results, **by Ranked Topics**	Important	Neutral	Not Important	Weighted-Avg 3-2-1	Response Count
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
6.3	What are the best ways to protect privacy and security of users of Internet of Things?	66	9	5	2.76	80
3.1	How should privacy rights be defined in an era of mass data collection and surveillance?	56	15	6	2.65	77
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
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
8.3	How to preserve the multistakeholder model for the management of Critical Internet Resources from encroachment by governments.	52	17	6	2.61	75
1.3	Will lack of security and trust on the net hinder innovation, economic gains and jobs?	54	13	9	2.59	76
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
8.7	What role should the government play in securing the Internet?	49	19	7	2.56	75
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
3.2	Should we focus more on understanding the harms of declining personal privacy?	50	19	9	2.53	78
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
4.4	What do Internet platforms, and those with market dominance, mean for openness?	48	19	10	2.49	77
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
7.3	How do we separate regulation of data/information from regulation of content and speech?	44	22	9	2.47	75
8.6	How to counter economic, political & security pressures that could fragment the Internet?	43	24	8	2.47	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
8.2	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
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
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
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
7.5	Is the US losing its initial advantage in Internet expertise and innovation?	42	20	11	2.42	73
10.2	How to preserve an open Internet -- without going back to Title II regulations of 1930's?	43	18	13	2.41	74
9.8	How to promote trust & confidence that Internet connections are not spoofed or counterfeit?	40	22	12	2.38	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
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
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
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 the benefits?	41	22	14	2.35	77
1.5	How can we ensure that the Internet helps improve the livelihood of all people?	42	21	15	2.35	78
9.3	What are the implications of Blockchain and decentralization initiatives on the DNS?	40	19	15	2.34	74
9.6	What is the current level of trust in the Internet and how can technology improve trust?	35	29	10	2.34	74
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
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
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
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
9.7	What are implications of digital protectionism on the future of digital trade & digital currencies?	35	28	12	2.31	75
10.1	What can be done to make the Internet more open? Has this goal been lost?	37	23	15	2.29	75
6.2	What are the obstacles and opportunities around 5G and IoT?	39	23	17	2.28	79
7.4	How can Internet platforms protect and promote positive counter-speech?	31	33	11	2.27	75
2.6	How do we regulate technology when it starts to destroy democracy and hurt people?	39	18	19	2.26	76
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
9.2	Should there be a governance model with Blockchain, or is self-regulation sufficient?	34	26	15	2.25	75
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
4.2	Should governments take action to prevent cloud providers from abusing their market power or can standard setting for cloud providers facilitate easier entry to the market?	32	28	14	2.24	74
5.4	How should those in the US help bridge the digital divide?	30	28	15	2.21	73
1.4	Will domestic policies & int'l agreements mitigate effect of Artificial Intelligence on work?	31	31	16	2.19	78
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
10.3	Are there any First Amendment concerns with the current approach to Net Neutrality?	25	33	16	2.12	74
9.5	What will provide better broadly used but secure identification?	28	26	20	2.11	74
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
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
9.4	What are the humanitarian applications of Blockchain?	25	24	25	2.00	74
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