

## About OTI

OTI works at the intersection of technology and policy to ensure that every community has equitable access to digital technology and its benefits. We promote universal access to communications technologies that are both open and secure, using a multidisciplinary approach that brings together advocates, researchers, organizers, and innovators.

Our current focus areas include surveillance, privacy and security, net neutrality, broadband access, and consumer privacy. OTI conducts data-driven research, develops policy and regulatory reforms, and builds real-world pilot projects to impact both public policy and physical communications infrastructure that people interact with every day.

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*President, Ford Foundation ~ "The Open Technology Institute looks at how, in this digital age, we ensure that there is universal access, that we have an Internet that is as Sir Timothy Berners-Lee envisioned: one that is open and free, ... where inequities in other parts of society don't play out."*

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*As members of the Detroit Digital Justice Coalition, we believe that communication is a fundamental human right; we are securing that right for the digital age by promoting access, participation, common ownership, and healthy communities.*

## Vision

An Internet that is open and free ... where inequities in other parts of society don't play out

## Mission

To ensure that every community has equitable access to digital technology and its benefits

## Values

**Expression:** The Open Technology Institute supports free expression and open technologies at home and around the world, and is committed to supporting engaged, self-sufficient communities by promoting safe and affordable access to connectivity. We view technology not as an end in and of itself, but a means. Across our work, we are guided by these principles:

**Openness:** Our source code, processes, materials and reports are open and available. We encourage participation by individuals and communities adapting, improving and using our tools.

**Privacy:** We support and defend the right to privacy and freedom from surveillance; our technologies are designed for safety and security; our research methods are respectful and sensitive to privacy concerns.

**Justice:** We believe in the equality of all individuals. We do not empower the communities we work with; they are already empowered, or they empower themselves. We support their work by providing trainings, tools, and resources.

**Collective Self-Determination:** Community partners decide how they want to engage and how they want to use our tools. We follow their lead.

**Service:** We show respect and give back to the communities we engage with locally and virtually.

**Integrity:** We are accountable to these principles in everything we do.

**Independence:** Funding -- For detailed information about our funding, please visit New America's Our Funding webpage. New America prides itself on its intellectual independence and high ethical standards, and all donations and grants are accepted subject to New America's policies regarding non-partisanship, independence, and the avoidance of conflicts of interest: <https://www.newamerica.org/policies-and-procedures/>.

### Non-Partisanship

**Communication:** ... we believe that communication is a fundamental human right; we are securing that right for the digital age by promoting access, participation, common ownership, and healthy communities.

### Access

### Participation

### Common Ownership

### Healthy Communities

## 1. Connectivity

*Develop and advocate policies to promote universal, fast and affordable wireless broadband connectivity*

The Wireless Future Project, a project of the Open Technology Institute, develops and advocates policies to promote universal, fast and affordable wireless broadband connectivity, including the reallocation of more prime spectrum for shared and unlicensed access. It encourages mobile market competition, an open Internet and other policies aimed at unlocking the full potential of the wireless age for all Americans.

### 1.1. Competition

*Encourage mobile market competition*

### 1.2. Internet

*Encourage an open Internet*

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## 2. Internet

*Provide an open, verifiable platform to measure global Internet performance*

### Stakeholder(s)

#### **Code for Science & Society :**

*Code for Science & Society, the new host of M-Lab's operations, is a small nonprofit dedicated to advancing open technologies in the public interest. They work with partners across research, civic technologies, and new media to support the growth and sustainability of the public interest tech ecosystem.*

#### **Research Partners**

#### **Industry Partners**

#### **Public-Interest Partners**

M-Lab is the largest open Internet performance dataset on the planet. M-Lab is a consortium of research, industry and public-interest partners dedicated to providing an open, verifiable platform to measure global Internet performance and creating visualizations and tools to help people make sense of network performance. Learn more at [www.measurementlab.net](http://www.measurementlab.net).

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### 3. Expression & Privacy

*Promote freedom of expression and privacy on the internet*

**Stakeholder(s)**

**Ranking Digital Rights :**

*RDR is a non-profit research initiative housed at New America's Open Technology Institute.*

Ranking Digital Rights (RDR) works to promote freedom of expression and privacy on the internet by creating global standards and incentives for companies to respect and protect users' rights.

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## 4. Knowledge & Experience

*Bridge the divide of knowledge and experience between DC and Silicon Valley*

**Stakeholder(s)**

**TechCongress**

TechCongress brings tech talent, ideas and training to Congress and to build a practical and pragmatic understanding of Washington within the tech community. They bridge the divide of knowledge and experience between DC and Silicon Valley for better outcomes for both.

### 4.1. Talent, Ideas & Training

*Bring tech talent, ideas and training to Congress*

**Stakeholder(s):**

**Congress**

### 4.2. Understanding

*Build a practical and pragmatic understanding of Washington within the tech community*

**Stakeholder(s):**

**Tech Community**

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