How would you regulate the government to ensure they do not exploit their powers?

Change legislations like the investigatory powers act to give the government less powers to access what they want. While in the EU mass surveillance is considered a human rights violation but if we leave we should try to keep the same legal rights.

At what point is investigating someone's online activity without permission justified?

In my opinion law enforcement should require sufficient evidence and justification to gain permissions to a citizen's personal computer or devices the same way they need a search warrant to be able to search someone's home. I believe it should be easier for the government to monitor people if they have committed crimes in the past for example a convicted paedophile should be monitored more closely to ensure they are not distributing or viewing child pornography meaning people lose some of their right to privacy if they commit a criminal offence.

How can people protect themselves online?

The simplest and most effective way to protect yourself from cybercriminals online is to just not give out more information than necessary to websites like social medias and to keep your privacy settings secure to limit the amount of people that can view your data. Use secure passwords that you don't need stored anywhere on your device and check how trustworthy sites are before giving out important information like bank details. To protect yourself from government surveillance people can use VPNs to stop your internet service provider from tracking your online activity or you can use encrypted messaging software like WhatsApp.

What is wrong with China's social credit system?

It takes away all privacy from its citizens and effects the amount of trust people have for each other since the new system rewards citizens for reporting those that they know and can punish individuals for their family's wrong doings. The system also punishes people for speaking out against the government which gives the people no power over their lives or country.

Would you do the same project again?

I would do the same project again since it has been a very interesting process which I have learnt a lot from and will likely help me in the future. I would however like to have been able to look more into the free speech versus hate speech arguments since that topic particularly interested me and is quite relevant but it was not closely related enough to answer my question.