

## UC Irvine Conference Research Proposal

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Title: Cyber Insecurity: Reclaiming Personal Privacy in the Information Era

### Description:

A vital global data network, the Internet is under threat of extinction, as people limit their online activity due to growing security and privacy concerns.

### Abstract:

The Internet is increasingly perceived as a menacing entity rather than an information network for facilitating human existence. The fear of identity theft and insecurity are evermore looming over the Internet users today, with half of Americans refraining from important online activities. In the current state of affairs, we are split between an open society and a controlled government system. Without sufficient research, the Internet will cease to exist, irreversibly crumbling the booming online consumer industry.

Enforcing human privacy on the Internet via reform and research is a crucial aspect of this project. However, overabundance of government security measures will negatively impact the industry, smiting software developers' creativity and limiting the spectrum of future innovations. In order to achieve progress, ordinary users must be formally disciplined in basic security measures, while professionals must be allowed full intellectual freedom to roam the Internet in search of potential threats and practical solutions.

### Methodology:

I evaluated official data on current Internet use in America and common security threats of the day. Afterwards, I educated the audience on basic ways to reclaim privacy in the Information world as recommended by official sources and industry professionals. Finally, I persuaded the audience to form their own opinions.

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