

cannot be posted/transmitted on the Internet/wireless network in addition to who has the power to enforce such regulations.<sup>2</sup>

### **U.S. Hosts and Users**

In order to maintain a decentralized internet, the federal government's primary goal is to enable private internet hosting services to create and incorporate innovative technology, design, and use.

Because there are some harmful activities occurring on the internet, however, the federal government deems a number of them to be either lawful or unlawful, in order to protect the harmonious functioning of society. I propose the following regulations (and deregulations) to Congress.

- It shall be lawful for American internet users and internet hosting services alike to express freely their comments, thoughts, beliefs, and opinions on the internet, as long as users comply with the federal laws that address freedom of speech off the internet (i.e., hate speech, pornography).

- The federal, state, and local governments, depending on the degree of severity, have the power to enforce such laws, especially with internet hosting services.

The federal government, however, encourages internet hosting services and users to supervise the compliance of such laws first, either through data or flagging processes.

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<sup>2</sup> Graphs from the PewResearch Internet Project, which show internet user demographics, internet use over time, social media user demographics, social media use over time, social media use by age group over time, teen internet user demographics, teen internet use over time, teen social media use over time, broadband vs. dial-up adoption over time, cell phone and smartphone ownership demographics, cell phone activities, and teen device ownership over time, enhance the statement that an “increasing number of people are gaining access to the internet and there is a growing need for a transparent and detailed government policy. (*Three Technology Revolutions*, PewResearch Internet Project (2014), Web, 23 February 2014, <<http://www.pewinternet.org/three-technology-revolutions/>>).