

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT STONY BROOK



ABOUT THE STUDY

This survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete. It is being conducted by a group of non-partisan researchers working for Stony Brook University (part of the State University of New York system). Our goal is to learn more about how Americans view issues concerning the Internet, and your responses are very important to us.

Since we need responses from all kinds of people, we encourage you to complete this important survey. The data collected from this study will be combined so that no individual's responses can be identified, and we expect to publish the summary results in academic journals. We will not share the data from this study with any third parties.

\$50 PRIZE DRAWING

In addition to helping with valuable research, if you complete this study, you will be eligible to enter a random drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to Amazon.com. This drawing is entirely voluntary and will not affect your participation in the research study. The exact odds of winning the prize will depend upon the number of people that complete this survey (but will most certainly be better than your chances of winning the state lottery). For those interested, details will be provided at the end of this survey.

Each participant may only complete the survey one time. Submitting multiple entries will disqualify you from the drawing (and bias our research).

RESEARCH COMPLIANCE

You must be at least 18 years old to participate in this study. This survey is completely voluntary. You may skip any questions that you do not feel comfortable answering. You also have the right to change your mind and leave the study at any time.

To ensure that this research activity is being conducted properly, the State University of New York at Stony Brook's Committee on Research Involving Human Subjects and/or applicable officials of the University or Office of Research Protections have the right to review study records, but confidentiality will be maintained as allowed by law.

TAKE THE SURVEY

Continue If you check the box next to "**Continue**" below, it means that you have read (or have had read to you) the information given in this consent form, and you would like to be a volunteer in this research study. You **must** be at least 18 years or old to participate.

☐ **Continue**

Q1 First, have you ever heard of Network Neutrality? *Don't worry, many people have never heard of it, so we'll provide you with some additional information in a moment.*

☐ Yes

☐ No

Q2 How knowledgeable would you say you are about the issue of Network Neutrality?

- ☐ *Very knowledgeable*
- ☐ *Somewhat knowledgeable*
- ☐ *A little knowledgeable*
- ☐ *Not at all knowledgeable*

N14 *Please read the article below and answer the questions that follow.*

N15 **Network Neutrality and the Future of the Internet**

N16 By Samuel Johnson

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N18 Recently, some of these content providers have begun offering services like streaming videos and voice communication that take up a large amount of a network's overall capacity. Telecoms say that these data-intensive services cause enormous stress on their networks that can lead to slower or dropped Internet connections for their customers. To resolve this problem, telecoms want to charge content providers a special fee to route video, voice, and other large data streams more efficiently. Telecoms argue that these fees are necessary to offset the rising costs of expanding and improving the infrastructure of the Internet.

- N19 Content providers want Congress to pass Network Neutrality legislation to prevent telecoms from charging them special fees based upon the type of data that they transmit over the Internet. They argue that the prospect of telecoms imposing new fees on innovative ventures is exactly the kind of thing that deters online commerce.
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- N21 *Please read the brief article below and answer the questions that follow.*

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Q6 Finally, how necessary or unnecessary is Network Neutrality, where "1" means *completely unnecessary* and "9" means *completely necessary*?

Completely Unnecessary (1) **2** **3** **4** **5** **6** **7** **8** **Completely Necessary (9)**

N35 *To answer the next few questions, think specifically about the argument that Congressman Alan Davidson made in favor of Network Neutrality.*

Q7 First, how convincing or unconvincing is Congressman Davidson's argument in favor of Network Neutrality, where "1" means *very unconvincing* and "9" means *very convincing*?

Very Unconvincing (1) **2** **3** **4** **5** **6** **7** **8** **Very Convincing (9)**

Q8 In your opinion, how strong or weak is the argument Congressman Davidson made supporting Network Neutrality, where "1" means *very weak* and "9" means *very strong*?

Very Weak (1) 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Very Strong (9)

Q9 Lastly, how clear or unclear is the argument Congressman Davidson made supporting Network Neutrality, where "1" means *very unclear* and "9" means *very clear*?

N36 *The next two questions are about your interest in Network Neutrality.*

Q10 First, how much do you personally care about the issue of Network Neutrality, where "1" means *very little* and "9" means *very much*.

Very Little								Very Much
(1)	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	(9)
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Q11 How much do you feel you now understand about the issue of Network Neutrality, where "1" means *very little* and "9" means *very much*.

Very Little								Very Much
(1)	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	(9)
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Other Questions

N38 *Please answer the following questions about the government in Washington as best you can. Many people don't know the answers, so if there are any questions that you don't know the answers to, just choose "don't know" and go on to the next question. When you're finished with this section, we'll provide you with the answers, so please don't look up the answers.*

Q12 Whose responsibility is it to determine if a law is constitutional or not?

- ☐ *President*
- ☐ *Congress*
- ☐ *Supreme Court*
- ☐ *Don't know*

Q13 Which party currently has the most elected members in the U.S. House of Representatives?

- ☐ *Democratic party*
- ☐ *Republican party*
- ☐ *Neither party*
- ☐ *Don't know*

Q14 What job does Harry Reid currently hold?

- ☐ *Attorney General*
- ☐ *Speaker of the House*
- ☐ *Secretary of Defense*
- ☐ *Senate Majority Leader*
- ☐ *Don't know*

Q15 How much of a majority of the both the House of Representatives and Senate are required to override a presidential veto?

- ☐ *1/2*
- ☐ *1/2 plus 1*
- ☐ *3/5*
- ☐ *2/3*
- ☐ *3/4*
- ☐ *All members of Congress*
- ☐ *Congress cannot override a presidential veto*
- ☐ *Don't know*

- Q16 Which one of the parties is more conservative than the other at the national level?
- ☐ *Democratic party*
 - ☐ *Republican party*
 - ☐ *Neither party*
 - ☐ *Don't know*
- Q17 How many justices are there on the U.S. Supreme Court? Enter the number below:
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- Q18 What job does Condoleezza Rice currently hold?
- ☐ *Secretary of State*
 - ☐ *National Security Advisor*
 - ☐ *Secretary of Defense*
 - ☐ *Director of the Central Intelligence Agency*
 - ☐ *Don't know*
- Q19 Which branch of government does the U.S. Constitution give the sole authority to declare war?
- ☐ *Executive branch*
 - ☐ *Judicial branch*
 - ☐ *Legislative branch*
 - ☐ *Don't know*
- N39 *Ok, here are the answers to the questions that you just answered. Correct responses are listed in bold at the end of each question.*
- N40 **1.)** *Whose responsibility is it to determine if a law is constitutional or not? **Supreme Court***

- N41 Your Response: {Q12}
- N42 **2.)** Which party currently has the most elected members in the U.S. House of Representatives? **Democratic party**
- N43 Your Response: {Q13}
- N44 **3.)** What job does Harry Reid currently hold? **Senate Majority Leader**
- N45 Your Response: {Q14}
- N46 **4.)** How much of a majority of the both the House of Representatives and Senate are required to override a presidential veto? **2/3**
- N47 Your Response: {Q15}
- N48 **5.)** Which one of the parties is more conservative than the other at the national level? **Republican party**
- N49 Your Response: {Q16}
- N50 **6.)** How many justices are there on the U.S. Supreme Court? **9**
- N51 Your Response: {Q17}
- N52 **7.)** What job does Condoleezza Rice currently hold? **Secretary of State**
- N53 Your Response: {Q18}
- N54 **8.)** Which branch of government does the U.S. Constitution give the sole authority to declare war? **Legislative branch**
- N55 Your Response: {Q19}

Questions About You

N57 *These final questions help us ensure that many different types of people are represented in our research.*

Q20 In general, how interested are you in computers?

- ☐ *Very interested*
- ☐ *Somewhat interested*
- ☐ *A little interested*
- ☐ *Not at all interested*

Q21 Overall, how would you rate your knowledge of computers?

- ☐ *Beginner (i.e., you simply use computers for basic E-mail, Internet, and word processing functions)*
- ☐ *Intermediate (i.e., you also can install new programs, add peripheral devices like a printer, and troubleshoot minor issues)*
- ☐ *Advanced (i.e., you also can configure advanced settings in the control panel, maintain a personal webpage, and troubleshoot some issues)*
- ☐ *Expert (i.e., you also can partition a hard drive and install a fresh OS, add or replace internal components, and troubleshoot major issues)*

Q22 Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

- ☐ *Republican*
- ☐ *Democrat*
- ☐ *Independent*
- ☐ *Something else*

- Q23 Would you call yourself a *strong* Republican or *not a very strong* Republican?
- ☐ *Strong Republican*
 - ☐ *Not a very strong Republican*
- Q24 Would you call yourself a *strong* Democrat or *not a very strong* Democrat?
- ☐ *Strong Democrat*
 - ☐ *Not a very strong Democrat*
- Q25 Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?
- ☐ *Closer to the Republican party*
 - ☐ *Neither*
 - ☐ *Closer to the Democratic party*
- Q26 Which of the following describes your own political views?
- ☐ *Very conservative*
 - ☐ *Somewhat conservative*
 - ☐ *Slightly conservative*
 - ☐ *Moderate*
 - ☐ *Slightly liberal*
 - ☐ *Somewhat liberal*
 - ☐ *Very liberal*

Q27

Are you male or female?

☐ *Male*

☐ *Female*

Q28

What U.S. state do you currently live in?

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--Click Here--

Nebraska

Nevada

New Hampshire

New Jersey

New Mexico

New York

North Carolina

North Dakota

Ohio

Oklahoma

Oregon

Pennsylvania

Rhode Island

South Carolina

South Dakota

Tennessee

Texas

Utah

Vermont

Virginia

Washington

West Virginia

Wisconsin

Wyoming

Mississippi

Missouri

Montana

Q29 In what year were you born? Enter the 4-digit year below:

Q30 What is the highest level of education that you have completed?

- ☐ *Not a high school graduate*
- ☐ *High school diploma / G.E.D.*
- ☐ *Associate's degree*
- ☐ *Bachelor's degree*
- ☐ *Graduate or professional degree*

Q31 What do you consider to be your primary ethnic or racial identity?

- ☐ *African American / Black*
- ☐ *American Indian / Alaskan Native / Pacific Islander*
- ☐ *Asian*
- ☐ *Caucasian / White*
- ☐ *Hispanic / Latino*

Q32 How did you hear about this particular survey?

\$50 Random Drawing

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NOTE: We are bound by strict guidelines that prohibit us from sharing any personal information with any third parties. This means that we will NOT release your E-mail address to anyone under any circumstances. Your E-mail address will not be linked to your responses in any way.

If you do not wish to participate in the random drawing, simply leave the name and E-mail fields blank and click "Next."

Q33 Please enter your initials below:

Q34 Please enter your valid E-mail address below:

Q35 Please re-enter your E-mail address below:

SUBMIT YOUR RESPONSES

You MUST click the "Submit" button below to send your responses and complete the survey.

Q36 Would you be interested in participating in future research projects?
Note: This means very limited contact for specific research purposes.

- ☐ *Yes, I agree to being contacted*
- ☐ *No, please do not contact me (unless I am a winner of the drawing)*

Q37 Do you have any comments or suggestions about the study?

REMEMBER TO CLICK "SUBMIT" BELOW.