

# Building Digital Solidarity: The United States International Cyberspace & Digital Policy Strategy

The United States released the [International Cyberspace and Digital Policy Strategy: Towards an Innovative, Secure, and Rights-Respecting Digital Future](#) on May 6, 2024.

The strategy focuses on building broad **digital solidarity**. Digital solidarity is a willingness to work together on shared goals, to stand together, to help partners build capacity, and to provide mutual support. Digital solidarity recognizes that all who use digital technologies in a rights-respecting manner are more secure, resilient, self-determining, and prosperous when we work together to shape the international environment and innovate at the technological edge. The concept of digital solidarity rests on efforts to build digital and cyber capacity so that partners are not only better able to build a defensible and resilient digital ecosystem over the long term but are also able to respond and recover quickly when incidents happen and to hold criminal and malign actors accountable.

*“We are in a pivotal period of international relations, characterized by acute competition between nations, and shared global challenges like climate change, food and health security, and inclusive economic growth. Technology will play an increasingly critical role in addressing these challenges... The United States will work with any country or actor that is committed to developing and deploying technology that is open, safe, and secure, that promotes inclusive growth, that fosters resilient and democratic societies, and that empowers all people.”*

*U.S. Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken*

To build broad digital solidarity, the strategy lays out:

## **Three guiding principles:**

1. An affirmative vision for a secure and inclusive cyberspace grounded in international law, including international human rights law; and
2. Integration of cybersecurity, sustainable development, and technological innovation; and
3. A comprehensive policy approach that utilizes the appropriate tools of diplomacy and international statecraft across the entire digital ecosystem.

## **Four areas of action:**

1. Promote, build, and maintain an open, inclusive, secure, and resilient digital ecosystem;
2. Align rights-respecting approaches to digital and data governance with international partners;
3. Advance responsible state behavior in cyberspace, and counter threats to cyberspace and critical infrastructure by building coalitions and engaging partners; and
4. Strengthen and build international partner digital and cyber capacity, including capacity to combat cybercrime.

Working with other Federal Agencies, the Department of State developed this strategy to guide international engagement on technology diplomacy and advance the [National Security Strategy](#) and [National Cybersecurity Strategy](#).

The strategy sets out a path for the United States to mobilize all resources at its disposal to implement an affirmative and proactive vision through which building digital solidarity connects people and information like never before, fostering a more inclusive, secure, prosperous, and equitable world.

*“Technology issues are woven into nearly every aspect of our bilateral, multilateral and functional diplomacy, from economic growth to human rights to issues of military force. This strategy leads with digital solidarity as a necessary framework because nobody can address these issues alone. Digital solidarity is the willingness to work together on shared goals, to strive for aligned regulations and standards, to help partners build capacity, and to provide mutual support. We need to do that among states, of course, but also with companies and civil society organizations in a true multi-stakeholder partnership.”*

*U.S. Ambassador at Large for Cyberspace and Digital Policy Nathaniel C. Fick*

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