



Youth for Privacy's Input to the Global Digital Compact

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Youth for Privacy is a youth-led and youth-centered group advocating for privacy. Our mission is to raise awareness of privacy through education, outreach, research, and advocacy work. We want to re-conceptualize what it means to have privacy in this digital world. Most of our members are students or young professionals who have made statements stressing the importance of privacy and youth

participation. In partnership with the UN Office of Disarmament Affairs, we have been hosting workshops in colleges & conferences teaching practical privacy technologies to students in Buenos Aires, San Jose, New York, and Seoul. We are currently working with Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data as their collaborator for the Data Values campaign. We have also worked with the Southern Africa Peace Foundation.

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Article 12 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states a person's right to privacy, yet it only textually states its context in family and correspondence. Yet now, that article is expanded by advocates to mean privacy in the age of digital surveillance. The framers of UDHR could not foresee the technological and societal change of the next 75 years. Yet the principles of human rights are as alive as today. Human rights is a scalable and extendable principle that can guide our conversation about digital rights.

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