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# THE INTERNET

## Social Media, 3G Mobile Communications, & Other Digital Technologies

"Countries that restrict free access to information or violate the basic rights of Internet users risk walling themselves off from the progress of the next century." HILLARY CLINTON, JANUARY 21, 2010 **New**

### INTERNET FREEDOM

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**Global Internet Freedom Consortium** – **Mission:** Inform, connect and empower the people in closed societies with information on a free Internet.

**Internet Freedom Coalition** – **Mission:** To make sure the power and promise of the Internet continues, we need to keep it free of government interference. "We oppose three basic threats to Internet Freedom: Taxes; Regulations; and any attempt by the United Nations to manage the Internet."

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**Technology** – *Whitehouse.gov*

**Background on the President's Event on the "Educate to Innovate" Campaign Today** January 6'10.

**Remarks - The President at Opening Session, Forum on Modernizing Government** January 14'10.  
**The Forum** – Video

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**Communications Networks and Consumer Privacy: Recent Developments** Hearing, *subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce*, April 23, 2009.

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**Federal Policies Ease Information Sharing**

**We the People**

**Obama’s Transparent Government to be Built on New Media**

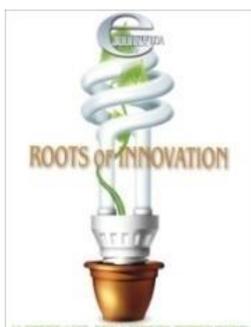
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**Social Networking Tools Help Government Users Solve Business Problems**

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#### **Social Networking Breathes New Life Into Info Sharing**

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**CDMA Development Group (CDG)**- Founded in December 1993, is an international consortium of companies who are leading the adoption and evolution of 3G CDMA wireless systems around the world.

**Public Utility Research Center, University of Florida** - Situated at the University of Florida, this internationally recognized academic center is dedicated to research and to providing training in utility regulation and strategy, as well as the development of leadership in infrastructure policy.

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**Google users in China leave flowers at the company's Beijing headquarters after it said it may leave because of censorship restrictions.**

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*PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA, JANUARY 21, 2009*