Internet Governance: A View from Russia

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Globally, Internet Access Varies Widely

Percent who access the internet at least occasionally or own a smartphone

Note: U.S. data comes from a January 2014 Pew Research Center survey.
Source: Spring 2014 Global Attitudes survey, Q67 & Q69.

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Models of Censorship on Internet

Russia Leans to **Continental Model of Censorship on the Internet**.

The main characteristics:

- Filtering socially dangerous resources clearly defined categories;
- The fight against copyright violations.
The Recent Steps for Regulation Internet (1)

Federal Law 187-FZ of July 2, 2013


The Federal Law, which lets Roskomnadzor block websites with extremism content.
The Recent Steps for Regulation Internet (3)

Federal Statute 97-FZ of May 5, 2014

Russian bloggers have to register (if they have more than 3,000 followers per day).
The Recent Steps for Regulation Internet (4)


Twitter, Facebook and another foreign company should keep Russian clients data in Russia.
Russian Stakeholders on Internet

Non-Government Organization
The Russian Association for Electronic Communications (RAEC); Coordination Center for TLD RU; The Safe Internet League; Internet Society

Public Partnership

Government
State Duma; Ministry of Communications and Mass Media; Ministry of Culture; Roskomnadzor

Civil Initiatives of Business and Society

IT-industry
Yandex Rambler&Co Mail.ru Group Google

Private Public Partnership
A View from Russia (1)

Start a new project - **Institute of Internet Development.** The main goals of project:

- public and private research in the interests of IT-Industry and Government;
- establishment of an expert committee;
- development a list of national interests on Internet.
A View from Russia (2)

IT-Community wrote a collective letter to the Russian President Vladimir Putin, which presents the position of branches against the Law on Internet Tax.

The Kremlin has rejected the concept of the Law on Internet Tax.
Different Aspects (1)

- **Economic Aspect:**
  The volume of Internet-dependent markets was more than 6.7 trillion rubles to the end of 2013. It is comparable to 10% of Russia's GDP;

- **Legal Aspect:**
  All "online" - processes, which have an effect on "offline", necessitate legislative regulation;
Different Aspects (2)

• **Political Aspect:**
  There is also a cautious attitude towards information control companies like Facebook, Google and so on.
  It can carry obvious political risks;

• **Sociocultural Aspect:**
  The program of eliminate the digital divide has entered into an active phase in Russia.
Questions?