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Tech Policy and the 2020 Election, Part 2 – Online Speech, Net Neutrality, and Data Privacy

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The United States has historically taken a hands-off approach to internet policy, but both President Trump and Democratic presidential candidate Biden have indicated a desire to regulate aspects of the internet. In a new insight, AAF's Director of Technology and Innovation Policy Jennifer Huddleston outlines each candidate's proposals for content moderation, net neutrality, and data privacy and explains how potential regulation may impact the internet and innovation.

Huddleston concludes:

Increasing regulation on the internet will impact the future of online speech and the continued innovation of platforms. Both presidential candidates have suggested new regulatory approaches for online content moderation, but for different reasons. The next president will need to consider what appropriate federal frameworks should look like on issues such as data privacy and net neutrality in order to prevent a potentially disruptive patchwork of state laws.

Read the analysis.