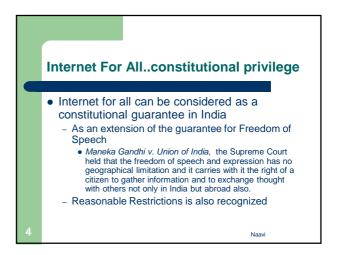
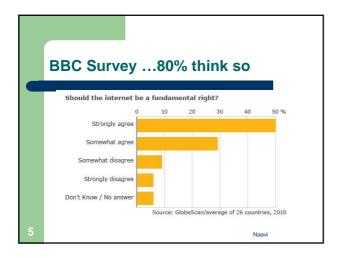
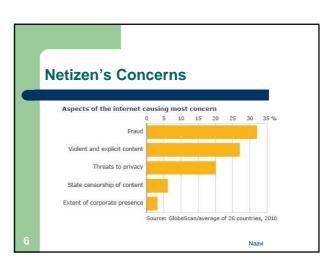


# Should Internet Access be a fundamental right? Or a Civil Right? How does it relate to Freedom of Expression?..which is a recognized fundamental right How does it affect the "Reasonable Restrictions argument" for denying the fundamental right?







### Mere Availability is not adequate

- For "Empowerment" of the Netizen, the "Regulatory aspects" of Internet content is also important
- What type of Internet we want?
  - An Internet rigorously controlled by Government?
  - An Internet with information that you cannot trust?
  - An Internet which is infested with Cyber Crimes?
    - Regulations become relevant in this context
      - Should be appropriate and meant to empower the society

### We in India already have a fight on hand...

- Content regulation through "Intermediary Rules"
- Inadequate protection to privacy through "Reasonable Security Practice Rules"
- Shutting off of Cyber Judicial Process by inaction at
- Unaddressed E banking fraud threats shaking up confidence in the Indian banking systems
- Inconsistent use of available regulations
  - denied for ordinary citizens and excessive application for political reasons.

## Tasks before us Building a trusted Internet information system - Which does not become • A tool of Cyber Crimes • a tool of oppressive regimes to curb freedom of expression - Due Process to be followed to take care of national

- - Security of data and transactions on the Internet
  - - National interests should not be equated to political
  - · A tool of privacy invasion
    - Due process to be followed to take care of exceptions

### Whom Do we Trust?

- · Governments have lost the trust of Netizens
- Business entities are also mostly distrusted
  - We trust no body but ourselves
- Hence Netizens should be at the center of this process of building a trusted Internet environment
  - With the regulatory support of Governments if they value democracy
  - With the financial support of Business if they believe in
    - How to balance the interests of this diverse group?

### **Netizens Need to Organize themselves**

- If Netizens need to have a say in the regulations, we need to organize ourselves as "Responsible Netizens"
- If Netizens are not "Responsible" we cannot expect Governments nor the businesses to be responsible
  - We need to define
    - Who is a Netizen?
    - What are his rights?
    - What are his responsibilities?

### How to build a Responsible Cyber Society?

- We need to develop a code of conduct
- Form a collective entity of "Responsible Netizens" that subjects itself to a Cyber Democratic set up
- Develop critical numbers so that we become a voice that cannot be ignored either by the Government or Business

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## Some Thoughts to be explored • "Regulated Anonymity" for Privacy protection without sacrificing national security interests • "E Banking/E Commerce Emergency Response Team" (EBCERT) to provide support for "Safe E Banking" and E Commerce in India • Organizing Responsible Netizens through a system of virtual elections into a "Cyber Nation" - I propose this body to initiate actions in this regard

