

# Acceptable Use Policy Political Implications

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The Acceptable Use Policy is a crucial cybersecurity strategy that is able to define how a system or network is regulated. This strategy is known and used by many national and international organizations worldwide. It's popular because its able to ensure that data is secure while also providing the necessary regulations required. The policy is also able to optimize resources effectively and meet needed legal requirements. The Acceptable Use Policy is integrated into politics in several ways such as through privacy rights, freedom of expression, and overall national security. There are many politicians involved in Acceptable Use Policies, but they are primarily associated with education regulation.

Politicians are primarily worried about maintaining the power difference between individual's rights versus how much control the organizations using the policy have. This can be shown through the k-12 schooling system and they are currently finding a balance between this problem. This issue mainly occurred with the student's freedom of expression which was limited to due schools implementing certain Acceptable Use Policies. It was made to give individuals access to the internet but was limited to "protecting the rights of individuals users and disclaim the liability of the schools as internet service providers" (Flowers 1998) in an attempt to have internet but keep the preventative measures. There are also measures implemented as consequences, firstly as warnings then prohibiting the access to internet altogether.

The Acceptable Use Policy is also involved in politics nationally and these policymakers are mainly attempting to prevent cyberattacks and protect infrastructure. The Homeland Security has implied that acceptable use policies are an important defense against foreign cyber-attacks. Senator Kirstjen Nielsen emphasized the cooperation

between different sectors to increase national security. The implication portrayed here is that without the use of Acceptable Use Policies it could lead to increased surveillance on cybersecurity practices. This is primary due to the government compensating to protect infrastructure and prevent cyber-attacks.

Privacy and data protection is a crucial right required to give to individuals and politicians are trying to balance it with using acceptable use policies. Current senators such as Ron Wyden emphasize privacy rights, however, they argue there needs to be a lesser standard on surveillance in order to protect these rights. The implication involved is with data protection is controlled and this could lead to how the acceptable use policies are designed. The consensus is that it could lead to changes in legislation on powers to monitor individuals. This is because of the current potential for use of overreaching surveillance tools, which violates many privacy rights.

There are many political implications involved with acceptable use policies because they are a vital asset in protecting network and information systems. This is not always the case, and they can be a major concern with privacy, national security, and people's freedom of expression. There are many secretaries in our national scene that address the need to be a balance between these two concerns. Implementing an effective strategy that has consequences for actions that oversee the acceptable use policy are also needed. The decisions made by these policymakers are crucial in order for this policy to continue to be effective in the future.

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