



Digital Citizenship and Participation

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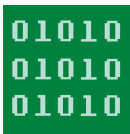
Dear Colleagues,

Social and political participation through new media and information technology is no longer a novelty. Digital citizenship has become a mainstream activity among those with media access in many of the developed states. The dissemination of information and deliberation among citizens are important trends for a digital democracy. Although many elements affect the health of a democratic system, digital citizenship may have the potential to reverse cynicism and restore trust towards government. Furthermore digital civic engagement platforms can provide a more attractive and accessible means for participation. This issue hopes to not only investigate what digital citizenship is, but also discuss how the various digital platforms are contributing to more participation in various areas and why this is setting new trends for better citizen engagement.

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