Discussion Questions for Week 1

A "threaded discussion" is a discussion forum that allows students to respond to questions posted by the professor (original responses), which can then be read by other users who add their own comments in response (secondary postings). Unlike chat rooms and other "real-time" interaction forums, threaded discussions do not require different users to be logged on at the same time.

Discussion questions are assigned each week. **Original responses to these questions must be posted by Thursday at 11:59PM.** *Original responses must be at least* **250 words** *and must incorporate concepts from the lectures and assigned readings.*

Secondary Responses/Postings: *Each student must post* **two or more** *secondary responses to other students' postings* **for each discussion question**. *Secondary responses are due by* **11:59PM on the Monday following the week in which the questions were assigned.** *They must be a minimum of* **150 words** *and, like original responses, should incorporate concepts from the lectures and assigned readings. Students are encouraged to embark on interactive discussions that go beyond the minimum number of secondary postings.*

Although the discussion board is expected o be student-driven, professors will be participating in the discussions as well.

DQ 1.1: Internet scholars hold views that range from "exceptionalism" – the idea that the Internet is a truly new, unique, and ungovernable "space" – to "non-exceptionalism" – the idea that the Internet is ultimately just a collection of physical cables and computer boxes governed by ordinary legal principles. How do you think about the Internet and "cyberspace?" What kind of "space" is it?

DQ 1.2: Every modern society faces the challenge of balancing liberty and security. In constitutional democracies, the effort to maintain this balance focuses on legal guarantees of personal freedoms in relation to the police and military powers of the state. Does the notion of "liberty" apply to "cyberspace?" What kinds of "liberties" are threatened by cybersecurity risks?