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# The Boundaries of Freedom in the Use of the Internet in Cyberspace

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## 1.    Round 1

### 1.1.    Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The phrase "scientific and technological advancements and the inherently global and dynamic nature of cyberspace" lacks precision. Instead, specify whether you refer to the evolution of digital infrastructures, the legal framework of cyberspace, or socio-political impacts.

The statement "Among the positive aspects of Internet use, its ability to create security and benefits stands out" is ambiguous. Clarify what kind of security the article refers to—national security, data security, or social security?

Many assertions, especially regarding internet freedoms and cybersecurity threats, are made without referencing peer-reviewed sources. Adding citations from legal and cybersecurity research would improve credibility.

The discussion on internet addiction could be supported with psychological and neuroscientific literature to strengthen the argument on its impact on human cognition and behavior.

The article suggests international cooperation in cybersecurity but does not specify how this should be implemented. Providing examples of successful cooperation (e.g., the EU's Cybersecurity Act) would make the recommendations more actionable.

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## 1.2.    Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The article lacks a clearly defined methodology section. Since it presents both qualitative and analytical insights, specifying whether the study employs a legal analysis, case studies, or a comparative approach would improve academic rigor.

The discussion of information warfare references Sun Tzu, Islamic history, and the Mongol Empire but lacks direct relevance to modern cybersecurity concerns. Consider integrating these references with contemporary digital warfare issues.

The discussion on cyberspace includes various definitions but lacks a unifying framework. Consider adopting a widely accepted definition from cybersecurity literature.

The article defines cyberspace multiple times (e.g., the works of William Gibson, the U.S. government's perspective, and the Oxford Dictionary definition). A concise synthesis would improve flow and avoid redundancy.

While discussing internet freedom and privacy, the article does not analyze key international legal instruments, such as the GDPR, the U.S. CLOUD Act, or the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime. Including these would strengthen the legal analysis.

The article argues both for stronger privacy regulations and the need for transparency, but it does not propose a balance between these two competing interests. This contradiction should be addressed.

The discussion on internet usage, cyber threats, and data privacy lacks empirical statistics. Including data from cybersecurity firms (e.g., Symantec, Kaspersky), government reports, or academic studies would enhance the analytical depth.

Several sections, such as those discussing the dangers of cyberspace and cybersecurity challenges, repeat similar points. A more structured organization of subtopics would improve conciseness.

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## 2.    Revised

Editor's decision: Accepted.
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