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IEEE-USA develops positions related to US policy activities. This includes areas such as Privacy, Cybersecurity, Spectrum Allocation, Artificial Intelligence, Intellectual Property, Work Force issues. See the full range at <u>IEEE USA</u>.

New areas are emerging such as Broadband deployment/access; regulation of high tech, and issues surrounding social media such as addiction, collection and use of personal data, and application of behavior science and perhaps AI to persuade individuals into target actions (typically for advertisers.) If topics like these interest you, please join the <u>Online Group</u> where we will be both announcing related activities, listing relevant resources and carrying on NH based discussions.

Events related to this activity are planned for later this year.

- When the Broadband access proposal completes the approval process.
- "Net Persuasion" -- Recent documentaries such as PBS's "Hacking Your Mind" and Netflix's "The Social Dilemma" have highlighted the challenges that social media and similar technologies present. These suggest that abuses of our rapidly advancing technology may (and in some cases have) led to polarization, violence, devolution of democracy and civil discourse. The potential of civil unrest, autocratic take-over of democratic societies, ecological disaster, and economic demise are some of the projected impact.
- Screening of the Social Dilemma and discussion is targeted for the week of Nov. 16th, although members (and other interested persons) are encouraged to view both this and the PBS series before that.
- Separate events for student groups or other smaller communities are possible as well.