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Steven, [you get] the last word.

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Thank you to the panel. Pierre and Therese have done a good part of my job, which is to try to summarise this very difficult and rich topic. It seems to me that there are two major themes to pull out of this. One is simply to understand that our world has changed. All of you walk around with little apparatuses and you are checking your status, your email, your business and your friends. You are probably checking your intimate life every five minutes. You probably did it 12 times while we were talking here.

That changes our psychology; it changes our personality. It has also changed our standards of what privacy is. We read about someone and we look to see what we look like. Our standards of privacy are under deep threat and I think we need to understand that first of all as human beings who try to live in societies. We try to elect feeble Governments to try and manage our lives and keep us safe and warm and connected.

The second theme is governance and Government. Again, this is the great Anglo-Saxon-French mistranslation. What is *gouvernance*? Is it governance or is it Governments? I think we are going to have this debate for a long time to come. We are also talking about Cyber Five (C5); we are talking about lots of different options.

Regarding taxes, how is the Government going to manage in these times of austerity to make even this freedom worthwhile to them. The French are beginning to put VAT on access to cable and Internet. This is going to accelerate. Maybe you will have a VAT payment for every email you send. There could be more and more VAT. I am very worried about that.

The security issue is terrifying, frankly. I get 500 spams a day and I have a professional company that gets rid of probably 400 of them. Forgive me, Google Mail gets rid of 70 more and then I have got to deal with the rest of them. If we cannot control that yet, it is a good indication of the failures of our Governments right now and the failures of companies who are after all self-interested in managing this very important community.

The last thing I would say is; we need to understand better the liberating aspects of this technology. It is about freedom; it is freedom of speech, it is freedom of knowledge, it is freedom of data. We need to be terribly, terribly sceptical. You can learn anything you want out on the Web. Maybe one-third of it is wrong. There is a tremendous difference between data, knowledge and wisdom. That is the thing I hope we will hold to. Thank you all and good luck.