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Topic ideas, part 1: Note these are areas only. You can use the process in our textbook, *Who Says?* to move from topic area to research question(s). Also start to compile a list of outlets (e.g. WIRED, Mashable, Pew, BuzzFeed, Nieman Labs) that are good places to find out what the current and vital Internet topics are.

Net neutrality

Digital divide

Remix culture

Wikileaks

Google Books, books online, tablets (attention and reading online)

Crowdsourcing (see Clay Shirky’s book *Here Comes Everybody*)

Cyberbullying

Cyberdating, relationships

Privacy, face recognition

Google in China

Google’s [privacy policies](http://www.google.com/policies/)

[Cybercrime](http://redmondmag.com/blogs/the-schwartz-report/2015/01/obama-cybercrime-proposal.aspx), fraud, phishing

Legacy of SOPA, PIPA (intellectual property, PTP file-sharing, streaming services)

Arab Spring

Use of Internet for medical records

Internet addiction

Internet gaming addiction (synthesis readings to come)

Internet and health, obesity

The Internet of things, smart fridges, driverless cars, smart cups

The cloud

Mobile as main source of news

Twitter/Facebook and [journalism](http://mashable.com/2017/01/25/facebook-trending-topics-major-change/#YKm8_9rH0Oqu) Facebook and elections and … [fake news](http://www.cits.ucsb.edu/fake-news)

Any other move from desktop to mobile

Education online, Zoom

Ecommerce, ecommerce vs. brick-and-mortar stores; Bitcoin vs. traditional currency

Social media and interpersonal communication

Social media and mental health

Crowdfunding, e.g. [Kickstarter](http://www.kickstarter.com/) or [GoFundMe](http://www.gofundme.com/)

The Dark Net, Tor, 4chan, 8chan, Silk Road

Voice-controlled Internet devices