

# **Internet Security Voter Survey**

A Call for Coordinated Action



## Not Just Consumers, but Voters

- Conducted by Pineda Consulting.
- May 2-9, 2005.
- 1,003 likely voters.
  - 729 Internet users.
  - 274 non-users.
- ±3 percent margin of error.



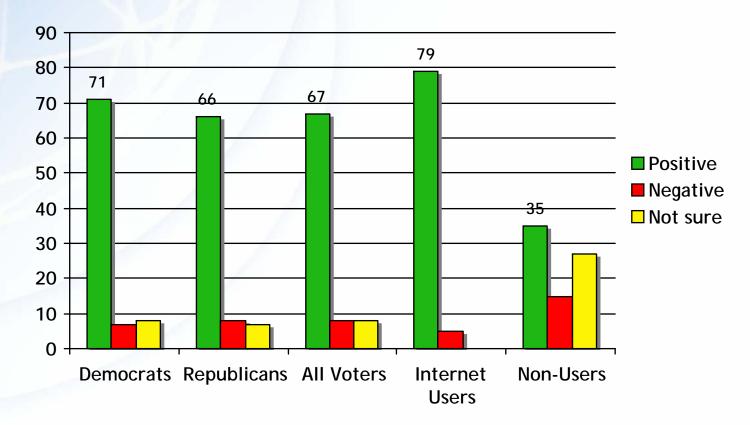
## **Likely Voters**

- Random digit dial sampling.
  - Phone numbers chosen on the basis of area codes and prefixes to ensure a geographically representative national sample.
  - Numbers were dialed whether listed or not.
- Respondents had to make it through the screen:
  - Are you registered to vote?
  - Are you almost certain to vote/will you probably vote in next year's election for Congress and other offices?



#### **Voters Feeling Good about the Internet**

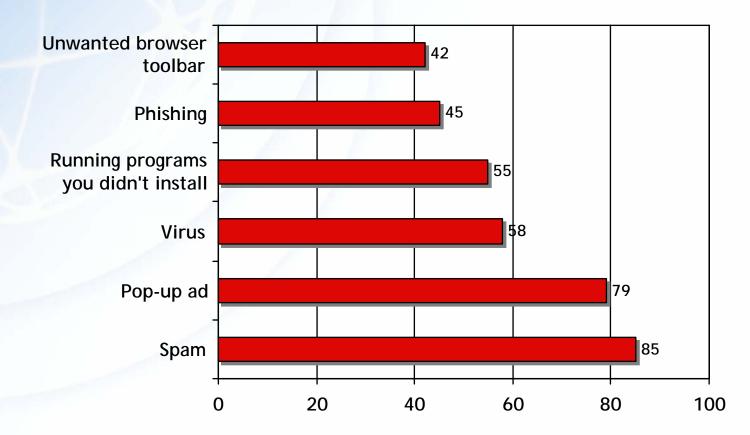
#### Both parties have positive feelings.





### **Bad Experiences on the Internet**

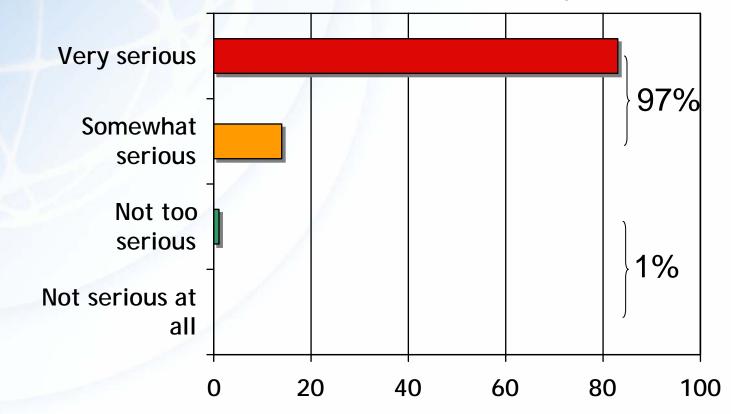
#### Has this ever happened to you?





## Storm Cloud on the Horizon

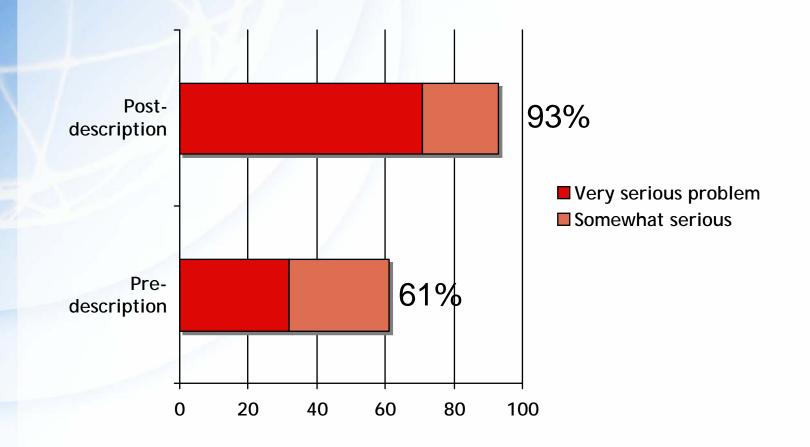
### How serious a problem is identity theft?





### The More Users Know about Spyware, the More They Are Concerned

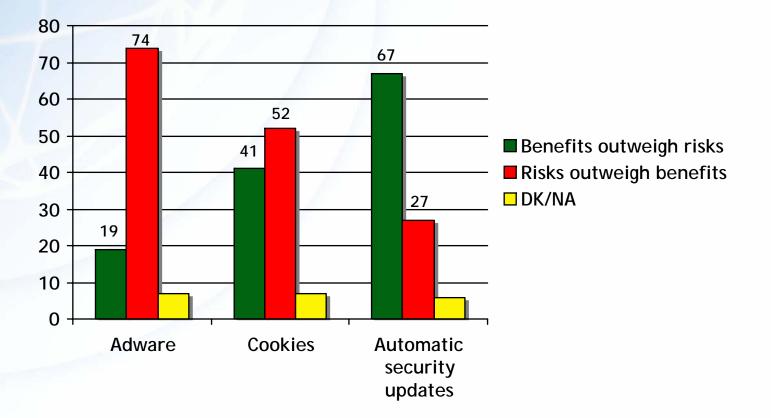
When voters learn spyware has a privacy component, they get nervous.





## Not All Spyware Is Created Equal

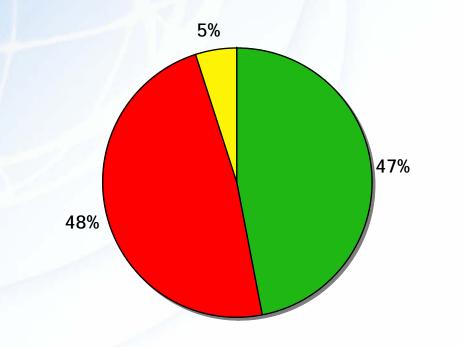
#### Do the benefits of this software outweigh the risks?





## **Bad for Business**

### When making purchases on the Internet...



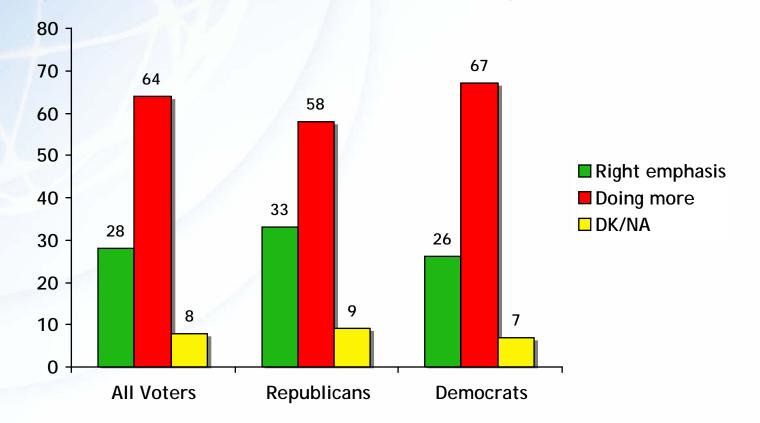
Confident my financial information is safe

 Avoid making purchases because my financial information may get stolen
DK/Ref.



## **Government Is Not Doing Enough**

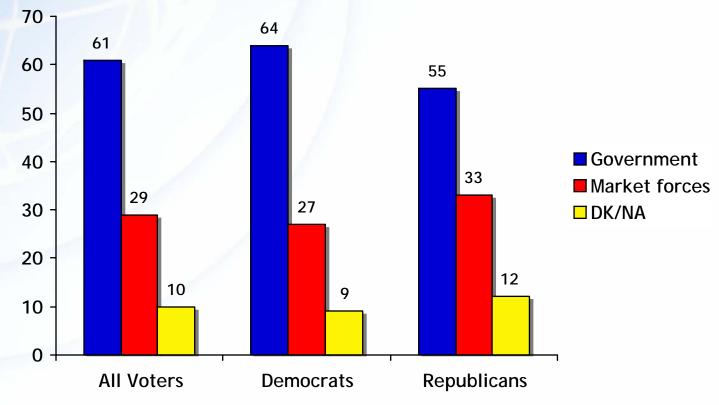
Is government placing the right emphasis on protecting our information systems and networks or should it be doing more?





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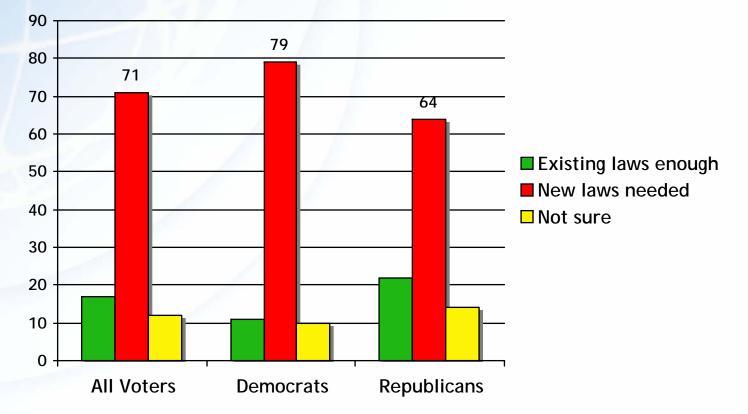
Government needs to make the Internet safe for consumers vs. market forces will push out companies that take unfair advantage of their customers.





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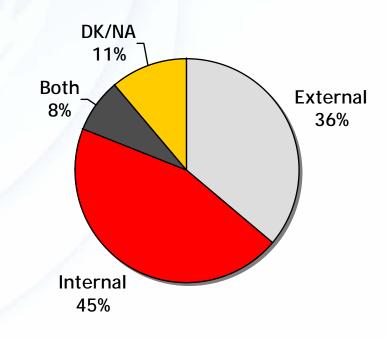
Are existing laws enough to protect consumer privacy on the Internet or do new laws need to be written?





## Who Is the Real Problem?

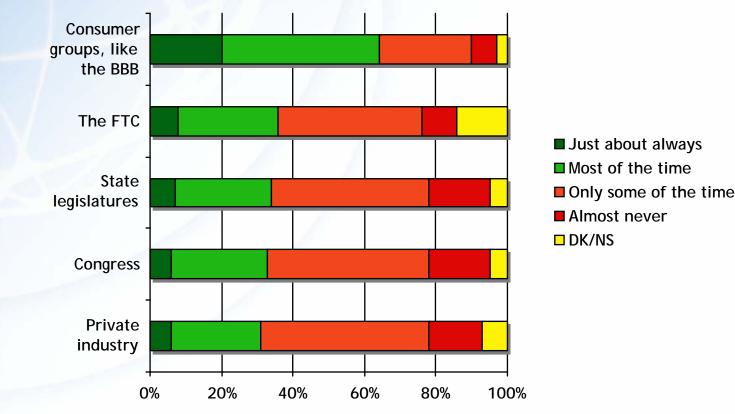
Biggest threats to the Internet: enemy nations, organized crime and terrorist organizations (external) or small-time con artists and delinquent teenagers (internal)?





#### Neither Congress nor Industry Can Do It Alone

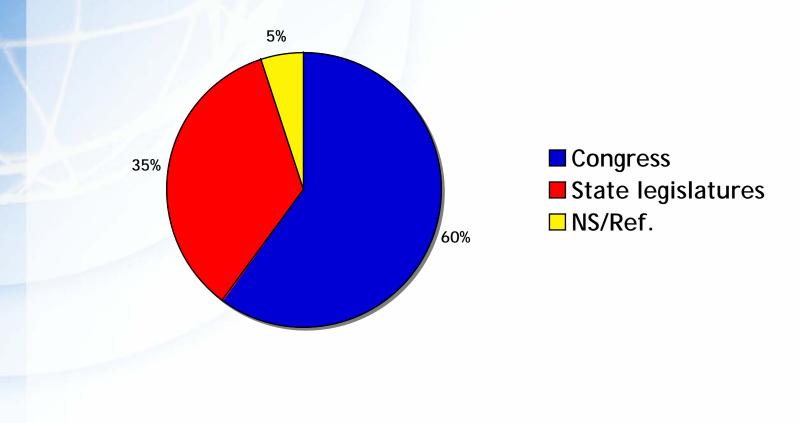
How often can you trust this organization to do what's right when it comes to the Internet?





### **Privacy Protection Is a Federal Matter**

Should Congress or state legislatures create the laws that protect privacy protection?





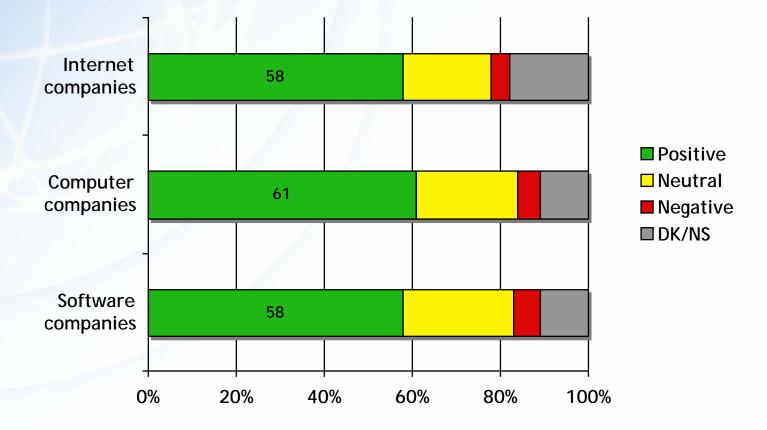
## **Voters Want Stronger Enforcement**

- Three types of law making their way through Congress.
  - 1. Stronger enforcement.
  - 2. A technical solution.
  - 3. Greater disclosure.
- Voters like them all, but they prefer enforcement - making fraudulent spyware a criminal offense punishable by a fine or up to 2 years in prison.



## **Voters View Tech Companies Warmly**

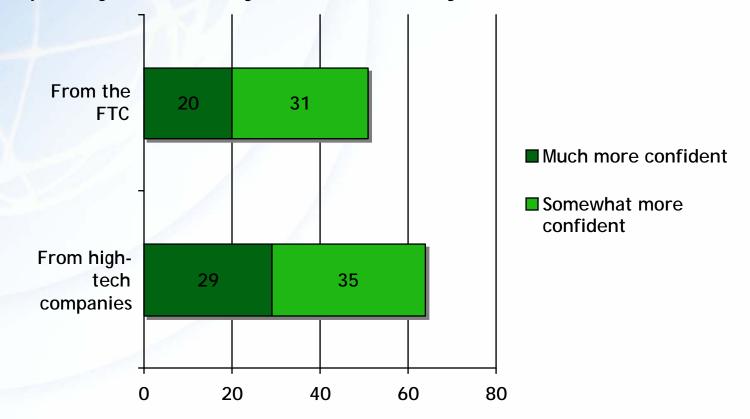
Voters may not trust industry to self-regulate, but they do have positive feelings about the various types of companies.





#### **Tech Companies Can Help Restore Confidence**

Would a stamp of approval on software products that meet rigorous privacy and security standards make you feel more confident?





## The Call to Action

- The survey is not a broad mandate to achieve cyber security through regulation, but a clear call to action from voters.
- A holistic approach to cyber security is necessary:
  - 1. Tough punishment through better laws,
  - 2. High security standards from companies,
  - 3. Partnership with consumer groups, and
  - 4. Protection for consumers nationwide.
- Key issues should be addressed at a national level in a thoughtful, measured way.
  - Congress should not duplicate requirements already in Federal law, but instead should:
    - 1. Harmonize and address gaps in existing law, and
    - 2. Encourage the adoption of widely accepted cyber security standards.



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