

First name	First Letter of Last Name	Why do you need/use Whois Privacy
Michael	G	Because I do not want my personal information to be shared with the public.
Thorsten	E	Spam and abuse protection
James	B	I use Domain Privacy to prevent unwanted contacts from domain brokers, spammers and others spamming me their services.
Jothan	F	I help a number of 12 step program groups and family services work with domain names for websites that provide information to their members and interested parties. The anonymity of members is fundamental to the success and efficacy of these important programs, as is providing information to existing and interested participants or those in need. Whois proxy allows for the legitimate use of a domain name to enable communication about program material, meeting schedules, and other important information surrounding the anonymous programs without piercing the veil of anonymity that is at the core. Without personal anonymity, the safety and integrity of member participants is lost. Without Domain Proxy services that allow for individual privacy, these important recovery programs with anonymity at their core will be disadvantaged.
Alan	O	Privacy 2
Robert	M	I don't currently use privacy myself but I believe it is an important feature for the domain industry.
brian	K	I dont want spammers contacting me
Rich	G	
Arun	K	I want to keep my personal information private and protect me from identity theft.
kirsten	S	
M	J	To keep my ownership info for the domains I own private.
Christobal	C	As a domain owner I want to protect my investment and my identity.
Jason	P	Here's what's going to happen. Someday I'm going to post something someone doesn't like on my website. they are going to look my information up and come kill me. Privacy is necessary on many levels, stop trying to take my right to privacy away.
Adam	W	Aspects of my identity that attract harassment.
Daniel	N	Freedom
Barry	S	
Steve	S	
Tom	K	To protect my online privacy
David	C	To keep work and private life separate.
Rob	V	
Kimberly	L	It belongs to me. It's my privacy. I should decide who sees it.

Mike	W	Block SPAM, WHOIS integrity, unwanted solicitation
Todd	C	I prefer to keep my domain ownership private. People do need to know what intellectual property that i own.
Justin	G	
Carissa	P	personal websites and work
Alicia	K	
Robert	T	
Cooper	G	I use privacy for my home-based business
Dennis	S	I use privacy for my commercial real estate blog.
Frank	M	
Daniel	R	To protect the personal information of my websites to do not receive more spam of the one I already receive.
Alexandra	A	Because I hate spam!
Luc	S	Cause I don't need to receive offers for viagra and Nigerian princes willing to make me their heir.
Sarah	C	To protect the security of my home and family.
Ann Maire	P	to keep my personal information private
Alice	V	To protect my personal information!
Giovanni	L	
Thierry	C	
Thomas	E	Its our rights.
Lorna	A	
Tom	L	I don't like receiving spam or being called by marketers and or possibly being stalked by someone who may have a problem with me or how I operate. Spammers, Scammers and Fraudsters can pull my information from my domain names and work towards stealing my identity and credit rating etc...
Santiago	R	Security reasons in Colombia. Dont want people to know that I own websites, because they could maliciously use the info.
Beth	F	
Simon	W	My personal details do not need to be readily available to spammers.
Carrie	B	As a young woman, I don't want my contact information easily accessible to someone who would use it to prey on me or my family.
Doug	R	NOYB
Joshua	H	
Paul	T	I am just an individual who register domains for his personal use. I don't want people being able to look up my home address and telephone number. If I can no longer use whois privacy, I will stop buying domains as I do not wish to expose myself.

Justen	B	I remember the days of getting a dozen fake renewal "bills" for my domain name every year. The amount of junkmail and spam and the huge potential for phishing alone are pretty darned compelling reasons for registrant privacy. If any company or individual can pierce that because I sell knitting on Etsy (and link to it from my personal site) or through brute force of harassing my registrar, they will. The system isn't broken. Don't break it by trying to "fix" it.
Steinar	G	
Thomas	R	I need Whois privacy because there are hackers, phishing firms, and spam trolls on the internet and I shouldn't have to deal with them when I have my own domain. I prefer my privacy. If someone wants to discuss buying my domain my domain host firm will contact me. Thank you
Vytautas	B	
Lutz	B	to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft
Richard	H	We sell domains to our customers. We are in France and individuals need to have their data protected. We don't mind about companies but individuals must retain their right to privacy.
Matthew	G	[The] right to be let alone - the most comprehensive of rights and the right most valued by civilized men. BRANDEIS, U.S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE LOUIS, Olmstead v. United States, 277 U.S. 479 (1928)
John	H	My wife is a realtor in the US and we use the privacy protections on Whois to ensure that our private contact information is not available to the general public or others.
Duong	T	
Mason	S	I don't, but I believe personal information should be kept private.
Eldrick	B	
brennan	V	Spam protection
Nuno	S	
Gustavo	A	I SIMPLY WANT TO KEEP MY PERSONAL INFORMATION PRIVATE.
Michael	J	
Michael	K	
otto	O	
You You	X	
Dave	C	For the same reason I use PGP, securedns, TLS, and many other services -- because privacy is a right, not a privilege, and not one that an arbitrary corporation such as ICANN can take away from me.
Jeff	C	
Harry	B	To protect my personal information from being freely available.
Tim	E	
Mary	B	We must be able to trust that some piece of our lives can be kept private in the virtual world.
Tim	F	privacy is an important concept that makes today's world possible .Let's keep it.

Jamie	P	Doxxing does not need to be easier than it already is.
Andrew	W	Identity protection. Everyone knows identity protection online is critical in the world we live in. This seems obvious
Philipp	D	Data protection laws. Surprise surprise, America, Europe uses your resources too.
Ash	C	Without WHOiS privacy, I spend my whole day deleting or wasting precious time avoiding scammers, nuisance phone calls, phishing scams and spam, when their bits come and harvest my person details. I've even be threatened because someone wanted to intimidate me to give up 1 of over 120 domains I have owned for years/decades.... They have my family's address!!
Chris	C	
Kevin	M	Ask Edward Snowden and you got your answer
Benjamin	K	because i'm tired of scammers
Jay	D	I don't need to. I have two domains parked though.
Kevin	D	
Marc	S	to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft
Cyrille	M	
Daniel	E	To protect my identity online. To prevent domains scammers to email me with offers.
Pierre	M	
Mathias	M	
Isabelle	V	to protect my information on the net, I owned domain names and do not want everyone to know my private data.
Alexander	S	
Johanna	C	
Gavin	B	
Scott	A	
Melanie	B	Women face more than enough harassment and danger already, especially online, and for some women not being "public" could be the difference between life and death. I also work for a domain registrar, and questions about or requests to add WHOIS privacy come almost daily. I think it's reasonable for companies to be public, but I think individuals have the right to privacy, which includes their domains and other online properties.
Mahan	M	
Joshua	B	
Sam	B	
Don	F	Because it's been a known source for hackers to obtain personal information. Personally, I think it should be expanded to not require any personal information - just basic email contact information or an optional name and telephone contact. That's it. No address. No requirements for accuracy. The Registrar already has all the personal information for billing which are governed by much tighter PII/PCI rules - there is no reason to have that same information publically accessible. Don't be a dick, ICANN.

Hassan	R	Chercher à s inspirer,
Niels	T	to protect freedom of expression and access to information
Wesley	B	
Matthew	T	To protect my right to privacy, and to maintain the operation of a business without my contact information being available and displayed publicly across the world.
Greg	W	
Nick	S	Protect my info for personal & business sites.
DEBBIE	G	
William	D	
Ian	M	For basic business details privacy
Aptrail	A	It's privacy. In the internet we need this function to stay. For my domains I don't use it. But I think we should save it.
Tony	T	
Petar	B	Keep my data private!!!!
Hasan	Y	
malania	G	to protect my domain info
Joshua	S	I don't have a business contact address -- all my domains are personal. I don't want to put my home address and contact information on the internet where it can be searched.
Edward	D	
Sea	M	
Natasa	D	
Maria	F	I am a woman blogger and often subject to online abuse. I do NOT need these creeps to know where I live. Why should I lose my right to privacy - given to me under EU law - if I accept ads to support my hosting costs, just because it suits some US law firms?
Luka	R	Loosing the right to control our data online is losing our right to protect privacy. There are a lot of valid reasons why people choose not to publish their private contact details in the public whois. Think about community organisations, home-based businesses or shelters for abused women and children.
Noel	T	To protect my privacy/personal information online (current and future use).
Laura	J	
Meghan	W	I don't, but people have a right to privacy.
Trygve	A	Protect my personal data, keep it our of nefarious hands.
Gina	H	
Jennifer	G	I use privacy services to protect my personal information (address, email, phone number) from the general public. This service is necessary for safety, protection, avoid telemarketers, etc.

Darcy	S	I use whois privacy for my personal domains to ensure my home address, phone number, and personal email address are not published online. It helps protect my personal safety and protect against identity theft.
Jenn	G	I use domain privacy to protect my personal information from appearing in whois.
Don	K	I don't wish to be part of an open public forum for marketers, or give id thieves additional data to steal identities.
Joe	A	Privacy is a right in the U.S. It should be a right unless there is evidence of wrongdoing.
Kelly	B	
Navtej	K	Domain admin for multiple domains, don't need to have my information floating around available to telemarketers.
Elena	A	I don't want my private address/phone/email to be available to the public for privacy and security purposes. It's the same reason why i don't want for people to be able to find my personal address and where i live based on my phone number
Brittany	B	I work with people who need this and it is very important to me.
Courtney	D	That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing
Kristen	K	To keep my personal information private from the whole internet world
Candice	S	to protect myself against spammers, dangerous individuals and telemarketers.
Luke	H	I work with domain names
Sanja	G	
Adam	B	
Ashley	C	Because of spam.
Andrew	M	I consider the choice to use Whois Privacy to be no different than opting for an unlisted phone number. If I want people to have my personal contact information, I will share it with them. I'm very much opposed to the idea of my information being shared without any choice on my part and, if it's requested by somebody or some body, with it being handed over without anything resembling due process.
Elizabeth	D	
isaac	I	I have children and I don't like strangers knowing where I live.
Greg	D	
Joseph	D	I need Whois Privacy to protect my freedom of speech online. It is well known that the Internet can be used to harass and bully people with unpopular opinions. Whois Privacy allows me to speak my mind freely on my own domain names, without fear that somebody who may disagree with my viewpoint will target, harass, bully, or annoy me or my family
Chris	B	
Bryan	L	I operate a home-based internet business and my Whois information reflects my personal home address. This needlessly opens me to identity theft and other privacy violations.
Daniel	M	

Melanie	A	The need for whois privacy is very important in any industry where the person or company has a presence on the internet, with all of the identity theft, fraudulent activity, and so n. Yes, I believe that there is a time and place where there is a need to know the registrant or user information, as in the case where illegal activity is suspected. Having said that, not everyone or every business is a scam, nor should every person or business be put at risk to have their identity taken from them. Therefore, I feel that the need to have that privacy capability available that truly need and want it.
Donesh	L	The main reason why I use Whois Privacy is to hide my actual contact details from spammers and data harvesters. I do not want people to capture my name, phone number and address from whois lookup.
Travis	E	Privacy is more and more important in the digital age. Stops spamming, harassment, and provides a basic right.
Jared	W	
James	G	To protect from spammers/hackers.
Lucas	K	protect my privacy and protect me from spam
Adam	B	
Derrick	Y	
Xavi	E	The only people that would actually want to see MY personal address are people that either want me harm, spam or have some dark interest in myself or my assets. Disclosing personal addresses, phone numbers and other personal information to the public just by owning a domain is plain insane, dangerous, disrespectful and stupid.
Clara	C	
Timothy	F	I need Whois privacy for many reasons. The two most important are: 1) As a small-business owner, my domains are much less susceptible to someone fraudulently taking control of them if they can't see my domain details. 2) As the world's governments become more hostile to free-speech, losing domain-owner privacy would remove one more level of security for people who wish to express his/her views privately.
Matt	L	
Lisa	B	To prevent unnecessary sharing of my personal information. Especially as I work in prisons and want to limit what inmates can access.
Michelle	P	I value my privacy and respect each individual's right to theirs.
Julie	D	
Kyle	W	
Kurt	F	
Jesse	D	
Robert	R	
Joichi	I	I use it to protect my free speech on my website from retribution by those would disagree with my opinions.
Matthew	C	

Francois	C	Some domains are very valuable. Imagine a second what will happen if Mercedes will start showing the identity of their luxury cars owners? Privacy is a right and you cannot play with it. Domain privacy is a choice that must be maintained so everyone may decide themselves.
Laura	M	So that I don't get spammed or conned
Simon	W	
Le Quan	T	
Dustin	O	I use it to reduce spam to my email addresses and to keep the numerous crazy people online from knowing who owns/operates my website. I believe in freedom of speech but there are people out there who will be more than happy to do me harm for speaking my mind. Domain privacy plays an important role in keeping me safe when I speak my mind. If you stop allowing domain privacy I will be forced to provide ICANN with falsified information in order to keep my family and I safe.
Scott	L	I don't want my crazy customers tracking me down. I like being the website owner, not is spokes person.
Frank	S	It is a great layer of protection between the Internet and A business owner, corporations provide levels of production, so does whois privacy
tabita	I	To protect those who serve just causes and need anonymity to continue to do so.
Hailey	M	
Michael	A	
Sara	P	
Luis	M	Political activism, personal security
Sarah	G	Need to keep that s%^& on lock!
Warren	J	
Vanessa	L	
Dianna	D	
Aimee	D	
Chris	T	
Larry	N	
Shelly	E	
Robert	A	Because my information should only be shared with my consent.
Giovanni	C	Protect from identity theft and spam
Katrina	D	To keep my information private, to prevent not-so-honest folks from looking up my account info and trying to usurp my domain, etc.
Jordan	M	
Peter	S	

Erika	R	This should remain a choice so that those who don't mind sharing their information can, and those who wish to keep this information from others can also. Our privacy is being eaten away bit by bit and it's important fight for it.
David	Q	
David	C	To protect civil liberties of every free citizen, and enable assembly of democratic expression of rights and freedoms in areas where this concept is at risk of being suppressed. It is a basic right to freedom for every citizen.
Donna	A	
Amy	M	
Adam	M	
Russ	A	Personal privacy.
Andrew	S	Privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information. I believe in the rights of citizens, the rights of Canadians, and a citizen of the world has the right to privacy. Be they a journalist or targeted minority. I believe there is too much information in the whois record to be shared regardless of whether or not the website is "commercial"
Lauren	K	
Nick	S	I don't want my personal information publicly linked to my website for all hackers to have access to? = common sense?
Matthew	B	
Richard	H	To protect my information from spoofing,spam,and possible identity theft
Joseph	P	Prefer not to disclose.
Jaclyn	R	my privacy, simply put. There are plenty of people who just don't want their name out there. I had gone without privacy and was spammed to my phone/address in that time span. Also, as someone who was previously stalked, I would have canceled my domain than have my information out there for that person to find me. No thanks.
Cristiano	M	It is not only about Privacy. It is about Security. For my .com domains I use privacy services. I feel safe. But for .com.br domains I had to use an old address where I don't live to do not be target of kidnaping. But my email address still there. I frequently receive false invoices sent as the BR Registry. I had to check couple of times to make sure that is not an official charge. It forces people to provide false information to protect themselves. This is the new Yeallow Pages. Really bad.
Valerie	C	I have my home address and telephone number concealed with a privacy service for my two domain names and definitely do not want my address or number exposed to anyone.
Nick	B	I support a free and open Internet.
Meghan	S	
Rebecca	G	
steve	A	
Raphael Nikolai	N	It is a must. You don't want your real name published on the internet and be vulnerable to privacy attacks.

Alex	A	On my business sites I register for a separate address and make that publicly available. However, I don't do that with personal sites or test sites so I'd prefer to keep my actual address private.
Carl	B	
Chalaina	C	I am a mental health therapist and want my information private.
Jared	S	Because Privacy is important.
Jared	S	Privacy is important!
Adam	M	I don't need Whois privacy. WE need it. Privacy should be a basic human right. If someone is doing something illegal with their domain, than the police can get a search warrant and obtain the information after following due process.
Robert	K	I have a variety of personal use, and business use, websites. FOR NO REASON WHATSOEVER, should my own personal information be so easily available. The current privacy controls work - why change it? Stand down ICANN.
Rahmon	A	Why I need this to prevent unwanted spammer to spam me, and some people who hack information, and it unsafe for us to have our information outside there, so kindly help us Keep out information . thanks
Alexander	B	
Daniel	E	
Andrew	M	Though people could find my private information if they look hard enough, I don't want to make it any easier for them to find my personal address and contact information.
Aaron	J	To protect me and my family from everyone knowing my address.
Greg	L	
Bryan	H	To prevent spammers from finding and abusing my website email.
Phillip	L	I have a handful of domain names (mainly involving my name, true) that I've registered for personal use (home server/VPN, Google Apps, that sort of thing - if they even get used at all, to be fair; but that's mostly due to lack of time, and perhaps creativity). The thing is, I don't want to have to worry that less than ethical entities are scraping WHOIS information to help populate their mass-spamming lists, or as a means of forming a profile on me for identity fraud (or any other purpose, w/out my explicit consent).
Lori	A	In response to the recent considerations surrounding Domain Name privacy, I'd like to offer my comments on the issue and urge you to reverse these considerations and continue to provide full privacy and protection for domain name customers. I recently purchased a domain to host a website where I review fountain pens and ink, mainly for my own enjoyment, and for the pen community. Due to budget constraints I didn't purchase WHOIS privacy at first and immediately started getting harassing phone calls all hours of the day and night from people who masked their phone number with a random locally owned number to trick me into answering. They proceeded to try and get personal information from me under the guise of trying to help me (e.g. house repairs, etc). They already knew an alarming amount of information. I immediately purchased additional protection, but by then the damage had been done. I've now been forced to change my phone number. Please don't let this happen to other people - everyone has a right to their own privacy as long as they're abiding by the law and minding their own business.

Freddy	S	avoiding Spam
Tim	H	I have a right to protect my privacy.
Karl	S	protection of assets and privacy
Staci	W	Because I run a website that discusses controversial topics of human nature when dating and mating, and I receive hate email on a regular basis from those that passionately disagree with the discussion topics and also competitors in the dating industry. If these folks had my personal information, they could find out where I live and they could also find me and my true identity online (I write anonymously on that site, and my commenters have the ability to comment anonymously as well) and destroy my professional reputation (because my full-time job is in the publishing industry for conservative small business owners).
Martin	L	Freedom of speech.
Tom	M	
Stanley	S	To protect my privacy against potential indentity thieves, who use the whois information to gather data for possible victims.
Edwin	S	To prevent unwanted broadcasting of my home address, and to avoid receiving electronic and postal spam about my domain
Dan	E	I have been a target of "social justice" people trying to get me fired because I hold politically incorrect views.
Max	K	Because I value my privacy and don't need doxxing or spam to be easier.
Lynn	G	Publishing name, address and contact info of domain owners can be dangerous for members of oppressed groups who exercise their right to express themselves online. Already the horrifying experiences of individuals who have been "doxxed" by those with specialized skills. The WHOIS database is easily searchable - as easy as Google - and will only lead to an increase in stalking, harassment and threats.
Steven	S	
Bobby	G	I don't want others to know where I live, work, etc. I have several personal websites, and no business front. If someone really needs to make a complaint let them follow the directions on the privacy, and the registrar can forward the information on to the owner. If authorities need to contact the owner then let them provide a warrant to the registrar to contact the owner. The truth is, if the website is an illegal website. Then the information in the whois is not going to be legit anyway. So you are not helping anything when it come to tracking down crime. You are only helping crime by providing the criminals with more information. On people that are being legal!
Chris	C	
Shane	O	To keep my anonymity for safety sake.
Greg Tassone	T	1) To protect my email address and mailing address from spam. 2) To keep my physical location private while participating in political discussions and other discussions online.

Nicholas	B	I'm an actor, specialising in horror films. I like my fans but wouldn't want my home address available for all. Governments shouldn't have the right to monitor email, in the same way they don't have the right to open and read my physical mail.
Kathy	K	Whois privacy protects my right of Free Speech under US law - my right to express my opinions, concerns, and criticisms, particularly in the political arena, without putting my name and address on each and every statement. We have rights of anonymous political speech in the US - and proxy/privacy services help protect that!
James	G	To protect the identities of at-risk registrants, and furthermore to ensure that the concept of privacy as a default right of all of the citizens of the world should be recognised and reflected in ICANNs work.
Dan	L	Not only is it a fundamental right, it keeps my inbox clean.
Avri	D	To protect LGBTQI people and organizations from countries that persecute them for being gay.
Robin	G	
Alejandro	Z	I don't want my contact info exposed to anyone.
Mickey	M	
Milton	M	individual domain name registrant
Jonathan	L	
Nicholas	F	To protect my privacy from unsolicited requests.
Andrea	F	I do not feel comfortable with anyone being able to find my real address or telephone number. There is potential for these to be used for harassment. I, personally, am not at much risk. But marginalised groups are. The year 2014 has seen online harassment become a well-known issue (see the GamerGate controversy, for example, where some women were forced to leave their homes). Requiring people who speak online to publish their address and telephone number publicly would expose them to harassment and, possibly, stalking or violence. This applies regardless of whether someone earns money from their website or not. Requiring people to expose their contact details is also a serious threat to online anonymous speech. I urge you to reconsider.
Ymke	W	
Junaid	C	
Anastassia	K	Whois privacy is crucial in keeping private information such as addresses and phone numbers out of the hands of those who would use it to do harm to people. It can be used by identity thieves and other criminals. KEEP MY PRIVATE INFORMATION OUT OF THE HANDS OF CRIMINALS PLEASE.
Phil	T	Keep personal information private.
Dara	A	I'm a working professional and student in the web design and user experience realms (who also blogs). Domain privacy is a right that should definitely continue to be upheld for everyone who uses the Internet and has a website/blog/domain connection - at local, national and global levels.
laura	D	for my business
Nina	L	

Koo	Q	I feel it is important for internet users to keep their private information secured if they indeed do want so.
Leann	L	I am currently in the process of setting up a website.
Amr	E	I am a domain name registrant, and use my domain names for personal use. My contact data includes my home address and personal contacts. Would certainly prefer to keep that private, and not give parties besides my p/p service provider, under any circumstances, the ability to access or reveal this information without my explicit permission.
Peter	W	I run a victim advocacy group website and as a crime victim myself, don't want anyone to get my personal information as it relates to the website.
Adam	W	I'm a consultant, I work out of my home. I don't have an office to list as my address. I have received death threats from a dangerous, mentally unstable person after raising my concerns about him to a friend he was dating. Forcing me to publish my home address on the Internet would have made that ordeal much more frightening. The situation is much more serious for the thousands of women who deal with unwanted harassment and stalking - if they have to publish their home addresses, it's a certainty that many of them will simply take their sites down. This is a horrible change to the WHOIS privacy rules.
Brittany	M	I work at a jewelry store and would also like to sell photography services from a website. Due to the security issues of working in the fine jewelry (ie, diamonds) industry, it would be imperative that my personal information be kept private from the public.
Anita	L	I use Whois privacy so my home address is protected. I run a blog from home and I don't want readers to have easy access to my private information, like where I live.
Avery	W	I am a survivor of sexual assault and I use domain name privacy to keep my personal information off the internet.
Sergej	M	I use the Whois Privacy, because I do not wish anyone who knows the address of my site, could also find my home address and phone number.
Josh	L	
Z	C	
Ivan	R	To keep personal information safe.
Kris	R	To keep my private contact details from being readily accessible on the web by malicious parties.
Mike	B	To protect my privacy rights from physical safety, and identity theft. No one should be forced to reveal the private information period..
Ross	M	Name protection - avoidance of domain name theft attempts Spam protection
Bastien	B	
Eric	S	
Al	H	Home based business and I value my privacy.
Emma	U	

james	K	I use privacy to protect my contact details as I deal directly with the public which means dealing with some crazy obsessive types who have threatened to kill me. In addition to this, my father who is an abusive alcoholic (having in the past poured lighter fluid on my mother setting her on fire) does not know where I live or how to contact me. In both cases, I have a genuine fear for my personal safety. If privacy is removed, then this will place anyone who has been a victim of domestic violence, or concerns due to dealing directly with the public at risk. My other use of privacy is to specifically limit exposure to spam and unsolicited calls.
Bonnie	J	Dear ICANN, I strongly oppose your new privacy policies. Any public figure already struggles to maintain a certain amount of privacy from crazy fans, stalkers, and other unbalanced individuals who wouldn't think twice about showing up on one's doorstep and threatening one's family because they disagree with an opinion posted in a blog or even misquoted in a newspaper article. Do not change your policies and leave bloggers, authors, and others vulnerable to such individuals. Personally, I believe that you should be doing more to protect the identities of individuals whose websites are tracked in your registry.
Chris	B	I don't want to disclose my information for people to bother me in real life, even if I am using it for personal business. There is already a process for people to get the information with a court order.
A	D	
Amy	M	I have a stalker who, if she was allowed to find out where I am online, would gleefully dismantle my business and use the information to harass me. Why don't we beef up the online harassment laws before we start dismantling my right to privacy, huh? This is DUMB.
Aslam	K	
Jeffrey	D	
AJ	D	As an entrepreneur, having the ability to take advantage of domain privacy features to ensure the safety of my family as I do not want my home address to be made public.
Derick	Z	To protect our rights to privacy. My purchase of an asset is my business only. We need more than privacy, we need privacy spam protection also.
Kerrie	R	I need Whois Privacy for small business, fan sites and blog sites so that everyone doesn't easily have my home address. This is extremely important for women bloggers especially.
Jayadeep	T	
Carline	B	I'm using my personal email and address to register domains

Veronica	D	Having published a blog that attracted a lot of unhinged people who disagreed with my opinion, it was an absolute relief that I had the safety of a proxy registration on my domain name. Over several years I had emails threatening to harm myself and my family, and knew that people were trying to work out my address after they complained about the proxy information. These days I have a small home based business with a lot of expensive technological equipment. I do not advertise my street address anywhere. Not on Google. Not in the telephone directory. If you publish my home address associated with my domain name I may as well hang a neon sign out the front of my house letting people know to come rob me.
Erik	J	Privacy from people who go to see my website.
Bob	C	I have a small business that uses my personal address for administrative purposes. I don't need my personal information broadcast to the world just because I want to start a website.
Edwin	T	I have registered a website as a private individual and do NOT want to expose my home address.
Kolja	W	I use Whois Privacy to avoid Spam, missusing of my data. Whois Privacy and its security is a matter for anyone who wants to speak free and anonymous in public, so it is a matter of democracy. Citizen of non free Countries like China, Iran, Saudi Arabia etc. need it even more to protect there live and family.
Laura	J	I don't want my home address online, having had stalker issues in the past.
Julien	H	I run a home-based business and I don't want to let anyone who can access WHOIS know all my personal information.
Dean	H	I use it to stop the spam that comes from WHO.IS bots or just to have some privacy. I don't like to share all my data to the public!
Andres	A	to protect users/clients/my information? this should be a default!
Dave	A	
Jose	G	I prefer not to have my name, address and contact information revealed because I live in a country where a lot of individuals try to scam and take advantage of innocent people.
G	N	Speaking for authors who use pen names and domain names based upon those pen names to protect their privacy from their daily livelihoods and from cyber stalkers, the new ICANN regulations being introduced will severely threaten their livelihood and subject them to cyber bullying and other kinds of stalkers.
Constantin	C	I am a freelancer that maintains several websites, and i am forces to give out my home address, that keeps me at risk for anyone to find out private information about me.
Zoe	W	From spammers, competitors with sabotaging intentions and cold telephone callers
Alison	F	

Eibhlin	M	I write under pen names, and register related domains. Pen names prevent over-zealous fans from showing up at my home with their compliments, complaints, or (occasional) ire. Some will use any and every pretense to find me; in the past, one even got a job at the post office, just to find out my actual home address. Every author -- not just women, like me -- deserves the right to privacy, and Whois Privacy is one of our most important tools to protect that.
Stephanie	P	To protect my contact information from disclosure to spammers and scammers worldwide.
Bridgett	T	In an environment where physical threats - particularly rob women - are sadly common, privacy protection is essential to the survival of a free and open internet.
Leah	B	Home based small business. Would prefer home address not being exposed to the public. My domain provider already has my information and by agreement with their terms, information can be made available to persons or entities with just cause.
Stephen	G	Home based Small biz
Austin	S	
Przemyslaw	B	I don't want my home address to be visible for everyone. :(
James	W	Protect my information from spammers and stalkers.
Raymond	P	Whois privacy is important for the safety and security of sole trader business owners, who are forced to use their personal address and publish it on the online web. With the internet being readily available to anyone, we have seen time and time again sole traders being robbed or stalked because of their personal info being public.
Justin	G	There are a host of reasons why this is a horrible idea. Any online troll who disagrees with someone can easily look up Whois information in order to find personal and dox a poor soul.
Mathieu	M	
Sarah	B	
Patrik	F	Privacy rules for private persons should per default be to *NOT* disclose the information to third party. This is already how the legislation is in many countries, and it should also be so for all whois (-like) services, and not the other way around. Such privacy should not prohibit law enforcement to under proper control get that protected information.
Ken	L	
Dariusz	W	I run business from home address and don't want my private address to be visible to public. Saying that of course I provide sufficient contact information on websites so customers still easily can reach me if needed.
Arvydas	S	Protect my home address for several online business sites.
Daniel	W	
Danielle	G	I don't have a dedicated office space, and I'd prefer not to have to broadcast my home address and phone number to register a domain.

Alan	N	I am a Small Business of Costume Design, and I do not want my contact information to be publicly displayed as It might lead to People around my House. Thank you
Jacob	L	business strategy
Favio Arturo	G	This will affect all kind of enterprises that relay on innovation. I don't approve this change.
Pete	M	I use Whois Privacy because I want to keep my home address private. The place where my family live and where I raise my children. The internet is full of trolls and jerks, who send death threats to people they don't agree with (eg. gamergate). I don't want someone to have easy access to my home address, my safe place.
Mariana	M	As people who live in a mexican city where the crime rates are spiking and kidnappings are on the rise, some of our clients at our design agency are very privy of their personal info for security reasons, to the point of refusing to list an address for their business in their website, in order to avoid being attacked by organized crime. Having the info on their domains out in the open could pose a security risk for them and their relatives, and we would like to be able to keep offering them the choice of obscuring that information for their security.
Ann	E	I use a privacy service because I run a small business from home and do not want my home address and phone number to be accessible to the public and expose myself to identity theft.
Alex	K	
Brandon	C	
adriana	A	
Terry	M	As a digital media manager, I use Whois Privacy for myself and clients to protect them from scams, spamming, and unwanted telemarketing. I have fielded many panicked calls from clients without domain privacy who received scam and phishing emails telling them their domain was expiring, telling them they needed to register with another domain registration service or claiming there was a trademark conflict. Many uninformed people fall for these scams. On the other hand, the one time I did see a question about infringement on a site with domain privacy, the hosting service contacted the domain owner immediately. The current process works. Don't change it.
Bryan	A	
Nathan	A	I have a home-based business and am not interested in customers knowing my personal address or contact number.
Heidi	V	It's hard enough to keep information private and out of thieves' hands, but to do this would be no different than handing over the keys to my house or my bank password.
Brad	C	To preserve my safety when exposing and opposing atrocities.
Orilea	C	To protect myself from abuse and stalkers! Privacy MUST continue to be an option.
Peter	B	I work from home and do not want to be exposed to (more) spamming.
Viktor	K	

Michael	H	I've been the victim of a stalker who obtained my home address through a domain registration record. I'm a strong advocate for individuals being able to choose what information they reveal about themselves. Domain privacy is an important protection and not a barrier to the legal process, as registration info can always be obtained by court order in legal matters. There will be no legal benefit to ending privacy, and ICANN's action will only serve to place at-risk people at greater risk of personal harassment and worse.
Brian	C	Privacy is a fundamental right. Given the prevalence of online abuse and threats it is necessary to protect privacy.
Mike	H	I use Whois Privacy because I run an online platform for abused LGBT youth and I would be quite afraid that some of the abusers would target me to shut the platform down, or worse.
Alanna	C	As a romance and erotic romance author, the amount of creeps online who think I'm their little plaything is frightening. I don't want them to know where I live.
Michael	S	I run several small business websites, and my home is my office. I do not want to provide my personal information (home or otherwise) to any body (especially marketers) who wants it.
James	M	I run my own personal website and use Whois Privacy to prevent everyone in the world from knowing my home address and personal email address.
Ferran	S	As an individual wanting to have a domain for his/her personal website, I find troublesome to have exposed my contact details to anyone using whois.
Paul	S	We have clients how don't want their private information displayed on the web. Plus it's a great place for spammers to capture email addresses. I know we use a specific email address for domain registration info and get plenty of spam. Even though the email is never used.
Bernard O'Connor	O	If my information is public I get deluged with sales calls and emails from web site designers, job seekers, spammers, app builders, insurance salespeople, employment agencies, charities, small business loan offerings and so-on and so-on. And I might add, at all hours in the day and night!
Tyler	W	I don't want people to spam or email me, or know what my home address is when I wish that information to remain private. Publishing the owners name/address of a website robs us of a fundamental of free expression on the internet, which is anonymity.
Mikael	T	I operate a small personal website and do not want spammers, scammers, thieves, etc to be able to easily find my home address, phone number, email address. The whole world doesn't need to know where I live.
Michelle	B	I use my home address to register my domains. I do not want that posted publicly on the internet.
mike	P	home based business
Bret	P	
Rob	M	As a local web developer, I register many websites for myself, and without a privacy service that leaves my home address and contact information exposed on the internet.
Richard	O	I do not wish to publicly expose my home address or personal phone numbers to protect my small business.

Ansel	T	I use my home address and phone number with every domain I purchase. I have no interest in renting a post office box and virtual voicemail for now until forever just so I can make it harder for virtual creeps to find and harass me. And let's not fool ourselves: there are definitely creepy people out there and it's worthwhile to make it a couple steps harder for them to find out who owns a domain name. I should be allowed privacy controls if I want them. Regards, Ansel Taft
David	M	On the occasions that I did not opt for whois protection for a domain name that I had purchased I was subjected to numerous unsolicited calls, emails and whatsapp messages from alleged 'service providers' offering their website building and SEO services. I had not at any point contacted any person or company requesting these 'services'
Rob	L	I want WHOIS privacy to remain intact to stop spammers, to protect human safety, and to keep away all the crooks who try and scam people out of their domain names. Please, help keep the internet a secure place.
James	S	We have had abusive relationships in the past, and the abusers have used this information to track us down, even after moving away from them
Patrick	K	
Tim	C	Because I often need to operate websites for clients who don't wish to share their vendor relationships. It's ridiculous to require that I publish my business address simply in order to publish a website.
Michael	L	for my clients who have home businesses, if they choose.
Johnny	A	Because I don't want my home address and personal contact information freely available to all.
Bo	A	I want to be able to start my project without beeing contacted, I want to have my freedom. And be able to make new sites to different communities.
Meg	L	I don't want my private information available to every criminal and scammer with access to the internet. I pay for privacy because I NEED it.
Aerin	P	I have a portfolio blog and I do not wish others to be able to contact me outside of an email address or social media. I want to protect my family from having our address or phone published online without true consent.
Darlene	M	
J	M	
Alex	K	Anyone, including individuals, should be able to use a domain name for any legal purpose, commercial or otherwise, without fear of having their private information revealed. Privacy impacts individuals the most, because we use personal addresses when registering a domain. A business might have many contact addresses/names to register with, which shields them from privacy or safety issues. I'd like an Internet where any individual can feel safe buying a domain name to publish their ideas or start a business, knowing that their true contact information can only be revealed if there is a legal need.
teri	P	
Bret	F	Many at home business clients of ours want their domain name information registered privately. They have private lives and families and do not want to put their home address on the domain ownership information.

Joshua	L	
Margaret	C	I have used the privacy settings in registering my domain names so that my home address is not made public to anyone that can access my information online. Having my home address made public would unnecessarily allow strangers access to very private information including my physical location.
Ernesto	P	privacy
Robert	S	I and my wife both have home based businesses but do not want all of our information to be available to the public.
Bob	M	I do not want my information to be available to the world. There are already enough laws on the books that allow for this information to be obtained, legally, when/if the need should arise.
Cherylyn	F	I have a personal blog and am a well-known social media entity. I have children at home and their safety could be compromised if someone were to have access to my information.
Ken	B	Working from home design freelancer.
Alexey	C	I run a small website that provides opposition-friendly (pro-democracy, pro-gay rights, pro-freedom of speech) materials in Russian, for Russians. Obviously I would rather not allow Russian government find out my whereabouts by just looking up WHOIS (at least until I can move out of Russia) Thank you very much for understanding Sincerely, Alexey
Kaje	H	I am an author who writes LGBT-related material which sometimes gets negative reactions from bigots, and I do not want my pen name author site to reveal my home information.
John	L	To prevent just anybody to reach out and harass us.
Phil	W	
Stephanie	F	I run a website for a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Since I handle the entire technical side of this, it is registered under my name. There is no reason to expose my personal information by the removal of domain privacy. Because we are a national non-profit, there would be little difficulty with a court order to reach our group if necessary. There truly is no good reason to do this because there are systems in place for copyright infringement or other acts to allow the respective parties to reach a webmaster and/or individuals in charge of a website and or organization. But removing this privacy would expose me personally for no reason, and if there were ever a problem with the organization, my name/address would be among the easiest to access and harass even though I am not an official officer.
Joe	S	It helps keep my personal address away from people researching my business ventures. I'd prefer to keep those two separate.

		Why I use need/use privacy is irrelevant. When a corporation creates a website, the home addresses of the Chief Officers (CEO, CFO, CTO, etc.) are not listed for the public to see. It's an invasion of privacy. This policy caters to big corporations only. If the government would go after the criminals, crimes would be reduced on the internet. The criminals will find a way around this policy and only honest people will line up to give their info publicly. Even honest people will find a way around this. When organizations conduct unscrupulous operations the governments turn a blind eye. Take FanBox for example. After they have cheated multiple people time and again, the governments continue to allow them to operate even though they have been banned in several countries. It's because they are a big corporation. The governments have created their legalese in such a way that FanBox can continue to defraud people don't understand the rights they are giving up when they sign up. The governments The corruption of the governments is notorious these days and instead of going after the criminals, they go after honest people.
Paul Saenz	S	
Sue	C	To protect me from giving my competitors an advantage when launching a new product.
Alejandro	N	
Wendy	S	I support anonymous communications as a fundamental component of free expression and freedom of association. Everyone should be able to have a stable name at which to anchor their online communications, neither dependent on willingness to have a name and address publicly attached to those communications, nor dependent on a commercially owned platform.
Frank	S	Prevent unsolicited attempts of contact. Privacy Protection. Spam bots find the email address and send spam which can lead to viruses. Running a home business I need to protect my home address from public view.
Randy	B	I provide (pro bono) assistance to folk around the world, some of whom are political or social dissidents. Privacy/anonymity is a very serious issue. Please preserve it as best you can. randy
Shawn	P	To help contain spam, and I run a home based business.
Jenny	L	Home based businesses must protect their privacy. Ppl who blog about controversial topics such as domestic abuse, gun control, even religious beliefs and similar could be target by those who have differing agendas and POV. Children, tweens, teens blog and should be able to protect their identity. We need to protect people. Plus so many other reasons. Even spammers and marketers abuse people who post their phone numbers or mailing addresses. KEEP OUR PRIVACY. (However, I can't afford the privacy proxy, and I don't worry about it. But others are very concerned and we should protect their Privacy Rights!). Thank you.
Jonathan	K	I need whois privacy as a end user who wants to not be stalked online to my home address. Having the internet list my address risks my own safety and privacy.

Daniel	T	I use Whois privacy to protect the work that I do. I mostly work from home and the two addresses are linked. I have always maintained current contact information via the proxy and plan to continue this practice. I see no reason to dissolve the proxies that protect home business owners. I can't see anything effectively changing besides a massive increase in SPAM that will get sent to my home if we end the proxy services. Please consider the far reach affects and IF a change has to happen, please keep it behind the privacy firewall.
James	S	I do not want my personal address available to anyone who looks up my domain name.
francisco	C	I dont want stalkers, spammers and other criminals to know my address like before I got privacy
Kris	T	
Chris	B	Whois protection is very important for everyone. Personal information should not be made publicly available without a choice.
Nic	H	Personal domains using proxies.
Monica	B	I'm an author who has been stalked by male readers. Prison inmates are a large populace of romance readers. I do NOT want my name or address given to anytime I've not authorized. I have a right to my privacy. I do not want a criminal section of the population to deny me due process.
Darlene	M	I use it to protect from unwanted visitors to my residence and people sending me unsolicited mail or packages.
Pete	W	New product development becomes jeopardized and open to unfair competition.
Gary	V	To prevent spammers from mining my contact info from the WHOIS database. To keep proprietary branding information secret until the time of a product or service launch. To keep competitors form discovering concepts and naming conventions private until an appropriate public release date.
Mychol	S	I often prepare domain registrations for corporate and commercial clients, for whom Whois Privacy services secures their intellectual property from public access until they are ready to make public presentation of that property (whether hard goods, digital goods or services). A more appropriate approach to the stated requirement for access under certain circumstances would be to enact a policy that domain contact proxies be required to provide specific and reliable service per ICANN specifications, to facilitate communication between those interested in discovering the domain owner's contact information and the domain owner themselves, without compromising the privacy of individuals who have perfectly legitimate (and lawful) reasons for maintaining their Whois Privacy settings.
Stacy	I	As a female home-based business owner, I want domain privacy for personal safety.
Namecheap	U	I need my privacy, just like the president needs his. I think we all deserve all personal information to be kept safe, to help protect against criminals, and other companies trying to abuse these privlages. I say NO to taking out this secure privacy.
Mark	B	I have dozens of domains registered to my home address (where my home business is run). Allowing random Internet searchers to locate my residence opens my family up to potential fraud, harm, and invasions of privacy. Additionally, I don't want more mail solicitation from fraudsters trying to sell me junk.

Scott	S	To protect myself from marketing and competitors. To hide my home address when starting a mom and pop style online store
Willy	E	Spam mails, strange phone calls and safety/security reasons with respect to my residential address.
ranjit	C	have multiple domains. *whenever* i have opted out of privacy i get numerous spam emails.
Max	W	
Graham	L	So that I am not harassed by telemarketers & sales people trying to sell me their products & services.
Ryan	H	My personal information is mine, and I should have the final authority in who can reveal it not icann
Laurence	H	Author, pen name, keeping stalkers from finding me
Liz	P	
Erica	C	I have a home-based online business and do not wish to have my information publicly available. I wish to have my privacy maintained, as this is a business that involves interactions with clients about personal matters and I do not wish them to know how to contact me without asking me first or in other set ways that I can control. I am happy to have a court make an order for my information if it is needed for legal purposes when there is verifiable evidence of wrongdoing. I see no need for this change, which would seem to benefit one party at the expense of all other stakeholders. Please do not allow this unilateral decision. Thank you.
Julie	D	I work from home.
Nicola	L	I have a personal website. I don't need haters or spammers to know my home address or telephone number with a simple WHOIS query.
Cassy	S	
Peter	B	
Chez	S	For the reasons rightly stated above.
Nicola	D	To protect the small guys and to help them express themselves freely on their own websites, not on third-party platforms and services.
Victor	G	
Julien	D	
Waldo	P	I am a small business owner. My business contact details are in tyhe public domain, including Companies House. when I started my company I registered my domain in my private name. Legally, no-one has the right to show up my residence or call me at my private line, that is what the ltd company is for. This would open up my wife and children to abuse, and ad to the amount of spam and incorrect email I already receive as a result of the actions of a few individuals who share the same name as me.
Marcel	P	My own personal and my familiy's safety from the wast amount of different, sometimes very sick individuals that use the internet.
Kelly	R	I operate a home business online and I keep my home life very private. My husband is a police officer and not having my information private could potentially be a safety risk for my family

Cindy	P	I use Whois Privacy to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft
Robert	M	I have other blogs that are personal and I don't want other people to know where I live. It's a big security risk in my field.
Sloan	C	
Andrei	D	
Hugh	D	
Teresa	L	I have the right to preserve my personal info.
Murat	Y	Keeping personal details private.
Jonathan	T	I don't want all of my information public, such as home address and phone number.
R	C	My domains are just for my own use and I do not want to give my home address to the world.
Margot	R	
Andrew	L	I run a graphics design studio and photography business operating out of my home, having my contact information available publicly could pose a risk to my property, including but not limited to theft / destruction of property.
Noah	P	
Rainey	R	I value my privacy.
Joni	J	Personal safety. I don't want my personal information, including address, associated with domains that I register or administer.
Jason	B	As a web developer I register lots of domains for individuals, who don't want their home addresses and phone numbers publicly available.
Mick	C	With all the scams about today, keeping personal details away from the trawlers of the public domain is necessary. If being added to SPAM lists isn't enough of a reason to keep details private, there is identity fraud to consider. I don't want my name and address up for sale to all and sundry to use. Why should my details be public? I am not selling anything! If ICANN were to change anything, they should apply similar rules on TLDs that Nominet run. If you are trading or part of a political organisation, you have a public record. If a non trading individual, anonymity should be an option provided free of charge by registrar. It makes no difference to illegal activities if you are listed publicly for the police can always get offenders details through official channels. I also have no problem with small traders using a privacy provider. If they work from home, shouldn't they be allowed the same privilege as a CEO of a multi-national corporation? Well, the CEO's address is hardly going to be the name listed on the registration form is it?! Please leave things alone ICANN. At least make things better, not worse.
Mary	M	I have several personal websites for my photography and other hobbies. Having my home address available on the web would drastically reduce my privacy and put my personal information out on the web for anyone to find. Please keep the privacy/proxy laws! The changes you are considering are only a benefit to large companies with brands to defend, and hurt the huge majority of small businesses and individuals by reducing our privacy.
Cathrine	N	I am running a website out of my home, and I don't want my personal data, like my home address, available.

David	S	
dina	P	1) to reduce spam. 2) for prevention of identity theft - ie. keeping a domain of a closed business. 3) for personal privacy when registering a personal domain (ie. my own name).
Paul	H	To protect my home address and other personal details being made public. Not only is it a severe invasion of privacy but would also put lives at risk from stalkers and other people who mean harm.
Neal	L	i need the ability to express my opinion with out the chilling effect of my domains being open for the world to criticize the source
James	G	
Arthur	G	I don't want to receive junk mail because my personal web site's name is visible to the world, and I shouldn't have to.
Kunal	C	
Bill	L	PRIVACY!!! NO SPAM!!!
Danilo	T	I use WHOIS privacy so that I can protect myself from spammers and scammers.
Yan	M	
Sebastien	V	I want the option for Whois Privacy in order to protect my privacy and personal information from those who use the internet and anonymous speech as a tool for harassment.
Ben	L	
Larisia	C	
Colby	S	I have a personal website that is the first result when searching the internet for my name - and I worry about any proposal that would make personal details, like my address, publicly available: I don't want any random person to know exactly where I live. I shouldn't have to take down a website just to maintain my (completely justified) privacy.
George	L	Political reasons, avoid political-business issues and so on! Without privacy enabled, thousands of Iranian would have serious side effects.

Alexander	R	I personally do not use whois privacy services at the moment. However, I am the owner of the domain geofucking.ninja. This domain, as you might expect, is a domain intended for lude and obscene material. It is a side project I have been working on and due to it's nature, there are those who I would desire did not know about my sexual fancies. For example, my employer or many friends and family members. Also, for not using a privacy intermediary, I receive a good deal of spam to the emails listed under each of my domain names. Most notably, my .com domain emails receive between three and fourteen emails daily from various low grade spammers. Why, because I don't use privacy. The public whois system made sense when it was created. Domain owners were a very small group and a need to contact between them was necessary. Today, few communications to the listed whois entries are not spam. Yes, a need exists to contact domain owners (especially legally). However, when the need is not great enough to demand a warrant, why must we expose ourselves to public listing? Instead, make rules for privacy intermediaries that demand information be kept current and provably correct. Even mandate that privacy must be opt-in. Banning the option is a heavy handed approach to appease some disgruntled sysadmins who doesn't like that the system is full of privacy intermediaries. After all, the reason for the system was to contact owners, not build an internet address book.
Brian	D	
Luis	G	I don't have a website yet, nor do I have anything to hide, but the world doesn't need another tool for the bloated, narcissistic, greedy entertainment industry or a paranoid government entity.
John	F	
Elizabeth	H	You never know what seemingly innocuous topic will get Internet trolls riled up. Nobody deserves to be "swatted" or worse because someone doesn't share your opinion.
Elliot	L	To keep personal information private, my protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft/spam inundation. Privacy is a human right, regardless of whether a website is "commercial" Privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing...that's what subpoenas are for.
Michael	D	Cause my home address is supposed to be private
Koen	J	
Clinton	P	
Claude	B	
Paul	P	In the early days of the Internet, when it was all universities and big companies it made sense to provide contact information. Now that anyone can run a web server in their bedroom that idea is woefully outmoded. If anything you should be making it easier to keep out information private, not harder.
Richard	S	I personally don't but plenty of people and organisations need to be able to express their sometimes controversial or marginalized opinions and ideas. There is already a well balanced effective mechanism in place.

Jane	D	<p>As a transwoman, online privacy in WHOIS services is paramount to my physical and mental safety. Allowing my name, email, home address, phone number, etc, to be open to any psycho who wants to harass, threaten, or kill me isn't a punishment I (or anyone else for that matter) should have to bear in order to own a website. I chose to run my own domain due to having the option of WHOIS protection services. I rightly fear for my safety and privacy, and should you ban WHOIS protection services, I will be forced to shut down my domain. Canada provides no hate-crime protections for trans-folk, and with an openly transphobic government currently in power, speaking out (or being discovered) as trans* online can be very dangerous, with little legal recourse against harassers. Many trans-folk aren't so lucky, and live in countries where being trans* is punishable by imprisonment, disfigurement, or death. Personal information on WHOIS may have made sense in the time where only companies owned domains, where only webmasters called, and such contact information was going to be seen by few other than IT specialists. Today, personal information anywhere is personal information everywhere, and in the hands of many, personal information is a weapon. Doxxing, email threats, organized harassment campaigns, and physical violence are commonplace to those who don't fit in, don't meet the accepted norms of society, or just happen to cross an angry kid that has too much time on their hands. Trans-folk disproportionately bear the brunt of this onslaught, leading many to cut their losses and leave the internet forever. The internet is left poorer for their lack of contribution, and these internet exiles are left with mental scars that may never heal. As a result, news stories of suicide after being the victim of online harassment have become almost a nightly occurrence. To be a part of the internet is to be a part of the new world community, and to own a domain is to make a place that one can call their own. To mandate personal information be laid bare as the price of admission ignores the realities of our time, and the plight of the discriminated and victimized. Do not abandon us.</p>
Sridhar	P	<p>when whois privacy is not active we are getting bombarded with loads of spam mails, emails, SMS and phone calls. This spam is eating lot of our time. So whois privacy is a must for me.</p>
Emanuele	A	
ke	J	I don't but I support privacy of citizens
Alison	S	I am a small business owner who is concerned about possible harassment.
michael	M	Because it is the apart the Internet users rights to have privacy .No body has the right o spy on my personal information.This is unethical
Chris	M	I Set up web sites for small businesses, before I started using proxy I would be chased by creditor if the company went down

		<p>Whois privacy is important to both individuals and small businesses to protect their privacy and safety. There are currently procedures in place that allow individuals or companies who require the contact information to get this. By forcing such disclosure in this way you will threaten vulnerable people and communities for the benefit of Corporations. Survivors of domestic abuse and violence who want to share their experiences in hope that other victims can gain the strength to break away will be made vulnerable. People who are critical of the way a group or organization may act will be threatened by groups of people who will "dox" them and threaten their safety. There are significant legitimate ways that a person may want to protect their name and address, yet still be able to take a stand and speak out on issues that affect them. If any laws are being broken, processes exist to get the contact information of the person behind the site, and if this has been registered with false information and they are not contactable via the information provided, processes exist to invalidate the domain. I appeal to common sense, to err on the side of allowing people legitimate protection and privacy over exposing their information to people or groups that will abuse this, as there is no "may" misuse this information in this aspect I am sad to say. If there are concerns about being able to contact domain owners, a proxy service allowing someone to withhold identifiable information to the public eye, but providing proxy information that they can be contacted at can be the difference between someone's personal safety who has a controversial blog for example, and someone who ends up being "SWATted" or "Doxxed" for holding an opinion that others with more hostile mindsets disagree with.</p>
Myles	W	
Moshe	A	I have a work from home office and I don't want to give my home address, private email and phone.
Arran	F	I have my own domain name for my personal site and for a side project. I wouldn't want people who disagree with my opinions to know where I live.
Luca	B	
John	P	Safety for myself and others.
Patrick	A	
Irvan Permana	S	
Richard	B	To protect my privacy, and my person. In this age of rampant identity theft, making my personal information available in the WHOIS database unacceptably & unnecessarily further escalates my risk. Private domain registration ensures that only the specific personal & business contacts that I deem are appropriate and safe for public contact are exposed to the internet. Exposing private, particularly personal, whois data to random, casual & automated search on the internet makes that information available to unwanted & unwelcome spammers & telemarketers, and potential harassment and physical threats.
Mark	B	Some of my websites deal with controversial subjects. I want the debate to stay on the site and not follow me to my physical address.

Amy	M	I am the president of a skater-run, not-for-profit women's flat track roller derby league. We hold public games, where we skate under alternate names, which besides being fun, has the benefit of protecting us from stalkers and overzealous fans. Handing out a real name and home address on domain registration removes those protections for the admin of our web site.
Anders	B	To keep my private information out of the hands of spammers and people that might not share the opinions represented by my site. Anonymity is essential for free speech.
Kenneth	D	
Peter	G	
Rainer	S	I don't want my personal address available to every one that wants it after visiting my small website.
Rose	D	Because I am a female web developer and author. I need to register domains for my job, but feel vulnerable to stalkers etc if my name and home address are freely available. I'm quite happy for my ISP to provide those details to legitimate authorities if there is evidence of any wrong-doing, but otherwise there is good reason to maintain privacy.
Diana	G	Because privacy and internet security is such a threat in these times, every security measure should be made available to and be utilized by the public.
Alan	B	To stop getting added to spam call and email lists. I fully support appropriate bodies being able to follow due process to find out data but the genuinely useful privacy options available from some registrars are valuable for reducing auto-disclosure of data that you might not want anyone just wandering the net to be able to casually scrape, sell, use. If there is a concern that improve the process for allowing private info to be made available upon good request. I would gladly pay some percent more for a domain with privacy in the full and happy knowledge that my info can be provided to someone who has followed proper process. I hope common sense prevails here. Sincerely, Alan B.
Bob	A	Whois Privacy is important for those who might express unpopular political opinions. It also is helpful in combating the culture of harassment and trolling that exists on the Internet.
Gerald	R	I manage sites for multiple startup businesses, but am often not directly involved in said business. There is no rationale reason for my personal information to be made available to those seeking contacts at those businesses.

Brice	M	As somebody who has relied on domain privacy to protect myself from harassment from sales people who continually contact me via snail mail and telephone (and seem to have no problem getting that info from domain registries when domain privacy is not used), it is disheartening to see that ICANN is looking to get rid of domain privacy. This is very alarming that ICANN would make this move, in this day and age, where identity theft is such an issue. I am a disabled musician and normally do NOT sell things, but when I upgrade an instrument, I do sell old parts on my site. That ICANN does not want individuals to protect them self against identity theft and unsolicited sales harassment, really speaks to what kind of organization ICANN has become and what they stand for, and how easily swayed they have become by the major corporations who continually use domain registries as their personal marketing lists, not to mention the thieves who use domain registries in the illegal pursuit of identity theft. ICANN is supporting, and endorsing, such activities by their move to do away with domain privacy.
Elias	E	
Edward	R	I, the undersigned, support The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing
Damingo	H	For my safety
Luis	G	Our small businesses are burdened by this proposed change.
Tina	P	
Li Huan	J	
Andy	W	To keep the safety and security of my family private.
Karen	S	I've been threatened with rape and I've been through other IN-PERSON attempts on my life. Not to mention X-rated harassment in BROAD DAYLIGHT and in the middle of crowded buses and stores.
Robin	E	
Joe	S	There is a rise in doxxing and swatting of internet users in the past few years. This practice ruins people's lives. It is not safe to allow home addresses of domain name owners to be discoverable by strangers without a court order.
Roxana	C	Protection.
mike	T	To keep my personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft
Lisa	A	When you purchase a domain name you should have the option to protect your personal data. This puts consumers at risk for identity theft and being targeted by spammers!
Jeff	H	To keep my privacy so that anyone with my domain name/URL can't find out where I live, my phone number and email address. Changing whois privacy would require me to get a PO Box and forwarding phone number or potentially use false information in my whois records.

Andrew	L	I am a small business owner and software developer. I develop and host multiple sites and applications for clients and I utilize domain proxy services to prevent my personally identifiable information (or my clients') from being scraped from whois registries and used to populate spam lists, phishing attack registries and to be otherwise used in social engineering, spearphishing or phishing attacks. The type of information available in the whois registry can be utilized in identity theft schemes, corporate espionage or in targeting for property vandalism or even worse physical assault.
Stephan	P	I'm so privileged that I do not need whois privacy myself but I see a need for such measures for minorities and haunted groups.
Andrew	S	
David	M	Creepy Stalkers don't need to know where we live.
Paul	J	I'd simply prefer that my home address and phone number are not that easily available.
Bryan	R	I am an author using various pen names. Having my home address made public will put me at risk of various kinds of unwelcome physical attention as well as spam.
Tiffany	B	As a woman on the Internet, it's important to me to keep details that could be used to threaten me or my family private.
Daniel	B	There are many unsavory people on the Internet. Those of us who run a small business from home don't need to become targets.
Derick	B	I use it to keep my own personal contact information out of the hands of malicious people, including marketing scams. By having my address and name listed for my domain names, I am bombarded with spam and scams. There is no legitimate reason to remove private domain registrations. This is clearly a farce from large corporations that are looking to harass individuals that have negative opinions of them.
Behaimanot	S	I want to be able to say things without having people know I said it.
Geoffrey	L	Not for me but for those who are already targeted by online hate mobs who would use these services to swat or otherwise harass site owners.
Michael	N	I actually do not use Whois Privacy, but as a straight white male I get to use the internet with a different reality from those not matching this description. This change would increase the already deep divide among users of the internet and limit the speech of many. We've already seen numerous cases of "doxxing" for racial and sexist motivations and this would only further increase these attacks.
Stephen	G	Reasons should be self-evident for those who actually know how the Internet works.
Brook	A	I personally don't need it, but individuals using websites for commercial activity should not be forced to expose their personal information to inquiries via WHOIS.
Alex	S	I use Whois Privacy because as a woman I'm not okay with having my home address and phone number available to random creeps on the internet.

Debbie	F	I personally do not need it, but if I ran a blog or website that does not break the I would use the privacy proxies. My personal information does not belong to the world. As long as a court order can be provided in cases where illegal activity is suspected, fine. This ICANN proposal sounds dangerous, especially in other countries. Privacy and Liberty First!
Ed	K	I don't want my personal address to be available to anyone who scrapes a WHOIS database... that's a huge violation of privacy.
Lucy	J	To protect me from harm. Also to not let the RIAA get their absolutely disgusting way.
Andrey	T	For SPAM protection and to avoid intrusion in my personal life.
Damien	G	I don't want my family put at risk just because somebody disagrees or dislikes me.
Steve	N	Transgender website authors, if our physical address is required to be exposed to the public, will *provably* face direct harassment, death threats, and physical assault as a result. We need to be able to protect our privacy and still have a voice on the internet. If you expose us, you silence us and in some cases, it'll be a death sentence.
Subigya	N	
Ben	D	
Matthew	D	As a gay adult male and a live-in carer for my mother, I use Whois Privacy because I do not want my family's home phone number or home address to be made publicly available. This is personal information, and everyone in this household deserves the basic right of privacy. One should only be able to acquire this information through the legal owner of the address/phone number at their own discretion, or through the appropriate Legal channels when it is verifiably necessary to do so.
Peter	E	
Geoff	R	I have multiple presences online that require me to use domain names. I do not want my personal information available to anybody who cares to obtain it.
Thomas	H	
Stoyan	M	
michael	G	
Pa	D	I am the webmaster for my local AA group.
lillith	E	To prevent people from stalking me.
Ben	B	Rampant identity theft in the United States by rogue blackhat hackers requires internet-facing developers to be extra vigilant about ANY of their information available online. Domain registration should be entirely private.
Megan	C	I need Whois Privacy because I have been subjected to online harassment in the past, and I have no doubt that if my personal information had been publicly available, they would have used it to bring this harassment into my "real" life. Keeping Whois information private is an enormous safety issue.
Evan	M	
Paul	T	I don't. But I believe it should be available to others.

Ryan	M	
Eric	A	To reduce spam, and to protect myself from internet trolls and harassment.
Patrick	M	I own domains associated with several gaming related sites. These are not commercial, but hobby sites. Unfortunately "Doxxing" and "Swatting" are popular in the gaming community. This change would mean I would either have to enter false information into my domains or drop them all together. While there needs to be ways to hold domain owners legally accountable, this can and should be done in a way that still allows individuals to protect their private information.
Marcus	C	To protect my self while streaming on twitch.
Katishna	K	I'm a human being who has a reasonable expectation of privacy.
Allison	T	I'm a transgender writer and game developer with a mental illness and physical disability, who also has progressive views that certain groups on the Internet would be more than willing to abuse my contact information over. Removing WHOIS privacy would open an avenue of attack for any troll and miscreant on the Internet to accomplish harmful acts against me, such as SWATting.
RJ	O	
Misty	D	I have very real concern that revealing personal information in my Whois information could result in actual harm to myself. As a woman working in technology, I could find myself targeted by harassers at any time - as has occurred to me in the past. Without Whois privacy, I would not feel safe owning my own domain.
Tori	B	I don't need Whois Privacy, at least right now. But that doesn't mean that I don't believe we all have the right to privacy, regardless of whether the site is commercial or not.
John	P	There is no need to release personal contact information to enable contactability - especially given the existing rules to gain access to personal information by court order where merited. By contrast, the potential and intrinsically unpredictable damage to many people that could ensue from any broad exclusion of whois information from the current reasonable privacy rules.
Kiri	L	
William	S	help keep my online identity at least a little separate from my "real-life" one
Alice	C	I am a web developer and small business owner. I need private listings because I don't want home (where I work) to be publicly listed.
Shpetim	I	
Greg	S	For the same reason that "encryption by default" is necessary to preserve privacy, Whois privacy is necessary to operate services and websites on the internet without fear of leaking personal information that can be used by nefarious people.
Adam	L	
Paul	A	I have been the subject of personal stalking and harassment and I do not want to have my personal data associated with my public/business web presence.

Andrew	F	I believe privacy is a human right. Simple as that.
		I consider it a matter of basic personal safety. I do not want people to send me junk mail, letter bombs, unsolicited stacks of pizza, or perhaps even show up in person to berate me for something I may have said online. This is not a hypothetical; this happens every day and, in several cases, has escalated to the point of driving people from their homes. My own personal domain is not commercial, but being a commercial concern does not change this calculus one bit. Small businesses tend to have their own websites these days, at their own registered domains. They might have a "brick and mortar" shopfront whose location is public -- or they might not; they might do all their business online. Small business owners can find themselves on the receiving end of an Internet dogpile just as easily as anyone else. Small business owners should not have to reveal the exact location of their home to everyone who can type a domain name in order to remain in business.
Zachary	W	
Liam	C	
Stephen	T	Occasionally publish articles, commentary, or other resources which could lead to harassment - and while WHOIS privacy doesn't stop dedicated harassers from finding me, it is a barrier to their success.
Eric	E	
Irene	K	As a software engineer, I maintain a personal site as a portfolio and to help professional contacts find me. As a trans woman, I'm subject to an intense amount of hatred from people I've never spoken to, just for refusing to hide what I am. Several of my peers have grown used to, almost routinely, receiving physical attacks at their homes based on malicious publication of their addresses. If the proposed rule against WHOIS privacy services goes through, I will have to remove my public presence on the internet as a matter of safety. How does this create an internet everyone can use? How can ICANN dream of supporting this?
Amelia	D	
Kevin	L	I work for a web development company. Many of our clients use domain privacy for various reasons, all of which are good, sound reasons for it to exist. There is no compelling argument to do away with domain privacy and plenty of good ones against getting rid of it.
Matthew	R	Want a domain, but want to prevent harassment.
Jay	H	I like a lot of amateur sites, and I want people to feel comfortable hosting them.
Dan	R	To protect myself and my clients from fraud and harassment
Brandon	J	
Steve	R	
Colin	B	
Amy	T	
Jessie	L	
Stefan	M	I don't want to be politically persecuted by any government if my opinions on my personal websites don't match their agenda.

John	C	I should not be forced to expose my personal contact information to anyone that wants it just because I registered a domain name. It should be my choice to whom I provide those details.
Brett	N	Saying "our" in text I mean MYSELF AND ALL PERSONAL WEBSITE OWNERS. I am sure that our privacy should be protected, regardless of whether site is personal or commercial, and our confidential info should not be revealed without due process. RESPECT OUR PRIVACY! Thank You.
Alex	P	So site owners don't get harassed by some creepy dude. We have to protect our privacy at all cost, otherwise we may as well be cavemen.
Ray	B	I have a registered business from my home office and I would not like my address easily available through Whois.
John	C	Before Whois privacy there was a lot of spam. I'll submit personal details only if they can't be scraped.
Jackie	T	I rely on this privacy for numerous reasons, the most important is this: there are many people online who view personal information as an invitation to harm. Doxxing and swatting is bad enough without making everyone's information readily available. There's no rational and legitimate justification for making our personal information public without our consent if there isn't an issue of legality at stake. Basing it on commercial activities puts the person making \$3 a year on the same footing as media outlets making millions and that's a false equivalence. We aren't the same and individuals are entitled to our privacy.
Yael	G	I use Whois Privacy to protect me from unwanted visits from people who have sent me threatening and harassing emails. The fact that anybody would try to overturn this basic privacy protection--which I pay for--is appalling.
Teri	S	Because there are a lot of creepy stalkers and harassers out there, and you need to make it as hard as possible for them to find out where you actually live.
Jeremy	P	
Kristof	V	No one needs to know where I live!
Zander	H	Because of being harassed by hate groups that tried to reveal my personal info in order to place fake police reports (SWATTING). ICANN considering this change is a horrible loss to safety online.
Matthew	F	I need defense against Internet hate-mobs when I speak for justice, liberty, and spirit. Having to revealing my address & contact info to have a site on the internet would prevent me from having a site.
Emily	H	I host many domains and certainly do not want to expose my address. An address which isn't even exclusively mine - I share it with other residents who deserve to have their privacy protected.
Lesley	R	I am a female webmaster in a notoriously sexist, troll-infested industry (video games). I would fear for my personal safety should my contact details become public.
Randy	F	
Shaun	I	I personally do not need or use Whois Privacy. As a white hetero male I have never been the target of anything online more malicious than email spam. Women and a breadth of underrepresented minorities are not so privileged. Making the personal information associated with domain registration public potentially and unnecessarily facilitates online harassment and compromises the physical safety of these individuals.

Michael	J	It saves me from harassment by those who would abuse the WHOIS system.
Tamarack	H	To protect the privacy of my friends and colleagues who have their own registered domains, and are at risk of online threats, harassment, and other forms of violence.
Jennifer	O	
Karl	G	
Peter	S	
Todd	K	Because I don't want my home address published on the internet where people can easily find it and harass me and my family.
Jean-Philippe	D	
Mohammed	T	I'm a homosexual man in a country that would kill me the minute it knows. I can't afford to be visible.
Andrew	C	
Daniel	J	I, the undersigned, support The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing - Daniel
Jason	C	I don't need it, but I use it to protect myself from the myriad of ne'er-do-wells who will pull my public information from my hobby domains and try to use it to scam or harass me. If I ever did anything that gained popularity, it would increase the size of the target on me 1000%, and then I would absolutely need it. I don't support this privacy being compromised for any reason, let alone some nebulous definition of "commercial". There are many vulnerable people who are very concerned with keeping their identities private on the internet, and are well served by Whois Privacy; they shouldn't lose this protection just because they decide to engage in commerce.
Derek	K	To protect my private information as a domain name owner.
David	Y	A publicly-readable database of domain owners was probably great in the early days of domain registration: 1. whois (and indeed most of the Internet) was arcane enough to be used by only a few people 2. you as an Internet user would be likely to have tie, even if it was just institutional, to the domain owner Neither are true anymore, and people are on knife-edge due to thoughtlessness and context-less social media systems. What you think may be an innocuous or even mildly controversial can have extreme consequences if someone can locate you or something tied to you. In this light, whois privacy is a requirement, not merely a desirable thing. Location data should be an option taken by those who can afford to deal with the consequences.
May	Y	
Ashley	M	As a woman who lives by herself, I have no interest in my home, private address being guaranteed available online.
Yaapa	H	
Sam	L	Because I run a number of personal / commercial websites, and have in the past witnessed online harrasment targeted at people who do not have who is privacy

Alfred	D	
Robert	S	
Jeff	N	
Allison	K	I am a woman on the internet that owns my own domain. The first stop for many doxers and harassers is to look up WHOIS info; being unable to keep that anonymous would lead potentially dangerous individuals straight to my home.
robert	S	To protect important and personal information of myself and my clients.
Drew	M	I use Whois privacy to make sure that my name and personal information is not out there for the world to see. Some of my domains contain what could be considered controversial (but clearly legal) information and opinions and I don't want someone who is offended by that information to be able to interact with me outside of those domains on the internet. In addition, one domain that I have is geared towards battered women. I do not want a partner of any of the women that contribute to that site to be able to be able to attack or confront me in person because they were able to glean my personal contact information from a simple whois search.
Tanisha	T	This is an extra level of protection for domain owners, keeping as much personal information private, away from individuals that want to use who.is details fraudulently, data mining is also major concern, people using who.is details to solicit services. The less a person knows about a domain then less likely fraud will occur. ICANN lets keep it real, there a few domain names out there that people don't want other folks to know that they own. Privacy is what privacy does. Thank you for keeping Whois Privacy available to those that want this basic civil liberty. --- Tanisha Taylor Spokane, Washington
Nasha	H	As an individual, I provide many services for online groups and communities, under aliases to protect my identity. Whois information being public (including physical addresses!) is a threat to privacy and a danger to the safety of individuals not only like myself, but many whom are already under constant scrutiny of others. Disallowing the use of privacy protection services not only endangers people, but also highly promotes the providing of fake registrant information in the first place - something that already happens, for this very reason.
Teemu	L	
Devlin	G	
Nathanael	Q	
Jonathan	B	I do not need the harassment I'd be exposed to if my privacy went away.
Rob	P	I need it to protect MY name and address from trolls for Live streaming. and to protect my Address from people I don't want showing up at my house.
Shannon	P	because I don't want to be harassed and stalked by people. Because there is not a single logical reason to expose my personal contact info. because anyone looking to find where I live cannot have good intentions.
Joshua	H	Run a public website and I don't want people who view the site to know where I live.
nathan	W	

Ari	R	Exposing personal information for public figures such as YouTube content creators and Twitch livestreamers exposes those people to the dangers of SWATting (a dangerous and felonious "prank" that involves sending SWAT teams to innocent people's homes under false reports of hostage situations or bomb threats). You are actively putting people in danger by publicizing private information.
Darren	L	Why should I have to give away PERSONAL information, when this information could potentially be used to threaten my life or even worse my family.
Joseph	C	I would like to protect my privacy and the privacy of others who own websites for their own use.
Sotnas	Y	My personal information is my PERSONAL information, not public. There is a reason why people choose to hide or make some information private. No one else needs to know that information other than the people/corporations that I want to give access to.
Daniel	B	
Robert	C	I value my privacy.
Joona	M	I use a nickname online, and don't wish to merge that nickname with my real name, as people on the internet, especially with the groups I spend my time with, are easily angered, and as seen recently, "SWATting" has become more and more common. I use and need whois privacy to prevent malicious people from causing harm to me and my family.
Yann	D	I don't want people to see all my contact info because I own a domain for personal testing or just for the fun of it.
Justin	O	Designer with portfolio website which if you search the Whois for my domain you get my personal home address and phone numbers.
Philip	R	To reduce spam. To stay safe by not having my address listed. To reduce harassment by not having my phone number listed.
Kimberlee	R	I am a single woman, living alone. I post photos on my blog, with a top-level domain that are somewhat provocative. I have a first amendment right to this practice but I would never have done it if I knew that my full name and address would be freely available to anyone online. Now, if I were to remove these photos and cancel my domain, I may still be traceable. Do we as a an advanced technological society really want to change the status quo to less privacy for users online? This is after every hard-won battle over net neutrality and free speech. I am not interested in using fear as a basis for my stance so I will end with this: ask the people who started domain privacy why they did and seek information on previous cases of harassment from whois lookups. If illegal activity is happening, this information is available through the courts. Our justice system may be flawed but it at least gives innocent people a chance. Thank you, Kimberlee R
Adam	L	
Tara	B	Being an independent software developer, I operate out of my home as a sole proprietor. Having my personal information available to disgruntled internet trolls is rather counter productive, and scary!
Ian	W	

Andrey	M	
Adam	B	
Terry	B	Psycho ex-girlfriend
Stephen	S	I consider it best practice for anyone interested in doing anything interesting on the entire internet. Preventing it would be despicable and unconscionable.
Derek	E	Because, seriously, you can get WAY too much information from a public domain, and that's really bad for anyone who wants any privacy.
Joel	M	To ensure that anyone who has something to say can do so on a memorable and easy-to-access domain name that doesn't expose them to physical risks and escalated intimidation.
Greg	F	Domain privacy is of the utmost importance to protect people who need to share their voices but keep their identity and location hidden. Think of people with stalkers or abusive ex-partners, peoples in countries with oppressive governments with limited speech laws, witness protection program persons. When you remove anonymity you silence these voices and allow the voices with the power to be public to be the only ones to remain.
Molly	B	I have used WHOIS private registration for many years. Upon occasion, I have forgotten to renew my WHOIS private registration-- but only for a day or two, because it never takes any longer than that for spammers and others to find my registration information and contact me with all kinds of creepy offers. And I am not the owner of any domains that get a lot of traffic or address any controversial issues. I believe that removing the option of private registration would cause almost all domain owners some annoyance, and for many, would actually present a danger of physical threat. I believe that identity theft would skyrocket. I urge ICANN not to take away our privacy protection.
Connor	C	
Christopher	H	To prevent the harassment of myself and others targeted by online hate mobs.
Thomas	G	
Fred	A	Random strangers don't need to know where my home is. I have children. I'd rather not lie to WHOIS, but I prefer to be contacted regarding my domain through a proxy. I get enough telephone/mail spam related to my domains as it is.
Frederik	B	
Ian	P	My family and I prefer not to reveal our home address for safety reasons, and do not have a place of business to register. The fact that we pay for WHOIS privacy right now is ludicrous - doing away with that possibility altogether is nonsensical. It serves only to harm individuals and help corporations who have legal avenues to get the information they seek already.
Harrison	L	
Charles	M	Doxxing and SWATing are already huge problems - don't make it worse.
Eleanor	W	

Annie	T	I am pansexual and transgender; I would prefer NOT to have everything I have jeopardized just because I wanted a website.
Allie	T	I don't want my own or home nor the homes of my loved ones being swatted and/or people making threats of bodily harm being able to find where I live with a simple query.
Connor	G	Every day people are harassed and their privacy and personal safety are compromised because those with malicious intent can find their contact information through WHOIS data.
Eric	T	To protect people at risk of harassment or physical violence because of opinions or lifestyles that are targets by bullies, the ignorant and the simple minded. Do not put PEOPLE at risk to "protect" commercial interests.
Tom	M	I run a number of sites for myself and for freelance clients, and it's important I not be contacted or harassed by outside groups.
Heather	H	I am a woman on the internet. You've seen what happens when the internet hate mob decides to target a woman. Rape and death threats. Psychos showing up at your home and calling your place of work. All because you dared be a woman on the internet.
syd	D	I have had stalkers for close to ten years. Without domain privacy, they would be able to freely access my phone number and home address. This would put me in danger.
Timothy	F	The number of people who have been stalked, harassed, sent death threats or worse on the Internet, who were enabled by the information from WHOIS, is absolutely STAGGERING. Whois privacy should be on by default, managed and protected by ICANN not removed!
Harold	L	
Noel	S	
Andrew	J	
Jack	Q	
Alex	B	I may not need it right now, but I will stand that people that do. No one should have to fear someone coming to their home because they registered a domain.
Timothy	C	Because anonymity is one of the few protections people have against harassment. Far too many people are targeted for harassment due to a breach in their privacy.
Derek	B	Because privacy is a MAJOR concern of mine.
Mike	D	
Michael	C	Internet harassment is a real problem, and website owners must be able to protect themselves. WHOIS privacy tools already allow for contacting the owner through obfuscated email services, but also protect the owner from online harassment, and in the worst cases, real-world physical violence. Protect us, please!
Seung	L	
Trevor	B	Because the internet is a more dangerous and less usable place without it. Even though I don't directly benefit, there are plenty of creators on the internet whose work I enjoy that would be forced off with this change.

Hayden	S	I want to be able to facilitate speaking out on social issues without personal information being used to stalk or harass the URL web manager.
Vanessa	B	
Evvy	K	Whois privacy prevents anyone from using my personal address to dox/swat me.
Raul	I	I personally don't. But there are many people out there whose exposed identities can be exploited by ill-intended groups if the WHOIS privacy is removed. And those people deserve to be protected.
Adam	L	
Mark	J	I own domain names for hobbies. The only address I have is my home address. I do not want to publish my home address to literally anyone on the Internet who may have decided to take offense at anything I do on the sites using those domains. This isn't even about anonymity. It's about being in control of how my personal information is distributed. I have no objection to ICANN / The registrar having this information as a requirement for control of a domain. I object to it being public without recourse.
James	D	As the last year and the escalating organised criminal activity of websites such as 8ch proves, online abuse is a serious problem which both threatens and destroys lives. By removing domain privacy, ICANN is taking a regressive, immoral and dangerous step back into the past. It is undermining basic principles of privacy which many, many users absolutely depend upon to protect themselves from organised online abuse. Bluntly, this is repugnant and unconscionable. I plead that you will abandon this ill-considered plan to undermine online privacy. If you do not, the consequences will be sickening.
Kara	W	I have been a target of online harassment. If the personal information associated with my domain names were made public, I would be at increased risk of that online harassment becoming in-person harassment and violence. Revealing WHOIS information puts me and many others in danger.
Daniel	W	
Ari	S	I need Whois Privacy because it will protect many internet users from harassment, leaking of personal information, and abuse.
Sebastian	S	
Kate	R	
Kristine	K	I'm a woman on the internet. Duh.
Patrick	B	I run a website by myself.
Coral	S	Marginalized communities are increasingly under attack from hate groups like GamerGate and the fringes of 4chan/8chan. Making our addresses easily discoverable by WHOIS puts us even more at risk.
Charles	N	We need WHOIS privacy to protect website operators from threats.
Alexander	M	Why should my *home* address be public if I'm running an online business without a physical location?

Brandon	H	I personally do not need it as I do not have a domain registered. But if I ever did I would want my private address information to remain private. I also know that this information is used maliciously on a consistent basis to harass, doxx, and SWAT people.
Tara	W	People are consistently stalked via exploiting WHOIS information. As a woman with opinions and thus prone to such, I cannot tolerate the idea that just anyone can get ahold of that information. I use proxy services for a reason.
Steven	B	As much as I adore my fans, I don't want them coming to my house uninvited.
Ian	M	I shouldn't have to reveal my personal information to the entire world just because I wanted to own a goofy domain name like banana.pizza. It's ridiculous.
Jamie	S	I need Whois Privacy to protect my identity across the many domains I own, and ensure no one can stalk me at my home address. I do not wish my professional livelihood to encroach upon my personal safety if Whois Privacy is stripped away.
Jaime	O	Privacy is important.
Devon	C	
Thomas	O	I have friends that have been doxed and SWAT-ed from similar use, and they should be able to be protected from harassers. Until there is a better system in place to guard them, having their personal information so easily accessible is a personal, physical risk to them.
Emma	L	I'm transgender, and whois prevents people from finding out my deadname and outing me.
Jeremy	B	
Shivam	B	I use it to protect the identity of people who are under threat of personal attacks and doxxing that still want to maintain a web presence.
Phillip	M	
Filip	S	It's vital for people's safety online.
Alex	B	To protect women and other marginalized groups on the internet from even more harassment/ harm.
Adam	I	
Dorian	K	
Steve	B	Abusive ex-partner found me when I first registered a domain using information from WHOIS. Since I started using a privacy service I've been able to remain out of their reach. This right to privacy cannot be taken away.
Scott	R	Because I don't need anonymous death threats and swatting attempts at my home because some advertisers are pushing a ridiculous requirement so they can contact me to sell me penis enlargement pills, fake Rolex watches and porn.
Laurence	D	
Owen	R	I have multiple personal domains/projects that I would not want to freely announce my name and contact information. If any of them turns into something that has to support its own server costs, I'd likely shut it down rather than post my home address.

Kristina	K	
Jason	S	I don't, but so many other people do.
Christopher	S	The ability to obscure WHOIS lookups is critical to our online society as doxing attacks and harassment become more frequent and prevalent. While the intention of not allowing people to "hide" is admirable, this change in policy only enables horrible people to more easily do horrible things to good people.
James	D	To keep my identity safe from malicious users.
Andrew	S	Because I have been targeted by online harassment and need to keep my family safe. My whois data could ruin my life if it became available.
Sean	P	
Björn	S	
Coraline	E	I work in social justice and having my registration address and phone number available online significantly impacts my safety.
Amy	L	
Lark	A	I don't want my private information made public.
Ian	I	
Jessica	H	
Sanya	L	Personally I am not in need of it however I don't need to be in need of it to realize the importance of it for others who may face abuse if forced to reveal their identities.
Trevor	B	I need and use Whois privacy for the same reasons most people do: I want to participate in Internet creation without publishing my home address.
Danielle	K	I am a private person by nature and WHOIS privacy options have therefore been invaluable.
Skully	B	To protect my personal details from internet "trolls" / malicious cyberattacks
Eric	S	
Ian	H	Nobody without justifiable cause should be able to find private information about people who don't want to be found - it opens the way to stalking, harassment and other abuses.
Anthony	F	Twitch streamers are at risk of being stalked and swatted if this information is made public about their registered domains
Ron	K	Privacy is a right, not a privilege earned by payment for service. While I don't actively use privacy services to protect my records on my domain at the moment, I am worried that people might use the information publicized in WHOIS to harm me, and I would vastly prefer that this information be protected and hidden away barring subpoena from a court of law.
Matthew	W	
Mark	S	
Natalie	W	

Monte	K	
Paul	S	The ability to control who has access to my physical address is vital for security. I help run a large soccer supporters group and many members (or members of rival organizations or fans of opposing teams) might use my home address or PO Box address for pranks or harassment.
Ansh	P	
Jeff	G	I have faced death threats and numerous attempts to find my personal details. Eliminating domain privacy gives people who would claim to do me harm an all-access pass to my contact details.
Michael	S	
Ron	F	My family's lives should not be at risk because I own a website who some psychopath has decided they disagree with.
Daniel	B	
Lee	O	Because I'm a woman and men think it's "cute" or "funny" to share that information publicly.
Thomas	D	
David	G	As a target of online abuse from groups who like to engage in SWATting and other dangerous activities, I want to ensure myself and others do not have to make the choice between "owning a domain" and "being safe".
Matt	C	To protect myself (and for others to protect themselves) against malicious and potentially violent online predators.
David	P	I should be able to choose whether or not to make personal information public, all it takes is one person with malicious intentions to ruin it for the majority.
KC	M	
Wade	M	I don't. I have no need to use it. But if I had stalkers, I definitely would want a way for them to not know my address just by looking up registry info for my website.
Jennifer	B	Because I am a survivor of multiple violent relationships, the perpetrators of which have violated permanent restraining orders and stalked me both on and offline. My domain is private for this reason and it is an alias unknown to them. While I refuse to live in fear, I do whatever I can to protect my safety, and that includes remaining as anonymous and hidden as possible on the Internet. Google and Facebook both lost all of my business the instant they revealed my private information and 'connected' me automatically to my abusers. So will my domain provider if this goes through. People's lives are very much at stake here, and we need these protections.
Giovanni	M	
Grant	G	I need Whois Privacy because if a harasser wanted to find my home address, they could whois my domain name. Without Whois Privacy I am in actual danger.
Christy	V	Telling a person they can't own a domain unless they are willing to let the entire world know where they live is ridiculous. Who does removing privacy benefit? Certainly not the women and minorities of the internet who are harassed and doxxed every day.

Kim	R	I am a woman in a STEM field. Other women in my field have been doxed, swatted, had death and rape threats against them, and been chased out of their homes due to harrassment because they posted opinions online. I am a vocal privacy advocate, which some people believe makes my own privacy 'fair game' to attack. I have a family; the risks I might take alone are not ones I wish to subject them to, nor should I have to in order to not be silent. WHOIS fields for physical address are a holdover from an era in which domains were generally owned by organizations and corporations rather than individuals. A physical mailing address for a campus IT department is harmless and useful, a physical mailing address for an individual's home is a very different matter.
Amy	W	As a trans woman who says a lot of controversial things on the internet, it's helpful to me to make things just a little bit harder for potential abusers to find me.
Hal	W	Whois privacy is one of the best ways that site owners can keep from being stalked and harassed by people whom they have no protection against. By removing that privacy, these people are suddenly made vulnerable to crimes, including violent crimes.
Mitchell	S	I have worked in trades where I have used whois information to help people track down people doing them harm, and no work in an industry where this privacy is regularly violated. Given the choice, I will always choose the option that doesn't enable harm rather than the one that helps mitigate it.
Daniel	C	I support Whois Privacy to protect individuals from harassment both verbal and physical.
Brendan	B	WHOIS privacy ensures that I don't receive unwanted marketing material from companies that scrape contact info from listings.
Andrew	L	
Mike	W	Information will eventually be scraped and then sold on for others to profit from.
Martin	A	
Jeremy	H	I don't really use it personally, but there are plenty of cases that make it important to have as an option.
Sophia	D	The idea of somebody being able to track me in physical space through domain names I own is threatening.
Chris	R	I believe that my online and offline lives have many points of overlap, but not all points, and sometimes keeping separations makes sense. Domain privacy helps me do that.
Joe	R	To protect my personal information.
Monica	F	harassment and doxxing are serious threats to the safety of domain holders.
Roger	C	I personally don't as I'm in that lucky minority of white, straight male who doesn't own websites hosting controversial topics like "harassment is bad", however, there are many, many people more vulnerable than myself and a proven self-renewing cesspool of other people who will stoop to doxxing, swatting and other heinous, dangerous and intimidatory tactics who need all the help and support they can get to keep these sociopaths out of their lives. This is why I strongly oppose this ICANN proposal.
George	C	Because people on the internet get their jollies over putting lives at risk. Our country is supposed to protect us from terrorism, not help enable it.

leisha	B	
Jed	H	More privacy is needed in this world where we carry around our personal details in our phones that have access to the internet. Having ICANN will make it an easier to find a target.
James	G	
Sergio	C	
shane	N	Yes I use it on every domain I buy. I don't like the influx of spam when I don't. I also don't want my personal information available to all.
Joshua	J	
Jared	B	
Phil	S	I blog about a topic notorious for its writers being the target of sustained hate campaigns and violence. I cannot deal with that, and I depend on Whois privacy to protect myself from harassment and abuse.
Lucas	B	As a minor, I do not want my private information available publicly if choose not to, as it can be misused and abused.
Rylee	F	I prefer to keep my identity private when registering for a domain.
Ian	H	To protect me from angry internet mobs and spammers
Lani	R	I am a woman on the internet.
Andrea	A	
Zayne	H	Because I don't want people to know where I live.
Nicolas	B	
Emory	D	I run my business from my home, and would like to be in control of how my personal information is accessed.
Tanner	H	I publish critical race theory articles that are subject to harassment from racists and white supremacists.
Albert	K	Protection from spammers and stalkers.
Matt	H	Whois Privacy allows me to produce electronic content for experimental or testing purposes. The test services or content may be of lesser quality than my production sites and Whois Privacy prevents my test projects from being related to my production sites.
Julien	D	I don't (yet), but if people whose services I enjoy get attacked after their personal info gets released I'll be poorer for it, as everybody else will
Annika	B	We should allow people to buy domains withouts endangering their physical safety.
Cariad	E	
Matthew	G	With the amount of harassment that gets thrown around on the internet currently, there needs to be something to protect those who don't want it to make it easier to be threatened and intimidated or have the police SWAT teams sent to a residence.

Rudd	Z	First of all, preventing spammers/junk mailers from getting my email or physical address. But more importantly, the ability of anyone to find out my home address just because they know my website address is *ridiculously* scary. There's a reason I don't put my phone number or home address up on my website.
John	S	Because
Britt	H	
Michael	G	I do a number of different things online. I'm a moderator for a number of large twitch channels, provide support for content creators and make my own content. I do all this from home and I do not want my home address out there in the open for people to compromise the safety of myself or my family.
Matthew	C	I require WHOIS privacy on all domains I own and consider purchasing, as I am a private individual using domains for personal purposes.
Tyson	T	I use Whois Privacy because I run businesses and when other businesses have unrestricted access to my personal contact information, they abuse it. Ever since I exposed my contact information in Whois, I have been inundated with phone calls from scam companies. It's gotten to the point where I've stopped answering my phone entirely.
Benjamin	E	
Chris	B	Doesn't matter, it needs to be there.
Michael	H	Having personal information available publicly puts everyone at potential risk of identity theft, stalking, swatting, etc.
Patrick	G	
Billie	T	I use whois privacy because I sometimes post information about being trans on my blog, and without my information being protected I could be a target for online stalkers and hate groups.
Stephan	R	to not discourage new site owners from registering a domain
Andy	L	I am a student who has a registered domain. It would be absolutely horrifying if mandatory WHOIS became a thing as my personal information would be online. For organizations and companies, it may not pose a threat. But in the age of the Internet, having personal information online as an individual is VERY dangerous and thus privacy is much required.
scott	M	
Ian	A	
Jason	R	because FUCK THAT
Jasmine	G	How is this a serious question?
Alex	D	
Desiree	F	Peace of mind for me and my family.
Matthew	B	More and more people are getting harassed, doxxed, and stalked each day. To remove Whois is to make it even easier for dangerous individuals to actively harm others on the internet.
Mustafa	G	

Ashley	S	As a female video game live-streamer, keeping my "IRL" identity hidden from doxxing trolls is vital. If my website's registration info were to be revealed for all and sundry, I could be opening myself up to some severe harassment because I was honorable enough to follow the rules they themselves established and provide my authentic contact information. I pay good money for a yearly privacy proxy to protect myself and my family from toxic online elements--you would rob even that security from me and mine?
Shawn	O	As an online streamer on twitch (similar to a youtube streamer) having a separate website to build a community for my online personality is essential. Also essential is the need for privacy in regards to personal details such as last name and address information. Online personalities big and small are always at risk of being swatted, stalked and/or harassed. Whois privacy is necessary to ensure online safety of myself and my family.
Matthieu	V	Because privacy IS a fundamental right. PERIOD.
Ronnie	R	I make a living off the Internet. I've had more than a few stalkers threaten me and mine. I need privacy so I can be sure they don't show up at my house and try to kill me.
Kaitlyn	B	Because I shouldn't be afraid to have a website, or feel the need to have someone else register it.
Constanrin	J	
wayne	V	stop spamming I was getting over 150 junk emails a day filters knock out like only 75%. Threats and harassment calls. It has already happened. Unsolicited phone calls. inquires could arrive from email
Evan	C	If you force my domain registrar to publish my address, I would not be able to vocalize my opinions online without fearing for my life from SWATing attempts and stalkers. I would basically have to sell my house and move my family, and then never say anything online ever again. Please understand that it's not just companies with security guards that use the internet and own domains.
Karen	S	I own multiple websites. I would not be able to do so without domain privacy, as not only do I have an ex from 20 years ago who is still trting to find me to kill myself and my children, but there are many and multiple other threats online such as stalkers, doxxing and identity theft. Losing privacy would force me to change all domains to false information (breaking the ICANN rules) and to bail on every website I own, effectively shuttering them as they would not be renewed. This would affect my income, my social standing, and would force me to only code websites on my local machine if I still wanted to keep learning my profession.
David	H	I don't want to be vulnerable to harassment and real-life threats just for owning a domain name.
Jeremy	W	Because I have a right to personal privacy.
Arthi	A	
Dobie	D	To protect against doxxing.
Chani	A	I don't have a white penis.
Eva	J	I'm a trans person and my legal name is on it which I'm not cool with sharing.
Peter	K	I don't want my home address and phone number listed for everyone on the Internet to see!

David	H	I have family members whose privacy needs to be protected from someone who has threatened them in the past; finding *me* through my domains would be one step away from tracking down *them*!
Adam	B	I believe that privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing.
Arielle	G	As a public online figure it is important for me to feel safe giving out my portfolio website to find work without fear of being targeted.
Jenn	C	Without WHOIS Privacy, I would have to constantly live in fear of trolls and stalkers, never mind outright identity theft, and other online methods of ruining my life without any recourse to fight back. WHOIS Privacy grants me the one shred of internet security I'm able to afford. Please don't take it away. Talking about video games online shouldn't automatically place me in harm's way.
Raquel	G	Everyone deserves their privacy.
Laura	C	
Catalin	A	
Melissa	P	Privacy concerns
Gerardo	N	I do not, but I have friends that use it in order to speak their minds with regards to societal problems that others would attack them for. They deserve the chance to speak about these problems freely without the fear of physical retaliation.
Tim	F	Whistleblowers, support groups and and even bloggers can be targets for harassment online. They all need to be able to protect their privacy, even if their site has a nominally commercial purpose. This proposed change may help some (large copyright holders) but hurts MANY others.
Steve	L	I don't need people Doxxing me
Nicolas	B	
Willi	S	So people can protect themselves against harassment
Peter	M	I have been subject to internet harassment. Making it so that my personal information is accessible is a serious threat to my safety. In addition, it's not just me that needs protection. Everyone needs protection, because this motion that is attempting to be passed will weaponize internet harassment even further.
Voigt	A	
Michael	G	To deter/prevent online harassment, stalking, doxxing, and swatting.
Diego	D	
Ryan	S	
Courtney	H	I use the Internet every day for my livelihood as a video game journalist. If I write an article about women or feminism in games, I do not want a mob of angry men to have access to my home address. Gamergate has ruined the careers of many women in my industry, and I want to be able to continue to do what I love without feeling physically threatened.

Edward	P	
Ian	G	
Wesley	C	I've had problems with harassment and stalking in the past thanks to information found on who.is. Privacy is safety for me and my family.
Laura	M	Whois privacy is very important to me for two reasons: the first is that I run an online rare book business from my home. It would be a disaster if my address were made public, as I would immediately become a target for theft. The second reason is that, as a woman, I know how easy it is for people to track, stalk, and harass women who speak up online. I'm terrified of this happening to me, and the idea that the harasses could get my home address is unthinkable. I know that the same is true for many, many other women online. Please keep Whois privacy for commercial websites. Thank you!
James	G	I need to use it for a site chronicling the saga of activity at my former employers that could end up with me being fired from my current job at best, and at worst sued for defamation of character of my former boss. In addition, I believe in the right to privacy, and the right to protect ourselves from identity theft whenever possible.
Hannes	F	
Cara	E	As a publicly visible figure I rely on this privacy to keep myself and my family safe from stalkers and intimidation, and to do my work unafraid and free from fear. It is not necessary for my information to be publicly available anywhere and forcing this to happen would mean that the whole of the internet will become a place where people, particularly the vulnerable, women, people of colour, and trans people, will be opened to personal, physical threats of violence, intimidation and harassment. The advantages of this policy completely do not outweigh the huge disadvantages for society if this policy is enacted. We will lose half of our online eco system out of pure fear of being targeted.
Lei	A	
Duncan	K	
Miah	J	I am a transgender woman working in open source development. I currently _pay_ to hide my registration details to prevent Internet harassment from affecting my partner and children.
Sébastien	L	
Khalil	S	To be honest, I really don't, but I really like anonymity as an abstract concept.
Andrew	C	To reduce unsolicited emails and junk mail which come as a result of unhidden WHOIS information.
Braeden	S	I own a domain and maintain an email forwarding service and mailing lists for my family. I don't want to share my home address and other personal information with random individuals for my family's safety and privacy. I also don't want marketing agencies to have my contact information because I get enough junk mail already.

		Most people on the Internet are perfectly fine, normal people. But, the Internet is a very large place, with a wide variety of users. Some of them decide to be malicious. They'll search for anything they can about a person, and use it to attack them. Sign them up for things they don't want. Mail malicious packages. There are lots of ways to prank people. And there are pranks that go too far. Calling the police out to someone's house. Or even visiting themselves with ill intent. This is why people need privacy. There is no reason that all these random strangers on the Internet should need these details about them. If they have a legitimate need, they can contact the owner via email. If they have a legal reason, they can use the court system to obtain an order for the information. It's not like you can't get the information right now. You just have to have legitimate NEED of it.
Michael	D	
Harrison	M	
Michael	R	
Damien	C	
Yvette	Z	
Jill	B	
Marc	M	Protect myself from spam
Brian	K	
Wyatt	W	
Zackary	C	Anonymity is one of the core foundations of Internet, and has help shaped the Internet into what it is today: the ultimate expression of free speech. Removing the right to remain anonymous from the very people with the most power to effect truly free speech, those who make the online tools on which free speech relies, threatens human rights and the foundation of the Internet.
Alan	H	I run a home based business and would prefer to protect my home address. I have numerous start up businesses that are pre launch as well and would like them to remain anonymous until they are ready.
Daniel	M	Who is should never have provided this information by default, this is information that should need a subpoena
Justin	M	
Chris	W	I don't want spammers or lawyers getting my information.
Corbin	P	
Eric	M	I use it so I don't have people with malicious intents to cause me harm/post/leak my information on the internet.
Nicole	K	
Cameron	M	Personal privacy is a right, not something to throw away. My personal information should remain mine to control, whether by control of cookies, owning a shredder, or using a domain proxy.
Nicole	L	
James	S	I have a blog that I maintain which I do not want to have my personal billing address and phone number listed for public record. I would like to see the continued protection of personal information with services like whois guard.
Kodie	W	So I can host my art without fear of internet bullies finding out where I live and threatening me.

Jonathan	S	I have several private domains for multiple reasons. One I have to protect a business idea that I might develop in the future. Another I have is for my wife's novel which she has chosen to write pseudonymously. And another I have is for my daughter someday, and I don't want people online hunting her down for harassment.
Scott	M	I don't want me or my friends to get tracked down if, eg, they express an unpopular opinion. This happens to many women. Not good.
Kevin	W	
Jonathon	W	As Someone who hosts their own websites I would not fell comfortable with my contact information being so easily accessible to anyone who wants to find out information about me
Ann	L	I need Whois Privacy because in my profession, people will threaten to stalk/kill me even without knowing my real name and address. Removing privacy means they have the full means of obtaining this information at no effort. I'd rather not hand them my location to actually carry through on their threats. Because, of all things, I like staying alive. Shocking, I know.
Pinkard	B	I use Whois Privacy in order to avoid spam and other unwanted email that I receive from those soliciting services or products to me, some engaging in nefarious activity in my opinion. I know this because I do receive spam for domain names that I have registered that are NOT via a proxy registrant service. Why should I be subjected to such wastes of time and resources to address when I am doing nothing wrong? I also use it to protect my privacy and not reveal my domain holdings to the public at large, who have no right in my mind to know of such holdings unless there is verifiable evidence of shady activity going on, or if the police, government, or court of competent jurisdiction believe I'm doing something wrong. If such policy is passed it could very well reduce the ability for buyers and sellers in the secondary market for TLDs under agreement to efficiently engage in commerce. This could lead to increases in registration activity in unrestricted ccTLDs that allow proxy services, and harm new gTLD operators by arbitrarily restricting legitimate registrants from executing their legitimate business plans. If this is passed it will have a chilling effect on a significant portion of business in the domain industry. I am solidly against this and implore ICANN to withdraw this proposal.
Oskari	L	
Antony	J	I work in entertainment, and run the business (including websites) from my house. I don't want my home address available to just anyone.
Steve	H	
Marie	B	
Ryan	A	
Ted	S	I work on several websites for clients that would prefer to have their information kept private.
Wessel	B	Privacy is a right I should not need to give up to own a domain name.
Aubrey	S	
Naomi	W	

Christian	P	
Neville	P	I am a web community manager and, on the side, a pseudonymous political blogger. Because my blog has a .ca domain, under CIRA my personal details are kept private. There are a few angry/unhinged/stalker-y people on the scene, and I don't want them to know my home address. I'm a private person -- if I wanted to be a public figure, I would go into politics myself. If my WHOIS information had to be public, I would not have my own site. Period.
Travis	L	Unsolicited calls, mail or email are not wanted. Anonymity is sometimes desirable. Not everyone should be identifiable by web activities ... the lack of privacy is becoming daunting, a burden an unwelcomed vacuum of data, analytics and advertising. I don't want more of my personal information being sucked up used and abused. This includes my many domains over the years. Enough is enough, I either have the ability to maintain this privacy - or I'm moving to peer networks and alternative service discovery.
Richard	K	I don't want to be subjected to the nut who takes offense at something published on one of my sites. But the question isn't why I need (or just want) privacy. The question is why someone else's want should diminish my long held rights when there is a perfectly good mechanism already in place to get the information when required by law.
Meg	Z	I am a woman who wants to design video games for a living. Recently, the news has been abuzz with stories of women in games whose private information has been disseminated online without their consent, and who thereafter experienced detailed threats of violence, rape and death, often forcing them to flee their homes or require police escort. To me, as long as society remains antagonistic towards women (which will take decades to change), the first thing we can do to stop more stories like this from happening is to protect women's privacy on the internet. Of course, I also believe this privacy should be extended to everyone. It is with the above in mind that I urge you to maintain the use of privacy services for all legal purposes.
Douglas	P	
Jerry	L	I need/use it to control who has access to my identifying information.
Andy	T	I am a users of twitch.tv which is a game streaming website. There have been lots of problems on this site with losers finding information about streamers and either "swatting" them (calling police claiming they have murdered people at a streamers address), sending things to their homes like numerous pizza deliveries, and more. One way these people can find out information is by finding the streamers info via a domain they own. It's important that this information be hidden from normal people so they cannot use it against people in sometimes very dangerous ways.
Michael	M	I want to keep my personal info protected as much as possible.
Michael	H	
Chelsea	F	Because I shouldn't have to expose my private home address to the world just to have a domain name.
Jamison	F	I own domain names. I want to keep some privacy.

Aaron	R	Because I don't want some random internet stranger, angered by my opinions, to be able to get my home address and send SWAT units in an attempt to get me arrested/humiliated/killed. Internet harassment is excessive and everywhere, and privacy protection helps keep users and businesses safe.
Jaffy	J	
Steven	H	I'm a citizen who owns dozen of domains, some of which are critical of commercial organizations through social pressure. Being required to expose my personal information would require me to stop running these sites out of risk to myself, and my family. Protect individual privacy and require proper legal documentation before handing over protected domain information.
Ross	B	Any kind of social activism is dangerous work on the internet.
Chris	J	
Lucy	C	
Jonathan	G	If I go into a site that is not safe, and I am not using a proxy, then they can get my IP and steal my identity, making it one of the most important things for me to have on the internet.
Julian	T	I don't personally need this protection and don't feel threatened by losing this privacy (aside from the fact that I think privacy should be inherent in any system that is implemented into the core of our systems), but I can completely understand that others would feel strongly. I support their opinions, and feel that nobody should be forced to reveal their identity simply because they want to have a domain registered in their name, among various other situations that could arise from losing the privacy of making WHOIS a public entity.
Adam	J	Anonymous speech is essential to free speech, for the same reason free and fair elections require secret ballots. Requiring public disclosure of identifying information in whois records strips individuals of the right to privacy, while corporations retain the corporate veil. The level playing field is a fundamental strength of the internet and must not be abandoned.
Derrick	H	
Rodney	W	I run a business out of my home and do not want people showing up at my front door at all hours.
Vivian	W	I don't feel comfortable having my personal information available to anyone. I wouldn't give my phone number or physical address just because they want to look at my website, so it shouldn't be required to purchase a domain.
K.	K	I am being stalked by family.
Paul	F	I have hundreds of thousands of viewers who watch my content on YouTube and Twitch every day. I cannot afford to allow my name and address details to be clearly available.
Bill	C	
Joe	E	
Johnny	B	everyone should be free of this type of privacy intrusion.

Spenser	C	While the goal of these changes may be to limit the activities of criminals, the mechanism by which it is intended to be achieved would only put more people at risk of swatting, stalking and other dangerous forms of harassment. As certain bigoted elements on the internet grow more radicalized as they confront the rejection of their values by the majority of people, WHOIS privacy may be one of the last mechanisms able to keep innocent people safe from the depredations of those online who would see them hurt.
Leah	M	To protect myself from stalkers and people who wish me harm.
Jordan	E	I use whois privacy to avoid the common spam mail and phone calls you get just by registering a domain without whois privacy (I accidentally did that once) and in general prefer that every person who comes across my website or a product I make have my home address. Armed with this information, a person who doesn't like me could invoke a huge number of dangerous situations. Anything from plain stalking and voyeurism to doing the practice of "SWATING" (call in a fake hostage situation) which CAN be life threatening. It's already easy enough to reveal a person and their family's personal information these days with the various leaky seals in privacy that companies have. We don't need to freely give these people this information in an even easier to use way and set the precedent that everyone's personal address and phone number should be public knowledge anyway.
Paul	R	
Evalyn	M	
Dan	S	I simply prefer to keep unsolicited communications out of my inbox.
Jonathan	K	
Laura	D	
Donavan	K	I am against moving to exposing WHOIS data for commercial or anyone for that matter. I've owned a domain since the 1990's before Privacy & Proxy Services came into being. The amount of spam I received because my whois data was public was overwhelming. I would get over 300 emails a day, all junk mail. I missed many email sent out by ICANN because they were buried in the flood of spam. as I only used that email account for registrar services, all that spam came from groups harvesting my public whois data. Once I discovered Privacy & Proxy Services I was able to receive useful notifications again. They were able to give me a randomizing whois email address that kept spammers email lists foiled and allowed me to have contact with my domain provider and not miss important announcements and notifications specific to the purpose of the contact information I was providing. If you want to make it harder for users to received notices from you, opening the whois to the public will do that. I speak from experience. In addition, the address on my whois database is my home address! I don't want that to become available! That makes me feel extremely unsafe! Not every commercial entity is a big organization. A lot of businesses are run out of ones home, so I would not be the only one not feeling secure anymore!
Brent	C	Because I should be able to manage my Internet domain names and have my personal information remain private.

Ian	G	It's hard enough to avoid Internet harassment as it is! This will enable harassers while not changing anything anyway. Copyright take downs already work! I don't see why putting private citizens at risk of death threats is worth changing a system that isn't broke!
Mandy	B	WHOIS privacy allows me to protect my family from stalking and doxing. Absent WHOIS privacy, simply having a website-something that's critical for my career-exposes me to dangerous threats. WHOIS privacy should be free and default for all.
Jonathan	V	... That's private.
Robert	P	
Mariel	R	
Andrew	H	
Maxwell	K	The internet is a tremendously hostile place for minoritized people; forcing them to make their contact information public poses a threat to their safety, and has a chilling effect on speech. Whois privacy is vital.
Matthew	W	
Thomas	C	
Mark	A	
Asif	A	
Kelsey	M	
Brian	F	The ONLY acceptable personal information that should even be debated is the name of the domain owner. There MAY be reasons the owner's NAME - and ONLY their name - should be publicly available. Other contact info - including addresses & phone numbers ought to remain private. While this may not affect a majority of people who register domains, those who are affected could experience harassment, assault, or even murder. If certain types of websites "should" have their owners revealed, then you need to establish a system of classifying domains, and make reasonable accommodations for people to be able to opt out of having private information publicized.
Stephen	M	
Pam	G	I am a woman who occasionally expresses opinions on the internet. This can be a dangerous proposition--just look at all of the women who have had to move and change jobs because of gamergate doxxers. If I were unable to use privacy services, I would probably abandon my domains rather than have my location publicly released and either keep all my thoughts to myself or put them on places like Facebook or Medium, subject to corporate policies and whims that I can't control; this is not just a privacy and safety issue, it's a freedom of speech issue.
Alan	P	I am lucky in that i don't need it. Many people do
Mia	L	I use it to protect my identity from the overall community because it is my right to do so. I also use it as a means of protecting my right to share my opinions publicly without fear of repercussion from developers and publishers who would seek my personal information in bad faith should they disagree with my or my writers/podcast hosts opinions of their work.

Tim	P	As a straight cis white male, I mostly don't (until someone uses my contact info to impersonate me, or harass my family). But countless other people do.
Michael	M	No need for anyone to know who the domain is registered by other than email address.
Ginger	M	Small businesses use home address for transactions, and there is grand potential for abuse if this private information is made public via yet another source. If you must publicize "something" you need to make the public display generic and give people the (free or really cheap) option to hide their home address and other information that can be used for fraud purposes and/or solicitation.
Michael	H	To protect my identity.
Brian	C	For protection against a stalker who found me previously through domain registration. My job requires me to own multiple domains, and without the ability to shield my information from public searches, I am at risk.
Jeff	W	I use privacy to prevent harassment online, to keep my accounts secure, and to prevent identity theft. In the past, I've worked with clients who owned domains that people wanted to steal. People would try to hack into their accounts in order to take control of the domain, or would harass my clients directly based on their ownership.
Sarah	W	Whois privacy is crucial for maintaining the safety and reasonable privacy of web-users everywhere. I do not support changes that would force private information to be revealed without evidence of wrongdoing. The gaps in privacy these changes would open put those who are already most at risk of harassment or other consequences at further risk.
Mark	D	Protection from identity theft and the right to anonymity. I will not broadcast my personal details across the Internet,
Jacob	V	To cut back on spam
Nick	M	
Lynn	P	I have several registered domains. I don't want just anyone to be able to get that information. It's a frightening thought that anyone who can see my fitness website can find out where I live.
Joe	F	
Robin	W	I don't use it myself, but it is essential that the option remain available. How else are individuals who feel vulnerable going to keep themselves safe while continuing to do business online? Plenty of small online businesses are run by people who fear violent ex-partners, or who are LGBT, or hold controversial opinions? Or for that matter, women who simply exist online in a society where law enforcement still has no idea, and often little legal precedent, how to deal with online harassment and threats? Please do not put real people's privacy and safety at jeopardy simply to appease big businesses that have other options for acquiring private information when they have a legitimate right to it.
Reed	O	I don't want anyone on the internet to have access to my home address and phone number just because I have my own domains.

Tom	A	I am involved in a business in which i connect with a wide range and vast amount of people. With the amount of people that have access to me and what I do, there are bound to be either someone who wants to play jokes on or stalk me. With how easy it is to find someone's information with the smallest snippet of information, and with out of hand these internet "jokes" (swatting) have become, people that are in this business need to have some type of way to mask their personal information.
James	C	
Alex	M	I don't want my home address be visible to anyone in the world
Adam	S	
Cody	J	Sharing my identity and location should be my decision
Kevin	B	I have web domains and I would like to assure my own privacy.
Ian	T	
Hua Wei	L	
Rufo	S	
Wesley	K	
Randall	M	
Siobhan	S	As someone who openly discusses being a trans woman online, I face much higher than average risk of being subjected to violent threats, and potentially actual violence. I cannot overstate the importance of anonymity and privacy to my safety.
Darren	D	I use a Whois privacy service from my hoat provider to keep my personal contact information protected.
j	G	I have two stalkers, one that tracked me down across 3000 miles. I also have family members who tried to out me and get me to be an accessory to their potential criminal behavior. Additionally, I have an ex-in-law who used my private information for years of identity theft scams. I very much want to be able to keep my info private whenever possible so I can try to stay away from all of these elements.
Justin	M	
Sameer	V	
Deborah	H	
Carol	G	To avoid getting spammed by domain squatters, and to protect myself from doxxing and other internet harassment.
Matthew	M	
Nicolai	N	
J	B	I don't want spam. Why do we need to go all the way to threats on life and limb before privacy is taken seriously?
Livio	D	The internet is a dangerous place for minorities. I really don't need to have my private data and address posted for all to see.
Peter	B	

Jonathan	P	Without Whois Privacy marginalized voices would face further real world harassment. Be it a voice for social change, a whistle blower, or someone critical of a public figure.
Nick	C	I don't need my personal information out in public for anyone to view.
Ricardo	A	
Kenneth	H	As a web designer/developer, I not only use privacy for some of my own sites, but for tens of clients who wish to operate their websites without disclosing their personal information. The current system works fine.
Belkiss	M	
Jay	J	Privacy is important for Personal security, and preventing unsolicited marketers from using whois. Also prevents theft of clients from hosting company's and identity theft through pretending to become a domain registrar and tricking clients into thinking they owe that company instead of the real registrar. (Example Domains of America)
Kelly	F	
Kevin	H	
Jeremy	G	
Jay	B	To protect myself against trolls and those that pick on the vulnerable.
Dakota	W	
Jonathan	R	Have you guys seen the threats people dish out online? I don't need people to be able to track down my info on a whim.
Chris	W	I own commercial websites that discuss political and social issues, which many people have divided opinions on (e.g. gun rights, privacy rights, etc.) . If my identity were exposed and listed under these domain names, my safety would be in jeopardy, due to the wide range of opinions surrounding the topics discussed on my websites. Specifically, people with more extreme views on these topics would undoubtedly use my personal information in ways that would jeopardize my safety, my privacy, and the safety and privacy of my family. Additionally, I own websites that are strictly e-commerce based, which sell tangible goods. My company provides customer support contact details for my customers. I would not be able to stay in business if hundreds of customers could access my direct, personal contact information. Privacy in my businesses is very important. Without this privacy, my businesses would have to be shut down immediately and it would inflict devastating harm on my personal finances.
Tristan	P	I use it to keep my domains secure so that people viewing the WHOIS information cannot contact me. It reduces SPAM to my domain and keeps people from having my private address.
Cédric	L	
Daniel	F	I own a domain and I worry that my personal information will be made public without a private option.
Stephanie	H	As a woman in technology I am vulnerable to being harassed and stalked and want to protect my personal information. I also have a friend who owns a domain that is in demand, I'm sure he would like to avoid having people contact him directly attempting to buy it. Privacy will also decrease the likelihood of a social engineering attack against either of us.

William	C	
Christopher	L	I use domain privacy for my erotica writing website. I write under a pen name in order to protect the image of my real name.
Jacob	H	
Tashana	L	
Liz	P	In the current online climate, preserving a person's anonymity is paramount. As a woman online, it's taken me years -- years! -- to overcome my reluctance to post online under my own name, particularly when expressing opinions that others might disagree with. But even so, the idea of having my personal information at the fingertips of anyone I might upset terrifies me. I don't want to give up my websites, I love them, but removing the option for private Whois data essentially guarantees I'm going to have to pull back my online presence. The alternative -- risking doxxing and worse at the hands of internet trolls -- is just too much to contend with. I mean, I'm even anxious about signing this petition, because acknowledging how women (in particular) are treated online is often seen as an invitation for harassment. Please, I beg you, reconsider this decision.
WeiChun	W	Because I'm a woman on the internet
Sam	M	Protect my contact information from stalkers and harassment.
Mike	W	So that my home address is only released on my terms. I don't want just anyone getting my home address.
Erin	A	The US Constitutional right to privacy as stated by the 4th Amendment must be maintained equally online as well as off. This is nothing more than a money grab by entertainment mega corps in an attempt to stave off costly legal requests to access information.
Charles	M	I don't, because I'm a straight white male techie who has never really considered the possibility of being targeted for harassment or worse. But there are many others who are not nearly as fortunate, people who deserve the power to express themselves freely on the Internet under their own domain without fear of actual physical harm, and who would be denied this opportunity by this shortsighted policy.
Caysie	B	
Link	S	To protect my information!
Mike	M	Web hosting
Joseph	M	
Nicholas	O	

William	B	I know others who require WHOIS privacy because they are often sought-after not by law enforcement, but by criminals. By forcing their WHOIS information to be public, it will basically give stalkers, harrassers and terroristically-intentional people a "skeleton key" to their actual address, permitting them to endanger or destroy their lives or existence. It will have a catastrophic negative impact on those who are trying to prevent harrassers, stalkers or others with very ill intent from stepping into their front door - literally. Real WHOIS data, if law enforcement requires it, should subpoena for it, while keeping it obfuscated from criminals -- instead of having ready access to it, alongside treacherous criminals having ready access to it.
Andrew	L	
Florian	P	
Luke	S	To keep my personal address away from prying eyes. Some times the opinions of those sites are not popular, and the parties in question need to be protected.
Thomas	C	Those doing advocacy work on behalf of civil rights is important. Giving haters ammution to attack people rather than ideas flies in the face of the system we have.
Steve	S	To fight identity theft, and for personal security.
Jessica	W	Preventing citizens of the internet from protecting their private information will undoubtedly cause harassment, threats, and violence to skyrocket. Marginalized groups already face an incredible amount of push back when interfacing with the open web, which can and has been used as a tool to help aid voices that would otherwise be silenced. Forcing them to publish their private, personal information returns the power of the net to the few hands of the oppressive and violent. You are throwing away the last scraps of freedom on the global internet to appease the already wealthy and provably hostile forces trying to control the entire system.
Fabian	W	I don't want dangerous strangers tracking me down for doing something they disagree with. I also have no idea why anyone would like to abolish this rather important right.
Marie	B	Run my own personal email domain for me and my family, my job means I'm exposed to unsavoury elements online and need to protect my identity and location as much as possible, if my email address leaks them being able to locate me and my family is dangerous.
Austin	H	Eliminating WHOIS protection would be a criminal act on those living in oppressive regimes.
david	W	Safety
Matthieu	H	The contact address & phone # I provided to the registrar of my domains are my own private data. I don't want them to be available too broadly to prevent fraud or harrasement.
Jonathan	A	

		I've seen friends and family members who own domains that could fall under the far-reaching definition of "commercial" become victims of online harassment that would be all too easily enabled by forcing them to provide their physical address. Similarly, as someone who runs a blog on sometimes controversial topics that may in the future become ad-supported, I don't feel I should have to weigh the consequences of my own personal safety to allow me to support myself. Unless I'm doing something illegal, there is no reason to have my address become a manner of public record just because I want to own a domain name.
Adam	T	
John	A	
Eric	V	I work from home, why should everyone in the world be able to see my exact address, put my personal safety at risk and that of my family just because I own a domain name? That's insane.
Drew	W	I prefer not to be harassed by people trying to buy my domains or sell me new ones
Robert	B	It just seems right to keep it.
Jesse	M	
Greg	K	Because I don't want everybody to know where I live.
David	U	I am a private person who has several domains for personal use. Requirements to make my private information public just to have a voice on the internet are odious.
Josh	K	I don't, but many people who are victims of online harassment do.
Leonard	F	
Jenelle	M	
James	M	#1) Privacy is a basic right for individuals. #2) Safety from stalkers and identity thieves. #3) The entertainment industry has already bought and paid for enough congresscritters. They SHOULD NOT have any input into Internet Standards, which are for the good of the net, not the private profit of Hollywood.
Rob	H	I don't use it. But for the safety of other I will support this project. Privacy is an important thing to have, espacialy in these times of 1984 inside the 21th century. Best wishes from a 16year old nerd.
Amber	Y	
Rodrigo	I	Not just a matter of privacy but on the basis of the right of security.

S.L.	A	<p>One small decision. A LOT of heartache. I am a graphics designer. I design websites for clients and I register their domains in the process. A few years ago I became the victim of an internet troll who set about trying to embarrass and humiliate me because he could. Luckily I had always been circumspect about my online presence and even so, this troll, after spending months combing the internet for my personal information, found my name and address through 15 year old domain registration with Ican through Network Solutions that was posted on some 3rd party website. Of course, 15 years ago there was no privacy guards to speak of and so this troll found my name, address and a domain. This was enough information for this troll to map all the domains hosted on my web hosting package, most of which were privately registered thru my webhost. That one 15-year-old domain was enough information for a total stranger to start pulling apart my privacy. And my clients' privacy. Armed with names, addresses, and phone numbers, my troll was able to force me to change my company name, my bank, my skype phone number. Women are being bullied and threatened off the internet every single day, our voices silenced by sociopathic trolls who feel they have license to comb thru the internet in search of personal identifying information. This move by ICANN, encouraged by the MPAA of all things, is just adding another weapon to the arsenal of trolls who bully online. The proposed rules governing companies that provide WHOIS privacy services (as set forth in the Privacy & Policy Services Accreditation Issues Policy document) are a threat to my continued existence online: It would destroy what is left of my business. This Ican rule change will be accomplishing nothing more than to aid harassers and troll in attacking women and minorities who are finding their voice online. I urge you to respect internet users' rights to privacy and due process. I urge the committee to support the rights of domain purchasers: ---The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" ----That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing Private information should be kept private. Thank you.</p>
Kev	H	Because other than my actual business, it doesn't need to be out in public. The domains don't need that sort of tracking, and if you need the information for court proceedings, it's not hard to get through those channels.
Otto	M	to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft.
Phoenix	D	
Anthony	C	Because there is way too many crazies on the internet.
Bryant	D	Personal preference -- I don't think I should be forced to make my address public in order to control one of the means by which I communicate to the world. Newspapers don't print a home address with each letter to the editor, after all.
Christian	M	I don't personally but I understand the need for individuals to protect their identities from harmful and abusive individuals on the internet.
Jared	B	Exposing your address to the internet is becoming more and more dangerous. People get swatted and harassed every day without having their address exposed via simple WHOIS. Letting this information be so easily obtainable would be a win to online harassers everywhere.

Jon	G	People need to ability to register domains and create web pages privately, without fear of having their personal information easily discovered and released to other parties (including potential harasses or unfriendly regimes).
Ryan	L	Because free speech cannot be exercised without the threat of physical retaliation if the speaker's physical address is exposed to the public.
Lindsey	B	I don't want my location publicly visible in an age of doxxing and swatting.
Andrew	W	As prevention from doxxing attacks, SWATing, and identity theft.
Ed	M	I'm privileged enough that worrying about stalking and harassment isn't something I have to do very often. But many people, particularly people of color, women, abuse victims, and others in marginalized groups all have a distinct need for privacy, but should still have the same right to make a statement online via by their own means. Denying them the ability to register a domain name without publicly disclosing their contact information forces them to move their voices to walled gardens, and denies them the ability to host their own speech. ICANN sees no direct benefit to stripping privacy away from registrants; in fact, ICANN is now placing itself in the position of being caretaker of that private information, potentially opening itself to lawsuits for mishandling of that data. Privacy does not hinder law enforcement or rights-holders here; they will still have, as they have always had, the ability to petition a court for the unmasking of the person behind the registration. Forcing that information to be open at all times takes away protections the court might otherwise see fit to bestow. It is not ICANN's place to presume to be judge here.
Mary	W	Dear ICANN - Im writing you in response to new rules governing domain registrars and the businesses that use their services. The Privacy and Policy Services Accreditation Issues Policy document sets some dangerous precedents and these situations are overlooked with the way this document is written. I urge you to respect internet users' rights to privacy and due process. - Everyone deserves the right to privacy. No one's personal information should be revealed without a court order, regardless of whether the request comes from a private individual or law enforcement agency. - Marginalized groups operating a fully compliant business can fall victim to malicious actions. Many times, these people rely on services like WhoisGuard to maintain their safety. - This document has very loose definitions for commercial use and thus casts too wide of a net for this law to be effective or useful. Please consider the wide range of businesses and netizens who rely on e-commerce. I ask that you reconsider the The Privacy and Policy Services Accreditation Issues Policy this July. Mary F Watson
Shaun	T	I have received everything from death threats to stalking attempts for writing open source software. The fact that I can use a domain proxy means that I can continue publishing on the internet without fear that somebody can grab my home address and harass/attack me.
Martin	P	I don't benefit from this personally. I'm signing this out of principle after seeing the dangers of personal addresses falling into the hands of Channers, especially those under the Gamergate banner, as well as having school bullies torment me from outside my house. This is a terrible idea, and Gamergate should have proven that.
Gareth	B	

Haley	S	
David	R	Handing personal information to possible stalkers is a terrifying idea.
Paul	D	
Dan	O	The option to have whois privacy when required when not wanting to share personal data with *everyone* is very important. I have no problem with police forces being able to request data but sharing with everyone is a step too far.
Eric	S	I am a software engineer and web developer. I maintain personal websites, as well as those of my customers. This also may mean that my name is listed on the domain in order for me to make changes as necessary on their behalf. I feel as though having my personal information directly associated with any domain/website that I may manage is not necessary. I also believe that I should have the right to mask that information if I so choose. Giving the right to anyone to request that information would be a direct violation of my privacy, and I am absolutely opposed to this. If there is any need for someone to acquire my personal information, it should only be compelled by warrant, as it always has been, and always should be.
Noah	M	
Daniel	M	I have friends who have been harassed in real life by online stalkers. Requiring a domain owner's address to be publicly available would only make this sort of stalking easier and more prevalent.
Max	H	A lack of domain privacy is unsafe, in a time where more people are web-savvy. It is an easy way to abuse others, to further white collar crime, hate group harassment, or personal grudges.
Fergal	M	
Eanna	G	
Max	C	As a new streamer, I want to make sure that any domains I have registered are private so that I'm protected from the practice of SWATing.
Steve	K	I rely on privacy to protect myself from harassment, plain and simple. Registrars can turn over a registrant's information when requested to do so by a court and a legally issued warrant. There is no need to put legitimate users at risk with this heavy-handed maneuver.
Echo	N	My domain doesn't use it, but when I consider speaking up about hot topics I think I should probably get it. Online harassment is a huge issue with a strong chilling effect on free speech, please don't make it any easier to harass or threaten me.
Jennifer	H	I have been a victim of credible online death threats. I cannot have a publicly accessible website which discloses my physical location without putting my life in danger.
Peter	M	I need privacy because I stand up against a hate group that stalks and harasses its victims.
Cameron	M	
alex	T	To avoid spam and scam emails, to avoid being contacted in an abusive manner, to avoid being threatened digitally and physically.

Brian	D	Privacy, absent of any wrongdoing, should be available to everyone.
Kevin	D	Maintain my privacy, avoid harassment by people selling services.
Colby	T	I work as a web developer and primarily register domains for clients and my own business. While I work right now as a freelancer, my business is growing and will become a fully-fledged studio soon. Right now, my domains are privately registered to protect my identity from any malicious attacks. This is especially useful because I promote sites that I create and am associated with to thousands of people, daily. Exposing my personal details, let alone where I live, to this continually growing number of people is absolutely unacceptable.
Cira	C	I use Whois Privacy to conceal the address linked to my web domains. As a broadcaster on Twitch, I am at high risk for swatting attacks. A swatting is when someone calls in a fake crime using my address, and they make the crime serious enough that the SWAT team is sent to my home to handle the situation. Using Whois Privacy not only makes me feel more secure, it saves my city the money a swatting would cost.
Lesli	S	I would like to have the option to be able to create a website and know that I will not be doxxed because I'm female and dare to voice opinions about things like the internet, technology, usability, or gaming.
Tonko	M	
Emmanuel	C	Whois allows personal safety for people that have purchased a personal domain and use it to express thoughts and opinion that may have opposition. If Whois privacy is removed, that safety is removed and one's personal home information can be revealed to dangerous minds of extreme opposition.
Krzysztof	K	Freedom of speech, spam
Jose	R	Simple searches
Marcus	B	So my personal info is not leaked all over the internet, for the safety of me and my family.
Kirk	G	I post stuff on my domain that express my opinions. People are welcome to disagree with me in the comments. They are not welcome to come to my house and disagree with me.
Bob	B	For personal privacy.
Ace	T	
Justin	J	Freedom from retaliation from those who oppose free speech.
Jonathan	S	Activism
Kristian	S	
Braydon	P	To help better protect my personal information from would be hackers and haters of the internet and deter other forms of crime such as identity theft, unwarrented ddos attacks, etc, and as an active member of the twitch community to better help my fellow casters do the same.
William	F	I would prefer that random people would not be able to harass anyone myself included if they wanted this information
Ben	G	

Stephen	B	WHOIS privacy helps maintain protections for people on the web who might otherwise be subject to abuse. There are so many reasons for maintaining the current privacy rules. Please do not change them.
Michael	W	
Ralph	D	
Cody	K	I need and use Whois privacy to keep the evil forces of the internet from gaining my personal information.
Andrew	M	No matter how innocuous the topic, there always seems to be someone who takes offense. We don't need unhinged individual going to people's homes and offices. Privacy is a matter of public safety. There are legal means for finding private information for those who have a bona fide need. All organizations and individuals have a right to be secure and private.
Graham	P	Privacy is a basic human right.. No company should have the right to share my pers info without my permission.
Andrew	J	
luke	O	personal privacy
J	R	
Jeremy	L	Because I don't want belligerent trolls sending police SWAT teams to my house when they disagree with something I've said online.
David	J	I need Whois Privacy to protect the people that run sites and services I use from abuse and spam. When their privacy and safety is compromised, it affects me directly as it degrades or discourages new and useful services.
Kjerstin	S	
Hana	C	Because I own a website! Everyone who owns a website has a vested interest in domain privacy!
CJ	B	
Simon	T	It needs to stay as an option. There is tons, and I mean TONS, of spam directly related to whois information and some people do not want to deal with that spam.
CJ	B	To protect my personal information from scammers, marketers and extortionists.
Mark	S	To serve the greater good of freedom of speech and expression. I live in a country (Fiji), recently "democratic", but where there have been in the past and continue to be at a more subtle level, repercussions for speaking truth to power.
luis	C	To protect my family and home address from potential threats!
Caroline	C	Due to the onslaught of Internet harassment and the systematic prioritization of victim-blaming ("she knew what she was getting into! She should know how to deal with rape threats from anons!"), over the condemnation of the harassers.
William	R	to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft
Sarah	M	

Ben	S	I am a freelance developer, and I don't have an office address or PO box. Domain registrations require me to list my home address and personal cell phone number, which puts me and my family at risk for phishing attempts, identity theft, and harassment. I shouldn't have to get a PO box just to keep my home address private and myself and my family safe.
Daniel	S	To provide support to the people who need it most, and to help prevent a toxic internet culture, which we all share.
Paul	N	I do value my personal information, its protection and ability to have it not be leaked out and used for wrong or against me. Nowadays registrars can, and sometimes do, publish too much personally identifiable information within the WHOIS records, and that information is very accessible to everyone who as much as has access to the command line, or, in many cases, even less. WHOIS privacy may have prevented various incidents from occurring, and I hope that still can prevent many.
Mathew	R	Working for a well known social media company, death threats against the employees are a legitimate concern and issue. I use proxy services to make sure those who wish to do me harm can't easily get my personal information.
Jennifer	M	Removing the ability for individuals to mask their personal physical addresses would be a tremendous blow to privacy on the internet and would have far-reaching consequences. - OAPI
Matt	C	
Nikki	B	personal safety
Zach	R	
Aaron	B	
Joe	M	To protect myself from internet hackers/pranksters.
Matthew	P	I believe in the right to remain anonymous.
Robert	C	
Sean	M	
Brian	C	
Jim	B	Whois privacy protects individuals running web sites from harassment. Not everyone can afford to create a shell corporation to protect their privacy. The DMCA already provides copyright holders ways to protect their rights when an infringing domain is using whois privacy. Removing whois privacy is just a convenience for lawyers.
Chris	R	I've had credit cards stolen and incidents with my identity occur, we need privacy from predators.
Sam	D	For privacy and safety.
Conor	P	As privacy is a needed part of internet usage, and shouldn't be dismantled for special interest groups.
Greg	S	
Ariel	A	
Thomas	K	
David	L	I don't use it, but it is critical for many others.
Andrew	C	

Jeremy	C	Protect my personal privacy so that I'm free to express my opinions in a safe environment. An environment where due process protects me from being unlawfully targeted by overzealous corporations and/or law enforcement.
David	H	When I write on unpopular topics -- and when I don't want vendors harvesting my name, address, and phone numbers for their own purposes.
Holly	B	
Nick	H	
James	H	
Michael	H	While -I- neither need nor use it for my own personal use I know many people who run sites who would negatively impacted by this change. At Best it would force them to have alternate addresses to register their sites. At worst it would open them up to harassment and attack by parties who would be able to freely acquire this information. The proposed reasoning for this is spurious at best and malicious at worst. The organization requesting this change already have plenty of legal and above-board means of acquiring this information in order to protect their intellectual property.
Connor	L	
Ben	W	I don't currently do so, but I would insist upon it if I ever advocated any political position.
David	D	As someone who identifies as queer and disabled, I want to minimize threats and harassment and protect my friends, family and peers from abuse. The online world is hostile enough without having to constantly fear physical attacks.
Jonathan	S	
Klaus	R	
Robin	B	Domain privacy is vital to protect countless individuals with a net presence from doxing and online abuse. Doxing and online abuse can destroy lives and in some forms can have fatal consequences.
Richard	R	
Paul	S	
Scott	V	
DJ	D	
Aaron	M	
Ann	V	I own a domain and maintain an email forwarding service. I don't want to share my home address and other personal information with random individuals for my family's safety and privacy. This is especially troubling given the climate of harassment out there for people who speak out against sexism, racism, and other forms of oppression on social media especially as there will be no due process involved.
Brendan	L	
john	W	my government is turning individuals with non-government policy ideas into criminals, and is destroying the reputation we once had.

Jon	M	
Jeffrey	F	Please respect my privacy. Exposing all my contact info could lead to spamming of my email, my phone or USMail. My contact is easily obtained if you have a legitimate need for such, but doing so (as it is today), you would need a subpoena, which means you have a very good and verifiable reason.....
Eyal	G	
Jeff	B	Running a website is not supposed to be a privacy or safety risk. It's not our job to help the recording industry police the internet. They've shown contempt for law-abiding citizens time and time again, and this is yet another example of an inherently flawed plan from fossils in a boardroom with no idea of how anything works. If you're looking for criminals, maybe start within your own organizations first.
Cara	S	I have my own website and want to keep my personal info private.
Mehmet	U	I'm single and live alone. I don't want my personal address available to every troll/angered citizen that wants it after visiting my small website. Seemingly innocent topics can spark outrage in certain individuals.
John	D	All the contact information a person needs is published on my web site: You don't need to abandon privacy for the sake of a few lawyers.
Erin	H	
Menachem	S	There is no reason that my information needs to be planted on the web.
Danijel	F	I need whois privacy because I don't want to reveal my name on the internet. Its like you would walk around with name tag on your forehead.
Peter	M	To maintain my ability to speak candidly online without fear of harassment in real life.
Andy	D	
Viktor	D	Are you kidding me? I don't want all my info out 'n' shit!
John	B	I need copyright trolls to use currently accepted methods to pursue their claims, and also threatening individuals to be blocked through basic privacy.
Jason	H	So people don't track down my personal information. It's for personal security!
William	O	
Jay	E	To be private
Matthew	S	
Paul	R	So that is harder for a hacker to gain information that they can use to pull off social engineering attacks. Along with helping to limit the opportunities for people to DOX owners of these domains and do other attacks that are becoming more prevalent. Domains by proxy allows for people to still contact the domain owner without actually being able to find out sensitive information.
Winona	D	

Robert	S	As someone who lives in a shared residence: I don't feel I should have to disclose their information publicly just because I choose to operate a website. Putting my personal address in a public registry means my PTR record now becomes a threat vector for myself and those close to me. That is not okay.
Nevena	N	
Matthew	H	I am an internet broadcaster and do not want my personal information to be accessible to "trolls" or stalkers. Privacy is important to my online presence and an integral part of what I do.
Dorothea	S	I write pseudonymously about issues that irritate powerful moneyed interests who have gotten other people in my profession fired. I need my domain contact information kept out of the public eye.
Mark	L	Small protections for keeping my personal info from easy availability is worth the cost.
Pekka	T	To speak freely and keep safe.
Justin	D	
Mark	H	I'm an individual with a couple of personal domains and I really don't want to have my home address published for anyone to see.
Benjamin	K	My website domain is for professional purposes, and I prefer to keep some control over my personal contact information. I will probably delete my site and not renew my domain without privacy services.
Rena	T	ALL of my domains are private; there are too many crazy people out there who get upset over the slightest things. I do NOT need someone knowing where I live if they get upset because they purchased something and didn't get a refund fast enough, got upset over a comment on a message board, or some other thing they believe they've been wronged by. Allow domain holders to keep their privacy!
David	G	Protection from harassment.
Ellen	S	Whols privacy is a critical guard against harassment campaigns, organized or individual. Nobody who's ever been stalked or harassed by an ex would ever be able to register a site again. Anyone taking part in political speech could far more easily be harassed by opponents and/or the government. There already exist plenty of laws to allow copyright holders to go after pirates. Do not sacrifice the safety of the overwhelming majority of web users to allow easier prosecution of a sliver of bad actors.
John	R	I have a basic right to my privacy, Don't be like China and take that away. #USA
Carl	R	
Heather	J	People don't like to have everyone being able to get a hold of domain name information because they have a tendency to call the person in the evening.
Ann	L	
Larry	H	The is no reason to make available the personal information of domain holders. Doing so would give many domain holders issues with spammers and otherwise trolls who wish to do them harm.
Seth	B	Privacy is a force for good
Tina	G	

Sean	K	
Hannah	S	
David	B	My personal residence is listed for my registration information for both commercial and personal websites. and I do not have a physical commercial location. I prefer that spammers do not have direct access to my personal information and to keep operating costs low. Thank you for your consideration.
Katelyn	G	
Aaron	K	
Alexander	R	I value my privacy.
Yubi	Y	It's no ones business who owns a domain
Kairi	I	I wouldn't feel safe expressing myself if I had to give everyone who disagrees my address.
Rebecca	M	because I'm a woman on the internet, and it's an appalling idea to publically list my home address online.
Brian	H	I don't want people to show up at my house unannounced because I run my own business!
Raymond	H	
Rob	M	
Dianne	M	
Michael	S	I use Whois Privacy to protect my name, phone number and home address from being published on the internet.
Brad	B	Spammers are not concerned with what kind of site I am running, "commercial" or "non-commercial". They harvest everything they can get. I'd rather not hand myself over to them. Why don't you take everyone's spam for them? You seem to have spare time.
Jonathan	M	I need to Whois Privacy because I think it is a fundamental right of every human being to have certain aspects of their life be private - that includes domains they own.
Christopher	C	Because I don't want random people contacting me at a physical address about a website I threw up a decade ago on a whim. That is what email based web contact forms are for, and if there isn't one I don't want to talk to you.
Ryan	V	
Ben	W	I have previously had someone find my name and address in the phone book, and mistaken me for someone else with similar details. They knocked on my front door ready to assault me for child support payments, until they realized they had the wrong guy. I have removed my details from the phone book. I don't want a similar (or worse) situation because my address is published in the domain WHOIS of my personal website.
Chris	D	To keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft
Julia	N	

Kristin	W	I am a woman planning to start my own home based business and am very concerned that if I set up a website, which I will absolutely need, I will be exposing myself and my family to serious risk of harrasment, violence & identity theft. There are so many people on the internet who target women for even the most simple activities and there are no substantive protections against this except to protect the privacy of one's contact & residential information.
Deborah	L	I use whois privacy to protect the personal information associated with a domain name that's the same as a pseudonym I use everywhere online. I am commonly known by this pseudonym and frequently post fanfic under that name. Because I operate my own business, and prefer not to have my pseudonymous hobby associated with my real name, I use domain privacy.
Alej	C	Because it's important.
Jonah	S	My personal address of my home-based business should not be available to the public. Making this information available would have a chilling effect on small businesses.
Travis	C	I don't use Whois Privacy myself, but there are large numbers of people throughout the world ranging from oppressed persons in many countries around the world, to simple normal every-day people who are outspoken on issues such as sexism. Stripping Whois Privacy opens all of that information to the entire world, making "doxxing" much easier and exposing many people to the risk of real physical harm.
Lynn	C	From stalkers, 4channers, gamergate trash, neonazis, the list goes on...
Derek	B	
Chris	T	I have several domains but don't want my personal information being public.
Chris	D	
John	D	To feel safe registering my business domains.
Karol	N	
Brian	R	

		<p>I'm the technical contact for quite a few websites for clients. Some I'm even the Administrative contact for, because clients, friends and family want me to handle everything for them. The way domain privacy works now is fine: it protects both myself and my clients from identity theft and it allows us to keep everyone's information private, while still allowing people to reach either one of us if they really need to. From people who might want to purchase the domain to law enforcement, there is an avenue already in place for the site owners to be reached. There is absolutely NOTHING wrong with the current system. Just because some big businesses want to change this for their personal convenience does not mean it's good for everyone. It certainly is not good for small businesses and individuals who do not want their private information on the internet. There are also scam artists who prey on unsuspecting business owners and domain holders. They get the names and addresses from WHOIS and send them letters telling them to renew by sending a check to them, or to send money so they can get into the search engines. This is a multi million dollar industry that preys on people who do not know any better - they ship money off to these fraudsters thinking they are the company they have their domain with. This is already a problem and will only get worse if nobody is allowed to have privacy at all. This doesn't even factor in the virtual and physical stalking and doxing activity. There's already too much of that going on, and now you want to take away one of the largest forms of protection. Currently people will find your information and publish it all over, they'll come to your work or home, they'll DDoS your servers for hours or days, they'll call in threats to the plane you're on. And this will give them even MORE information to wreak havoc with. Taking away privacy would make ALL of us less safe on the internet. That's the wrong direction to be going in. People who opt for domain privacy have a damn good reason and should be able to keep it.</p>
Constance	W	
Caitlin	G	
Yao	Y	
Ryan	K	<p>I'm an individual who registers my own domain names. I have no interest in people being able to determine my home address (also the home address of my wife and son) arbitrarily and would cease registering domain names if the proposed change were made.</p>
Jess	G	<p>Limits unwanted snail-mail and prevents malicious people from gaining access to my personal information by knowing where I live.</p>
luke	W	
James	P	<p>I don't presently use it. But that doesn't mean I never should or never will. As a straight white male, I get harassed online less than others. But there are those who do receive invasive harassment, and there's nothing shameful or wrong about needing a little extra privacy and protection. What's shameful is how far the law trails behind governing internet crimes, and how woefully unprepared many police departments are to protect folks from malicious attention online. Privacy is such a small and yet critical thing, when the law doesn't even know whether it's supposed to protect you, much less how.</p>

Liam	D	Because the last refuge of free speech is the internet, and slow destruction of it hurts everyone. There is not a single page on the internet you are forced to visit, so forcing those with offensive content to out themselves is silly and morally wrong.
Max	K	https://twitter.com/sarahjeong/status/613755317747236864
Sarah	E	It's hardly a radical statement to say that some twisted individuals within the technology industry and hobbyist community have harassed and attacked innocent people - mostly women - for merely expressing their opinions online. Privacy-protection tools are a crucial defense against doxxing, the aforementioned twisted individuals' weapon of choice for intimidating others into silence. If you believe in free speech, no matter how you define it, the importance of protecting domain privacy is obvious.
Ryan	P	
David	T	
Anthony	Q	I don't want my personal information easily available for marketers
Giovanna	G	I want to purchase a domain, do not want people showing up at my house or calling me or anything.
Michael	B	I use WHOIS Privacy to avoid unsolicited SPAM and phone/fax calls. Also to avoid receiving fake invoices for domain renewals by shady operators: WHOIS Privacy makes that much more difficult.
Lukah	B	
David	D	If only to avoid spam, but game developers sometimes make changes that anger a minority of vocal fans.
Ryan	G	
Jonathan	B	So crazy people can't find me.
Jeffrey	S	
Emiliano	G	I need Whois Privacy to protect my information
Colin	T	
Geoffrey	L	
Mark	G	
David	B	I like everyone else need this so that people who either have a grudge because of being removed from a site for their own wrong doing or people simply being jealous and causing problems.
Paul	C	My personal information's default state should not be "open for the world to see, use and abuse as it sees fit".
Andrew	T	Because if an edgy 14 year old can damage my life already using social media, imagine the damage he could create if he could find out where I live.
Iva	C	My WHOIS listing for my business website uses my home address, and I would feel unsafe knowing that anyone could look that up.
Calvin	H	To avoid doxxers and stalkers
Tim	H	I don't want my home address on the Internet.
Nate	F	To keep my email inbox usable.

Kevin	M	
Alison	M	
Daniel	N	
Anoop	R	
JT	A	
Anoop	R	
Georgina	K	To protect my privacy, address, and personal details.
Max	H	
Calvin	S	
David	L	
Ali	T	I have been threatened online by people who want my home address so they can make me feel unsafe and potentially harm me physically.
Jane	G	
William	G	
Brad	V	
Lea	S	
Alexandre	C	I own a domain name.
Prescott	I	Internet trolls harass people online and threaten their safety in real life. Requiring website owners, like myself, to publish home addresses and phone numbers forces us to provide complete information to trolls and identity thieves who would do us harm. There is no justification, whatsoever, to make proxy registration illegal.
roni	B	I'm afraid of my stalkers finding out relevant private information
Melissa	M	
Nathan	P	Ensuring Whois privacy is very important to for security and safety.
Vanessa	S	
R	N	
Josh	M	
James	N	I run several blog sites. I don't want someone knowing where I live, simply because I'm blogging. While I don't currently run ads, I'm looking into making ads available on my sites to cover the personal costs of sharing my opinion in the Information Security world. While I don't hide, and can be found if you know my real name, I also write under a pseudonym to separate my personal life and opinions from my professional life. Removing these privacy features that we PAY FOR, is simply going to expose all bloggers and others who might have opinions, to be targets for people who also have opinions. It will also cause an increase in people attempting to falsify information on registrations. This is simply an attempt to expose personal information that should remain private, until requested by a subpoena.

Joakim	L	Freedom
Monica	T	
Maud	R	I want to be able to register a domain name without revealing my home address.
John	B	For my personal safety, especially as a developer of politically sensitive software.
Tyler	C	Mostly keeps unwanted spammers away; however, without the ability to block requests to who owns a domain there's a potential that larger entities will be able to apply pressure to domain-name owner that they were not previously able to apply.
Jurre	B	Whois privacy is an essential tool of being allowed to run websites in an anonymous and/or private fashion. This is essential for human rights groups, journalists, private citizens to business owners. No information should be available to those in power without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing and a court order.
Craig	S	I run my own personal site. It's whois information has my home address, my home phone, my cell phone, my emails. I also stream on Twitch.tv, where streamers are susceptible to "Swatting" where in malicious users find information about the streamer and file false complaints with their local police department in an attempt to get a SWAT team called on them. My domain privacy protects my information from easily being found through my domain.
Ethan	W	
Henry	D	Preventing stalkers from obtaining my personal information
Abhi	M	to protect information and avoid spam e-mails
David	H	I don't want to be harassed offline by deranged Internet users like GamerGaters
Gabriel	G	
Niklas	K	
Josh	B	I operate a personal blog and an extremely small business. I can't afford to maintain a separate LLC and address for my personal stuff, and I don't feel safe having my personal address online for everyone to associate with my personal speech.
Jesse	S	
Alexis	P	
James	B	
rebecca	K	
Mike	C	I use Whois Privacy because I don't want anyone who disagrees with something to have access to my personal address.
jim	M	why would I want my home address out there? I am entitled to some privacy. Why do some people use PO boxes. it is basic common sense. There are legal ways to get someones address, via court orders. so this is not needed.

Michael	G	I don't need or use whois privacy, however I know many people with a legitimate need to do so, including civil rights activists who would have their safety threatened by forcing them to publish their physical address and contact information in a public directory. The network management and administrative functions of whois are not incompatible with strong privacy protection for domain registrants. ICANN should direct their energies to improving the privacy of sensitive information in the whois system, not stripping away that privacy..
Matthew	M	I don't want people to find my address through my website. I don't want people to show up to my doorstep for any reason.
Yorick	P	Personal contact details being readily available is a recipe for abuse. Even if you have no enemies somebody <u>will</u> abuse it and make your life miserable just because some WHOIS record contains your address details.
Dustin	K	I don't want random people having my phone number and mailing address.
Stephen	F	
Garrett	K	
Michael	J	
Andrew	W	Domain privacy has lessened the amount of junk mail I get from advertisers mining whois records. At the same time, I don't want to publicly advertise my home or business address for any violent or disturbed individual to find.
Steven	P	I run a small online business, and do not wish to have my personal information disclosed unilaterally.
Andrew	M	
John	M	
Evan	C	people doxxing me
Ryan	U	I stream my videogames through Twitch and I believe that it is necessary to protect my information. I have some viewers who get really into the streams and the last thing I need is one of them getting my home address or telephone number and contacting me non-stop. This is an invasion of privacy.
Jonathan	S	
Luke	P	To prevent Doxxing, people visiting my site from obtaining my home address. Stalkers.
Daniel	C	
Barbara	F	I want an Internet where those who need privacy have a voice - and personal safety.
Candice	J	Disallowing Whois Privacy would create a definite chilling effect on speech. This would vaguely benefit US entertainment companies at the expense of an individual's right to not be harassed, intimidated, or have their identity stolen. There is no legitimate reason for any single commercial entity to influence such a broadly sweeping change.
Hayden	S	As a younger web developer, I really don't need people knowing my name and address! This is just wrong and needs to stop.
Andrew	S	

Ross	S	Registrants are subject to enough junk mail : email and postal, as well as unwanted calls. This is without even having an established site on the domain. Privacy needs to be maintained to eliminate this practice and protect the free speech and privacy of individuals.
Keri	M	I am sick of my rights and privacy being revoked so that Hollywood can get richer. We deserve our privacy, no matter what kind of website we have. I have two graphic design businesses and I have the right to keep my personal information private. If someone wants my information, then they need a warrant.
Joel	L	Without whois privacy I would not actually acquire domains and launch sites. Not worth it on the off-chance that you piss someone off who decides to come to your house and tell you about it.
John	N	
Eric	K	As someone who has seen close friends harassed online, I think it's a step backward to not allow them to maintain an internet presence without exposing their personal details to the world.
Ashley	C	Small personal site running ads. I don't want anyone to access my info I feel private
Ruth	C	There is basically no need for anybody to ever need to contact me through WHOIS. Nobody needs to know where I live or my phone number. This will not help catch bad actors because there are plenty of other ways of obfuscating WHOIS. It will only force honest people to choose between owning a domain name and having their privacy. Anonymity is a fundamental aspect of the internet. I need WHOIS to retain privacy functions.
Juliet	H	
Juliet	V	
Matt	D	Whois privacy helps prevent identify theft and protects my right to privacy.
Austin	I	
Trevor	F	The idea of my name and contact information being publicly available to anyone, including identity thieves, spammers, and harassers, seemingly without reason, is pretty repulsive to me. I can't imagine what it's like to be in a segment of the population that's much more vulnerable to online stalking/threats/harassment (e.g. women) even WITH these privacy protections in place, let alone if they are stripped away.
Eric	B	I try to limit the vectors for people to go from knowing my website domain to knowing where I live.
Brandon	J	
Chad	M	I don't feel comfortable with strangers having my personal details.
Michael	P	
Katrina	A	
Chris	L	Because sharing of private information must be opt-in, rather than available to any (including criminals or despotic governments). A free and open Internet is an essential for the 21st century.
NotYourBusiness	A	I don't want jerks knowing my private information. WTF
Merv	A	for all the reasons above

Oliver	W	I'm not comfortable having my physical address and contact info public, for any Internet user with motives of varying quality to see. If I need to open an avenue of communication, I would like to do it on my own terms.
Daniel	F	I think it's important to be able to have a domain name backed presence on the internet without having it publicly tied to your home address and contact details. WHOIS privacy enables that, to an extent. Undermining these services' ability to protect their customers' details would likely have a negative effect on individual party domain registrations, encouraging fake information submissions from legitimate website owners who feel uncomfortable publicly exposing details about their 'lives away from the internet' to any party interested. Ultimately, I believe privacy should be the default, as I think it would be, had this system been recreated now. Making it less effectual is, to me and I believe many others, clearly a step in the wrong direction.
Koen	G	
James	L	I don't want personal information of mine publicly acessable which is one of the things NOT to do on the internet...
Joakim	H	I work from home. I have a site for my company, and I don't want customers to call my home number, I have a work number for a reason. I also run a blog, I post about stuff I buy, some are quite expensive and I don't want people to know where I live so they can steal my stuff.
Peter	B	
David	J	Referral from EFF. Privacy needs to remain a cornerstone of the Net, especially at the domain-name level.
Jerry	R	
Jeremy	D	
Sarah	V	I am a woman on the internet. While I have not yet been targeted, there's a good chance I might be if I say the wrong thing. Stripping away that privacy leads people directly to my home address. No one wants that.
Dirk	G	I do not want my personal detail available to anyone over the internet. There are numerous instances that my privacy can be abused with this information. Here is one: What happens if I am traveling and post pictures to my instagram, that links to my blog. Then so thief looks up my name and address on my domain and robs my house? That's not very cool. I understand that media companies want this to help them fight against copyrights. But if someone is breaking the law it is doubtful they will put their correct contact information on the fake domain they setup. Therefore the big media companies that have tons of resources are in the same place they are today. Hunting out a person breaking the law. To expose everyone's privacy because of this is not fair. Thank you, Dirk
Krista	A	
matthew	G	Prevent online abuse and stop identity theft
Steven	H	We run a small business and would like to keep our home information private.
Arthur	L	
Mike	W	I have a right to protect my privacy online.
Kane	J	
em	S	

David	H	For every friend and friend of a friend who is a woman who doesn't want to get doxxed of of the internet.
Zeeshan	R	
Tammy	P	Everyone should have the option of protecting their personal data.
Thomas	L	I have friends and family who maintain a strong online presence. Whether it's a blog or a podcast of feminist critique of TV shows, they shouldn't be beholden to the whims of the violent, misogynist hordes on the internet-- for what? The concerns of entertainment conglomerates' bottom lines?
Alex	C	
Yaroslav	K	
Joshua	C	
Emma	H	Women working in technology are regularly threatened with rape and other violence just for speaking out. I want to be able to talk about problems with sexism in development without someone being able to attack me in my home.
Sam	S	As a campaigner on issues of public health, there are a variety of organisations that wish to know where I live. Large organisations already use their means to do this; however, the barrier to entry is high enough from domain privacy that it is not a regular concern. Without domain privacy, physical contact addresses will become available far too readily available. For legally valid documents, there are already other mechanisms available.
Matthew	L	my domains are domains to add character to sites. The character shouldn't require me to disclose my personal information to all on the Internet.
Dylan	F	
Anirvan	C	I've run corporate accountability websites before, and don't want my privacy violated by an angry company.
Ben	B	Privacy is a basic right. Information about where I live should not be available to anyone who asks for it unless they have my permission or a court order compelling the WHOIS registry to provide it.
Elizabeth	C	
Matt	W	Because I have friends who use it and don't want to deal with doxxing or swatting.
Toby	C	I use domain privacy on both of my domains as I am 18 years old. If my information was publicly available on the internet this could lead to me becoming potentially DoX'd. This could lead to further implications and if severe enough, debt or fraud. Save WHOIS privacy.
Kyle	K	
Mike	C	Family protection
Jess	B	I produce youtube content and, being female with an easily traceable name, require my real identity to remain private for personal safety concerns.
Linda	W	Because my personal information belongs to me.
James	T	
Jonathan	J	To protect my mum.

Sandra	W	Many writers use pen names to avoid harassment by people who don't like what they write.
Neroli	T	So that my loved ones and I can stay safe from bigots and harassers on the Internet.
Kevin	G	I consider my address and telephone number to be private and this info should not be available to just anyone. Domains should be able to exist without having to be attributable to an identity.
Jason	W	
Gary	L	We all need privacy, even if we don't know it (yet).
Duncan	B	I need domain privacy to avoid harassment and retaliation for lawful activity.
Jacob	J	I just don't like seeing privacy violated.
Phillip	G	Because my information is private and sharing it should be my option.
Ryan	P	Because reducing entertainment industry court expenses is not a compelling reason to compromise privacy and limit autonomous internet presences to those with a fixed physical address they'd like to publicize. I use it to avoid counterfeit "domain renewal" scams, others need it for their physical safety.
Samantha	W	I don't want someone knowing where I live. I would like to keep my domain registration private. I don't want people visiting me at my home address.
John	H	The Internet has become the greatest enabler for criminals ever invented and there are more criminals who have access to me via the Internet than any other forum I participate in... by several orders of magnitude! As such, I require significantly more privacy protections on the Internet than I need in everyday life outside of the Internet, if I am to safely participate. If ICANN wants to reserve the Internet only for corporations and other well funded organizations, then they <i>should</i> continue with this plan to weaken privacy protections to individual participants and domain owners.
Robert	M	I need WHOIS privacy in order to protect myself from spammers and scammers attempting to contact me via email or physical mail. Additionally, I don't want to make it easy for stalkers to go from knowing a domain that I own to knowing my physical address!!
Caroline	W	I run multiple websites - ones for personal, business and activism. Whois privacy not only cuts down on the amount of spam I receive but it helps protect my privacy. I am an author and I write under pen names to experiment and to help protect my privacy. Furthermore, I run an LGBTQ+ activism website (and yes, I do sell merchandise to help pay for the cost of running it which could be perceived as a business) and I don't want everyone knowing it's me behind it. There has to be a better way to fix the problem than to punish the large majority of innocent bystanders just to take down a couple of bad seeds. This is ridiculous and a horrible idea.
Allison	N	I write novels using a pen name and don't want my real identity to get out.

Angel	H	Sole Proprietorship Artist. I do not have a 'brick & mortar' store, I sell at art fairs. If I announce what fairs I will be appearing- my home address exposed opens me up for theft! This is NOT OK to share my personal information. All this will achieve is people lying about their locations or using someone else's locations randomly. Stop the stupid notion that by 'being open' the world will 'behave'. It won't. You'll end up 'opening up' the good people to be attacked by criminal behavior by making it that much easier for criminals!
Tim	O	
Rob	F	Privacy of personal records & anonymity.
Peter	R	To avoid spammers
Jennifer	H	To feel safe owning my domains and not worry about abusive exes tracking me down through the information...
Charles	H	I have been threatened and intimidated by individuals due to being the administrator of an Internet community and applying the community rules in a fair manner. For many years (until domain anonymizing services became available) my domains had stale contact information (at the risk of being forfeited) and I did not provide forwarding information to avoid this harassment. In addition, an insane number of spammers and phishers use the whois database to annoy and prey on domain administrators. If I am forced to publish my current address in the whois database, it will have a chilling effect on my free speech and I will probably have to cancel or transfer my domains to other people.
Patrick	M	I don't need Whois Privacy myself at the moment, but denying it to others goes against the open nature of the internet. Having an internet "P.O. Box" is a useful and sometimes necessary tool in this day and age.
Michael	T	To protect myself from trolls and those who don't think twice about ruining a life through smear campaigns.
Clayton	D	I use Whois Privacy to keep my email address away from spammers. There's really no reason isn't shouldn't be private.
Michael	J	There are many people who use online streaming services from a hobby, to a part time job, to a full time job. Because of this, many online trolls target these people for reasons such as jealousy or simple boredom in ways such as sending police to the house, order food to the house, or sending death threats through the mail. One easy way these people could find this information is if this policy change passes. This will put many people at risk, waste authority resources, and more. It's not worth it.
Mario	M	I work under a variety of pseudonyms - both for my creative writing and for other thoughts I may have that I can't share under my own name due to my profession.
Joseph	W	
Jessica	S	WHOIS privacy is the one thing that makes me feel safe owning a domain name. To require my physical address to be made public would make me very uncomfortable with owning a domain. My peers and colleagues have been doxxed and attacked using information gleaned from sources such as this, whose intents are innocent, but whose implications are damaging.
Jason	J	Privacy is vital to the health and openness of the web.

Ben	H	It stopped being useful a decade or two ago. Anyone with money can just pay to get it hidden. It only hinders the underprivileged.
David	K	
Russell	G	
Steven	S	
Barry	F	
Carolyn	J	Privacy protects the vulnerable. In the US we have seen the impact of hate-based campaigns designed to out their targets and put the victims in fear of their lives and the lives of their loved ones. There are people who need to separate their creative lives from their private lives. For example, a writer may legitimately fear losing her/his job. Political activists may legitimately fear for their lives and their freedom.
Ian	B	I need Whois privacy to protect my identity against internet harassers. I have people that have tried to find my home address and phone number by doing a whois search on my domain. Thankfully, I have used Whols privacy to protect my identity. There are too many people that would be open to harassment by internet "trolls" that would love to send a SWAT team to my house for laughs. Please do not end the Whols privacy registration service many of us require for protection against online harassment.
Jordan	H	I personally do not need it. However, WHOIS privacy is for: - The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft - The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" - That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing WHOIS privacy should be DEFAULT and FREE. Removing it is a huge step in the wrong direction.
Kelly	B	I am an online entertainer and worry for my personal safety.
Micah	T	Without Whois privacy, my wife will be forced to purchase her domains through unrelated male friends who live in other cities in order to protect herself from the possibility that "doxing" might lead to physical violence against her.
Erina	M	Because not having it would lead to the risk of my family being stalked and harassed until we're forced to leave our house, and all because I said something slightly opinionated on a blog.
Martijn	W	to prevent stalkers!
Joel	S	As a sole proprietor working out of my home, I do not want my contact information easily available over the Web.
Andy	T	I don't want my address, phone number, and other sensitive information publicly available.
Victoria	M	I am reliant on the Internet because of where I live.
Faith	H	
Johnathan	S	
Paige	D	To protect my safety
Ronald	T	

Andrea	H	Whois Privacy is vital to keeping people safe on the web. Privacy protections should not be guaranteed only to large corporations; they are essential for all users to enjoy the internet.
Daisuke	M	I don't want my information freely available for stuff like small, private sites!
Nicholas	B	Tons of my friends, who have had to deal with online harassment campaigns against them, would be effectively doxxed and put in severe danger if their whois info is revealed.
Patrick	F	I own 5 or so domains, and WHOIS privacy keeps me from getting spammed by email and physical mail. Made the mistake not enabling it one one domain, and now I get business credit card solicitations weekly. Guess I'll just move...
Ray	R	
Grant	B	
Alec	G	
Ruby	L	
Aden	D	
Angelo	C	To be safe(r)
Tyler	T	When I didn't have Whois Privacy, I was getting spam mail and e-mail, trying to get me to buy products I don't need. Products like SEO optimization and crappy hosting providers.
Elizabeth	W	
Tony	C	
Calvin	C	I use Whois privacy so that people online cannot find out my personal information, as I believe, although I have a presence on the web that's identifiable to me, it doesn't need to be identifiable to my local location. I have been the subject of harassment online, and if those people found out where I live due to my web site pointing directly to me, I would come to harm, and personally, I'd dislike that. Privacy is a serious part of the internet, although we discuss things openly with other people, and interact daily through this medium, we don't need to be located by strangers, perhaps with volatile thoughts, or others. If I was a celebrity and I had a personal website with my address on, I'd be scared that a fan would turn up at my doorstep. Would you want someone anonymous knowing where you lived, what your phone number was, and could use those at any time? No. So don't repeal us of this security.
Ryan	N	A persons privacy should not be at risk simply because they made the educated decision to bring a new business on-line. People having to weigh the decision between the success of their business by going online VS risking their personal information being mined is going backwards by about 15 years. Failure of a new small business is about 80% they say? Well lets take it up to 95% for those who will now feel like keeping themselves personally unexposed may be more important then risking going online with a simple domain registration. Backwards thinking at it finest with this potential change....
Tyler	M	

Daniel	S	
Tony	R	
Anita	C	
Charles	L	I don't use it, but I'll be damned if you stop people from using it to keep other people from rightfully using it to protect themselves from trolls and spammers and whoever else wants to abuse them on the internet. Privacy is a right that should not be taken away.
Tiffany	B	
Hawken	R	
Xudong	Y	
Harry	C	
Jonathan	H	
Chris	C	I own domain names and just don't feel like all my information needs to be out there so easily.
Davin	H	
Katie	M	I'm a woman on the Internet. Sometimes I talk about feminism. If these rules changed, I will be doxed and threatened and my safety will be in danger. There isn't even a question about it. I've already received death threats for talking about sexism in science, and only my privacy has protected me so far.
claire	F	To protect myself and others from potential abuse. Whois records tend to reveal alot of useful information about an individual or an organization, which can unfortunately lead to stalking, extortion, death threats and much more. By removing ones right of privacy, you will be helping those who wish to carry out such acts as stated above, and none of us as domain owners will benefit from the fall out. Sincerely, Claire
Glenn	W	
Amanda	H	I use WHOIS privacy to make it harder for Internet lunatics to show up at my house if they get angry about something I might say online.
Josh	S	I need Whois privacy because the Internet shouldn't know my private place of residence.
Scott	Z	Personal protection against identity theft and other attacks for those that do not register their domains to a business. Privacy is a human right!
Jeremiah	P	I use WhoIs Privacy so that my personal details are not visible to any one on the internet. Although what I write about is relatively uncontroversial, this information should not be public knowledge. Private citizens have a right to privacy.
Sam	M	I just feel that people should have the right to be protected from things like scammers, spammers, and other general mal-activities. More privacy means more safety in my book.
Justin	C	To protect my personally identifying information from being used for unsolicited commercial activities or harassment.

Rose	W	Because I have my name out there. I don't need someone who has some sort of grudge against me trying to steal my information.
Brian	A	To protect my home and family from any random person on the internet looking up my private contact information.
Erin	J	One of my favorite bloggers depends on it -- sometimes important speech can get you fired. On balance, I'd rather have more anonymous speech than less total speech. I think several of America's Founding Fathers would agree.
Jake	P	There is no reason every wacko out there needs to have access to my personal info. And spam companies don't need yet another way to get my info on order to spam me, I get enough already.
walt	C	
Denis	M	I want my friends to be safe.
Rodney	B	As I run my website from home along with streaming games online, I need Whois Privacy to reduce the risk of being swatted and doxed.
Brendan	S	People make death threats against me due to my political views. The last thing I want is for them to be able to physically locate me.
Nathan	C	To avoid being doxxed
Shawn	W	To avoid unwanted contact and maintain control of my personal information.
Daniil	K	
John	K	Everybody needs a little privacy.
Carah	H	I write romance novels under a pen name, and have a legal career under my real name. I do not want people (1) knowing where I really live and (2) knowing that I have these two very different and necessarily separate careers.
William	M	Please protect my right to private/proxy domain registration. There is no reason for me to have to have my detailed home/contact info published for some wierdo to see, or for some identity thief to use to their advantage. I have a right to be left alone, and this is a direct way for me to keep that right intact.
Gordon	P	I operate sites with user-generated content, and I operate sites with political messages. I don't want some immature and violent fools coming to my door because they didn't like something on my sites. When your country has a high population of ignorant and irrational people with guns, fear for physical safety is not unreasonable. There are already too many places where bad actors can go looking for personal information. Nobody needs WHOIS added to that list.
Jarrold	D	
Jason	W	To protect my and my family's physical safety.
Hilton	L	Several of my close friends are being harassed in real life for just for being women on the Internet. The harassers get their personal information from WHOIS. This is unacceptable. They receive threats daily and live in fear where privacy would protect them and their families. In other words, do you want this to happen to your daughters? I don't. Please keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft on the Internet.

Anne	L	I feel unsafe writing about video games and nerd culture on the internet as a woman after the repeated harassment and doxing of others in my field
Sarah	S	
Lexi	J	I want to start a home business. I have an abusive ex boyfriend who could use these changes to find me. If this happens I could be in danger.
Emma	L	
Magdalena	S	To avoid scammers that try to trick me into paying them for hosting fees.
Peter	L	
Lily	R	I don't want to disclose my personal information and be at risk of getting doxed
Joe	H	We are anon. We are legion
Kennon	B	I don't think that anyone looking up domain names should have access to my personal details. I can restrict this access on every other medium so I think it should be protected at the domain level as well.
Michael	F	To prevent harassment of self or family by crazies.
Benjamin	G	
Heather	R	To keep my privacy secure
Katherine	W	I am a therapist who relies upon Whois privacy to keep my personal information separate from my professional identity.
Brandon	M	I am a student with my own domain. I don't wish for that fact to require publicly revealing private information.
Mark	N	
Nisha	R	To keep me safe from people who could potentially harass or stalk me if they found out my home address.
Tracey	U	Dear ICANN, I'm an individual with no business address, so I have my domains registered under my home address, hidden by WHOISGuard. If this proposal passes, my home address could be easily accessible by anyone who can get to DomainTools or any other WHOIS database. Please think of people's safety and privacy and reconsider your decision. Thank you. - Tracey
carla	S	Because I value my privacy! If that isn't good enough for ICANN, then ICANN should disband.
Jacob	R	
Victor Hugo	S	So that trolls don't use my private contact information as a way to intimidate me offline for opinions I share online.
Junjie	L	Everyone should be entitled to not give out his personal address or phone number. Owning and operating a website doesn't change that.
Dan	L	Because it's crazy to think anyone could look up my home address if they knew a domain I own!
Diana	A	
Luke	H	
Cat	J	
Kevin	S	

Andrew	D	
Gordon	L	
Matthew	G	I personally dont need whois privacy. People with followings that have the courage to speak out do. Women who just happen to be particularly attractive to some random stalker do. The world as a whole needs it for the sake of protecting one of the last bastions of freedom the world has. There will be some downsides to this, such as the inability to properly track criminals, but that small bit of safety isn't worth having the government lay its hands on one more thing and bringing us that much closer to the type of governments the US worked so hard to break away from in the first place.
Brian	J	I am a private citizen who hosts his own site via a hosting company. If my hosting company were required to reveal my name and address publicly, I would not feel safe nor comfortable with the privacy implications.
Leila	Z	
Katie	S	
Nathan	F	
Marilyn	K	I need people to feel safe owning their own domains.
James	M	
Jason	B	
Terry	L	
Jacob	R	I am sadly part of a community that uses data such as WHOIS to launch calculated, organised attacks on individuals and their loved ones over trivial issues, many creators depend upon a modicum of WHOIS anonymity to protect themselves from this and it would hurt our community creatively if this were stopped.
Eli	Y	
Brandon	R	I run my own web-based company. I'd prefer to keep my privacy.
Johnson	J	I do not want to be contacted by spammers or anyone that might be offended. There is enormous cyber bulling that goes on without punishment.
Michael	H	Keep home address private for security purposes.
Debra	S	to protect my information. I am a woman with a political blog the last thing I need is easy access to my home address and phone number. This puts me in danger.
James	W	Because it is my RIGHT, and screw the MPAA/RIAA MAFIAA GOONS who abuse innocent people every day with automated processes and NEVER apologize for the damage they cause.
Ben	D	To provide protection against identity based harasment, targeted bot networks and viral advertising using private data to associate myself with a dns entry. Do we put the individual who paid for an ad on a billboard?
Amanda	D	As a book blogger, I require my privacy from those offended by reviews and seek to harass me. Kathleen Hale is an example of this phenomena and why privacy needs to be protected.
Lynne	D	

Carl	T	Because of Gamer Gate
Daniel	H	I own a personal domain for my email and Web presence. I don't want my family home address to be publicly available, especially when I discuss politically sensitive topics. Others who discuss such things publicly have experienced sustained harassment and abuse in recent years.
Jannine	W	Watch John Oliver's piece on "The Internet" from the 6/21/15 episode of Last Week Tonight, then you'll understand why being a woman should be reason enough!
Dana	A	Call me crazy, but I don't like when people intending to harass me have easy access to my personal information.
Alec	Q	To keep my personal information private, to protect myself from would-be assailants and *actual* criminals
George	H	
Gregory	S	Don't want trolls to know where I live/work.
Raymond	G	
Monte	L	to protect personal privacy, avoid online harassment,
Eric	B	Privacy is necessary for safety.
Darryl	M	
Michael	B	To protect my private information from the world
Samir	S	I need Whois Privacy to protect my personal information that is recorded for registrations of personally owned domains. My physical address being made public on the internet is not desirable for a number of obvious reasons.
jake	W	requiring everyone to publish their personal information just to get a DNS record would be like requiring New Yorkers to wear their home address and phone number on their back everywhere they go. It doesn't make sense and it's not safe. There is already a well-designed system ensuring that ownership records will be provided in response to a court order, and the only reason anyone (the entertainment industry) wants to change that is for the exact purpose it was set up in the first place - harassment. The entertainment industry wants to be able to harass people who they feel should be giving them money. That's a good reason to keep the current privacy protections in place. If laws are being broken, there are plenty of avenues for accountability without making any changes.
Alan	S	
Alex	A	
Richard	H	There have been a surge of online and offline harassment of people who have simply stated an opinion different than organized, ignorant militant groups hold. They have been terrorized at work, at home and in public spaces. If I publish, I deserve the right to keep my information private and stay safe from these maniacs.
Patti	B	I am a single woman who owns/runs a couple of Traffic Exchanges which run ads for our members. I do not want my personal information available for any angry, strange or perverted person out there to harass me.
Mario	M	To protect my privacy online. You cannot trust your personal details to be the public domain!
John	R	
Sandra	B	Private website & blog.

Matthew	T	For privacy! To protect my personal information from those who would abuse it.
Lachlan	T	
William	S	
Michael	L	I fully support an open Internet where anyone can have a "voice" without being identified and targeted.
David	S	
Martin	K	
Christian	H	The question is not why i need it. The question should be: why not!
Christopher	P	I have friends with small businesses who have had issues with stalkers; they need domain privacy for their safety.
Daniel	R	I'm uncomfortable with people knowing my address and having the ability to spam my phone and email. Bad advertising companies already do this for unhidden info.
Wes	K	I shouldn't have to reveal my personal info in order to exist on the Internet.
Manannan	L	I don't need it myself. Though it is a invaluable tool in protecting minorities from hat groups. There is no valid reason to remove such a valuable and important feature. People who are given such privacy feel safe knowing that they can stand for something controversial without a hate group being able to track them down & harass them. You leave many people vulnerable to potential stalkers & sexual predators by taking away this privacy. I think that taking any step to remove this privacy; is a step in the wrong direction. Anyone who feels that this privacy is "un-necessary" is an "Un-necessary" part of the greater society.
Thomas	I	When I registered my accounts, the expectation was to use domain privacy so that I would not be targeted for attacks on myself, my family, our identity or systems.
Michael	L	
Logan	R	I run more than one website. While I am not strictly anonymous, it's important to me that I maintain control over how much of myself I choose to disclose.
Randy	M	Domain name contact information is often used by online trolls and hate groups to DOX (scrape personal information about someone). This allows people to be harassed in real life and on the internet. Owning a domain name should not be a gateway to harassment. If domain privacy is to disappear, millions of domains will be shut down to protect the owners of those domains from "doxing". Please research this subject thoroughly before making a decision, you could be harming the safety and security of average people.
Blaine	C	
Edward	R	
Sriram	N	I own a site and I want my privacy protected
Justin	B	
Jonathan	A	I am the admin for multiple sites used by family and friends.
Matt	T	I would prefer that my site registrations not list my home address, privacy is important!
Brian	B	For private reasons.

Susan	M	We need Whois privacy to protect against Doxxing, Swatting, and the like - criminal activities perpetrated against innocent victims because they said something that upset the criminal. If Whois information can be obtained without due cause (ie without requiring a search warrant), you will be stripping one of the few protections the innocent people have against vindictive ones.
Chie	S	As a Japanese translator who sometimes deals in sensitive information for clients, domain privacy is critical for helping to ensure I'm not contacted by anyone with extreme viewpoints who might not wish for me to contribute to causes they disagree with or is simply prejudiced against Japan and Japanese people. It's also important to me as a vocal atheist and feminist who writes publicly on these subjects, both of which can attract undue negative attention, even in the case of the former.
Darlene	C	It is my intention to start my own website/blog and it is very important to me that my personal information remains private. We live in a very unsafe world and knowledge of personal information by companies and corporations unnecessarily puts individuals such as myself at risk of harassment and identity theft by them as well as others. This is an unacceptable, unreasonable proposal and the argument for it is weak.
Eric	M	I use Whois Privacy to protect my personal information from identity thieves, harassers, and other malicious agents who may seek to attack me solely because I host my own website and services on my domains.
Andrea	M	Avoiding spam and bot collection, protect my privacy
Jason	F	To protect myself from people who actively seek to harass me.
Andrew	S	There are times that my personal info does not need to be attached to my actions online - for any number of reasons
Friederike	K	I administrate and bought several domains, and my real address is registered with them. I have no interest in meeting people of opposing views from the internet at home.
Kevin	T	
Garrett	C	
Mohammad	G	
Glenn	R	For the same reason the heads of ICANN don't post their home address and cellphone number on the about page of their website.
nathan charlson	C	there is no substantial reason for this law. this will come to no good for anyone.
Aurelie	H	
Brody	H	As a twitch streamer, I deal with the constant threat of a practice known as "doxxing" - that is, using and leaking private information to intimidate someone over the internet. Domain privacy is one of the ways I can keep a site up with peace of mind that nobody will try and use this against me. Not only will this endanger people's safety, but it will also limit people's willingness to create sites for everything from personal blogging to e-commerce, going against the spirit of the internet's entrepreneurship and free-thinking.
Jonathan	E	

Lora	K	I value my privacy and as a woman who is aspires to make video games and webcomics, it is vital; especially after seeing so many artists/creators I respect be doxxed, endlessly harassed with death/rape threats as well as being SWATTed for their mere opinion.
David	T	To keep the PC lynch mob away from my house
Ned	R	I wish to retain a basic level of privacy for various domains I use and manage.
Tai	C	As someone working in the sex industry, I can't have my personal information public to stalkers and harassers!
Hilary	L	In short, because I'm a woman on the internet.
Lucas	R	I run various business' on websites and would not want individuals or competition knowing my real information for a few very real reasons. 1. A customer who may not have had a 100% experience with his/her order and aren't happy, they could take it out on me personally, over contacting customer service and being able to safely handle the situation in a professional manner. 2. Websites in the same niche as I am (which there are a lot), could possibly do me or my website harm if they wanted to ease the competition for customers. some people need private registrations for the websites they run; not everyone on the internet agrees and some may act a tad more extreme than others.
Robert	K	Privacy is important!
Steve	R	
Nick	T	It is a privacy tool and aid.
Cody	P	Who is privacy is essential to avoid meaningless spam, harmful virus' and phishing/identity theft attempts via email.
Linda	L	To protect my privacy when registering joke domains or domains about sensitive political or social issues. I don't want to be swatted because I have a sense of humor or non-bland viewpoints.
João	N	It's a fundamental tool to keep random people on the internet with potentially bad intentions from having the power to harass and malign with impunity.
Fernando	M	
Danil	M	
Virginie	M	
Joshua	C	too much spam already
Stuart	L	
Richard	B	

Steven	B	I build websites for people, and I would like to be able to tell my clients that I can offer them privacy. I don't think the handyman I'm building a website for right now will be thrilled to hear that people will be able to easily locate and rob his house if they just so happen to feel like it, now that his personal information will be out in the open. And for what? Who gains anything from that? There is just no reason for this to happen. I don't think any reasonable or intelligent person could possibly support this unless they were being bought out in some way. The dangers of this are really that stupidly obvious. Why should we even need to sign a petition to explain how obviously absurd this is as if we're talking to a 9 year old? How did this idea even get past the initial thought process before getting shot down? Who is actually okay with this, after thinking about the obvious consequences?
Bill	L	I use domain privacy for the same reason I don't post my SSN or credit card number in public. My protected WHOIS data is my home address. I don't want everyone on the Internet to have that information.
Okke	N	
Noah	W	Domain info is a mistake. It's easily abusive by people with harmful intentions. Don't strip privacy from us.
j r	C	I prefer not to get more unwanted mail I need to filter through companies that I have strained relationships with.
Aaron	W	
Joonas	B	
Christian	G	
Nigel	B	I'm a freelancer who runs a personal website which also talks about my services. Privacy is important for me. I do not want internet trolls at my doorstep or people harassing my family and friends.
M	M	I don't. But just because I don't does not mean others don't either and that should be per their right until the law decides otherwise on a case by case basis.
Jacob	R	Because sometimes websites are about ideas, not people. Because I don't want to broadcast my home address to the Internet. Because I shouldn't need to get a PO box just to be safe.
Jan	D	
Dave	B	To minimize the number of marketing calls.
Bell	S	I am a single woman living alone who has had a stalker in the past. This man fraudulently represented himself to people in my life to try to gain information about my habits, routines, and whereabouts. Since they were close to the situation and thought hard about it, they didn't give it to him. Under your proposed guidelines, he would just have to do the same thing to my provider, who would not be close to the situation and would have no reason to disbelieve him. He could gain all of my personal information if the provider decided they'd better cooperate with these seemingly legitimate complaints. On the other hand, someone who must first gain real legal documentation for their "complaint" would not be able to use domain registrations for their stalking efforts. Put differently, and more bluntly: making it straightforward to lie and gain the personal information of vulnerable persons will make it easier for them to be injured or killed.
Josh	C	To protect my private information on my websites.

Benjamin	H	
bradley	W	Privacy
Mattias	K	
Joel	C	To prevent spam. Come on, this is so obvious.
Johann	S	- fundamental right - dangerous for social projects (i.e. A website that will have comics that disturb some political/terrorist organisation can now be an easier target) - real issue for freedom of speech & private safety - can be problematic for specific market and the right to publish under pseudonyms (allowed in the french law) - Does not solve anyone's problem that a court order could solve in the case of a real issue.
Stuart	K	I run a few ads to cover server costs and as such under these new rules my small website will be labeled comercial and for that reason i don't see why i should give up my rights to privacy, The Whois service protects me from risk of harassment, intimidation and identity theft.
Ben	H	Private whois listings are invaluable to me and many others - they ensure customers contact using appropriate means and protect from spam and scams. Should there be an actual reason to need them, the private details can be obtained with due process from the private registration company. Personal info should not be required to except through due process and proper legal channels and company/business registries which already exist.
Jeroen	S	
Neil	M	Because I don't see the need for my address to be available to any idiot who does a whois lookup. I value my privacy.
testing	T	please ignore, testing only
David	G	Spam
Becky	L	To ensure that my basic rights remain.
Greg	O	I use domain privacy to protect my real name and identify from the Internet. I don't want people doxing me. Don't take my privacy!
Adam	M	Anti-stalking
Sam	S	Host own Website
James	K	
Tyler	S	I was a Google Policy Fellow with Fundacion Karisma in Colombia. I witnessed firsthand the need for anonymity and free speech online, especially in a country with an ongoing civil war. The RIAA and MPAA have plenty of recourse to protect their IP already, do not let their greed trump the very real need to protect people's personal safety.

Pamela	C	1) Violence against women is on the rise on the internet 2) I've already been the victim of a hate campaign that involved my intellectual property 3) IT's Anti-competitive. I was a Representative for 2 Major corporations to small business people in the State of Florida and grew up in small business - private information as simple as identification of you location can be used to generate 3rd party violence. Big banks and corporations are doing this more than ever to control and drive small business out of business. 4) It endangers the legal process and allows Attorneys to intimidate people out of free speech and property, provides a method by which Govt Actors can engage in takings and corruption. The legal system has adequate remedies for copyright violations. 5) There should be a minimum threshold of information provided to obtain private data. For instance, it should be obvious persons mirroring GEOCITIES sites that were taken down when Geocities closed are violating copyright by advertising they are mirrors. These copyright violators open a new mirror when you ask them to take one down, they have different shell corporations with different names on the ICANN Who Is. ICANN should concentrate on known violators and keep a Minimum level of information that must be provided before giving out private domain information. That includes providing the privacy rights holder with the name and address of the requestor.
Matt	V	I help maintain websites for a couple of not-for-profits and community organisations. They use these sites to bring people to their events and raise a little money. This should not be a sufficient reason to make my details public. I also have a personal domain name for VPN and email use. If I start using that email account or domain to make a little money, why should my privacy protections go out the window? If you're trying to avoid requiring a court order, *you* have something to hide. We're all entitled to due process, checks and balances.
Blake	S	To avoid unwanted solicitation (spam).
Greg	T	
Noah	K	Because doxxing and stalking are real threats, and requiring this information benefits the wants of the few over the realities of the many.
Jonathan	G	Hate being contacted by telemarketers and services like Go-Daddy
J	S	It is important to be able to publish or pass comment on topics in my field that cannot be attributed to the company I work for. Businesses are routinely using comments made social media, which they do not agree with, against their employees. Your employer is not who you are and you should never be treated solely as an extension of them. The ability to keep work and social lives separate is paramount to a free internet.
Jasper	W	Avoiding spam, identity theft, and hacking.
krys	R	
Nat	B	I ran away from my ex and the thought of him having my address gives me the chills. The knowledge that people can easily find out my address will mean I cannot speak on the Internet, and will have to find an alternative way to find life or career. It would be unwise to give that weapon to online harassers, who are known to send rape and death threats.
Patricia	L	New blog & new business

Evert	P	
Brian	H	I don't need this personally, but I fully understand that there are many who do need to keep their information private for matters of personal safety. Taking that layer of protection away from people would be, to my judgement, tantamount to collusion in efforts to harm those who need it.
Francis	F	It keeps spammers away from emailing me. I've also been contacted by conventional paper mail by people claiming to be the registrar wanting me to pay them to renew the domain instead of the people I normally go with, which could easily be a scam trying to steal the domain name. I also do some voluntary work in sensitive areas and do not want people who may wish me or my family harm to be able to find out where we are easily. If the authorities need to know they can find out, but I don't want anybody to be able to do so. I think this could be personally dangerous for anybody who works with, say, people who have been abused or against racism or anything contentious. Removing whois privacy a stupid idea that could result in a lot of people being hurt.
Peter	B	To keep private information private
Morgan	A	Women who voice opinions on the internet face a constant threat of online harassment spilling over into real-world physical violence
Philip	P	WHOIS Privacy is no different than an unlisted phone number. A ton of people do not want their personal details such as name, phone number and address to be exposed to the public. Please respect people's right to privacy.
Edoardo	N	To prevent harassment, harm and identity theft. Authorities can access my data, so there is no need for PPSAI.
Benedikt	S	
Kyle	B	The internet is full of horrible people.
Kristian	G	
Ricardo	G	
Carin	S	see above
George	C	Stop spam when registering private domains for email use - I forgot to use Whois privacy once and for the next month had 20 emails a day from companies offering to help build my SEO and web presence when I had not given my email out
Rachel	O	I own a domain and don't like the idea of people being able to easily look up my home address because of it.
Sebastian	C	
Tobias	R	
MegaZone	M	It isn't so much for myself as for those who have stalkers or abusers, those who run whistle-blower sites, political protest sites, activist sites, or any number of different reasons that someone might not want to have their personal contact info exposed. Even the basic spam and junk mail any domain holder can receive.
Tove	K	
Brid	F	
David	M	To protect my identity & business

Zachery	J	To protect myself from fraud as well as threats from strangers online who happen to disagree with me or otherwise choose to target myself or my family for harm for reasons outside of my control or even understanding.
David	B	I'd rather not make public my personal details to anyone / everyone who may disagree with what I choose to put on the web, namely, which football team I support.
Maria	M	
John	M	
Niels	J	To protect the private details of our clients.
Martin	M	
Willem	B	Primarily because it is no one's business who I am and where I live, it is not relevant to the content on my websites. Without this privacy I cannot freely express myself and revert to self-censorship or stop publishing altogether. I don't even write about truly sensitive subjects, but you never know what might tick someone off. And what about embarrassing things such as opening up about religion, homosexuality, infertility? It can also be simpler things: for instance, I have a website about cats (supported by affiliate marketing, AdSense, so commercial!) with also pictures of my cats... IN my house. Do I really need to worry now about possible valuable possessions that might be visible in the background and make me a target for burglary? Stop this nonsense!!
Charlotte	B	
Charlotte	B	
Daniel	C	
Mike	B	Because privacy is a basic right of all individuals, and not something to be discarded for minor convenience to entertainment industry lawyers. There are already laws in place allowing authorities to de-anonymise individuals accused of wrongdoing for further investigation. The removal of privacy guards for all domain owners by default would have truly massive consequences.
Balaji	C	
Ricardo	G	To be safe from spammers, stalkers and social engineering attacks.
Sander	G	Linking a street address of an individual to a domain name is very bad for privacy and user's safety. Information should only be available for law enforcement under strict regulation.
Roelof	D	Company is on my home adres, and that should be PRIVATE.
Joseph	S	Privacy is my RIGHT! I have the right to hide my info from spammers and other people for nefarious reasons. I have the right to hide my info from people who would want to harm me, my business, or my brand in some way. Court orders should continue to be the only means of gaining such information. This is NOT a benefit for consumers or business owners. This proposed rule change is like asking me to drive around with my private contact information listed on the back bumper of my car, including my home address. It really is equally invasive.
Adam	F	
Soren	T	Stalkers. Persons expressing intent of violence.

beth	K	To protect us from unwanted attention!
digibaro	J	- Free Speech - Risk of unwanted visitors at the registered address (Theft)
Karl	A	Why should I need to defend my privacy; the burden should be on those who wish to penetrate it.
George	H	
Justin	H	That's private.
Maciej	L	
Kevin	T	
Justin	X	Privacy. Need I say any more?
Simon	D	
Robert	P	To protect my personal private information. If spammers or identity theft people look at my ICANN proxy information, they only see server information. Not my personal name and address where I live. Also to protect my address were my family, children and I dwell. It also protects me from spammers and advertising agencies sending me junk mail to my home. If I lose my Privacy Proxy services, I will have no choice but to cancel any and all web services that I have in regards to any websites I own or maintain. I will be forced to cancel ALL private proxy services I pay for and website services with Web hosting companies. Which means, Web hosting companies will stop earning money from me as a customer.
R.	R	I value my privacy and don't see the need for a public means of domain name registrant discovery when mechanisms already exist for those with a valid need for this info to obtain it. Domain registrants should have the right to keep certain info private to avoid identity theft, harassment or intimidation.
Manuel	M	Everyone needs Whois privacy as if people can see the info they can do things like swatting and more. No one needs this information in anyway as any small piece of information in the wrong hands can increase security issues and cause additional money to be spent by both the government (See swatting above) and people as they have identities stolen or worse.
Jurjen	G	
Caroline	P	
Dave	W	I run my business from my home, like many others, and exposing all whois data means that all personal info will be publicly available for all to see online. Plus it will open us up to an immense amount of telephone, email and postal spam. As it stands anyone can already contact us through the domain registrar so exposing the whois data won't help anything. Plus any criminals are no doubt using fake details anyway so this just penalises the legitimate users amongst us and has no effect on the people it's meant to stop. It also makes it much easier for scammers to scam people as due to the need to verify your domain when it's transferred/expired etc, scammers can look at the whois data and send fake verification messages to those that have just expired/are about to expire.
Nicole	A	
Jan	M	Privacy (no contact details open to public) Freedom of speech

Tiago	C	
Emil	O	
José	E	For now I am using it for my own info in only a few of the domains that I have registered, but will opt in for safeguarding personal data more and more, whenever allowed. Also, as a manager of several domains for my clients, I have been recommending them that they opt in for such privacy capabilities, including against data hoarding/abuse by third parties - a concern often neglected at first.
William	D	To protect myself from the public.
Mark	K	
Thomas	F	Contact information should be private, unless provided in the website. If it is needed due to wrongdoing, use the judicial system and a subpoena, that is the reason we pay taxes.
Michael	G	I have one friend who is a single women with a very small business site and is worried about safety. I plan to do a blog which may have some smallads to defray costs. Don't want every crazy to have personal info.
Danny	R	To protect my privacy while still maintaining a public internet presence
Dion	W	I operate domains for hobbyist programming projects and programming support forums. Many of these domains relate to the "modding" of video games where such activity is allowed by the game publishers. Due to the current nature of online gaming communities, some malicious individuals seek to disrupt and harass anything to do with these domains. Publically-available WHOIS data that expose the personal home contact information of domain operators have in the past been used for "doxing" and led to varying levels of personal harassment, from pizza deliveries to SWAT callouts. While ICANN's proposal is for "commercial" domains, this is a broad-scoped term. I don't have confidence that any system can accurately distinguish community vs. commercial domain uses, and believe it's a bad idea in any case to expose the personal contact information protected by privacy guards in WHOIS data. This data must only be revealed after a valid court order has been given to the privacy guard company, which is already the system in-place presently. There is no just scenario where this proposal can work while ensuring the privacy of domain operators and any other persons listed in domain WHOIS data. Please consider the privacy of all ICANN stakeholders and recognise that "real" WHOIS data can already be obtained in response to valid court orders.
Ilan	R	
Sean	A	Protect my physical location from random people online issuing threats. Doxing and swatting are very real dangers.
Kai	I	
Johniel	B	
David	M	
Justin	C	I don't want a SWAT team to break into my house because some kid in another state doesn't like my website.
Claire	P	
Ivan	G	I don't want my personal information available to everybody it make me feel uncomfortable and scared.

Paul	K	Doxxing; some people think that Freedom of Speech only applies to opinions they support. I do not want to see myself or my family harassed, my pets murdered, or my employers pressured to fire me simply for voicing an opinion that some people dislike.
Robert	S	
Sergi	M	avoid showing my family address publicly for security reasons
Paul	B	Speaking on behalf of my clients, a lot of them with personal blogs and so on, I feel opening up their contact details to the world is a terrible move which could lead to physical, real life, consequences. Think about their rights as individuals - would you want the whole world to know exactly where you live?
Sean	V	
Erin	S	
Chris	D	I stream games online. I don't want my details to be used maliciously.
Jayme	L	I use Whois privacy so that my home address and phone number is not readily available for scammers and otherwise unscrupulous companies to find to send junk mail or call me. I have also seen an increase in the online abuse of women involved in, and/or passionate about video games and movies. As one of those people, myself, I use Whois privacy to protect myself and family from possible abuse and doxxing.
Frances	V	
Craig	T	
Chris	W	To keep my home's physical location private, in order to protect myself and my family.
Mark	O	
Carey	L	I run a small business, largely out of my home. My Registration address IS my home address, and having that information out and available to anyone who casually does a WHOIS search is troubling and dangerous. I get that the WHOIS Proxy service <u>can</u> be used for malicious intent, but so can the internet and email. Do we force all users to provide their full contact details (including PII) in order to send an email? That is the dangerous precedent ICANN is supporting in this case. The status as it is -- where privacy/proxy services must disclose based on credible evidence -- should stand. Don't make the situation worse.
Yannick	W	Its my right
Maximilian	S	
Andrew	B	
Matthew	S	
Adam	M	Because the Internet is sketchy.
Matthew	W	To protect myself from those who would use my personal information to gain unwanted access to myself. The amount of unwanted communication that occurs from information gained from unprotected WHOIS records has increased in recent years. Individuals require protection from those who use this information maliciously.
Alex	T	I prefer not to give out private information if it is not necessary.

Samantha	S	
Fauna	D	
Chris	D	
Chris	P	
Fan	J	
Alexandra	S	I use it to protect myself from spammers, fraudsters, and intrusive UNCONSTITUTIONAL government.
Benedikt	B	I need WHOIS Privacy for several reasons, one of them is that I do not want to expose my address and name to everyone on the internet. If someone thinks I am threatening their business of stealing my private information to pretend that they are me (a general case of identity theft which can easily happen when they are publicly available) when I use WHOIS Privacy services then this might be the time to think about what you are doing if you are a supporter of ICANN's plan to forbid those. Other reasons are, for example, people being mad on me because they don't like what I say or do on the internet. They could easily get my address and visit me to break every single bone in my body. This is definitely not what I want.
Breton	S	Other people need it way more than I do, but I do think that basic internet safety is not broadcasting my home address.
Dewet	D	I don't need it myself, but I am speaking up for vulnerable internet users around the world who do need this.
Tom	E	It is and should be my choice with whom I share my personal information, when, and why. Having my name and home address visible for all to see, scrape, store, etc. without my knowledge or case-by-case consent leaves me vulnerable to profiling, tracking, identity theft, harassment, etc.
Galen	C	
Richard	W	Nobody needs to know my personal details and especially my address unless I want them to.
James	T	I don't know the future. Privacy should be the default.
Christine	T	Let's not make it easy for stalkers, creeps, and spammers to get even worse.
Jason	C	
Scott Haverstick	H	Hackers/Spammers routinely use the whois information to spam the domain owner with a flood of junk mail no one wants. In addition, basic security is a factor. There is no reason my home address and phone number need to be listed on the internet, even if I own a website. If law enforcement needs to find me, they can. If anyone else needs to contact me, they can do so through the proxy service, without having some internet psycho showing up at my door.
Jim	D	There are many businesses and private citizens that deeply value their privacy, and with online harassment being on the tip of everyone's tongue, there's no reason to enable the harassers to get even closer to the victims of such horror. People have the right to be protected.

Justin	L	I use Whois Privacy to prevent spammers from harvesting my personal information and using it for identity theft and solicitation as well as protecting me physically by keeping the location of my residence private. It is very important to me. I use it on every personal domain I own, none of which are 'commercial'.
Michael	Q	
John	S	To protect my address and phone number.
Ravi	D	
Wesley	M	Everyone needs to ability to protect their privacy.
Carolyn	V	
Terri	H	personally - because I operate small for-profit charities. professionally - it's part of my job and livelihood.
Greg	H	For me, I do not use it. But there are many honest reasons that it needs to exist.
Brent	B	
Tom	D	
William	H	There is a widespread pattern of people becoming enraged at content published on personal websites, and then engaging in severe harassment against the authors. There is no content that is guaranteed not to enrage, therefore everyone is at risk of such harassment, therefore it is not safe to allow contact information to be public.
Don	A	I don't have any websites registered so there is no direct impact on my privacy but I firmly believe it will discourage other who do to speak their mind and share ideas that may be different or unpopular. This is a basic right as an American....where we should still be free to speak our mind without fear. ICANN should remain an independent organization and not become a tool of the entertainment industry
Sebastian	C	Unwanted/scam calls and mail. Abuse of Information.
Olevie	K	1) To keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft 2) For all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial"
John	T	I own a domain for private use, mostly for my personal email address. I don't want my home address to be so easy to find based merely on that one piece of information. More importantly, many website operators who post legal but controversial material may be in immediate danger from radical or disturbed persons if their true identity and location are connected to their online persona. Sadly, "controversial" is ever-evolving and impossible to pin down, and by its nature includes both "good" things that society is slowly accepting, and "bad" things that it doesn't. But these people still deserve protection of their privacy, until it's shown that their activities are unlawful.
Jeffrey	J	I don't want my private contact details available for stalkers, spam, trolls etc!!!
Oli	C	To protect myself from people who wish me harm.
Jim	O	I do not want my personal, private residence exposed for the domain(s) I may own.
Thomas	T	because internet is a free place. Everybody should decided on his own if he likes to pulish his or her data.

Keith	P	I need Whois Privacy because I am an owner of a domain name for the purpose of a small app/game development company. I do not want my *Personally Identifiable Information* shared. The sharing of this information is unjust and unlawful.
Craig	M	
Filip	P	
dietrich	D	I prefer to keep business and personal stuff separate.
Andromeda	Y	I volunteer for a feminist advocacy organization, and in that context I've seen many women credibly threatened with job loss, assault, and even death for speaking out online. The ability to hide their name and location is a critical safety measure that makes it possible for many women to exercise their free speech online. Similar issues apply to people from any marginalized or threatened population - trans people, people of color, dissidents, et cetera.
Will	T	I am uncomfortable with the idea of having to expose my home address to the entire world in order to run a website. But maybe more importantly, I do not live alone: it is not only MY address to expose as a target for harassment etc.
Isaac	D	I'd like for my personal contact details to remain confidential since I ran a home based personal website
Nilay	P	To hide from trolls
Benjamin	R	
Hamdan	I	
Brian	C	WHOIS privacy has protected me from a LOT of spam and other unwanted contact, and it's an incredibly useful tool for privacy in general. In this day and age of large companies blatantly forcing the little guys to give up their domains if they sell a product with a similar name, WHOIS privacy can really help protect one's assets. Removing privacy options would be a colossal mistake.
Ondřej	K	Because I don't want to be forced into publicly show all my personal data when I need to publish something on my domain. If I choose so, I will publish them but I want the option to be available. Missions of whois data is already big enough and I don't see why anybody want to do it even bigger.
dylan	T	I am concerned that trolls would know your home address and it could increase the risk stalkers etc.
Sam	F	Avoid doxing while steaming
Alessandra	T	It helps prevent harassment of women which is pretty prevalent.
Ryan	M	I'm a student with a portfolio website, I don't want my home address available to the world.
Celestina	G	I am someone who works as a front end dev/designer and I value Whois Privacy as a way to avoid risk of identity theft, spam messages and/or harassment.
Greg	H	
Joe	J	To keep my family safe

Dave	M	I don't, but it's self-evidently obvious that it has legitimate uses, and that the primary case for getting rid of it is driven by entertainment industry pressure aimed at finding a new source of information to use for intimidation and lawsuit actions.
Chris	B	
Corey	F	Whois shouldn't care, the reason they want to remove it is to be able to file lawsuits without evidence needed for discovery to suppoena the whois privacy guards
Robert	H	While I personally don't always use Whois Privacy, it is a safeguard to protect vulnerable voices in our society. We should not endanger those whose opinions may offend governments, radicals, or malevolent teenagers ready to make someone's life hell.
Andrew	B	I am a small in home business that manages several websites and domains for other small businesses clients. I do not want my home address published for these websites.
Christopher	R	As a self-employed individual, I register domains on behalf of my business that is located at a residential address.
David	V	Making Whois info public is only good for lunch mobs.
Michael	S	I don't think owning a small digital business should require me to allow unfettered access to my private information. Privacy is a right, not a privilege
Kellas	R	Avoid identity theft.
Carlos	M	
Lindsey	W	Domain registration for private individuals shouldn't require that individual to publish their name and home address. This has a chilling effect on personal expression online, especially for people who want a domain to keep their personal info on a self-owned system for privacy reasons! See the catch? Please allow anonymity to continue online.
Nina	V	I do not want my private contact information like name, address, phone number, etc. to be publicize or give out to anyone without due process.
Daniel	W	
Carlos	A	I do not use it but I understand its relevance for the protection of privacy.
Andrew	H	To protect my privacy
Samantha	W	
Jack	H	I need it as I protect my identity as a activist who runs a security blog and I am scared that the articles I write will put me in danger if my infomation is publicly availble.
Melvin	T	I don't use it myself, I even hate it sometimes, but I know that sometimes it is better if we don't know who is the owner of a website. In my business, travel, there are some websites with good inside information/opinion. If the owners of this kind of websites are known, then these website will go offline. And that would be very bad for an open transparent internet.
Rachel	C	

Jack	C	I don't as I do not have a domain but feel that this is an unneeded and dangerous change
Leticia	L	
jaime	B	Cause I'm starting and I don't want attacks or things like that to happen... my budget it's limited!
Arnau	G	
Nico	B	There is no need to publish all kinds of information to the grant public just for the sake of it. I already got enough email on the address I once supplied to a registrar. No need to also publish addresses etc. as well. just to prevent unwanted visits. For Lawful inspections there are already the subpoena's and other judicial procedures, so there is clearly no need.
Mike	M	Protect and respect privacy... Its not important for a visitor to know who is the owner of the domain. If there are any issues just ask the hosting company. Depending the grade of the issue the hosting can take action to suspend it. Real big cases can be forced by police, so there is no need to show personal information.
Taner	M	
Menno	H	way of thinking might cause others to attack me
I	V	I need privacy for my protection.
Sarah	P	
Gigi	J	I DID use Privacy, and appreciated, as an artist/musician who wanted to have a site for my music but didn't want people to go right to my home address and my family/kids. I've gotten bigger and have a work address and identity now, so I have dropped my privacy and gone to that identity -- but was very glad earlier on to not have my personal information accessible!
Matthew	S	
Jason	P	As an individual, without a operational location outside of my home, I required this to protect the privacy and protection of my family!
Timothy	P	I'm starting a business while working full-time. I hope it will grow to where I can leave my current job and work for myself. I use a private registration so that my employer will not discover that I am associated with the business and fire me before I am ready to leave.
Steve	C	I have a personal domain and a business domain and spammers find my contact information all the time and abuse the private information contained therein.
Cai	W	
Jennifer	W	My husband and I have a home-based business. We don't need to have people we don't know coming to our house or calling or emailing us. We believe in keeping our personal and professional lives separate and having our WHOIS information private helps with that. It also helps to keep spammers from emailing and telemarketers from calling.
Linda	C	I am a web developer with many clients who are individuals with a business address which is the same as their home address. Using Whois privacy allows them to protect the privacy of their home address which is essential!

tim	S	I do not need it nor do I use it, however, that does not mean that it should be not available to anyone who does, such as those running controversial websites or those who may be under the protection of domestic violence petitions. As the information is readily available to anyone with a subpoena, this redundancy is merely an outlet for those who value conveniency over legality. If anyone needs the information, simply convince a judge.
Luke	F	As someone with a small business online I need it to protect my privacy.
Geoffrey	A	I have a personal blog that I occasionally update. Even though the site has barely any traffic, I don't need to have people I don't know coming to my house or calling or emailing me because of somethign I've written. I believe in keeping my personal and professional lives separate and having my WHOIS information private helps with that. It also helps to keep spammers from emailing and telemarketers from calling.
Christiaan	G	
Alan	W	Given that there already exists legal mechanisms to address issues of copyright and trademark infringement in commercial websites that use privacy or proxy services for domain registration, there appears to be no advantage to the public good to require that all personal information of domain registrants be made readily available to the public. Such a position would encourage harassment, identify theft, and the suppression of unpopular or controversial opinions.
Brian	N	It's common sense. It protects individuals. This should not be something that the entertainment industry gets to decide. I have several web sites, and that could be deemed commercial. As an individual, I deserve the right to privacy.
Steven	C	I don't feel like my personal information should be online just because I register a domain. That is a ridiculous concept.
Eric	L	Free Speech and peace of mind
Michael	D	To protect my personal safety. I have been staled by mentally ill people in the past, and I work in a field wherein I have to deal with violent and mentally ill people.
Dan	K	
Gabe	B	
Kelly	M	
Kevin	P	I register domain names for clients who wish to have personal information protected and not released to the general public.
Heath	B	I have a fundamental right to privacy
Marcelo	V	For my non profit music label.
Peter	C	
Mark	B	Why not. I want to keep my privacy. If you really want to. You can ask à judge. To release à name.
Richard	N	I am convinced that there is no valid reason to publicly display my personal details (without my consent).
chris	K	To keep myself save from idiots.

Eric	D	
CARL	D	Owning a domain myself, I understand the need to hide my residential info from those on the web. While my site may currently be down, it was taken down because i was being harassed by someone that got my address with a WHOIS. And it only contained personal info about me! my resume, interests , etc.
Tim	A	
Nika	H	I don't need it and I don't use it, but it should be a right for everybody to be anonymous..
Nik	K	I am concerned about physical safety on the Internet using my real address. Mailbox spam is also a problem
Brian	S	
Jay	A	So no one comes to my house to murder me.
Shawn	M	Mechanisms already exist for obtaining domain registrant details. That theses mechanisms might be inconvenient is not a compelling reason to eliminate or weaken them. In fact given that one lobby group who themselves have been shown to use questionable and sometimes illegal methods to further their interests and agenda it should be clear the current privacy rules are needed more than ever.
Muhammad	A	Dear ICANN - Regarding the proposed rules governing companies that provide WHOIS privacy services (as set forth in the Privacy and Policy Services Accreditation Issues Policy document): I urge you to respect internet users' rights to privacy and due process. - Everyone deserves the right to privacy. - No one's personal information should be revealed without a court order, regardless of whether the request comes from a private individual or law enforcement agency. Private information should be kept private. Thank you.
Pat	R	With identity theft getting worse by the day, it is imperative that we able to keep our personal information private. I'm don't even use my domain email in all instances (including this). I am a single woman living alone and don't want everyone in the world to see where I live. With just cause, get the informaiton needed by taking the legal route.
Allison	R	
David	V	
Jochen	V	For the safety of the owner. Not every idiot should be able to find that easy the address of the owner of a website.
Eli	K	I don't need people knowing my personal information.
Joshua	T	Privacy is a fundamental right of all sentient beings. Protect it.
Jason	B	I'm working on starting a small business online, I won't have a storefront for anyone to visit. It is all online, while I am starting it up I can't afford a PO Box and I don't want people knowing my home address. The internet is not a safe place, upset one person and you can end up with numerous death threats. I would rather not make it easy for people to carry those out.
James	P	

Alex	S	Everyone benefits from Whois Privacy, because it enables oppressed voices to be heard without fear of bodily harm. I personally am not oppressed, but I know that removing this privacy option WILL NOT cause criminals to suddenly start playing by the rules. It WILL silence voices of law-abiding citizens.
Rebecca	S	The internet can be a hostile place and folks should be able to have a personal/custom domain and presence on the internet without needing to expose their personal details to the entire world. Such a policy change will do more harm than good in the long run.
Carly	H	Because corporate greed is a poor excuse to give up both privacy and security.
James	S	Today, I don't (but I value it anyway). Others do, people for whom posting their physical address online may endanger their physical safety or economic well-being. People with past abusive relationships, people suffering online harassment and doxxing, whistle-blowers, and more, need Whois Privacy.
Shane	C	Privacy is becoming so seldom and rare. If this possibility becomes enacted then we are all doomed down the line. First we stop the NSA from spying on us all, now we have to deal with this shit? What is with you guys at the top? Quit trying to play games.
Michael	S	I, the undersigned, support The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing If an entity wishes to contact me, my domain registrar and hosting provider has an email setup that forwards to me. This system has worked fine in the past to protect my privacy and I see no need to remove my ability to have privacy because I own a few domain names. I see no need whatsoever to change a system/process that currently works just fine. Private information should be kept private. Thank you.
india	J	I value Whois privacy for the same reason I value gun registration privacy. I do not wish to be swept up into a database that will inevitably be hacked, misappropriated, lost, etc. By either government, corporate, NGO, military, security, or non-state and criminal organizations.
Roy	Z	I myself don't, but might someday. And it's a matter of principle, freedom, and privacy.

		To whom it may concern, [Contents to be treated as private and confidential] I am writing to you to offer my comments regards PPSAI policy. I am against the implementation of the policy in its current form as I feel I would put me at personal risk. I write on topics such as gender, sexuality, and the presentation of the male body in a more feminine way. I do this on a site I run, on a domain I own. While many people receive my views well, some do not. Anger and threats are not unusual, and I feel having my address online - in plain sight - would make me vulnerable. Moreover, I generally write under a pen-name as this frees me to discuss topics I am not ready to share with the world, and this is even more severe for others. I have friends who would be disowned (literally, not figuratively) by their families if their families were ever able to discover their online personas. I have friends who have had to evacuate their homes due to bomb threats received as a result of their online personas. We are making big steps towards a more tolerant world, but we are still a long way off, and there will always be someone on the internet that thinks you are wrong. Sometimes that person will be threatening and malicious, in which case I'd be very grateful if my home address was not on public display. Best Regards, Adam Charnock
Adam	C	
Meredith	N	For safety reasons! Nobody wants their home address or phone number easily accessible to strangers!
Naomi	R	As a maker of adult material that aims to promote positive sexuality and equal pleasure, I am a prime target for people who wish to see sexual culture stagnate. These can be quite violent and determined people so I would rather they not know where I live.
David	M	Before I used Whols, scammers gathered my home address, phone number, and email. Now I'm bombarded with scam calls and junk mail every day. My issue is rather trivial compared to multitude of privacy and safety reasons posed by other site owners. This law has serious and dangerous consequences for small businesses and independent contractors. Please keep us in mind.
Aldo	A	
JR	P	Because I do not need stalkers, or junk being sent to my house for a small site that I run.
ad	A	
Robert	N	
Koen	V	I don't want my address and phone number on the internet
Tara	K	
Thomas	K	
Noreen	S	
LISA	K	Everyone needs privacy on the Internet.

		I don't need it myself, but every day I reap the benefits of others who use WHOIS privacy to say challenging, provocative, necessary things; who can speak out without being silenced by the rampant hateful mobs that roam the web and will--as a single example out of many--call lethal SWAT teams to the homes of anyone daring to criticize them. I benefit when my professional peers are able to blog and tweet and communicate about touchy subjects, when we are able to have necessary and important conversations without my peers losing their jobs, because someone doxxed them, complained to their boss, and their boss fired them. The suggestion of a "commercial/noncommercial" divide is deeply naive about how most web communication services work--servers cost money, hosting costs money, and many people recoup those expenses through ads or donation buttons or merchandise. Engaging in commerce should not destroy an individual's privacy--otherwise, you are restricting privacy for those with money to spare.
Matthew	R	
Frank	R	
Nick	T	To protect my physical address and name from being used in malicious ways. Also to eliminate threats coming to my personal dwelling from others that do not share my ideals that may have extremist viewpoints with possible physical actions and harm. Saving privacy on domains is a safeguard to openly share and contribute ideas to the world. Stifling that opportunity will only resort to a more censored internet.
Adrienne	L	
Gregory	C	I believe Whois Privacy is an appropriate solution to those who feel the need for such privacy protection. Law Enforcement is fully capable of serving a subpoena to proxy services when necessary. This is an appropriate level of effort to unmask lawful privacy.
Bill	D	I operate a tiny website for non-commercial purposes, but even so, the potential to have my private information made public concerns me and will certainly influence any decisions I might make about future site development. If at some point I want to expand my site and implement ads or other services in which money is involved, this potential stripping of privacy violates both personal comfort and common decency. I feel like the future of my website is all but determined: if this measure passes, I am already stifled.
Amanda	S	
Susan	W	
Laura	N	Safety. I don't give my address to anyone that I do'nt know and trust.
Robert	S	
Rebecca	D	

Erin	G	As a woman and a website owner, the prospect of my personal address being available to anyone for the asking is TERRIFYING. Having already been targeted for harassment online for things as benign personal stories about my dog, I can with confidence that there are a lot of frightening people on the internet, and people will be hurt (literally and in real life) if online privacy of WHOIS data is gutted. If anything, we should be moving towards a system where private info is the DEFAULT, rather than an option that must be paid for. What's being proposed is DANGEROUS, especially to people in marginalized populations who are already subjected to a disproportionate amount of online and real life harassment.
Mark	G	I am a computing professional. My private information is mine. Mine alone. I am opposed to this proposal for myself and on behalf of all those who use domain privacy tools to ensure that personal information cannot be harvested by those with malicious intent. Existing mechanisms for determining wrongdoing (for genuine law enforcement purposes) are already sufficient. This proposal is rejected in full.
Rodney	D	To keep personal information private.
Jean-Nicolas	D	
Amanda	W	I want my friends from marginalized communities protected!
Sara	F	
Ramon	E	
Susan	M	We have a website for my spouse's consulting business. He visits his clients and doesn't have a physical place of business. There is no reason for our home address to be publicly associated with this activity.
Aidan	R	Privacy is vital in this world of shrinking ability to be private, what remains must be kept intact, I for one have people in my past that need to be avoided for personal safety, psychotic family members who would like nothing more than to ruin my life further should they get ahold of my details. I am a game designer and programmer, as such the web is my home, if I can no longer be safe online my career would shrink and what remains of my family face danger of victimisation and violence. This policy change is targeted at copyright infringement to make it easier for multi million dollar organisations to make even more money and trample over the privacy of everyone else in the process. They have their paid-for access to everyone's privacy already and must be stood against. To prevent this cancer of invasion spreading further.
Chelsea	B	I am a woman. Women are disproportionately targeted by trolls, and many times trolls are not harmless. There is a very real possibility that if my privacy is compromised online, I could be harassed, stalked, or even attacked in real life. This is about protecting people over profits.
William	B	
Michal	B	
Aaron	G	I currently have a domain that I specifically bought because it offered me domain protection and would not allow unsavoury individuals to look up my personal information and spread it around such as through doxxing. Privacy is a right and a freedom, taking it away is some 1984 Orwellian garbage.

Suzanne	K	
Brigit	S	
Anthony	R	To make my home address publicly available with my domain names would needlessly increase my risk of identity theft.
Evert	R	Private reasons
Jörn	Z	
Steve	T	For the safety of my family I don't want to post my home address on the internet.
Leslie	M	As a self-employed artist, I have a personal website to promote my work. I don't need strangers/stalkers/harassers to have access to my home address and telephone number. I use Whois Privacy to protect myself.
Stephanie	P	
Shelby	S	To ensure that my personal information is private so that I'm not subject to threats, harassment, or stalking.
Brandon	H	
Melissa	M	I have been a feminist blogger for 11 years, and, in those 11 years, I have been subjected to harassment, rape threats, death threats, been the focus of a campaign that offered a reward for proof of my rape and/or murder, had people call my house, had garbage dumped on my lawn, and all manner of intimidation and silencing. All of this happened WITH a private WHOIS registration, and just because I am a woman who says things that some men don't like. To make it even easier for harassers to do these things to people who are challenging the very sorts of harm they perpetrate is irresponsible in the extreme. Please reject this proposal, and instead consider the injustice of requiring vulnerable people to pay an extra fee because the default registration is public.
Derek	M	People should not be able to find my family's home address just because I own web domains.
Tim	V	to protect my personal privacy.
Teresa	A	
Marcus	K	My work is registered at home address, I respect my own privacy.
Kristopher	S	While I don't personally use it at this time, I believe privacy is tremendously important for site owners at risk for cyberbullying, doxing, and harassment. Making privacy more difficult will have a seriously chilling effect on freedom of speech on the internet.
Sara	D	I have been stalked before and it is terrifying to feel so exposed and in danger. I also earn some of my income by writing, and a website is a vital tool in making my writing available to readers and promoting my work to publishers. This necessary tool for my career should not become a weapon in the hands of people who may want to target me for harassment.
Kendra	F	To protect individuals, particularly members of minority populations, from violence.
Kristine	K	I have several friends who blog on sensitive topics and are already subject to harassment thereby. I am concerned for their personal safety should their registration records no longer remain private.

Vicki	B	I want protection from harassment or threats from people who disagree with the content I post online which may include political, philosophical or religious views.
Christoph	S	Just when I thought institutions running the Internet are becoming more aware of the persistent problem of online harassment including doxxing and other abuse of personal information ICANN suggests this change. I can't.
Amanda	S	
Matthew	P	Privacy is a right that should not be infringed upon by any governing entity. Allowing a rule change such as this at the request of a small group of individuals erases that right to privacy of a very large group of people. There are already legal methods to gain access to this information, there is no need to kill domain holder's privacy. Many of us work out of home, and given ICANN's rule governing contact address, this change will put us in danger. Do not allow this to move forward under any circumstances.
Steven	P	
Abhishek	M	To not get death threats at my home address because I chose to speak up against the popular consensus.
Rhoda	N	I'm an individual who owns a domain, and I do NOT want my information accessible by the public. Harassment and Identity Theft are concerns of mine.
Austyn	H	I need WhoIS privacy because I am a woman in tech, and on the internet. That very fact enrages a few, much less voicing any contradictory opinions, and those people should not have EASY access to information that can allow them to cause me physical harm, or mental anguish in the threat of that harm. WhoIS Privacy is one of those very few safeguards that helps protect my physical safety and privacy, and the threat of its removal worries me greatly. It currently helps me feel safe in voicing opinions and contributing ideas and works without worrying of anyone who takes issue with that knowing where I live, and how to find me. Please do not remove this safeguard when so many need and depend upon it, and when the legal collection of information associated with a site is a very simple matter and of minimal hassle.
Elena	J	I want to continue to be able to access content provided by blogs and other websites that require privacy to safely operate their websites, including artists, activists, etc.
Nora	P	
Luciano	M	This proposal is terrifying for anyone who has an online presence and tends to attract the attention of determined harassers, and it could be the death knell for communities doing social justice work and/or communities run by anyone who is a member of a disproportionately targeted population: Women of any description, people of color, queer folks, trans* people, people who do fat and/or disability advocacy, etc.
Robert	Y	Privacy is our free will and the most basic of human rights. Privacy violaters act on behalve of profit or personal gains. Violating privacy is an violent act against all humans and humanitarian rights. Even this petition page violates privacy and is spying for purposes only know to the owners any devious goals are not provided and violate privacy. This spying practices on all humans is what needs to be stopped.

Jesse	C	The right to remain anonymous is an important one on the internet and in the world. Existing domain privacy tools allow for basic anonymity while still providing the relevant players enough other mechanisms (subpoenas, etc) to pierce the anonymity curtain if needed. Removing anonymous whois will just drive people to use fake data which itself will lead to an enforcement battle that domain registrars really do not want to get into.
Julia	S	This proposal is dangerous for just about anyone who fights for change online. Harassment is already rampant; this would just make potential victims more visible.
Arnold	V	For the simple reasons that the 24 hour surveillance industry for years illegal is, despite that they still push on and ignore various laws. Further isn't it serving the interest of the people, but only big cooperate life who uses excuses like this to to violate human rights, censor news and keep there corrupt way of making money at the expense of people alive. Treaties like TTP, TTIP, NAFTA, CETA, CISPA, SOAPA etc are criminal and only to serve the 1%. The fact that all these things are being done in secret and not through the proper democratic channels says more than enough. There is nothing democratic about this. Luckily people starting to wake up that multinationals and there cronies from the main stream media who always claim to value people, freedom of speech and democracy are nothing more than lying and deceiving dictators.
Rosemary	E	Making domain owners' name and contact information (including home address!) public would be a huge blow to free speech. The internet already has a severe problem with anonymous trolls doing anything they can to silence opinions they disagree with, and giving these lowlives access to people's information will only help them in their attempts to destroy all speech they do not agree with. A particularly egregious example of what they can do with someone's address is call in to 911 saying that a violent altercation is taking place there, thereby prompting an aggressive and dangerous police response. The entertainment industry already has a way to get copyright infringers' contact information (with subpoenas) - what could possibly justify forcing website owners to choose between their safety and their right to free speech?
David	B	I support and work with a lot of LGBT rights groups, and their safety is at risk without the ability to have Whois Privacy. There is already a system in place for media companies to submit copyright infringement notices. They shouldn't be allowed to needlessly expose people around the world to potential violence for their own purposes.

Debby	S	We deal in reptiles and their housing which might not sound important to you. But our reptiles are valued into the thousands of dollars. We also have a very large social net work presence and announce to all of them that we are leaving out of state for each show, we do approx 35-40 shows each year.95% of these shows are out of state and we are gone 3-4 days for each show. MANY of our friends have been broken into and robbed while they are away, yes people do steal them. When you have snakes that can be worth a few thousand each, you do not allow anyone to know where you live because of the fear that you will come home to nothing, which has happened many many times to friends of ours. For this reason it is VITAL that we keep our information private. IF this law passes we will be forced to stop doing shows which is 75% of our income right now and would affect us tremendously. Please do not let this go through. We do have alarms and cameras in place but living in the country, they don't do much good. And we could never have enough cameras to cover everywhere. Debby
Tanner	F	People on the internet can be downright insane, and I don't want to give them easy access to my personal information. I need it to protect my family.
jc	H	
Larry	L	Privacy is a protection against scammers and identity theft. As someone who is in security field I don't want my information out on domains if I need to register them for a new site.
Amy	H	I publish controversial fiction and would be afraid of harassment and stalkers if my personal information were made available to the public.
Thomas	S	
Penelope	G	
Michael	S	My domains/websites are my professional life and that should remain separate from my private life.
Arthur	M	It is critical for privacy and keeping information protected.
Ronald	R	Whois privacy is critical to prevent illegal harassment, stalking, and hate crimes. I write on social and religious issues, and in favor of social justice for women and minorities. Many people in similar positions justifiably fear retaliation and deadly threats. And our ad-supported internet means drawing a clear distinction between commercial and non-commercial sites is not easy. It's always possible to track down the information -with a legitimate- warrant or court order. Removing whois privacy is dangerous an unneeded.
Adam	B	Domain name registration privacy is a valuable tool for individuals. Harassment and abuse towards people on the Internet has been a major problem recently, this will make those problems worse.
Beatrix	M	
Harley	R	It is a right. And it keeps junk mail from being sent.
Adam	B	I own several domains and rely on domain privacy services to keep my home address private.
Brian	M	No one should know my address just because I have a website.

Charles	B	This proposal is terrifying for anyone who has an online presence and tends to attract the attention of determined harassers, and it could be the death knell for communities doing social justice work and/or communities run by anyone who is a member of a disproportionately targeted population: Women of any description, people of color, queer folks, trans* people, people who do fat and/or disability advocacy, etc.
Andrew	M	
Martin	H	
Kyle	R	To keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft.
Dan	P	I don't, but I support and respect the needs and rights of those who find it useful.
Matthew	W	For the safety of myself and my family.
Anne	M	I belong to both gender and sexual minorities, and blog anonymously about my personal experiences as those marginalized identities. I chose not to include personal information on my site for my own protection. I want to be able to share my thoughts without being targeted for the hatred, doxxing, rape and death threats that are often leveled at my identities. The internet is a rare place of relative safety to express myself and let others know they are not alone, without threat of physical harm. Removing privacy services brings the threat of physical harm back. I would be compelled to disable and remove my small, personal website without these protections. Do not further silence vulnerable voices. Do not remove critical safety barriers from individuals in constant danger. Do not enable and abet physical violence and harassment. Leave our privacy intact.
Nathan	G	I host my own site and I'd prefer it if people couldn't get my home address just by looking up my domain registry
Gary	M	I prefer to have my privacy instead of allowing everyone to know all about me and have my information to do anything they want with it.
Matt	M	Privacy needs to be tightened, not loosened. We've seen more and more personal attacks cross over from the digital arena into the physical world and I certainly don't need some nut coming to my home after reading something on my website they don't agree with.
Kate	M	I'm an actor, continuing to follow in that profession, and regularly speak my mind about social justice in our field and others. If it became necessary to protect my information, I would like the opportunity to do so. Taking that option away is horrendously irresponsible.
Ariel	D	
Adam	G	I run an online store. That doesn't mean I want people knowing where I live and having my personal phone number. You should see some of the emails people send with threats even after they've received the product they ordered in a timely fashion. If a customer feels like we over charged for postage we get threats. I don't need that same irrational person knowing my address.
Samu	T	I need protection from spammers/online advertisers/trolls who are continuously searching for potential targets. I would also like to protect my family and children from people who are looking for targets to harass, threaten or even attack owners of successful online businesses and blackmail or steal from them.

Danielle	D	Because there are sick people out there who need zero provocation to want to dox someone. Simply making a comment on Twitter or in a forum is enough for these people.
Stacy	K	Because I am a woman on the internet
Kathryn	T	I'm a woman, and I've been harassed on the internet. I do not want it to be easier for harassers to find the personal information and addresses of website owners, as this makes it more dangerous to exist on the internet.
Sam	R	
Harvey	D	I need whois privacy to protect myself from DDOS Attacks as well as other hacks and exploits via ip.
Saige	S	
Tom	P	
Jonathan	U	
Marc	J	
Diane	C	I need Whois privacy because I am a woman and subject to untold amounts of internet harassment. This will just make it easier and more effective to silence all marginalized peoples and causes.
Kathryn	W	I've seen enough harassment and frightening threats online to not want those issuing threats/harassment to have easy ways to find out where I live. I keep a low profile online for this reason exactly. It's already very difficult to do this. I have previously owned a business (which at the time was comprised of myself alone) and therefore had a 'commercial' website, and I don't want to have to give up the idea of ever doing something like that again just to stay safe.
James	S	First and foremost I personally use that who is privacy protection as a means to protect me from spam. But in a larger context companies can use shell corporations to hide the true owner, why can't website creators have a sliver of the same protections? There are already established ways for media companys to learn who runs a certain website, they just don't want to have to submit to official review. Most DMCA claims are already submitted through backdoor agreements that sidestep the submitters liability for making false claims. Why lower the bar even further?
Misa	M	If your privacy information is public (contact information, adress), you can become a target of criminal activities. In one word you can become a victim of crime.
Jonathan	G	I have the privilege of not needing Whois Privacy; I have countless friends who do not have that privilege, and who need it to remain safe from harassment and other violence.
Robbie	P	There is content on my website that could make me a victim of hate crimes.
Andrew	R	Personally, I do not wish for any persons who want to do me harm to have access to my address. This "if you have nothing to hide then you shouldn't be worried" mentality just doesn't work in a world of racism, sexism, and bigotry that can lead to physical harm. In a perfect world we wouldn't need to worry about such things, but as everyone knows, our world is far from perfect.
Ruhee	D	

J	J	We don't need the entertainment industry becoming the equivalent of patent trolls, potentially harassing or interfering with countless citizens, when there is a perfectly reasonable means to require the information when needed through well regulated legal channels. This unnecessary change is not warranted.
Tim	K	
Kyrie	F	I understand that there are many individuals who run websites who will be made physically vulnerable should privacy rules be changed. For example, a woman running a feminist blog that runs ads could be classified as commercial. Such bloggers routinely receive threats, including death threats and other threats of physical harm. Their physical addresses should not be available to anyone who requests it.
Harold	S	
Sarah	W	Whois Privacy keeps vulnerable people safe and prevents would-be criminals from deliberately ruining lives.
JORDAN	R	I may not have to worry today, because I don't post anything controversial, or have obsessive exes, or provide a forum for open discussion in a banned country, and because I don't present as female, trans, non-white, or gay. Pretty much all of those people should not need to publish their address to have a domain name, though. Why does this information have to be public at all, again?
Anne	T	
Christopher	B	To keep scammers from trying to sell domain registration services, to keep someone else from having my address and phone number for use in Identity theft, and for publishing controversial articles on political issues.
Pj Germain	G	I get inundated with SPAM and hackers! Keep me private, please!
Helen	S	
Donald	B	Everyone has the RIGHT to privacy.
Cathryne	L	Dear Madame or Sir, please protect the right to privacy and anonymity online. Undoubtedly there is criminal abuse of that going on, but the law-abiding citizenry is in the majority. Being able to set up a website or blog without revealing personally identifying information is crucial for a functioning democracy. Thank you, Cathryne Linenweaver
Jeroen	J	Registration of domain holder by the provider is enough. Not everyone has to find mine personal address and mail.
Nancy	F	I read lots of websites run by people who would experience egregious harassment if their information were public.
Jenifer	C	As a woman, I am in physical danger without my address information hidden from would-be harassers. Keeping personal information private is the least we can do.
Katelyn	N	
Dimi	M	I post commentary on my websites that some people of "unstable" mental states may find infuriating. I don't want every wacko out there to be able to find my address and potentially pay me a visit and physically hurting me (or killing me) because they do not agree with a statement I've made. If RIAA or the MPAA or whoever else wants to chase down their DMCA notice violators they can go the proper way and acquire a court order for domains that they find violate their rights. Stop bending over to companies with money and screwing over normal citizens.

Gil	M	I use Whois Privacy because without it my email account is quickly overwhelmed with spam. Filters are not enough to stop the deluge. I cannot support any change that will make it easier for third parties, legitimate or otherwise, to ruin my primary electronic communications channel. I also have sympathy for small minorities and political groups who may be exposed by the proposed changes. It is already possible to discover the identity of a domain owner with the help of a court order. This should be enough.
Jurgen	B	To protect my family, especially my children, from wrong doing by criminals I work with, or against, in my profession.
Katie	L	I need whois privacy so that when I choose to speak on feminist, racial and other issues that bring out folks who want to shut down my speech with threats, harassment, etc. that I have at least some basic privacy that will keep at least the vast majority of folks who might want to harass or do me and my family harm from having my name and address at their fingertips. Online harassment is very real and very frightening, everyone should have the option for this privacy, honestly privacy should be the default and you should have to opt OUT of it.
Daniel	M	Having had an e-mail address tied to domains I have registered for quite some time, I'd rather not have my name and contact information available to any would-be spamming group out there. I get enough spam as it is for the period of time before the privacy services became an option. I don't want an increased amount because the information is easily obtainable from domain registration.
Allen	C	
Paul	M	
sue	H	privacy should be the default!
Reed	S	Website URL address privacy.
Julie	T	
Menno	S	So my privacy is contained
Murphy	B	
Rocio	D	
Bessie	W	
Christina	H	Online harassment is a big enough problem without giving out domain contact info to everyone. Please allow people to retain their privacy!
Kushal	D	To be able to create things on the Internet without fear of spam or stalkers
Owen	L	Individual web site owners deserve the same level of privacy that a large company expects: We expect that no one should be able to find us and harass us in real life. Big companies get this from being big and having private offices. Individuals don't have that luxury, and therefore deserve other protections.
Adam	R	To protect my identity and keep my personal information private. I don't post my mailing address online, why would I want it to be easily accessible through WHOIS?

Brian	K	Domain privacy has many legitimate uses, such as to protect political dissent, to protect disadvantaged people from stalking and harassment, and to conceal legitimate defensive security from discovery by attackers. Privacy and safety of those who truly need it should not be sacrificed simply for the convenience of large corporations or law enforcement. A slight burden for institutions is a worthy trade in order to protect the lives of those with the least advantages.
Marcel	B	I am who I am and that's something I prefer to keep that to myself instead of sharing this with public or authorities!
Chloe	B	
Chas	E	I own my own business, and have in the past received threats by phone, email, and postal mail that were used solely as part of domain name registration information. After making this connection years ago, opting into private whois services across all my domains, and later moving and changing phone numbers and email addresses, I'm happy to have not received any further threats. Eliminating the option for *everyone* to maximize their domain registration privacy would expose me and probably thousands of others like me to predatory consumers of WHOIS information.
Ellie	S	I am trans-spectrum.
Kassem	C	A right to privacy should be honored everywhere including the internet.
Adri	D	
Joseph	M	For my own protection
Brian	G	Spam spam spam spam spam spam spam spam
Olivia	C	
christopher	R	
Michelle	T	To keep myself and my family protected and my personal information private.
Jerry	M	So people can't get my wife's home address from our personal site, and make getting doxed slightly harder.
Juan	M	
Diane	S	I am a writer who writes under a pen name and I also have a home-based business. I do not want my real name, home address, phone number and other private information accessible across the Internet for spammers, scammers, stalkers, etc. to find. I shudder to think how much spam I would get if I hadn't opted for the privacy. Plus scammy marketers SELL personal info so the spam wouldn't just be from one company, if would be from lots of companies.
Kieran	M	Identity protection from thieves and for personal safety. This will help large corporations but hurt the general public and small startups.
Frances	D	
Rebecca	H	I follow a number of feminist blogs. They often are threatened and that includes the possibility of 'doxxing': releasing an address such that threats can move offline. I would rather make this harder for people who provide me news and essays, so they feel safe enough to keep doing this.

Marc	D	Because I have a right to privacy.
Jaclyn	K	
Jason	K	I need to protect my family. As a web developer I manage lots of domains and do not want my personal address (and family's address) shared publicly or associated with any domains that I might administer professionally.
Zachary	K	To protect those close to me from all forms of stalking, harassment, and violence that occur when the worst parts of human society can find and broadcast your address.
Joe	R	
peter	S	Because I choose to and should remain free to make that choice.
Samuel	W	I do not want my private address and/or private email address available to anyone through a simple WHOIS search.
John	P	No one should have to expose their personal information to the world just to be able to have a URL. All legitimate needs for access to this information can easily be handled if the information is private.
Dave	M	I run a small web agency and many of my customers prefer to have me handle their domains on their behalf. If I'm forced to register the actual owner's details that will open them up to direct enquiries about their website that many are not comfortable with due purely to their lack of familiarity with the internet as a system.
Ursula	S	
kees	R	
Shan	G	Privacy is critical in today's society and will only be more important in the future. Every day a group or individual comes up with another ploy that leverages someone's private information to either scam them or someone else out of money or property. Additionally, there are many unstable individuals in this world, as witnessed by the recent murders at a Charleston church. There is never any way to know what will set these folks off. What could be an innocent post on a forum or just supporting a policy or product someone does not like could be all it takes to make you a target. Being forced to give individuals like that your information on a silver platter could easily lead to harassment or worse. The whole justification for this proposal is wrong. There is a reason that, in most cases, court orders are required to get someone's identity. All of those reasons are about protecting innocent individuals. If Law Enforcement, the RIAA or my next door neighbor wants to know who owns my website, there is an established process by which they can petition the courts to force my identity to be disclosed. This provides a level of protection that helps ensure the whackos that disagree with my positions can't harass me by phone, e-mail or in person. ICANN, of all groups, should not be in bed with those that want to undermine my privacy. Privacy is important and should be protected at all costs.
Joseph	J	The right to privacy is fundamental. The onus to force discovery should be on the party that alleges that wrongdoing is taking place, and there should be a requirement that that party provide evidence to that fact. Luckily, there is already a known and effective process via the courts to make this happen. There is no reason to erode the privacy of all for the convenience of a select few, especially considering that those few are the best equipped to work within the legal system as it exists today.

Brent	T	I run a news site that covers advertising campaigns here in the USA. Even back when I started it, 10 years ago, I'd get hate mail from people who for whatever reason, didn't like one of the ads I posted...a lot made it seem like they didn't realize I wasn't creating the ads, only discussing them.. either way if they had my contact information I'd start to have to field those types of harassments at home.
Paul	G	I use it for avoiding stupid cold calls, but I know people who would get worse personal calls than cold calls and be harassed.
Noah	N	To protect fundamental rights to privacy and to protect from threats and to users who use for sensitive reasons.
Nathan	P	So I don't get harassed by people and companies via phone, snail mail etc.
Sergii	B	
Jack	R	
Andrew	W	I don't want the entire world to know my contact info and address just because I have a website!
Mafalda	F	I use Whois Privacy to avoid disclosure of personal information that has no reason to be made public. Besides breaking my right to privacy, if made public, such information may enable identity theft.
John	A	Because I'd much rather not make it one step easier to harass people with a difference of opinions.
L	M	I don't want my address available online, where there for my safety. Even the most average of subjects can attract people, some who turn to threats and violence. This is simply a move to benefit the big entertainment companies so they can find out the addresses of people hosting illegal content. The rest of us shouldn't have our details out there to protect them.
lucas	Z	
Kevin	L	It protects my name from scammers. I once purchased a domain where they put my real name on it as part of the purchase. I was targeted multiple times by scammers immediately thereafter, by email, phone and snail mail. There were "official registration" scammers, people trying to sell me other domains, people pretending to offer me money to buy the domain (but actually just trying to get my bank account numbers). Being able to keep my information private is an essential part of keeping the Internet safe.
Catherine	C	To protect the personal information of social justice bloggers who fact online threats and harassment every day. Domain privacy will allow them to continue doing their important work.
Jonathan	W	I have recently begun a small site explaining basic online privacy and security, geared towards people without a computer or security background. This makes me a target for all sorts of malicious activity, from spam to doxing to SWATing. keeping my whois info private is the only way for me to preserve my safety while providing this necessary information to people who might not otherwise receive or understand it.
Rich	S	Everyone has the right to privacy.
Jeroen	B	I believe in a free and open web, where individuals can freely express themselves without fear.
Katie	B	
Mark	S	I don't need people spamming me or harassing me for my site.

Dom	I	
Kendra	R	
Crystal	R	The only reason why I have felt comfortable buying a domain name, even for a little blog, is because I was able to make my personal contact information private. I want to touch on social justice topics on my site, which I had put off doing for years after hearing about the threats many bloggers get. The thought of threats directed at me is almost as frightening as threats directed at my family.
Aleksandr	P	Small blog that does not need to publish my geographic location.
Glenda	N	
Becky	Z	I have a blog which I write on subjects that could offend people. I have a right to free speech. I may use ads in the future to help pay for my monthly fees. I don't need unstable individuals harassing me online or at my home for my views.
Virginia	L	My website for my boutique consultancy is registered to my home. I do not want my personal home address information published, including my telephone number and email, publicly available.
Michał	S	I don't want to receive junk mail at my home address.
Phyllis	P	
April	A	
Unmana	D	
Elizabeth	S	
Jeffrey	A	
Jessica	L	I don't personally need it, but I know it's very important for everyone to be able to protect their personal information from identity theft and online harassment. It's already too easy for those people to get your information--why in the world would you want to make it easier?
Thom	H	Dear ICANN - Regarding the proposed rules governing companies that provide WHOIS privacy services (as set forth in the Privacy and Policy Services Accreditation Issues Policy document): I urge you to respect internet users' rights to privacy and due process. - Everyone deserves the right to privacy. - No one's personal information should be revealed without a court order, regardless of whether the request comes from a private individual or law enforcement agency. Private information should be kept private. Thank you.
Katie	S	
Jeremy	B	To keep my personal residence, physical address, and home phone number private while having several domains registered. Can you imagine the spam, junk mail, and telemarketing calls I would receive if this information is available for all the internet to harvest and sell?
Natalie	A	Because privacy is a basic necessity for people, especially those of us who are at risk of attacks from people who wish to hurt us. The ability to hide sensitive personal information, like a home address, should not be sacrificed just to make it easier for corporations to sue people.

Janet	S	
Michelle	J	Publishing a website should not mean that all details of my identity are freely available to everyone on the internet.
C	T	
Dave	P	Corporate interests and dying business models should not decide an individuals rights to privacy. American "committees" spend too much time listening to corporations and not the public.
Sheena	L	
Dan	A	I have registered many domains on behalf of several individuals who are afraid of being tracked down because of their views on such things as animal testing and the environment. By forcing me and them to expose their names and addresses, ICANN could potentially put them at risk, thus impinging on their right to free speech.
Stacia	M	
Michael	W	Privacy is critical in this day and age for my domains. Without it, the marketing exposure would be too much to handle. Spambots run whois in batches to create marketing lists that are sold. To keep spam (email, phone calls and postal mail) at bay, registration information must be kept private.
Pawel	P	I, the undersigned, support The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing
Lianne	Z	I'm a woman on the internet. This is a safety issue.
Joey	S	I don't want people coming to my home because they looked up my address online.
Kent	J	To protect the operators of sites that provide controversial information.
Bonnie	K	
Ilya	B	
Larissa	A	
Carlo	Z	
Jason	H	
Megan	L	
Ray	U	
Aurora	S	
Miranda	E	
Eugene	F	

Rachel	V	I use it to protect myself and my family. I've been internet stalked before and I don't want someone to easily be able to find out where I live just because I might have ads on my website, classing it as commercial. In this day and age, doxxing and identity theft are real concerns. We should all be innocent until proven guilty, and our sensitive information should likewise be private until there is a credible reason to have it revealed.
Kat	W	I've written and done many things that people don't like (sometimes because saying it means their business loses money, sometimes because it is a political opinion they strongly disagree with). Many of them have sent me nasty messages. But fortunately none of them know my home address. (My real name is public, but I appreciate that I could hide it if I wanted to.) Being able to have your own domain is an important way to have free speech, rather than trusting a third party to keep your content up--but removing the ability to be private and anonymous means that people may not to speak freely even on their own sites. Save Domain Privacy.
peter	P	I do not want any one to have access to my personal information. This information could then be used for direct mass mailing, spam, and possible phishing issues.
Oliver	K	
Rachael	E	
neena	R	
Shawna	S	Whois protection insures my right to free speech and helps protect me and t family from doxing and harassment for my political views.
William	R	I think WHOIS privacy is important since it will thwart social engineering attacks and I don't want people knowing my address and phone number. This would be a problem for bloggers, etc.
István	D	Because i want my personal information/data/contacts to be PRIVATE, i don't want any possible abuse from foreign person, not by phone, not by email and especially not personally at my home.
Michael	M	It protect me from malicious people and criminals.
Kyle	S	Protect my identity
Shawn	O	I have several domains both with and without privacy enabled. For the ones without privacy, I get small emails and calls incessantly asking to optimize my site, perform SEO, etc.
Leonard	B	Because it's PRIVATE to whatever extent PRIVACY exists today.
Lap	N	Privacy should be the right of any individuals. Unless we are running a business with a office that is open to the public, such privacy of web domain owners should be respected.
Victoria	B	To feel safe contributing my work to the Internet
Benjamin	B	My wife has a clearance and we need our information to remain private.
Manuel	L	Avoid being spammed by unknown people that may have bad intentions.

Cynthia	S	I am a massage therapist with a website for her business. Massage therapists, particularly female therapists, occasionally have to deal with clients who feel that the relationship they have with their therapist is something more than professional; I do NOT want those kinds of clients to be able to obtain all my personal information, enabling them to find me whenever they choose. Also, as a woman who routinely observes other women coming under horrendous attack (including death threats, and publishing of their real names, addresses, etc.) for simply having an opinion on the Internet, the idea of having my personal information so readily available to those who would perpetrate such attacks is very frightening.
melissa	F	
Gareth	L	There is no need for my personal address to be available for harvesting for spam or other nefarious purposes. Internet harassment is a serious concern for some people who may hold views as simple as "everyone should be treated equally" - a single tweet could result in hoards of ne-er-dowells attempting to visit the person to do them harm. The claims of the copyright cartels et al are bogus, law enforcement / the courts can serve warrants against registrars / whois proxies for *legitimate* complaints just as they can for IP addresses.
Gary	D	To protect physical safety and prevent identity theft.
Colby	V	
Kiran	S	
Hilliary	S	I haven't needed it so far, but I am female, and I sympathize with women not wanting their info being easy to get.
Heather	S	
Paul	H	
James	D	
Brian	J	It's none of your fucking business.
Valentin	G	Basic human rights!
aidan	M	
Brendan	B	I am an independent musician and do not use the guise of a manager, label, or recording company for contact. I would like my personal information to remain private. Furthermore, if complaints go to a place I designate, it makes them easier to process. If they were to be intertwined with my personal life, they could be lost.
Hideki	S	
Daniel	T	I feel having all of my personal contact information plainly available may lead to issues for me, for example having my phone number available so easily is something I do not agree with remotely. My Whois privacy allows me to receive contact I need R.E. my domain, but not be spammed nor have my home privacy compromised.
Darci	J	
Julie	D	As a streamer I need the privacy to protect my family and I from online attacks. As a woman I need it even more.
Cassandra	B	
Utkarsh	T	Whistleblowing.

Karen	P	
Randy	T	
Craig	U	As a web developer, my clients use WHOIS privacy to provide a layer of privacy and protection to their personal information. Some work from their home, and don't want their home addresses readily available to all; others work on sites where they want the freedom to express themselves legally, without the threat of crazy people harassing them online or in person. WHOIS privacy ALREADY provides people with a resource for contacting the owner's of websites, via a subpoena or court order...if there is a need to do so...and that is the best way to protect the privacy of website operators, as well as provide a legitimate way for people who need to reach them, to do so. Keep WHOIS privacy in place. Thank you
Sarah	H	I'm a single woman and I do not need others to be able to look up my address based on my online activities.
Anna	R	It's one of the essential building blocks of a free, open, and independent world wide web.
Nicole	S	I use privacy to keep my information from the general public.
Nathan	H	I am a small business owner and have my home address published behind the whois current privacy standards. I want my personal address to remain private. Please do not change the icann standards. NH
Lindsay	O	
Michael	W	To ensure my privacy is respected. there is no where else on the internet that publicly displays my full contact information, I would like to keep it that way. I find it hard to believe anyone would disagree with me.
Yousef	B	To prevent people from hassling me. To protect my business. To prevent identity theft/fraud etc. The same reason why we dont have our phone number listed in the white pages.
Yuriy	B	Because world is full of shit and I want to protect my physical address for free speech
Paul	R	I run a non-profit organization that supports vulnerable people, my wife works for a statutory organization which provides health care & we have children. People, particularly those who have or wish to exploit the the those we may help, may make improper use of our private information.
John	H	For certain uses of websites it's paramount that the owner stays private. They can get into trouble in their personal and business life when it's know that they run and maintain a specific website.
Erin	R	To protect the owners of the websites that are important to me.
Steven	H	
Joshua	R	In order to prevent personal attacks.
Alice	V	
chris	M	I don't but I think it is a really bad idea to take away a persons privacy just because they own a website with ads
Daniel	R	
Joshua	M	To avoid having scammers from being able to find my information easily. Whois is open to anyone, legitimate contact can be made through my privacy protected contacts, however why should my registration information be open to anyone who decides to look.

Robyn	B	
Daniel	R	
Rosa	V	
Michael	U	Contact information is routinely used for malicious purposes. I do not want my family to be exposed to increased risk, in the interest of trademark protection. It's quite bothersome that anyone would think this is OK. Given the insignificant benefit of this proposed change, I strongly object to it. Treating everyone like a criminal, because there are some criminals, is ridiculous.
Terran	E	No one should be exposed to the whole of the internet for any reason. It is a person's right to be anonymous if they are doing nothing wrong. It helps prevent many wrongdoings and removing proxy registration is a gross violation of privacy!
Travia	W	I've already been the victim of identity theft once. I need my personal information kept private.
Gretchen	S	I shouldn't be at risk of having my personal information made public because I had to buy a domain name five years ago for a grad school project. There's no reason to change the rules as they currently exist. Please do the world a favor and keep domain privacy in place.
Giles	C	
Vhonda	M	If a party really wants to sue another, this is not the only way. Not all websites are owned by big companies. The security and very lives of many ordinary people would be put at risk for a comparably minute minority.
Dominic	T	
Michael	R	
andrew	L	there is no need for my home address and phone number to be public information just because I own a domain name.
Dario	L	
Nicole	J	My partner and I run our business online and have multiple websites in our name. We unfortunately cannot afford a P.O. Box so our WHOIS information and business registration information all point to our home address. I want to make sure this information is protected. Thank you!
Kim	C	As a former website owner, I had my information scraped and used to register websites being used for illegal activity. I was very thankful when my website host began using proxy information to protect my privacy as well as my safety. As even "benign" topics of interest lead to harassing and harmful behavior, removing these protections is not just a bad idea, it is downright dangerous.
Deborah	S	I don't, but I read blogs of people who are regularly harassed, intimidated, threatened due to their views. We should be erring on the side of privacy to protect free speech on the internet, not opening up everyone to doxxing.
Robin	B	I maintain a blog for personal writing with an emphasis on feminism and sexuality. It is no secret that the internet can be a hostile place for women who express opinions about these topics, and I worry that my personal safety will be compromised if someone is angered by my writing.

Chelsea	M	
Nathan	H	I use whois privacy because my job requires that I put my real name, photo, and phone number on my website. I rely on whois privacy to prevent connecting my physical address to this information, which would make it trivially easy for anyone to locate and identify me.
William	W	The ability to speak anonymously protects people with unpopular or marginalized opinions, allowing them to speak and be heard without fear of harm. It also protects whistleblowers who expose crime, waste, and corruption. Whois privacy is fundamentally important and should never be compromised.
Garrett	M	There is already an existing process to determine who owns a given domain. If the process is broken it should be fixed, not blown wide open. Fix the registrars, don't forfeit the privacy of law abiding individuals!
Herbertq	M	
Mary	H	I don't want my (female) name and other personal information out there for spammers, bots, creeps, and anyone with a grudge, axe to grind, or garbage to peddle. That I try to make a living through a personal web site does not mean that I want my personal, non-business address, phone, or anything else available for all to see. We need more voices online, not fewer and blander.
Albert	S	
Michael	C	I was swatted from my address on a domain name, I don't need it to happen again.
Tomaz	Z	I use whois to avoid unwanted mail.
Alex	S	I was sick on telemarketers having free access to a big database of phone numbers they can spam with annoying ads and scams.
Leopold	F	
Jonathan	S	
Dewey	S	Violating the right to due process and privacy for everyone is no excuse to make it easier for a few to sue people.
PEDRO	H	
Ben	G	I use it to protect my personal information from being harvested by SPAM bots and identity thieves.
Nancy	A	Whois Privacy allows for centralized administration of domain registration for web developers and programmers.
Jacob	F	So that my real-life address isn't exposed to the ENTIRE FREAKING WORLD.
Heather	M	I'm a female. I don't want every pissed off person on the Internet to know my address or personal details. That opens me up for attacks on my person. Not cool!!!
Edward	S	I have my own small, personal website. I use a privacy service to prevent my private address, phone, and email information from being freely available. In the age of swatting attacks and targeted abuse campaigns, I wouldn't feel comfortable or safe having my personal information freely available online. Eliminating privacy and proxy services would basically force people to register their domains with PO boxes, throw away phones, and fake emails if they wanted to make sure they were safe.

Thomas	M	I don't want my personal information seen by anyone, especially when that information can be used to track me down, spam, or impersonate me.
W Thomas	L	To protect my client's information and stop domain-name-scammers.
Anthony	G	I want to keep information private, to keep me and my family protected.
Michael	E	If I'm holding a domain name for a new product release, I don't want people to know any info about the site until we launch.
Rui	S	It's just a matter of rights.
Michael	D	Having my personal information available on a public database that anyone causes debilitating spam. Making the use of email infeasible.
Howard	D	Any website operator with an ounce of sense wishes to avoid the crazies that would take action like SWAT attacks because they were banned from a service, or simply did not like the content on offer. No different than wishing to keep your personal details private when you run a physical business. Even those not engaged in a business have the right to refuse a listing in the phone book, because privacy is an important human right! This act serves nobody but a few entrenched interests, and is damning to many that live in restrictive regimes and untenable conditions. This simply can not pass. There are plenty of legal options, including DMCA subpoenas, to obtain the identity of a registrant if it is based upon legal affairs. That is the way things should stay.
Tim	E	To stay away from those that scrape the freely available data in a whois query.
Jennifer	H	
Robert	A	I get so much email spam from people who have obviously gotten my email from domain registrars that don't offer WHOIS privacy.
Mary-Margaret	W	I am a woman owned business constantly targeted by male competitors in the video game industry. When I register a new domain I don't need them to know about how I am growing my company.
Niklas	B	I want to feel safe on the internet. Safe from government prosecution. I want to be able to protect my identity from spammers, scammers, swatters, and harassers. Anyone who requires my personal information should be fully free to follow due process and request it through legal means. My personal information should not be available for everyone to see, but it should be available to law enforcement to see. Dear ICANN, don't send my personal information to scammers and spammers and harassers!
Jon	B	I operate web forums for gamers. Sometimes a gamer, someone I don't know outside of the game and forum, gets upset for whatever reason. Having my personal information available to the public puts me and my family at risk. For me, domain privacy is a safety issue, one I pay extra for for all of my domains.
Diyan	Y	The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing

Peter	W	I use it because spammers/scrapers of data do not follow laws and rules. When my data was public my inbox was flooded. I register domains for numerous clients and employers and in many cases am the point of contact. This just multiplies the times my info can be scraped if not proxied. PLEASE do not pass this change in ruling as it will just make the spammers richer and our infrastructure more congested as a side effect to boot.
Christine	M	Because I am a woman on the internet and I'd rather people who think rape & death threats are a great idea not be able to easily find where I live.
Shane	B	Just because I've registered a domain does not mean that I should be advertising my email address, phone number, and home address to everyone in the world.
Alexandre	V	I'm a software developer. I own a public portfolio WebSite where I can choose which of my information I can share with the world. Trying out legal but social stigmatized business ideas or having blogs on controversial topics, shouldn't force anyone to have their private information available for all to see, making them open to harassment, discrimination or violence. Even more importantly, someone in a country without freedom of speech shouldn't feel afraid for speaking his/her mind and be subject to persecution, harassment or jail just because they added Google Ads to their blog or website. Court orders are good enough to protect copyright. Anonymity is important. Please stop.
Trevor	N	I host websites for members of my family, and also my own. They are nothing special or large. Being required to expose all my personal information to everyone on the planet just so I can host my tiny corner of the internet is a ridiculous price to pay.
Merijn	K	
Paolo	G	
John	D	Domain privacy actually helps prevent criminal activity by making it more difficult for spammers and other malicious actors (such as identity thieves) to find out the contact information for website owners. Domain privacy also assists in furthering free expression, as it provides a measure of protection (for example, from retaliation by vigilantes or extremists) to those who wish to discuss unpopular or marginalized opinions and topics. It helps level the playing field between those with power and those without by supporting anonymous speech. Please do not take away this important tool.
Frank	S	Although my websites are not commercial I do not want my personal information available for the thousands of people that harvests personal information for illegal activities. The Internet is not about the entertainment business and is not about making their job of harassing people easier. They can get a court order like everybody else has to. Please keep our privacy in place. - Frank
Patrick	E	

Vivien	R	The default should be privacy--I want the default to be privacy, and the option to (or adjust settings or whatever) to have this information readily available. To make it even easier for harassers to have such personal information readily available is irresponsible in the extreme. Please reject this proposal, and instead consider the injustice of requiring vulnerable people to pay an extra fee because the default registration is public.
Eric	C	We have been lucky that online harassment (doxing, swatting) has not resulted in deaths yet... Hollywood's privilege is not worth it.
Brett	B	I don't feel comfortable having to provide personal information to anyone on the internet. If I run a website, I should have peace of mind knowing n individual cannot just one-click search and know the address to where my wife and children are living.
Patrick	R	Not a single person is without enemies or people that wish to do them harm. I am trying to conduct business, keep a personal blog and live life in security and privacy from those who seek my harm. There is no way this is constitutional. Only by warrant or due process should information be obtained. Making it readily available to the public will cause major issues and most likely harm innocent people.
Geoff	R	Privacy is a right of all people and there are numerous legitimate reasons why people would choose not to reveal their personal info. It shouldn't be removed because a few bad actors use it or because a few deep-pocketed organizations find it annoying.
James	L	
Paulo	M	
Scott	S	I don't want every marketer and phone scam artist in the world harvesting my private information so they can attack me with their crap. Even the phone book - remember that? - had an unlisted option.
Corey	C	I don't want random people on the internet having access to my address and telephone number.
Andrew	D	There are legitimate reasons why a business, individual or entrepreneur may want to keep their domain details hidden before they are ready to launch to the public.
Nico	C	
Catherine	D	As a woman online, I don't want to make it any easier for harassers to find me.
Wilson	L	
indigo	S	
Chris	A	
Craig	M	
Giovanni	C	
Roxas	S	
Grozdan	N	
Benjamin	S	Whois Privacy protects those who put themselves at risk fighting for unpopular causes. It is a vital part of a free society.

Paul	M	Why should anyone have access to many details about myself including address, telephone numbers and email addresses, just because I want my own domain. I have a right to keep that private and I see no good reason why having a domain should override that right.
Dave	H	For the few remaining areas of privacy we have left. If someone has a problem with any of my sites/services/products, they can locate and harras me at my home. A brick-and-mortar business has their address public, but their owners' addresses are not known, so any disgruntled customers can only target the business, not their private residence.
Kevin	O	
Jerome	M	It is completely unreasonable in today's climate to expect every website owner who puts ads on their site to expose their personal contact information to the world. That kind of information must be privileged. This is clearly a case of a group of people not at all caring about the externalities of their actions.
Rachael	R	
Numan	U	If I am to use accurate Whois contact information, it has to be possible to protect it. The balance between commercial and personal actors is already skewed too much in favour of companies. Giving them easy access to troves of mandated accurate contact information would be another step in the wrong direction.
Sean	W	Because not everyone needs to know who owns what domain.
kent	B	
Matthew	L	I strongly advocate for privacy-enhancing technologies and freedom of speech, but I also want to be able to travel to visit family in repressive countries like China. Dragnet surveillance which can easily associate my real name with the domains that I own might put my physical safety or even freedom at risk.
Paul	E	I don't see the need of identifying everyone, always. I think privacy should be the default. It should remain my choice whether to publish my name on my site. In the physical realm I do not always want to wear a name tag, why in the electronic realm?
Christina	W	As someone who's had WHOIS information used to send mail and place phone calls to me, it's obvious that domain privacy is a non-negotiable issue. We should be bolstering, not limiting, privacy protections.
Danny	H	No one should be forced to dox themselves. EVER. #FreeTheInternet
Lukas	K	
Matthew	S	I run a few small personal websites, and have avoided being badgered endlessly by spammers, or singled out for personal abuse because of reasonable anonymization. Is privacy and personal safety a reasonable casualty of this action?
hiro	P	
Philip	E	Please don't allow domains to become the targets of spammers and corrupt entities that will harm peoples right to privacy.
Nate	S	

Will	H	I like having control of my WHOIS information. I prefer having someone contact the registrar to contact me. I do not want my domain to be an easy way of locating me or my family & friends.
Alan	H	
Nuno	R	
Chris	J	<p>active harassment against all types of people. This can be very easily seen by looking at the daily harassment faced by women and transgender individuals in general and in some gaming communities in particular. This harassment comes in nearly unlimited forms, from unsolicited, constant messages to direct threats of torture, rape, and murder. As swatting of streamers, celebrities, and public figures has shown, anonymous people across the planet can make life difficult for anyone that they can find an address, phone number, or email address for. These swatting events can be very dangerous and often result in unsuspecting people answering a knock on the door to find a number of officers in swat gear with weapons drawn. This type of harassment where an individual's address is known takes other forms as well with people reporting having to deal with bills for products and services that they did not order, having people from religious or other organizations show up at their home uninvited, receiving threatening phone calls and letters, finding photos of their home and family in their mailbox, and so. This harassment already exists. There are articles every month talking about someone who had to move and disappear from the internet in order to avoid harassment after their details were published online. This is so frequent that we have a word for this type of attack: doxing. People understand it to be so damaging that people threaten to "dox" them if they don't comply. When I heard about ICANN considering a proposal to not allow private whois data on domains, I thought, "certainly that can't be the case; that would be insane." Unfortunately, it's true. A group is pushing for this in order to reduce court costs so that they can more easily harass people that they believe are in violation of copyright. First, I think that this is a poor argument on the face of it. When I consider that this amounts to a massive doxing of an untold number of individuals who run sites and how there will be a massive flood of harassment and damaged lives if this policy change goes into effect, it scares me. A natural consequence of such a proposal would be a massive chilling effect on domain ownership. People would ditch their personal domains and only publish content on sites owned by others in order to protect themselves. With my tinfoil hat firmly on, I wonder if this is the point. If the IP organizations can force people onto platforms run by big companies, they would be able to control speech much more easily. Rather than having to go to court to identify someone, they simply have to send a takedown notice to one of a handful of companies. In turn, this would drastically shift the internet away from a massive collection of individuals and shift it more towards a corporate internet. I understand that part of this policy is only those domains that are associated with commercial activity would have to make their information public, but this sounds to be highly problematic. First, what constitutes commercial activity? Do ads count? That covers a massive percentage of all domains, including just purchased domains that show the registrar's default landing page which is nothing but ads. How about a post of a book review that has an affiliate link to Amazon? If the site ever engaged in commercial activity, is it to have public whois data for the rest of its existence? What if a domain for commercial activity is sold to someone who uses it for non-commercial activity, does the new</p>
Matt	S	Every citizen should have a reasonable expectation of privacy.
Noah	S	
Scott	T	Because I don't want my websites to be linked to my employers.

Hal	N	To maintain privacy of personal information.
Fiona	T	
L	G	as a personal security measure. I pay extra for it, and would not register under my own address, or my business address without it.
Levi	F	With domain privacy, I can still be contacted without having to reveal my personal information. That's the whole point. With domain privacy removed, I'll have to either lie about my information (which is illegal) or risk getting my identity stolen or be constantly spammed. And that's not going to happen... Removing domain privacy only increases the chances for sleazy con artists and spammers to take advantage of the information we are required to enter to own a domain name. There is virtually no justification for this other than the lobbying of "companies" who want to literally spam domain owners...
Valentin	V	
Ryan	H	I need Whois privacy to ensure that my life is not in serious risk of harm as being part of a marginalized minority has made this is a necessary part of my life. Please reconsider this regulatory change.
Michael	E	For privacy!
Filipe	P	I run a few personal websites and sign with an known alias. Even book writers sometimes write under a fake name, why should I give up my privacy just because you THINK it is a good thing?
Jake	K	
Craig	B	As a victim of Internet hate crime, privacy is of the utmost importance to me.
Xander	D	Prevent being spammed harmed or harassed for my views and writings.
Psi	V	As a sometime webmaster I have no interest in making my personal information more accessible on the internet, and removing such for the sake of streamlining witch hunts is an appalling prospect.
Scott	A	To keep my personal information as private as possible.
Michael	L	I don't like my personal data online and accessible by anyone.
Vladimir	B	
Carl	S	Whois privacy protects my household information from rival business owners. Not everyone is legitimate and allowing the competition to perhaps physically threaten my home by means of a simple internet search is unacceptable. Allowing this to pass for commercial websites would open up the door for further policies to be passed that further threaten the privacy of everyday citizens. Privacy is important.
David	R	My personal domains. I don't need and don't want people to be able to find my home address or phone number. If I wanted them to have that I'd put it on my website.
Joel	B	I don't want people swatting me or my family.
John	K	
George	N	Protection of my personal contact information.

Nicholas	M	I don't use it but I understand it. Those companies who wish to remove it do not include any personal information attached to there domain names why sould individual users have to.
Susan	L	I live alone and value my physical privacy.
Elizabeth	H	I urge you to respect internet users' rights to privacy and due process. - Everyone deserves the right to privacy. - No one's personal information should be revealed without a court order, regardless of whether the request comes from a private individual or law enforcement agency. Private information should be kept private. Thank you.
Kathleen	O	I have been stalked, one of the ways I have been found previously is one of my domains didn't have domain privacy setup. I don't want to have to purchase domains and put false information but I also don't want to decide between purchasing a domain and not being harassed or potentially physically harmed.
Erin	O	Because I am a woman and I have a blog - I am terrified of having my private information so easily accessible to the thugs who think it's ok to threaten women online with rape & death threats. These trolls do all they can to get private information already - don't make it easier! I also am an avid supporter of other women online who regularly face abuse and threats to their personal safety. Privacy is critical to keeping a diversity of voices online.
Zac	C	The rights of the recording industry to go after piracy does NOT trump my right to privacy. WHOIS privacy protects people from spam, harassment, and spear-fishing attacks. Removing that for the sake of a few greedy corporations is NOT OK.
Oscar	W	I do not want my personal phone number, address and other information easily accessible to telemarketers, spammers or hackers. Providing accurate information to the registrar is important, but it is equally important to be able to keep this information from being automatically mined and misused
ami	S	Prevent unpleasant people knowing my details.
Nicholas	J	
André	P	To reduce spam and keep my home address private.
Adrian	F	"Need" is always a strong word, but the balance of doubt should be formed the other way: why is the "need" to violate my privacy so strong in the face of alleged crimes committed by others? On the other hand, in many environments, the access to free speech is only facilitated through proxies and anonymisers.
John	T	Like my phone number and home mailing address, my whois registration is private. I would like it to stay that way. Privacy rights are more important and have a higher value than a corporation's right to identify me as a potential customer, marketing target, or competitor. For legitimate legal conflicts, or copyright issues, there are proven and available courses of action available to corporations and individuals to handle these types of issues. Support privacy rights!

		In today's climate of online harassment and "punishment" for a wide variety of actions, it is vital that we take steps to protect the safety, physical and emotional, of people of all kinds who may run websites, and may take the steps of publishing opinions on said websites. In particular, women have been stalked, harassed, doxxed and physically assaulted for expressing unpopular opinions, as have members of underprivileged groups. This practice is outdated and dangerous for everyone in today's Internet.
Katharine	M	
Blithe	R	
Sam	G	
Adam	M	
Christine	W	Privacy is not a privilege. It is a right that is enshrined in the Constitution. As an American, I have the right to be left alone and otherwise free from degenerates and other cretins who may use my contact information in my domain registration(s) to stalk/harass/injure/murder me. It is outrageous and unacceptable for Congress to insulate itself from working Americans contacting them in their personal residences at the same time it removes the same protections from the very constituency Congress purports itself to represent. Keep anonymous domain registration proxy services as an option or give up your right to privacy. You can't have both.
Sarah	S	
Luigi	M	
Vincent	P	
Kevin	M	My businesses are sole proprietorships. I have a right to protect my private contact information from spammers and criminals. In an age of doxing and swatting, there should be a barrier requiring a legitimate purpose to get my private information...and that can be done by court order served on a proxy service.
Jonathan	Z	
Paul	R	Because it provides protection against doxing, especially for women who own domains!
Michael	J	I have previously not used it and it resulted in large amounts of unsolicited email and phone calls that were not wanted for my personal use domain. In this day when we hear more of losses of privacy, and real physical dangers that can result (such as "swatting"), keeping our privacy is more important than ever.
Alan	M	As an individual developer and domain owner, I cannot afford the time/expense for a PO Box or other physical privacy protection mechanism. The existing system works just fine, please don't change it. I value my privacy!!!
Andre	A	To avoid spam, protect myself from identity theft, and keep my physical addresses private from angry people on the internet.
John Van Natter	V	
Hernán	G	
Tony	T	

Simeon	W	I administer a variety of websites on a freelance basis and have a few projects displayed on two portfolio websites. I do not have a business address and I would not like my home address to be revealed if a portfolio website advertising freelancing services is deemed commercial.
Kristofer	B	
Alexander	P	
E.M.	H	Because I don't want stalkers, unsolicited commercial material or increased risk of crimes being committed against me. Also it is about sticking to basic rights and legal principles.
Gabriele	F	I don't want people to know my home address or phone number. These informations are stored by my domain registrar that can and will provide them to authorities in case of need. Other people should NOT see them.
Zachary	S	
Lou	R	
Paul	H	Someone, whom I believe to be a competitor in business, sent threatening letters to my home because I outranked them in Google. Now use privacy on all sites.
Roger	L	I hold a number of unpopular opinions. If my domain information was out in the open for the public to see, I'd be getting a ton of hate mail, phone calls in the night with threats, and other forms of harassment. To say nothing of what the telemarketing and spam industries would do with the information. That's a whole other nightmare scenario I don't even want to think about.
Ryasche	D	Because the Internet is too dangerous of a place to have ones contact information publicly and readily available. That it also makes whois less of a treasure trove for spammers and scammers is an added bonus.
Nicholas	W	
Matt	D	To stop my personal address being made public
Adam	R	
Chris	J	I need domain privacy because I run a personal website, not a business, and I don't want my personal contact details available online to anyone. In an age of doxxing, the reasons for this should be patently obvious.
Geoffrey	R	If you can delist your telephone number from directories, you should be able to do the same with your domain names.
Rebecca	D	I'm a woman on the internet with opinions, I don't want to become a target for abuse, doxxing, threats, and SWATting
Ed	L	It's nobody's damn business. If it becomes someones business they can go to court like everybody else. RIAA and MPAA have long shown they are not to be trusted not to abuse things like the DMCA, this is no different, they are not 'special'.

Doug	M	With the continued attacks on internet privacy by individuals, groups and (in some cases) governments, people need to be able to keep certain things private. There is no compelling interest on the part of ICANN to eliminate keeping WHOIS information private, nor is there a compelling interest on the part of any local, state, national, or international agency to require all such information be made public. Asinine policy decisions like this make me wonder where ICANN is actually getting most of its funding from, as this only serves to benefit hackers, spammers, scammers, etc and places the privacy of the general public on the backburner.
Lina	L	Whois Privacy protects my private details from being stolen and misused. Unfortunately, there will be high incidences of private details being misused if domain privacy is not protected.
Danny	M	Severe risk of being subjected to 'doxing' attacks, and issues with stalkers in the past.
Tedd	V	I don't want commercial callers or solicitors to be contacting me via website information. This happens enough already. Plus I don't want everyone in the world to know that I have a particular domain name, especially if it is not currently in use.
Cameron	D	
Mike	C	
Patrick	F	To prevent unwanted attention by other internet users.
Alice	W	To prevent spam and for personal safety
Anna	M	
Fabian	P	
Gabriel	Z	
J.M.	M	I have been stalked because of having an Internet presence, and it was a terrifying experience. I dared to express an opinion that not popular with the local extremists, and I suffered for a year with stalking at my home, and my computer being hacked as well. This is unacceptable.
Cynthia	K	For safety. Pure, simple, and absolutely necessary.
Nuno	N	
adam	R	To not be harassed by strangers or Internet trolls from my personal views as the world is full of people hell bent on butthurt feelings.
Jon	T	I value the privacy of my address and personal contact information, and sincerely wish to prevent spam and malicious use of such private information.
Robin	L	
Evelyn	S	I'm a trans girl living on my own. While I'm fortunate to live in a relatively safe country, there is nonetheless still some risk, and WHOIS privacy means that I can at least keep myself physically safe from any possible ramifications of online activity.
Peter	K	
Ian	V	

		I own various domains and websites and absolutely rely on Whois Privacy to protect me against cyber and physical (yes, physical) threats. Prior to signing up for the privacy protection, I learned the hard way how necessary it is when several scammers and extortionists got ahold of my address and number and began threatening and harassing me and my family, presumably to make a quick buck. Since then, the dangers of an online presence have only grown, with the advent of cyber hate groups who are all too happy to use private info to intimidate, traumatize, and even physically harm people who disagree with their politics, or simply friends of friends of such people. Hell, some of them do it for fun. Doxing and SWATing are rampant and have affected my friends. SWATing often causes severe trauma to young children present in the home attacked, as well as damage to property and the death of beloved family pets. If privacy protection no longer becomes available, I will have to make the choice between maintaining an online presence, which is essential to my career in many ways, or protecting myself and my loved ones from severe emotional and physical harm. Without protection, many like myself will end up in real, often bodily danger. It doesn't take much to fall under the crosshairs of an internet hate mob. And when they strike, they act without empathy or consideration. Removing privacy protection will turn the entire Web into a playground for predators.
Aleksandr	S	
David	W	
Sean	Y	
Chris	E	To preserve freedom of speech and anonymity! People have died to in the name of our freedom, and bending the entertainment lobby's whims would be a step backwards for the freedom of expression and speech of our global population.
Jayme	M	
Christopher	H	
Andrés	L	Because we need protection from stalkers or criminals who would try to do harm to us by gathering our personal information off the internet
Suck My	D	To keep bastards like you from taking away my right to privacy. If you suspect someone of piracy, get a court order bitch
Cole	J	Privacy
Morten	K	Makes me feel secure
Beth	L	Because I wouldn't feel safe owning a domain name otherwise.
david	B	online presence and physical place should not be intermingled in public. there is no justifiable public interest served by exposing web users to bullying, doxing, stalking, etc
Nicole	M	
Andrew	M	Protection from the spam bots which scrap Whois databases for email/contact details. Protection to my right of privacy amount many other reasons.
David	M	

Christopher	T	Multiple reasons: 1) Spam. Before domain privacy I received 25x the amount of spam because my email address was there for all the spammers to harvest from the DNS system. Spam costs me valuable time and money to deal with. 2) Privacy. I am a law abiding citizen. If someone needs my contact info they can legally get it very easily. 3) Protection. The internet is full of hateful people that get upset and threaten you over the tiniest issues. They may not like your choice of backgrounds on your website or think your stance on political issues is in line with their beliefs - and if they can get your name and address on a whim they can then contact you and harass your family which then becomes a safety issue and cost you money that you can never recover let alone the trauma on your family. If companies need this info for a slawsuit they can get it legally. In my opinion all registrations should be private. The DNS information system is only in the open for historical reasons of simplicity in an easier time when the internet was a colloquial and civilized place, it is no longer that place. DNS would never be designed this way any more.
Jack	D	This proposal is terrifying for anyone who has an online presence and tends to attract the attention of determined harassers, and it could be the death knell for communities doing social justice work and/or communities run by anyone who is a member of a disproportionately targeted population: Women of any description, people of color, queer folks, trans* people, people who do fat and/or disability advocacy, etc.
Harold	D	Because I don't want every internet troll on line to know who I really am.
Ashlee	T	
Nathan	D	Limit unsolicited and otherwise unwanted and unwelcome contact. This goes for both personal and business Whois details.
Miguel	F	To prevent wrongdoers and harassment to reach my personal data by the means of my non-commercial personal blog
Adam	S	I don't want my personal information clearly available for bots to scrape, spam me, SWAT me, use for identity theft, or anything else.
Shahrazad	A	I am an author who uses a pen name for privacy. I have four children. I don't need a weirdo having my address.
Kristen	M	
Lexi	H	i'm a woman. just that is enough reason for entire communities of men to want to terrorize and harass me, let alone that i'm gay.
Laura	S	
Andrew	C	
John	G	Privacy is a natural right. If you strip that away, you will force me to use an .onion address.
Robin	D	
Czar	E	Against spam and other annoyances
Jeremiah	M	

MK	P	As a woman online, there's too many jerks out there who use personal information for harassment. The feminist writers I admire absolute need this privacy.
Jennifer	G	As a woman, it has never felt safe to publish my address on the Internet. Please continue to allow me to publish my thoughts without needing to fear my safety.
Marc	P	Privacy for small business or families is important. There are more safety reasons to protect privacy versus those that abuse it.
jhoy	P	I want privacy
Chinmaya	D	Anonymity is the foundation of free speech on the internet. It should not be compromised just for a corporation's convenience. If you have a legitimate concern about some content in a website, get a court order.
Kavya	M	
Carrie	V	
Wim	D	For my personal site
James	S	
Clinton	S	
Thomas	A	
Cynthia	D	Given how many women receive death threats and other vile messages when they post things on the internet, having the details of who has registered a domain name not perfectly transparent makes sense. As long as the actual details can be discovered via court order, any company which has a legitimate need for the information can pursue it. But the owner of the domain will still be able to protect personal details from the broader (and not always kindly) majority.
Blake	S	I assist open source projects for people who are the target of abuse, and could become a target myself.
Aaron	J	I don't need my personal info exposed for any spammer/hacker/criminal to see.
Danny	F	
Jenna	Z	I need whois privacy to protect people I know and love from stalkers, doxers, and other malicious individuals.
Artis	K	I may wish to establish a website in which I express controversial, unpopular views. If malevolent persons with a violent disposition were in a position to obtain my personal information, they could locate and harm me.
Michael	T	
Lyreda	B	
Austin	S	
Jared	S	Test
Liam	M	
Jenna	A	
Dennis	C	Whois privacy protects myself and my family from internet related attacks overflowing into real life attacks.
Sid	G	I don't use Whois privacy however I feel the ability to hide personal info should be maintained.

Alberto	A	I have several domains I use for different purposes (including the one I use for my email and homepage). I don't want my contact info, including physical address, to be visible to everyone because some content industry fucker believes he's entitled to more money. If the MPAA and other similar criminal organizations believe they (for a change) have a legit lawsuit to bring against a website operator, they can get a court order to request contact details - the way the system works right now.
Vince	P	To keep my personal info out of the reach of spammers.
amanda	F	
Kirk	M	Privacy is important to me because a serial killer once tried to take my sister's life.
Tyler	C	I use this to protect my privacy as I am a supporter of innovation (for legitimate purposes). Personally for pirate-related matters I do support companies protecting their products that are being legally distributed, but not when these companies are overstepping their bounds towards taking the kinds of actions that will cause more risk of making the situation more unstable. Two main reasons why this sort of thing will not work is a. Greedy people using this for some personal agenda, even if it means trying to silence people who would oppose them even if those peoples' concerns are legitimate which would lead to an abuse of power. B. With Due Process, to help confirm things to avoid making a mistake that would hurt things.
Gabriel	L	
Joe	S	I hate junk mail
daniel	E	There is enough of my private/personal information available already for those that want to find it. Whois Privacy allows me to not add to that already growing amount of information; gives me a small modicum of control over MY identity (and it belongs to ME, despite what some organizations think).
Rejean	G	Not for me in particular, but privacy is just that, privacy. You need private information for legal purposes, court orders are there for that.
Larry Simon	D	
Jason	G	I don't, but I know people who do, to protect themselves from threats and harassment.
Harri	G	Freedom to express my opinion safely
Neal	P	For privacy reasons. I do not want my address and info public or easily available for people to get without due legal process.
Kittanan	J	I want to protect my personal information from spammers.
David	K	To keep my personal businesses private, to avoid identity theft and to stop SPAM/Fraud. Before these proxies were prevalent, spammers would contact my web customers directly to defraud them. I have personal experience in this area and this proposal is TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE!
Anton	W	Considering setting up a modern server environment using Nginx instead of Apache.

John	S	If you change the rules that currently allow proxy services, you will open a portion of my business up that will expose my identity and location to foreign government entities who have a vested negative interest in certain products I maintain. A violation of trust here would be catastrophic to national security. If I die at the hands of a foreign government as a result of you changing the ICANN policy surrounding proxy services, you will have been a party to murder. In this case, those changing the policy can possibly additionally be tried in court for committing an act of treason against the United States. WHOIS privacy services afford a level of protection against those foreign elements by allowing a measure of anonymity. From my perspective, this change is a national security matter. On a side note, WHOIS is an ancient protocol that should cease to exist. Instead of modifying the rules, kill WHOIS. At the very least, you must include language that excludes entities involved in promoting national security. This is in order to protect those individuals and businesses maintaining critical national infrastructure.
Jennifer	W	Publishing the ownership data of people who have chosen private domain registration services will be putting the lives of countless people at risk. Think about webmasters who have websites dealing with sensitive issues, such as racism, transgender issues and anti-bullying websites. Please protect domain privacy!!
Susan	B	
Robert	G	I do not want my domain to be available to scammers who might negate my privacy
Roman	L	
Fuzzyd	U	
Jutirat	T	
Michael	R	I have a small personal website and I do NOT want my home address/phone/e-mail address readily available!
Ginger	M	
Clayton	C	I work from home and my 'business' website is my home address-- a favorite "verify your identity" question for everyone from the cable company to the power company to national services. Making individually identifying data available for bulk collection just makes ID theft, phishing and all sorts of scams and social engineering hacks that much easier.
Matthew	D	Trolling can be bad enough as it is, why should these people have access to my home address?
Jared	P	I need it to prevent harassment from trolls and competitors. I cann is just bowing to corporate pressure and paying no heed to the needs of the user.
Y.M.	C	Because I am a Black LGBTQ person who advocates for race and gender justice in the United States. The work I do is a prime target for hate groups and random trolls. There are racist and cissexist bigots who fight any attempts at social and political equality in my country.
Andy	S	
Paul	M	To keep solicitations away.
Fabian	G	I have a domain for my private mail server.
Olivia	M	

Michael	Z	To stop idiots like Craig Cobb using defamation, stalking, burglarize, vandalize, and murder.
Eric	A	I value my privacy. If I'm running a small, legal website, the world does not need to know my personal information.
James	B	My parents owned a small business which was registered to our home address. I don't want our personal information out there for everyone to see. I've also registered a few domains that some might find to be in poor taste, however my right to do so (freedom of speech) may be hindered by the retaliation of others if they knew my identify. If whatever content hosted required legal take-down then a court order for the owner should suffice. There is no reason to ban WHOIS information by proxy.
Amleth	O	
Ivar	C	I urge you to respect Internet users' rights to privacy and due process. - Everyone deserves the right to privacy. - No one's personal information should be revealed without a court order, regardless of whether the request comes from a private individual or law enforcement agency. Private information should be kept private, anything else is the self-justification of a banana-republic-like dictatorship with no regards for the rights and privileges of its citizens. Alternatively, will ICANN take legal and financial responsibility for exposing people's private information. If some criminal or lunatic causes harm due to personal address information being publicly available, will that person be able to sue ICANN? Or will I, as a domain owner who signed up under the old system, get compensated y ICANN for the loss of my domains, if I don't want my info publicly posted and am thus forced to abandon my domains? I own 40+ domains ... 40 x \$1 million would be acceptable. Thank you.
Adam	D	Don't want my friend's stalker to easily be able to find my address just because I published a novelty website about stuffed animals who act like people.
Paul	H	Privacy > Big Brother
sebastiaan	S	for online privacy. If this domainname is not privat anymore hackers only have to track my adress to find the ip of my NAS at home. Or some other privat or bussiness applications i want to hide from the internet.
Arno	B	Freedom of expression, for example for minorities
Michael	S	
Leesa Grills	G	
Dan	B	
Viet	T	it important it is unfair for anyone to be public.The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing
Michael	B	I use Whois privacy to limit the amount of physical and electronic junk mail sent to me and to limit easy access to my physical address for personal security reasons.

Morgan	G	I own several domains, currently showing details of my provider, when I ran gaming servers a few years ago I would regularly revive massive amounts of spam and abusive email to the contact address, usually from disgruntled cheats who were banned, also received hate mail via post to my providers address from the same group, thankfully they filtered the mail and let me know so I didn't have to handle it myself.
Christopher	S	Privacy is Important.
Eric	W	
Zachary	U	
António	F	Privacy
Sandra	G	Because privacy is a human right.
Joel	M	Because I own a domain and do not want just anyone to know my home address
Esteban	M	
Ian	A	To avoid marketing, spam and domain renewal phishing scams from entities scraping contact data from whois.
Gerd	N	To protect my privacy and protect myself from identity theft.
Stuart	O	
Firstiar	N	Many reason. Publicly available contacts means anyone, and literally anyone, can snoop it and do harm to the contact holder. In US case for example, it can be used for annoying telemarketing, or even problematic SWATings. In other case, it can be used for identity forging to frame the contact holder. Private data should remain private except if the court order it to be revealed (to a certain party, not publicly revealed).
Miroslav	S	
Fred	G	I run a whistle blower website that helps people report incidents. Revealing my Whois information will put my life in jeopardy. If this ruling were to pass I would be in big trouble. There will blood in the hands of the ICANN.
K	S	
Joshua	G	So that I can stay safe online it's important to not let everyone know where I am personally located or shall I say living.
John	G	
Santtu	S	Not all websites are personal blogs or companies that are happy to publish the name of their owner. I run a website based on the freedom of speech and if my personal details were published it is evident that I will be persecuted. While the website is not of commercial purpose, it still receives ad revenue to be self sustainable and pay its own domain/hosting fees, so in this sense it would still fall under a 'commercial website'. People need to have a right to their privacy!
Scott	B	
Jack	B	
Kristine	R	

		Dear ICANN, I strongly urge you to fully respect Internet users' rights to privacy and due process. Everyone deserves a right to privacy. No one's personal information should be revealed without a court order, regardless of whether the request comes from a private individual or law enforcement agency. There are many web sites that may cover topics or promote discussion among people who would otherwise be persecuted or prosecuted by those in power. If those people are critical of their government or seeking help with painful personal issues or simply looking for a safe place to connect with others without fear that those who disagree with them may cause them harm. Private information should be kept private. Thanks, Araminta
Araminta	M	
Elisha	J	An individual's privacy should be respected. Not abused for criminal purposes!
nando	M	In order to not be spammed, phone bombed or swatted.
Dimitris	T	Is a blog that displays a few ads a "commercial" website or not? Why should anyone be obliged to display their private information just for owning a domain? If we follow this path, then why not list the owner's home address/phone on the windshield of trucks for anyone to see? They are used for "commercial" purpose too - right?
Sven	E	
Amin	S	
Nicholas	M	I have a .com domain simply because .com was the cheapest and most commonly identified TLD. As an individual, I do not want my home address and personal details made available to the internet as a whole in order to run a personal website. There are already methods available for legitimate parties (such as judicial courts) to obtain site owner details. In much the same way that car drivers already have a license and can be easily identified by the authorities, what you are proposing is equivalent to forcing car drivers to paint their name, address and phone number on the side of their vehicle just in case an arbitrary third party wants to contact them.
Sherry	S	
Oran	K	Well, the whole point of the matter is that whatever legal activities I choose to participate in, is NO ONE ELSE'S BUSINESS. Sorry for shouting, but folks in power seem to deaf to the concept that privacy is an inalienable human right. Perhaps it the need for power over other than needs to be more closely monitored. Thank you for listening. Hopefully I will be able to shortly thank you for a wise decision.
Ad	H	no reason
Florian	W	Website owners running questionable sites will unfortunately always find ways to hide their real identity. Removing privacy will only harm owners of legitimate sites who don't want their data get abused for unsolicited advertising, cold calls, spam or even identity theft.
Amanda	J	Stalking problems
Edoardo	B	Because privacy matters
Alan	K	I dont want people contacting me directly about advertising, differences in opinion or trying to scrape information for identity theft. There is no logical reason why the existing court order methods of getting individuals details doesn't work.

Jon	H	
Michael	V	My private information is just that private. The courts are more than willing to provide a court order if there is cause.
Nick	W	Given the level of trolling etc. Why should I be at risk of someone knocking on my door just because they don't like something.
sara	P	the entire world doesn't all need to know my personal information
Emanuele	M	To keep personal information private
Daniel	J	
Kevin	B	
Steven	S	Registered personal domain.
Phil	B	I don't now, but might in the future. I just believe that privacy is fundamentally important to a functioning internet. You CANNOT have freedom of speech without anonymity. If the content industry has a valid case, let them pursue it through the courts. The content industry must never be placed above the law, or be allowed to sacrifice the privacy of the overwhelming majority of law-abiding citizens in the pursuit of the few law-breakers.
Wendy	C	
Amy	L	I have received unsolicited and unwanted contact in the past, and would feel safer if my personal information was not available for everyone to see.
Kevin	S	Media organizations wield a disproportionate amount of political and legal control to protect them from copyright infringement that they have never been able to adequately prove actually impacts their bottom line, and is excessively disproportionate even if their claims are true. I will be greatly saddened to see internet privacy further stripped away, leaving only visitors to websites with the ability to remain private: until, of course, the same media corporations bribe their way into unmasking them, too.
Margaret	S	
Jeremy	D	Reduce spam
Bill	C	I want to prevent people from knowing my personal home address. While most people will not abuse this information, it could be one in ten thousand that might pose a risk of harming me or my family. Also, in the rare events where I did not use Whois Privacy I was immediately bombarded with SPAM, which no body likes.
Norisa	W	I have personal domains registered and I feel that having my personal information listed is a violation of my right to privacy.

Stephen	H	Proxy registration services are necessary to prevent exposure of personal information of individuals to the world. There is already sufficient legal process for law enforcement and plaintiffs in legitimate lawsuits to identify owners of sites. If everyone were required to reveal names and home addresses in order to own domains, individuals would be exposed to harrassment, threats and violence from random members of the public, as well as nuisances such as spam and junk mail. There is no legitimate reason for making such extreme exposure the price of publishing - the subpoena and warrant processes are fully adequate to protect all legitimate interests of complaining parties.
Judith	M	I have two websites, both of which have very innocuous content and have received negative attention in the way of hacking attempts and attacks. I would not want my personal information to be available to the public, which includes these people, not only for the safety of my websites, but also for my own personal safety and privacy.
David	J	I create websites an behalf of other people. I work from home and wish to keep this information private. I don't want to give burglars information that will tell them there is a large amount of IT equipment stored here.
Ricky	A	
Joel	A	Protection for family members associated with personal domains.
Dan	N	The language defining commercial sites is far too vague. Large companies will have no problem still setting up defacto proxy users for registration. The only ones being burdened are users with limited resources. I have some websites that are devoted to political activity and I think I should be able to use private registration to protect my identity and my job.
Sebastian	C	
Amanda	B	As a sex worker, my colleagues and I rely on being able to shield our information from those who would do us harm. It is a reality for us, unfortunately.
Henning	S	Because I don't think that everybody needs to know my private contact data.
Greg	G	For myself and many website and small business owners, our WHOIS info also happens to be our home address. It should be our right to keep this information private, should we choose to do so. I believe the existing practice of maintaining domain proxies is a reasonable way to accommodate legitimate requests to contact domain owners, while also allowing them to protect their private information. I hope you will move to continue it.
Cy	F	I don't want nor need the whole world to know who I am and that I host a domain (which is a personal domain). That's not it issue though. It's really about the recording industry not wanting to go though the hassle of getting a court order in order to identify people who might or might not be violating content rules. The Internet is not their domain.
Björn van Rozelaar	V	
Thomas	J	
Matthieu	R	In a world where someone can get "swatted" or easily get death threats sent to them just because they are "internet famous", I believe privacy should be of the highest priority.

Christian	G	I run a personal blog to share things I create. I do not want my home address, full name and cell number available to the world just so I can host a small site. I don't want to get spam, phone calls from people wanting me to make them things, or even swatted if someone doesn't like something I post (I don't post offensive things, but there are a lot of crazy people out there). If the MPAA (or anyone else) wants my information that badly they should get a court order. That's what the courts exist for.
David	P	
Randy	W	I am an individual domain owner. I don't have an office address to use, only my home address. I don't want to share that with the world. I don't want to share my personal email address with the world either. And certainly not just so huge corporations can more easily sue people.
Bernard	R	
Jermaine	J	Because I don't want my information out in the open!
Jessica	M	Because people shouldn't be able to get my personal information without demonstrating a genuine legal or other need for it. And because corporations deserve that information even less. The burden of need belongs on the entities who want the information.
Katherine	S	For my nonprofit group, to protect our members' minor children
Larry	S	Personal and business privacy.
Joe	B	I don't want to be spammed by asshole registrars trying to get me to move my domain. I don't want anonymous whistleblowers having their livelihoods and freedoms threatened because some oppressive government found out who they were.
Wesley	B	For the same reason the content providers don't want their personal addresses and contact info available for any and all to see, or why they wouldn't want all their employees information exposed. There is no logical reason to expose this data beyond the extortion schemes of the content industry. If an entity commits piracy that is egregious enough to take action, then a court order should be necessary. The unintended consequences could be dire as well. The content industry is only thinking of their perspective, while neglecting the broad privacy breach and the possible negative outcomes. It is similar to the NSA strong-arming tech companies into creating back doors in their systems for the NSA to use. The problem is that the NSA isn't the only ones who can exploit these back doors, and they are forcing massive security concerns and financial loss on otherwise innocent and unsuspecting folks.
Adam	G	I have a number of domain names for both personal use and for extremely small business use. I do not operate commercial premises and don't want my home address and personal details available for all to see. I would never publish this information publicly myself and wouldn't expect to be required to just because I own a domain name.
Julianne	S	to protect my personal information
Kjeld	L	Because privacy is a basic right and should represent the default, not the exception.

Billy	N	It protects my identity and location. It should be common sense that business owners and domain owners require this privacy!
Ted	B	I don't have thousand of dollars to create a shell company in the Bahamas like the big companies (and lobbyists) that push you to change the legislation. This change would put a barrier to entry for many small startups that launch from their home and want their information private. My websites are registered with own personal address and and phone number. I'd like my private information to stay private.
MacKenzie	K	Currently I do not use Whois Privacy, but I think that it is absurd to take away privacy from legitimate site owners. While getting a court order is a hassle, it is a step that can be taken (especially by these larger companies trying to settle copyright disputes). Taking away privacy rights endangers site owners, simply to make a simpler process for a company; human safety and rights NEEDS to come before companies wants.
Jacob	P	
Ann	R	I own a website for my pen name which needs to be private as I would feel physically threatened if it came out and I could be found.
Alexander	B	Cybercriminals
Rick	C	
Tyler	B	It's a valuable extra layer of protection in keeping domain owner info private.
Timothy	T	I don't think people should know my home address for me to own a web domain.
Mauricio	M	the name says it all "Privacy"
Chris	E	I prefer people that i no longer have contact with to get my contact info based off something i have purchased
Jacob	L	To keep my personal information private so that my home address, email and phone number aren't available to just anyone. The act of simply owning a domain shouldn't make one's personal information public. I think of private registration in a similar way to having an unlisted phone number.
Glen	A	I don't want my personal address available to every pervert/troll/angered citizen that wants it after visiting my small website.
Marcin	M	I have personal websites and used an email that I don't use for any other service EVER and have had that address spammed into oblivion. Public WHOis is a dinosaur of a bygone era.
Brea	D	I work for GoDaddy and our customers depend on the proxy service to help protect them and often their families.
Fernando	H	
Kathleen	J	I have two domains I use for personal use and I had privacy off of them for one day and got three spam emails and two phone calls.
Bailey	S	My domains are for personal use. (one is to lock in my minor daughter's name from other registering it.) I do not want her to be in danger by having our address, phone, email, etc public to anyone.
charles	S	It is no one's right to know who owns a web site without a warrent and/or subpoena.

Sterling	S	I use privacy to keep my personal information safe from being freely available to spammers and spam bots on the internet.
Ben	S	I buy and sell domains all the time. When i come into ownership of a new domain, it is legally mine. I do not need people to contact me at my personal information to inquire about the domain, they should go through my third party seller to negotiate for the domain. if there was no privacy, then i would have to get a PO box and fake number and email just so i dont have my personal life invaded.
Jerry	O	If I am posting Family pictures of my family for my family, I don't need anyone seeing were my children live!
Garrett	N	To protect the privacy of myself and my family.
Samantha	P	
Jeanette	L	I really don't need anyone snooping on my personal information. There is no reason why a stranger needs to know my name and street address. If the domain is a business, it has to either be registered somewhere or have contact info - otherwise, how would it do business???
Bryant	D	
Dan	R	To protect my personal information and ensure I can speak freely online.
Joshua	C	
Teri	S	I have been a victim of online stalking and releasing my information on my site (my whereabouts, contact information) allows others who might stalk to show up and harass. Having privacy is like being able to have an unlisted number. Taking this away puts us at risk for abusers and identity thieves. Please leave privacy available to those who need it.
Herb	M	Putting personal identification information into every WHOIS query response is dangerously irresponsible in this age of targeted identity theft and harassment. Registrars have been patching this security hole by offering anonymous proxy information to these queries, and this should be lauded instead of curtailed.
Ebony	L	
Roberta	F	
kyle	A	I have to keep my information private so that my stalker ex girlfriend can't find my new location
Sumana	H	I am a woman writing online about controversial topics, and the fact of WHOIS privacy is a bulwark of my personal safety. If WHOIS privacy goes away, I may need to stop hosting my own website, and would be then dependent on the whims of commercial content and platform providers.
Koceila	B	So people can't find my home address, phone, name, ect.
Toni	C	SEO reasons. I also believe that the content industry can fuck off.
Colleen	C	Identity theft criminals have stolen my identity in the past, and I need to do whatever I can to prevent it happening again.
Casey	R	I don't want data miners getting my information.

Michael	S	There is no benefit to forcing domain registrants to publish their private contact information. Let us keep our privacy. What about political activists? Now we must all know where they live to help in permanently silencing their voices?
Jon	H	Personally I don't use it at the moment, but if they define commercial as any site using adverts, the proposed change will affect us all.
Gilbert	G	The same as any other registrant. I don't want my information available through a public lookup
zhou	B	every domain owner should need Whois Privacy. the internet is open,and bad people may use our info to do bad things.
John	C	Domains By Proxy
Sarah Portugue	P	I do not want my personal information available especially my home address to anyone who wants to look it up online.
Beth	M	As a single woman with a home based business, it's not safe for customers to have access to my home address.
Forest	F	My daughter has a blog online that is meant for family to track her birth and share/remember memories. I do not want my home address to be public. I have privacy on my domain to keep my family safe from predators.
taylor	J	I like to keep myself protected from identity theft and phishing. As a victim of identity theft, I understand the value of privacy on domains.
Balwinder	S	I should be able to decide whether I want my Whois info to be public or not.
Brittini	V	I don't feel it's necessary at all to have to have my personal information including my home address and phone number listed for anyone to have access to. Privacy not only reduces annoying telemarketing calls/spam mail, but may also save me from identity theft. There are bad people all over the internet and removing privacy from registered domains just makes it easier for unethical and illegal instances to happen, which a person shouldn't have to go through. I should have the choice to hide this personal information just to be able to register a domain name.
Mike	L	Whols privacy allows me to run a Minecraft website without needing to divulge my personal identification.
Mario	E	To AVOID solicitors/scam artists. Well worth every penny.
John	S	
Jeff	K	Privacy is a crucial human right for the protection of freedom of thought. Forcing all domains with even small amounts of commercial activity to unmask their owners will have a chilling effect on internet discourse.
David	S	I'm not interested in getting swatted, robbed, murdered, raped, my privacy invaded, my identity stolen, etc. by some random stranger. I don't want any of the above to happen to my family either. The amount of control the government is trying to force upon this country is creating more chaos. Stop making the same mistakes over and over. Hitler's reign failed for many reasons. Stop trying to make us live and just let us live.
Jackie	R	Privacy keeps my personal information private like my name, address, phone number and email in the Whois database from spammers, hackers, and telemarketers.

Virgil	R	For my personal domain, I do not want my personal information exposed publicly and potentially endangering my family and exposing me to identity theft. For my work, I do not want my contact information exposed for spammers to use.
Matthieu	G	Because Harper
Bob	Z	I don't want to share my privacy
Steven	L	
Ken	O	This would violate our first amendment.
Adam	C	Arguing that you should not care about privacy because you have nothing to hide is like saying you do not care about free speech because you have nothing to say.
Brian	N	
David	F	As a matter of principle
Richard	Q	There are legal issues to protect clients from a former partner who is threatening them when they do business with me. He is also threatening me. I need a business Domain that protects my privacy for the protection of clients, my staff and myself.
Bianca	L	
Lewis	S	Business and Personal Use
Bradley	W	
Radu	T	
LC	C	I have a number of domains and businesses and I do not like to give out my home or business address - I have all the compliance info on my emails that are necessary.
Becky	S	It is valuable to protect our privacy as much as possible, while maintaining the ethic of "innocent until proven guilty". Due process is important online as well as off.
Kathlee	B	I do not want anyone gaining access to my personal information.
Chris	P	So I can speak freely without fear others will physically or financially lash out or attack me instead of replying with words and thoughts of their own.
Frank	B	
Brian	D	
Arun	M	
Ed	S	
Matt	T	Please don't take away more of our rights, I am a legitimate business owner but I do not think it's right for my personal information to be even more readily available
Robert	H	Business Tool
Antonia	S	
Charles	L	To prevent the unnecessary SPAM and phone calls soliciting me for business.

Adam	T	To protect my home address from anyone who doesn't have a legitimate need to know where I live.
Jason	S	Privacy
John	L	It's no one's business.
Fletcher	C	
Brandon	B	
Ian	M	Because I run a publishing business that requires me to use multiple pseudonyms
Ramin	S	I have registered domains (e.g. @saraby.info) so that my wife and the rest of the family can have individualised email addresses from our own domain and I will shortly be moving my own email to a personal @saraby.info email. I definitely do not want my home address and other details which are linked to the saraby.info domain to be freely available to spammers or scammers.
Taryn	M	I have developing my online portfolio as well as selling through an online store. All which is done from my personal residence. Privacy allows me to control what information people can see about my business by what I put on the sites themselves. Not having privacy would mean leaving mothers/fathers who work from home trying to generate extra income to support their families vulnerable as well as their children.
Alistair	M	I'm an individual and when I set up domains for my own development purposes and ideas, I don't want to have my home address publicly available.
susan	L	
Tim	S	To keep personal and corporate information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft. This is of the utmost need.
Steven	B	So random people on the internet can't have direct access to my home mailing address for my personal websites
Joseph	G	Because Privacy is an american right.
Donald	B	I need these for business to keep my information safe!
Bob	M	Before I had Whois privacy I was bombarded by spam, sales and unsolicited contacts that wasted time and money having to weed out and respond to. Please keep this information private.
Don	C	To protect my privacy and my information
Kevin	E	Because it's my right as a citizen of the United States
johnnie	L	To give me PRIVACY....
THOMAS	D	I think this information is private and should remain so.
Rita	B	For Privacy
Sarah	A	I have a right to my privacy unless there is verifiable evidence that I have done something wrong!
Julie	J	
Carol	H	For privacy and security reasons. Folks don't need to know where I live and work.
kenton	C	Because I want control of my info. Government does not need it. they already have everything as it is with my SS#.
Neal	C	

Paul	R	I choose to be treated innocent until proven guilty. It is the premise of our awesome constitutional system of government the presumes we the people are innocent until proven guilty. I vote to keep my personal information confidential -Paul R
Joseph	W	I feel as though I should have the right to privacy and by simply owning one or more domain names should not infringe on that right.
Michael	T	I own domains for several legitimate businesses. I use private registration services in order to prevent exposure of personal information such as my home address, personal or business phone, and personal or business email. Publication of these would expose me to attack, harassment, or ongoing nuisance contacts from telemarketers, spammers, and possibly criminal elements.
Alex	L	To protect my company private contact information.
Jason	D	to protect my privacy from potential malicious attacks or nuisance claims with no legal basis for same.
walter	K	I simply like the fact that someone who wants my domain is not going to find my address and try to take my domains
Adam	B	To protect my privacy from prying eyes. I have no problem with government agencies being allowed access to my WHOIS data but not individuals and potentially sketchy companies.
Jean-Michel	T	
Vivian	L	
stephen	A	I wish to have privacy from my personal data being made available to spammers and others who wish to mine or otherwise access my personal data without needs or requirements. The proposed changes do not safeguard me from abuses of my private data and I believe they should not be made.
Jason	K	To protect my sites from haters. Anonymous haters are evil and damage businesses.
Dell	K	
Donald	B	I need these for business to keep my information safe!
matt	M	protect from soliciting
Timothy	H	We don't want competitors to necessarily know all of our projects, who our clients are, etc. by searching the WHOIS database.
Barbara	H	Because I want my personal information KEPT PRIVATE.
Richard	A	I'm a student, running a website to advertise myself for when I finish my degree. I live on my own, so I absolutely do not want strangers to be able to get my address details.
matt	M	protect from soliciting
Mary	R	I work from home and have two small children. No one should have my homeaddresses. Tol risky and potentially dangerous! Thank you
Amanda	B	
Tim	M	

Brian	W	Everyone needs this, privacy is hard enough as it is!
Kimberly	C	I have been swindled by a man that found me online, so I don't want to let anyone know who I am
James	L	
John	P	To avoid spam and unwanted sales calls as well as to protect my domains from being hijacked.
Sean	F	Privacy
James	M	Because I don't want my private information all over the place
Lucas	D	Because I don't want competitors in my niche market knowing I own certain domains.
Ileana	T	I want my confidential information to be protected and not released to anyone unless there is a legal, valid reason to do so. I do not wish to be spammed, contacted or targeted by people who don't know me.
Bill	W	
Moses	O	To keep personal information private and protect identity theft.
john	M	avoid spam e-mails
Alex	P	To keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft.
Susan	O	Privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing. I deserve to be protected from internet predators and spammers.
Loren	P	Whois is absolutely essential for me when it comes to protecting my privacy both from a personal perspective as well as when I am developing commercial applications.
Jon	P	Privacy matters!
Stacia	S	because I value my right to privacy, and as guaranteed by the US constitution to live and let live, because there is no reverse tracking on who is looking up my private information and no accountability to prevent criminals from using my private information and to disguise themselves as me or my domain, prevents identity theft
Nivedita	K	
Percival	M	That's my business, but I want my rights to Privacy protected regardless, and always!
Glen	N	To maintain my privacy when there is risk associated with divulging my personal details.
David	T	I don't trust the internet. Privacy is very important!
Margot	M	Keep my privacy safe and maintain my rights to do so
Noman	A	
Curt	D	
John	P	To keep personal information personal.
Otono	L	To avoid direct solicitations by sales people.
Raisa	B	To protect my personal and business information!
Raymond	K	
Kymberlee	M	

Lucinda KC	L	To keep my personal information private. No one has the right to take that away. It makes me be considered "guilty" before proving innocent. That is not right.
Ronald	C	to avoid spamming and keep down of overwhelming solicitation
Theresa	J	Unwanted spam calls/emails and solicitations. Also to guard personal privacy and prevent personal information from reaching scammers.
Paul	T	Please protect domain privacy.
Writers	B	I need privacy who is as an public figure my personal details and information need to be protected and separate from my business. I have personally experienced the spammers and unlawful and that is why I began using the privacy program.
Imad	A	
Sandee	S	I am a small business person with many domains. I have never been a criminal and have no record. I cannot afford to have my private info out there - ESPECIALLY when we are being hacked as Americans every minute of every day.As a result I use all the tools available to me to keep my info private.
Harold	B	Find domains.
Bill	S	To protect private and personal information.
Mahendra	D	
NATALIE	W	Do not want personal information open to anyone ,or company , ect.
Robin	D	I do not want unsolicited outreach on my website, and I want to retain entrepreneurial anonymity.
Dipto	C	
Fraser	S	With all the fraud and violation of privacy it is unthinkable that we should be exposed in this manner. Please do not allow this to happen. Fraser S
David	P	
Brad	B	
David	C	
Ravi	R	
Leroy	J	I choice to have my privacy, it is a constitutional right. Which the subject matter I deal with, Also as a VFW I fought for this right...
larry	H	do not give my privacy away.
Jerry	P	I run a small business as an S Corp and want / need to keep my use of the domains separate from my personal life.
Isaac	M	As I provide ideological conctect, to protect myself against physical threads because of the lack of security and justice in Guatemala.
Francis	C	Controversial subject matter
Elaine	L	
Michael	S	

Bonnie	H	to keep our information private and prevent ID theft.
Michael	D	To keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft
Mary	S	To protect company secrets/plans until they are released
Patience	R	
Andrew	R	To prevent spam and abuse of my administrative/registered email addresses.
Earl	W	because people spam me/steal my personal information off who is, its why i use domains by proxy.
mary fo	C	
Larry	E	Confidential business matters, Unwanted solicitation
Maria	A	To protect my privacy
Shirin	S	This makes me very nervous. As a mom of 2 young kids I do not want my personal information given to anyone without just cause. Please make the regulations stricter so that you can catch the criminals, but leave most of us alone. Thank you, Shirin
Barry	H	to keep our information safe, private and secure from hackers.
David	B	To keep spam and unsolicited sales contacts to a minimum.
William	B	nobody should watch me or give out info. Down with government.
Peter	M	Im afraid for my safety there are all kind of criminals out there, who can pretend to be official companies
Gary	N	
Don	H	Law Enforcement
Pauline	M	To protect me!!! And my privacy.
Lisa	K	Mental Health Therapist and need to protect personal information for personal safety.
Howard	L	We use the internet to market music....as artists our privacy is of the utmost importance....Our music is public...our lives should not be. We wish to maintain the privacy of our personal lives, residence, business address etc.
Greg	W	To avoid scam, spam and needless surveillance.
Morgan	F	
Martin	A	To keep my personal information PERSONAL.
david	G	
Henry	R	I understand privacy can and should be compromised with the power of subpoena. However, this possible new is unacceptable. Reconsider.
Sarah	D	I own multiple websites
Bryan	H	I deal with political and social issues and without Privacy I would become the target of those that oppose my social views. This would be a threat to free speech as many people may be harassed to the point of not wanting to voice their views out of fear. This would be a very bad thing for free speech.
Alexey	S	
Amber	C	It is my personal right to obtain internet privacy and thus be protected from potential harm.

Karl	S	If you're not doing anything illegal and you're following all the rules then your amenity should be your right if you choose. Plus haveing to stick your personal info is not the right place for the public to have access. Privacy is important unless there is a court order then that is when it should be pierced.
Phoebe	B	
fRANCIS	B	HELL WITH THE FEDS
Gerry	B	My personal privacy need not be violated for every business website I build, nor does every website owner need to be exposed to every spammer, stalker and troll on the planet. Stop trying to spoil the internet for Joe Public.
Tracye	G	
Barbara	H	To protect me from crazy people stalking
David	K	Without privacy I received spam consistently, and if we are forced to show our registration to the registry, that is fine, but others do not need to know my name and address for the domains I own. I work for a registrar, the phishing emails are getting very clever and harder to determine, customers are in danger on a daily basis of being fooled by a close domain and a link that is masking another domain, and their identities stolen by individuals who only will benefit by the removal of privacy on domains. Nobody else will benefit. If there is criminal activity, law enforcement can always request that data. If a registrar does not comply, get them out of business immediately.
Slavo	P	We register lots of domain names early in the development stage of each product. Confidentiality is critical for us!
Mark	S	My personal info should not be given under no circumstances
Jeremy	B	To stop people spying on my websites
RICHARD	H	prevent identity theft
David	B	I see this as an extension of a right to privacy of personal information. As an individual, I do not believe that my ownership of a domain should require I compromise my privacy.
Rob	M	WHOIS privacy is not a privilege. It is a right. That is why we provide at no additional cost at Epik. There should not be a cost, and it should not be a subject of discussion whether or not a registrant can preserve their privacy.
Trevor	A	Reduce spam, reduce liability/risk for ways that others may facilitate how to infiltrate an organization through social engineering.
mark	H	
Stoney	S	
Michael	S	
Richard	S	I value my privacy and believe that noone should have access to my personal contact information without going through an appropriate legal process to establish a legitimate reason and need.
Dennis	N	I use Whois Privacy to protect my privacy, plain and simple. I do not want any provider to give my private contact details to anyone complaining that our website(s) violates their own personal opinions or bias and therefore have control over our content. That violates the 1st Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.
J A	S	For Privacy Purposes & To avoid Spam...

Roderick	M	First of all that question in itself is none of thier business nor is my private/personal information anybody's business unless I authorize my information to be disclosed. Thank You, Rod
Sean	D	I prefer to have the option of keeping my private name and home address private from the prying eyes of, well, just about anyone. It is not some entity's right to open private information to just about anyone. Also, the world is full of people who will hate based on invalid assumptions and simply raise a flag against anybody, for no good reason at all.
Steven	S	
Aaron	M	It is important to keep our information private because of safety concerns.
Steve	E	So I am not a target for criminals knowing my business and quoting information sensitive to me to gain trust or access to my websites
Gary	H	First they came for the Jews and I did not speak out because I was not a Jew. Then they came for the Communists and I did not speak out because I was not a Communist. Then they came for the trade unionists and I did not speak out because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak out for me. IT IS HAPPENING AGAIN. IN FACT, IT NEVER STOPPED. v.2000 First they came for the hackers. But I never did anything illegal with my computer, so I didn't speak up. Then they came for the pornographers. But I thought there was too much smut on the Internet anyway, so I didn't speak up Then they came for the anonymous remailers. But a lot of nasty stuff gets sent from anon.penet.fi, so I didn't speak up. Then they came for the encryption users. But I could never figure out how to work PGP anyway, so I didn't speak up. Then they came for me. And by that time there was no one left to speak up. I have nothing to hide but that too is nobody's business but my own!
Santosh	N	To prevent spammers and identity thieves from getting hands on my email address and my home address . Everytime I have a domain without Whois privacy i receive hundreds of spam email.
Gery	C	
David	O	I use Whois Privacy to protect my privacy and would like it to continue that way.
Dean	B	If I wanted some to know my personal information I would give it to them. I do not want ICANN to have my personal information.
FREDERICK	C	Because I am a American citizen who constitution protects ones privacy.
Pat	L	In no way I want my personal information, address etc. to be available to who ever request it. This is personal and I totally disagree to give them to anyone.
Robert	O	I believe strongly in the accomping statement.
Hans	L	We are running a not-for-profit business in Panama which works with a great many of volunteers whose emails and other contact data are connected to this business. I think it would be totally inadequate to treat us and all these people as guilty without any cause and proof. Innocent until proven guilty used to be the rue of law in all civilized countries...does this not apply to online activities anymore???

Caleb	F	I run a business and prefer to have my info private to reduce spam and scammers. It seems releasing all this information would do the opposite of what ICANN is trying to accomplish. I do not want random people to access my info. I am diligent about removing my personal info from the Internet. It is not safe or responsible of ICANN to make this info readily available to everyone.
Shelley	K	Allowing anyone to step past the privacy line and see personal information relating to business is not only unsafe in certain circumstances, but puts business owners at risk of falsified claims in industries that are ultra competitive. There are also situations where marketing and development companies provide domains and hosting for their clients, yet the clients are entitled to handle their own website updates, leaving the providers at risk if privacy rights are removed. I have no objection of information being released in cases of successful claims through the Courts, but waiving those necessary and crucial steps and allowing a simplified process is a disaster.
MICHAEL	R	I do not want my private information given out to whoever wants it.
john	G	because i own multiple websites and I want my personal information protected.
james	F	My company domains give no right to individuals to have access to my home address or home phone number of they can contact me already thru avenues on my website.
Christopher	Z	Because of people like my neighbors, the Schweizerhof's, who have been harassing me for years and won't stop and the police won't do anything. They have threatened me and the Hilltown Police Dept. does nothing. We need this to protect our rights to be safe.
Howard	D	Business
Russell	M	Continued attacks from scammers, and competitors..Incorrect posting in websites that are setup to rob businessman of their reputation when they know I own certain companies..This is our right for protection,,,the government can always get what they need through legal,,,this is to protect from all the dishonest people...!!! Keep Privacy Protection
Jacquelyn	C	I work from home and don't want strangers who may visit my website to be able to find out my home address.
Sophia	B	To keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft.
Ryan	L	To protect my identity. Unless someone has specific business with me, they don't need to know my address
Rebekah	P	
Zaniest	Z	I run news blogs in a country with a volatile political situation, Zimbabwe. There is no freedom of press and once the oppressive regime agents find out our private details, we are just as good as DEAD. We really need the privacy for the sake of our safety
michael	K	1) stop being spammed all the time. 2) privacy 3) confidentiality
John	P	

Mary	B	I use the Whois privacy because I get tons of spam emailed to me without it. Unscrupulous people use my information for their dirty, ruthless deeds. The majority of domain name owners are good people. Don't make changes that allow it to be even easier for the fraudsters to attack good people. Also, obtaining ANY information without a warrant, is against my constitutional rights. Changing this is going to far and all it does is open up the flood gates for more fraud. DO NOT GET RID OF THIS PRIVACY OPTION! DO NOT GIVE OUT INFORMATION FREELY, WITHOUT A WARRANT!
Justin	Y	As a domain registered for government use, we do not wish to have our private information shared.
Kathleen	W	To keep private information private. I don't want my address and phone numbers given to general public. I work nights and sleep needs to be protected. Also Many businesses are run from home and this puts their safety at risk. Thank you
Denise	O	privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing. The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft. The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial."
Brian	B	No one should have access to a private parties information without there permission. ICANN should not exist and is just another agency infringing on the rights of human beings. I would rather be hackedand robbed then turn over control to any government agency.
Laurie	M	
Amy	P	The Internet is already providing an unprecedented level of transparency to people who should not have access to certain contact information. Preserving privacy is essential to the rights of people who want their information to remain unlisted, just like an unlisted phone number in the phone book used to mean that one couldn't be reached, if one didn't want to be reached. With the unlisted number being a thing of the past, there are only so many measures being taken to preserve privacy. Please do the right thing and continue to make privacy a priority.
John	B	Our organization deals in promoting democracy, human rights, and trade unions amongst other things. We have staff in the field who update our online database and it is critical for us to have a domain name that does NOT reveal who we are, if anyone can get this information then we have staff who are at risk should hackers target that site. Our data collection site has a name that would not be guessed and we also have it listed privately, we took BOTH these steps to protect our staff in the field. I seriously ask that you allow us and other organizations like ours to continue this important aspect of being online. Regards, John Berry Solidarity Center Washington DC
George	P	To block others from knowing my personal address and contact information. My business phone and email are on my website, but others do not need to know where the site is registered, which is my private home. My personal information should not be released except to the police if I have done something illegal, which I have not.
Luis	C	To protect my personal data
Ralph	G	Another tool to keep personal information private.

Mario	A	I need/use Whois privacy to prevent spam and prying eyes on my business and personal domain names.
James	R	I do not want my personal information accessible to anyone who wishes to look it up. Before I used a privacy service, my email was inundated with spam and BS inquiries using the email address I had registered. My USPS address received numerous solicitations, some outright fraud, related to my domains and renewing my domains. All of that has stopped with the privacy service. As an owner of numerous domains, I do NOT want this veil of privacy damaged!
robert	H	The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing
MARK	B	Some of the domains registered to me have my home address listed. I do not want easy unfettered access to that information. One day I will change all my domain listings to a business address but for the time being I would feel exposed.
Tom	W	
Michelle	S	I would NEVER put my home address onto the Internet. That is such an invasion of my privacy plus a personal security risk.
Teresa	S	I believe I have a right to privacy which includes associating my personal and contact information to my domain name. Persons wanting that information should be required to obtain it through an appropriate legal process whereby they are required to establish a valid reason/need.
Bonnie	M	My office is in my home.
John	L	Everyone should be free to use the internet without being personally identified or having their address known to the world. The alternative is chilling of speech and increased risks to those who "offend" criminals, terrorists, or anyone else who might take violent exception. The existing system requiring due process is entirely adequate to balance the rights of all involved.
Michele	P	Because I am a woman, and have opinions.
John	B	
Carol	T	My website registration information must be kept private. I have spammers and hackers from around the world attempting to alter the information I provide and to contact me as a result. My personal safety would be at risk if my registration information was provided to anyone without due process.
Jeannette	P	Because I work in the entertainment industry as a filmmaker, music producer, songwriter and recording artist. my privacy is very important to me and I want to ensure that crazy fans and stalkers alike will have no idea where I live! I, like many other famous individuals require and deserve our constitutional right to PRIVACY! This proposed statute will in fact put peoples lives at risk.
MONIQUE	G	to protect my identity to consumers

Luis	C	To protect my personal data
Sandra	C	
Susan	S	Protect my privacy
John	P	I do not want to be persecuted for having a website by someone that doesn't like what we do.
Patricia	B	
Issa	D	To protect from spammers and also identity theft.
Jennifer	S	
Donna Marie	J	My domain privacy is important to me because of the amount of solicitations and unwanted mail and email (and scams) I get from folks who scan through and use the info from Whois.
Christine	J	
Rich	S	No one should be able to associate my personal and contact information with my domain name unless they go through an appropriate legal process whereby they establish a valid need.
Susan	M	NA
Seth	L	I use WHOIS privacy to keep spammers and scammers from gathering my contact information. Some of the domains I own are used for legitimate, lawful purposes, but ones for which I don't want my personal contact information published. I believe I have a right to privacy regarding my registration of a domain name! I believe the WHOIS system needs to be changed so that all domain owners' information is kept private.
Emo	M	To be independent and protected. To be free. Not to be subjected to threats, extortion and crime when we say the truth and show the unpleasant things for the benefit of society.
Doug	J	Contact information on my domain should be controlled by me not open for anyone to see without my permission.
Raja	E	It's best practice to secure personel Data from spammers by Securing throughout protected privacy policy . Regards Raja
Sara	T	Websites
Kelsey	H	
Daniel	B	
Julie	D	
RICHARD	C	
Eric	H	For protection of my personal information.
tIMOTHY	T	I do not want my info easily accessed by anyone other than the people I grant it to. Stay out of my life both business and personal.
Aaron	C	To protect my details from parties who might otherwise be a nuisance.
collin	B	
Marilyn	O	Mainly to protect myself from spammers, strangers, and potential dangers, like identity theft.

Richard	S	I use my business domain for a legitimate and licensed consulting business. My customers have my name and contact information. No one else has a right to that information unless they undergo a legal process wherein they establish an appropriate need for the information.
Gerard	C	I need Whois Privacy for my legal and legitimate protection of personal information from potential cyberstalkers and business rivals. I use it successfully for that purpose. I do NOT want ICANN to make any changes that would result in my personal information being given to virtually anyone on the basis of an unproven claim without due process or probable cause. I urge ICANN NOT to make any changes in the rules currently protecting Whols privacy. Thank you.
Helen	N	
Jorge	L	Personal Information Security
Jennifer	D	Protect my info
David	C	I don't need salesmen calling me day and night over my site.
Maria	H	I am a business owner and I like to keep my information private to prevent hacking and other misuse of my personal information.
Kris	B	If someone decides they don't like my website I want my privacy protected so I don't feel threatened personally.
william	O	To keep personal information private and prevent identity theft.
Kannan Naidu	V	To keep personal information private and also to prevent identity theft.
Michael	C	To keep spammers from wasting my precious time and resources.
Jaymi	V	
marcus	R	We need privacy for our domains as we are looking to set up a cafe and restaurant review site and some people will not agree with our evaluations. Therefore having our details disclosed to the public can cause a risk to myself and my family's safety.
James	F	To protect my personal information
Karen	H	I like my privacy. I don't like people poking into my private life.
Dan	K	
John	B	To protect my home address from the lunatics.
Jordan	P	I own several websites. The amount of spam that is generated even WITH my domain privacy each day fills up my inbox like crazy. I can only imagine the sheer amount of joy that spammers, phishers, & other criminal elements would have at this proposed resolution if this change is adapted. Me and my fellow citizens should not have our personal information turned over to whoever simply demands it. Many people use their home address as registration details, are we really going to invite crime into their lives? Does ICANN condone that sort of behavior?
Guy	N	Privacy rights are an important part of free society. Abrogating any of these rights, especially online, is an invitation to fraud and piracy. I don't want any of that, that's why I'm signing this petition.
April	R	To avoid solicitation and keep my phone number unlisted.

Martha	L	To avoid being contacted by unscrupulous people.
Corey	S	
montana	K	
Sharon	K	I use a proxy to protect my identity and personal safety from those who are easily offended by cartoons or criticism of Islam and choose to commit "workplace violence" by death. (Preferred method is that of their Prophet in the form of beheading) 1st amendment Freedom of Speech and Expression is at risk as well as 4th amendment rights requiring a warrant showing cause before requesting privacy records be breached. It's a slippery slope here people. Calypso Louie and cohorts with NOI can publicly call for murder of a certain Non-Black race without fear of retribution, but a blogger can't publish a cartoon without risking being murdered, and now ICAAN wants to give them an exact address to facilitate the crime.
Andre	B	Avoid spam or misuse of information.
Paul	M	To protect my company's identity from unscrupulous individuals.
Mike	M	
Sheryl	O	All personal information is to be kept private and separate from any and all illegal opportunities.
Ammar	A	I have a human rights website for Syria, knowing my identity could risk the life of my family in Syria.
Rod	F	It keeps you from the crazy folks
Charles	B	I do not wish to provide spammers and hackers with any private information
Ozi	O	To prevent Identity theft.
Vivian	A	The right to privacy is a basic human principal. Before someone can gain access to your personal details they should, as a minimum, show due cause to the appropriate judiciary
Geoffrey	N	To protect my business and private information from spammers and/or any other person with malicious intents
Michael	M	The extra layer of protection that shields my identity is an important tool in today's world of identity theft, cyber security concerns, spam, etc. Please continue to allow Domains By Proxy to provide me this important level of protection and do NOT start treating all domain and website owners as guilty until proven innocent by requiring Domains By Proxy to turn over my personal contact information (home address, home phone, etc.) to anyone who makes a claim against me - without a subpoena, search warrant or due process of any kind. The doors to my confidential information would be propped wide open and that is completely unacceptable and wrong!
Andrew	B	To protect myself and my domain name from spammers and Internet fraudsters, and other unscrupulous minds that seek to cause damage
Donna	K	Want personal information private.
Donna	O	We all need some privacy in our lives and knowing who owns a website is not anyone's business!! I want personal info kept private!!!! Thank you
Nancy	A	When I don't protect my information with Whois Privacy, I am bombarded with spam from people trying to sell me all types of web services.

Chaitat	P	I don't want people to find out how many of my web projects fail.
Richard	E	Because it is no ones business what domains I own. While all are leagal, some are less mainstream than others and it is my right to not have that information displayed. Please remember the reason privacy was added to domains.....a woman lost her life to an ex that found her because her domain was public information. while I am not hiding from any ex's or anyone else for that matter, it is essential to personal security that this information is not handed over just because it is requested.
Laura	C	I like to protect my unused domain names from poaching my next great idea!
Hap	P	To protect my personal information on the internet from potential spammers and website hijackers.
Monazza	T	
Connie	B	Own websites
Shawn	A	As a self employed commercial artist, it is important for me to be able to sanitize the connection between my commercial works, and my own personal projects which I showcase on a different domain under a pseudonym, which may be off putting to my commercial clients.
Carol	C	We are already harassed by spam phone calls. This would just worsen that type of problem. I also think that legal action should be required before information is released.
Eugene	W	Government never manages anything correctly. Eventually this information will be stolen and/or improperly used. My personal information is for those I wish to have it, not a political group or general public.
Bob	N	Keep away telemarketers and scammers
Brian	O	The domains that I had registered without the privacy option were bombarded with SPAM type information/replys repeatedly. That is why I purchase the PRIVACY option now. Please do not remove the privacy, only reveal the identity when unlawful acts have been discovered
Sheryl	M	I have had criminals searching for my business aiming to destroy it.
Arthur	E	I need Whois Privacy so that I can freely read what dissidents and holders of minority opinions believe without the threat of anyone who disagrees with them exposing them personally, as opposed to their ideas, to public attack. I have no problem with the government being able, with a warrant, to obtain a private identity. The proposed changes basically obliterate the idea of privacy.
Michael	H	To protect me from fraudsters and all criminals of any kind from obtaining my details online. These people must be stopped at all costs ! Kind Regards Michael Hayes United Kingdom
Kai	G	cause for some domains i just do not want my competition that i am behind it.
H.	G	I use WHOIS Privacy because I feel that my security, and that of my family, would be placed at risk should my address be made freely available on the internet. Even the most innocuous of topics can provoke intense rage in some people, and I for one cannot accept the idea that anybody who disagrees or takes offense at what I write, would be able to find out where I live. This proposed change is certain to place many people at very grave risk, and must not be implemented.

James	S	
Lee	H	As a sole trader it Allows me to add privacy in to my life, without worry of trading related problems been handled the wrong way and putting my family home family as direct target. It protects my personal ID, when you have names and address personal information then we give fraught a high increase, and identified theft. It's not the way to go,
David	B	Personal and private information are just that... personal and private.
Pat	D	To prevent dishonest people from acquiring my personal information.
Daniel	R	It's important to seperate my personal and professional life. Additionally adult entertainment requires a level of anonymity to protect against creeps or perverts who may interfere with the private lives of those who have adult sites.
Sergejs	S	
jon	C	
wael	L	
Chris	D	A website owner can easily be the target of a crime simply because a viewer finds something objectionable on a site. This doesn't mean we want protection from wrong doing, we want protection and privacy *unless* there is demonstrable wrong doing. Suppressing domain privacy is suppressing speech. We will be scared to have a site in the fear of being targeted. And by pretending to limit this to commercial sites is meaningless. Does a banner ad now cause a site to be considered commercial because it earns revenues?
Heather	S	I have been stalked before & it's terrifying. I think I & others have a right to run an online business without exposing myself to predators.
Jacque	L	I am a real estate agent and I also have websites on which I promote affiliate products, thus I work from home. For my personal safety, as a single female, I do not want my home address and phone number to be revealed without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing. I provide adequate contact information on my websites without revealing my personal location.
Alfonso	C	You can obtain my information or that of my company which may own domains under a standard subpoena process. There is no reason to expose legitimate businesses or individuals to privacy violations without due process. Recent events make it clear that consumers and business are already at a disadvantage and this proposed action by ICANN just increases the risks without proper justification.
SHANNON	H	
Corina	O	I don't think any of this data is needed to continue to do business on the internet. I'd rather my data not be readily available to the public this way.
Meng	L	
Brian	J	I do not want my personal information given to anyone without a warrant or subpoena without my specific permission!

Tiffany	C	To keep my personal information private.
Jack	H	
Kriss	B	I worry about stalkers
David	E	To retain my privacy and protect my personal details and information as a sovereign individual.
PAMELA	G	
Cliff	L	The troubling fact is Privacy is hard enough to maintain, without make it very easy for the identify thief's mining your database using your proposed new proposed rules. Stop this poorly thought out effort. Thank you.
Adam	S	
Chris	B	To avoid spam, solicitation, and exploitation by people who farm the WHOIS database to make phone calls, sell fake domain registrations, harass, and otherwise use information that's none of their business. I've been a victim of countless spam and undesired sales calls for things completely unrelated to me or my business, as well as telemarketing scams. WHOIS Privacy is extremely important to me. Remember: once the information is posted publicly once it's there for abuse forever. Don't punish the good guys!
Frank	S	Webmaster
Ava	S	
Frank	L	So that I can run my business from home and I don't have people coming to my front door so I can keep my family safe.
Joseph	F	I am private
Leslie	P	
Kevin	V	Without privacy protection it would allow people to look into my mind and deduce my future plans.
Steve	M	Keeping personal information private and preventing identity theft.
Scottie	G	
Stan	O	I support the legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect digital and physical safety, and prevent identity theft. I utilize privacy services for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial". Privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing.
Barbara	B	
Sondra	M	I do not want people stalking me at my listed address or contacting me outside of justifiable needs. As a woman, this is extremely important to me. I would think that victims of past abuse would find this unquestionably WRONG on so many levels!
Bruce	C	I would remind them of the privacy laws in place in Canada/ British Columbia
Scott	J	
Michael	W	I use a privacy proxy to minimize / eliminate harassment and spam contact. It provides me better control over how people communicate with me.

April	R	I DO NOT want strangers or unauthorized people to have access to my private information such as my home address. Since people can find out so much about you on social media without your consent it's necessary to maintain a since of security.
Craig	M	Business
Staci	P	
Ginny	V	Business
Carla	M	The work I do is not yet well accepted, and there are unstable people out there who could seek to harm my family because they don't support my efforts to integrate children into workplaces. I have many friends who also do work that is sadly considered controversial, and they need protection from people who have nothing better to do than harass/stalk those with whom they disagree.
Peter	T	For over 20 years I have managed multiple domains for my own business and for smaller clients. Before private registration, I was forced to change email addresses and phone numbers several times due to spammers and scammers who scraped my info from Whois. Please don't take us back to the dark ages!
James	H	That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing. Thank you. Otherwise it gives competitors of rightdoing the avenue to act wrongfully in an act of jealousy of the successor. Thank you.
DAVID	M	To protect against identity theft.
Aaron	A	First and foremost it's to protect my physical safety. I do not run a business and my websites are for personal use only. I don't want anyone in the world looking up my home address at will. This will easily promote identity theft if someone now knows your name, address, phone number, website, etc.
Barbara	J	
Matthew	M	So people don't send bombs to my house where my company is . If you remove the privacy someone can call the police and say blah blah at this address and a lot of bad things can happen!
Tye	P	Personal information should be private without a valid reason otherwise
peter	F	To protect personal information
Kimberly	W	To protect my personal contact information. It is my personal right.
Gavin	W	It's helps to keep competition at arms length as negative Seo is very common. It doesn't work for joint ventures. It is important to have the option to remain private to protect future opportunities. Sometimes it can take years to launch a new site so it's required to keep private during this period at the very least.
Glenn	S	I use this service to protect myself from spammers and unsolicited email. I do not spam, and I find both annoying and intrusive when I receive junk mail. I operate an online business selling ceramic art collectibles; it disrupts my business when I receive spam and junk mail. This is the only way I can keep my email, physical address, telephone number, and other personal information private. My personal information is no one else's business until I share it with them. Persecute the spammers, not honest business owners and private Internet users.

Aqib	P	
		To protect me from companies that plan on giving my info away without my permission or subpoena. Also to protect me from criminals who'd use my information maliciously. If icann fails to remember that I'm a us citizen and that I've got a 4th amendment right to privacy. If my information is given away without my permission or subpoena. I will file a civil rights violation case to protect my rights and my right to privacy. If icann wins the ability to violate rights of privacy of me and millions of others, you could just file fictitious complaints to get icann to spill people's information to criminals or whoever has malicious intent. Icann if the can do this will only be helping criminals not protecting us from them. Icann has got it backwards. Icann is stooping down to the level of the criminals. Criminals violate people rights, icann wants to violate our 4th amendment right to privacy, if this happens, what's the difference between icann and the criminals they claim to be different from and to protect us from? Think about that. Do you want it to be easier for criminals to get your info? If you dont oppose icann trying to give our info away all willy nilly thats what you and icann will be doing, helping criminals since there will be pne less layer of protection of our privacy. And icann wants to intentionally remove this layer of protection. They say removing this layer of protection protects us. They lie. Sont hesitate to file a civil rights case if they give your info away without your permission or court ordered subpoena.
John	S	
andrea	P	I want privacy! I do not want people I don't know contacting me.
Clay	S	Website privacy.
Tony	M	Protection against data mining/spam
Mike	J	To keep my business and personal information safe from unlawful acts
Brad	N	Because I am spammed by "internet companies" every time I buy a domain...." Get found on google, get ranked, get overcharged for basic services " that contact domain buyers with each new registration. They offer to sell services that are available for free. Worse than these solicitations, which at least have the potential of benefit to the domain owner, are the domain services that target domains coming up for renewal, these services send you "renewal invoices" which in reality are contracts which move your domain to their domain service and charge you ridiculous rates compared to the major providers such as godaddy. In short by opening up my information you are exposing me to more of the spammers and scam artists than you are likely to expose or target. Who needs protection like that? Have a case, get a warrant.
Mark	R	Without online privacy, it is easy for spammers to harvest domain registrar data to call and email them with worthless offers for search engine indexing, web development and things we can do for ourselves. The pace of spam from domains I've registered without whois protection is relentless.
Michael	B	I run a website
Estelle	A	Privacy should stay private!
Jenovia	H	

Consuelo	B	As a small business owner, my personal information is required, even though my websites are corporate in nature and designed to represent my company (not me personally). To protect my personal information (and in effect, my family and minor children) from unlawful or unwarranted access (after all it doesn't help someone reach my company to access my personal information), I rely on WhoisPrivacy to shield the name and location and contact info of the site administrator or owner.
Alon	C	So that people who need to contact me use the methods I list of the website. Otherwise I'd get tons of spam and marketing calls
Danny	C	
Charis	P	
Jon	D	Because it is something important to maintain .. If not .. everyone better be included in revealing their private info .. No matter their influence in government etc. Such as IRS Employeess
WENDY	Y	My personal information should be kept private. That is a right not a privilege!
Roni	R	As an online model it is vital that the pubic doesn't have access to my personal information for my safety! I believe we all have the right to our privacy and if we don't want our personal information known we should be protected!
Anne	J	
Johnny	S	I use whois privacy so I can host a website without having the address where my family lives available to every internet crazy out there. Additionally, by using private whois information, it reduces the amount of SPAM, and unsolicited junk mail at both my residence, email, and my voice phone. Finally, I use whois privacy on my business website, to keep my personal small business insulated from my day job in a similar industry.
James	B	To protect my personal contact details.
James	C	Protect my PII information per U.S. law.
Jim	A	I am a consultant for various organizations. I am also a representative several online companies and business ventures. I prefer not to have them coincide with one another. Plus I am politically active as well.
Tara	F	I don't like that my personal information is out there for anyone to capture
James	T	I don't want to give my mother a heart attack.
AKSHAY	M	
Victor	S	To protect personal information.
Varenka	P	
Michael	P	because is is America and our privacy is one of the rights granted to us by god
Michael	D	privacy from spammers is vital to me.
Daniel	C	To keep my personal information safe from hackers and spammers

Michael	M	In today's world our privacy is being invaded by any one with a computer, I sign up for the do not call list, but yet I get all these sales calls on all my phone lines all times of day & night. I tell web sites that I don't want to be tracked, but they still do. I feel that it is important to try to keep my/our privacy rights as much as I/we can. As a small business owner I refuse to advertise on my web-site or give any information about any of my clients. If it comes down to losing my or my client's privacy, I will shut down all my domains I have currently.
Milan	A	I Own Several Domains
barry	C	Who is protects my home address from identity thieve's.
Richard	M	The ability to speak anonymously protects people like me with unpopular or marginalised opinions, allowing us to speak and be heard without fear of harm. It also protects whistleblowers who expose crime, waste, and corruption.
Karen	D	I am a female business person. Nuff said.
Louis	R	Why does anyone other then the gov't need to know of my personal info. (of which is available to the agency; upon demand) My personal info does not need to be public record ----
Sal	B	To keep personal information personal, to prevent identity theft.
Mark	Z	In order to keep my private life delegate from my work.
Dorothy	W	I've already experienced and am still adversely affected by identity theft. I wish to avoid unwanted characters accessing my personal, private information.
Brian	M	privacy is a right without legal due process.
Andrej	H	To protect against fraud and unnecessary communication, which may be criminal.
Benjamin	P	A website can be of a personal nature that you simply don't wish associated with your public presence. Nothing illegal, but not something that you would want as public knowledge.
Lew	D	I prefer not to be too widely known to persons who may harm me or my website. I resent the disposition that we all must prove our innocence because there are some bad actors using the internet.
Gary	F	I use Whois Privacy to protect myself from identity theft and from being bothered by solicitors. Domain names are intelectual property that should be awarded every protection just as personal property rights, including privacy of personal information.
K	F	The internet is a dangerous place. I like to host my own websites and be able to speak my mind on these websites without the fear of persecution or physical harm. Without the ability to protect my registration information, I could become the target of people who might want to cause harm to me/my property, identity thieves, junk mail senders, and who knows what else. If I am forced to publicly disclose my registration information to the world, I will then be effectively squelched from having a safe way to express myself, to have a voice, and conduct myself privately online. I will be forced to stop hosting my own sites in order to protect myself, which would be a big blow to me not only from the standpoint of my freedom of expression, but as well from the standpoint of my ongoing self-education in the field of information technology.
Dom	A	Cybersecurity Business

Robert	G	telemarketing calls, e-mail and mail were really bad. I got contacted everyday by sales people until I made my information private.
CHAR	M	When I first designed a website for my favorite charity, I was immediately and consistently diluged with unwanted e-mail and phone calls from all sorts of vendors and service professionals. Among the e-mails were malicious ones that did harm to my computer and my website. There was also an attempt to hijack the site. Then my e-mail address was used as spam. Blocking access to my personal information was like shutting a window through which unwelcomed pests were flying. Please, do not throw the baby out with the bathwater by eliminating this stopgap for legitimate sites. Sincerely yours, Char Mason
Paige	L	We use Whois Privacy to PROTECT the rights of our employees to keep their personal information PRIVATE.
Shaun	P	By removing our privacy, you then allow scammers to gather even more information about legitimate website owners. This isn't fair especially if you have a high traffic site. Legitimate owners shouldn't be penalized for other people's wrongdoings.
Marleena	F	
Brandon	K	
Steve	V	I have registered company domains and want my personal data to remain private.
Roger	L	
KVVMLRK Annapurna	A	Do not want my Wifes Identity or My Identity every where in google as these are Personal Information so wanted to have it Private
Alan	N	
Kat	S	I am a business professional with multiple websites. It is necessary that my competition not know who owns some of these sites. It is also necessary because my personal information has been hacked before on other sites and those hackers have left a trail of scams and fraud behind them using my name. The only thing that saved me from liability is the fact that my professional name is not the legal name I use for personal use and credit. The web is a faceless entity and anyone can create a persona using a law-abiding person's identity and run amok. We don't need to persecute the innocent on behalf of the criminals. The criminals will always find a way to do their dark business and no law is going to stop them. Never does; all it does is put more burden on the majority of people who are upstanding. We don't need more resolutions or laws; we need more solutions.
jyle	M	
Bill	A	I use Privacy to keep spammers and pshishers away. I thought it was innocent until proved guilty in this country. I only do legitimate business and personal things with my sites and I do not want an open pathway for unscrupulous people getting to my personal information. Use ICANN resources to Investigate the people and sites that people overwhelmingly have trouble with, not law abiding people who are trying to protect themselves.
monsef	C	i have some blog where i share my personal opinion about politique problem, religion that im not ok with... if someday they know who iam they will kill me !! like ISIS group and islamist teroriste organization ! Best Regards

Denise	L	
Elaine	W	In this world of craziness and information being available to anyone at anytime, it is extremely important to know that my domain information is mine and being protected from criminals, thieves and the public in general for my safety and to prevent identity theft and theft of my domain names and ideas. Copyright violations, infringements and the like need to be arbitrated through a third party without information just being handed over. I have been a loyal customer since 2005. I am not in favor of the changes being considered which do not include the use of privacy or proxy services.
Carole	K	
Carlos	M	Whois privacy is needed to protect business owners and their families. I have witness some cases in Costa Rica, where there are many online gambling operations, business owners and organizations who manage these operations are ex cons or people with pending issues with the law in the United States. They come offshore to be able to operate and the market becomes really competitive to the point that they will intimidate families and individuals to get them out of the scene, specially when small operations (competition) starts to achieve good rankings in search engines and directly compete with the big players. If you remove privacy from domain names, you will provide to this felons with a clear target so they can eliminate competition using their very own means. As far as you allow names like sportsbook.com gambling.com etc etc etc you need to protect the privacy of persons running these operations in countries like Costa Rica that are many times not the owners but employees that owners use as "name in the front" to buy domains, servers, rent offices,etc and will become easy targets for the big guys to get rid off, if they start to put up to much competition to their operations.
Jai Shankar	K	To protect my identity.
Carl	S	I want my privacy protected and to remain protected as it is now. DO NOT CHANGE THIS! Any law enforcement agency can get the information by following the rule of law, a subpoena. Thank you.
Frederick	S	For my business
Dr.	H	As a clinical psychologist in private practice, keeping my personal info out of the public domain is very important for safety reasons. I do a lot of forensic work, insanity evaluations, PTSD evaluations etc. and do not want any client to look up my personal information, address, etc. I use my maiden name for business so they cannot identify my children. Being able to control privacy on the internet is a matter of safety for me and my family. I have clients who WOULD request my personal info if they could. It is not a remote possibility- it is a probability.
Daniel	H	I'm a small business owner who has registered my domains using my home address. I use privacy to keep my address and telephone private for personal safety reasons. My business is in website development for small, mid-size and large nationally recognized businesses. None are marginal legally, morally or otherwise.
John	B	Spammers
Terry	S	Competitors and criminals do not need any help finding info. It is our right to protect our privacy.

George	M	We are an agency with many clients, and use privacy as part of our business. We often register domains for clients for various projects, but at the end of the project we transfer the domains in question to the client. This is legitimate business. And their privacy is important. In some cases they are market testing, as one example, and need to shield their campaign from competitors.
Rick	C	Domain privacy protects domain owners from hackers and criminals from stealing their domains. It is very easy to steal and transfer a person's domain if you know who the owner is.
Coln	M	I own a number of domain names that I use both for business and personal reasons. I register, and pay, for privacy in my ownership of those domains. Initially, in purchasing domain names, I did not know, and could never imagine, that other people might be interested in using my ownership information to promote scams against me, pretending to be some other legitimate business. I was approached quite a few times with scams, and finally purchased privacy for my domains. Those scams have since ceased. I currently own a blog, which has privacy for the domain name, in which I criticize a local homeowners association which has a history of violating state laws and going after anyone who criticizes them. The management keeps trying to find out my name, but so far they are unsuccessful. Please do not endanger my privacy, and life, by allowing just anyone to know who owns my domains. That information should only be available with a court imposed warrant and for valid reasons.
frank	C	How private is private? Each person must have control of the truth and false data that is revealed to the public. The pretext of protection of the public is used to gain more data for more control of people's activities and beliefs. It's based on paranoia and a false idea that more regulations means a safe nation. Not so. A nation is free only under the Divine as stated in the Constitution of the US
Abe	E	Because I don't want my information in the wrong people's hands.
Keylan	Q	
Eileen	D	It's not an issue that affects me personally, but many people I respect have been target for harassment, including doxxing, and we should not be in the business of making that easier since the targets are almost exclusively minorities.
Greg	B	My businesses are linked to my home address; to put this information online would allow anyone in the world to locate where I live, not just where I do business
Julia	F	It is very important to me to have privacy for my professional websites. I have 2.
Dale	F	
Rodney	K	business
al	S	There is way too much personal data being given out by various companies and agencies...all without my explicit permission and knowledge.
Julia	M	

Zachery	M	I do not want my personal information shared with people for no reason simply because I own a domain. I use these domains for both personal and business use and there should not be any reason my information needs to be publicly displayed.
Jennie	R	Need privacy
Justin	L	It's a right
Matthew	H	I am a citizen of the United States where I am promised, freedom, basic human rights and the environment to pursue a decent living. I find it alarming to see my country making this harder and harder to achieve. I despise the idea that an agency of lesser authority or not even of my country can just decide to treat me like a parolee. To be accused of a crime and given the status of innocent before proven guilty is one thing. To be assumed guilty until proven innocent is an abomination and insulting. "Absolute power corrupts absolutely". The tyranny, subjugation and displacement of peoples lives is the beginning of that absolute power's demise, like in all of history, it doesn't last long and always ends terribly. The advancement of technology doesn't make any different. Once power reaches the top it has no where to go except down.
Ashley	W	I use Whois Privacy to eliminate spam sent to me directly and to protect my personal information from being made public. Privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing. It is wrong to force the burden of proof on the accused to prove innocence.
Patricia	G	I, the undersigned, support The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing.
Jason	V	To protect my info from people who want personal info about my private domains.
Kathy	P	The proposed restrictions would treat all domain and website owners as guilty until proven innocent, thereby requiring our providers to turn over our personal contact information (home address, home phone, etc.) to anyone who makes a claim against us - without a subpoena, search warrant or due process of any kind. Keep things as they are and don't open the doors to confidential information without due process. Thank you.
Jobiwan	K	I want to be in control of who gets to have my private personal information.
Ernest	O	Maintain personal & professional privacy/ security.
Alan	R	For physical safety reasons
Nancy	A	
Christy	C	to keep personal information private
Andrew	T	Privacy
Dale	H	To protect my personal, private, identity information.

Sean	M	To help protect my private data and protect myself and my loved ones. I maintain a website w/ domain and someone could use the whois data on it if my proxy service is stripped to find out a lot of private information. It has everything needed to find out where I live and knock on my door. That's a really scary thought for me and my loved ones. This endangers free speech and needlessly threatens people's lives.
brian	K	i hate getting spammed or bombarded with unwanted emails. this service helps stop this. think twice before you make your decision and make sure you're not hurting us "regular" domain owners.
Stephen	G	I need privacy because with all the identity theft that is happening and hacking going on these days it is important to keep my personal info as secure as possible. A hacker who takes control of my domains could put me on the street and ruin my life and put me on the street. We should be making it difficult for criminals to acquire your personal info and easier.
Matic	K	I need Whois Privacy because I don't want my competition to explore and copy my business model. It's the holly grail of privacy and I expect you to respect that.
Cynthia	W	Single parent who is worried about having strangers knock on my door. Far down the line but important as well is the abuse of email spam I get daily to those domains that I don't have privacy on.
Dave	C	To protect myself against those who don't believe in the free speech afforded by communicating your message using websites
Rod	P	So my domain name registrations are held by a proxy who doesn't release me address for every spammer in the world! Thanks
Richard	P	To maintain my GOD given, CONSTITUTIONAL Right to Privacy! NO ONE should be able to obtain personal information that I do not voluntarily provide, UNLESS they have a Subpeona and ADHERE to LAW, the U.S. Constitution, specifically the Bill of Rights!!!
Moises	M	
Susan	M	We have a distribution company. We also sell direct to consumers. Selling direct to the consumer is not so much important to sell the product as it is to promote our products on the internet and keep pricing of our products in check.
Jen	B	Because i have the right to privacy and i can't understand why anyone would need to see my personal info.
Jamed	A	So bad people stay away. Etc.
Daryl	S	
Ron	A	Run a blog and do not want the nuts out there contacting me directly or having my address. I am not trying to hide from authorities and do not mind data being given via court order but not openly to the public.
Sheri	B	It's my right, or used to be, to keep private information just that, private. Having been stalked before, I know how easy it is to get personal information on the internet. In my opinion, it should be made more difficult, not easier.

Alvaro	M	The hackers put our Internet sites out of business for several days more than once. Is it fair to make the hacking criminal activity easier, while we, the honest hard working people, the job creators, have to live under such treat? Our great American Constitution presumes the people innocent until proven guilty. Some extremely lazy and incompetent authorities compensate their lack of imagination on the job by punishing everybody across the board and call this weird and totally unfair process preventive. Let the law enforcers work a little harder when they have to investigate. Is it not what we pay taxes for? We need more protection, not less. Respectfully, Alvaro Mejia Luisa's Treats
Tim	C	Privacy cuts down on sales calls, internet companies trying to take your sites away from you, as a broadcaster/syndicator the general public tries to harass people. We have phone numbers and/or contact information on the sites. Also, a lot of other reasons.
Aren	T	Personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft. If any a crime has been committed, at all means with a warrent ask for information to be released only the courts.
Lisa	F	As a single mother/female, I'm not trying to hide; I just don't want anyone to like too much or dislike any of my sites. I started the very first site in 1997 about the risks and hazards of internet dating. It took several years before the domain name was available, and from that point on, things happened fast. The risk that someone might think any article or post is about them, is not just threatening to me, but I have children as well. If somebody wanted something to be taken off the site, who's to stop them from using a whois inquiry to find me? That's really disturbing. Keeping predators away from me and my kids isn't something I take for granted. If I wasn't sure I needed and wanted it, I wouldn't use it. I need to protect my daughter who pretty much posts about everything to everyone. All someone needs to do is tag her in a picture and non-friends can see her site. If the benefit outweighs the potential risk, then it' a necessary layer of protection. We don't have to have it - like flu shots; you don't have to have it, you probably won't get the flu. Or there's a chance that the variants going in to the 'mix' determined by the NIH was off and the flu strain we get was not in the mix. Mistakes happen but deliberately looking for someone you've never met up on sites like. "linked in" feels icky. There's no good reason for universally taking away one's domain privacy and the reasons that you have proffered aren't good enough to support your argument. How about we wok on bigger problems like domain theft within the 45 day window of recovery instead of doing something stupid that puts a lot of lives on the line.
Alexander	L	
David	T	My businesses are run out of my home address and privacy allows me to maintain security of my home.
Julie	C	
Craig	M	My information when available exposes me to unwanted corruption

Michael	Y	Its not in any way what i may or may not need the privacy for as much as it is my right to have it!... same as any ignorant gun law in this country, who cares if i need one or not it is my god given right to have it! this proposed restriction only confirms more and more we are headed and in my opinion already a communist run country... say what you want but i am old enough to know what i have already lost in the past 40 years, my kids and grand-kids are headed for a country run like Germany in the mid 30s if people don't put there foot down to stop let alone slow down the socialist takeover that is at hand... This country was founded by people fed up with British dictation and were smart enough to know how it got that way by making your freedom's protected by law and the people, well people right here's your time to say " NO "! whats next, should we just go ahead and mail a key to our house in to the feds, just in case they want to swing by?... the only thing this "change" is good for is the " BAD " guys, Hay lets look up who owns Target.com so we can extort or kidnap there kids... its people like this that probably thought up this change in the first place! There are tons of examples i could give but if you have half a brain you can figure out enough to say "HELL NO" to this proposal!
Suzanne	D	I do not want predators finding my address and phone number, which could put my family at risk. My site is about dog training I don't wish to become a dumping place for unwanted dogs or puppies. I have heard people threaten to dispose of their puppies if the don't get what they want. I provide as much free advise as I can, but do not want phone calls, letters or people just dropping by my home. Please keep my personal info private. Don't we already have enough identity theft?
Jan	M	Competitors should not be allowed to see my info
Paul	M	To keep our personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft.
Steven	D	I need Whois privacy to help keep my personal information away from hackers and spammers, protect my physical safety, and prevent identity theft.
Julie	D	I don't want my information available to anyone unless I give it to them.
Julie	C	My right to privacy is important to me.
Ali	A	This makes me want to give up all domains. Guilty until proven innocent is absurd way of dealing justice. This is ABSURD!
Nicole	R	I don't want people to know my home address, phone number or any other contact information and I shouldn't have to get a P.O. Box, a secondary phone line or use an alternate email address (other than my primary) to have any slightest form of privacy in my legal ownership of my domains.
Greg	P	ICANN this is just wrong.
Jennifer	B	Protect privacy from spammers, hackers, etc.
Noah	S	Because I own a lot of domain names and would like to keep my privacy.
Ludivina	F	Just feel more secure
Doug	W	I don't want to be targeted by unwanted solicitation because people find out that I own website domains.
Blake	J	

Jeri	K	We are a non profit organization for special needs individuals and utilize the Whois privacy in order to protect the board of our organization, including the person involved in de eloping the website, personal information from being made public.
John	C	
Thurston	P	
Patrick	L	To protect my private information.
Rhondda	M	To protect the safety of my children. I share images of my children in my blog posts and if my address was available to just anyone it would mean just anyone could pop over to my HOME, and grab my child. My children's safety and security have been secure up until now because I have protected it using Domains by Proxy - if you remove this security option - my posts have already been shared and I cannot remove my children's images from the WWW - thus you are endangering my children's lives. If I had known there was a possibility that my address would not be secure and private I would never posted photos of my children - I can't turn back the clock to remove the photos off the internet. So if you allow my address to be available to just anyone you are risking my Children's safety. Please reconsider this rash move - not everyone works in a business office - a lot of people work from their own homes! My professional website is run out of my home - so you risk mine and my family's safety and security letting it be shared with just anyone who makes the request.
Catherine	E	To protect my company from Spam.
Cynthia	D	Because of my physical safety and protection from identity theft.
Kerri	S	I have a number of websites. I do not want to leave the door open for more people to have access to my private content info. please don't force me to give up privacy to own a domain name! Kerri
Scott	D	To honor privacy, a key concern and liberty. Thank you, Scott D. Roanoke, VA USA
Mona	M	The internet has given tools and powers to thieves and criminals that assist them in seeking and finding people or organizations that they can rob, rip off or even assault physically and financially. Consequently on a few of my domains I truly need to use Domains by Proxy to protect my home, my family and my privacy.
Ron	M	Keep my identity private
Dee	B	business
T	S	It is a matter of personal safety! This is outrageous. We have customers and what if a disgruntled one decides to get a hold of our information. As consumers of web domains we are ENTRUSTING our info and it cannot be run amuck by such a sweeping and careless policy that is AGAINST our will. IT IS OUR PERSONAL INFORMATION AND WE SHOULD BE MAKING THE DECISION AS TO WHO WE WANT TO SHARE IT WITH...THIS POLICY IS OUTSIDE OF THE REALM OF YOUR DECISION--How would you like your bank account, home address and the like to be splattered for public consumption. COMPLETELY UNJUSTIFIED, COMPLETELY A VIOLATION. Let people vote - this is not your place to decide.
Christipher	H	

Anne	L	I have a website and would prefer to have the option to maintain control over who sees my personal information. Law enforcement should have at least probable cause (as determined by a judge) before they go sifting through people's personal information.
Robert	H	So I won't get solicited to buy items I don't want or need to waste my time reviewing. To keep my competition from knowing my company's various details.
Christian	P	Because there is absolutely no reason that anyone needs to know my home address just because I have a website. Home addresses are also not printed on the side of our cars, or our nametags at work, or on our faces, for that matter--or on any of the other things that we use to navigate life. Why, therefore, should it be part & parcel with having a website? To encourage trolls to become physical stalkers? Thank you, no. The first troll who causes a web owner physical damages--well, the lawsuits will be in ICANN's lap, for sure.
Chris	R	Privacy is a very intricate part of all of our lives. The right/freedom to protect our names and contact information from the general public is a very vital necessity in this day and age where identity theft and various other methods of using someone's identity in unsolicited ways are rampant. We are not all criminals and should not be held accountable for how a small minority abuses the system.
Bonnie	J	To protect my business
Lynwood	S	As a law-abiding citizen who believes in due process of law, appropriate judicial oversight of law enforcement, and the application of reason rather than fear and demagoguery, I believe tools like Who Is Privacy are appropriate to protect our Constitutional rights.
Manuel	A	
David	P	
Jeff	D	To protect me and my family from possible harm from who knows who.
Mantas	B	
Jeff	C	To ensure personal privacy and avoid access to personal information by hackers, spammers, that could be used for identity theft and other illegal actions.
Ramon	B	Do not take our privacy away.
Shari	K	I want my personal info to stay personal. If we don't keep a protected process in place before personal info is revealed every upset customer, weirdo or crazy person could just complain and in a moment have ALL of our personal info. We have it private for a reason. If someone is a spammer then YES we don't want that but find a way to "protect" that good people also. Create some sort of parameters. Like how about all the the crazy emails everyone gets with inappropriate content or trying to selling you viagra or random people saying they want to marry you. Start with the "blatant" spammers first!!!!!! Don't "expose" the people just trying to have a business but don't want everyone on the internet to have their contact info--that's not safe!!
Kevin	N	To avoid listing a home address which would be used by an ex to possibly inflict harm on my spouse.

Douglas	L	Because as Ben said, "Those who give up liberty for security deserve neither." It is not so much a matter of practical need as on of principle. We founded this nation on the basis of personal freedoms including the right to privacy and the terrorists have succeeded in taking our liberty from us through fear. 9/11 was not aimed at merely killing a few thousand people - it was aimed at causing such widespread fear that Americans would gladly relinquish their liberty to insure their security - as a result we have neither. Every bit of it we give up pushes us toward the precipice of no return. We think when the terror goes away we will get the freedoms back - it will never go away and we will never get them back after giving they up. I remember a line from a movie about JFK during the Cuban Missile Crisis "Hey - we have a bunch smart guys here - we can figure this out" - we "supposedly" have a bunch of smart guys in the government - they should be able to figure out how to provide security without robbing Americans if the very essence that has made America the great nation it is - THE BILL OF RIGHTS!
Judy	K	I don't want ANYONE to know my personal information.
Marc	M	This is an important privacy issue and must not be allowed to change. It allows people to blog about controversial topics without being personally targeted by people with opposing views. We are allowed by the Constitution of the United States of America to freedom of speech (without being placed in possible danger).
Allen	W	I protect myself from spammers, hackers, numerous phone calls, etc. from sales people... And I LIKE MY PRIVACY!
Nilyris	W	To protect from Identity Theft.
DANIEL	D	I use privacy director to prevent scam artists from obtaining my information for purposes of setting up a "masked" web page using my identity. It is that simple. Privacy director is a vehicle to control fraud. The FBI or IRS is free to obtain my information whenever they like -- but not the scam artist!
Carlos Abel	O	I own around 20 domain names, some are protected by domain privacy services, some not. Those that are not protected generate a huge amount of spam and internet fraud attempts. Besides having personal data out in the open generate big risks for domain owners. I think people has the right to preserve their identity and that right should be respected unless there are major proven reasons.
James	K	
Joseph	H	To protect my privacy online from government officials and other unscrupulous entities.
Lucy	C	I'm a physician in practice and have a side business in sales. My reputation as a doctor could be frowned upon by the academic community who might see sales competing with my medicine career. I enrolled in privacy protections for a reason. It would be infuriating to think someone else would take the liberty with my information and my own privacy wishes.
Nancy	G	Security
Paige	P	I want to control who see my private information.
Jonathan	G	To stop spammers hitting my blogs
harriet	B	I value my privacy and as someone who has been stalked in the past, I find it incomprehensible that you would publish my personal information on the internet for the world to see.

Steven	T	The internet is a scary place that can breach the barriers of digital to physical quite easily. I rely on my websites to blog about tech and have a couple small products under my name. By releasing my address, I am completely exposed. If my information is exposed, I do not feel safe at all.
David	B	Due process is a constitutional right. Need probable cause to invade privacy. This is still the United States of America!
William	P	
Nate	M	
Tamas	T	Without privacy, domain owners are the first target of spammers.
Alexander	W	
Ray	M	
Elizabeth	A	please, do not let my private information be shared!! do the right thing
Ray	M	
Khristine	H	I manage domains for others without always having oversight of their website operations. I do not want my name given out for their issues. As for my own businesses and personal websites, I do not think my personal information should be given over anyone without a legal right who merely lobbies a complaint. This world is full of nuts and I've already had one stalker in my life. I don't think ICANN or a domain registrar should be the ones determining if my personal information should be given to someone.
Charles	E	Reduce my personal information footprint on the Internet.
Peter	S	
Shahin	F	
Paul	B	To avoid having my personal contact information be made available to parties who do not have a legitimate reason to receive it.
tracy	B	To protect my privacy!
John	C	Because my privacy is important to me
DANIEL	A	Unless I have broken any laws, my personal information should be protected and not disclosed without my consent to ANYONE, regardless of their intent or reasoning.
Brandon	R	I use Whois Privacy on a domain that is used for legal and morally appropriate purposes, but that I want to keep separate from my personal identity. It is inappropriate to force my registrar to reveal my identity without evidence if the domain in question is not violating any laws.
Chris	L	I don't want my personal contact information listed publicly, as though I were a business. I am just a person, but these days, lots of people own domains. Why should we have to register ourselves publicly when we've already paid for the name? That's how you treat child sex offenders - it should not be how you treat legal, civilized Web citizens.
Jayakumar	P	To avoid unsolicited email. If anyone has a complaint they can always use the contact information on the website.

Kay	K	I don't want to hear from solicitors, or others interested in buying or gaining access to my purchased URLs.
Philippos	N	i dont do evil but i dont want others to know what i do
Christina	R	To keep people from obtaining my home address and coming to stalk me
c	M	
Donald	R	It is my first amendment right!
tony	B	It is critical to keep privacy upheld to ensure spammers and less than ethical businesses from obtaining my personal information. To think ICANN, or anyone else for that matter, would even consider allowing personal information to be obtainable is preposterous. Leave our info alone!
Dieter	H	
Theresa	M	Competitive advantage in new ventures. Safety.
Dr	E	Because i am a public figure and need my privacy!!!!~
Robert	T	As another layer of protection for online identity theft, as well as equalizing the field against large corporations.
Pamela	C	To keep my personal information from entering the hands of inentity thieves and stalkers.
Jennifer	W	In order to prevent Spam, solicitors, and maintain my right to privacy as an American citizen.
Sandra	S	In order to protect me and my company from identity theft.
Paul	C	I don't want to be targeted by spammers, sales people, solicited for my website names, called at all hours of the day / night. My websites are for educating consumers about my business and to help inform people of my specific trade and provide other information regarding local services. If there is an entity that feels as though there is a legal issue, then there is "due process" to be followed. There are privacy laws and such already in place. Those need to be followed accordingly and with respect to the laws of the Country the person / web domain name originates. In my case the U.S. There is nothing illegal about my business (which I am licensed in my State - issued by my State) and nothing illegal or inappropriate about my sites.
Dustin	D	Because i want my information to be protected
Amrita	R	I need to protect my home address so that my children are protected.
david	H	-to avoid being aggressively and incisively solicited to by seo firms, webdesign firms, offshore service companies, fake law firms... -I wouldn't like other businesses to know what domains I've purchased because that will give them an idea of what ideas I might be considering.
Abdelhalim	E	Hi, i use these service to protect my private info like my name telephone, and address. In addition to protect myself and my business from spammers. Thanks Abdelahim
Sunny	G	To protect against abuse and spam.
David	D	To prevent spammers from sending phishing emails to me. When I do not use the privacy protection I get very hard with phishing emails.
Tad	D	Don't
Terry	S	I do not wish to expose my personal information to online marketers or affiliates.

Danny	B	I run an online community where often times trolls run rampant. I have already been a victim of a Swatting attack once and would really like to not have that happen again just because I banned someone who likes to hide behind their computer screen. On top of that I have people trying to troll and purchase domains similar to mine saying that I'm violating their trademark which they don't have. There is no need for peoples personal information to be public on domains. Companies are already doing things to prevent issues with trademark/copyright. Please stop trying to fix something because a few people are causing problems. This is just like the rest of the world. Let's over react about a topic because of a few people. Help protect peoples privacy in this day and age!
Richard Cruise	C	For security and privacy I work from home
Marcus	S	yo keep private
Marcus	H	Yeah same reason why we all do. It's critical to the survival of the Internet as we know it.
Kim	B	
Kamil	K	I want to protect confidential character of domaine holders
MOnica	F	No viable reason to provide my personal residence information without due process. Business contact information and service address can be sought through other avenues.
Kevin	W	To protect my personal information and limit the phishing spam emails I get sent to my registrant email address that can lead to loss of my domain names or accounts
Kerrick	F	I own websites.
Steve	S	Protection against spam, scammers, identy theft, harressment. I do not need these people scamming me to buy their services, SRO, web design, etc
Charles	H	I feel that the fact I own a domain is nobody's business but myself. I don't need people contacting me about business opportunities. I can take care of this myself
Mark	B	For personal and business use.
Jeff	P	As a business owner I find it necessary to keep my domain ownership private. I feel that keeping my domain ownership private improves my privacy and safety
Carole	R	
Steve	H	I use Whois Privacy to protect myself from unwanted marketing and spamming. I also work from home and don't want my personal information freely available to the public and jeopardize the safety and security of my family and myself.
George	L	1. To keep personal information private, protecting physical safety, and preventing identity theft. 2. The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "Commercial" or "Private" 3. Releasing only such information through a Court Order within the legal system of the United States of America.
Moonstone	W	We deal in gemstones and precious metals. Allowing someone access to our personal information opens us to a much greater level of theft and burglary risk.
Rich	S	To protect me from identity theft and any other negative action.

Sandra	R	I am an author and wish to continue using my pen name for my website without problems. This would reveal my identity to many people, and affect my privacy. It has also the potential to cranks, stalkers and spammers. I have enough cold calling unrequited as it is
Russell	G	I want to feel myself secure.
George	T	
Victoria	W	In this age where an identity and anything else can be stolen via the internet protecting my privacy reduces exposure to potential personal harm.
Martin	L	To protect my personal information and privacy. Privacy is becoming increasingly important in this day and age.
Josh	E	To keep my personal information and my family safe
Rudy	P	
George	S	I am a university professor and my domain names are being used by me to set up a professional website to promote my academic and scholarly work. As a professor, my public contact information is through the university systems. My domain names cannot be owned by the university or tied to their system; therefore, I use the privacy protection because it would be unsafe for me and my family to make my personal information public.
William	S	Public information is subject to misuse. Private information is not. That is why I don't want my private information to be converted into public information. Perhaps ICANN can start with Obama's personal cell phone number, which has many more and much greater reasons to be converted into public information. If there is a reason not to do this, that's why everyone with an IQ over room temperature wants their private information to remain private. Proxies (agents) have been used for centuries to cover everything from company ownership to governmental diplomacy. There is no reason to carve out an exception for domain owners.
Charles	M	For security purposes
Chad	M	I own many domains - work in the cyber security field. Why make it easier for cyber criminals to dox or expose security researchers for their work. You're hurting the 99% of legitimate users for the 1% of malicious users.
Josh	W	I am very concerned about the proposed changes to domain privacy. I am a writer and moderator of a mental health blog. This site flourishes because of my willingness to be open and honest about past problems, medication and family history. Without anonymity there is no way that I could maintain such a site because the risks to my job and personal life are too great. The site to which I refer benefits hundreds of people per month and has never been used to discuss anything illegal or dangerous. Like many other sites, it is simply an open forum (like Alcoholics Anonymous) where anyone can visit and talk openly about their problems.
Timothy	S	I would like to keep as much as I can private. That is why I use companies that protect it, and have safe guards in place to protect me!
scott	K	ICANN proposed is over reaching as there are already protocols in place.
Mike	F	To keep personal details private for a satirical complaints website. No commercial interests.
sam	B	

Andre	S	
Gerald	H	Prevent unwanted solicitation
Debbie	I	
Robin	F	To protect myself from becoming the object of hatred and bigotry.
Harrall	G	I am using this service to prevent unwanted solicitation via phone and spamming to my business/personal emails.
Michelle	R	I'm an erotic romance writer. I don't want creeps, fuckwits or perverts knowing where I live. It's vastly important to me that I remain relatively anonymous.
Michael	S	Because the amount of scamming through the whois database is horrendous. Until you can somehow stop people from data mining and scamming people, getting rid of privacy is terrible.
Betty	R	
Deborah	S	
Luke	B	
David	H	
John	M	Because I do not need nor want to be contacted by people for any reason, I have made it my purpose not to bother anyone, and so I can not be bothered. I have maintained a no profile existence in the web, and wish to remain doing so
John	B	
Nicola	M	Because I want it. I object to this being taken away from me.
Julie	D	My personal information is mine and i would like to know who is requesting it and for what reasons
Richard	Z	This is a legitimate and private business and does not need either a private group or the government interfering in our business. If someone feels it is necessary to check into our business they should get a court order or injunction explaining why they need to know how we make a living. If they can't we should be allowed to seek damages.
Gerald	D	Security. I someone feels we are in violation there are legal means available for obtaining this information. Not a free for all for anyone to obtain our private contact information. How accurate do you think this database will become?
Tim	T	The new restrictions imposed by ICANN will undoubtedly put pressure on those doing legitimate business online. Any kind of legitimate business, I mean. If the restrictions get the green light this could trigger many small and medium-sized online businesses to close or look for other platforms to do business on - and that in turn would result in many websites closing down. I am sure there are other ways of maintaining security online, without imposing such strict laws - we're not all criminals, spammers and so forth. I stand for domain privacy.
Grace	J	
Sharon	L	I own a small business out of my home, including business travel away from my home office. I desire to keep my private life away from my business clients and bad guys from knowing when I'm traveling for business, away from home office and threatening my home life.

Anselmo	P	In order to protect personal information, and avoid harassment from those that claim interest in purchasing the domains I own.
Kamilah	G	
Barry	N	to avoid unsolicited calls
Linda	R	I do not want stalkers knowing where I live, my home address should never be made public or made available without due process, to anyone, official or not!!!
Elena	P	I do not want to be targeted by spammers.
Lorna	T	I don't want my personal information available to people who want to sell me a domain name, or purchase one of my many domains.
Robert	B	To prevent unwanted email solicitations and knowledge of my personal information.
Paul	S	
Marcia	A	I write romance novels, and for some insane reason, prisons often give romance novels to convicts to read. And that leads to some romance authors acquiring convict stalkers. It is for my safety that I write under a pen name and have a P.O. Box. Revealing my private information could lead directly to my being injured or worse. That is a harsh penalty for my doing absolutely nothing wrong. Please save domain privacy!
Ekaterina	S	
William	V	I have made every effort to protect my privacy online. I do not use my phone number in my Facebook profile for example and I use a secondary email address from my primary. My google+ account is also very private. I do not want to be inundated with spam emails or phishing emails from information gotten from my application for a domain name.
Gilberto	B	
James	H	No one should have open access to this information without an express need to know.
Bob	H	
Michael	B	I use it in an attempt to prevent spammers from getting my contact info. I do not have an issue if there is a legal issue with my hosting company providing my info to a verified requester but there must be a formal request / validation process in place. I have nothing to hide other than preventing unethical people from obtaining information on me.
Dixson	J	To protect my and my customer's privacy
Connie	P	I don't want my name/address/identity information available to be circulated to people I did not authorize to have it. It's hard enough to try to keep it away from bad guys. My son already had his stolen at 21 years old. SUGGESTION: Get a warrant first - if it has to do with internet investigations of bad guys - get our information in a well-documented way - through legal channels.

		I use a domain registration privacy service specifically because I once received numerous domain renewal invoices from domain registry services who are NOT the service I use for my registrations. These invoices are essentially SPAM mail, sent in hopes that I will pay the invoice without checking to confirm it came from my current domain registry service. If I pay them without question, the SPAMMING service can make a legitimate claim to transfer my domain from my current service to theirs. Long story short, their invoice and intent is purely fraudulent, and they used to obtain my contact information by being able to find it in the WHOIS database. Thus I use a privacy service to conceal my contact information from companies who attempt to defraud me. Your desire to restrict the use of privacy domain privacy services puts you directly in cahoots with companies trying to defraud legitimate domain owners. If a law enforcement agency has legitimate cause to see my information, I don't object to it being released to that agency. But for some reason you think domain registry information should be treated as public information. I cannot see one single valid reason why this should be the case. Whose interest are you trying to serve? Do not restrict use of domain privacy services. They serve a legitimate purpose.
Kent	P	
Linda	W	
Elena	G	
Lynne	B	To keep personal information private, protect my physical safety, and prevent identity theft
Urvashi	S	Website
Deepak	G	To protect my personal and/or business information from spam users. Please don't make all the domain information public, if you want to make it public start with some basic info like Name and Company name only.
Jerryne	H	Personal privacy rights and protection must be supported first and foremost. Granting unlimited access to my information without any legal review prior to taking such action goes against the rights we have all been given within the United States. It truly feels as if this change puts us all in the category of "guilty until proven innocent." It is the lazy way out and I am confident the intelligent people looking to access my information without any oversight can come up with a much less drastic method which will respect and support the rights of the individual. If this change is made and we are harmed personally by identity theft or physical harm there will be recourse against the agencies who opened up this door without consideration to the vast majority of us who are law abiding and simply wish to protect our personal information. Please consider this in the "risk" category of your analysis. The cost of such law suits could be significant. Thank you.
Benjamin	N	To keep all my personal contact details from being accessible by everyone online.
Hillary	H	As a person who interacts with the public via several sites on the Internet, assisting in deeply personal ways but also valuing my own personal space, it is critical that my privacy be maintained. Not only that, I have worked hard to establish my businesses and as an entrepreneur, I believe I have the right to protect my material.
Donna	M	Information should remain private unless a court of competent jurisdiction rules otherwise, and only after due consideration.

Saturminus	C	Because it protect the live of people period. There a a multitude of wacko people out there who may not like what you post and may seek to use force. So please protect the privacy, Are the members of ICANN Terrorist ?
Clifford	L	We offer men's dating advice and there are a lot of strange guys out there. We have had problems in the past with a few such people and they don't need to be able to get access to us without cause.
Michael	M	Without Whois privacy we would constantly be barraged with spam emails and also make available much of our intellectual property to companies looking to build off of the existing work of successful online businesses.
Mandar	C	
Peter	J	Why are law abiding citizens the ones that always get punished for the few bad apples out there?!?!
TJ	O	To protect my personal information, especially, my home address!
Scott	M	To maintain the security of myself and services I provide
Christopher	G	My domains are registered for testing and personal use. My information should not be able to be seen, as I would not want to have to deal with SPAM, robocalls, or unsolicited offers.
gus	H	
Lynn	A	
Peyton	T	I am a web developer. I have dozens of domains for customers to use to promote their site. If my information is released, I am quite concerned about spam and improper contacts to my email and/or office location. Please protect our privacy.
Francisco	L	all my personal info needs to be protected. Thanks
Tony	Z	
Sanda	M	I use it because I need and can enjoy the privacy. I pay for the privacy because is important, and has been both important and useful for many years.
James	S	I use Whois for security reasons to protect my privacy from spammers, unwanted communications, etc. I remind all that the majority of internet users are law abiding people and they should not be penalized by the few who disregard the rights of others. I support the Whois Privacy protocol remaining as it is. James
GARY	N	because it is my info and I don't want to share
Rahul	C	
Robert	S	We live in a culture where many in power are insane and prone to making outrageous proposals, some that make it into law, that threatened not only my freedom but my ability to lead a life as who I am.
Anthony	K	There is too much information available on US citizens. Privacy is a right not a privilege.
David	C	To keep my privacy.
Michael	D	Need to be secure from harassment.
sasa	V	
Alyssia	A	I use WHOIS only to find out if a domain name is coming up never to contact the owner.
Gelsamina	M	Corporation with several owners. Personal privacy is a must.

Frank	Z	Whois privacy is a safety and security issue. Losing Whois privacy would open the door to identity theft, the loss of personal private information, and leave my family open to the threat of physical harm. Anyone with a legitimate claim to request my personal data should be made to obtain a legal warrant with probable cause as is my right.
Israel	L	
Lynn	A	
Jacob	S	I don't trust the majority of people online. Why should I? We've all seen the doxing against journalists, SWATting gamers, etc. I would never want my info posted online for the wrong person to see. I pay to have my information obscured as a means of protecting myself. I register with my real information, but I don't want anyone to access that unless they can prove their intent (aka, my domain registrar/host). Please consider the safety and potential victimization of average citizens who will be left out naked if their is no longer DNS privacy.
Pedro	R	
Dmitri	S	I do not want my personal data be available virtually to anyone.
Suzan	R	I don't want criminals knowing my address and phone number! I want to keep my private information away from those who do illegal acts.
jon	H	I dont feel that anyone needs my personal info having to do with mty bussiness. its basicly none of there bussiness.
Christopher	W	Because if I didn't use the Privacy Spammers will get my private contact information and bombard me with bogus advertisement and solicitation, propaganda crap.
Jason	H	Too much of my personal information is already free to see, i have no desire for just anyone to be able to see what I own
Kurt	P	I use domain privacy to keep my information out of the public space -- to prevent unsolicited contact, to prevent identify theft, and to ensure the safety of myself and my family.
Brett	B	I believe as a business owner and law abiding citizen I have the right to protect my information and only provide what I find necessary to conduct my business while keeping my personal life, personal. If I have not committed a crime my information should be held in confidence. Period.
Ronald	R	To keep my identity from those who would use it in a fraudulent manner.
Heidi	T	Run business out of home.
Anthony	M	Co-owner of a corporation.
Todd	D	Prevent spammers and con-artists from contacting me.
Dennis	D	I do not want my address or telephone number published with my domain because I do not need the spam
Prabir	D	
Majesty	D	I don't want just anybody to have access to my personal information. As a young single woman, I don't want to make it easy for any creep to find my home address and show up at my door.
Catherine	D	To avoid spammers
David	S	Website domain

Kip	C	To avoid unsolicited solicitations & personal intrusions.
Victor	B	Because I own multiple domains
William	Z	
Ellen	W	Domain name registration privacy. I don't want/need anyone knowing who registered my domains.
Spencer	H	I don't want everyone in the world to be able to see where I live. Not because I'm doing anything wrong, but for personal safety for myself and family.
Michael	D	see the above statements
Scott	C	To prevent "spammers" from obtaining my website information and to keep such information out of the hands of identity thieves and other criminals.
Patrick	R	First, I rely on WHOIS Privacy services, such as "Domains By Proxy", to protect myself and my clients from unwanted UCE and spam. Identity theft is a big problem in this digital age, and so I also rely on WHOIS Privacy to protect the identity of myself and my clients. On the other hand, on my servers I have a strict policy of no illegal(or immoral/unethical) activity and no spamming. If any of my employees or clients become involved in sending out UCE/spam/illegal/immoral/unethical material in email then they are dealt with swiftly and justly. If the rules change in such a way that our private information is basically released on a whim, then spammers could easily overwhelm email servers even more than they already have, and identity thieves would have easy access as well. If the purpose of making Privacy information more easily available is to stop spammers, then spammers would simply use false information in the WHOIS to protect themselves long enough to send out their spam. How would this protect law abiding citizens?
Sean	C	Right to privacy!
Wilma	B	It is and should be my right w/out question to protect my privacy and my family's physical safety from anyone that won't and don't respect laws anyway!
Victoria	S	I have websites that refer to my business name not my personal name. I prefer to do business with my business name and leave my personal contact information private. People can contact me by phone, U.S. mail and email at my business phone and location.
Tab	F	I use it for my company's whitelabel services domains. We can't having end users looking up the white label domains finding out who we are. Then it would limit our resellers' ability to make money.
Sam	H	In the age of terrorism, people who take a principled stand against it need to know that their identify cannot be readily revealed to any belligerent creep who files a complaint.
Chester	B	I do not want my home address and personal information public.
Richard	C	
George	O	This makes attempts to steal website names difficult and personal information kept private except for valid legal purposes is a critical feature.
Mina	A	

Annalyn	H	I don't want my physical address published online for anyone to see. It is a safety concern for stalkers.
Ken	B	Some say "if you don't have anything to hide, you have nothing to fear." To them I say, do you keep your bathroom/bedroom curtains open? There are plenty of non-criminal reasons for people to want to maintain their privacy.
Kathleen	R	To protect my privacy for pre-launch start-up and beyond. I am not comfortable sharing my personal information deliberately, as I value privacy and believe it is my responsibility to release it, not others.
Nancy	M	In my life coaching business to keep clients info confidential
RONALD	S	
Bradley	T	TO protect my business information from spammers and those who would like to use my personal information for their own monetary gain.
Susan	H	The spam, phishing and telemarketing is relentless, to the point of acting viral, when my information is public. The main reason is the domain I have is a global news site. I will be addressing all the topics and I do not want the haters and stalkers knowing where I live. I think the domain service where I purchased my domains should be the only one with my information. If a crime is committed then it should be the domain service that gives any information to the authorities.
Jessie	J	While most of the vitriol directed at women online is simply for show, it makes me extremely nervous to know that women may now have to contend with the fact that some more disturbed individuals will abuse the readily available nature of each domain registrant's contact information. If the idea is to be able to more easily track down people participating in illegal activity, there are laws in place that give authorities the ability to subpoena those details. There is nothing wrong with having this hurdle in place to ensure that these details are not accessed/used without just cause.
Peter	V	To ensure a fair competitive environment and maintenance of productive communication with interested third parties.
Jim	G	For the obvious reason of maintaining my privacy and effectively restricting spammers.
Farook	S	While working in a different country other than the home country there could be a contractual restriction that forbids operating or owning a business. Hence privacy is required
Ron	W	Websites
Thomas	S	
Huxley	C	I use privacy services to protect having my personal information available on the Internet without my consent.
Suzanne@outlook	S	
Eric	R	
Ray	S	I'm currently allowed the flexibility of both privacy and without. I would like to keep it that way. The current system works fine.

Eric	R	
Mark	S	I, the undersigned, support The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing
Alexandre	O	Avoid spammers and competitors
Jimmy	L	
Kim	L	With the amount of unstable people in the world today, many who are on prescription drugs with dangerous and unpredictable side effects...with the lack of education and compromised moral code it is imperative that personal privacy is maintained primarily for personal safety concerns. It is shocking how easy it is to get someone's home phone number and address. As a singer, writer and artist I want to be able to create uplifting and beautiful works without fear of someone unstable or deranged having a psychotic break or obsession and then contacting me because my personal information was given out without my permission. Privacy was and should be a protected civil right of this country. I feel safeguarded with GoDaddy's privacy service.
Bill	W	Stop spammers and criminals from accessing my information.
Damir	V	I am working on different projects and linking my name to some of them would affect my business on others.
Ray	K	To keep sensitive data private
seth	G	To reduce spam
Vludia	P	
Jessica	C	Because my personal information is PERSONAL.
David	D	My business
James	B	Any blogger has faced horrible online comments - but it's rarely more than that. Protected domain WHOIS information is absolutely critical to stopping that from invading the real world. Losing that right to privacy will put thousands of lives at risk. It's disgusting that this even being considered.
Aurora	B	As a business owner working from a home office I am concerned about having my home address so readily available online. This is my business....not my family's business! Like it or not there are dangers out there and I would not want some nutter being able to search out and have a perfect "Streetview" of our family home. Would you want anyone to have that much ease of entry into your personal life without any real reason other than the fact this ridiculous legislation will give them access if they want it!
Michael	H	To keep my personal information private, to protect my physical safety, and to help reduce the likelihood of identity theft.
Kelly	G	Domain Hijacking and Spam and Scammers

Jill	M	I am the owner of a church website. I think that asking for other information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing opens up private information to anyone who can make a claim of wrongdoing. There needs to be some evidence to support their case. It should go to a judge and have a warrant issued. Not just a "he said" kind of statement.
Maria	S	Protection against identity theft and protection against stalkers
Jacob	R	It poses a danger to me and my family by publicly sharing my personal information.
Angel	T	As an artist I simply prefer some of the personal privacy I can have by utilizing the Domains By Proxy privacy service.
Mark	H	As a security based business we need to protect our personnel information as well as the information for many of our clients. By disclosing this information it could potentially put us at risk and could put our clients safety and security in jeopardy as well. We could become targets for individuals who might have ulterior motives.
Rafael	M	Own multiple domains and companies
Bryan	K	prevent domain hijacking and protect my privacy
Kimberly	J	Currently, there are limited protections for US citizens in the arena of privacy. The early formers of our nation could not have foreseen mail providers reading emails, or how the equivalent of looking into an organization's window - without making a purchase (landing on a webpage), could allow that organization to collect and retain your personal information. As a citizen of this nation, my reasons for using any service, put in place to lawfully guard my privacy from persons, who have no legal reason to request or possess it, is of no consequence. What's important here, is that I do use it, and would like to continue to. This is a slippery slope, people. Should we continue to erode privacies guaranteed to us, because we are citizens, we will lose what few protections, you, me, or any Americans have left.
Gene	D	To avoid unnecessary solicitations To retain privacy In order to separate my family from business
Sean	B	I don't want my competition to know what I am planning on doing!
David	M	I use Whois Privacy because I don't believe the average person needs to know my name and contact information. This would lead to a quantum increase in spam as disreputable marketing companies farmed the data bases for contact information. If someone wishes to get in touch with me they can do so through the Info or Webmaster site addresses, or via GoDaddy.
Travis	J	Because there are bad people on the Internet.
Thomas	G	Keep private information away from scammers and thief's
Melissa	E	Home based business
Ana	C	
Raymond	B	I have many domains and I do not feel that it is appropriate to give my name and address to anyone without a court order. If I want them to have the information, I will give it to them myself! There is already way to much identity theft and targeting going on. Stop this movement at once.

Perry	B	I need protection from Criminals who believe the Law is not interested in them if they commit crimes. Governments do not have enough resources to protect me. I was assaulted and hospitalised 2 years ago when criminals who work for my internet competitors attacked me after they followed me from a meeting. If you allow criminals to know where I live and what is my name you are going to be responsible for allot of harm to me and to many many people. The police told me they did not have the time or resources to trace and arrest the attackers who were from eastern Europe. Are you prepared to cover the cost of those damages? At least make access by court order. Not just open to anyone or any police force as we know police are also corrupt in most countries. A concerned citizen
Tim	J	for competitive reasons.
Bert	W	Personal information protection is definitely needed from strangers that potentially are seeking to target me maliciously. This is an unfortunate reality that I am very grateful for Whois Privacy to help protect me & my family from unknown potential threats. Upon any legal request, I will gladly provide the requested information. We make our living online, we all feel similarly about this.
Lourdes	C	To keep my personal information private...
Garrett	L	I use WHOis Privacy to AVOID spammers from contacting me with offers and other random spam. The only domain that I have that isn't covered by this is a .US domain, so therefore I'm not able to use this since the US TLD is denied this ability. I've received multiple offers and questions regarding domains and people soliciting their own to sell for thousands of dollars when I'm not going to fork over that large of a sum of money for a domain I probably won't use. What ever happened to innocent until proven guilty? If someone is doing something illegal then by all means get a subpoena and go through the proper process to handle this, don't force website owners to hand out their personal information, some of it being home addresses rather than business addresses, just because someone wants to know it. Just because 10% of the domain owners might be using it maliciously doesn't mean the other 90% should have to display their personal information for them (I know those numbers aren't correct, I just pulled them out of the air). tldr; If someone is using their domains for illegal activities, I can guarantee that most if not all of them are registering under some random alias and this will do nothing but open up spam for everyone who makes a living off spamming others with solicitation (it's a shame, find something better to do with your life). Innocent until proven guilty. Don't force us to show our information just because 1/10 domain owners are being malicious, it won't help anybody in the end.
Elvis	M	I use this privacy service to protect my privacy and identity! Without Whois Privacy my personal contact information would be exposed to criminal enterprises without the protection of due process or an official subpoena/warrant from a legitimate law enforcement or government agency. This privacy service must be protected and maintained or criminal activity will grow further and out of control without it!
Jacqueline	K	I use privacy to not get spammed and also to prevent stalkers of getting a hold of me and know where I live.

Clay	H	We use domain privacy to keep our personal information "personal". I do not want our information released without a court order.
Colin	D	I am setting up my own Business and I need to protect my privacy to prevent bullying and malicious actions by former co-workers and boss from my previous Employer. I have already been targeted on LinkedIn. I reported this to LinkedIn and they did nothing to help me. I have also had to change my home telephone number. The last thing I need is to have malicious actions against me and my new Business.
Krzysztof	L	
Patricia	S	Business
Zachary	G	Right to privacy.
Ovel	D	I need this privacy because I am an author writing a series of children's books that I am not yet ready to publish and need to keep them secret until I do so.
Clifford	S	I run websites that are often targeted by hate groups and domain privacy is important for my personal safety
James	N	I don't want people having access to my personal information. When i didn't have privacy I got SPAM and junk mail via the mail. I really hate (I know a strong word) any junk mail or SPAM. If you can prevent that from happening then you can remove my privacy.
Zach	K	Because of the business I am in & the clients I represent.
Loren	G	To protect confidential business secrets before launch and to protect against potential solicitation of and harassment of for having a public site. It protects against identify theft and impersonation to get otherwise protected information.
R L	M	I don't want every spammer knowing who I am, where I live and what websites I have. It is tough enough to keep spammers out without totally destroying my privacy rights. Companies who protect my personal information already have systems to keep out spammers. The proposed restrictions would treat all domain and website owners as guilty until proven innocent, thereby requiring us to turn over my personal contact information (home address, home phone, etc.) to anyone who makes a claim against me - without a subpoena, search warrant or due process of any kind. The doors to my confidential information would be propped wide open. This is absolutely unacceptable to those of us who do honest business on the web.
Fatima	R	to protect my info
Glenn	L	to protect my privacy from bogus illegitimate inquiries
Robert	R	To avoid spam
Allie	M	Entrepreneurs online are already bombarded with overwhelming amount of marketing messages. It's a HUGE concern that unscrupulous companies will use the privacy changes to file false claims against many business owners just to get their personal contact information and use it for spamming purposes.

Brock	P	It's not hard to understand that for you to trample the rights of the many to POTENTIALLY stop the actions of a few is antithetical to everything our society stands for. While I sympathize with your need to stop online abuse it should never be done at the expense of the rights or privacy of the many who conduct legal, legitimate business. Brock Poling.
Evelyn	T	To keep my name private on client sites.
Daniela	C	With this proposal, anyone will have access to my phone number, home address and email address. This not only includes all my friends by also includes former co-workers, friends of friends and ex-relationships. By revealing this information publicly those mentioned above can harass me or worse, stalk me. If this proposal is accepted it would put my personal safety at risk. I strongly demand that this proposal be rejected! The existing rules are adequate enough for the identity of a person to be obtained without the general public having easy access to the information.
Ana	D	I sell items online and I do not believe that I give up my rights as a private citizen because I do sell. My concerns are personal safety and identity theft. Considering the numerous reports of hacking activities that hurt millions of Americans and that no long term safeguards have been implemented, all I ask is that my privacy be respected and upheld.
Alan	L	I have many domain names registered for hobby reasons and a rather successful professional career. I'd rather not allow folks to easily correlate the two without due course.
William	J	I primarily mask ownership of my domains so that I am not spammed and my personal information is not divulged openly on the Internet or Web. Please do NOT remove this valuable domain proxy service offered by GoDaddy and their competitors.
Petr	L	
Andrew	H	To stop competitors
John	C	My business
Mira	G	
Vincent	B	So that spammers, and marketers stop using my info, and also target my emails with spam. If someone wants to know my information via my proxy they can go through the already available legal channels, and request a warrant, or subpoena to get the relevant information, and only if it is warranted due to illegal activities.
mike	M	So people I do legitimate business or visit my house knows where I live - that is insane to give this out without any regards to safety of ones family and possessions
Sam	Y	I have clients that use it because they have legitimate interests in not having all their information revealed and choose not to have their domains listed at an agent's address. If you remove privacy, all that will happen is that the people who are being bad will find a new way to hide and people with legitimate interests in privacy will be harmed.
ken	L	
Marjorie	P	keep website owners' privacy. thank you.

Simon	G	because the internet is full of vindictive and dangerous morons and it only takes one idiot to take a dislike to you to try and ruin your life
Devendra	D	To avoid spammers, online marketers sending endless pitches and emails
Rosemary	T	I like to keep my personal identity away from commercial sites.
Alex	L	I work for a financial institution. Scammers are always trying to buy our domain or sell a similar domain. Without the privacy option, we were getting daily phone calls and emails from these scammers.
Angela	D	I use Whois Privacy because I don't want my personal information accessible to everyone.
Fred	U	
Michael	F	I use whois privacy because I don't want people to be able to look up my PII (personally identifiable information). Owning a domain name should not mean that I have to forfeit my personal privacy. We cannot automatically assume that there is no right to privacy just because there are a few bad guys out there.
Jessica	K	Because it is my right as an American and is already paid for.
Dalbir	K	Secure my private information from spammers
Robert	J	
Tristan	C	To prevent marketing from other internet marketing advertising.
Josh	H	
Michael	A	Privacy is a basic right. It also protects from identity theft.
Ashley	W	
Pat	S	I'm an author, using a pen name. I don't wish just anyone to associate my public writings with me as a private person.
Lance	B	i have a full time job and prefer that my personal projects are not trackable by my employee.
Maggie	M	
Zee	N	To my competitors at bay!
Norman	W	I have Controversial content that could support harassment by others. I do not want the possibility of unwanted harassment or worse on my personal property (home based business)
Neil	J	To prevent other people, including an on-line stalker, from knowing everything about the websites that I run.
Nirmal	B	So as to not get spammed
Eric	W	I would wish that I'd never need it. However the idea and use of "one way mirrors" by companies in cyberspace has become rampant. I don't think you could find a more slanted relationship than the one between modern corporations and citizens. It's deplorable.
Simon	J	
Gary	S	

Oscar	M	I use Proxy Services to protect personal privacy and concerns on the prevalent proliferation rise and alarming rate in identity theft and not to mention solicitors constantly calling businesses as ours. I do not understand how can an agency like ICANN can even consider changing its present policy to an open policy which is a gross and direct infringement of our Constitutional rights, the right to privacy.
Lucia	R	I prefer not to have my personal information exposed. Having already been a victim of identity theft it would be unfortunate to expose others to that experience. Let alone the potential for fraud.
David	V	I need Whois Privacy in order to target my prospects from multiple angles without revealing I am managing all the businesses.
Maher	F	I don't want anyone without a reason to have my personal information
Darryl	W	To keep privacy is a major factor on web sites
Paul	K	To protect my personal information from being used in spamming, and to protect against identity theft or impersonation.
Jon	M	We use Whois Privacy to protect sensitive information that would otherwise provide our competitors with advance indication of our marketing, business development and acquisition strategies.
Gary	A	I save the URL for future use so that my competition will not learn of my plans in advance.
Chris	S	
Genaro	B	To Protect our identity from possible thief's.
Bernard	M	I am an entertainer and do not want crazy fans stopping by my home or my office. My safety is in danger
Doug	S	to protect against TROLLS, haters, and online abusers...
Eli	G	My support of the site might be wrongly interpreted by religious people which in turn may become violent. While it is not an anti-religion site, it does have a different interpretation to a subject which calls to avoid a ceremony which is offensive in my view.
marinela	S	
Scott	M	
Murray	S	
Tanya	L	Public should not have personal information without my acknowledgement.
Mara	S	I have two websites and will continue to make more. My personal information should be just that, personal.
Tim	D	To protect me from spammers, junk mail, stalkers, robocalls, & other personal intrusion, including my home, into my private life by anyone without due process of law.
Roland	R	To protect my privacy.
Pamela	L	
Jeremy	P	Prevention of spam/harassment if a website I own is religious or political in affiliation.
Steve	R	Because there are too many people out there that I just don't trust. Plus, why shouldn't be private if I want it private.

Chris	C	There are too many nefarious companies that simply want this information to be able to send me unsolicited offers for any number of services/products that no one is interested in.
Brian	H	Prevent spam
Vincent	C	I work from home and maintain several blogs. As I work from home, all my whois information is registered at my home address. I really don't want strangers who I have no business with looking up my home address and personal information online. The privacy of my family is of utmost importance. Wouldn't anyone feel the same ? Thank you for your consideration.
Brian	S	To protect against unwanted privacy intrusions.
Natalie	M	Because any old Joe should not be able to access my personal information without my permission. Private information should not be for public consumption!!
Lyne	T	
Kevin	N	Privacy still allows people to contact me for ownership issues, but protects me from being added to a list.
Moira	W	to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft
Jennifer	L	
Jeremy	K	I urge you to respect Internet users' rights to privacy and due process. - Everyone deserves the right to privacy. - No one's personal information should be revealed without a court order, regardless of whether the request comes from a private individual or law enforcement agency. Private information should be kept private. Thank you.
Pat	K	To maintain my privacy for my business websites. I do not appreciate spammers and other folks who abuse public contact information - they can flood (and have) one's business email address.
Cindy	S	business and personal
Cheryl	T	
Wayne	S	business and personal
Michael	H	I don't want no-goddamn-body to have information about the products I purchase. No-goddamn-body! You hear me, fuck-head? Cars, food, guns, sex toys, eye-glasses, medicine, security systems - if I buy them, they are MINE. And the purchase ownership transaction information is also mine and the sellers. So FUCK YOU and your goddamn info-wholesale liberal bullshit attitude. Hope U-burn in hell.
Gordon	F	I don't need the full details on any one. Email address is enough information on any one.
Laura	A	
Danny	P	To protect the interests of my business, family or my own identity in situations where the site may be political or otherwise controversial in nature.
Martin	F	To protect my personal contact information.
Joe	H	It drastically reduces the amount of spam that I get from people trying to sell me unwanted services related to my website.
Muthu	N	

James	C	1. To eliminate the SPAM I used to get from trolls who would look up domain-owner info and then use that as email target lists. 2. My business address (versus mail address) is also my home address and there is no reason that should be made public. 3. All legitimate contact requests have always been properly forwarded to me so there is no loss of nor hiding from proper authorities. 4. Any proper authority within this jurisdiction is readily able to follow due process and quickly get my actual contact information so there is no possibility of using a privacy service for illegal or illicit activities. 5. Requiring this information to be made public will do little or nothing to stop the actual bad activities in the Internet as the bad folks will just falsify information and only the law-abiding users will be punished. I sincerely encourage to you not change the privacy rules as legitimate users will be strongly negatively affected and there will be little or no positive impact in the Internet overall. Sincerely, Jim
alex	B	I need privacy to protection my personal information from spammers and everyone else who does not need my private info.
jeff	H	
Darren	P	
Robert	Z	Selling on line.
Randolph	M	The reason for using Whois Privacy is very fundamental and obvious.
Andreas	B	
Cass	D	So my personal details are protected from public view. Please reconsider the changes.
Ray	A	
Tommy	V	To protect my personal information.
Norton	C	
Tory	N	We own small businesses and value our personal privacy being separate from our business identity.
jan	N	It should be everyone's right
David	F	Domain portfolios should be kept private!
Rob	P	My business is in the beginning process and I like to keep it private.
Adrien	M	
Kim	G	Small business using home address to provider
Cannen	S	
Tommy	V	To protect my personal information.
Lanora	M	I do not want to reveal my home address and other contact information to anyone who might look at the registration information for my websites. This is a matter of personal security.
ray	W	There should be requirements so that we can keep our home address and phone numbers private! A subpoena or significant showing of good cause is fine but just openly putting our personal information out there is cause for concern and identity theft!
Axel	B	Protect myself from spam, unsolicited offers, and to protect my privacy

Marshall	T	Protect privacy from spammers and other dishonest users of internet.
Janet	M	I value protecting my personal contact information online. Providers like Domains By Proxy already have proven systems in place for addressing unlawful activity while balancing my privacy needs. The majority of online activity is legal and legitimate. The proposed restrictions would treat all domain and website owners as guilty until proven innocent which is the opposite of our judicial system.
Julie	S	Personal protection of identity from the general public.
Thomas	S	
Jason	M	In today's digital age, I feel it's important to protect my personal information in any way possible. This is one of the last remaining options I have for at least a small amount of privacy...PLEASE DO NOT TAKE AWAY MY RIGHT!
Susan	B	It's private why I want privacy!:)But seriously way too much of our privacy and rights in general have been whittled away over the years and it has to stop. We keep giving our power over, well, to whom? Who will need access to my records? Not just because someone asks for it.
Matthew	S	home based business
William	H	I want my information private! I don't want spam!
Stephen	W	
Gary	G	Simply because it is my right to do things without the constant knowledge of the government. I have the right to privacy, or used too, by protections in the US Constitution. KEEP THE GOVERNMENT OUT OF THIS BUSINESS!
Greg	N	Prevent spamming and marketing calls that come with having name, address and phone number in Whois.
Joshua	L	I need it only for one of my websites. All the others, I want people to know who I am. Also, there are websites that my website cites, and sometimes they go down. Whois is handy to notify the owners of those sites.
Andrew	B	I have multiple businesses with multiple websites and I don't want my competitors being able to gain my private contact information.
M C	B	I use it because of all the fraud and spam. Why would you want to open it up to more of this. Just leave it alone. If someone has problem they can get a court order or whatever. It's working as is. There is no need to make it worse by changing what is working.
Wael	E	I do not wish to disclose my involvement in a company.
Harry	P	I support the legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing
Rashed	T	it protects me from spam

Robert	G	Before using a private whois I was routinely harassed by private individuals for the work I had been doing as a volunteer for a small company. For my safety and well being hiding these details has been paramount in keeping me safe, being unable to use this service will put me back at risk of attack. I should not have to fear for my safety simply for trying to help and especially not because I can't keep myself safe while trying to enjoy my web development hobby.
Patricia	B	I own several domain names, and handle others for clients.
Vince	W	So that my personal information is not available for anyone to see that wants it. I have websites for legitimate business uses, and see no reason why my personal home address and phone number should be made available to anybody that wants to look it up, just because I purchased a domain name.
Mike	F	Because the Internet is not a small group of trustworthy people like it was in 1993.
Sailor	B	To keep my personal information private, protect physical safety and prevent identity theft.
lesley	B	to keep my privacy for my business websites
Adam	L	Protection of my identity.
Richard	S	THE LIE is that law enforcement would somehow not have access to the information. THE TRUTH is that all it takes is a judge authorized court order resulting in all the information being release. The reason we need whois privacy is to Prevent Criminal Abuse of Power, particularly in the form of criminal duress, i.e. abuse and harassment intended to discourage the free exercise one's rights, specifically, but not exclusively, the First Amendment rights to free speech and free association. Big corporations, politicians, law enforcement personnel, and common psychopaths have in the past, and will certainly in the future, use such information to punish and discourage people from expressing their opinions, debating ideas, and reporting to the public about all manner of abuses of power and crimes committed by those in power, government and with money. Classic examples include harassing Ralph Nader because of his work informing the public about the outrageous dangers of particular automobiles. For which his work is now recognized for saving thousands of lives. This helps to prevent law enforcement officers from applying criminal duress to shut down web sites showing "police abuse of power videos". For which examples are too numerous to count, just google "youtube.com police abuse". It reduces corporate vengeance for publicising poor hygiene like the famous case involving a laughter house investigated by Oprah.
Robert	H	I own domains and have the right to privacy.
rick	I	Personal
Michele	L	I write romance, and romance writers have been targeted by unscrupulous people in the past. I do not want my personal information to be made public, which is why I write under several pseudonyms. Thank you.
अरूण	ॐ	I am exposing corrupt personels. It is life threatening for me and my family if my privacy is revealed. I strongly object about revealing the personal information to the government.
andrew	M	way btoo much invasion of privacy by snoopers. and to protect my,& my families personal safety & lives from kidnappers/ trrorists. extortionists

Violetta	H	for obvious reasons.
Klaus	S	
Lulëzim	S	You will never understand why I need rights.
Mohammed	M	My private information should be protected unless there is a strong legal/ safety reason.
Robin	R	I own a number of website domains, and don't want the personal information associated with them shared or compromised.
Francine	A	
Dr. Robert	R	For several different corporate websites under the parent corporation I founded.
Lance	Z	I am paying for privacy. I should have privacy. Period.
Samuel	T	
Shiv	S	There are times when you would rather not have your private information in the public domain, such as home address & telephone number as this can lead to spam and also lots of cold calls coming in.
Gilbert	G	
Dean	M	To protect my privacy as a business/person, to not get spammed and pursued by marketers or hackers or those seeking info on my identity to use for nefarious purposes.
David	Z	Stop spammers
Teronie	D	To protect my personal information
Jennie	S	Small business support
Mary	M	To keep scammers from harassing me at my place of business. My provider has proven systems in place to address unlawful activity and keeps my privacy for my protection.
Judith	E	My ex is a stalker and revengeful and I fear would lodge a complaint and learn my whereabouts which would compromise my safety.
Andrew	M	AS A SERIAL ECOMMERCE ENTREPRENEUR I USE THE PROXY SERVICE TOMPROTECT MY OWN PROPRIETARY PROCESSES AS CLOSE TO THE PRIVATE COMPANY AS POSSIBLE. AS A VICTIM OF DOMAIN IDENTITY THEFT, AMOUNTING IN NEARLY 2 million dollars liquidity. I depend on the service to provide me and my family, home, and personal data not related to consumer or public commerce with our company. DBA 210 Websites in this year alone 24 were victim to overtake , and lost my privacy. As transparent as the social media world is the proxy makes for a welcomed safe zone. Please prevent future violations and fraudulent identity targeting and profiling. Keep the Domains by Proxy. Yours in Renewables, Andrew Moore
Suleman	D	for my people i develop websites for
William	J	I have two young children at home and would hate for somebody who disagreed with something I said on the Internet to come to my home to harm them.
Cherie	D	I wish to protect my home address and personal information from identity thieves. I run an online business, and I don't need people searching WHOIS to find my home address.

Nicole	H	
Nita	K	
Alyse	R	
Vickie	S	
Eric	H	I prefer to keep that information private. When I don't I get SPAM through the mail and email trying to defraud me. Also the less criminals can find out about me online the better!
Jesse	L	Our mailing address is our home address not public record
Brian	G	Spambots, telemarketers, solicitors and fake domain registration snail mail scammers should not have access to millions of targets' names/email and physical addresses that would suddenly be exposed.
Ken	B	My right to privacy should never be an issue as long as I am a law-abiding citizen of this Nation!
Mary	B	
Jason	C	to protect my info
william	L	Our mailing address is our home address, not public record
Klaus	F	
Patrick	L	Because I need to keep my own personal information protected. THIS IS HUGE
Hossam	H	It's my right to choose.
Kathleen	A	Because I want to do business on the internet without people having access to my personal information.
lee	L	company address is not public record as it is employee only
James	B	To keep my personal information private - avoiding possible identity theft, harassment, etc.
christian	T	because my private information should be protected under the law and anyone that wants information about my company should follow due process
tufail	A	
tony	L	company address is employee only, not public
Christian	Z	
Rob	R	As someone who has had to repeatedly deal with delusional stalkers, removing my right to privacy on the Internet is a bad idea; it will affect my personal safety. In addition, I have had my identity stolen--I do not want to relive the arduous process it took to restore my credibility. I operate in good faith, and do not wish to be placed in a vulnerable position.
Leander	H	Abusive family members would be able to use my wife's WHOIS records to find her.
Eric	B	My name and old e-mail address were listed in RFC 1117 and successors (etc. RFC 1166) and it resulted in my receiving hundreds of pieces of spam per month, beginning as soon as Internet e-mail spam was invented. I don't want my contact information to be made public in that fashion again, and I don't have any confidence that the WHOIS databases can't be bulk-harvested for address collection.

Randy	C	I am the owner of several sites, and the changes you mention will make it easier for manipulators to take over control of my domains and increase the already large amount of spam I receive.
Gabe	L	
Gabrielle	L	I am female and have done a lot of work with Child Protective Services, as well as with a lot of computer programmers with psychological problems. I use Whois privacy for the same reason I have two big dogs- to protect my privacy at home as much as possible, while still allowing me to have an online presence.
Arden	I	I use this to keep solicitors from contacting me for no reason and causing my advertising company to waste time on sales calls. This costs my company money. Also, I work from home. Having that information private is very important to me.
Lynn	S	I do not want any of my personal information to be provided without a direct court order requiring such. There are enough ways for the wrong people to get to us personally and we sure don't need to make it easier
LAKENYA	B	I have a family and do not feel comfortable knowing someone can follow me online and have access to my personal information, including my home address.
Aiyana	T	Personal safety and privacy. Society seems to believe they are entitled to have whatever information they wish on anyone. Personal information is up to the PERSON (get it - it is THEIR information) to give, if and when they choose to do so. I stand strongly for my own privacy and respect others as well.
Jacob	W	To prevent my personal information from being released.
jan	G	
Crystal	C	I am a webmaster and manage multiple domains and would like my right to privacy.
kandy	H	
Mary	S	
Christian	C	Because it is my basic Human Right!
Shungu	P	I run a Christian charity and believe my privacy should be protected to allow me to do my work free from harassment by those who may not support our work.
Suzanne	K	I am a single mother and I didn't have privacy and was being harassed by solicitors. Privacy is important please keep it.
Angela	S	Protect my domain privacy. Angela Slusher
Lisa	M	
raffi	G	To protect myself from crazy activist and other sickos
Dave	L	I use it myself to protect my privacy from being used by spammers, and I recommend it to all my clients as well!
Andy	J	Today there are religious fundamentalists who take snippets of data from one source and then extrapolate it to serve their needs elsewhere.

Gina	M	Without Who is Privacy I often get unsolicited mail from marketers and people try to sell me services I do not need. In the UK as a company director you have to provide your information to the public but you are also allowed to provide alternative details to keep your personal details safe. Why should we be robbed of the same right on the internet. To remove our ability to have WHO IS protection would rob us of this right.
Matt	S	To protect my private information
Boris	O	I am not a robber, I am not a spammer, I am not a hacker. If some authority believes that I am, let them go to the court. I believe that this desire to know everything about everyone is typical for a totalitarian society. In the past, they had to use snoopers, now they want to hear my phone calls, read my emails, know my personal information, and see me in the bed and in the restroom. It looks like CIA and NSA have learnt a lot from Putin, Somoza, Arafat and other clever guys: no presumption of innocence anymore. Now, they are pressing on ICANN to make their life easier. These spy hunters would be much more useful and much less harmful as janitors, waiters or just unemployed tramps. This is NOT THEIR BUSINESS!
Richard	B	The system works as is. Please leave us to our privacy.
Robin	P	I wish to keep my personal and private information confidential and to protect myself from identity theft.
Scott	U	I use the domain privacy service so that my personal information - name, phone number, address- is not accessible by marketers/spammers or worse.
Christopher	D	
william	C	Privacy safegaurds
Charles	W	To ensure my personal right to freedom of speech regardless of fanatics in state falsely claiming to have the authority to restrict it.
Anthony	S	I own business domains that belong to my company. My personal info should be protected if I wish
adam	G	
pucznik	K	
Cameron	M	For protection of personal information FROM anyone who would use it for malicious purposes! Someone continues to try to access my Wordpress account by brute force. There are lots of bad guys out there!
Ron	W	
tim	F	
Martin	E	
Diego	G	Competition
Pedram	O	Some domains might be for personal use, such as family pictures or posts which I don't want anyone to know the owner information without my permission.
Henk Jordaan	J	We are elegitimate bloggers and website owners. People who need to find us can do so through our websites. If we are suspects in wrong-doing authorities can find us through ICANN. We deserve the right in return to be protected from spammers and other people with ill-intent.

Todd	N	Anti-Spam, and I value my privacy. No member of the general public needs to know who actually owns my domains. With threats like Doxxing and Swatting, all people need is a first and last name to search public record for your more private personal information such as your physical address.
Lana	U	I don't want my personal information given out to anybody. Please!
Ingrid	K	
arthur	L	
Louise	B	I am a small business owner who works from home providing coaching services to business owners. I do not want my private contact details to be made available. I provide full details of how to contact me via my professional addresses freely on the website.
Andrey	H	I use it for protecting my personal information from hackers, competitors, provocations and blackmail.
Nick	M	Because people have the right to keep personal information, personal.
William	W	Stay out of my legitimate concerns, thank you.
Shelly	O	
Iain	F	Why would someone not want to be private in the information age? Information is power and many people should not have access to this power. Without legal action many individuals will take advantage of access to this information to harm others. Don't make things easy for those that only intend to prey on others!!
Cherie	Z	I own 14 protected domains for the purpose of enlightening the world to the work I have done over the past 57 years, and continue to perform, for the plight of unwanted, abused, neglected, misunderstood and malnourished bird species, both wild, livestock and companion. Due to a former unscrupulous domain vendor and its allowing the abuse of ICANN, I have already had one of my domain names stolen while the vendor continued to collect my payments for it. The new "owner" turned the website for my non-profit corporation into a for-profit, international scam. I lost everything. More recently, via the theft of 2 of my 8 computers and the resulting act of identity theft, my private ICANN data and bank accounts were accessed, an immoral website was set up, the protection for all of my domains which I had secured through year 2023 was cancelled, \$572,000 earmarked for my 14 non-profit corporations was stolen from my bank accounts, leaving me penniless, and the perpetrators maimed, tortured and killed all but 3 of the rescued rehabilitating birds at our sanctuary, which, prior to this nightmare, had successfully rehabilitated and re-homed or set free hundreds of birds. It is my opinion that we must stop this new federal action and, instead, put more secure regulations of some kind into place.
Tony	T	The right to privacy is part of our culture, in our constitution, so is the right to due (legal) process. Handing over privacy info without due (legal) process in a court of law is simply wrong. Furthermore, it sets a stage to go farther in taking away other rights and implementing additional limitations. Keep our private parts private!!!

Stefan	D	I am constantly receiving hundreds of unsolicited e-mail messages and telephone calls every week. Opening the door for spammers and online marketing companies would make my work harder and harder, as it would be difficult for me to filter valuable e-mail from SPAM / Unsolicited e-mail and important personal or business related phone calls from unsolicited marketing calls.
Isaac	J	I don't have a PO Box or business address/number. As such I have to put my personal home address and phone number on my domains and such info is easily exploitable and kinda scary having available to everyone.
Sharif	N	Stop snail mail spam, save the trees.
Mark	C	I use it to protect my personal information from public record keeping my family home and personal life separate from being accessible by anyone who uses the internet.
Floyd	B	Some totally legal things that I do, such as my wife and I being nudists, and also that I hold figuring drawing art sessions for college and private instructors are not tolerated very well by certain minorities., and I do not need bricks through my picture window.
Samuel	F	I need whois privacy so I don't get hit by real snail mail spam because my address is open to the public it's just harassment when I get so much junk mail the whois privacy saved me from that. Also I don't want to receive all that nonsense telemarketers phone calls. Don't let just anyone be able to access this information.
Michael	B	I believe in privacy for lawful use of the internet. ICANN doesn't seem to verify the non privacy entries for many domains being used for questionable activities so start there and allow real privacy for sites unless evidence points to illegal activity. What keeps spammers from lodging false claims to gather private data.
Matt	W	My privacy is important. Identity theft for instance is rampant. This type of regulation will only make things worse for the majority. Thanks for listening
Jim	F	I have several URLs through GoDaddy for my different businesses. I don't want people accessing my business sites, having my personal information available. (Blanket "subpoenas" will make privacy a thing of the past.)
John	S	It is very very important to have this privacy. I have a business and its nobody's busy that the domain name belongs to me and giving out full name, address or any other kind of my personal information it just down right wrong. I would have no safety at all.
maurice	E	It is absolutely essential that our information be protected through the current privacy protection in place. We are in a business industry that requires us to maintain our clients privacy and anything that could put that at risk could result in our los of complying with our legal responsibilities to maintain our licenses for public service. The Whois systems does that and to make the information available through ICANN would IMO violate our right to privacy.
Richard	H	I don't want any one being able to find out my personal details, unless I want them to. There are a lot of scammers and frauds online and I don't want them knowing my personal details that they have no right to.
James	C	I do not authorize anyone to divulge my personal information!
keith	M	because it's none of anyone else's business
Corey	B	For protection against unwanted and / or unwarranted disclosure of my personal information.

Thomas	M	Keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft.
Sage	F	Because I don't want unscrupulous people, people who could do me harm, to have the ammunition, my private information, to harm me.
Charles	G	The proposed restrictions are intended to target spammers, criminals and other bad guys, but providers like Domains By Proxy already have proven systems in place for addressing unlawful activity while balancing the privacy needs of their customers. I sell products exclusively online - I do NOT want thieves, burglars to know where I may keep my inventory nor do I want potential customers arriving at my residence attempting to conduct business with me.
Steven	H	I prefer to keep to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft
Charles	S	Certain domains are parked and this protects us from receiving spamming emails.
Edward	L	To protect my privacy
Christine	M	To protect myself and my family from potential stalkers, as well as persistent sales people and customers. My legal business is MY business.
Giannina	G	I would be scared of potential stalkers or criminals having access to my personal contact information. I don't mind providing contact information for legitimate reasons but please don't make it easy for just anyone to get our personal information.
sarah	G	because I don't want my personal information out there to be used for spam or to stalk me . I deserve that right
Melissa	G	
John	N	
Jim	K	I get enough spam phone calls for my domains that have my information public. If you change the icann rule about having a phone number I am all for it but this is ridiculous.
Claudine	M	
Mark	J	It nobody dam business to know about me or open myself up to unsolicited communications. I had one ordered a site without privacy and within days I was flooded with email/phone contacts from vendors and people who had an interesting the site. This is particularly important in a day when many half baked idiots take such personal objection to the turn of a phrase or some clearly unintended slight. Keep the rules the way they are. Keep the government the hell out of the internet.
Jack	D	To stop spammers from emailing me a multitude of emails just because I have my details available on the Whois database
Igor	K	I do not want to disclose information about my address, my telephone numbers, my company, etc. to anyone without my specific authorization.
Anthony	D	To protect the privacy of my family.

Tim	A	I use my domain's for my business. Some of my location specific domain names, I have not used yet. I don't want to tip off my competitors before I choose to target the area by them being able to find out I'm the owner of the location domain.
Liora	D	I am an artist and work out of my home, I'd prefer people to not have my home address.
Patricia	M	
Jeannie	B	To protect my personal information from thieves, identity theft, etc.
andrew	M	i buy a lot of domains and dont need people calling me to try to buy them or to sell me on web stuff
Rebekah	F	There is no reason for people to know my address. They can reach out to Godaddy if there were to be an issue. You are invading my privacy!
Jessie	L	i don't want people finding out where i live! duh!
Nikki	G	
Joe	K	
Devin	M	to prevent spam and tons of phishing emails.
Joe	C	
Carl	V	I am a single business owner working out of my house. I do not want my personal information available. Thank you.
James	T	I just recently bought a domain thirdbasebrew.com and didn't add privacy, and I've been getting multiple phone calls a week from people offering to help build a website, improve seo, and today I got an advertisement to my home in the mail from Dell Computers with my name and the company name Third Base Brew. I do not own a company called third base brew. I rarely forget to add private registration, but this was a reminder of just how invasive companies can be that search the whois registry to either scam people, or barrage them with phone calls for a service that they never requested to be contacted for. Keep Private Registration! If someone absolutely needs my information, let them do so with a subpoena, not a simple whois search.
A.	S	For this very reason -- so that stalkers, spammers and others do not abuse the data they can access. This whole exposure of the public is a bullcrap move by the powers at large to "oversee" humanity. Back off! You guys are more terroristic than actual terrorists. It's a lame excuse to meddle in everyone's personal business -- just no.
Elizabeth	B	To protect my family. The people I counsel should not have access to my family.
Jason	M	
Laura	K	Want my name address kept private. Why should anyone have that info?
Bruce	E	I value my privacy, and I a lot of domains. I don't want people knowing my address, email, or phone number without my permission
Cliff	R	because it was recommended for security !
Precious	W	I need and use Whois Privacy to protect both myself and my family.It is my responsibility to keep us safe,from stalking, abuse and physical threats.
michael	M	

Bennett	N	Private registration services are important because they help us control the information we do choose to share. I am all for maintaining valid underlying registrant information as ICANN has been doing, but completely eliminating our ability to mask what we show as public is taking it too far.
Jay	B	I own several domain names
Jesse	H	To protect my personal information from spammers, bots and others who can use such information for illegal or other breach of privacy uses.
Patricia	T	
Antonio	V	Protection from unwanted prying and exposing without any due process
Alex	M	I don't want spammers and crazy people getting my personal information. The last thing I want is an upset customer finding where I live and threatening my children.
Tom	S	Your proposed action would expose my personal info for my home-based family group. Private information should only be released when a judge issues an order based on the law.
Ann	F	I need to protect my privacy as on the domains that I do not, I am constantly harassed by spammers and "cloners" from China. I wish I would have spent the money to protect my privacy on all of my sites!
Robert	D	
Michael	O	I am a domain broker. Displaying my personal information is not only a headache due to spam, but could also jeopardize my entire domain portfolio, as anyone can see what email I have on file, making my email address a target for hacking, and thus jeopardizing my domains. Removing domain privacy will certainly hurt your bottom line. I know I would have to find a new profession, as I am not willing to deal with the headache that would be caused by the removal of privacy.
Michael	D	To protect my privacy
Susan	H	I am a sole trader and female so I don't want any information about me that I haven't put on my website myself.
Edwin	C	
Michael	S	So that strangers on the Internet cannot find out my home address
Andy	H	I receive enough spam & junk mail as it is and do not need another way for them to obtain my information. If I want someone to have it I will give it to them.
Rodney	S	Each individual has the right to their personal information along with their business information. Therefore, Only if there is some verification of possible wrong doing should this information be obtained through the legal court system.
Martha	B	There is no reason for anyone to have my private information unless they can provide a verifiable reason to charge me with wrongdoing. I have been the target of numerous individuals wanting to do me harm and they would benefit from my information. Enough of these identity thieves and scammer spammers.
William	C	

David	T	because regulators already have access to personal information should it be required through their discovery powers of privacy servers. Opening up personal information beyond that scope will only further email islamic extremists, criminals and others to access personal information.
Tim	T	I own many web domains. Some I wish to keep private for personal reasons. I use these to campaign for change, sometimes fiscal sometimes political, and always lawful. I choose not to reveal my private details for these domains
Michael	M	As long as I am acting morally and legally there is no need to violate my privacy. The NSA has faced serious congressional and public backlash by violating the privacy of individuals. Does ICANN feel the need to be challenged as well?
Samir	B	to keep personal information private and prevent identity theft
Michael	G	
derek	J	to keep telemarketers and spammers from contacting me
Suzanna	C	
marlon	E	I dont wnt anybody trying tosell me stuff or know everything about me or my diferent domains I use to redirect people to my website
Graeme	G	We believe that removing privacy would allow increased virtual and physical 3rd-party spam and malicious digital/physical attacks against legitimate website owners.
Gary	W	
Mark	M	Registrars claim that the information must be correct by law, but the only way to keep it out of the hands of spammers is to use a proxy service that costs money. The requirement is a dinosaur and needs to be repealed.
Richard	K	The little privacy we have now should not be diminished. There are many other ways to discover the identity of lawbreakers without punishing the law abiders. Do your job, let us do business.
John	S	I don't want my private address visible to anyone who wants it. Privacy is important!
Zoe	T	I would never permit my information to be available to anyone without knowing exactly what they are scrutinizing and their intentions. This information is likely out there anyway, what this does is give license to corrupt my business. This is why I remain independent and no employees. I had my legal name used as a domain name by a compeditor and it directed it to his domain name. It appears that the DOC have given ICANN an exclusive contract and under a MOA now it has bypassed legislative attention. ICANN's reputation is not that stellar.
Alexandra	E	To keep my information private and avoid unwanted solicitations.
Michael	D	I do not want my personal information on the internet at all. Especially being allowed by mandate does not protect my privacy; by sloppy government or private vendors is another matter which is difficult to resolve by approachable to protect my home and privacy. Punish the guilty, not the innocent. This current thinking is typical heavy-handed and shallow thinking seen all too common in bureaucracies.
Brian	D	I buy domains for future business use. I prefer to not make these plans known to my current coworkers or employers.

Todd	H	Don't need all my info posted for others to see and possibly use to either confront me in person or steal my identity.
Paul	W	So competitors don't know what I'm thinking or planning.
Dee	D	I do NOT want my personal information given to ANY organization without my consent. As for the 'bad guys', we innocents are exactly that unless proven otherwise. Offering my secure information could then open a floodgate of those wishing to commit identity fraud. I've already experienced that twice...I am most confident the third time would not be the charm. Thank you.
Toma	P	
Michael	F	I do not want my personal information shared on this database.
Pavel	A	As a successful online business owner, being private adds more security to me and my family. If domain owner information becomes public any bad guy can target the owners of the successful online businesses.
Javier	M	Because privacy is privacy and it should be a right as getting undressed
Jesse	T	
Andrew	M	Keep my personal information private.
Hatem	H	Protect myself from personal information abuse by spammers
Chuck	T	
Robert	M	Protection
Vicki	R	
Cameron	A	i use privacy to not be contacted by spammers or people trying to sell me domains etc.,
adam	J	It is my fundamental right to protect my personal information.
Mike	K	Because I don't want spammers to send me unsolicited information & offers or resell my information to other spammers. PLEASE protect our privacy!
Alfred O	O	Privacy is needed for protection from potentially violent or malicious political zealots who might disagree with a website owner's political views.
Ofill	E	I believe it is our right.
Henry	E	I support: The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing
Tammy	C	To stop cold caller salesmen for both personal and business offers from using this information to spam my unlisted phone number or filling my postal mailbox with trash. I get enough of this garbage in email inboxes from contact forms on my websites.
David	K	Protection against people who wish to retrieve our personal information for illegal purposes.
Petra	S	

		Some people would rather keep domain information like home addresses private to the public eye. If a person in authority needs a warrant, that's what the system is for. Go to a judge a get a warrant for information. By overriding the current system for convenience you are putting a countless number of people's personal information at risk to the "bad guys" that prove to be a threat to the public. Making more work and more policing and policy making necessary in the long run. please reconsider and think about your actions. Warren exist for a reason as well as due process. You would be reversing everything our system was put in place for.
Frank	S	
Richard	M	My business is my business!
julius	R	To protect my privacy
Robin	R	keep spammers away and to protect my personal address from the bad guys.
Faisal	K	
James	T	Why can't I keep my identity private if I am not breaking any laws?
Jeff	D	That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing
Rob	B	
Cara	S	To protect from Identity Theft, etc.
Jared	L	
Jeffrey	D	I do not want my personal information accessed without my knowledge!!!!
Peter	B	To protect my personal information for my work from home buisness website. I do not want competitors or other malicious parties knowing my personal address etc.
David	S	PRIVACY PERIOD.
Carlton	S	My wife and I had a website selling jewelry which we make in our home studio. As a measure to protect our own security, we did not want to publicize our name, address, and other contact information (other than email info available on the site) to the general public. We feared that criminals might target our address, hoping to steal jewelry components, tools and equipment, etc. (The jewelry site is no longer active).
Glen	B	We need this because our software competitors would potentially use our private information to harass us and make life difficult. Also, I do not wish my family subjected to harassment by competitors or their hired hands.
Michael	C	To protect my personal contact information from the public. Domains By Proxy has an excellent process in place to not only protect my personal information but also my investment in my domain names.
James	H	
Arthur	H	I have several domains I operate and have a very public profile through my employer. I don't want my personal opinions being confused with my employer. Some of the domains are operated for friends and I don't need them combined with my personal information.
Jimmie	M	I don't want spammers comming after me.
Aleksandar	K	

Kyle	S	The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft in my business.
Hodges	H	To keep my domains private so they can't be stolen from me.
Chris	P	Domians that challenge the status-quo
Chuck	H	I don't want my information available to the world as a small business owner.
Kevin	S	This is important for small businesses like ours to develop new business and product opportunities without fear of prematurely disclosing our actions to competitors or the press
Sunil	R	
Jean Bernard	B	To protect my private and legal informations from bad mind online.
Christopher	R	So that my home and my children are safe
James	B	To protect myself and my personal information.
Ivan	V	
Kelly	H	
Julie	W	For a person starting out with a great idea for a business/blog/whatever, you want to be able to stake your claim on a website address in order to get your business/blog/whatever going. I want to maintain my privacy in every way possible; I don't want people contacting me specifically until I choose, if I choose, to reveal myself. It's very important that small people like myself, have a fighting change to become someone big. Privacy is key in that way. Please do not reveal people that are just trying to get their piece of the American Dream. Thank you.
Ronald	B	
Phil	G	
HEATHER	P	For my privacy, there are too many weirdo people put there, I feel much safer with having the privacy that I currently do, please don't take that away from me.
Vandy	S	Like my snail mail, I expect my online mail to be private. It's Constitutional. "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."
Carlos	E	
Roy	G	
Joe	N	I do not need to provide a reason; I have a RIGHT to privacy.
Kevin	A	We need privacy to combat criminal harassment and people with mental health issues.
Robert	R	I use privacy as I prefer no one to know who owns the company. No one's business so long as company does nothing illegal.

steve	J	My service providers already protects my site from spammers ad would be thieves. I do not want my web privacy information available to any one who asked for it. There should be more restrictions on who can obtain it. This will just increase spammers etc.
frank	C	To protect my identity on my blogs and websites.
John	C	Because it's my right to do so and I believe they have systems in place to see that their customers aren't breaking the law. Why would I willinging give my personal information to anyone without them showing why they need it and deserve to have it. If a government agency wants it, they have the right to ask for it. But not some unknown person. Why would anyone agree to that?
Max	S	Because people really don't need to know my address to visit my website.
Chad	S	I want to maintain my privacy, and believe all whois information should be kept private, with businesses having the option to opt-out of keeping the information private.
teri	F	
Robert	H	Privacy is my right.
Carlos	E	To protect my personal information from scammers and potential stalkers
Greg	B	
Igor	T	To protect my identity
Mark	N	I need this to protect my personal information and ward off scammers spammers and identity thieves.
MJ	M	
Barry	B	
Jeff	D	
Nathen	B	I use it on all my domains. I don't want spam, or killers finding me.
George	R	Fraudulent acquisition of personal information for illegitimate use and or exposure to me, my family, potential physical harm. Potentially more Junk Mail, SPAM, Marketing Phone Calls.
Evan	G	To keep people I show my site too from knowing all of my personal information
Karen	G	
Teddy	H	Too keep my private information private. I am a law abiding, tax paying citizen and I view the proposed ideas as big-brother like. We should have the right to privacy as American citizens who are not doing anything wrong.
Harold	W	
Leon	D	WHOIS should be protected because it can lead to misuse and abuse of power. What is private should remain private unless a very serious act of criminal intent is committed.
Generosa	P	
George	H	I don't want crazy people getting a hold of my domain info.
Sue	G	I do NOT want my private info to be public to anyone who is inquiring of it. I pay extra money for this privacy and want to keep it this way.

Al	H	For privacy of course
Len	H	I don't want my home address revealed to the world.
Michael	B	I own several websites and am a public figure. Making my info public could subject me to stalkers which I've had to deal with in the past.
Sare	J	I use whois privacy because I am not looking for unwanted attend for my website. I love to provide people with products and services without displaying my name for the world to see. It is similar to anonymous donors.
Temmie	M	
Boris	N	Why shouldn't I? The right to privacy is just that. A Right. I should never have to give a reason to exercise a right.
Rizwan	C	
Katherine	M	
Hassan	M	Business protection, IP & privacy
Maritza	P	I like to keep my personal information private! Thank you!
Stephanie	R	I launched my business and used ICANN be chase they protect our privacy! To learn it may be compromised is very disheartening. Please do not let pass.
shawn	M	everyone does not need to see my personal info in my domain unless I give them permission.
dennis	P	
John	A	Privacy is a right I don't need a reason.
MARI	V	For my own personal safety [as a single woman]!!
Russell	P	Because it nobody else business
John	T	For privacy...
Lance	B	Because I have the right to do so. That is enough reason. The constitution of the United States Of America and My sovereignty Offer me the Rights of Privacy as I choose. Good Speed. Rev. Lance B.
Tom	W	As a small business who doesn't have the resources for a full time commercial place of business I have to resort to registering for services using my personal information. I don't believe I should be forced to allow anyone/everyone to have access to my personal information; I have to register with the appropriate State authorities a Registered Agent contact and that should be all that's needed for someone to try to find out more about my small business. If someone has reason to believe I or my company have done something wrong I have no problem with information being released, but believe this should only be available to individuals who have a legitimate issue with me or my business. Until then I should be able to operate a small business without having to disclose to the world the personal information behind my company's profile.
Samuel	M	I have a wife and two daughters at home, and run a podcast and Youtube page with a large following. As much as I want to believe in the goodness of people, I do not want followers to be able to look up where both my family and I live. Please keep privacy around. Thank you for your consideration.
CE	S	Personal and private business security.

John	W	I use Whois Privacy to protect my identity from criminal invasion, and so do most other people who understand the threat posed by the anarchy of the Internet. Later, John W.
Kevin	D	This should be obvious. Privacy is a basic human right, the UN has recently confirmed and advocated for this as well. I shouldn't need to have my personal and private information exposed to anyone with an internet connection nor part of an ICANN system that may be compromised and used to target system owners and their potential employers based of public data scraping.
diana	R	privacy and safety
Bruce	W	small business
Michelle	T	I have the right to it. I demand it. This is a basic Human right. Thank you
Peter	D	I have a couple of web domains for private use (making a test site for friends) as well as to act as an email server for my personal email. I believe in the Right to Privacy, Innocent till Proven Guilty and Justifiable reasons. I wish my details to be kept private for personal safety, free from commercial exploitation (once your phone number/email address is out there then the amount of unsolicited junk email and phone calls I recieve is of a high volume, regardless of Call Filters, email filters and preferential block lists I have subscribed to)
Wilson	A	
Rosemary	M	I prefer not to have my information published for all to see. If there was a problem with any of my domain names I feel it would be better for there to be a process to get my information and for me to be notified that the process was in the works.
Sarah	E	To protect freedom of speech
Michael	U	sometimes we just want freedom of speech without fear of retribution from anyone including governments. Also I just value my privacy. There has always been bad people but you taking away my privacy because of someone else doesn't make it right. Why doesnt icann publish the home address, phone number ,mobile number, and email address of all its employees? How do we know one of them wont do something illegal one day where we could use this info? That is how ridiculous you could get if you followed their logic.
Robert	W	I have a small private company and do not want to share all my personal information just because I have a website!
SarahJayne	E	For privacy
Emmanuel	T	There are some situations where I am willing to help others with computer needs, but I don't want my personal information online for those projects.
Roger	R	
michelle	S	
jerry	C	i just think everyone needs privacy. i believe privacy is needed and will stand by it
Kenneth	L	I do not want my personal information turned over to anyone without a subpoena.

Dan	E	I'm a freelance journalist who has written about true crime. Prison inmates with whom I've conducted interviews for my work have stated that there are murderers who would retaliate against me if they knew how to find me. Incarcerated persons have access to contraband smart phones that they use to surf the Internet. My contact information would easily be relayed to one of their confederates on the outside.
Arthur	A	As a people of the United States..., e.g., ...at the Revolution, the sovereignty devolved on the people; and they are truly the sovereigns of the country, but they are sovereigns without subjects...with none to govern but themselves; the citizens of America are equal as fellow citizens, and as joint tenants in the sovereignty." CHISHOLM v. GEORGIA (US) 2 Dall 419, 454, 1 L Ed 440, 455 @DALL 1793 pp471-472. Furthermore, it is our wish as a people of the United States, to remind our Servants (Citizens of the United States) i.e., "This great principle that the constitution and the laws made in pursuance thereof are supreme; that they control the constitution and laws of the respective states, and cannot be controlled by them. From this, which may be almost termed an axiom, other propositions are deduced as corollaries... 1st. That a power to create implies a power to preserve: 2d. That a power to destroy, if wielded by a different hand, is hostile to, and incompatible with these powers to create and to preserve: 3d. That where this repugnancy exists, that authority which is supreme must control, not yield to that over which it is supreme." McCulloch v. Maryland, 17 U. S. 316, 426 (1819). [emphasis added]" "It is obviously correct that no one acquires a vested or protected right in violation of the Constitution by long use, even when that span of time covers our entire national existence and indeed predates it." Walz v. Tax Commission of New York Justice, 397 U.S. 664 at 678 (1970). And ICANN should heed our sovereign Wishes. Or face a Libel of Review for any loss incurred thereby. "One's right to life, liberty and property ... and other fundamental rights may not be submitted to vote; they depend on the outcome of no elections." West Virginia Bd. of Ed. v. Barnett, 319 US 624, 638 (1943). "I contend that for a state to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle." -- Winston Churchill And, never forget: DEMOCRACY is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for dinner. LIBERTY is a well armed lamb contesting the vote.
Jodie	M	Being a woman online appears to immediately attract nutjobs and psychopaths. I've had death threats over trying to organise photos for a calendar, people are that nuts. Do I want these people knowing where I live? Is ICANN going to be liable for the increase in stalking and violence because of this move?
Helen	L	Reduce spam. Avoid being harassed. Avoid identity fraud
Linda	G	I do not want my personal information turned over to anyone without a subpoena.
Briant	R	Whois Privacy has served me well. New ICANN rules are scary and remove all the protection I pay for!
Richard	S	To protect against identity theft, stalking and unsolicited marketing
Paul	D	Personal safety

Gail	S	I, the undersigned, support The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing
Corey	D	I don;t want anyone to know where I live, that is a huge risk for anyone I know. This means that anyone can find me at any time.
Louise	C	To keep my private info private, protect my safety, and thwart identity thieves.
Charlie	S	I use Whois Privacy to avoid spammers from emailing me about SEO/Web design or whatever services that spammers try and offer. It is great to minimise these type of people from accessing your details.
Tony	S	
James	W	
Deborah	C	To prevent unwanted solicitation and spam.
Tom	J	privacy and protection from abusers
Danielus Cornel	D	I want to be protected from hackers and spammers!
Eros	C	To protect my business, my identity and other personal information from unlawful or unauthorized individuals or organizations.
Jennifer	R	
Tim	D	I deserve and need to be protected against undue harrassment by making my private information available for the asking.
Hal	P	
Nona	S	I don't want folks I don't know or who don't know me to have access to any information about me. Signing this petition is, for me, like signing up for the "Do Not Call" list. I find this Internet privacy issue quite significant. Without privacy protection, one's Internet presence can be violated. And if violations are allowed, I (for one) must reconsider even having an online presence, no matter how that would limit my conduct of my everyday life and business chores. Do not dilute Internet privacy protection. Thank you, NCS.
Sharon	O	I secure my privacy to ensure I am not bombarded by illicit fraud, scams and other contacts who are looking for a quick buck. I also use it to enforce my contact rules on my website and ensure that the only parties who have my contact information are those I give it to!
Alexander	K	I protect my domain names from impostors threatening by bluff legal action without justification against me. I do not want this hassle.
Nsdav	Y	To prevent spsmmers from harvesting email address
Tammy	S	I don't want my employer to know I have a business on the side.
Paul	K	I protect my domains names from impostors threatening by bluff legal action against me without justification. I do not want this hassle.

Timothy	D	
Tim	E	
nathan	K	Yes, I have a crazy ex that wants and feels to the know everything about my business and life and ttys t sabbatozie its at any chance. thanks
Theo	P	Avoid being contacted by everyone and their dog unnecessarily.
James	L	So people from China don't spam me hack me call me, or any other form of harrassment. I do not want my information available to the world unless I choose to do so.
Dianna	L	I do not want my information publicly available.
sridhar	G	Who is should be used only for the purpose of registering ownership and not for random people to find out who owns the domain. After all in real world, we don't know the name of the landlord, when a large store is rented out. Why share this information with all - when it has nothing to do with business.
William	D	Because it is none of the world's business what domain I own. I also do not want the spam scam emails that whois generates.
David	G	Because I don't want my own personal safety or that of my family to be compromised just so that I can have a presence on the internet. Because I'm concerned about the potential for identity fraud through WHOIS scraping. Because I think that the burden of this proposal will be asymmetrically borne by those doing the best work in society - for example, those who seek to represent minorities, or to expose injustices. Because I believe that ICANN (and whoever else is backing this proposal) should bear the weight of justification rather than those who seek to maintain the status quo. It seems that ICANN are pushing for a situation where anybody who seeks to have any privacy, anywhere, is doing something wrong or unlawful. I think that's a dangerous path to go down, and that's why I'm registering my signature here.
Howard	R	Its strictly a matter of privacy. As long as anything I'm doing is legal, it should be no ones business but my own. There are other ways of ensuring domain privacy isn't abused - those should be the preferred method - not taking away everyone's privacy.
Beth	P	Don't legislate our rights to privacy away as legitimate business owners. It won't prevent the minority criminals from their activities.
DAVID	N	
Fatih	L	Business purposes, as well as free political expression.
Robyn	N	I own adult sites and my privacy and safety is of extreme importance to me.
Guzman	A	To prevent any form of identity theft.
ellen	C	To maintain my personal information. The public website I maintain has my business address and telephone number. I want to protect my personal, non-business info.
Lisa	L	
tina	J	

Brett	S	My business websites should be separate from my personal information
Nita	G	Why shouldn't I be afforded privacy is the better question?
Cynthia	D	For my online website businesses. No one should be allowed to give out my private information without a search warrant and probable cause, stop this now.
Eleazar	G	Because I want to protect my privacy.
Steve	C	keep my personal information private and to reduce the chance of identity theft.
Jan	F	
Damien	V	Because there are too many security risks involved if domains cannot be registered privately. Aside from exposing email addresses and phone numbers to anyone, including telemarketers and spammers; home addresses are also listed. There is full potential for anyone's address to be obtained by someone dangerous or with any malicious intent to take advantage of the information. It is absolutely alarming that this privacy option could be taken away.
Russell	C	I develop sites for clients and often build these sites before the client purchases them. It is important that I am able to build the site privately as the client will take ownership after the site has proven results.
JAMES	S	IT IS INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND, PLEASE PROTECT MY PRIVACY UNLESS YOU HAVE LAWFUL REASON (PROOF) THAT I AM BEING UNLAWFUL.
abe	M	I dont want my personal info to be shared without court order
Jami	A	I do NOT want my personal information available to everyone!
Ed	E	To avoid spammers and junk mail
Gianni	B	
Jim	I	I do not want people being able to contact me directly OR showing up at my home or place of business because you passed this (stupid) law allowing anyone with a "complaint" access to my PRIVATE information. I pay extra per domain name (6) to keep my information confidential. DO NOT PASS THIS AND LET THE PUBLIC BE NOT ALLOWED TO SEE MY PRIVATE INFORMATION AS A DOMAIN OWNER!!!! ***PLEASE feel free to give out YOUR home and personal information*** but leave mine alone
Ray	D	We secure our information to stop unauthorized people from freely accessing information that can be used to impersonate us or steal our company identity. Don't mess with this method.
Brandon	C	Spam and illegal practices online are the minority and I as a hobby website owner chose to keep my information away from them as much as possible. It works as is and the proposal will not benefit me and appears to potentially expose me to undue and unfair risk.
Perry	K	I'm a law abiding U.S. citizen. I kindly ask that you please keep my personal information private. Thank you very much.
Zdenek	R	Don't want some of my businesses/domains to be linked to my personal information
Sarath	J	
Scott	T	To protect myself and my interests and not be exploited by others

		Dear Sirs/Madam, I fear the action being considered is again not thought through with any degree of indepth wisdom. I do understand a need to seek a way to address crime online and terrorism. But this must begin with the providers of such services being hosted where there is no responsibility being exercised and solely driven by financial game namely repugnant and totally irresponsible services such as Facebook. I choose to keep my personal details private as my details are registered with my Nation's Inland Revenue, My Publishers and the United States IRS. As an Author and Senior Web Developer giving my time to the Community as a Computer Scientist, I also give my time in the interests of the Global Community to address many Social ills in Society. As a result communicating with Politicians and other UK and USA States services in the Nations interests. As a result of such irresponsible action of publishing my details you could very easily compromise my Family's safety, including my own that would serve to the detriment of them many challenges a head in our Society where we need our greatest minds to serve and contribute. Respectfully Yours, Alastair R Agutter Author, Philosopher, Computer Scientist, Theoretical Physicist
Alastair	A	
Heather	B	Owner of many domains and want privacy
Marc	B	To avoid Spammers and Scammers grabbing my name, email address, domain info, and other personal info.
Shelby	C	
Maria	L	Privacy is that not the point?
John	S	There are people out there who can, and do, use personal information to bully and hurt others. I don't want me and my family subject to internet crazy people.
Crystal	B	I run a legal phone sex line and do not wish my information out in the public. It's my privacy and a safety issue, not just for me but all other independent phone sex operators trying to make a living.
Tanveer	M	protects us from spammers and enables freedom of speech
Tim	K	Work
Alex	F	
Christopher		
Michael	B	I need it to prevent ID fraud, junk mail / email and nosey parker
Sabrina	D	to protect my personal information from the general public
Jason	D	Principal
Kimberley	I	I have been paying for domain privacy for years. As a woman, I don't want my information displayed to crazy people for any reason. I pay extra for privacy because I feel it protects me against people who can do harm to me such as stalking me or calling me or even using my real name in online material. There are people on the internet that are out to do harm. I am absolutely against giving up my privacy.
michelle	E	Business
Melissa	D	
Marty	M	Creepers
Bill	K	

Elizabeth	N	
Kashay	A	To protect my identity, home, and family.
Mark	A	Identity Protection
Shaun	P	To protect my family, and myself from stalkers. I would have to get rid of my domains if this policy went into affect, as this could put my life and my families life in true danger.
Amy	L	I have competitors who have tried before to spam me at my house. Please don't give out my information. I also talk about my kids on my blog, if stalkers and pedophiles wanted to find them you would be making it so easy for them. STOP THIS!
Natalie	G	
John	M	don't want spammers to send me junk I don't want
Holly	R	Privacy is important for all. There are too many crazy people in the world and I don't want any of them to know my personal information. Just because someone has ads on their website does not make the site "commercial." Protect the privacy of all. Privacy keeps us safe.
Scott	N	
susan	H	because i dont want my personal details going to people i dont know!!! privacy is very important to me.
Peter	K	to avoid spammers, scammers etc.
Jonathan	G	For domains of my own.
Doug	B	It is my right to keep my home address and details to people I know and trust,nobody has the authority to take that off me without proving a legal need to do so.Would the heads of ICANN like their personal details made freely available?
Rainford	P	I operate several commercial and hobby websites and I am shocked and apalled that ICANN is planning to violate my privacy with these outrageous new rules. This is wrong. No one should have open access to a website owner's private information---especially without due cause. These new rules have no basis. If a website owner is suspected of illicit activity then whoever is complaining about it can report it to law enforcement. Law enforcement can obtain the information with a warrant if they have a real cause. There is no need for ICANN to invading everyone's privacy and spreading innocent people's private information all over the place. Shame on ICANN for even suggesting such nonsense.
Jan	C	Because my personal information is just that - personal and by definition private. The information regarding the ownership of my domains is my personal information and if revealed, could and most probably would prove harmful to my identity if not actually pose a danger to me personally. Please, do NOT make my information public! THank you
Mary	B	There is no need for the world to know all about me or my family.
David	T	For my domain names, to keep away unwanted e-mail
Frederick	G	Personal Security

DOROTHEA	G	To protect my personal information. I don't need another source to handle my affairs and don't want the interference. I am a legitimate business and understand anti spam regulations and I take them seriously. Overuse of regulations is unnecessary.
Jennifer	B	
Patty	P	Website,blog,etc.
Tom	G	I don't support the proposed invasion of my right to privacy.
Monty	P	I run multiple businesses that are not related nor need to be associated together by my common ownership
Danielle	B	To protect my identity from an abusive spouse.
Laura	M	I have personal and business information linked to ownership of domain names, and I do not want that information available to spammers or other persons without the need to know. I have no issue with legitimized request for information from law enforcement or governmental agencies who need to know for reasons that can be explained to a judge.
William	R	This information can be used for spam or identity theft. I have the right to protect my privacy.
Chuck	G	I do extensive work on line and do not want my information given with out it going through a court request.
Ed j	R	I want my online privacy. Leave things alone.
Linson	T	No bad people would access my private contact and home information.
Lucas	S	
David	W	People will KILL you these days for words. As the owner of over 100 domains, privacy is paramount. I would fear for my life because of all the radicals in the world today. Free speech requires privacy.
Ahmer	B	It saves time by not having to deal with unnecessary requests or issues. The appropriate channels for contact are listed on the website. It also reduces the chance of spam if the email address is given to an individual who does not like the website.
David	Y	I believe in the support for privacy services to protect information, like Domains By Proxy. This is specifically directed at Domains By Proxy, but it could be any other service provider. These companies must need to be more responsive to service requests. For a number of years, I've attempted to contact Domains By Proxy as specified by GoDaddy and Domains By Proxy to grant me access in account held at Domains By Proxy. Over the years, an employee was managing our domain name accounts at GoDaddy. At some point, Domains By Proxy was implemented, but our domain name administrator was not aware of this and when he terminated his services, it became my inexpressibility. In my attempt to gain access into my account information, I've been locked out. I've made numerous attempts to contact Domains By Proxy according to their requirements. I've submitted documents as requested, also a letter from HR that that employee is no longer employed. Not once have I received a letter, email or call. My account is now held hostage. I believe in security, but I feel company's that process this much power needs to be monitored and have an independent organization that can intervene for the customer. If there is one, I would like to know.

Aileen	S	To protect my info from spammers and id theft type people.
Frederick	D	I wish to keep my personal information private and prevent identity theft....
Paul	P	To protect my personal information - like my home address where I run my business from.
Amanda	T	I use domain privacy because each time I have registered a domain without it, I get flooded with unsolicited calls and emails from people pushing their web site designs, SEO, and other services. I use domain privacy so that I can grow my business without being a target of unwanted solicitations.
Dotty	G	
Peter	U	I use private settings as my property is my private matter. I don't display my name and address on my house or car, why should I be forced to do so online?
Susan	D	I believe my information should be protected and that I have a right to privacy.
Joar	C	I am not very old and some of the data on the whois contains some information that is not so good to be shown to the world
Peter	T	I run a number of companies online and this is imperative to my organisation otherwise my email boxes are jammed with SPAM and it is hard to find what emails are truly clients and require the response they deserver immediately.
Susan	V	To keep my address and phone number private.
Mark	G	
Lori	H	For my business website. And I work from home.
Kristi	B	To protect my personal information
Ray	B	To avoid unwanted attention from stalkers. [NB my domains have not sent even 50 emails over the past year in total.]
S	P	none of your business
Tim	S	People do not need to contact me as a domain owner simply because they can. If I feel the need to do business with a legitimate company I will contact them through more appropriate channels.
Ben	G	The real question is why DON'T you need whois privacy
James	O	Domain name
Krystal	J	
bil	A	For privacy!!!
Frank	G	Having experienced a lack of privacy, and the resulting cold calling and telemarketing, I can categorically state I am in favour of maintaining privacy.
PAIGE	H	For personal protection
Christine	C	
Guthrie	W	We have rights under the Constitution that guarantee this.
Lerk Soon	C	To keep away from spam email. Sms and etc To prevent commercial opposition spy

Juliette	T	
damon	C	website protection
Chris	P	Privacy is a basic right of the individual both physically and online. Violation of this is purely down to unnecessary draconian power and control which history proves never works.
Felicia	G	Your information should be private not available for every Tom Dick and Harry to see. Keep it private!
Bhaskar Reddy	Y	To protect my contact information from being used by spammers and phishers.
Nancy	M	
roza	R	
James	A	Some of my clients are in the adolescent addiction treatment industry. There are groups which hate the industry and attack any and all programs, using the internet to harass, spew lies, and attack the programs and individuals associated with the programs. Privacy is important to protect legitimate businesses and their owners, employees, etc. from unfounded harassment.
Victoria	S	
Matt	L	I want to keep my phone number and address safe from spammers who can mine Whois results
loretta	L	So customers cannot trace who my sites belong to and hassle me at my private residents or other. Not to mention it is a security issue! I've had my bank account stolen 3 times with information people have put together via the internet. Also privacy is my right.
Greg	S	
nick	R	I, as do most people, have many online accounts in various websites and for that information to be accessed by any body be it personal, corporate, or governing, without my consent or proof of guilt in a crime is a violation of my rights as a U.S. citizen. That is not opinion, it is fact. Innocent until proven guilty.
Geoffrey	R	To keep my personal information private and protect against identity theft or misuse of this information.
David	G	Releasing my name, address, web accounts allows identity thieves to accumulate background information that enhances their ability to steal my identity. I ask that the rules not be changed and that I be allowed to continue having my Web Providers maintain my privacy.
Joseph	H	
Ben	S	Protect my personal information.
Jarred	K	This is just ICANN trying to stay relevant, when really they should keep collecting their domain fees and shut the fuck up. Imagine a website that facilitates political dialogue in say Saudi Arabia. Such a website would lead to the owner being subjected to state torture, in public no less (we know because it happened). This is just one example of where undermining whois protection will be adverse. The idea that criminals operating online scams will be deterred by having no whois proxy is a fantasy. The reality is that said criminals do not provide their real information to the registrar in the first place; just because it is against ICANN policy to provide fallacious information, doesn't mean it's not done.

Ana	C	
Brian	S	There's no reason for my info to be more public than it already is now. This is my right!!!
Chris	P	Protect my privacy
caira	W	My info is my info, thats why!
Steve	H	
Jeffrey	L	We are having our privacy and freedoms stripped away through a concerted program of fear that is moving us ever closer to tyranny. Enough is enough. In this situation, rights of privacy should definitely prevail.
Lucas	B	
debbie	L	
Ken	G	
Gerica	J	
Candia	L	To protect personal information from being openly available to anyone in the world.
Milo	F	Keeping my personal info safe and only knowing theyre getting my info from my site where I'm promoting it.
Gerald	B	
Ava	V	To keep the scumbags away.
Kelly	H	I prefer to not provide my personal home info to those I don't know. Having this service allows me to feel comfortable having an online presence for my business.
Chris	R	
Juli	B	-To protect my and my family's physical safety -To protect myself from identity theft, spammers, etc -To protect my personal information that should not be made public
Joseph	M	I run quite a few family websites and don't want my information our there for phishing schemes
Rose	S	It is my right to privacy of personal information. It is unacceptable, given the majority of online users are legitimate and operating in a legal fashion, that anyone's information be compromised for no legitimate cause. "Guilty" until proven "Innocent" is unfair and unjust and NOT the mode to which users ought to be subjected.
Tham	Y	Domain by proxy is very useful when in come to security because it help To avoid spammers and unauthorized person for getting/collecting ourcompany detail.
Leonard	M	For business and private financial matters, and to protect against identity theft!
Harpal	S	To protect my privacy from falling in the wrong hand leading to identity theft.
Geoffrey	D	Because it is my right!
Stephanie	F	I'm operating a large nutrition information website and wouldn't want folks I don't know to have my home address.
ethan	A	you need it to locate people that own website in order to buy the domain ext and there should be some accountability for that but the internet is a place to say what you think if in some cases you cant hide you are then that could create a dangerous situation for some people.
Jayden	M	

Justin	H	So that advertisers do not continuously solicit us via our contact info.
Murtaza	M	To protect ourself from spammer n would not like my details to be public
Eric	B	To keep from receiving unsolicited contacts and to keep my family safe.
Debra	H	I use it so my x-husband no longer has my personal information. He has no reason to have my phone number to contact me. This is an overall bad idea for people who want to be left alone from those in their past.
Dillon	M	To protect our precious privacy which is being taken away from us. It is our God given right to privacy and security. Why would you do that? To discourage people from using the Internet??? What is wrong with your decision making process???
Aston	P	To stay safe, to keep my details safe and feel safe from spammers, con men etc I have no issues spending the extra on domain protection, however if your policy changes to what you suggest i will not be renewing it
Brandon	M	To protect sensitive information pertaining to my clients and myself.
Anne	B	Retired psychiatrist, need to continue to protect privacy from former patients who try to cross boundries.
Mohit	D	It protects me from scammers and domain hijackers. And my privacy is important to me...
Jonathon	B	
Andrew	C	A matter of national security.
Jeremy	M	I want to be protected from identity theft!!
Robert	B	Privacy is important
George	M	Avoid misuse of my personal info / avoid disruption of my web services maliciously
Nanette	T	
Chad	N	Protection from spam.
Larry	A	Age&medical conditions
Shannon	R	
Scott	D	I value protecting my personal contact information!
John	W	I greatly value my privacy and do not want anyone or any government entity looking or knowing or looking at my personal data or my website data-EVER!!!
Alex	B	I do not wish to have my information public and want to protect my right to privacy!
Paul	Y	I use Privacy because our web site hosts reviews of schools that are written by teachers. Our corporation has a registered agent through which anyone can file a claim or complaint. Why I, as the CEO would want my name and personal information available to the public makes no sense and would leave me open to possible aggressive action from schools not happy with what has been written about them. This would be a safety issue for me. I truly hope you leave privacy as it is. Thanks in advance, Paul
Lori	T	
Brian	T	I have a website, and I promote various things through it, my Twitch stream, YOuTube etc. and I don't want my home address made available to anyone who looks up my website.

Lesa	D	
West	D	I run a free speech blog on my domain and I do not want strangers showing up on my door step scaring my family if I post something that someone might find controversial.
Shafeeq	R	I don't like the repeated calls by call centers trying to sell me their web related services
Alex	A	Obviously I want privacy that's why I need it.
Tara	P	Because I don't want the whole world to know my personal information.
Maria	F	To avois Spam and protect mu privacy
James	H	As a Corporate officer,I need the privacy,before this I was constantly spammed by email and calls from marketing and financial companies. As my corporation is it's own entity and Liable is separated from my personal finances so should this. Secondly, This is a fools errand,anyone with a criminal record would simply put another persons name to the account be it a friend,spouse,child or anyone else. So this IS just a PC move as usual for our pathetically ran governing body,who thinks privacy is a four letter word.Take Obama (illinois mob city)and Hilary (arkansas mob) and burn them in fire where they belong let god sort them out.
Jose	M	
Dioscora	D	My personal information is very important for me to keep it in private.
Jeffrey	W	I own multiple domains.
James	D	having privacy listings on websites allow people to have a safe environment online. Where random wacko's online will be unable to find your house address and then start to stalk you or break into your house. If you remove the privacy from domain names you are then allowing anyone that owns a website to allow criminals to know where they live.
Phil	C	To hide my own private address (to which the domains are registered) and instead refer customers to my business address (details of which are available on the website).
terry	G	to purchase websites - or - find business addresses
Daryl	D	To prevent spammers from using my personal details
William	E	To protect my blog
Elizabeth	B	I am an author who writes erotica under a pen name to protect my privacy. I make money off of this, and although there is nothing illegal or unethical about my work, others finding out what I do could jeopardize many things in my life. It is unfair to me and to others out there to destroy our rights to privacy, when we are not doing anything illegal or wrong.
Bradley	G	We own several businesses and we don't want people to know all we do.
Katherine	B	We need privacy to protect ourselves. For instance what if a person is running a website, and another person is angry at them, that person is about to look up their information. Its public. Spam phone calls, spam emails, etc
Martin	L	want my protection

Charles	J	I use a domain proxy to reduce spam and junk mail. Period. I am a licensed attorney so my address is a matter of public record. I own a lot of domains that I manage for myself or use as test sites. Law enforcement has (and should have) no difficulty finding the owner of domains. I do not believe that a search warrant should be required of police or government agencies that have verified their credentials. However, I do believe that private parties should have contact the domain owner in any manner that the owner wishes. I have received inquiries by private parties via my domain proxy, but no spam. And that's the point. Thank you.
Josephine	R	protection against crazy people!
George	F	I don't want to be subjected unsolicited spam or phishing expeditions.
Christina	T	I have several domains and do not need the hassle of direct marketers, the scourge of the earth, harassing me to buy things I do not want or need. There are already laws in effect that allow consumers to sue direct marketers who harass them. We need to keep these direct marketers, these unwanted scourge, from getting our info to not only keep harassing consumers, but also to sell our info to anyone who can take advantage of us. I need privacy because I do not want any of my personally identifiable information made public. ICANN is not a "law enforcement" organization. They have no right to my information without probable cause. Thank you for your time.
Cary	W	I am a private individual and I don't want just anybody knowing where I live. Given the number of hackers and identify thieves out there, as well as scammers, it is incredible to think that I would be required to reveal my personal information - beyond the statements I make on the websites. Revealing such information without court approval is a violation of privacy and a dangerous precedent that would cause many to take down their websites.
Kyle	W	I use privacy services to prevent online and offline stalking of myself, my wife, and my family; especially when controversial or disagreeable content may be placed on my websites. This proposed action to undermine privacy services is an attack on free speech. I should not be forced to live in fear of persecution by the general public for the exercise of my constitutional right to free speech. In a situation such as this, hate groups could ascertain my identity which would represent a real danger to myself and those around me. All of my activities online are legal. Additionally, I utilize privacy protection services to prevent spam and identity theft. Furthermore, this type of legislative maneuvering will force me to incorporate and register my non-commercial website addresses under a corporate name (completely legal) which will certainly further protect my identity but complicate matters unnecessarily. Another side effect will be scores of website owners taking measures to obfuscate their identity, possibly illegally, or people might value their privacy so much they discontinue registering new domain names which will not be helpful for DNS businesses. Upon hearing such a thing I immediately considered these things. As a web developer, my clients also prefer their privacy to be protected, I'll be forced to fill that void by essentially forming my own "Domains by Proxy" and thousands of these such services will be provided by other people seeking opportunity. In fact. Pass the law, I'll sit back and become wealthy by hosting thousands of small business and private websites under one corporate name.
William	T	Prior law enforcement State has privacy why not internet

Jan	E	I own registered donains and want to keep my personal info private
		Too keep stalkers from finding my info. Stalkers have already injured me on numerous occasions after one website hosting privacy services got compromised. My info was seen and The people who saw it injured me to the point of permanent disability for the rest of my life physically. I do not want my personal info to be used by identity theft either. So keeping my info private for safety reasons is something I need to be able to live. I have nothing else in life that I enjoy outside of the internet. If my privacy is taken away that would just lead me to not want to have a life at all. I'm serious.
Lisa	R	
Megan	H	
Karin	F	Keep my personal information private. All contact information a customer etc. may need would be provided on my web properties.
wayne	H	
Ben	M	My privacy is granted to me by my country's Constitution and cannot be abridged by any "International" organization without proof of wrongdoing, subpoena, search warrant, due process, or the ability to confront my accuser.
ann	K	For the reasons mentioned above
Lee	E	With identity theft costing billions of dollars in damages why would I not want to have my private information protected. Come on now.
Steven	M	I should be able to post my thoughts about politics and philosophy on my blog without people being able to request my home address or phone number. This could have a chilling effect on basic expression and how individuals are able to exercise their free speech rights. I people are not able to take reasonable steps to protect their privacy, then the will get PO BOXes or enter false information in their ICANN registrations. Registration information should be accurate but able to be kept private unless there is just cause (not just a baseless claim) that justifies releasing the information.
Amy	S	I would like my domains to remain private.
Dana	S	I want to keep the personal data associated with the domains I own private. I don't want or need my information available to just anyone.
Ricky	K	To protect myself from scammer who send spam emails.
Carey	H	Because of the private nature of our business involving firearms and firearm related items to both public and police
Vivek	J	
Francis	J	I have registered domain names for a musician who's address etc. Needs to remain private.
Sherri	C	

John	W	I have found that once your name has been listed in Whois the amount of spam and junk mail increases. The ability to keep my personal information protected is important to me. My business and my website are legitimate businesses that comply with all local rules and regulations. Surely that is enough information without making my personal details available
Kathrin	S	
Hal	L	Reduced spam. Scammers can't get renewal information and pretend you need to renew your domain with them. Home businesses should be able to have private listings.
Rhett	R	Its important for privacy
Dana Gaskin	W	I need and use Whois Privacy because I don't wish to be contacted by web designers trying to sell me their services, I use Whois because I wish to keep my personal information private and I wish to protect myself from identity theft. Please reconsider your plan to make my personal information available to the public.
Kevin	R	I feel my privacy should be protected and not be forced to reveal it to any person, government or agency. Privacy is an inherent freedom and a right.
George	L	To maintain my internet privacy.
Tayler	C	
Mo'ath	A	
Tom	B	Because of safety.
Devin	C	Domain privacy has many valid uses. In my capacity as an agent for a company that sells domain privacy I have encountered many customers who use domain privacy for fears of personal harm from stalkers or vengeful ex-lovers.
Richard	B	Safety; Still unknown threats; Because we do not know who uses our data in what ways. This SHOULD frighten everyone! But, it does not. The world has turned back into a jungle where everything seems to be fair. Let the most violent and criminal minds rule the earth. Let them survive and to hell with the good people. THAT is why we all need this.
Grant	D	I've had threats from people in other countries over my website. They couldn't find me since I had the privacy feature on my domain. Removing this puts myself and others at great risk of physical harm and or death. Far and away most people's usage of this privacy feature is legal. Don't punish everyone for the deeds of a few criminal.
Sarah	P	
Nigel	M	

Chan	G	Whois Privacy is a must in this day an age because we live in a world where hackers, scam artists, identity thieves and worse troll the internet spamming, stealing people's personal data and more until they have a complete picture and then they defraud you or worse. The spam email we receive is minimal to none when we use privacy protection because data miners don't see the value is selling that data to spammers. When you foolishly leave your data exposed, your are inundated with phishing scams, spam embedded with viruses that can destroy your computer and files because it is harder than ever to detect this type of email, BUT privacy protection is one of the best tools out there to defend legitimate business people from criminals. Why on earth ICAAN wants to protect the crooks is beyond me.
Lauren	K	
Astrid	Z	to protect my personal information; to minimize spam, unsolicited business contacts, phishing emails, scams, etc. I do not believe my personal information should be made available to some one or anyone who demands it, especially without due process of law, my permission, agreement and / or knowledge; individual privacy is a precious commodity these days and like a good reputation that has been sullied, privacy once compromised is almost impossible to regain.
Gail	D	I have a small business, registered in Texas as a LLC, or limited liability company. An LLC is, legally, an entity. Therefore, the company information is separate from my own. The Go Daddy account has my personal contact information, as CEO, so there is a real person to contact if there are questions about the account. However, that is between me and Go Daddy and relative to our contractual agreement. My personal information is NOT something I wish to have shared with everyone who wishes to do business with the LLC or who chooses to personally harass me.
Martin	W	
Jacob	W	I should retain my right to privacy. In the very least, keep it so that contact is anonymous.
Raymond	P	
Api	F	I, the undersigned, support The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing
Linda	K	I want to protect myself and my family from possible misuse of my private information on my personal domains. This includes, but is not limited to, protection from identity thefts, spammers, scammers, or generally unwanted contact.
Frank	R	It's my personal family name domain www.frankrovers.com
Julio	S	

		I have a right to my freedom when doing business online, it's bad enough that our government has decided to snoop on all of our communications. It's bad enough that our top search engines take our information and use it for whatever they want. I need privacy because you can not give anyone an easy way to get my personal information and it is ridiculous that ICANN would even consider this but I understand why. ICANN is controlled by the same people who control everything in the United States and there is a war going on against the small business, individual and people who want to work for their money and make a good life for themselves and their families using the internet. If ICANN allows this unfortunately you will have people providing fake personal information. Opening up my data to the public makes it even easier for identify theft and all sorts of other attacks against website owners who share views that other people may not agree with.
Imhotep	Y	
Sophia	O	
Laura	S	I am an attractive woman. I make my living as a life coach and workshop leader. I don't want random creepy men to be able to get my address and phone number. I have a right to protect my privacy.
Steven	W	Because I have inalienable rights to privacy.
Thomas	G	I benefit from reduced spamming, phishing attempts, unwanted robo calls and similar actions by being able to protect my personal information.
scott	B	Protects my personal information from easily being searched and exploited.
dan	K	i want to be able to have a website and not reveal my personal adress or unlisted phone number to the world. I should not be forced to have my private personal information aviable for the world to see.
James	W	To keep my personal information private.
Eric	H	I publish a business address on my web site, so anybody wishing to contact me can do so through that address. I see no reason to tell anonymous persons worldwide where I live and any other PRIVATE information. Particularly to those from Central Africa.
Statira	S	I had my information public and I started getting mail at my house trying to sell me stuff. I don't need that.
M	L	Losur
Anne	S	Protect confidentiality and uphold rights
John	W	It is important to keep privacy for security reasons. I value my personal life. There needs to be verifiable reason for releasing such personal and private information
Kelly	A	
Shane	D	I have nothing to hide from legitimate persons including law enforcement, but Whois privacy protects me from spammers, con men, criminals, and protects me against identity theft. It is the same as having an unlisted phone number.
Rod	F	Identity theft, stalkers, spam, on and on...wake up ICANN this is the 21st century.
Rhonda	G	It is my constituional right. I dont need a reason.
Hans	K	

Akram	R	For privacy
Allen	P	spam / abuse protection
Joe	B	We do not want our information available to the public in any way.
Raymond	I	Prevent spam and online abuse
Byron	P	spam / abuse protection
Brandon	T	
Debra	H	
Robert	J	
Megan	T	because i don't want creepers to know who i am!
Peter	K	I do not need my personal information available to everyone online. Criminals or privacy, it should be my choice for my information to be displayed or not.
Eric	Y	Safety
tanya	W	None of yourbusiness
Barbara	M	Everyone s privacy matters. That's why we have a court system. Use it
Nicole	K	I have an ex-stepfather who was extremely abusive during my childhood. While I am still active on social networks, I make it a point to never post my location, my phone number, or where I live(other than a general area). Giving up domain privacy means giving up domains to me, as I do not want him to be able to locate me. He has tried several times throughout the years to get in contact with me, and I have moved across the country and changed my telephone number. The last thing I need is for my private information to be easily findable by him.
Erin	M	
Herve	C	Business
Gilbert	B	To protect my employees from harm at place of business from pod casting and blogging not relating to business or business location. Opinions and topics of religion may cause responses or conflicts unrelated to employees occupation and family life.
Mary	K	I want my private info kept private!
Matthew	T	So I can keep my personal information, private.
Stoc	F	To keep cock sucking nosy people out of my biz.
Sonny	N	To protect my personal information
Isaac	B	
Judith	S	I have several domains.
Michael	M	Working on start up business in stealth mode. Do not wish to have potential competitors "put the dots together."
Mike	K	Hello. To protect my business and my security for my private life as alot criminals mainly work outside the internet and that scare me.
Scott	H	

Jude	F	I use privacy because I have a few home based businesses and I do not want to have my home address publicly available. I enjoy having private registration because I know I am shielded from spammers and others trying to use my information inappropriately.
Craig	R	To feel safe and protect my personal information. I would not feel confident with any of my personal information be brought into question by someone who will do the unthinkable and ruin people livelihood. There is enough going on in the world today as it is. Everyone needs privacy their own personal space at some point in their life. Life is short as it is. I personally do not want to know about any body else business but my own. I choose Whois Privacy
Marie	I	We prefer to be anonymous sellers at some web sites for security reasons.
bill	W	no one needs to know who I am or contact me for whatever reason they feel like.
Jason	B	To protect sensitive information, and reduce spam contact.
Andrew	H	I use an author name. Privacy is important to me because there are people who try to take advantage.
Chris	R	
James	C	To keep from getting hundreds of phone calls selling me stupid toner cartridges, credit card processing equipment, business cards, yad yad.
Dennis	H	
Mike Martin	M	To protect my God given right to Privacy !
jesse	F	Harassment without open information is already too bad.
Karthik	M	Because I do not want to get bogged down by spammers and haters who would exploit my whois information.
Richard	V	I need online privacy to make it more difficult for advertisers, spammers ,phishers and other unwanted individuals from having access to my contact information. As more and more personal information is connected to email accounts, it is becoming more important to limit who can see our personal information and identities without invitation or proving a legitimate purpose.
john	B	i do not want my personal information generally available for anyone to see. I feel it places me at risk.
Q	S	
Dinesh	J	
Daniel	M	I do not like the fact that someone can no exactly where i live and phone number by looking up domain name. your also giving tele-marketers free reign to data-mine this information to call selling and promoting things I do not want.
Praveen	S	Becoz exposing my identity would mean attracting a lot of spam and other potential threats.
Gabrielle	G	I use Privacy to protect my personal life and the life of my family members. I pay hard-earned money to protect that privacy and to protect myself from violence, violent people and any stranger who has no business knowing about my personal life. Absolutely no one, NO STRANGER has the right to have my telephone number or address!!!
Rodger	C	To protect myself from spammers and other unscrupulous entities.
Kathryn	B	

Richard	S	I use it to protect my personal information. Info should only be released by due process or subpoena
Jacqueline	L	Because I LIKE my privacy!
Samantha	D	It is fundamentally UNSAFE to have my personal information including my home address (!) out there and available to anyone who'd like to access it. That not only opens me up to unwanted mail etc at best, but at worst, identity theft and worse. It is absolutely not okay with me to remove the option of keeping my personal information private from the general public.
Stephane	C	To avoid identity theft and SPAM.
Uldis	Z	To prevent spammers from sending me unsolicited info.
Gwen	M	For my personal physical and identity safety.
Richard	M	Whois protects my personal contact information from being disseminated publicly, and that is an extremely valuable service. In the United States, after telemarketers managed to gather most of the contact information of all U.S. citizens and were spamming them with sales calls, the U.S. government created a "do not call" list in order to protect consumers. While well meaning, this program has not stopped all telemarketers, because the temptation to run the risk of flaunting the law is outweighed by the value for potential sales, so the spam continues. If Whois is done away with, we'll have to try to legislate our way back to privacy, which may never work. The key in this process is to trust the design of the system, and not the people running it. Don't break Whois!
Deborah	I	
Evan	D	Protect myself from personal attacks
andrew	G	
Jeff	M	Because there are bad people out there.
Aimee	D	I am a YouTube producer and I am constantly the target of harassment and stalking. If my personal information were to forcibly become public, I would risk being doxxed, swatted and harassed at my residence. I implore you not to change the policy, it could cost me my life.
Stefanus	S	To Protect my domain account
Rickey	F	There has been too much identity theft. I do not want anyone selling me a vacuum cleaner.
Howard	S	Do you really need to ask? Why wouldn't use protect your personal name and address from the entire world being able to easily obtain it. I have two personal sites where I plan on selling music I produce.
Jeremy	A	To keep my personal information private
Frederick	G	It's important to keep it the way it is, the real danger is in giving it out, What is the set guidelines ? If ICANN can give out my home address and telephone number then it will be fair game to make a complaint against icann and get there name address and telephone number too? Whois privacy came about for a reason don't let us change
Kari	A	Residential privacy
Paul	S	
Franz	H	Personal info needs to stay private for use of legal purposes. Keep Big Brother out of it!!

Juan	C	I demand my privacy and respect that of others. My website is for my own personal use only.
Steve	D	Spam / telemarketing reasons.
Eric	J	I own a few domains for personal use and I do not want any contact information available for anyone to lookup on the internet.
Clement	N	To allow my family to enjoy the peace as I venture into the world of e-commerce.
damien	D	Freedom of expression on the internet should not be hampered by fear of reprisal.
Richard	A	There should be no violation of my "PRIVACY" in any way, that would allow anyone to gain access to any of my personal information about myself. What else can I say! I don't agree with these unlawful practices and there should be no personal information about anyone given out against their will. Richard
perry	H	business owner
Ian	H	Home based Online store. I do not need people visiting my private residence to make purchases since all my transactions are executed online.
Claudia	S	
Baiqian	M	There are many domain names i work with. If my personal contact information is exposed to the public, there would definitely be many bad guys who would use that information to do harm.
Juan	C	I need my privacy; this is a personal website.
Brian	J	I use this privacy to express how i want my personal information kept that way private and confidential
roxann	H	I prefer my personal information to be kept private so I can feel safe and protected in my everyday life.
omar	B	protect my online privacy.
Sanjay	S	My personal details cannot be shared with any random person. It can only be shared with police or other constitutional agencies
ja	K	
JOE	F	
RAJ	S	
Riki	S	For better security of confidential personal information.
Martha	S	for safety reasons, it is natural to want to have our privacy protected as that is normal for survival. Actions by governments to take away privacy protection is an indication of harm to the individuals by parties that have a self interest to limit and control other people. We want to keep domain privacy without the need to explain it.
Ujjawal	M	Companies and various entities pick up my contact information and start spamming over email, SMS and even calls.
Cheng	Q	
Charles	S	Because I do not want my competitors to know what domains I own, and I do not want spammers contacting me based on my domain names and what subject they relate to. I also don't need some nutjob using whois to find my HOME address.
Mehran	M	

Prashanth	M	
L	J	To protect domains that are and will be one of my means to generate business and an honest living in this very difficult economy.
David	V	
Jay	G	I run several blogs (anonymously), publishing ideas that some small minded individuals find controversial. Please allow me and all others to adequately protect our personal privacy.
Sedef	O	
Royce	R	Anonymity for clients. We have rehab programs
Kristine	A	
Kat	G	I work in digital marketing, website design & social media. I also have a violent & vengeful ex boyfriend that I would like to stay as far away from as possible, both in real life and in the online world. I have already isolated myself physically by moving to a remote location. Unfortunately, he is also highly competent online. The more work I can do in private, the safer my clients and I are.
Alexxia	H	In my line of work that I use my websites for , I need my privacy, I need to be protected. I work in the adult entertainment industry. We as omen need to be protected.
Susan	R	To keep my private information private.
Elliot	H	
Herman	C	I want to keep as much off myself private as possible.
Michael	R	I use Whois privacy to keep my personal and business information private from spammers and hackers
Leisha	H	I don't want to live in George Orwell's 1984.
Annie	K	I support the legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep my personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft.
Adrien	C	To protect my personal information from hackers and spammers.
Jennifer	K	Because I can and I want towns I love I USA so I can and I want to
Renda	B	
Krizza Mae	C	Everything should go on a process. If anyone claims against us we should be able to keep our information private UNLESS proven guilty.
Chris	D	Keeps personal information private!
Jayanta Kumar	P	I do not want unwanted spams flooding to my mail. Nor wish to disclose my address to anyone without my knowledge.
Gwen	M	I just want my info to be private at all cost. I don't want men and other people coming to where i am at period.

Charles	M	I support the legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft. I support the use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" I also support that privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing.
Serena	D	My business is sensitive and involves security issues for which anonymity is essential to the safety of myself, staff and clients. My personal info has been usurped in identity theft and micreants have already used the who is data to contact me. It is unsafe, period.
Rosemary	L	
Jim	B	I do not want my information made publicly available for three reasons: 1) It significantly increases the risk of identity theft or unscrupulous use, and 2) it makes it possible to connect domains to a single entity where the very name of a domain may be embarrassing, politically-charged or make the entity a target for threats, or put the entity's employees/facilities at risk. And finally 3) my clients will leave if I cannot afford them a guarantee of privacy of said information. And none of these endeavors generate or broadcast email or marketing materials. Your actions could lead to business closings, layoffs, and a departure from online presence altogether.
Kartikeya	S	
Marie	C	
Rhonda	T	My information is my business. RHT
Nilesh	M	To protect personal contact information
John	H	I have worked in law enforcement and other counter-terrorism work in the United States and around the world. Large database companies search these files and place the contact information out for anyone who wants it. Unless the bad guys no exactly the business I work in now after retiring, they will not be able to find me! If you open that information to the free world without proper restrictions you are going to (1) Put people's lives at risk or (2) They will not be able to own an URL as the bad guys will be able to find them unless I give false data to ICANN. The only solution is to give false information if I want to business on the web. Please don't open the information up to the world. Let people like me slide under the radar from the bad guys. Please feel free to contact me if you want further data or clarification. Thank you for keeping things private as they should be!!!
Neil	B	Without whois privacy, the personal information of every website owner/operator is publicly available for anyone to use. That includes marketers, angry commenters on the forum I run, or identity thieves that will have just one more stepping stone to owning my life. The media industry doesn't own the internet and stripping all website owners of privacy is not their right.
Karl	B	I don't want anyone to know my address so that I do not get junk mail or any more serious issues that may come of it (e.g. frivolous lawsuits, invasion of my privacy by publishing it because they do not like my writing etc.) My privacy is very important to me and my family.
Carmen	G	

Ben John	D	
Brad	F	It's like talking to strangers, all of them, at once. My mom, the police, and teachers always said don't talk to strangers. It's more relevant now than ever, and today, online threats are our biggest risks.
Marcia	B	I am a single female. It is already hard enough to maintain privacy and feel safe. The last thing I need is for anybody to be able to obtain, via a website I own, who I am and where I live. People are crazy.
Barbara	W	I don't want anyone to be able to look me up and potentially stalk and endanger me as a woman.
Bishop	J	Keep new business ideas private
Gina	F	I do not want anyone who has any "claim" against me to immediately have access to my personal information. The person gaining access to my information could be wanting to use it for wrongful or illegal purposes.
Nick	O	
Nag	P	Others will use My personal details and Misuse them
Philip	W	To protect my family phone and address from those who would abuse it. I have no issues with law enforcement accessing the personal info, and a court order given sufficient evidence of any wrongdoing should suffice. I have daily logs of sustained attempts from Chinese and Russian based IP's trying to hack my domain. My wife has received harassing calls from others who have her personal info. Please respect the legitimate needs for domain privacy, no commercial business is done on my site yet. The site allows me to explore development ideas - I am a software developer and the site is hosted by digital ocean. Telemarketers / spammers / and others would have a field day if you open private whois info to the world. At least allow domain registrants to close out their domain if you give them no option for privacy. I paid extra for the privacy.
Hari	P	Don't like to expose my details to world
Stephanie	J	I publish erotica. A lot of people harass erotica authors.
joe	K	I do not want everyone knowing my business strategy. sometimes you buy a domain for future plans but you do not want competition to know you own it and what you are doing. Joe
Patty	B	Our lives need some privacy (peroid{
Vickie	L	Protecting my privacy is my right and that is why I have chosen to sign this petition.
Dana	B	To protect my personal privacy and information.
Laurence	K	
Grace	S	To protect us against pirates, hackers, fraud online, spammers, pishing, personnal security, protect against extortion.
Emily	M	Because I believe in Internet Security for all.
jimmie	L	
John	H	I show many potential clients my websites but do not care to share my address with them.

Robert	F	I think it is important to have whois privacy for the following reasons: A.) Some websites collect the whois information and will not update their records after the domain name has been sold or is no longer registered and there for I should no longer be tied to that domain name(s) if they are no longer under my control. B.) Some people run website that some may find to be offensive and they could become targets if their information is made public. C.) Some people may run a website or websites that they may not want his/her employer, or a potential employer to find out. D.) People should have the choice to have their information made public or not, but if you force people to have their information made public it may cause people to think twice before registering a domain name or renewing. Do NOT remove whois privacy!
Hilary	R	I like to feel in control of who accesses my personal information.
stephanie	P	Because as a woman on the Internet, I would feel unsafe if anyone could access my address and private information.
Denis``	S	To protect my identity from any annoying spammers.
Margarita	S	To protect me, my family and work against pirates, hackers, fraud online, spammers, pishing, for personnal security, protect against robbers, thieves, assassins.
Julene	A	
David	K	We have the right to privacy in this world of massive intrusion into our private lives. You have NO right to take that away for ANY reason.
Julie	M	It is difficult enough as it is to stay ahead of competition. I work in an industry where competition is fierce and competing organizations are internet savvy and relish throwing legal obstacles at all their competitors. So far, I and my company have managed to stay out of their grasp, partly by keeping most of our internet information private. It is extremely important for us to have this ability to keep our developing work away from competitors' prying eyes.
Gia	G	We chose domain name privacy because we have registered several domain names for future use, with only one domain name being used yet and that has our full contact info on it. But we may have different brands for the others and may not want the same contact info to be known (ie, a blog that may have viewpoints that while there is nothing wrong with having them we may not want tied to our business or maybe we want two different brand that do the same thing like Coke owning Sprite), and at this point we have no idea what we want tondo with these domain names and they are really just ideas at this point, so we want privacy until we figure it out and we should have the right to do that. There is precedence for this on just about anything that is privately owned and this should be no different. Thank you.
Dale	L	To protect my personal information from being online.
Lian	C	Don't want anyone in the world to find my home address simply by googling my domain name.
Gary	S	It is my right to privacy. I do not need to explain why I need it.
Brian	S	
Peter	K	

Whit	G	To keep my personal info private as privacy is my right as an individual of planet Earth!!!
Collin	S	I use Whois Privacy because privacy and keeping my personal information private is of utmost importance to me. ALL law bidding citizens should have the moral and legal right of personal privacy, period.
John	C	Protection from the federal government
James	S	
Whit	G	To keep my info private as privacy is my right as an individual of planet Earth!!!
Joe	K	
Darla	S	
Trevor	L	<p>1. Prevent inundation of marketing (including incessant telephone calls) from web-creation & other companies - often after-business-hours - that go into action every time a new domain is registered eg every time a new product needs its own micro-website. 2. We live in an increasingly insecure IT environment with endless hackers & scammers trying to get as many data-points as possible to steal or fake our identities and having a public personal name address and telephone, linked to a reputable business, makes their job so much easier. 3. Potential for personal harrassment by the perhaps rare, but well-documented, unhinged individual who decides to turn up at the family home where the registrant lives. 4. Easy for mail spammers to fake not only your email address & domain but add a veneer of credibility by including your name and address also, meanwhile using your good name to email and do whatever they like. 5. Having websites for different branches of the company and for an increasing number of important, complex standalone products - plus the need to avoid cybersquatting & spoofing by also getting the .net/.com./org/,com.au/.net.au domain variants as appropriate can quickly add up to a lot of domains which not only (a) vastly multiplies the problems above, but (b) potentially can get caught up in Google search etc algorithms which presume you are a spammer and deindex all sites with the same registrant. 6. Undermines commercial secrecy and competitiveness by revealing to competitors all websites related to a company which makes it easy for unscrupulous individuals to launch negative-seo attacks against the entire company i.e. by identifying all the company's assets. 7. Any number of other security and basic right to privacy scenarios. 8. Finally, and it is so obvious, this measure will instantly cause everyone to start using fake registrant details, this instantly destroying the integrity of the entire registrant database. I haven't personally at this stage, but I know people who already have commenced doing that ahead of the threat.</p>
jeremy	T	Quite simply I don't want to be the target of relentless marketing and sales promotion! Which does and will continue when your details are available for all to see.

S. Wolf	B	Without a subpoena pursuant to the Fourth Amendment's clear-cut language, it is no one's business, including the government's, who domain names are registered to. Unless someone is legitimately suspected of illegal online activity, according to the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights privacy is sacrosanct and must not be violated. Presumption of guilt was outlawed by the U.S. Supreme Court ages ago, and it is a severe violation of the Bill of Rights and the Constitution to presume everyone guilty; which, by doing away with online privacy, is exactly what those laws and/or regulations are going to do. NO to taking away online privacy, and NO to all ICANN and/or government regulations enabling them and the government to do so!
Michael	P	
dl	S	Protection !
Greg	H	As a legitimate business owner I prefer to keep my personal information private and I don't mind paying for that service. My business and personal life could be at risk if just anybody can access my private information. Are we not entitled to due process and innocent until proven guilty anymore? Law enforcement does not need an open policy to investigate just anybody. They should only be allowed to investigate those that show criminal behaviour through their activities.
Robert	P	I want my privacy protected!
Jeanie	E	I use the privacy feature to protect my physical safety and to help cut down on identity theft. People can contact me from the information on my website. I am not "hiding" - My business and I want to be found, but not everyone needs to know everything. Privacy should be kept unless there is a reason to access it, and that should be through the court system - not "just because" someone asks. Thank you.
Melinda	T	I am a single mother with a known stalker and have gone to great lengths to rebuild my life and protect my privacy so my children and I can be safe! Not letting me keep my domains private will greatly increase the risk of harm to my family and myself. Help keep us safe by keeping my personal information private!!!!
William	S	keep personal information private
Michael	T	To prevent fraud and unwanted spam on our business.
Antonio	S	It is my right to privacy and just because of some stupid people in the world why should i have to loose it. The governments of this world have already got more than enough information from me from my phone, why do they need more. The old excuse of if you have nothing to hide you have nothing to worry about doesn't hold water anymore.
Krisianna	C	
Thomas	T	Protect my identity and safeguard my virtual assets.
Erik	W	In my industry we start building and using sites to test the waters on certain products. At that early stage we don't want there to be any public knowledge of who we are, in order to keep competitors in the dark about our activities.
Anthony	R	
Nicolas	K	

Grayce	D	
Dean	C	Whois privacy protects me from spammers and hackers. I have about 100 domains registered for legitimate brick and mortar businesses.
Jon	L	I run a community gaming site whose audience is primarily teenagers and young adults. Simply banning the wrong disruptive member from the community is enough to set them off on a crusade. I require privacy for my personal safety.
Barbara	C	
Andrew	R	I am an author and not savvy about the Internet. I use services like GoDaddy and they offer ways to protect my privacy.
Gian	A	
A	S	I don't want my email and address to be published to the whole world. Some people may misuse my email id and address.
Karen	K	For my privacy.
Sakily	G	to keep my information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft
MirAnda	S	I want all information kept private. It is no one's business, especially for large corporations or organization such as ICANN. Such breach can only be abused.
Supriya	N	I need privacy to hide my sensitive domain information. My site was once hijacked and I lost my domain, because my email was visible to everyone. A bug in gmail was exploited by the hijacker. Hence, I need domain privacy.
Pam	Z	stop harrasment, phishing schemes, safety and security, identity theft.....do not take my privacy away!!! I would have to sell all domains and opt out of this corrupt internet.
David	T	Competition
Pradeep	N	We live in an increasingly complex society, and having your information available online on whois can be used to muzzle Free speech. We can become sitting ducks for a terrorist attack. I strongly object to my information coming out in public domain.
Edie	S	
Blake	N	
Shannon	H	I love owning web sites
Florian	S	
Michael	S	Because our private information should be private. Our personal business is not the worlds business to know. This policy endangers Freedom.
Tamara	S	
Jeanne	K	
John	B	It is not the right of others to know my personal business
Keira	P	

Wayne	S	To stop the spam
Uday	N	So, no one gets access to my home address and person details easily without following a legal process. Thanks
Ross	D	I feel there is no need for anyone to view my details without a legitimate and trustworthy reason. If a simple complaint can be made to obtain my personal info potentially used to steal identities then that would not serve any legal justifiable purpose. Spammers or criminals could simply complain and then obtain personal info to use for illegal purposes. Its a crazy idea to allow access to personal information without proper evidence to support such a request. Trying to protect my children on the internet just makes it harder if officials start implementing loose rules around accessing that information.
Terry	M	I use privacy / proxy for exactly what it was designed for. For physical safety, identity theft and restricting site hi-jacking with the use of this information. Also in most countries, what ICANN is suggesting is completely contrary to privacy legislation.
Cong	C	To keep my privacy and personal information.
Nancy	G	
Felicia	S	I want people know my personal contact info. I am a public figure and my privacy is very important for my safety
Nadir	M	I use it to register my company domains and it has my own private information. Without my own private info I could not register my company domain. I therefore require my info to be kept strictly private. If I knew my privacy could be violated I would have not used my information and declined to use my name for registering.
Andy	D	
James	F	I do not use Whois Privacy & do not know when, if or why I might need or want to use it someday; however, I do not want that option compromised or impeded.
Carolyn	G	I just want my information to be kept private from unscrupulous people looking to cause trouble just because they can. Please allow us to choose to keep our information private.
Gary	D	
Sarah	S	
Francois	H	I'm a private person.
Gaurav	U	To protect our personal information from spammers , unwanted emails etc
Patricia	G	Just because I register a domain, shouldn't allow anyone to have my personal information which could be used to do harm to me or my family.

		I have a couple domain names that I keep my information private simply because I don't want a deluge of people emailing me and harassing me. My use is perfectly legal, but I can see unscrupulous people trying to usurp my site, or try to make it difficult to do business. Beyond that concern however, in the case of disclosing information on a complaint basis, doesn't that set the stage for abuse by any individual who may disagree with a website for ideological views, or any other false or misleading reason they may give. Perhaps just a competitor looking to disrupt service to your site, thereby enhancing their own business; or worse, someone who wants to target a site owner because they disagree with content. Certainly, if a law enforcement agency has issue with legality and proof enough to get a warrant to stop a site, that must be allowed. But to open up individual rights to abuse, suspicion or even inconvenience, is itself abuse. In such a world environment where terror is becoming increasingly common, I wouldn't want to think that because someone complained and obtained my contact information, that I or anyone else, could become a target for views I might express on a website. Wouldn't that also set up your agency for legal action for allowing disclosure of that information? It's also a very litigious world. Again, I have no quarrel with removing and disclosing information against illegal website usage, but it should be given to law enforcement and legal channels only. Therefore, I disagree with this policy change on domain name privacy.
Robin	W	
A	P	To avoid black raiders.
Bill	C	
Tamika	W	Because hackers and someone read my information facebook, text message, email and I want to someone stay out of my business thankz
keith	R	I dont want my private personal info all over the place, its mine & no one elses business,
Jeffrey	R	Websites
David	R	Keep our private information PRIVATE!
Deepak	S	
Chad	N	it will protect free speech
CHAN	G	I think Domain Privacy/Whois Protection is very much required and should be continued and only in case of legal or similar queries domain details should be revealed to that particular person or privacy. But Domain Privacy should be a default service that every Domain Registrar should provide without charging any fees to customers. Companies like GoDaddy and many others are making hell lot of money every year in the name of Domain Privacy and this should be stopped and customers should not be spending for this from their pocket and should get this as free service with each Domain Registration.
Laurie	M	To keep from being constantly contacted by people trying to sell me services. This happened multiple times before I signed up for Whois Privacy. Also, years ago, I had someone who was in prison for murder contact me. I want to ensure my physical safety.
Brianne	N	To keep my professional life separate from my personal life. To protect my family.
Margot	M	Identity theft, spammer prevention, privacy invasion & outright just don't want anyone prying!!

Jorge	L	Protection from scammers and criminal enterprise.
William	B	I Do Not Want everyone in the world to be able to contact me or the websites I run.
Cynthia	A	For privacy reasons
Rabia	A	Except the Registrar, No need to let anybody else to have my personal details such as email address and so on... Regards, Rabia
umesh	T	To protect my address and telephone numbers. Privacy can not be categorized as personal or commercial, everybody requires privacy. And in case whois information is required to be seen authorities can always do the same.
Janet	K	CyberStocking. Why would I let any Tom, Dick or Harry have access to where I live or my phone number? Privacy on my domains KEEPS me protected.
Ravi	K	I need privacy to prevent bad guys to see my personal details.
John	P	I dont like having my personal information on the internet (more than it already is)
edwin	H	to protect my information from spammers and people doing phishing
Jozelin	S	
Andrew	O	
Mary	P	The major concerns I have are identity theft and physical safety. I also believe in due-process.
tony	B	I need my personal information to remain private. I am already receiving all kinds of spam email notifying me that I need to use their service to renew one of, or several of my domain names. I take care of this myself. These people are using the Whois info to spam people incessantly.
janet	L	Because it is my right to have privacy.
John	M	For privacy!
Chris	J	To prevent fraud and protect my privacy.
Otto	K	
Ryan	G	
Imelda	A	To protect our identity against phishers and scammers. If the purpose is to facilitate contact, ICANN can maintain a database of domain owners but not publish it. Anyone with a complain can email ICANN or domain host to contact the actual owner. Communication can still be done without unnecessarily exposing the private information of owners.
Daniel	M	I don't want just anyone looking up my personal information and be able to get it freely just because I chose to have website addresses registered to me. It is unsafe to allow potentially dangerous people that information just because they merely asked for it. There needs to be a strict control over whom can have access to this type of information.
Aleksejs	Z	Don't want my personal info available for anyone who have few minutes to check Whois. Since the nature of my business, competitors are doing that.

Jon	D	To protect my personal information from commercial interests, scammers and the same reason that you use a Registered Agent when incorporating a business instead of your home address.
John	G	As a business CEO, I don't like the fact that my personal info including phone number is available for anyone and everyone to see and possibly use to harass me if they choose to.
Eyad	M	some countries won't enter websites from Israel
Epiphany	H	What I choose to look up or do on the web is my business not the governments!!!
Robert	B	Site and financial security. It helps reduce the knowledge level of potential attackers.
Shelley	B	I an a mom with 2 small children. I own a maternity store as well as run an online store. I would be incredibly uncomfortable knowing that anyone would have access to my details, my home address and contact details. This is my home and i am not happy that anyone could look up the details of where I live with my children.
Sandy	S	Home based, don't need address public. Don't want private information turned over just because... there needs to be a legitimate reason for turning over private information.
Randall	J	If my day job found out that I own a website that obviously displays the capability to sell similar products, it would raise a red flag, might be considered a conflict of interest & I could lose my job. My life could be ruined if my personal information is exposed. Please don't ruin my life. I've worked so hard to get where I am and I'm working even harder now to create a business of my own, but can't afford to grow that business without the day job that I have & the flexible schedule that comes with it. Also, I wouldn't want someone to steal my personal information & create scam related tactics that could also ruin my life. There's too much of that now as it is. Allowing this would open the door for more scammers to connect dots and create more elaborate schemes for personal gain. Thank you for your valuable time & consideration in protecting my personal info & my life. RJ
Robin	M	For my own protection
Brandon	S	Regarding the proposed rules governing companies that provide WHOIS privacy services (as set forth in the Privacy and Policy Services Accreditation Issues Policy document): I urge you to respect internet users' rights to privacy and due process. - Everyone deserves the right to privacy. - No one's personal information should be revealed without a court order, regardless of whether the request comes from a private individual or law enforcement agency. Private information should be kept private. Thank you.
Genevieve	T	I want this protection to prevent spam bots from accessing my contact information. Our commercial webpage provides contact numbers and names of all our staff, so humans who want to contact us for business can do so. No need to lose privacy to bots.
Jason	S	I dont want to make my personal Information Readily available.
Richard	R	For my hosted domains

William	D	As a recent victim of identity theft, twice in one year, I have come to realize the value of protecting my identity...giving the fox the key to the hen house is hardly the way to protect any American doing business in this nation. Providing a gateway for the criminally minded to have unfettered access to personal information is hardly prudent, safe or sane.
lee	S	To cut down on spam i receive.
Nathaniel	N	I believe ICANN has all the information, and can verify when it is very necessary. Putting my information at the mercy of the public will only make spamming and identity theft more easy and I have already been a victim, which makes me more paranoid. I need my information to be kept private please.
Bill	S	Because I have the right to know who is inquiring about me or my business, and because I should be the one deciding what type of information I may release, if any. Because I want to be protected from criminals and fraudulent individuals, and I want to protect my family, relatives, and associates from any harmful activity that could be done with the release of private information. If today, the individually identifiable health information of "any" patient - including many common identifiers such as name, address, birth date, Social Security Number, etc. - are protected under the federal HIPAA law, why the personal information of a website and domain name owner cannot be protected in a similar way?
Melissa Sim	M	Because I want to protect my personal details. That's why.
Akshita	S	
Jeet	C	Because i do not wish to be disturbed by other people who intend to buy my domain name.
Andrew	D	To protect my family from potential unwanted harassment from undesirables who are known to frequent the internet. My contact details are on my website and I am available at these details.
Prem	N	protection against identity theft and spamming. My personal information should in no way be allowed to be shared by any organization, legitimate or otherwise. Guilty until proven innocent is not the American way.
SB	M	I demand privacy... no one has the right to know my personal information and or my business.
Paul	M	Privacy for my domains and contact details!!
Miguel	B	
Tommy	P	I used privacy because I was publishing some sensitive content that I didn't want people to find out who was behind. And I didn't know if it was allowed in the country I just stay in. Moving back to my country soon, and there I know that it will not be any problems.
Mustafa	K	
Frank	W	Whois Privacy is vital for sole traders, bloggers and prospective business owners to go about their legal business free of harassment. The fact that ICANN is even considering this is crazy. What's next? A public registry that associates every email address with a surface mail address?
Philip	C	I use whois privacy to prevent identy theft and fixing attacks due to the controversial nature of some of my domains.

John	K	For my sites and clients
Janet	A	I work from home and I don't have a place of business. Privacy allows me to register my domain as a business without giving my home address.
Maisha	K	I'd prefer NOT to have ANY of my personal information (address, phone number, etc) out in the open. To me it's a safety issue.
Richard	T	I do not want solicitations from marketing companies just because they saw my name as an owner of a domain.
ravi	A	protect us from identity theft & spammers.
Dale	W	I have more than 200 domains and am bombarded daily with scam artists wanting to sell me website services, SEO, register me with Google and so forth. They drive me nuts and waste a lot of my precious time. I can't afford to privatize all my domain names, but I do for those that have productive websites on them. I always provide contact information for my company on those sites, but I don't want my HOME address to be spread around the industry! I also have a few sites that I encourage peaceful activism, including working to change the present policing model of aggression and assertion to one of community policing and respect for the citizens in order to significantly reduce the number of Killings of innocent citizens by the police where Deadly Force is absolutely NOT warranted. This is not a popular cause to many of the corrupt and dangerous Criminal Cops that need to be weeded out of the force! I was wrongfully arrested and prosecuted for a crime against my person that I was reporting, and was physically and mentally abused by the police. The police destroyed my health, my financial stability and my mental health. I still have ugly flashbacks every time I encounter a police officer. The last thing I want in my life is to open my front door and find a few officers parked there stalking me because they were able to obtain my home address through WHOIS! Now THAT would be a crime, and a change in the privacy laws would be at fault and liable. I beg of you, do NOT change the regulations to allow ANYONE to have access to my or any other innocent person's personal information without Probable Cause being proved, AND a WARRANT signed by a Judge. To do so would be a crime! Thank you for letting me enlighten you today, DW
jose	R	protect my personal info from spammers, hackers and fraud
cynthia	F	I have several domains that pertain to my personal and special interests that I operate from home. I had to use my home address to register the domains, as my needs do not require a brick and mortar operation. I would like to protect my personal information from spam and hacking attempts or from anyone trying to contact me at home. Tech savvy individuals may use my personal information along with any other information found online to steal my identity, which would be detrimental to me and my family.
Mads	H	
Brandon	W	I dont wish to have others seeing my information on the internet.
Franklin	G	I need Whois Privacy to secure my credit details and to avoid unsolicited calls or mails
Matthew	H	I am a legitimate owner of a website and I administer 2 others. It is only right that my information is not available to illegitimate and unscrupulous criminals.

Josh	J	Stop spammers
Steven	S	Protect myself from reverse domain hijacking attempts, spam and other potential issues.
Vallerie	M	To protect my contact details from getting into the wrong hands and to avoid being contacted unnecessarily.
David	T	
Alan	G	I want people to use the contacts provided on the website and not be disturbed directly and personally by unwanted queries
Aye	A	I like the keep my private information private.
David	D	I have websites that are protest websites. Revelation of my contact info could result in me becoming a victim of murder at the hands of Islamic jihadists. Do you people really want to endanger my life and the lives of so many others?! This new proposal is STUPID and unnecessary! Why don't you guys find something that is actually broken and fix it instead of breaking something that is working just fine?! Btw I have fatwas against me. I am marked for death. You guys really want to be accessories to murder?! FFS... did I mention how utterly STUPID and unnecessary and dangerous this proposed change is?! Sincerely 3D
Teresa	L	I license the domains used for my church's website. It's important to me that my personal information isn't given out. I am all for making it available to met lawful and verified requirements and investigations. I do not agree that it should be given out for any other reason.
Susan	C	Single older woman -- enough said!
Robert	G	Because my privacy is my choice.
Dan	A	Protect identity data from theft.
Karen	M	
Lamar	H	
Edward	W	I run a small service business with it's office at my home. I cannot have people visiting my residence due to zoning issues and there are obvious safety issues as well. This proposed change will only hurt the honest little guy, since clearly any individual or business running a site with malicious intent can arrange for straw ownership elsewhere. It will almost definitely start a new industry of proxy domain ownership in countries with limited legal reach.
Gunwant	S	To protect online identity which spammers and other illegitimate persons can use to tarnish and use that info against you. It also guards against the privacy concerns.
D	M	I use Whois Privacy so that Spammers and Scam operators do not send me email and call me up at odd hours.
Biyanca	S	To make sure my privacy is secured online from hackers.
Matthew	N	
Daniel	L	None of your business
Charles	A	
J	R	To protect myself from stalkers.
Eileen	B	

Sean	M	
Voiker	Z	The domain of my daughter, who is an actress!
Sam	M	There are hackers and identity theft experts that want to exploit us. We need to maintain privacy in order to protect our safety.
Michael	I	My personal life details should not be exposed because I have a public website
Roma	T	Polital issues This is the freedom to make business regarding borderds
DAVID	J	
David	A	To protect myself from domain names I own that could be damaging to my professional standing or my family.
Navtej	R	Protection from cyber criminals
Steve	H	Because I have a right to privacy and need not give up my privacy just because I happen to want a website.
Kathy	H	Because as long as I am obeying the law, not committing a crime or hurting someone else, its no ones business who I am.
Ian	M	This is a business, NOT an individual. We want customer enquiries, orders and even complaints to come to the BUSINESS, not me personally. We have in place procedures to deal with all forms on BUSINESS contact. Must I now apply ALL these procedures to my daily work schedule?
Sharon	S	To protect personal information.
Jeraya	V	Because I don't want to broadcast my address and name online.
Peter	C	I use it because when I didn't I was targeted by spammers and businesses wanting to sell me stuff using my contact details.
Jason	D	To protect my right to privacy when I'm a law abiding citizen.
mike	C	Its quite onbvious that divulging our personal details will leave us open to crooks and scammers on the internet,maybe we should ask for the personal details of all the directors and staff at icann ?
Shaylee	S	
Naomi	H	Privacy for website owners is essential to protect our essential right to freedom of speech without fear of harassment, threat, and physical harm. Much of the value of the internet is in its ability to provide a platform for those who are marginalized to speak truth to power, and those individuals are already often facing daily harassment as well as threats of rape, assault and even death. Making it impossible for these individuals to protect their real world identities, residences, and contact information will only increase both harassments and actual physical harm, which can only lead to individuals having to choose between their voices and their safety. That is unconscionable.

Virtually	W	ICANN's proposed changes are a violation of our individual right to privacy as well as a violation of our constitutional rights. Our right to Domains By Proxy Hosting privacy, is essential particularly for websites that offer political commentary, whistle-blowers, activists, and people just speaking their mind. If there are those who choose to conduct illegal activities, that is no different than any other business activity in this country. The powers that be have no right to violate my rights in order to "catch" someone else. Due process works. Spying on Americans does not. Keep Domains by Proxy hosting private!
larry	J	It's my right
William	C	I use and need Whois Privacy because it protects me from those that want to try to scam me or use my information in some way that is detrimental to me or my organization. I get spam mail already way too much and I believe that if I can keep my privacy then I am cutting down on this useless bombardment from others. I do however believe that others may be using this service for illegal purposes ... please figure out how to take them down while protecting the rights of those of us that are being lawful.
jacob	M	Someone has hacked me before due to my information on my domains. They also tracked other domains registered to me (ftp attempted logins). I don't currently use the privacy for my domains, but that info in the wrong hands can be very devastating to an individual.
adam	A	To remain a private citizen!! I don't want people to be able to find all my details with ease!
Michael	R	Protect my privacy, I don't want to have my phone, email and address (ul) out. While the vast majority of people are good, there are a few creeps out there and I want to keep my family safe.
Richard	Y	To stop spam phone calls and inquiries.
Emily	H	Because some things should be kept private and away from thieves.
Hakan	I	To keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft.
Andre	A	To avoid spamming and protect my personal details
Reji	V	Because I need to protect my important personal details from any misuse. Whois Privacy acts as a shield like the immunity we get by immunization. No doubt, PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE.
Steven	S	To keep me personal information private against fraudsters
Steven	S	To keep me personal information private against fraudsters
Jonatan	M	To keep my personal information from going public
Sean	I	I work in law enforcement and wish to protect my personal information. Law enforcement, the courts and subpoenas have always been able to access personal identification information when it is legitimately needed, there is no need for this info to be available to everyone.

Becky	R	Privacy is a quickly disappearing privilege these days and corporations who promote anti-privacy actions such as this one are causing more harm than good to individuals. I had a website for many years that was based off a home business. The business was licensed and properly accredited, but because I ran it out of my home I certainly had no wish to put myself at risk for identity theft or voyeurism by having my address posted in association with my web site registration. I registered my domain via proxy for that very reason. Taking this option away from those in my situation is too broad and sweeping a gesture designed only to pander to large media interests that already have mechanisms in place to accomplish what this change is supposed to do.
PATrick	B	I do not want people having access to my personal information there is no need for it and I pay not to have it disclosed, I run respective websites
Ivanov	I	
Charles	P	Some of my web host require using it.
Kulasekaran	N	Whois Privacy is needed to protect from competitors, spammers and domain hijackers and unwanted solicitations.
Mandefu	B	Sometimes I simply don't want to give out my private information, even without any reason but just fell comfortable that way. Other times I don't care, but all in relation with my private information must be done with my consent. Generally it is unsecure to give people private information to the public. The world will be less secure if private information is easily given out, this should be trivial. Giving private information to the public under a simple complain does not solve security problem but makes things worst. Need to find other ways to improve security, it is possible.
Eli	A	I've been offered to buy "look alike" domains to the ones I own and they use to come on weekly basis until I started using the domain proxy services.
Isabelle	J	I am in erotic industry and I wouldnt like people to know about me!
Vimal	V	It is better to protect domain owner from 3rd party type customers or competitors to reach us and copy our products/stuff
Greg	S	
Rattan	S	I need it to save my identity from fraud and spammers. Also, Being in a digital marketing agency, I don't want my employer to see what I am doing outside work on with own websites. Thank you
Nic	O	To avoid scammers and spammers getting my details from Whois and flooding me with spam or impersonating me through using my personal information. If their new regulations are implemented and I have an increase in spam, I will be looking to iCANN for redress for wasted time and money! There are already tales on the internet of people developing software so that they can request information in bulk. I question whether what iCANN is proposing is legal in the European Union generally and UK specifically.
Peter	C	I use Whois Privacy to protect my details and online business from Hackers scams & spammers , this is important to me for protection and the current system works perfectly well as it is . Peter Cooke

Kenneth	E	Because privacy is very important to me,the further we advance as a web heavy civilization the harder it is to have a sense of privacy that we desire. There is just some information that needs to stay private and this this invasion needs to be stopped.
Paldip	R	To keep my home address and other details so that i don't have to worry about stalkers and wierdos being around my wife and 2 year old daughter.
Harry	A	
Simon	G	To protect our data on multiple websites. When we have .co.uk sites with no protection we get more spam as people can locate who we are and where we are. We run sites in the gambling area and protecting our personal details is very important to us
Martina	F	That is a question that you should be able to answer yourself. It is clear that I do NOT want my address, phone number and name out there for anyone and everyone to see and use to their advantage and to my disadvantage, even to harm me. Keep it private!!!
Retha	K	I don't like my things with family and friends. If you can't stop people from looking and post on my page I'll quite
Quang	D	
Benjamin	E	I use Whois privacy to protect my company and myself from the dirty deeds which spammers, scammers, and even our own government conduct. Whois is required for me to conduct safe business in this day and age.
Daniel	B	To protect my family,keep what is left to the constitution while we still can
Yen	F	
gheorghe	N	just if is necessary, Realy I dont know why.
Marcus	S	
Mark	A	I do not wish to be bothered by those who would ignore your rules and attempt to contact me without my consent.
Rooh	G	
Matthew	K	
Peter	T	
Robert	P	To block spammers and telemarketers and for privacy and protection.
Brad	I	Personal security and preference.
Evelyn	R	For privacy concerns.
carol	A	Because I want to keep my personal details private
Richard	V	To protect from Identity Theft and more.
yariv	G	So not to be harassed or be targeted personally by business competitors. To have my websites be free of being "tagged" by prejudice because of my personal attributes such as color, nationality, age, sex etc..
Monika	C	

thomas	J	To protect my personal details from being available on the Internet, my websites all have contact information on them so I can be contacted that way. I feel people would violate the new plans by making fake claims just to gather websites owners personal information.
William	M	
Moudi	E	when there is no evidence of breaking the law or illegal abuse of others I feel strongly that people's privacy and contact details are protected. In the light of terrorist attacks on people who expressed harmless personal opinions on their web sites, the danger to life to those who wish to express their views on general issues is real and very serious. Do not deprive people from their right to privacy and protection when they do not break the law.
Payam	S	This is horrible . Many domain owner's life will be threaten by dictatorship government. These government will come after all the owners of pro-democratic activist websites. This policy will put life of all pro-democratic activist in danger.
kim	S	So people cannot get my personal details to use for spam purposes
Stephen	H	I have had problems with stalkers and fraudsters targeting me - I need online privacy for myself and my young family. If any issues of personal danger or identity fraud arise due to this ICANN decision, I will be taking ICANN to court seeking substantial damages! This is an outrageous move to strip citizens of their lawful right to privacy!!!
Graham	M	I don't won't people to get my information so they can use it without my permission possible fraud or trying to sell me products or sell my information
Toni	R	I established a faith based website for a group opposed to retain legislation The opposition is vicious. I live in the town with my elderly mother. I need anonimity for protection.
James	C	My privacy provides me with safety. Without it, my home, my family and myself will be public record and allow spammers, hucksters, hackers and hustlers to harass me and my family in my personal life.
Ian	S	To avoid spammers and telemarketing
Becky	L	identity theft protection
Barbara	R	
Jamie	D	Human rights
Becky	R	protect personal information and identity theft protection
Annie	P	To protect my privacy which should be allowable and continue that way.
mark	C	Because it's got nothing to do with anyone.

Mark	C	The WHOLE POINT OF ONLINE PRIVACY is to protect one's identity from spammers, identity theft, harassment by individuals and ENDLESS marketers via endless cold calls. In cases where Website owners details are needed for legal reasons, this can be easily identified. THERE IS ZERO NEED for online privacy to be eroded, other then to "further serve" the spammers, hackers and marketers. For ICANN to suggest otherwise and that it will prevent scammers, is contrary to reality. It's akin to allowing every sophisticated marketer and hacker to ID profile people for targeting. ICANN needs to present a much better alternative, or face class action in the courts against such prohibitive measures which ONLY EXACERBATE the issue's they 'apparently' seek to resolve. Please keep me informed of this matter as i would be most interested in protecting my privacy online against endless marketers, scammers, etc and would consider a class action appropriate next step against ICANN should the not better reconsider the problems faced. Regards. MCS.
Tharanga Niroshana	P	Mainly To protect our privacy from Identity theft, Prevent unwanted solicitation, Protect Email address from spammers.
Cena	C	I am the victim of a violent crime. I use Whois Privacy to be able to run websites, and keep up with the current technology. It is impossible to be successful or connected in our society without being online. However, I need to ensure my safety. I should not be punished for wanting privacy. Any Law Enforcement agency can obtain the information needed---every day stalkers, criminals and nosy people do not need it.
Keith	Y	To prevent unsolicited and nuisance phone calls and emails and to protect the privacy of my businesses.
Susan	L	To protect my privacy in a way that is safe and proven.
Vipal	P	To protect my data and avoid spamming.
Richard Dale	D	
Mohammed	P	Competitive advantage
Kevin	T	
Ellen	C	
alysia	R	
Fatima	A	Whatsapp and talk apps. My privacy and my friends and family. Which includes our pictures and videos.
John	C	I am a health care practitioner, and I don't want to have clients / patients knowing my personal information. This is private, and needs to stay that way.
Abdulmoumen	A	
Gregory	B	To protect my privacy from persons I have not chosen to share my personal details with. It should remain my choice as to whom I share this information with.
Vincent	B	Privacy and the right to free association are basic constitutional rights. They are also commonly understood as basic human rights. Just because it's online doesn't mean we have to give up those rights, simply because the government wants to intrude.
Tamberline e	N	That's my information!

Yazmin	A	
Clinton	A	As a small business owner that works from home, I utilize Whois Privacy to hide my home address. With the world becoming more and more crazy, this is a valuable tool because I have a young family at home.
PATRICIA	R	
ANNA	K	Because it is my right.All information about me should not be shared.
ROBERT	O	Personal & Business.
Jim	B	To find realtors in other markets to do business with them.
Subrato	S	I do not want my information to be available to any one as this is a breach of my privacy so that my safety as a human being is secured, Further I use the domains for legitimate buisness. thus the question of mal use of the domains is not ther in my case.
Alex	K	Keep away potential harassment and stockers by competitors.
Tommaso	C	I urge you to respect Internet users' rights to privacy and due process. - Everyone deserves the right to privacy. - No one's personal information should be revealed without a court order, regardless of whether the request comes from a private individual or law enforcement agency. Private information should be kept private. Thank you.
Larry	G	Safety from internet trolls and others who would seek to harm ligimite internet use and free speech.
Peter	H	Because I don't want people contacting me about my photography website at my home address. There are nutters out there.
James	L	So spammers stop inhaling my time from my business and family,
Jill	C	
Gavin	M	
Julo	G	
Yann	B	I don't want my personal information to be available at large on the Internet - i.e.: to anyone accessing WHOIS.
David	L	To prevent people being able to access the personal information associated with my domains
Mike	M	
Andrew	T	I see no reason to be bombarded with advertising, have my name & address collected and added to who knows what list and sold (this WILL happen) just because of the remotest chance that government agencies might stumble across a terrorist because they can collect this data without notice. Prove a legitimate need via the established methods in the judicial system before invading my privacy. In other words, convince a judge I am a potential criminal! That is what he is there for.
Cassandra	M	With so many hackers and weirdos out there, the last thing I need is to have my personal information easily accessible on a database available to the public. I use this to protect myself and everyone should have a right to their privacy.
Sy	W	Privacy rights. Not everyone who knows my name should be able to have insight on the web addresses and businesses I own.

monte	T	
Christie	H	
Adam	D	
stephen	G	To protect my privacy
Sam	D	
Steven	D	because it helps me to be able to start businesses without interference/distraction by self-styled competitors. i have no problem with legitimate law enforcement contact and i have would welcome third party contact made through an intermediary like DomainsbyProxy.
Shirley	B	To protect my identity from identity theft and ensure the privacy of those who use the web.
Attar	S	To protect my privacy and identity going to wrong hands.
Anand	V	I strongly believe, privacy is my right and in no case, shall my details be shared to anyone without my consent. At the same time, only law enforcing agencies may access part of such personal information ONLY when they have highly credible proof of any wrongdoing on individuals and that such claims are verified unambiguously.
Michael	G	It is my right to own and operate a domain legally without my private information available to all. If wrongdoing is suspected get a warrant. Otherwise it should be treated as any other personal such as my financial information.
Dat	V	I do not want my personal information to be showed publicly. That's never be a good idea to list identity info on net. Thanks.
Mark	L	To stop spammers from finding my domain information. It is used as an extra level of security.
Albert	H	To keep work and private separated.
bart	P	I like my privacy
Rhonda	H	Don't want my info shared
karyn	K	
Robert	W	I had to set up Spam Arrest on my web stores as it is. The Russians and Chinese do not respect our laws enough to stop sending junk mail to the tune of 50 a day. If they had all my personal info it would be even worse. Leave my ownership private. Due legal process should be used to find the owner of a web site not a false claim.
William	T	Future domain for business.
Jeff	D	
John	D	So we can buy domains suitbale for development of new products and services for ourselves and our clients without alerting our/their competitors.
SEAN	L	
Ida	R	
Tom	P	I want my info to remain private

John	C	Some websites do not require privacy; however, some other websites do for a variety of reasons. Our personal information is OURS to share-NOT anyone else, not any corporation, not any other entity. As long as no wrongdoing is taking place, PRIVACY IS SACRED.
Dailene	A	As a legitimate and upright user of the internet for business and general use, I rely on the privacy services to protect my private and personal information and therefore feel very strongly that on no account should personal details be released to other parties at any time. Thank you
Kirk	U	whois privacy protects my business and me personally.
Leo	C	keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft
Lauren	S	Business website
John	F	I don't want everyone knowing where I and my family live. This is a safety issue.
Dan	T	It's none of your business, and should not ever be.
Mitch	F	Commercial business
Shawn	B	I need privacy because of all the politics against and for the gun industry. My business sells guns and ammo. I am regulated by the government and state. Many who are rejected for a gun or just don't like them would like to cause me and my family or my business harm. I do not need or want these individuals access to my information to easily allow this. There is a criminal element that would like to have this information to steal and plunder. Giving this information out would be inappropriate for me and my business as well as: Jewelry store owners, Liquor store owners, Cigarette Companies, or any other company that has products of value. You will only end up having them only give you fictitious addresses, PO Boxes, or pay other companies to forward mail. we need this insulating layer to protect ourselves for radical politics, ideals that are not consistent with our ideals and way of life and doing business.
Ross	C	
Jordan	V	I previously had my domains public and constantly received junkmail (email and snail mail). Credit card offers, even calls that I do not want to deal with. Even after adding privacy some of these have continued on for months. Most of my domains are for personal use. The ones that are for business have ways to contact me listed on the site and do not need my personal address publicly available.
Heather	D	I need to be able to register my website, but I don't want everyone to have access to my personal information. Just because I am a business owner(education consulting) doesn't mean I have forfeited my right to privacy!
William	P	
Ahmed	E	
Delvis	E	In today's world privacy is key in keeping our personal information as private as possible. Allowing anyone to get our personal information without proper judicial approval is not right and will subject our personal information to unscrupulous persons who are attaching our credit/livelihood. The time is now to stop this perforations and protect our personal information

Patricia	B	
Sasa	S	
Chris	J	In a day of massive killings why should a terrorist be able to get the home address of anyone who posts something on their website that the shooter doesn't like? It could be used by all kinds of evil people to hunt down innocents in their homes just to shut down competition, to avenge a perceived wrong, or even to stop the free flow of ideas. Super bad idea.
Lizza	R	
Norman	S	to be protected by criminals and insane, unethical people that could use the data for harassment or theft.
Garrett	D	
Jim	B	I have used it as tool to speak in opposition to local politicians so they could not retaliate against me personally. I live in a smaller city and sell and develop real estate, so am dependent on these politicians' appointed planning department managers. Weakening domain privacy would be like disclosing the identity of whistle blowers.
John	M	I do not wish to have unregulated commercial spammers/business and government contacting/tracking me without due process per our Constitution.
Heather	S	To keep my personal information as secure as possible and less likely to be abused by predators.
Neil	K	
Vicki	H	
cory	B	to provide separation from business and personal life
Jacob	L	
Charles	S	I use privacy to protect myself and my family from threats by keeping our personal sites private. Removing Freedom from people who use the Internet legally is NOT the way to stop criminals. Besides, let's cut through the absurd pretense; be honest, this is not about protecting us this is about more control.
Sameer	S	Dear ICANN - Regarding the proposed rules governing companies that provide WHOIS privacy services (as set forth in the Privacy and Policy Services Accreditation Issues Policy document): I urge you to respect internet users' rights to privacy and due process. - Everyone deserves the right to privacy. - No one's personal information should be revealed without a court order, regardless of whether the request comes from a private individual or law enforcement agency. Private information should be kept private. Thank you.
Mark	R	I do not want hackers contacting me!
Matthew	B	To safeguard my personal information, protect physical safety and prevent identity theft from potential malicious attacks.
Filippo	I	To isolate my brand from my competitors
Raymond	E	
Rick	R	I don't want my rights to be infringed on!!!
Ishaaq	A	I need privacy

Mark	P	I began using a proxy service for my several photography websites after receiving spam and many unwanted targeted sales emails and phonecalls because of my info appearing in Whois. As a small business owner, I cannot afford the time wasted to this unwanted contact.
Ron	H	
Kimberly	S	
Bertha	M	
Brenda	D	In today's world, personal information isn't safe anymore. It's not clear to me exactly what this act would encompass as far as jeopardizing my information but it is vitally important to me to protect my personal information just as it is important to you to protect yours. Individuals already have the ability to take action in their online experiences if they think they have been abused in some way. I use WHO IS PRIVACY for the simple reason of preventing identity theft. Please think long and hard before you proceed. Thank you.
Christopher	L	
Jeanne	D	
Gregor	N	Against identity thefts, business idea thefts, non ethical hackers, government,...
Alicia	S	We have a right to our privacy.
Steve	E	It protects me from personal attacks from those who may not agree with my site's contents about religion and government. In other word, it protects my ability to exercise my right to free speech.
Betty	S	
Lonny	J	Because I want to keep my ownership of certain domains anonymous.
Jessica	P	I have a few products that I sell that sometimes can create a conflict of interest between each vendor - I like that I can offer more than one choice to the public without being called out by the other company. Just because one product works for a person, does not mean it works for all...and as a marketer, I should have the right to share the options without risking termination from one or the other.
lee	L	
Jeana	R	I run a home business. I don't want strangers coming to my house or stealing my identity. My phone number is private. How is the internet any different? The internet is my phone number. As an ex-government employee, I already have to deal with identity theft. Please don't make it any easier.
Eric	M	For protection of my personal information against spammers and other criminals
MARIAN	H	I have a website due to being a therapist. I do not want to be spammed or harrassed.

Donna	E	We use privacy to protect our identity and reduce the needless pestering we would get from others trying to sell us something, or provide services, etc. Getting spam email from so called SEO and web designers is an interruption enough. Allowing them to access our private corporate info would open the door to even more attempts. We list our contact info all all websites so if someone has a need or problem they are able to contact us through proper channels. We don't need the mail boxes filling up and the phone ringing off the hook. We are a small LLC, not a major corporation with a staff to handle requests.
Chris	D	I am a small business owner who uses the Web for marketing, I want my privacy protected.
Jon	J	protect my private information from spam and identity thieves
John	B	My home address and phone number is private and I do not want telemarketers and other solicitors calling me up. This has happened many times with emarketers trying to sell me marketing for my websites. I do not want these calls and intrusion into my personal privacy.
Paul	C	In a competitive business environment it is essential to be able to secure domains for marketing purposes well in advance of actual marketing activities. Being able to keep these domains private is an important part of staying competitive in today's marketplace.
Eric	K	I think everyone has the right to have privacy
Peter	C	To prevent unwanted contact, preserve privacy
Richard	B	> Spam prevention and the prevention other private email address abuse > Phone and physical address privacy > - I don't want anyone that disagrees with the content of my Security websites calling or showing up on my doorstep. A separate email address is provided on the site for this and they can always complain to the domain provider. If a domain provider does it's due diligence in verifying the location and authenticity of individuals registering domains, private information should only be provided if required by official court order.
Jules	L	It keeps my personal information private on sites that I own that are readily accessible to the public, such as my business sites. These sites are owned by corporations, however, many registrars require that you submit your personal information for registration, contact, etc. The entire reason why incorporation exists is to protect individuals and separate business from personal, and if personal information for owners of business sites becomes public, that separation ceases to exist, and incorporation, at least as how it relates to internet business, loses part of its functionality and purpose. This becomes even more pronounced for websites for sole proprietorships and partnerships, and especially non-commercial purposes, who receive no separation and/or protection. This can easily lead to all kinds of security issues, especially identity theft.
Brad	M	To provide a buffer between my personal info and any criminal element / illegitimate entity which may seek to use such info inappropriately.

Richard	R	I need WHOIS privacy to prevent my personal information regarding my identity from becoming available to malicious, predatory, or unscrupulous individuals, whether they are acting alone, in groups or in the name of government(s). These ideologies are based on my Constitutional Rights as a citizen of the United States of America. Thank you for your consideration of my comments. Respectfully, R D Rumpff. PO Box 1, Celina, Mercer Co, Ohio 45822-1185, USA.
Judith	S	For protection from hackers
Dave Villacreses	V	Privacy is key when it comes to the web and its healthy development. No personal information should be revealed without the person express consent or enough verifiable evidence.
Vicki	P	
Petre	S	
Janeth	D	
Nisa	G	
David	D	
Jian	C	prevent unwanted solicitation
Shawn	D	Whois Privacy has slowed down the spammers, hackers and telemarketers out there. Privacy is so important!
Kevin	F	Business
Laurie	T	I believe in this information remaining hidden from just anyone searching for information on who owns what domain names.
Peggy	W	I make websites. Sometimes uninvited visitors show up at my door. This can be prevented.
Susan	R	To keep my privacy, identity, and personal information as safe as possible. Even employees of government agencies can be criminally inclined. I have the right to expect my information to be kept from those to whom I do not give it myself, without due process.
Pamela	J	Protect my identity by keeping personal information private. This also protects my personal safety. Access to this information should remain protected by laws currently in place to prevent misuse of power.
Ed	G	
Sandra	S	I have many domains and Pages and to stop to enormous amount of junk mail I cannot give out my information
James	M	Protection from spammers and those trying to steal and tread on my identity.
Margaret	H	To protect myself against stalkers and dangerous predators who may come after me, due to disagreeing with my political beliefs.

Peter	C	Information which should be released to public knowledge against corrupted governments and corporations. Freedom of speech would not be possible without the safety of being anonymous. Unless the party interested shows a court order demanding the identity of a possible criminal for a crime proven by law, anonymity should be maintained. I support any cause to abuse anonymity for use of illegal operations, hate crimes, child pornography, etc.... but without anonymity, how can we protect those living in a repressive state which may endanger the lives and freedom of those wishing to speak freely of their own will?
Deb	S	I'm an independent professional organizer and administrative manager, working mostly with home-based business clients and small non-profits. For several of those clients, I manage their domain registrations through my own account. Whois Privacy services mean that my home address and phone number are *not* publicly available as contact options for any random person who really should be trying to reach the client directly.
Steve	E	Because I own several business related websites and this will just increase the amount of unwanted sales communications. And, I behave perfectly legally and do not want people interfering with my day to day activities.
Alyce	S	Legitimate Business owner of internationally known aerospace company and would like to keep a layer of separation between my personal information.
Daniel	D	Until such time as I am provided with full, unbridled access to any and ALL information held by any and ALL government agency - clean or corrupt - NO ONE, including government, has any right to access my personal information or activities.
Gary	G	I am in the early stages of creating an IM business. I own or administer and utilize a few sites for e-commerce purposes. My products are intended for purchase by the general public. I am working on creating a few different brands, each focusing on different product types/markets. While I am not in favor of privacy for illicit purposes, I feel that it is important to keep personal information out of the hands of others who do. I have been amazed at the frequency of instances of "less than ethical" practices utilized by online merchants in the pursuit of beating the competition. I fear that the tactics of some of these (many outside of the US) could endanger my business. If they also have my personal information, I would be extremely concerned.
Glenn	B	I use privacy to keep my personal information out of public domain. I fully expect that IF I acted illegally in a substantiated manner, than my private information is already available to authorized authorities by normal legal means.
MaryAnn	G	To avoid breach of personal information and idenyhl
Ahmed	E	We are A COMPANY THAT SERvice 100 customers in a month , we cant be a target of people that hate us or even that plan to destroy us just of hate , we need privacy
Madeline	K	

Michael	G	I am a successful professional who works online and I guard my security for the security of my wife and my 9yr old daughter. If undesirable people can find out who I am then that puts my wife & daughters security in jeopardy and puts them at a higher risk of being kidnapped or worse. This is a global economy and we enjoy traveling, if this information was available then we would no longer be safe as a family inside or outside of our own borders.
James	S	I use Whois Privacy to keep my personal address protected since I'm self employed and work from home.
Braden	S	I own businesses but don't want them connecting me directly that is why I use a management company to handle this work.
Jason	D	
John	G	Privacy is a basic right.
Jennette	J	
Abhishek	A	I would not like anyone infringing on my Privacy just by being an Owner of a Domain . However there are other ways to authenticate the genuineness of a Domain Owner. Please continue to provide Domain Privacy. Many Thanks. Abhishek A.
Tom	R	unwanted advertising contact to me is at a level that is interfering with normal daily business. I want to be left alone. I have no need to hide from anyone except advertisers and persons wanting to do harm to me or my business. Tom R hotair@ptd.net 908-996-4233
Adria	C	
Jerry	B	I have business competitors that could potentially launch untruthful, slanderous personal assaults against me, if they had my information.
Juan	D	Based kn today' incidents of Identity Theft we need to be protected against it.
Jonathan	F	I'm a programmer. If I were to create a programming blog, and post about random coding topics - some people might not agree with my views. If they decided to harass me because they don't agree, the lack of privacy in ICANN would be horrible, because they would have every single personal detail they'd need to make my life living hell.
James	B	
Michael	B	i need my privacy protected. I don't need everyone finding out who i am.
Steve	P	Whois Privacy ensures that a personalized domain appearing in an SMTP address does not lead to the added disclosure of a family member's personal and physical contact information. I've obtained several domains to used exclusively for personalized email addresses for myself and family members. Several customize SMTP addresses are then made available for each family member (coupons@mydomain.tld, onlinegames@mydomain.tld, amazonorders@mydomain.tld, first.last@mydomain.tld) to use both publicly and privately to mitigate the potential threat of unsolicited emails and cross impact from account hacking.
Jack	D	Because we have not developed our website yet and do not plan to in the near future.
Aaron	R	We have a right of privacy now keep it that way!

Deana	B	Many cottage businesses are run from home. Nobody needs to know how much we make & where we live, especially criminals.
Michael	C	I use Whois Privacy to cut down on spam while maintaining my privacy.
Chauran	C	I do not want their private information is exposed in the hands of any potential threat, it was too dangerous, and the damage caused will be difficult to estimate.
Ben	O	Whois privacy helps keep spam to a minimum, as well as keeping online harassment from being real world harassment. It also hardens social attack vectors for people wishing to contact owners to hack or use their website for their own purposes.
Richard	G	The main reason is so that I don't get solicitations to my home phone and mailing address.
Ramesh	V	To protect my personal information
Helen	M	I have pictures I don't want to be used for anything I don't want published elsewhere.
Dusty	G	
Luis	D	To protect my privacy
John	O	
yvonne	R	
Alice	E	I do not want just anyone to be able to get my contact information. I use a proxy service so that I may be contacted but through the third party service.
Stacey	S	
Scott	M	To protect our safety.
Chelsea	G	To protect my family - my household. When I use my domain email- anyone could look up my personal information when I provide my email to a company.
Kelly	C	I use whois privacy to prevent both hostile entities and strangers from discovering my personal information.
Nathan	C	To keep my personal information private, prevent identity theft & to protect physical safety of my family
Michael	P	My personal information is none of anyone's business.
Peter	N	I have private, personal domain names reserved for personal use. Maybe commercial purposes in the future. I use Whois privacy to keep my information private. If there is a legitimate complaint against the website, there are processes in place for the Provider to contact me and begin any necessary actions.
Donald	C	it is my business
Heather	L	It is my right to own domains and not receive emails from sales or other parties
Sam	L	The arguments for not having a domain privacy proxy service make no sense and put vulnerable groups and critical voices at personal risk.
Kimber	L	We have a right to privacy. Too many wackos abuse contact info.
james	M	Because its my right
frank	R	

Steve	V	Protect my identity
Jherson	C	It protects me from people (spammers and scammers) from using my personal information for their illegal and fraudulent/misrepresentation activities. Before, when I didn't have the Privacy service, I used to receive a lot of spams on my email. They are even able to identify my name and my address which I am afraid that these people might use to extort me.
Bryan	L	To keep my personal information off the internet.
Thom	C	
Jordan	D	
Thomas	N	
Hakon	H	I dont want my address to be public.
Janet	I	
Jeanette	E	This helps to decrease the amount of spam I receive and keeps my information private.
Martin	N	For the safety of my daughters. Those who might disagree with the information posted on my web site might find me and then attempt harm to my daughters. My business is small, and so the business address is my personal address.
dolores a	N	It's my right!
Mandie	B	I DO NOT want my name, address, phone number to be freely available to anyone who decides to stalk me or use that information for unlawful purposes.
vincent	Z	
STEVE	B	Keep Privacy in place. Over reaching agencies guided by an already out of control government and diabolical leadership have been attacking America's citizens in the so called Name of Peace Safety & Security. They will use any opportunity to treat everyone as a Socialist Worker Bee who are Guilty until proven innocent, and throw away due process under the Constitution, just as the government has already begun to implement such Tyrannical strategies and tactics causing the Nation to become 'divided' as never before. Tax paying law abiding citizens are leaving the country in unprecedented numbers FOR A REASON, while the Kool-Aid drinkers wallow in the State Run Socialism hypnotic mindset - kicking God, the Bible and Constitution to the curb. What SPIRIT IS BEHIND THAT? You know the Answer. Let's not give THAT SPIRIT any more firepower than they already confiscated as they rush to rule over the masses, leading to the NWO and loss of American Sovereignty and USD currency as well.
Malcolm	F	I value my privacy and do not want my private information to be shared unless there is evidence of wrongdoing.
Kathe	G	to eliminate unwanted solicitations.
terry	J	My usage not the us
Mark	G	
Deb	W	it doesn't matter I don't want my info or others to be available
Janis	B	To avoid unauthorised disturbance

Simon	T	Competition. Avoid scammers/spammers. Why should every purchase of a domain be a public matter.
Eli	A	
Elan	S	Same reason you would never put your name, phone number, and address in some/several bathroom stalls. You'll probably get some creeps/perverts unwanted attention.
april	A	For privacy!
Judith	K	I don't want my personal home address and contact information made available to anyone. I have personal domains and professional ones and I prefer to keep those separate.
Jan	S	For obvious reasons to protect my privacy as a business owner and somewhat well known personality with national visibility.
Joe	H	No bodys business but mine
David	N	The best way to protect against information being abused is certainly by never handing it over.
Grace	E	I need my privacy because if I don't have that, I don't have anything. Nothing of mine would belong exclusively to me. I don't want to use an internet where people are able to see my every word. That is truly scary and unethical.
Chris	S	I use privacy because I have been a victim of physical violence due to my personal information being available on the whois site when I first began registering domains 15 years ago. I was threatened with my life when an individual wanted to purchase my domain and I refused. Because my information was available my vehicles and home were vandalized. Eventually I was physically attacked just outside my garage. Since this event I learned that my privacy online is extremely important and I would never consider purchasing a domain unless my privacy was protected, not just for me, but my entire family.
Ezeekyle	S	Because I don't want my job to find out my personal domains. The subject matter is controversial.
jesse	V	
Richard	S	
Brigitte	C	For all of my domains as a means to keep unsolicited correspondence in control. It also makes me feel safe about owning domains that are not active webpages
Chelsy	N	
Peggy	K	To keep all personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft.
Anirudh	K	1. If any of my competitor needs information about my personal identity, this is the only service which is safeguarding me from online world/ illegal threats. 2. I am confident that i can do business in realistic way at web world without compromising my personal information. spammers are not those who runs website, but those who use to breach the information of website owners and it is true in my case. 3. Before obtaining privacy protection for my domains, i use to get unwanted email at my inbox by unknown users inquiring about my websites in a spamming mode. Even i use to get phone calls from different people on the number mentioned on my whois. After protecting my domains with whois Privacy , i am working intrusion free. if any user/authority would have issue with my website, i use to provide them a contact form to communicate and that is enough to show my authenticity .

Stewart	H	I do not want my customer coming to my home
Lex	S	I use and Trust the Policies in place, such as "Whois Privacy". As a citizen of the US I believe as our Constitution States, Innocent till proven guilty, not the reverse as become the norm in the US as if not the world. I want, need and trust the "Whois Privacy". No changes are needed.
John	M	I operate a few small websites, I prefer to have my personal information kept private. I think it is important to stay safe, having the information shown could cause a serious threat to my home, family, and business. With reason for scammers and the like, it would be nice to stop them - just have some legal right to find the data: warrant, court order etc..
Manfred	R	To protect my personal information. Otherwise I will rent a PO box, and use my cell phone which can block unwanted callers. Criminals can do the same thing. I paid extra money for privacy. What is this? You judge us guilty without any verification. I think ICANN just wants more control over our right to privacy. I vote NO!
Patti	F	
Ben	L	For peace of mind
Gloria	M	
robert	S	Protects my personal details against spam, scams, fraudulent domain transfers, identity theft, junk mail, telemarketing sales calls
April	M	I use privacy to keep my home address from being public as I do not won't everyone to have knowledge of this information. In addition, it prevents my phone number and email address being added to lists of for spamming and telemarketing purposes. I feel this is a necessity.
Joseph	D	I do not want ANY of my personal information in the hands of hackers, solicitors or the government. The government is crooked enough as it is with the so called Patriot Act allowing them to spy and monitor every move a person makes.
Nathan	P	Eliminates spam email. Protects my personal life from upset business customers, keeping my home address email and phone number more than a domain search away. I do not want to go back to registering domains without privacy!! Please!
Gale	S	
Matt	H	I do not think it is necessary for people to have my full name, address, email and phone number for a domain registration. There are a lot of crazy people out there.
Kristina	H	
Janet	E	Personal safety, new product launch, business start-up, home based business, and why does personal information have to be public?
chukwudi	N	
Chad	G	Do not like random email spam or someone being able to retrieve my phone number to sell on a list of leads.

Kimberly	E	Prevent Spam Prevent people from harassing-trying to buy domain name from me. Mostly a site owner should have the right to be Anonymous if they choose to be - (as in public purposes)
Michael	H	To keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft
Nabeel	S	
Anil	S	Everyone should have learned by now how easy it is to rob people through cyber. It seems like hacking has a better return with zero investment than robbing a bank at gun point. Do we really want to contribute to this or be civil and do everything we can to protect the privacy and our hard earned money. Do the right thing by protecting our privacy, unless there is a court order to provide the information to law enforcement officials only.
Andrew	T	To keep my personal information out of the hands of the general public, spammers, hackers, and telemarketing personnel. Not only that but also my history of domain purchases doesn't need to be broadcast to the public world.
Kristin	C	I don't want my personal information getting into the hands of people I don't know and have no legal recourse against in the event of misuse. I am private because I want to be private.
Jefferson	H	
Sean	W	
Troy	F	I want everything private and my identity safe
Charles	B	I don't want to give access to all.
Richard	M	We have an association that works in law enforcement and DO NOT want our home or business open to the public (criminals) whom wish to do us harm
Richard	E	
Aaron	J	
Richard	S	
Terry	K	We believe in giving a "hand-up" not hand-outs. Without online privacy, every person that expects a hand-out without having to earn it or work for it would be contacting us constantly. Our time is very valuable because we provide resources to help others that really need help and are willing to earn it.
Alfred	S	
Brett	B	I can't believe ICANN wants to do this. I use my privacy protection to avoid being the target of criminals who could find my address if it was public/open on WHOIS.
Tim	A	Identity theft is on the rise and reaching crisis levels. It does not make any sense to attempt to thwart one type of unsavory activity and in so doing enable criminal activity. Please think this through and come up with a better plan.
George	R	Working with cultural critics leads to cyberharrassment and threats. Without domain privacy my life and livelihood would be at constant risk.
Autira	N	For privacy and safety.
Jerry	D	
mike	R	To mask my home address on the internet

Kyle	F	I don't want people coming to my house because they don't agree with what I have on my websites. I don't want random people calling my cell phone. I already get enough spam email and don't need one more way for people to get my personal email address.
Ryan	S	I do not want my personal information to be available and don't believe it should be if you have a private registration service. Not only for my benefit, but others whose information could be extremely crucial to keep private for safety, peace of mind, and legal reasons. This should not happen! Sincerely, Ryan Smith
David	P	Whois Privacy provides a layer of defence against unsolicited emails and phone calls, and helps to prevent my personal details (email, phone, address) falling into the wrong hands. I want to keep my email and phone clear for doing business, and would have to consider finding alternative means of secure communications if my personal details were to be made readily available.
Carlos	N	Because there are crazy people on the internet who will interfere with your life because they don't like what you post.
David	G	To prevent spammers from getting my contact info.
Alvaro	F	I do not want my personal information to be available without due legal process.
John	W	Some of my websites are on controversial topics and could get me harassed by people who oppose my views.
Eddy	H	
Angelika	C	As a matter of principal
Alex	R	because it's none of your fucking business what websites I own and what I do with them
Vinayak	P	People obtain my personal information from whois records and spam my email address and call me frequently offering me unwanted services as well as send me viruses, malware etc.
Geno	J	Keep my personal stuff PRIVATE!
Joseph	M	Unless activity being conducted on a website is illegal, people should have the right to privacy.
Jay	M	As I want my future potential domains to be held privately. Basically I want the choise.
George	K	Protecting our privacy and personal information is crucial. On an on going basis this basic right is being eroded. There is so much access now, opening more places innocent people at risk.
Bobby	J	
Nikki	P	We need Whois Privacy because some business are of sensitive nature, and our privacy must be protected. Once the privacy information is revealed, people will instantly be able to Google our personal residence. If a person or competitor doesn't agree with our services or business, we could be exposed and our families could be put in grave danger. If ICANN is trying to reduce spammers, then add further verification procedures to your existing registration protocol and everyone will be happy. I hope you will rethink this decision. Have a beautiful day!

Velma	L	I host a business website in behalf of several healthcare researchers. Having a website in my name only gives the appearance that I'm the primary individual involved, which would not be accurate. Therefore, I have private domain hosting. There are also personal privacy issues, in terms of my personal contact information, that I would not want to necessarily share with anyone choosing to utilize a "WHOIS" inquiry. This privacy should be preserved. Thank you.
Jacqueline	F	The use of privacy services in my opinion is a security measure for domain users protecting their online usage from sick people who stalk, try to hack, steal personal information, intend harm against one who disagrees with their agenda. To remove this service is an attack on freedom of privacy. Only those of evil intent would do such a thing.
Srinivasa	B	to prevent unnecessary harassment
Lan	H	
Michael	A	Undo harassment by sales people and IRS.
Nick	B	I prefer to not have the address of my home displayed to the world to see and I also use to get a lot of spam when my info was public. Unwanted solicitation is not cool.
Katarine	D	The public safety risks involved far outweigh the benefit of this action. I'm terrified for the women, people of color, activists, and more, who share their opinions online, and I can't help but see the impact on the free speech of these marginalized people once their private information becomes public.
Bob	W	my daughter 10 year old daughter has a dance website and I prefer to keep our home address withheld to the general public.
Michael	M	I have a small side business I operate out of my house. I don't want people contacting me at home or showing up at my door.
Gyneth	M	
David	E	I have used Whois Privacy for many years and I am very happy with that service.
Nancy	N	To avoid IDENTITY THEFT
Valerie	S	
Dee	D	
Samuel	V	I have several websites none of anyone else's business except customers.
cathy	O	
Phillip	K	Drug and Alcohol recovery forums, programs, and related websites.
Corinne	S	
Michael	M	I believe it is a layer of protection. with all the incidents happening around the world, you need more privacy for protection.

Jay	M	Our family is large and spread across the U.S. and due to American military service, also abroad. We have several websites for sharing recipes, genealogy updates and generalized news headlines alerting relatives to login for details. Four generations of family use these websites. We are very conscientious and diligent about privacy. To minimize online safety risks, our family prudently insists no personally identifiable information be posted or made available to the public; this includes our domain registrations. We choose to connect within our family via websites and domains we own rather than social media for the ability to control the privacy and security features. If we cannot continue domain registration privacy features, we cannot uphold family commitments that we will not publish any personally identifiable information. We do not want our family's volunteer online administrators' personal contact information publicized for reasons of privacy and online safety, particularly without the requesting party showing just cause through a formal legal process before an independent arbiter of the facts. We respect laws. We value freedom. We want privacy. We urge you to create a reasonable process to address the minuscule portion of domain owners who may be adjudicated as threats to national security. Further, we urge you to provide meaningful advance notice of any changes to privacy features as well as procedures for obtaining refunds for resulting modified and cancelled domain registrations.
Mike	L	I work for a domain registrar, and there are some customers that do not like us. My family utilizes privacy to keep our address away from those who might try to hurt us.
Britton	B	
Ralph	O	My information should not be accessed to the public unless i authorize it. Due to identity fraud.
Charisse	W	I want my information protected.
PETER	C	That's a no brainer. I need Who is Privacy as a means of modalizing my personal information.
Aaron	K	I use domain privacy to combat data miners. I don't need to get calls, physical mail, or e-mails for products or services I don't want or need. I already get enough by default through the postal service.
Kurt	H	For the safety of my identity.
LaDonia	C	
Andrew	G	I need privacy because there are so many scammers and ID thieves out there trying to take people's personal information and use it for their benefit. It helps them get into your accounts, start credit fraud and so on. If the domain is doing something illegal then get a court order to have the personal info revealed. Otherwise let good people have privacy away from the bad guys. Thank you
Alex	Y	I don't need it. But it should be there for those who do
Ryan	S	Keep my info private
Dobrica	M	

Cy	K	Please keep "privacy" PRIVATE -- against spammers, hackers, and simply the lunatics who like to "harass you till you have a heart attack." Google's Blogspot and YouTube, for example, allow anyone to do anything anonymously, but demand a DMCA include detailed information they'll often make public. Anyone asking WHOIS on a private website should have a subpoena, or be with law enforcement, at the very least.
Cameron	C	Privacy prevents unauthorized spam email, snail mail and unsolicited telemarketing that I might receive simply because I have a couple domains. It also provides me the personal security that nobody can find my home address or phone number by knowing a domain I own. I get to choose who I give that information to.
Cecelia	T	I am a web designer, and my clients deserve privacy
Steve	W	I use domain privacy to protect my personal information from spammers and cyber attacks as well as fraud protection.
Beatrice	T	I do not think that the fact I have a website should open the "book" for harassment. As a woman, I am very much concerned about my privacy and security, have suffered credit card fraud three times in the last 6 months and constantly work on protecting my privacy.
Philip	A	As a school teacher I don't want my personal details made available to my students.
David	D	I get enough spam email and mail and phone calls from scammers or solicitors as it is, i do not need bots that crawl through public whois databases to get more information on me and my life. Do you want more phone calls about "business propositions" and such? or from fake IRS collectors?
John J	M	
Margot	M	Identity theft prevention Privacy Invasion
Rebecca	M	
Tosca	K	Home based business.
julie	T	Small business
mahesh	S	Mafia wants to control anything free for humans coz they are rulers.. ! People are sheeps Now they want to suck our Privacy & Freedom without authentic Logic..... But by DICTATE ... !
kamryn	H	I'm a single mom and I don't want strangers to know where I live. I don't want to be a vulnerable target for predators!!!!
Muhammad	A	
Charles	S	I have rented several domain names from Go Daddy and wish to maintain my personal privacy. Our personal information should be separate from the account data, and not accessible by just anybody who goes online. But, I do not want companies to go online and purchase thousands of domain names, price them and rent them to us, the actual users. This is like cheaters in a gold rush, grabbing as much land as possible the reselling it to the actual workers, all for their profit.
Paul	S	to protect my personal info from falling into the hands of marketing companies, spammers, and creeps
Michelle	H	To keep my information private!

Marvin	R	
John	T	Privacy Concerns
Tarah	D	Protecting clients domains.
James	M	To keep my personal information safe as a legitimate business owner.
Anita	B	
Timmy	H	I am a home based business. I do not want my address available.
James	S	No warrant no information.....
Mark	G	To protect my personal information from people who do not need it.
Tim	H	This is a non-officed nonprofit association. My address is listed. I do not want mail or persons coming to my home.
Robert	D	I run a legit business. There is no need to access my privacy without a warrant based on valid evidence that I am engaged in unlawful activity.
jaime	L	Protect my personal information from being available to anyone
RuthAnn	H	I own a small business which I run out of my home. I prefer to do business online with information I choose to share without divulging my home and personal contact information. Privacy allows me to keep my work and home life separate.
David	C	The ICANN shouldn't help harassment and doxxing; if people need to get addresses for criminal investigation, there are already mechanisms in place for that.
Nancy	M	

		<p>Privacy for me, my family, my children & Grandchildren are the most important thing to me. Hackers, Wacko's, Nutjobs and the Batshit Crazyies all use open domain registration to make personal attacks on website owners at their homes. Before I registered my domain private. I had bat shit crazyies come to my home right to my front door and make threats to me & my family because they disagreed with what somebody else said on a forum I owned. I have had protesters on the sidewalk outside my private residence because of a pro-Marijuana forum. They all used the "whois" to find my home address. This was 100% intimidation to force the shut down my forum. They made threats to my family and my personal security all because they got into a fight with somebody else on a forum I operated. Religious people are some of the most dangerous people in America. They have NO shame & don't care. They will murder & attack anybody who disagrees with their religious point of view. It only takes one bat shit crazy religious idiot to murder my children, grandchildren or me. As we have learned from Charleston's Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church this year, where 9 people were murdered just because the color of their skin by one Batshit Crazy! Why would you give the batshit crazyies more rights to harass and even murder people than I have to my privacy?????? I even had a reserve sheriff deputy show up with his GUN on his hip. Saying he was there to protect the protesters right to harass me and demand I shut down my ungodly forum. He was not there to protect me, but the batshit crazyies!! I was going to sue the sheriff, but they dismissed the reserve officer for waving his gun around on private property in a threatening manner before I could raise the money for a lawyer. Nobody on my forum broke any laws, yet because they were not considered Christian enough or even anti-christian, they were attacked & threatened for having a liberal point of view. The batshit crazyies come in all forms and from all walks of life. The basic right to registration privacy is a must for freedom of speech on the Internet. It's a must for the site owners to protect their lives and the lives of family from Wacko's, Nutjobs and the Batshit Crazyies who are unwilling or incapable of having a rational conversation. Opening up Private registration to anybody & everybody with no due process and no protections for the site owners. This will not end well for us. How many lives must be lost to Wacko's, Nutjobs and the Batshit Crazyies? All of the murders will be on your head if you open up private domain registration to any Wacko's, Nutjobs and the Batshit Crazyies. Do the right thing and continue to protect freedom of speech and lives of those of us who dare to challenge the status quo! Do we not have rights too, beyond the right to shut up, shut down or die?</p>
Timothy	M	
Lainie	L	I need Whois Privacy because there are many people in this world, unfortunately, who would cause trouble to others just because they can. I do not want my private information made available. I pay to keep it private.
Neil	S	To protect against spammers and scammers.
Laura	Y	I have a blog that addresses potentially controversial political issues of cultural authority, professionalism, and expertise. While I try to provide balanced content, I am concerned that someone taking offense to the content who can access my personal contact information may choose to harass me in any number of ways.
Ben	K	It helps protect me from spam emails and letters.
Brittany	W	

Diego	C	too many companies use personal data from whois services to spam website owners with fishing emails and other annoying and non solicited emails.
Muad	Z	INDIVIDUAL AND DOMAIN NAME AND INTERNET ALL PRIVACY GOES HAND IN HAND. YOU TAKE AWAY ONE, YOU VIOLATE ALL OUR RIGHTS TO PRIVACY.
Jennifer	P	
Mark	G	I just do not want my personal information made available.
Kathy	T	The right to privacy is an essential premise in the USA. I do not violate other persons privacy and expect anyone trying to violate mine will need just cause before a court.
Patricia	L	I believe strongly in anonymity for website owners .
Johnson	T	I need privacy and presumption of innocence. Due process, the right to a lawyer and the ability to defend my self against false charges. To protect my first amendment rights. To be able to freely express and exchange ideas, including advocating for civil rights and gay rights. To conduct business without being harassed
Timothy	U	
Alex	W	To protect my identity and safety
Andrew	S	In order to keep my home address from showing up in the WHOIS record of my domain.
Christopher	S	To protect my family. We run our online businesses from home. We don't need customers or stalkers connecting our home address to our online business.
Daniel	P	The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing
Eddie	F	Because it is our right to not have our information available public ally to be spammed. People are able to find where we live or our phone numbers just because we purchased a domain name. For the protection of our families - for protection of our privacy. Just because we live in a era where people feel the need to fully convey their every location, doesn't mean that we shouldn't have a choice in what we can or can not share. This needs to stay.
John	T	To protect legitimate business data from spammers and other dubious elements
Donald	P	The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing
Lance	H	I simply do not find it necessary to have information be so accessible to so many people for no reason.
Alex	L	I don't want to be bothered by "web developers" every time I buy a domain.

Donald	D	I, the undersigned, support The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing
Tani	G	I have several real estate website addresses and I don't really want other realtors knowing what sites I own. There's a lot of competition in my area for certain beach websites.
Susan	G	I am a legitimate domain owner. My privacy is an intergral part of running these domiains. I do not spam and do not intrude upon the rights or lives of others. I expect the same courtesy to be extended in kind through the guarantee of due process with respect to my privacy and identity.
Debora	H	Is this a trick question? For privacy on my info.
Gloria	F	Privacy should be the default for everything unless contraindicated. Law enforcement has the means (subpoenas) to get the information if public safety is at risk, so that is not the issue here. Having registration info available to all only benefits marketers and harrassers. Additionally, having to pay extra to keep registration information private is extortion, and it disproportionately impacts the more vulnerable. Privacy is a basic right closely related to our pursuit of happiness. Please don't let any corporation infringe on this right.
Luis	Z	This is outrageous! Privacy was originally created to protect the information of small families that wanted to start a business or blog online without having the fear of being located by past assailants. Opening that to everyone at request is life threatening even.
James	A	I believe not one entity should have absolute power, for absolute power corrupts absolutely. Do what's lawful, that's why they have to verifiable evidence of wrongdoing which protects us from unlawful claims!
greggory	W	
Michael	M	
Felicia	R	I enjoy my privacy.
Maynard	M	I don't want people to harass me more at my location or phone number or even harass my nephew/nieces that i have domains for!
Martin	H	I do not use the Whois Privacy however I do not think it is anyone's business to tell the consumer they cannot keep their personal information private. Many business people like to keep their personal information private so a criminal cannot use that information to commit crimes using the business owners identity and also to prevent some mentality disturbed individual who may disagree with that business owners opinions or policies from using that information for stalking or as they may see it in their warped thinking retribution.

Karen	K	I'm not a computer programmer, I'm a homemaker who's trying to find the right product to build eCommerce stores. Any time I've declined an offer to sell a domain I own the next thing that happens is I get a letter from Whois or some organization telling me I'm in violation if I do not immediately update my contact information. One call I got from the person who wanted to buy one of my domains was very nasty and called my home, landline number. I do not believe in coincidences and never will. For the sake of the people that are honest and have integrity please put policies in place that will not allow my/our personal information to get out. If the government and corporations don't stand a chance against the criminal hackers then what chance do the small business owners have? Thank you, Karen
Jesse	B	Xxxxxxxxxxvhv
Warren	A	I've been stalked by a disgruntled customer.
Brian	W	I want to keep my public image separate from my personal life. I give ways to contact me to the public and would rather not have personal information on public display whenever something or someone decides to take something out of context.
Timothy	B	
Sheri	P	
Ivan	E	To avoid spammers and having my personal data exposed to the public.
Isaac	I	I have small children and I do not want people to see pictures of them on my blog and have easy access to my address. It's my opinion that I should be able to elect to pay for privacy if that is something I see value in.
David	H	We don't need Big Brother's protection. Those who specialize in the protection business are invariably as bad or worse than the gangsters they purport to protect against.
ike	A	
Christopher	C	To protect my personal information from spammers and thieves. I've seen people first hand have their domains compromised by hackers.
Michele	R	I have a right to share my information with who I choose. Not telemarketers an scammers.
Lynne	S	I have a spiritual website that some may not agree with; my husband also has a small business with a home office - I don't feel comfortable having people know all of our contact information
ilias	S	Because I do not want my personal information available to anyone in the world. People can use information found in a public registry as a starting point to hacking your identity.
Dwayne	S	To protect sensitive information.

Jeanne	S	I use it for my personal busiess and for my family history/reunion website and for my friends personal business too. I don't think anybody should be able to get my information off of WHOIS unless there is a warrant. I also don't think I should have to pay for my domain provider to keep my information private. I think we should automatically have our information kept private by our Domain provider without being charged. It should be part of our Domain services. And, no one should have the right to my information without a court order. All of the Identify Theft happening now is horrible and WHOIS makes that possible in addition to the illegal activity by spammers, and hackers.
Sandra	H	
Frank	C	Is a Constitution right.
neal	W	For privacy.
Ross	W	I believe it is important for privacy. I do not care for myself but this is an issue that affects many worldwide and I work for clients that do not want people harassing or dropping by just to see who they are. We had this happen a few times so we moved our address to our post office to prevent people from stopping by our door to say hi and to want to hang out with us. I know they are not thinking about the fact that we might be busy with our business. Opening this door will cause more issues than one might think. I believe if you need to know you need to go through a process to prove you need it and not just because you have nothing better to do with your time than to snoop on someones life and who they are.
Brandon	G	Having a domain registration public opens the doors to a lot of spammers and scammers. I see the point of public registration for large corporations who have a department of experts to manage their domain, but for the sole proprietor running a business out of their home, privacy is a necessity. The story of how private registration was created was to protect someone who wanted to start their own business, but couldn't have her information public because it would put her life at stake. To put the lives of others in danger is inexcusable. Also being that public registration is required to be accurate, it can be used for the foundation of identity theft. This should not even be considered an issue. We should instead be looking at real issues, such as unethical practices by domain registrars.
michael	L	what happened to the days you chose to be in the white/yellow pages?
christine	H	
Warren	H	The Internet is a place of freedom, freedom to express yourself, your talents and items you wish to sell. This is the last place on the world to truly be free and share opinions, not everyone likes what people post, privacy is vital, it is necessary!
Epifania Cruz	C	To keep Privacy protected for my patients their family and friends' as well as my own and my family . It is our inalienable right as a Citizen
Keely	R	To protect my family as I run a small business which is HQ'd in my home.

rhys	C	i have owned many domains, the first domain i bought without privacy i got inundated with spam emails/phone calls about site optimization and design. also i do not have a business but don't want my home address live for people to see for any of my political blogs for any crazy people out there who get offended by something written, they should have to go through standard legal channels if my privacy is important to me.
Peregrin	P	
Crystal	K	I've had unsolicited requests from people claiming to be web designers etc.
Johanna	V	Privacy is important to America life's
David	R	
Alex	B	I don't want people to access my home address simply because I have domains registered.
David	A	I host websites that contain controversial material and want to shield myself and my family from people who may not have appropriate anger control or boundaries. Full freedom of expression is enhanced by the availability of privacy.
Katherine	H	To protect my phone number and email address
Vanessa	R	
Paul	C	Avoid domain spam protect my personal info
Dotsy	A	I don't think people or government should be allowed to view my personal information unless I want them too
Carlan	T	to protect against and prevent identity theft!
Ken	C	I use privacy to ensure my personal information is protected. I don't want spammers or telemarketers having another avenue to getting my info. Additionally as my wife runs an at home business. I don't want our personal address available for people to come knocking on the door regarding her business.
Roxane	F	I am a stay at home Mom with a small business on the side. It would be a safety issue for me and my children if my home address were shown with my domain name. Thank you.
Colleen	R	It's security and my right to my own privacy.
Dave	G	To protect myself against being harmed by those who might object to views being expressed on any web site under my control. In short, to protect my right of free speech.
Ruby	D	To keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft.
Molly	L	Because there are a lot of people out there that like to abuse that our information is public and considering sites like google maps, sales people that like to call and con people out of money to "help their search engine rankings" its a very bad idea and I feel would create a lot of chaos and make those that feel they can be secure and protected can feel exposed and I don't think it is right.
Mark	S	I have several web sites for my brick and mortar stores. I do not want my personal info tied to that.
Rodney	J	The privacy of my Business is very important to me

John	E	To keep internet website trolls from harvesting my personal information for marketing and/or malicious purposes as some of my free services are seen as encroaching on their for-profit similar services. In addition to this marketing scenario, but unrelated, religious website hosts are regularly attacked by secular internet bullies especially if they know your personal information.
Jerry	E	I want to keep keep my personal information private, protect my physical safety, and prevent identity theft
David	T	
Paul	C	Commercial Reasons
Guy	M	
Usman	S	
Sharman	B	I don't use the database personally. However, my information is there and I do not believe information should be accessible without obtaining appropriate permissions ie: search warrants. My information should not be subject to sharing.
David Kesner	K	To protect my self against spam and website pirates
Sharon	C	To eliminate callers trying to sell me web design services and other things I don't want.
Jimmy	P	To avoid spammers and telemarketers
Mary	K	Domains for businesses
Julie	S	I am a solopreneur with a very small coaching/writing business and do not want my personal information widely available simply because I have a few websites.
Alec	W	to keep my domains private
Pamela	M	For privacy!
Marvin	M	Privacy reasons
Chris	K	I need privacy because I deal in high end merchandise and do not want to get robbed and have my information public
Paul	S	To help protect myself against all types of fraud and/or general safety concerns. For the same reason I'm not on Facebook, I would like my info kept confidential, unless ordered by a court due to some type of lawful investigation. Also, if you go forward with what you are proposing you will mainly negatively impact only honest people conducting lawful business via the net, as criminals will find a "go around" whatever you put into place which is what they always do, so they will be the only ones remaining protected with this.
David	G	
Mehrad	R	This is going to give more power to those who want to silence all voices on internet. One more indirect attempt to make internet less open. Loss of liberty and privacy in the name security. We should learn from history.
Jennarose	J	I think the standard should be privacy of information, unless the domain owner requests otherwise...not the other way around. For small home-based businesses (especially as a female) the reasons for privacy are obvious.
Dean	B	

Jeremiah	R	
Sylvain	C	To protect honest websites operators' privacy. Since there is already legal ways to obtain their info, I see no good reason to expose it to the general public, which undoubtedly contains ill-intentioned people. On the other hand, lack of Whois Privacy would probably lead to bullying from copyright trolls. While copyright should be enforced, it should be enforced through legal and honest means.
Cathie	S	
Cynthia	S	Privacy, security issues, and safety
John	M	I am a writer who works from home and I use several pen names. Each pen name has its own domain name. The names reflect the different genres in which I write. It would be confusing to readers if they discovered that, for example, the male writer of detective fiction was also the female writer of gentle romances. Furthermore, while I appreciate comments about my writing being made via email to the various domain names, I would prefer not to receive phone calls and personal callers to my home.
Brian	K	
J	S	
Harpawanveer Singh	S	To protect our personal information private and safe from spammers.
Hannah	W	
Alisha	C	Protecting individual privacy has been the American culture, there should be better solutions to address issues and persons without hindering the privacy of majority of law bidding users.
Kelley	A	
Roy	S	I operate websites for small non-profits. We use PO Boxes and home addresses for the legal documents. That's bad enough, for tax purposes, but we don't need spammers or the potential to other abuse. I use Whois Privacy on some sites now.
Mark	B	Safe guard against any type of piracy.
Robert	C	
Michelle	M	My personal information should not be available to the public more or less all of the constant solicitations and SPAM emails received without privacy.
Pamela	K	Hate Facebook & G+. At least you can get around G+'s but Facebook are Fascist.
Michael	K	Preserve privacy. Reduce spam and unsolicitations.
Hillaree	W	I don't want my personal information public.
Donald	W	I wish to avoid hackers
Salman	A	
Khaled	D	
Rochelle	C	

James	A	I own domains for specific purposes and small communities of users. Those users know who own/operate these sites or trust these sites despite not knowing. So either way, disclosure is not necessary. I want anonymity so that others who I've not written my site for can't target me or my contact information (e.g., for spam, internet stalking, etc.) As a comparison, I shop at stores every day and have no idea who owns that business. However, my inability to find this information doesn't deter me from shopping there. If this disclosure is important to me, then I can choose to shop elsewhere (just as a web surfer can). I believe that's the only appropriate remedy. Only in the case of litigation does a user have a right to ownership info. This can be obtained thru normal legal channels without the need to blanket disclose ALL domain owner info.
Samantha	F	Business
Kim	W	To protect my personal information
Mike	W	It's my unquestionable right to my privacy... Don't fuck with it!
Bryan	K	
Oran	K	My private information is nobody's business
Michellae	N	We deserve privacy.
Lindon	A	I support the legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft.
Niall	O	To exercise my rights under Irish and EU data-protection law
Randy	B	Privacy. I have a job in the public eye; my websites are personal hobbies and do not reflect the opinion of my institution.
Vickesh	S	
Bill	K	Scammers and spammers
Jose	O	So people won't spam the crap out of my email, so I don't get tons of sales calls in which my number was obtained thru who is, and it gives me peace of mind to know my domain would be harder to steal in case someone got into my account and tried to transfer my domain.
Nitin	J	I don't want my information out there so that anybody can contact me for unnecessary issues. I have the Contact Us page on my website for it. This is a privacy issue. If somebody requests my information through a subpoena or court order, it makes sense, but, I would want to keep the general public out of it. It's a privacy issue.
gaby	C	Customer support for a registrar.
Carol	R	Many of my clients have spouses that have a neurological disorder. Many of these women experience domestic violence. Privacy is imperative to maintain my own safety and protection.
Sandy	M	Domain privacy is highly important for preventing abuse of the Whois system by unreliable sources and especially for preventing doxing.
Kurt	T	My personal privacy is important to me. This new ICANN rule makes it just that much easier for criminals to target me. Kurt T.

Michael	T	I feel like I could be a victim of criminals if my personal information were to be exposed. It's ridiculous to expose this information to anybody who knows how to use whois. In the name of protecting us from evildoers you would make valuable information available to them! It's absolutely crazy! Please don't make this horrible mistake.
Chris	W	
Marilynn	D	
Chris	G	There are a lot of trolls, creeps, and just plain crazy people on the Internet who threaten and harass over every little thing. It's ridiculous and I've no time for it but to release my private info would give these people reason to come to my door. They do it to actors so why not those of the general public?
Michèle	R	Because it keeps weirdos and a lot of spammers away from knowing my address or contact information. It's an option that people should have for their personal sites, small or private businesses.
Michael	F	
Chris	L	
Donald	J	Being part of fire service, security enforcement, this is my information only.
Emmanuel	O	For security purpose/ brand protection
Sharon	L	
Alice	L	As a female who has been stalked before, I rely on the current privacy provided by the "Domains By Proxy privacy service" to keep stalkers at bay. I use my own domain name for email & have for years. I am a conscientious citizen and value my privacy. I have no problem with someone going through proper channels to obtain my info. But PLEASE do not subject me to the whims of those trolls who would harass me for their own perverted wishes.
Courtney	B	
Kate	M	Keep my personal info protected and private from spammers and criminals
Paul	S	To keep from getting harassed by spammers, and put on bogus email lists
James	H	
Mike	C	I use the Whois privacy to avoid discrimination based on controlled domains
Donna	D	So that thieves can't steal my identity
Katrina	W	We need to protect our identity and our business from online threats.
Jeremiah	B	because it's my right.
Avi	A	It is my right!
Chris	W	Protect identity against stammers and high tech fraudsters. I don't mind a legitimate legal sepeana against any company. I don't agree with an unregulated challenge; unless we can have the plaintiffs details!
Bill	M	
Renee	H	
Koinine	A	Because it's "PRIVACY"

Beverly	S	I need whois privacy because if any random person could immediately see my real name, address, and contact info, I would not be safe, and I would have to delete my website. I am a woman who supports equal rights and protections for all people, regardless of gender, race/ethnicity, religion, sexuality, and disability (or lack thereof). Furthermore, I believe in ending cultural stigmas that surround certain conditions (drug addiction, mental health) and types of labor (sex work). My beliefs are, unfortunately, highly controversial to some, and there are many who would be a threat to my personal safety. Privacy keeps me free. The knowledge that I cannot be quickly and easily identified and tracked to my physical location by random people who disagree with me enables me to exercise my right to free speech. If my identity, address, and contact info were exposed for all to see, I would worry (with good reason) that I was putting not only myself in danger, but my friends and family, as well.
Abel	G	This is placing the domain owner's identity at risk of theft and fraud. ICANN should be protecting and should have the right to proof of wrongdoing before releasing private information of domain owners identity. ICANN should be able to contact owners of domain,prior to providing private information to anyone including authorities. Otherwise there is no security,good or bad.
Robin	K	
Jacqueline	F	I need Whois Privacy because anyone with basic social engineering skills could easily obtain my personal information and use it against me in numerous ways.
Sharon	L	I don't want criminals looking up my private information.
Jill	A	
Fulkari	K	To avoid my personal contact information from falling into malicious hands. To protect my family and their safety is a big concern. Especially if my minor kids blog or post on personal websites. I would be concerned for child predators.
karen	W	I have an ecommerce site and a site for my medical practice. My home information should not be shared routinely as that is a possible threat to my family.
Charyn	Y	I value my online privacy and don't want proposed restrictions that would treat all domain and website owners as guilty until proven innocent, thereby requiring domain companies to turn over your personal contact information (home address, home phone, etc.) to anyone who makes a claim against you - without a subpoena, search warrant or due process of any kind.
Anne	F	Privacy is a must - I do not want everyone knowing where i live or all of my personal information all together like that. If my reg. info is public it makes it much easier for people to phish for info steal my identity and most of all, that is a home address - I have kids and would fear for there safety if some random sicko decides to just stop on by because he did not like what I sold him or my views.
Darrell	B	We run a small healthcare CO. NMD practice and HIPPA compliant.
Fawnita	S	Privacy of my personal information

Casey	V	Some people like to make personal websites for family events public. I recently created a wedding announcement site. I don't need strangers and spammers to have my home address, phone number and email address. That is a violation of my right for that information to remain private. Removing the choice to add privacy to my registration is also removing. My right to have it.
ronda	R	
Warren R.	B	Well that's my Business .
Jackson	G	Don't want any weird customers or competitors to be able to harass me for any reason. People should be required to get a court order before getting access to my private information.
Douglas	S	I believe that a subpoena should be required to access my personal information in order to protect me from identity theft.
John	M	
Jude	L	For business privacy
JUDITH	V	It is important to underline the difference between Whois Privacy provided by a professional trusted registry/registrar service provider (such as GoDaddy and Network Solutions) VERSUS the total eradication of the former in favour of a global and openly web-posted Whois. I have been a strong customer/supporter of the former, AND AGAINST the latter. Why? The privacy service provided by a professional Registry/Registrar protects my organisation from a myriad of mal-related Internet activities. I debunk the notion/accusation that a privacy service is veil for bad actors on the Internet. In the event that a third party requires my contact information, nothing prevents my name registrar's customer service from contacting me/my organisation and acting as bridge with the inquiring party. As a former ICANN Board Member and 'Godmother of the Philippine Internet', this reiterates a warning I have shared at ICANN public meetings: A public openly posted Whols poses more threat than good. Judith Duavit Vazquez
Ernie	T	In order to keep myself & family safe... what about single women who want to start an online business... this puts them in danger. What about families with children? Will ICANN pay for counselling in the event of a burglary or worse, if a predator were to abuse a woman or her children?!?! Whoever thought of this proposal to eliminate domain name privacy should be handed his/her walking papers. This is so wrong on SO MANY LEVELS! This would be a terrible thing for ICANN to pass IN ANY FORM! DO NOT PASS THIS IF YOU CARE ABOUT THE PEOPLE YOU ARE MEANT TO SERVE!
Austin	W	
Catherine	S	Stop the proposal to divulge private information. Please protect domain privacy.
amanda	G	I am an adult model who runs her own website. I do not need me and my familys life in danger BC some crazy fans can now see my personal info (name address and phone number) them having this info can put me and my family in great danger not to mention the harassment that I will receive. Keep models safe keep our privacy! You wouldn't want to have to worry everyday that someone could show up at your door whos intentions probably are not pure.

Deborah	O	I do not want my personal information shared.
jennie	S	
Milton	C	It's my constitutional right
Robert	C	I have a family with young kids; I don't want our physical address available to just anyone.
Michael	B	1. I don't people harassing me to buy my domain. 2. I paid for privacy. I don't want someone getting my information for allegedly good intent. 3. Puts my identity and safety at risk
Shirley	S	I have Domains
Nicole	O	I don't want people to see my home address. I do not have a business address since I run my business from home.
Lane	S	To keep mine and my web design clients' personal information secure and reduce spam.
Cathy	B	It should my choice if I want my information out or not..not yours!
Joe	W	It protects me and my information.
Darren	L	It's simple I don't want the whole world to know my personal details and home address. I have a number businesses with websites all of which have contact information including email, phone, address and company name, isn't that enough? It's completely ridiculous that my personal details be disclosed to the world. If you make people's personal details available when they want it to remain private people will resort to using false information, making it more difficult to find who's behind a website. Presently if there is evidence of wrongdoing it's possible to obtain information you require, if it's not broke don't fix it!!!
Jorge	G	
Walker	W	
Susan	P	
Thomas	S	We need privacy to protect personal info for me as well as my customers!
Marty	P	It helps keep sellers/spammers/phishers and the like at bay, kind of. It is also, beyond being a personal and professional preference, a RIGHT that I/we choose to exercise.
heather	N	Privacy from competitors
Thomas	K	Because there is no reason to be reading emails or my posts. If I wanted anyone to I would cc:, list, and, or hashtag to it.
Elizabeth	W	I do not need it now, as I do not have my own website, but there are so many people who do, especially now when local, state, and federal governments have yet to take substantial in preventing and criminalizing internet stalking, threats, and harassment. Without a viable alternative to keep people save and their personal information private, Whois Privacy should remain in place.
Tim	C	Every law-abiding person has a right to privacy.
Attila	F	Because my information is private.
James	P	don't want my information public
Sonora	W	

Christopher	J	there is no reason for anyone to know my personal information. If I want to have this info shared, I will provide it myself. There is a reason people can chose not to be listed in the phone book. The same should apply to icann.
Lee	S	
Sarah	H	I don't want creepy strangers to know my address or my email or my phone number.
John	L	Though not explicitly expressed in the Constitution, I believe that a right to privacy is the inherent to human dignity.
Kathryn	M	To protect my information
Kate	B	To prevent identity theft/spam from my websites.
Zoya	K	I do not want my home address and personal information available to everyone. There is too much identity theft on the internet and individuals need to have the option to protect themselves.
Dwight	Y	To keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft.
AJ	W	Whois Privacy makes me less vulnerable to malicious personal attacks on me or my business.
Evan	S	I use Whois privacy to make sure my information is guarded from would be hackers and having my information scooped and sold off to illegal advertisers
Ron	W	as technical contact for many doamins, i don't personally need the Whois Privacy mechanism, but want to voice my support for proxy services with substantial protection for the owners of the domains. by substantial protection i mean that a proxy service provider should protect the information from casual enquiries from government, and only respond to orders obtained in open court proceedings to establish the reasons for breaking the privacy protection offered by the proxy service.
Christen	R	To protect my privacy.
Mark	P	I do not want to be spammed by advertisers or scammers by having my information become public when registering a domain
Ryan	H	I run a small blog where I showcase and talk about various projects I make, I don't want my information (address, phone number, etc) exposed to just anyone that decides they want to look it up so I use a whois privacy guard service. The service I use forwards any correspondence they get to me and that system works fine and fulfills the current requirements that contact information be made available for a domain. The proposed changes will do nothing to stop someone who is doing something illegal, they will only hurt people who already abide by the law and just want some privacy. I use affiliate links on my website to help pay for hosting and domain registration costs which according to some would make my website be considered commercial, this would disqualify me from being able to use any whois proxy service under the proposed changes. If ICANN makes the changes they are proposing then I would close my website, it's not worth it to me to reveal my private information to the world for something I do for fun. There are a lot of people out there that are just like me and I feel like this would stifle innovation and in some cases put individuals in danger. Please reconsider these changes, Thank you.
Brandi	P	Privacy is privacy, simple as that.

DustinJ	S	
Jeff	M	I have multiple non-commercial websites that I host to benefit online communities. I do not believe this means that my private information should be available to the entire world either publicly or via a simple request without any wrongdoing on my part. Having a website should not mean automatically waiving your right to privacy online.
Sam	M	
Paul	P	I don't want my private information offered up just because someone may have a grudge against me.
Kerr	M	because spammers and internet trolls access private info and using it against you, there is already too much info on the internet about people now we don't need more respect my privacy.
Sonya	L	To keep my personal information as private as possible.
Sid	G	As a psychotherapist privacy and confidentiality for my clients and myself is important. I do not wish to have the privacy of my home address or other personal information related to my domain name available to the public.
Carlin	S	
Shannon	S	I work from home
Joseph	W	I run a web server from my home and do not want to have my private information to be publicly available through WHOIS. The current obfuscation available should be maintained in order to protect the privacy rights of system administrators such as myself.
Ernie	G	I like my privacy
Ryan	C	ICANN can go fuck themselves.
Theresa	M	I use to keep from being spammed and for privacy.
Will	G	
Frank J	P	All privacy measures should be protected and respected.
Joy	M	
Joseph	C	Tired of my home address being permanently public just for making a \$7 purchase
Phil	T	To keep business separate from personal
Andrew	G	To stop unwanted spam.
Jim	A	life
Kerry	D	
Karina	B	ONLINE PRESENCE, BUT ITS IMPORTANT TO KEEP OUR PRIVACY
Beverly	J	
Kevin	F	
Stan	A	I use domain privacy to protect my email accounts and also to reduce the amount of spam and possible hacker attacks. We need to continue to have this right to privacy.

gulbin	Y	I, the undersigned, support The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing.
Tyson	N	I don't want people having my personal information.
James	B	
Thomas	U	Prevent unwanted contacts from people trying to buy my website, etc.
Todd	W	I own many websites.
Jackson	B	I may use my domains to host content that people might disagree with and having my personal details public ally available makes it easier for the more extreme people to act extremely.
Giancarlo	C	So I don't get spammed to death. It's like forcing people to list their cell phone numbers in the white pages; pretty dumb in this day and age.
Tonya	W	I use it to keep my personal information private, as I own several websites.
Geroge Goddard	G	I am an author of a book on Humor and Insight. I don't want anyone to know my personal address or phone number. If my book is successful, there could be lots of women who want to call me to establish a relationship. I don't want this. And I don't want to get a lot of spam to my private email address and a lot of business calls that I don't want to my private telephone number.
Andres	A	To protect my personal information and avoid identity theft
Charles	C	
beatrice	W	
Jen	J	I've been working for the past 10 years counselling clients who are victims of abuse and trauma. Their identity must be kept confidential as some are still in unsafe environments. In my interaction on web and email, how else can I promise their details are safe if I can't keep my own details safe and rely on the secure services of my internet provider like go daddy.
Mario	B	
Kyle	B	to avoid unwanted sales people...
David	E	I receive too much junk mail and spam. I'm not interested in using any of my accounts to harass anyone else, so I don't see why my personal information should be exposed to someone just because someone makes unsupported allegations.
Ian	W	
miranda	G	
Pat	M	Personal safety and to keep my domains from getting hijacked

A.M.Souder	R	I would like to use Whois Private, because world wide web is filled with spammers and hackers, they can easily misuse our personal data for any purpose trapping us into trouble, there won't be any peace of mind while doing anything with the Internet related work. Please kindly help us by keeping Whois Private. thanks, Regards, Souder Raj.
Julie	P	
Frank	V	Attorney/client. Need Whois Privacy.
Audrey	M	To protect my URLs
Jarod	P	
Steven	S	If you give away my name and address I will be swamped with junk mail and unsolicited phone calls!
Richard	C	Private registration helps prevent farming of email addresses for spam.
dion	M	
Patsy	S	I have a domain name by proxy because I am an independent consultant for Usborne Books & More.
Carol	F	
Nicolas	R	Whois privacy is needed to preserve the harassment of individuals, whether from stalkers or from copyright companies strong-arming individuals by completely bypassing the legal system, as companies such as Rightshaven have continuously done to avoid legal costs.
TJ Daniels	D	
Candy	P	
spencer	H	1) prevent marketing trolls from exploiting me. 2) protect privacy of my family.. dont need home address of my family website available to the public
Tiffany	S	I have been bombarded by mail to my home, emails and telephone calls, all unwanted, when these robots or marketers find my information through the whois publicly displayed information. I thought, if they can mail spam to my home, whose to say they won't just start knocking on my door? So unsafe!
Satiyaseelan	P	
Jo	M	As a lawabiding member of the community I would expect the laws to protect me, my safety my rights and treat me as a responsible citizen. There are already methods in place to deal with the small percentage of internet users breaking the law. This seems to be a grab to take away hard won personal rights by claiming it is "for our own good"... the way most of the world's dictators started.
dillon	D	To keep my contact details from public view in order to to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft. If someone wants to contact me they can do so through GoDaddy.
Renee	N	i don't want my information to be available to just anyone.
Jim	C	It is my human right to protect my information whenever I want and nobody should challenge this. Law enforcement has already more than enough tools to uncover anonymity, but as long as I am acting legally by law nobody tells me what I can do and what not.

Richard	R	PERSONAL BUSINESS
Annalee	P	I don't want spammers to have my info or competitors, and just random people in general. This new policy is upsetting. What is Iccan, the internet Obama who makes stupid laws that force rights out of the people under the guise of "prtection". I know that they are trying to solve a legite problem with spammers, but they should address the problem in a way that doesn't expose all website owners to malicious attacks just like malicious and unwarranted lawsuits that happen to people. This is the wrong way to go about solving this issue.
Scott	S	with how public and identifiable the information is, it is a prime source of abuse by certain demographics of people on the internet. having things like phone numbers, addresses and names publicly identifiable means they can use these for nefarious things such as stalking, call bombing, SWATting, or sending them things such as pizzas and other orders..
Rachel	T	
Sophia	C	To keep my personal information PRIVATE from all
Darryl	C	I prefer not to spend my day answering anoiing telemarketers.
melissa	V	Business and non-profit business.
Ohene	B	
Kirsty	K	I have my own business
Debora	A	To protect me and my family from other people who may have a grievance with my company and want personal revenge
Kerron	S	
Anna	F	Are you kidding? We go to extraordinary lengths in our home to ensure our privacy there is no way I want anyone in the world to be able to find out where I live. I run a business from home - this would mean anyone could find out where I live, and just come and rob me. I would need to store all of my equipment off site. Don't do this. Any psycho who decided from my blog they wanted to contact me could simply come to my house. How would you like that? How about all the iCann execs put their home addresses on line FIRST then let's talk. WHERE I LIVE IS NOBODY'S BUSINESS EXCEPT WHO I CHOOSE TO SHARE IT WITH, AND ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSON WITH APPROPRIATE REASON TO KNOW.
Judith	K	As the single mom who primarily works from home, I need to protect my family and myself.
Cathrine	J	I want my personal info kept private.
Arnold	T	Keep my home address confidential
Duane	W	I have a right to my privacy.
David	H	For commercial reasons. For example, my customer needs us to provide him with a website to freely download the update software for the products he bought from us. This website will be visible to his customers/endusers too. I will initialize the website, but because my customer is a famous and reputable company, my customer and I don't want other persons to know who indeed owns this website. So, we need the privacy!!!

Jenae	N	I do not want to be the target of scammers. I value my privacy and have paid for Whois Privacy on my domain names for the last several years. My personal information should not be provided without a valid subpoena.
William	W	For privacy
Nancy	M	It is my business why I need this privacy.
JUSTIN	W	
Chris	E	
Ira	G	
Daniel	N	I agree that privacy should allow for people who have a legitimate claim against a domain owner to give the information. I think there should be a form that goes through to ICANN and they can provide the information should it be deemed a good idea to give it out. Having a Registrar be told to issue the information doesn't make any sense, however, since they are not a governing body for the information.
Chris	K	my need for privacy is not to be questioned or judged, it is my right to disclose non-pertinent information to the public at my discretion alone.
Radu	T	
Javier	M	
Joe	S	I have thousands of commercial domains in a few concentrated areas; I already get harassed by activists and don't need more death threats and other hate mail in my life.
Joseph	G	
Ian	C	I run multiple websites for a video game that is run by the players. As one of the system admins I do not want my information made public ally available to the players to avoid being harassed by them. This has already happened once!!!
Ken	D	When necessary, the information can be obtained through proper legal channels. Outside of that, domain registration information belongs to its owner, not to anyone for any purpose.
Walt	L	
Linda	B	I don't want my email read by strangers
Carnell	S	Personal and commercial use should not require disclosure of private and confidential information without proof of violating laws in United States.
Dedra	T	
ABHI	P	To protect from abuse.
Tommy	J	To protect my websites and to avoid spam and unwanted marketing.
Jeffery	S	Because it is useful to our customers to keep their info private.
Tammie	P	It's not right for honest law abiding citizens to have our private information shared when we should be protected from identity thieves and other invasions of privacy. This is a hurtful and horrible proposal for law abiding domain owners.

Rich	G	I've had a site "hijacked" after owning it for 6 years because someone accessed account information. I now value Whois Privacy and less regulation.
Mark	V	The decision to maintain privacy is my decision to make. Not someone else's decision to make. Should I choose to use a Domain Privacy Service for any lawful means but ICANN then allow any party to receive the information without any lawful need is abhorrent. As far as I am concerned ICANN is just parroting the requests of governments who want to gather that information without a warrant.
Douglas	L	My name is Douglas Lucas, and my website is DouglasLucas.com. I am a freelance writer and journalist. I use WHOIS privacy services to protect myself and my family from harassment by those who might not agree with my views. I support the use of WHOIS privacy services by all regardless of whether the website is "commercial." My website might be deemed commercial in that the expenses for it are deductible. It might be deemed commercial in that I intend to raise donations for my work. But regardless, privacy is crucial for anyone publishing their thoughts online. Please do not give in to whatever cops or paymasters are trying to make you do this.
Brian	N	In buying and selling names, knowing who owns the name may erase value in the transaction. It also gives competitors knowledge of your future plans.
Raquelle	V	
Peter	P	To avoid spam, telemarketers, and to keep my personal information secure. Identity thieves could easily use this new rule to steal personal information. Only law enforcement with a warrant should be able to access this private information.
Margaret	L	
John	S	Who are you to tell me, the person paying for domains what information I must make available? Maybe your company needs to be dismantled and a new better suited company put in charge.
Stacey	D	To keep my domains private and secure my information
John	L	To help prevent identity theft and keep personal information safe! Thank you
Tiago	C	
Kathy	D	Because I can...
Cheryl	W	
Terry	L	I want it and pay for privacy as I gave a business! You have no right to give out any information with my permission or a court order. Period!
Judy	H	Private should not be private
Gabriel	L	Because every living being deserves privacy.
Sidney	R	I don't mind sharing, if I ascertain that the information you seek is valid. In essence, I make that determination not government because they believe they are entitled to it. We live in a democracy and free state, not in a tyrannical one. Government and businesses should respect that I want my information private. That is why I need WHOIS Privacy.

Sondra	W	To protect against fraudulent.
Alison	A	
David	J	I want to obfuscate my private info from over 90 domains that may or may not appeal to my employer...however they are my creations and 100% legal. Following my dreams as an entrepreneur would not be possible. I would not create a business for comedic entertainment with my name attached to the public. It would discourage many others also.
Tony	B	The restrictions are intended to target spammers, criminals and other bad guys, but providers like Domains By Proxy already have proven systems in place for addressing unlawful activity while balancing the privacy needs of our customers. The overwhelming majority of online activity is legal and legitimate. However, the proposed restrictions would treat all domain and website owners as guilty until proven innocent, thereby requiring us to turn over your personal contact information (home address, home phone, etc.) to anyone who makes a claim against you - without a subpoena, search warrant or due process of any kind. The doors to your confidential information would be propped wide open.
Mark	D	Keep it confidential
Audrey	D	
walterene	P	
Chad	T	My personal information is none of anyone's business.
Seetharaman	K	
Maureen	H	Because its PRIVATE
Terry	J	Any non-court ordered publishing of private contact information would put us all at an increased risk of personal data breaches. Additionally, private contact details should be treated as private, until such time as they are deemed illegal by the appropriate legal authorities. Perhaps the best method for a logical defense against online criminal activity would be the removal of their untraceable abilities. Our current information superhighway needs a serious security makeover and soon. I, for one, would be willing to accept internet information reductions in an effort to thwart illegal online activity.
Devin	L	To keep my ownership info from being scanned and mined by spammers. Every domain I register has privacy and every instance I do not register with privacy I get non stop spam.
Jeffrey	C	
Richard	J	We all deserve privacy options!
Mag	L	I like anonymity.
Anne	S	
Michelle	C	It is my right!!!

		Privacy is important to help everyday people protect their personal information online. The idea that an organization would trade the safety of millions for the possible chance of catching a percentage of criminals that constitutes a tiny fraction of the millions domain privacy protects is, at best, horrifying. Utilize proven methods of working with privacy companies and make it mandatory for them to register the information ICANN hopes to more easily obtain.
Braden	G	
luz	P	For my own personal buisness and for work purposes.
Penny	L	Need to know basis, if I want my information shared, I will do it myself!
Cindy	L	To keep my personal information private, preventing others from obtaining information that could cause harm or be misused.
David	G	
brandi	W	To protect myself
Mike	A	Being that the overwhelming majority of us are legal and legitimate companies, our privacy should always be protected. It should be our choice whether we want our private information to be public, or easily obtained.
FRED	B	I do not welcome unsolicited 1st, 2nd or 3rd parties getting in contact with me, tracking me or gaining unwelcome information under the guise of civil or commercial or otherwise necessary actions. I too feel that there is sufficient balance and checks in place currently without undermining the private sectors rights to privacy and freedoms, binding my liberty all in the Name of a quest or crusade to supposedly sequester nepherios individuals or entities actions. Please reconsider this unconstitutional action for the supposed Benicia and gain of Homeland Security and use lawful means currently in existence to serve and protect but not at the expense of well intentioned citizens and private businesses. Let's not lose our democratic freedoms, so well fought for and enjoyed to become nought. Sincerely a very concerned fellow citizens of the best government and place to live and thrive in the civilized world!
CHRIS	F	Privacy and deter identity theft. And stop unsolicited contact with our business and employees.
Kadi	P	Because I feel privacy is an important thing to protect.
David	S	
Karen	G	
Ryan	W	
Robert	F	It's an element of privacy from those who might abuse the vital information of the owner's location.
Randy	P	
Irene	C	Because it is my right to privacy. I have enough to do as care giver for my husband without having to cope with problems of people in my and husband's businesses.
Let	L	
Joanie	K	protect my business registration from potential spammers, etc.

Kirk	S	Mostly, to keep spammers away, those selling me internet products I don't need. Also, I enjoy my privacy of my home, my name, number and address don't need to be copied, used, invaded by corporations or government without asking me first.
Sudhanshu	B	We need privacy laws to protect ourselves from spammers / criminals who steal information from whois and mis-use them in there way
Gregory	R	PI (personal information) protection.
Kim	H	I do not want a stalker because of my domain name. I need the privacy.. I have 50 stitches put in my leg, because a company gave out my personal information. I do not want someone to know where I live that I did not give them myself, it is very dangerous. My privacy is just that my privacy. I don't want to look over my shoulder, behind every tree, around the next corner waiting for someone who didn't like what I put out on my site or is offended by my domain name. I need my privacy please....
Edward	L	For privacy and identity theft protection.
Craig	B	To avoid having my email listed publicly and spammed.
Raj	U	
Sarah	P	For the most part I am anonymous online. I only have a personal blog and see no reason that someone should need to know my identity and be allowed that information without evidence.
Pierrre	B	
Nicole	H	I understand the importance of privacy and I don't want to lose mines.
Steven	S	
Deb	H	Are you kidding? Anyone can make a claim against me, gather my information for unlawful purposes without due process of law.? I register because my internet provider has my contact info as a course of doing business. You want everyone to have access to my private information? Are you crazy? What is the purpose of who is? An organization gathering information to have it available for criminals??? The domain is owned. You can't have it, I registered it to own it. Any whacko can now get my info just by filing a complaint??!!
John	M	Because it's a right.
Beverly	C	It's my right !
Rachel	G	My content is controversial and challenges the ideology of folks who support ineffective solutions for substance abuse, which has instigated death threats from various opponents and stalkers whom WHOIS privacy protects my location and personal information from.

Bryan	C	Online privacy is important. It is important to protect a person's self and loved ones from attacks launched by those who disagree with their speech. It is important to protect small businesses from hacking attacks. It is important to United States citizens, to protect themselves from groups that would circumvent the law to obtain their data without a court order. This is nothing more than an attempt to circumvent the law of governments that protect their people from unwarranted seizures of information to achieve a world where it is easier for content providers to sue people. To this end these groups are willing to endanger the safety of those not involved in their frenzy of lawsuits. They are willing to harm small businesses and the financial well-being of families that own them. It seems utterly ridiculous to me to cave into their pressure to risk the safety of so many for the enrichment of those whose only financial gain is suing others over copying materials that the group did not actually even create themselves. I hope that sanity prevails in your ruling.
Matt	M	Safety.
john	Q	
Tonya	H	Protect personal info
Natasha	C	Afraid of personal information being given to others.
Teri	C	To prevent identity theft
Alejandro	R	I need WHOIS Privacy for my personal website projects.
Anthony	V	It is my right to privacy, the current unwinding of privacy laws built to protect individual rights that were hard won will prove again that paranoia is above logic and each step brings us closer to totalitarian and in accountable governance. I fully support that only by court order and if evidence requires it, shall personal information be provided.
Maureen	G	
Raven	N	i've been stalked online in the past, and i don't want it to be easier for people to stalk me again, this time in real life.
Sandra	H	
scott	R	I wouldn't trust any use of the internet without it and that being said I think we should have more privacy not less
cynthia	H	
Christopher	D	Privacy reasons...
Nathan	C	I have quite a lot of domains, increasing the chance that someone would look up my information and use it without my permission - I received many emails and phone calls prior to getting my privacy, now i have it on all my domains. Enough of our information is out there on the internet - i don't want this out there as well.
Jason	L	So that i dont get swatted
Richard	F	To keep my information safe from hackersand would be criminals.
Michael	P	
Kangana	W	To protect my self from fraudulent users. Thank you.

Steve	Y	Stop receiving spammers mails
James	F	No agency should have the right to provide my personal information to another individual or entity without my consent.
karthic	K	We have various products and domains for which we don't want to let our privacy revealed. Saying that, we don't do anything that hurts anyone mentally or physically and we 100% follows the rules and ethics. Your new move reveal our details to the criminals who may use our information for anything they wish to. Not sure how you could come up with some idea as such.
Gwen	L	
Daniel	K	Why? To protect myself and my company from those that abuse such information.
Lesley	R	As female sole trader working from home, it is important that my privacy is protected as it is linked to the safety and security of me and my family. This proposal from ICANN would mean my home details could be given to anyone who asked for it, even if I did not know them and even if they had no legal reason for wanting to contact me. You would not know if I had a court order against them to stay away from me under anti-stalking laws, which means not only am I in danger, but I would be able to sue anyone giving out such information - and I would
katie	C	PRIVACY IS A PRIMARY PART OF PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS - IN ALL FORMS IT SHOULD BE PROTECTED--IT SHOULD FALL UNDER THE DUE PROCESS CLAUSE OF THE CONSTITUTION - ONE OF THE BASICS RIGHTS PROTECTED BY THE CONSTITUTION IS PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE. DUE PROCESS IS CONSTANTLY BEING ERODED IN THE NAME OF SECURITY--FEAR HAS BEEN USED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF TIME TO ALLOW ENCROACHMENT/CONTROL OF PEOPLES. PRIVACY SHOULD BE PROTECTED IN ALL ITS FORMS
Margie	T	
Joel	E	
Larry	G	
Luetkemeier	S	
Timothy	O	
J	B	Plain and simple I like my privacy no one needs to know who I am unless I want them to
adam	H	
Tmmithy	L	
Karen	W	Its my right!
Sara	S	I work for Godaddy. I think people should have the right to have their personal information private.
erez	L	avoid spam
Michael	T	I use Whois Privacy to mask my personal info from the public. It also helps cut down spam emails on the email address I registered my name with. Please don't take this away from us!
Courtney	H	
Coen	M	

Sean	M	Merica
Charles	M	
Rick	S	
Tejeshwar	N	We have a start up business and we run it from our home. We do not want the customers to know our house address and think that we are not big enough to take their orders. Kindly help us with this.
Jeremy	C	Without it, begin receiving spam targeted emails almost immediately. Spammers watch the whois database and email out "offer" emails to set up website or get additional registration deals.
Natasha	M	Because I value my privacy and do not wish for people to contact me outside of my web activity through my website. My registered address is my home not an office space so it could affect my family too.
Cori	T	
hende	H	When private domain registration keeps my personal information out of the WHOIS database, I can ultimately decide what information I wish to make public through my business website. Provide "safe" contact information that both me and my customers can feel comfortable using.
Lauren	H	I retain the constitutionally protected right of privacy guaranteed by the constitution for the united States of America.
David	D	I do not need or use Whois Privacy, as I am a white hetero male and as such am functionally immune to the worst of the harassment, abuse, and general scumfuckery which characterises an unfortunately (unconscionably) large part of internet-based discourse. However, I recognise that most people are not white hetero males and as such require tools such as proxy domain registration to allow them to safely access and contribute to online discussions of political and social import, such as those surrounding the roles of feminism, racism, and anti-LGBTI prejudice in society. Denying people active in these vital discussions access to an important security tool, simply to serve the limited financial interests of a few massive multi-national corporations (which ends they are manifestly able to serve by means currently available to them), is callous and disregards the common good.
Philip	L	
Victoria	W	it protects private info;i had a domain it wasn't private and within minutes I received a ton of spam texts and emails.
Nnenna	U	To protect my privacy from unauthorised access and spammers
John	J	Because I work from a home office and don't want my home address listed on my website. Nor do I need or want a post office box. Also some people may have unpopular views that they wish to express without fear of repercussions from their government or individuals who may express their disagreement with violence.
Stuart	E	Ever since I was phoned at home on a private number by a sales person 9 years ago, I have jealously guarded my personal and domain privacy. I want NOBODY to have this kind of access just because they know my domain names. In business, this type of knowledge could lead to loss of employment, and even monetary loss or burglary.
Degg	K	
James	M	

Tanja	L	
Rebecca	B	For privacy
Marcia	V	To protect from spammers and other people
zach	G	
Tim	C	As a identity thief victim I spent considerable time and money regaining my personal life and privacy. Part of my privacy includes my use of the Internet that without the Whois Privacy policy certain activities can/could be reversed engineered to re-invade my personal privacy as I believe is a constitutional right.
Muhammad	M	
Michele	M	
Leif	P	To not receive spam from
Scott	T	I use the privacy feature for the opposite reason that ICANN wants to eliminate it. I use it to protect myself from spammers and fraudsters. Without it, anyone can scrape the complete list of domain information and then send UCE/SPAM that looks a lot more legit and harder to see as spam right away. We need the valuable service provided by folks like DomainsByProxy that help us filter a lot of the crap we receive, and fraud we are subjected to. DO NOT ELIMINATE THESE SERVICES.
Carmen	G	
Leslie	T	I object to commercial enterprises gathering information for marketing
John	P	For privacy.
Michael	H	When I create a website to help people look after those with Alzheimers I don't want to put my loved one at risk by having surname, address and phone number open to any thug who wants to come and rob her. I don't want spammers, nuisance callers and identity thieves to get my personal details.
Onyeama	O	
Chris	R	I dont use Whois Privacy. But i do believe people have a right to privacy. I dont support ICANN for many reasons.
Nino	D	
Holly	H	
Christopher	H	Because it is my right!
Lily	L	I don't want the entire world knowing my home address just because of my wanting to have an online portfolio.
Chris	B	
Christopher	W	
Ian	H	For privacy protection.
Jean Pierre	H	Because privacy is nothing to discuss about.
BENJAMIN	S	Simply because I value my privacy.
Laura	H	I need Whois Privacy because many people I know will be doxxed without it.
Roy	D	Why not?

Nisha	D	
Ben	C	I'm harassed by people, being able to hide my whois data means that I can avoid the bulk of it when it crosses into real life
Diane	T	Why does anyone need privacy, any time, any where? Need is not the issue!!!. My right to privacy is just that.
Danny	N	Very simply what I do personally should be separated from what I do on a business level. For legitimate business purposes we have the right to anonymity. Respectfully Yours
Greg	V	The whois database should not exist AT ALL. It's a terrible idea. I don't want to put my home address into any computers ever. It's not safe.
martin	M	
Daniel	B	
Tonya	S	My privacy belongs to me.
Susan	B	For my personal blog, so that readers cannot easily access my address - thereby providing a measure of physical security.
oscar	R	to protect the ownership of web site
Brett	B	Privacy is very important to us as a nonprofit organization. We do not need the world spamming us, interrupting us, nor sharing or selling our information as we do our work to benefit others not be bothered by those out to do us harm.
Pamela	A	I am a single mom, who sells items on a my website and I don't want anyone to know where I live.
Julia	A	
Kaity	A	I don't
james	D	i want to protect my rights to privacy and do not want anyone randomly or intebtionally getting my personal information without my concent
Christoph	L	I am a domain owner and have opted to keep my personal information private. I don't believe anybody should be forced to go public with their private information just because of a product or service they are using.
Tony	F	Due to unwanted cold-callers, and believe in the right to privacy.
Barbara	B	I own multiple domains and some of them have the hidden privacy feature because crafty web industries often search the whois directory and use the information on file to telemarket me for products and services. Since I work from my home and the phone number I used for registration includes my home phone number, I had to stop answering my home telephone because every call -- day and night -- was someone who'd googled my domains and was trying to get me to buy something. I pay for that privacy now.
George	D	Protect my information against anyone out there who can use it maliciously.
Nicholas	B	I am a young website administrator and would like to retain privacy - I do not want bots harvesting my email and sending me junk for starters. Also, privacy is a basic right and everyone deserves a bit (you wouldn't want security guard to watch you pee because you might plant a bomb in the toilet).

Rik	C	I do not want my privacy compromised
Adolfo	B	Because I own a Domain, and it is the right thing to do.
Sharne	P	
Johnny	C	I want to keep my identity and address safe from the public
Michelle	M	I would like my personal information to be private with all my domains
Stuart	W	I have personal information listed as part of the domains I have registered and dont want it released without due process through a legal system.
Edward	S	I don't believe people should have access to personal sensitive information without my express prior consent.
Lynette	M	Because if I want my friends to know info it is just for their eyes only!
Sorabh	G	
Shelli	D	Disclosure should be the owner's discretion.
Trevonne	S	
David	S	Honestly it's non of the governments business.
Bryan	R	
Matthew	N	To provide some security so my personal details are not displayed openly on the internet just because I have a domain for provide use.
Thomas	O	
Marilyn	H	Regardless of WHY, the important issue is Privacy!! This is America!!
Vincent	E	to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft
Robert	D	Its information that should remain confidential, especially in today's day and age with the sophistication of identity thieves.
Shawn	A	I use privacy to reduce or eliminate spam and scam activity by people who do those things using my email, phone, and address information they obtained from a whois lookup. Also business use, my business address is different than my home address and I do not want my family's address listed.
Robbin	A	
Nicole	E	Because I can and it is my right.
Shatanna	S	Because i do.
Todd	S	The three bullet points noted in this petition address why I need this basic privacy: "to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft." I understand the purpose of the restrictions, which aim to safeguard the public from unconscionable spammers, criminals and unlawful activity. That's critical to do, and urgent! We must find a better way to secure the privacy needs of all law-abiding customers.
Martin	M	I run a political website. Do I have to say more?
Roger	F	People are crazy and you never know what kind of extremist you might piss off.

David	L	I've owned domains since roughly 2002, and managed domains for multiple companies over the past decade. When contact info was openly available, we received obnoxious amounts of real-looking scams and fraudulent mail masked as legitimate invoices and legal notifications, in addition to just normal mail spam. While this might be an easily absorbed cost for gigantic companies, this is a killer for small businesses. Switching to Whois Privacy made these scams disappear.
Mary	N	Privacy and internet security are important and necessary.
Michel	N	
Brenda	H	We all need privacy.
Candace	I	I use Whois because I see no need for someone to spam/contact me in relation to our websites- also there are so many MANY people who make false claims with litigious intent (we've had many this year already not relating to website) that have all been shut down on investigation. Please keep domain info private.
Keith	B	
Sarah	B	
Diane	H	
Kathryn	D	
Susan	B	To prevent stalking.
Kenneth	W	I use Whois privacy to protect my personal information and to counter against identity and domain fraud.
Errick	P	
Barbara	H	
Larry	Z	None of your business
Shelia	S	Please don't take our rights away.
Michael	T	To severely reduce spam and eliminate the risk of identity theft, by not exposing unguarded personal information. To force exposure of that information would be criminal in itself and expose everyone to abuse by third parties.
Kevin	M	I trust GoDaddy.com to protect my privacy as a quasi SRO.
Keith	C	Protect my domains from being spammed by Whois farmers
Erik	L	To prevent spammers and others with unlawful intent from knowing where I live, and accessing my personal info. I cannot believe the gov't is considering this. It's like forcing someone who writes for a news paper to give out their personal info. Ridiculous.

Richard	E	1. To prevent an explosion of unsolicited advertising being sent to me, electronic or print, as now occurs when, for example, I simply change an address for sales-tax purposes, or register a new company or other commercial entity. Even when I change business address, I get advertising mail from companies I have no interest in, who can track my address change and send me their junk. 2. To allow creation and maintenance of a private network of websites whose ownership is unavailable to search-engine companies. I suspect that Google is anonymously behind this move, to blow up the world of PBNs, by allowing common ownership of sites in a network to be detected, in order to improve their ability to identify a PBN footprint so that they can discount the backlinks that come from sites within such a PBN in their search algorithms. Who is in charge of ICANN's policies -- ICANN, or Google?
Christina	W	Because our information should not be outted like dirty laundry. It isn't right. We as the ppl should have rights for privacy and not have such raped repeatedly by apps and governments.
Ashley	J	Online sales that involve delicate matters should protect personal information of domain holders.
Saifuladzhari	S	To avoid spammers and other unsolicited communications.
Ross	V	Privacy protects Americans from unsolicited avalanches of marketing and advertising schemes, and from others who, without due process, wish us ill or harm.
Amitabh	K	Privacy is my constitutional right. I do not want others to come to know of my address, phone number etc. If any Tom, Dick or Harry comes to know of my personal information it will have security concerns.
Matt	G	I am working on starting up a business and didn't want my personal info available until I launch and at that point the contact info I will provide will be displayed for customers to reach the business not me personally. A person should be able to determine what personal info can be made public on the Internet.
Cassie	C	Because I am a single mother of two kids, and I don't need the world knowing where I live.
Maxwell	S	Protect my personal information from prying eyes that don't need it as well as prevent spam and telemarketers.
Poornima	P	
Joshua	N	I need to keep my personal information private. Given that identity theft is ramped,
Roselyn	P	Personal choice.
DENNIS	G	To protect data
Chris	H	I use Whois privacy to protect my actual name for my Youtube channel, Ebay store, and other business interests I have... having a domain name allows me to have an easy to use shortcut to get people to my online businesses.. but if someone can ask about my personal information at any time, I'd be unwilling to maintain that shortcut.. Privacy is important - strengthen laws for people who break the rules, not those of us who use it to allow ourselves online presences.
Cristina	H	My Family and me plus friends
Nathan	S	To keep personal info off the Web for protection. I would not have domains if they were not private.
Timothy	T	I choose not to let my address and personal contact info available to anyone who wants it. Only a judge should be allowed to override my privacy for legitimate legal reasons

Jenny	N	To Keep our personal information private. Save us from ID theft.
Bob	L	Anyone who manages a public forum/community doesn't want their info out there. Sometimes you need to ban abusive or misbehaving members from the community, and they might take the whole thing too seriously and start to seriously harass you if your info is easily available. This is especially true in the video game community.
Elizabeth	E	I don't, but I can see plenty of legitimate reasons why people do. making this change without requiring any kind of court order or due process to obtain the information is madness.
Satish	S	To protect myself from spammers who want to sell services.
Lance	H	I use privacy to keep my personal information safe from spammers and other people that would use my information for malicious activities. I do not want just anyone to have access to my information, even if they have to request it.
Vasileios Kemerlis	K	
Kurt	B	
Brenda	S	I WANT MY RIGHT TO PRIVACY
Hong	X	To protect personal information from being stolen and misused by other people who have access to WHOIS database.
James	R	
Tyronn	B	
Carol	B	Because "my business" is no one else's business!
Patrick	W	There is a need to balance the right to privacy of individuals registering domains with the need of consumers to know who they are dealing with. Publishing owners details by default is not the way to do this and may lead to a number of harms and risks.
Colin	S	Why should I have to defend my desire for privacy on the internet? I don't see why personal info should be accessible when looking for domain owner info.
Bianca	R	safety
Jenna	M	There is an enormous danger here to anyone who works from home or produces work under a pseudonym. Remember: 'No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to attacks upon his honour and reputation. Everyone has the right to the protection of the law against such interference or attacks.' Mandating the publication of personal details, including home addresses, violates the right to privacy, rather than protecting it.
peter	P	provent third party hackers
Corrine	L	
John	T	I believe my information should remain very private and not be made available to other people.
Chad	M	

Ian	B	To protect my personal information from internet trolls and telemarketers.
Dan	A	I operate in the housing industry and I regularly get threats from people who get turned down for housing or who later get evicted from housing. I help safeguard my family by keeping my domain registration private. I don't want one of these people showing up at my home to harm me or my family.
Stylios	G	
Stephen	C	
Debbie	J	I should be able to choose when and how I want to share my private information, including the information given to register a domain.
Adam	S	
Robert	L	Personal protection
Paramjeet	S	Some times hackers can hack our accounts so need some privacy. e-mail id's should not be open to public. some times by knowing one's identity some persons can blackmail them for selling their domain names if domains are very costly. so it is important to have some privacy.
Stan	C	I have 9 websites
rebecca	K	
Andrea	S	Website
Schelley	M	
Jason	G	I have a popular website and i dont want contant spam or stalkers.
Eboni	L	Who wouldn't want this?
Billy	M	
Chris	D	
Judith	G	To protect my physical safety and personal information, as a woman owning a home-based single-member limited liability corporation.
Peter	Y	For protection of our business and our clients
Yolanda	J	Wouldn't like every one looking at my information and using my information for their personal gains.
Josh	L	So my contact information isn't free and open thus the spammed and others who claim to know me.
Rachelle	Y	
Joseph	S	
Judy	S	
Sharon	W	
Margaret	G	So that solicitors and scammers do not contact me!

Karen	G	I use and need internet privacy due to stalking issues. I have had threats and have had to restart my business on a very limited basis thru a new web domain due to these threats and concerns. I use the internet privacy to protect myself and customers. These threat are real and attempts have been made on my life and my friends. There have been several arrests and the case is on going and I am not at liberty at this time to discuss it. The privacy allows me to conduct business on a limit basis, as I am disabled so that I can put food on the table along with the donations I receive from the food pantry. Taking this way would not allow me to continue due to fear for my safety.
Yolanda	J	I do not want to share my information
Dave	W	I shouldn't be forced to risk my family's safety and publicly expose my name, address or other private information just to own a domain and communicate online.
Justin	L	
Robyn	A	To keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft.
Connie	A	
Megan	S	Freedom of speech without personal privacy infringement.
Ken	M	- Everyone deserves the right to privacy. - No one's personal information should be revealed without a court order, regardless of whether the request comes from a private individual or law enforcement agency. - As the domains are paid for my contact information, if legally required, can be obtained by court order to by domain registrar. - I work very hard to maintain my privacy, limiting what & where I post to Social Media - there is NO need for my personal contact details to be available to any Tom, Dick or Harry just for looking.
sheila	D	to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft
Jw	L	Simply because I value privacy.
Barbara	G	I am a victim of an arsonist and of real-life stalkers/rapist. My life and those of my household would be endangered if my private contact details were disclosed.
Douglas	P	
judy	K	
Neil	F	I run an IT/Physical security company and our clients need to remain private as do our employees.
Carmen	S	Primarily and in a nutshell- to avoid unwanted solicitations from people trying to sell me things I don't want. Please allow my contact information and personal details private. Thank you.
John	T	I run a small home based business. I cannot afford to have a store front and I cannot use a PO Box as an address. This is the only way I can keep my address private from getting more junk mail.
Lonni	T	
Sergio	A	Block Spam Having my email address/phone number available publicly makes easy target for spam, junkmail, telemarketers and the like. Having a WHOIS protected domain can save my inbox from an influx of unsolicited mail and a voicemail box that's full to bursting.
Muamer	A	Protect my privacy

John	D	For Domain Privacy
Leslie	S	Identity theft, and any associated negative effects of not maintaining sensitive information or identifiers of persons or business owners, to prevent liabilities or losses.
Ian	C	
Stephen	B	
Herzel	F	
Ken	P	Protect ourselves from bad guys.
Suneela	C	Personal information should be confidential and prevent identity theft.
Rajan	B	To prevent spammers, hackers
jason	W	Because it protects us from viruses and it also helps with hackers if you do away with this
Richard	G	I need Whois privacy to protect myself from people and companies with malicious intentions.
Aaron	W	I want all of my information and that of my clients to be private from all business, personal, and advocacy groups. It's too common these days for advocacy groups funded by big donors to attack those for whom they disagree. Keeping this information private helps protect my family's safety from those that seek ill.
Joseph	C	
Jordan	A	Because it is a basic human right.
Greg	L	
Angela	S	For personal safety reasons so that no one will come to my home or harass me.
Shirley	D	
Chris	M	Domains by proxy
Ashley	P	Privacy is essential to a free society.
Karen	K	My business address is my home. I don't want just everyone to know exactly where we live.
Nicholas	C	
Matt	J	
Erika	G	
Debra	L	I value what's left of my privacy.
Michael	D	I use privacy to protect my family for someone who wants to find the owner of the websites I own. I have a wife and 2 young boys, privacy helps me protect them. Please do not change the privacy rules at this time.
Daniel	K	Important!!!!
withheld	W	I own and operate several websites teaching religious beliefs. Publishing my name or that of those within our organization puts lives in jeopardy from extremists.

Eric	C	As a business owner, I need Whois privacy to protect against fraud and opportunistic frivolous lawsuits that could be brought about by making it easier to identify me as the business owner. It could also create personal safety issues for me and my family in the event someone assumed that we have assets as a business owner or is disgruntled and deranged. Please maintain Whois privacy.
Barry	T	
Sandy	T	
Daniel	H	
Erik	A	I need anonymity to protect myself, and my open, safe, and free speech when doing sensitive network security research.
Donald	T	To reduce the amount of spam and indiscriminate access to my personal information.
Lani	B	I do not want my private info shared with others.
Scott	W	
Amy	A	
Jackie	K	
Patrik	R	have you ever had a domain without privacy? the spam is unbelievable, keep my domains private ICANN!
Kevin	W	I personally don't feel comfortable with my home address, phone, etc being public for any creeps to look at, I feel like WHOIS is a stalkers dream.
Kirk	B	Because cyber criminals are getting out of control.
James	H	
Kristine	S	I use it for several reasons. First, I am a single female who runs her own business from home. I do not want people knowing how to find me by easily looking up my information on a website. Second, I work for multiple companies with varying interests. I do NOT need to explain why I own a domain or why I am using a domain from one company to the next. This could SERIOUSLY affect my income. Third, I own some racy sounding domains (they are not), but I do NOT need a perspective client seeing these domains and interpreting something untrue from the names. For instance, one is about breast cancer, but it sounds racy. Finally, I am also a journalist who writes about, sometimes controversial topics, which means I do NOT want my name and home address there for everyone to find easily. This is a bad, bad policy!!!! Pick any one of those reasons and you have a bad idea, put them altogether and you have a horrible one.
Penny	V	
James	F	Fot protection of personal data, copyright protection...
Gar	H	Why does it matter?
Jill	P	The blogs I read need to remain anonymous for their own protection
Jonathan	G	I put on seminars, so I need to preserve privacy to avoid stalkers! Also I have an inalienable RIGHT to privacy regardless of others technical ability to violate my privacy!

Peter	A	Because it's the only way I can assume a reasonable semblance of privacy. If contact details are published I'd reluctantly suspend all domains so ICANN would preven normal business activity.
Christopher	E	To keep my personal information away from my business sites
Ethan	J	Because it is my business not everyone else's business what i do
Jeri	S	Add stated above:personal privacy, identity theft, personal physical safety. If I choose to allow my info to be public, that is my right. So is my right to privacy & safety.
Duncan	S	To look at servers that people are using in the event that we get attacked from a DNS server. We also use it to check for available domains. There is no reason that people should not be allowed to create privacy with their domain.
Melony	C	I dont like Google looking in my pictures. So many apps want to get into private stuff
Taylor	L	
Jeffrey	K	To protect my privacy from people who will misuse my personal information and possibly gain access to my website account.
michelle	D	Accounting fraud prevention
David	S	I run a simple website. I dont want to be targeted by people who do not share my views. If a company wants to silence or punish me and violate my freedom of speech, then they should have to provide evidence to a judge that I have committed some crime first.
Kevin	S	No one should just be able to find out who I am, where I live and what I own!
bob	Y	
brian	M	I get tired of solicited phone calls and phising email trying to trick me. I want to ensure private at all time.
Bonita	R	
John	G	Because I don't like spammers and hackers knowing my info.
flo	W	Protect privacy & identity theft.
William	L	We are preparing to start online businesses and would prefer to maintain our privacy, as an effort to prevent cybercriminals from using our information to commit cyberattacks on our customers.
Steinberg	I	Keep my privacy
Megan	S	It is important to me to keep personal and confidential information protected against identity theft.
Jaco	K	For the safety of people with other than regular opinions.

Morgan	F	In this age where people can and do make threatening phone calls, commit online bullying, and attempt murder through SWATting, anonymity and privacy are essential just to avoid the suppression of free speech. If everyone must have their name and address public, then the most important voices with minority opinions will be the most afraid to speak out. With recent court cases, a website that bears advertising is considered to be a commercial site, so even the humblest blog would lose the right to anonymity under this rule change. Please reconsider this attempt by Big Content to steamroll the rights of everyone else. They already have DMCA and the court system to address copyright infringement. Just because the system is inconvenient for them does not mean they get to eliminate privacy and anonymity for everyone else.
robertine	R	
Matthew	R	I want my privacy protected and my confidential info should not be revealed without due process. I object to any release of my personal info without a court order. This protects me from spammers, thieves, people seeking to do ill will as well as identity theft.
Terel	W	I use privacy to protect my personal information when someone has an issue with my business. I think that privacy should be kept intact, unless it can be proven that I've done something wrong, requiring my information released.
Jason	L	Because we have a right to keep personal information private from the internet at large.
Mary	C	
Seth	C	
Kat	L	Privacy is an intrinsic right, no matter what form. 🖐
paul	J	I like my privacy
Mary L.	J	I need control over who can see my information.
Sean	R	I like it
Leilani	C	I have a old old friend who is a stalker, don't want him knowing where I live or finding my personal info online and calling me.
Elizabeth	A	I have a small professional services firm and I value my privacy. Like most individuals, I already waste enough time fending off spammers and tele markets in my personal life. I don't have the have that kind of hassle spill over into my work life as well.
Belinda	T	my business not yours that's why
Marianne	M	
Ingrid	R	I want protection from identity theft, wrongful harassment, thieves, stalkers and people who intend harm. My home address and other private information should not be given out to the public where I could be stalked.
Liisa	P	Because it is my private life
brian	M	I do not want my home address out on the internet.
Mike	F	
Ann	D	I use it to keep my personal information private and I would like to keep doing so

Jasmine	F	
Douglas	B	
Nashville	A	Because we live in a cruel world and people can take your identity or even worse end up following you or your family or friends
Matt	P	I prefer to protect myself, my family, and my interests. The fact that ICANN's proposed changes would open up my personal information to anyone who asks for it is absolutely ludicrous.
Chris	A	
Herbert	N	Don't want my home address public. This is an outrage!!!!
Jason	R	telemarketers use that info to bother people, I don't like that.
Kim	V	
Chris	M	Because on some of my domains users have an expectation of privacy. This same privacy I want for myself as the domain owner. If a user needs to contact "me" they can do so though the privacy domain proxy or the admin contacts on the website. I also think it is wrong and not your place to open up our privacy to the world. You KNOW that all our private information will be harvested, sold and abused. There very well WILL be people put in harms way because now their personal information is FORCED out in the open. This is not your right. This is another example of morons changing and affecting the rights of everyone because of a few bad apples. I have domains that I do not want people to know I have, just because I do not want people to know as it could possibly affect my job. If I have a government job, or work at a government location, could it affect my job if it became known that I have a domain critical of government invasion of citizens privacy or against the NSA? You but it would. Whois privacy is needed.
Jason	R	my info is my info, no one else
Kiki	D	To protect me privacy, and to limit the amount of scam and huckster emails I get. And because it works.
Kimberly	L	I opt for privacy. I can turn it down if I wish. Taking this way, I lose my choice.
Patrick	D	I have owned a very public service business for over 20 years. I have involved many subcontractors and clients during that time. Honestly, there are horrible agencies (like "Rip Off Report") and other individuals that attack people's businesses fairly anonymously. They do so for no other reason than hurting behind one's back. Without protecting domain owners, more attacks will come to my small business.
Yaritza	G	I don't want people seeing everything of mine. If I did I would show everyone, but I don't. My privacy makes me feel safe
Brittanie	M	To keep personal information private
bebe	P	i dont want my personal information out there
Michael	H	Prevent (some forms of) spam.
Bashar	S	

Mark	H	I would prefer that my web presence be independent of my physical presence, protecting myself from unwanted contact.
Jill	V	
Dave	R	Without it ANY competitor could sabotage our, or any other company with NO due process.
Anna	M	To prevent identity theft and fraud.
Kimberly	H	
Ann	K	
Rebecca	R	
Nicole	L	Because I am free
Frank	C	Personal-data protection
Doris	T	To protect my privacy
Joanne	W	Because I have a web site on hp daddy
Andrew	N	Free people should not be treated as guilty until proven innocent.. Our privacy is important
Tyler	H	
Nicholas	C	To ensure that I am not exposed to increasingly sophisticated phishing attacks, and to ensure that I should I wish to post commentary which disagrees with incumbent government policies, I am not left vulnerable to spurious legal action.
Sonya	B	As a person that runs a legitimate business, you are only providing scammers another means of scamming more people, namely us. Since there are already measures in place to help find the "bad people" don't make us another victim as well as put our physical safety and identity at risk.
Melissa	S	Protect our privacy
Robby	M	I do not want my personal information to be public info.
Jonathan	T	Because I don't need/want to be personally harassed just because I own a domain.
Wanda	J	
rona	T	to protect my personal info from web stalkers and keep spam/hackers to a minimum
Mike	L	
laura	F	
Rita	H	For personal safety and to protect from identity theft.
Mikki	H	I have a public business and wish to keep my private life (such as my children) separate from my public business.
Connor	S	I don't want every single visitor to my personal website to know my address & phone number.
Elizabeth	K	

Kiana	D	To protect my right to privacy. But I am an honest citizen, with no criminal intent or history. I want my privacy protected. I should not be made a victim of the whims of anyone who decided to harass me. Without just cause and a warrant, my personal information should remain private. The rights of honest people are being trampled in the name of fighting crime. But criminals are in the minority. And there are other ways to investigate and pursue them. Government does not need this one. The right to privacy and free speech are absolutely necessary if freedom is to prevail. Human beings have fought for their freedom since the beginning of time. But today uncontrolled governing bodies are using technology to take away freedom, one step at a time, one right at a time. Soon all will be lost. We all need to cry out loud to say "Let me be free." This law/regulation is ill conceived and in my opinion, should not pass.
Edward	B	WHOIS are a third party establishment. I did not give them or agreed to my information to be given to them and it unjustified for to attain my information and give it out publicaly. Any establishemention who does that cannot be trusted and it totally unprofessional practice
Jennifer	P	Would like to keep certain company information private from competitors.
Anastasia	B	Please, I really prefer there be an intermediary between those who visit my website and my personal information. In this day and age of identity theft and people who can do really scary stuff with your site and/or your personal information I would prefer they don't have access to that information so easily. If I have committed a crime the appropriate agencies are able to find me through my proxy sites information located on my website. Please don't break down even more protections for those of us making an honest living on-line. Thank-you.
Madhawa	P	
Süne	T	Its private thing
Janice	B	
Timothy	S	Those who would give up privacy (liberty), to purchase so-called national security (safety): deserve neither privacy (liberty) nor security (safety); and they will lose the security (safety) that existed prior to giving up the privacy (liberty). Ben Franklin, paraphrased
Joie	R	
Andre	S	I use privacy to eliminate solicitation. To help prevent identity theft and to keep members of my household safe from online predators.
Michael	M	There are too many avenues available to wrong-doers on getting people's information and therefore, we need to become more proactive in protecting our information.
Diana	G	
Ruel	H	
Bea	S	
Neil	S	I like it.
Ryan	H	I like to keep my personal information private.

Nelson	I	That's the wrong question. "Why should others be able to snoop on me without justification?", is the right question and the answer is, "They should not"
dion	C	Irrelevant.
Ron	A	
Lucy	M	I do not want my home address made available to stalkers and other potential criminals.
Nanci	S	
Katelynn	J	
robert	W	I have concerns about identity theft.
Shana	N	
robert	I	I need whois privacy to minimize spam and prevent identity theft.
jerre	C	My right
Michael	S	Freedom of speech privacy.
Dana Whites	T	I need my whois privacy in order to fight spam. without whois privacy, anyone can see my email and home address and send me emails to my email and letters to my home address. anyone can harass me.
Michael	M	I do not want to be subjected to identity theft and violence.
Tiffany	L	
Vickie	S	
Gregory	B	I own several domains and I don't want my personal information like my name, address, and phone number being available to anyone on the Internet. For the few domains I have not made private (privacy is expensive) I have received spam calls (usually from other countries) offering me Internet services I do not need or want.
Eric	W	
David	F	Home based business, hiding home address. Deflecting spammers.
Jared	D	I do not want my personal contact information published online without my consent.
Lucian	R	
Renan Felipe	M	
Andrea	R	Because so many people are being hacked and we have the right to our privacy!
Frederic	N	I own a small business/freelance work on top of my regular job. I dont want people to be able to find my personal information and contact me while i'm at my regular job.
Raffaele	A	
Grey	C	
mark	E	Identity theft safety
Erika	M	To continue to run my business while continuing to stay hidden from the rapist I sent to jail.

Cheryl	F	I will soon be purchasing my own domain name and wish to keep my information private from the public visiting the site.
Greg	P	I don't, but I'm for protection of privacy.
mark	J	
Mysti	G	The Whois registry is abused by spammers and scammers. My first domain was without privacy for a while, and it was nonstop. Until there is some MASSIVE reform on who can access the Whois and what personal information is displayed we NEED privacy!
Sandra	S	Everyone needs it! If I want to tell someone I own a domain, that should be up to me. None of their business otherwise.
Brian	L	
Paul	W	Why don't I? Why does anyone need to see my home address? Who are these people that want to change domain privacy rules, and who do they work for? Spammers? Google? GTFO of here with that bullshit.
Rubencito	L	I need to secure myself
Tanya	E	
Kimberly	P	I own a small business that provides online education. I want to do everything I can to protect my customers and myself from criminals and spammers.
Taylor	D	Keep small business ownership information private
Randal	N	To exercise free speech, not for any other reason.
Phyllis	W	I need my privacy protected as a right delegated to me as a citizen of the US. Identity theft is on the rise. Personal information is being collected and misused. Please Save Domain Privacy! Thank you.
Amin	K	I want to protect myself against identity theft, ransom situations, and armed robbery.
Tracey	W	Hi, One of my online business activities is a highly successful accounting software business, I create and sell this software to over 26 countries, I offer complete online support, could you imagine the distress this will put me under if I have 1000s of people trying to ring me at all hours, plus this would put me at huge risk to online scammers. I run legal and legitimate online businesses that have been in existence for well over 10 years. In the early days before I realized I was able to hide my personal information I received all sorts of material and solicitation from individuals trying to scam me. This includes those all hour phone calls from every destination around the globe to my private home phone. To now have my information go over the net to anyone for any reason would not only violate my privacy but could potentially cause server financial distress due to the exposure this would put me under. You have now forced me to have to review the needs for a second phone line, just for this (which I will never answer as there will be no need to), and maybe even changing address information so as to remain private. Am I trying to hide, NO, Am I doing illegal activities, No, Do I want my privacy, Yes.... Please rethink your approach as those in business like myself require this privacy in order to successfully operate.. This sort of action could destroy 100's if not 1000's of businesses overnight.. yours Tracey Williamson

Stephen	L	To avoid spam & marketers
Julie	C	My personal privacy is important to me. I think it's important to not punish the many for the offenses of the few.
Julia	C	I value my privacy. Figure out how to protect us without treating us all as guilty.
Sandra	F	I have a web site, purely for personal use for my crafts/hobbies. I'd prefer to keep my personal information private.
Julie Anne	C	Personal privacy matters. Don't treat us all as spammers & criminals.
Jan	S	
Dave	B	I don't have the time/resources to handle spam and potential privacy violations on my sites. This should be a basic service of domain registrars. Not having this stifles free speech and makes the Internet less free for individuals and small businesses.
Nasia	S	
Eila	U	
Stefanie	R	
Suzanne	A	I don't but I do not like the fact that my rights are being stripped one at a time.
Karen	W	
Cynthia	T	Privacy means PERSONAL.
Ramonda	M	
John	D	
Aaron	W	
Teresa	H	A person should have the right to choose who is allowed access to their personal information. I've been a victim of stalking and had my SSNumber stolen .I know what it's like to loose everything.
Ondřej	M	
Roberta	J	To keep my personal information private!
Marlene	S	To keep my personal information safe. To keep my children safe from potential threats. To keep all that I have personally worked for private.
Leslie	R	
Ernesto	B	Because its the principal of having your security.
j	K	Keep Hackers from getting information.
Jess	M	personal physical protection - was stalked by ex-lover
Francisco	C	
Gabriel	M	Privacy gives me a competiTive advantage over other entrepreneurs with name recognition. It levels the playing ground.
Corey	C	I run an eCommerce website.
Harold	S	

Kelly	J	I believe in a democratic society and believe judicial power is sacred, but only if it follows our current privacy laws. Thank you Kelly
Joshua	B	
Sherry	D	All information should be private if requested for safety in many different levels
stanley	A	I own a few websites and I keep my personal information private by purchasing my domain via proxy.
Stacy	W	I am a former NYPD Detective and now I am an attorney. I do not want my home address used. I use my office address as proxy even though I had registered under my home address.
Teng	L	Don't need it, must go
Marybeth	B	So I don't get spam. I got so much spam on the domain that was not private. And, I work from home. I want to keep my location private. I don't want people to know my address since my website has a lot of photos, etc. of my home and family. I don't want the expense of having to purchase a PO Box. It is not in the budget.
Colin	S	I don't want my personal contact information out available to the public.
Lee	L	Personal security & safety.
Matthew	R	I think whois privacy should be upheld because it protects website owners personal information from being exposed to the general population and also provides personal IRL security as well.
Michael	B	I have my own domains and do not want to have phishing scams get my info.
Adam	B	I have a personal website, and I don't want my home address visible on the Internet. I've also got a few small business ideas which I could run from home, and I'd like to try them someday without worrying about people having my home address. E-commerce sites are already held accountable by their payment providers, this proposal simply strips privacy while doing nothing to increase accountability.
Vincent	D	Peace of mind, protection.
John	D	Common sense protection.
Vlad	U	Whois Privacy is important to protect oneself from harassment, oppression, spying, personal threats and/or censorship. Privacy is a human right and should be protected, especially in times like these.
Eric	T	Private online business that I don't want neighbors know I run.
Peter	S	.COM domains provide far too much personal contact information including residence addresses.
Sharon	W	Identity theft
Theron	G	I don't want spam or stalkers. I starting a small online business and want to keep my online presence from being public knowledge
Russell	L	
Justin	B	Protection
Ken	B	

Jennifer	D	I feel that many businesses are run from home and there should be a level of security for those that do not have a business address. Please reconsider letting anyone and everyone know personal information. Domains by Proxy is in place to protection information yet not let domain owners get away with abuse. Thank you for your time.
Vicki	U	UNITED STATES SHOULD BE LISTED FIRST!!! To protect my privacy!!
Colleen	S	
Daniel	Z	To protect my personal information from spammers, as well as criminals.
Paulette	C	
nimrod	K	Why do you wear underwear? Personal hygiene.
Melanie	G	To keep bad people out of my life
Shilles Steven	A	To stop spammers and to protect personal data
Oliver	N	This is such an important service to those who are starting a business and who value the privacy of having personal details kept private for their own safety. A change of this nature will affect freedom of speech online in an irrecoverable way. Privacy is valued, and so long as it's not abused, it should NOT be taken away from anyone, let alone those who need it most.
Ivan	B	To keep my business info safe from hackers and web scammers
richard	E	I own a business that has a website and several domain names to go with it...
Mark	G	
Brett	T	I do not want my personal information that easily available for just anyone to find
Chris	B	Because I want my info protected. I have many domains all with privacy and I will let them all go if privacy gets taken away. I used to get so much spam, solicitor calls and scam emails before I started using privacy. Since then I have been much happier. I only have my domains in order to protect the brand and don't have websites or anything so I don't really need them otherwise. Take away privacy and take away a lot of business from domain owners.
Julia	F	
Jennifer	H	To reduce the chances/impacts of harassment and stalking.
Gavin	K	Because I want to protect myself
Shawn	K	
Shawn	W	To protect my rights to privacy am keep my info private
ronald	B	to keep hakers and id theft and also to keep spammers and scammers from locating my personal info and having my address also to keep petifiles from staking children . I as a id thief victum it is important to police the internet better and to keep privacy for personal info rb wmsi thank you
Leon	E	No
Katherine	J	Business Website with business contact details. I do not want my personal details including address published to protect my family's privacy.
Mikaila	T	My personal info is no one else's business. Also, SPAM!

Blake	I	Protect my privacy from identity theft and hacking.
Richard	K	To prevent spammers from sending me bogus phishing email saying my domain is expiring.
Mohammed	H	I do not use it but everyone is entitled to their privacy. It is eaasy enough for the companies to get a court order IF the alleged is committing a criminal activity. Leave it up to the courts to decide and not the corporations.
Stacey	C	I prefer that the general public not have access to all of my private information.
Scott	G	My ownership of a domain should not come at the expense of anyone with an internet connection being able to obtain so much personal information on me. There is no reason that people are able to access this information, I provide information on my site for ways to contact me, they don't need my address and phone number too.
Charlotte	C	Because it is part of our constitution
Robert	D	
Marilyn	W	I have some domains that I do not want publicly shared.
Derek Seabrooke	D	Domain is managed by me on behalf of anonymous organization.
Derek	S	Protection from my personal information being out on the web, and to protect myself against spammers, scammers, etc.
David	R	Because my personal information is mine to give. For business owners to have to list the location of their office I understand. But for someone with a personal website? I dont want to have to be weary about the things I post on my site for fear that some crazed lunatic may disagree with them and pull my home address from a Who is Database.
charles	R	Self explanatory!
Holly	H	
James	T	
Rob	J	
Howard	W	It's important to protect privacy and inhibit harassment. The entertainment industry is only interested in \$\$\$.
Marlene	R	
Thomas	B	
Halley	H	
Peter	K	avoid spammers
Marcia	N	To keep my my options open
Kim	B	When I last registered a domain I was inundated with unwanted phone calls for unwanted services (such as web development). I should be allowed to retain my personal information without fear of being harassed. The purpose of a domain is for people to locate my website - not to contact me. I do nothing illegal and if I wanted to provide personal details on the web, I would do so.
M	M	

Michelle	S	Avoid stalkers and presators
Diane	S	I want to protect my privacy and identity.
Chance	M	To stop getting annoying letters from fake companies
Geneva	H	To protect my privacy. I have been attacked and found myself at a loss due to an attack. Also I have had two computers at a loss because of hackers.
Victoria	W	I conduct an active website on literary matters related to crime fiction, thrillers, book and movie reviews, and the like. Some of my opinions and articles could easily attract unwanted attention, and I don't want uninvited people showing up on my doorstep or harassing me by phone or email.
Brandon	H	
Sabrina	L	If I wanted my information made public then I would put it out there myself.
Ashley	L	I am a single mother who lives alone with my child. I use my domain names for personal and public cooking blogs. I need this Privacy to protect myself from nefarious individuals who might threaten myself or my child.
Brett	G	If there is a reason for law enforcement to contact me, they should have the ability. However, there is no reason to limit me from obscuring my contact information for scammers and spammers who find my information by performing a lookup.
Maureen	B	I support freedom of expression, speach, etc. I am in support of our own lives.
Alexander	D	I do not use any whois privacy service myself, but there are circumstances under which I might need to do so, and I know many other individuals who do use such a service, for extremely good reasons; it is important to continue to provide these privacy assurances for them, and any one of us who might need similar protections in the future.
Cathy	A	
Lawrence	C	I would like to preserve WHOIS privacy to protect against spammers who trawl WHOIS for valid contact information.
Dimitri	D	Let's work together to protect the privacy of all those they're using the service
rich	S	
Rod	H	Privacy
Ramiro	G	
April	C	to protect my personal information
Kyle	T	I use Whois Privacy because I am only an individual who does not want angry customers, criminals, or other unsavory characters showing up at my front door and threatening the safety of my family and I.
Charles	S	I use Whois privacy to stop spam and phishing attack emails. If personal information is available, it is much easier for any bad actor to specifically craft and target you as an individual. Denying us this protection will only increase identity theft and misuse of personal data.
Tom	K	To keep the spammers and scammers from harassing us. I get tons of e-mails for my unprotected domains, with bogus notices of expiration, transfers, and all kinds of other junk, where it's obvious those e-mail addresses have been culled from Whols records. We need a way to protect ourselves and our privacy.

Debbie	B	
Kathy	P	Everyone deserves privacy and safety.
Jennifer	D	I run a small business out of my home. I do not want customers contacting me at my private address. I also think sharing any ones personal information without consent is completely wrong. In this country you are innocent until proven guilty it's unfair and unjust to assume that every person is doing something illegal. Most people, like myself, are trying to provide for their families and secure a future for themselves by legitimate means.
Wayne	T	
Brandon	H	Being targeted by D.A. because of my economic status
Dawn	I	The proposed restrictions would treat all domain and website owners as guilty until proven innocent, thereby requiring my personal contact information (home address, home phone, etc.) to be turned over to anyone who makes a claim against me. I want my information to remain private until such reasonable subpoena, search warrant or due process has been made against me and/or my website content.
George	P	The old-fashioned approach - all is private by default, you open up to people gradually, as you get to know them. Exception - court's review of a request for info, then action. Let's keep it that way.
Moriah	A	I have a business, and my business address is different than my home address. First, I do not want to have the wrong address given out when it comes to my business. My correct business address can be found on the publicly filed documents pertaining to my business. Second, I have kids and for security reasons do not want our home address being given out to just anyone.
Linda	S	To keep people from using my information. I am currently dealing with a stalker who got my information.
Laurian	G	
Cheryl	G	I don't like everything to be public knowledge
James	K	Privacy means safety.
Alan	C	I own a website.

		I have worked for a number of years with cultural-minority clients in an organization staffed almost exclusively by that same cultural-minority (I am not of that same cultural-minority). While almost all of these people are good people, a tiny minority are vicious racists who take every opportunity to make my life hell. Deliberate damage to property (including vehicles), verbal and physical abuse, and so on. I also had websites with commercial activity and am likely to have them again in the future. I have used Whois privacy providers. Why do I have to have my home details revealed to all and potentially suffer even more targeted abuse at my home? The increased costs to me that this would represent are horrendous. Beyond that, what if on a website I said something that upset someone. Given the abuse I receive without cause, I hesitate to even think of the abuse that I could receive if someone perceived a cause no matter how incorrect or unintended. Finally, from a more general perspective, I hesitate to think how much these proposed rules/laws would impinge upon freedom of speech. The proposal could easily act to restrict people making valid arguments for fear of dangerous reprisals no matter how diplomatically such arguments were worded. Thus, this proposal no matter its stated or intended purpose clearly also acts as an attack on thought and its expression - an extremely dangerous power grab.
Fxxx	W	
Judy	C	
Richard	C	To maintain my privacy and avoid unsolicited contact.
Judith	C	
John	F	
Mario	I	
Elizabeth	M	To avoid unwanted solicitation, identity theft, and other forms of privacy violation that are my constitutional right.
Valorie	B	
Karen	N	1) prevent scammers from getting contact info 2)home security for my family 3)prevent identity theft
Melby	C	To keep my personal information private. To protect my home address private and avoid having to produce it to unknown and unwanted persons. I work from home.
Karen	N	I publish books under another name, and would like to preserve privacy for that identity and domain.
Monica	G	
Ta Cheng	H	To maintain the privacy policy set by the company that doesn't wish to release such private information to the public.
Eva	B	
john	S	
Curtis	C	
Candice	A	Because its my domain and I should have the right for it to be private
R	K	I use Whois Privacy to protect myself and my domains from Hackers and Spammers. If this protection is compromised, there will be less trust and more chaos on the web.
H Jin	H	I do not want to be contacted by frauds

Martha	C	
Nik	S	With current subpoena procedures already in place, the Category C-1 recommendation needlessly puts small business owners and other individuals at risk of harassment.
Cheyenne	R	avoid spammers and unwanted calls. I have had them before and they don't stop.
Frank	M	I am tired of spammers and potential thriфт
Diane	W	
Ann	L	I believe this could lead to misuse & put innocent people in danger
Charlotte	G	
Phil	H	To keep domain ownership private and reduce nuisance marketing contacts and spam.
Angelo	M	
Ricky	N	It would be an extreme invasion of privacy to reveal personal information of every domain owner on the broad assumption that everyone is guilty until proven innocent. The repercussions of this would be identity theft, personal harassment, competitor's stalking, kidnapping and other dangerous criminal activity that would endanger innocent people's lives. The equivalent of this is throwing everyone in jail because everyone has done something wrong in their lives right? Let them prove their innocence and we'll let them out of jail. If there is a court order, then it is evident that there has been a proper investigation and the result of which has been adjudicated by the Justice system, allowing release of the domain owner's details. However, without a proper court order, revealing personal information of domain owners' are irresponsible and risky to say the least.
Seth	E	
Mindi	H	To protect me from stalkers.
ahmed	E	
Marcus	O	Because I don't want my personal information displayed on the who is.
D	N	I do business on the internet and would rather not have my personal information exposed for view by marketers, government employees, competitors, etc. Also, these provisions could have a chilling effect on free speech, thereby devaluing information on the Internet.
Jesse	B	
Rick	B	If I'm running a legitimate online business, there's no reason for the public to have my contact information. This idea is frightening and ridiculous.
Tylor	H	Reasons.
Tony	V	
Diane	C	I am a victim of violence!
John	O	Privacy is fundamental right that, like all other rights, is indisputable. Stop.
David	W	
Ronmel	A	Privacy is important no matter where it is.

Hannah	C	
Linda	C	
Corey	T	Website privacy
Douglas	R	I use it to keep my personal information private, separate from my business.
Ashley	W	I help a few small businesses register their websites, and don't want/need my personal information being mixed in with theirs. Also, I don't like the idea of people being able to see my information online, which is why I use a privacy service.
dan	K	Receiving sales calls from seemingly third-world countries using spoofed voip numbers.
Kelly	S	To keep my personal contact info and address details only for close friends and family, not to wider uncontrolled public.
Gwen	K	It is not safe to have our home address attached to my daughters domain/website w/ photos of our family.
sam	K	It is a privacy for God's sake
Greg	W	Whois Privacy is an important control over random access to my personal information. These days with international predators of all kinds, foreign nation states and hackers using our personal information to gain access to our online identity, even terrorist groups using our personal information to create threats and terror, it is even more important than ever before to have some limits to the access to our personal contact info. I agree that with "due process" the information should be available to law enforcement, just not to any curious party without restriction.
Katherine	F	
Tabitha	S	
André	P	
Timothy	K	
Douglas	S	We use Go daddy, but privacy (Or what is left of it), must be protected.
Gavin	B	Simply running a website shouldn't require me to expose my home address and phone number to the whole world.
Kenneth	S	In today's digital world where it costs nothing to email out to millions, I want to control who knows my information.
Rudy	N	Because the new regulation is allowing and making irresponsible party to be able to get personal data easily, which can lead to a lot of unwanted problems.
Whitney	K	
Jamie	A	For safety reasons
Jeff	K	I own a number of businesses and don't want my private information publicly exposed.
Sabrina	P	I use domain privacy to keep my personal details confidential. I have had Facebook stalkers based off of them getting information off of the Whois database. It is too easy for the information on-privatized domains to be used to the detriment of the owner of the domain.

Sam	H	Political dissidents need way to communicate. Privacy is eroded one place begins to erode in others. We are not yet evolved enough for complete transparency.
Irene	M	
Laura	H	
David	S	Because my personal info shouldn't be made public.
May	Y	We would not want our personal information out in the cyber space.
Pham	N	It makes internet is freedom.
Christophe	D	Keep my personal information private, avoid spamming, unsolicited communications and avoid identity theft.
Hieu	T	I want protect our Internet privacy.
Tri	B	i want to protect domain privacy
Bruce	M	I shouldn't need to explain to anyone why I want and/or need privacy. I have a right to privacy, just as anyone else who uses the Internet has, and I refuse to yield my privacy to any 'regulating body'.
Amy	N	I want to protect internet privacy.
Nguyen Van	T	
francis lance	A	
Hai	L	That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing
Lam	F	
Linh	T	Protecting our Internet privacy.
CHIN PENG	P	will need privacy for my own domain
Yew	W	
Alex	H	
Moon	T	I want to protect internet privacy.
Kelvin	L	
Kelsey	J	I need Whois Privacy because I don't want to be afraid because my information could be leaked anywhere.
P	S	Business domains
Dat	H	
Son	N	
Ross	A	
Billy	L	
Dung	N	keep personal information private
henry	T	

Brian	T	I like to dream up new business ideas and set up web addresses that could conceptually work with a new business plan. Privacy lets me do this with anonymity so I don't have to focus on how to shield a business concept prior to it being live.
Shon	C	To keep my privacy
Victor	B	
Loretta	K	
karley	T	safety
Alal	F	unless there is a reason you suspect I have done something illegal you don't need ANY of my information. Get a court ordered warrant like your suppose to.
William	H	I need Whois Privacy to avoid business competitors snooping around my registration in an attempt to steal an advantage.
Treva	H	The right to privacy is a basic right and is protected by the cinstitution.
Ronell	Y	
Grant	S	There is NO need for this information to be so readily available to just anyone. SPAM needs no more help to find my email address. This includes not just electronic, but mail as well!
Henry	C	
Susan	C	To protect myself from evil, hackers or anyone up to no good!
debra	D	It's my privacy& there is a privacy act
Ronell	Y	I pay for privacy on my domains because I don't want phone/email spam and unless I am conducting business through my domain it's no one's business who I am. I'd use public info if I used it for business, because I feel that inspires trust. If I were to do something unlawful with my private use domains it is easy enough for Abuse/Legal to prove need to registrars so they can take appropriate action.
Leann	P	
Melinda	M	

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Yacob	S	
Margaret	S	I must have domains for business and life is hectic enough without having your personal life exposed to millions. Safety is a very big issue.
Sandy	D	I work in politics and sometimes need to be able to register domains for upcoming campaigns.

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Yacob	S	
Miskim Venice	J	To keep my identity private.
Sebastian	B	
Leota	D	
Teria	W	
Tham	D	Protecting our internet privacy
Karen	B	To protect my privacy
Tianhao	X	Private home addresses should remain private.
THAO	T	Protecting our Internet privacy
Henry	O	
Henry	O	
Angelina	P	
Eric	R	
Jade	H	Because personal information needs to be kept personal ..
Kathryn	H	Because I feel we all should have a complete right to privacy in everything we do!

Austin	T	
Raychelle	W	It's my business my privacy. Mine not everyone ELSE'S business. That's why.
A	S	Prevent abuse of my contact info.
John	L	I want to be able to have a website without fearing someone accessing my personal information in order to potentially harm me
Jackie	C	
Lorien	C	Everyone's privacy should be protected.
Sarah	V	
Roger	S	I work for a SA:MP Gaming Community. Where DOXing and SWATing are all to common. If I do not have the ability to hide my personal information from the public, then that exposes me to the threat of my information being gathered and leaked. Furthermore; it exposes me to being a potential target to "SWATTING" a felony crime, that can cause un-planned deaths and injuries from police response to phoney situations. This is a critical feature of domain privacy, and we need to not fight against it. Privacy is not only valued, but required in todays technological age.
Rebecca	B	Because I have been stalked and blackmailed online and also had my identity stolen and used to run \$35,000 of bills before it was stopped. The modern world has so much interconnected information and so few protections surrounding its use. It's already too easy for anyone with a grudge to cause real physical/emotional/financial damage to others, while never suffering any consequences themselves. Don't make it any easier than it already is.
Nick	B	To stop spamming
Satpal	S	
David	D	I am a private person. My personal information is just that. Provision is there if I or any other Privacy advocate needs correction.
Martha	D	I have a few domain names, and I do not want my personal information revealed. I do not want any of my personal information of any kind, from any souce, released.
Christina	M	Personal safety and identity theft. There is enough information out there as it is. Where does it stop?
Susan	G	Because it's my right as an American citizen
Francois	E	
Yolanda	Y	Safety -reason
Peter	D	Most of the users of the internet are legitimate however some are not. Depending on the type of site that you have, owners of those sites may become the target of some of these dubious people. Instead of solving one problem your are creating one much worse.
J. Michael	B	Just because, its that simple.
Peter	N	

Rajasekhar	M	In many ways, our personal details are being encroached. And linking personal information to a particular domain/asset is more dangerous. Its easy to track and target for criminals. It would become a hindrance to own a domain as this issue constantly run in my mind. I thought web is the most independent and impartial of the choices I make. I value my personal information more than the domain/asset.
Elijah	B	has ever snowed in said he cannot have free individual thinking with surveillance
Virginia	M	No one needs access to my personal information...when it is necessary, I can provide it myself!!
Sara	M	I own a small business with a home office. I prefer to keep my home address private for the safety of my family and my clients-- I have sensitive information and house keys for many of my clients, and if someone were to break into my home, they could destroy my business and potentially gain access to my clients' homes. Also, prior to using a privacy service, I received a large number of spam emails which cut into my productivity. Please allow me to keep my family and my clients safe by not revealing my location to everyone online!
Jon	T	
Rita	L	
sagar	S	To protect my identity from people who visit my websites
Lisa	R	
Edris	T	It's nobody's business who a site owner is as long as there is adequate info for the return of a purchase, if one is made. Privacy helps protect free speech and probably saves lives.
Julian	B	My business
Melissa	C	For the websites I own...to protect me and my son in my in home business.
Mark	D	I don't see how making my private details available to all will achieve anything but be open to abuse. If this information is required it should go through legal channels like all other requests for this kind of information.
lisa	T	
Joy	T	
pat	V	
joshua	S	
Ian	T	Keep personal information private, protect physical safety and prevent identity theft
Rich	A	TO PROTECT PRIVACY! DEAR ICANN: WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON? YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT THE DOMAIN PURCHASERS, ATLEAST THAT IS WHAT WE WERE TOLD ABOUT YOU. THE "GOVERNING" BODY? YOU ARE A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION CREATED AND INTENDED TO PROTECT THE FREEDOM OF ALL OF US USING THE INTERNET AND DOMAINS TO CONDUCT YOURSELVES ACCORDINGLY ... NOT TO GIVE IN TO THE PRESSURES OF ACTUAL GOVERNMENTS WITH HIDDEN AGENDAS ... OR DO YOU HAVE YOUR OWN AGENDAS? THE INTERNET IS THE ONE PLACE ON EARTH WHERE PEOPLE OF ALL COUNTRIES HAVE FREEDOM ... YES FREEDOM ...ARE YOU GOING TO BETRAY ALL OF US? YOU HAVE THE POWER >>> USE IT FOR GOOD <<< NOT FOR GREED. STAND UP! FLEX YOUR MUSCLES AND DO THE RIGHT THING! WE ARE ALL COUNTING ON YOU!

Robert	R	Domain privacy is necessary to prevent identity theft and protect our ourselves and family members from being victimized. Businesses are like children, they have parents. Would it be wise to make a public list of the addresses of daycare children's parents on demand?
Caroline	S	
Linda	K	Because it's PRIVATE!!!! That's all....
Chase	T	Whois information should be protected by default. There are existing law enforcement channels to circumvent this; exposing it globally serves to enable the harassment and silencing of marginalized voices.
Amanda	P	
Yvon	Y	I want to keep my information private
Ollie	L	Personal choice
Fiona	C	I manage websites for clients
Bryan	S	
Daniel	B	I'm a responsible adult and as such I should be allowed to release as much or as little of my personal information as I wish.
David	H	I manage domains for several companies. I do not want my details public. I am the manager of domains, not the company point of contact. If everything needs be public, will need fill with bogus data
Beverly	W	
Glenn	M	I don't want my information shared
Kris	D	i have been abused constantly by A.I. it's need to get burned in Jesus' Name i pray
nia	T	Because I don't want my contact info given out.
Bill	G	It is a privacy right
Joseph	P	I do not need people knowing where I live. This is a huge privacy issue and do not need the hassles of people stalking me or my family.
Alan	C	To prevent the misuse of my ownership of my domain though spam propogation
Jeck	D	Thats personal information and i will never allow to see my personal information to anyone.
pavan	T	The account bears my personal information and its very important for me to keep my information safe from being misused.
Heather	B	
Carl	M	"We reside in a,"need to know" world." "What the world needs to know is that,privacy matters!"
Emma	W	I think it's common since. I order things online and I dont think it's anyone's business what I buy!!
Joanne	H	We use a Go Daddy account in our business, which serves clients whose privacy must be protected.
Deanna	W	
Lukas	D	
Anna	C	Please keep my phone, address, email private. Do not show on Internet for everyone to see.

Tapan	K	
Joseph	H	To stop spammers and scammers targeting ME!!
Victoria	M	I register a lot of domain names for my pro-bono clients (mostly non-profits). I have no desire to be subjected to any kind of harassment from anyone who disagrees with the goals of these organizations.
Ross	P	
Thao	T	
Charles	G	I need and use a Proxy service to reduce the public availability of my personal information. It also reduces the spam I get. My publicly available WHOIS information on my non-private domains includes email addresses that are NOT listed anywhere else, and they receive spam. It is important to me that legitimate organisations including my domain registrar can contact me without the message being lost amongst spam or inadvertently discarded by email filters trying to avoid spam.
S	F	I am an individual who runs a small website on an inoffensive topic. It does not provide any illegal content or links to illegal content. It does not violate copyright laws. The site is popular within its field. I do run ads on the site and make a small amount of money, not enough to compensate for all the time I put into the site, however. Most of my visitors are nice people, but over 15+ years the site has also attracted weirdos, some persistent about stalking me. I have received threats. I have learned how to handle and ignore disturbed site visitors and threatening emails. If my name and/or location are disclosed, I KNOW disturbed people will turn up on my doorstep, putting me and my family in danger. I am afraid I will be forced to shut my site down. In addition, I have one relative who is a criminal. I do not have contact with this person and do not want the person to find me or my site. I have a human right to privacy and a right to run my small, modest site without becoming a target for the wackos of the world. Please do not take away private domain registration from those who need it.
Jody	C	I want privacy!!
Mike	C	
Ekaterina	Z	To protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft.
Caleb	H	To ensure that mass data collectors can't easily obtain and sell my information without my consent.
Yvette	G	
Saul	R	Whois Privacy is for many reasons.. * Hide you niche sites from Competition * Control Spam and Snail Mail Junk * Because "real" info is required you cannot register domain names under a pen name, thus whois privacy is required if you are running a site under a pen name * It blocks harvesters from nabbing your info to resell as leads to someone else * It saves you from stalkers, yes some people actually do stalk others These are just a few reasons... I say yes it is worth it
MAURIEL	C	
Scott	S	
Terry	P	

Andrew	N	To protect my family
Dan	T	There are various reasons for using the Whois system, such as wanting to run my own business without publicising my home address. There are a huge range of beneficial subjects, around personal health etc, which are unlikely to ever be supported online if the website owners have to declare their details.
Janet	H	Because it's a right!
Hetal	R	Wouldn't want all the info to be out in the open. Don't really understand what purpose it serves..
Darren	C	I register lots of domains for my clients. I'm a small business owner who works out of my home. Whois privacy lets me keep my information as well as my clients information private and not the target of attacks of various kinds.
irand	A	Because it's every one's own right to privacy.
Jan	W	
Robert	P	
Hayley	K	To keep my private information safe for my domains that I have parked and also my website. There is enough information about me on my website with out people having access to my private email account which I don't even use for business purposes
Robert	L	So that spammers/random people can't have my personal information.
Ryan	H	
Randy	A	We all have the right to privacy!!Mostly because our information is safe from people who can easily locate people for retaliation and or retribution #OURPRIVACYMATTERS
Josh	B	
David	L	
DI	L	Female and I don't need a stalker showing up at my door.
Travis	F	
Vera	C	
Brenda	B	Even though I Don't anything I'm ashamed of every wants privacy.
Anastasia	N	I need it for my work - to protect myself from competitors.
Elizabeth	T	
timothy	M	
Walid	M	
Brenda	E	
Jaideep	M	
Jessica	J	
Sean	H	To protect my personal identity online as the internet isn't as safe as it used to be.
JP	V	Keeping myself safe from spam, fraud and unsolicited "business offers".
Jeff	H	I don't want people to know what businesses I may own

Gerhard	M	To protect against spam and abuse of private information.
Andrew	C	I like it that way!
Sarah	A	For my own safety and the safety of others.
Jade	H	
Juri	H	Keep spammers, haters, harassers and racists away. Don't make it easier for those people.
Lana	R	Personal reasons
Andrea	C	To keep private and confidential my extra work activities. Regards, Andrea
Michael	K	Because I can.
Andrew	P	Whois is a very public tool. Anyone with a computer can easily find out the owner of a website and their address, which for me is my home address.
Christian	L	In this day and age of ever shrinking privacy, any changes to established privacy protection is not in the best interest of the public, the government or law enforcement.
Greg	L	
Kevin	S	i dont wish for my detail to be dispalyed
Jaison	M	
Steven	C	Because I feel it's my right to.
Nyalah	W	Privacy is my way to keep things I want a secret from being public. Sometimes you don't want others to see stuff about you or your thoughts. No one should be allowed to view the things you keep private. It's not right or fair to anyone.
tammy	B	every single person has the right to privacy!! credit credit cards bank info social security info identity info!!! the list goes on forever
Johnny	C	I don't want my information can be easy to search from whois.
Peter	B	There is an absolute need for some privacy protection for domain owners, albeit their information should still be available through due process should it be required. Total transparency to all is neither just nor required.
Neil	L	
Terri	T	Because privacy is a constitutional right!
Rick	D	To protect my private information for my websites
Reacheal	S	Because, my info shouldn't be passed around to whomever. I can decide on my own, who can have my information! Its called freedom of choice!+
Jonathan	S	
KENNETH	C	Wife
Bogdan	P	
Nigel	H	As protection against harassment and stalking and to maintain my anonymity as an author (I publish books I write under a pseudonym)

Dominick	L	It protects my privacy and personal information. Threats can be made to websites and if whois is gone and people can find my name and address, what keeps hating people and other businesses from threatening you in more ways? Why should someone who visits my website need my name, phone number, and address and email? We have a right to privacy and a right to personal safety and a feeling that we are protected
Restu	Y	because we must protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft
Adam	C	To limit the amount of personal information showing on search engines. A long term advocate to creating barriers between personal information and the internet, I rely on privacy for each domain I utilize.
Jeff	H	To reduce unsolicited spam and advertising emails that offer goods or services that I don't need or want and also keep my private information separate from my business information.
Nicole	M	To keep from getting spammed. To protect my private information.
Jennifer	R	
Omowale	J	I believe in a free and open Internet in which the public can choose to explore without fear of endangerment, repercussion, and persecution from the government or any other entity looking to exploit the act of simply using the Internet.
bas	S	
Karel	H	
Michel	M	
Brian	L	We need whois privacy to protect a wide range of individuals and organisations. The rights and security of individuals will greatly affected if ICANN decides to restrict privacy services. When I first registered a .co.uk domain my privacy was protected by the domain registrar since no address information is public. If we can't have this with .com, .net domains etc we at least need to be able to take advantage of privacy services. Do the right thing and continue or expand privacy for individuals and organisations.
Key	E	Everybody don't need to know my business.
Carol	L	
Mary	S	My Constitutional right.
yanti	P	
Alex	U	This prevents individuals using this information for malicious and fraudulent purposes.
Lojze	G	
Kristine	L	Home based business
Taryn	S	
Will	M	
Stephen	W	People should not be able to access my private information unless they have a legal reason to.
Alex	U	
Pat	M	

Salvatore	N	
Lisa	B	I am a writer using a pen name and I do not want my name and address to be readily available
Ross	S	I like to keep my name/address etc private from the entire world.
monica	M	
Terry	A	
John	S	
Georgina	L	It is my personal home address/business address and contact details which without question should not be allowed to be given to anyone without my permission it could put myself at risk especially in the day and age of identity theft. I run a legitimate company. I will immediately create a PO Box if this goes forward so that it is not public knowledge.
Dann	S	To protect privacy
Jeffrey	F	As a small business owner I do not have the resources to combat the unwanted attention generated by an exposed whois record. I ran my first year without whois guard, and I vowed to never do that again. Between unwanted solicitation and customer emails falling through the cracks because they didn't use the standard communication channel it was just too much to deal with.
Jonathan	C	To prevent identity theft and others see my information.
David	G	To maintain my url's security
Ondřej	Š	I am a freelancer and I would be terrified if anyone could file a complaint against any of my domains and request my personal information!
Tem	C	
John	G	
Jonathan	P	I don't want my private information available for no reason.
Glen	P	
Manuel	D	I've been stalked in the past by not using private WHOIS with a .com domain. Howadays I use private WHOIS for all domains com/net/org that I buy. I will not be more domains if this law is passed. I was also trolled online with my information and doxed (I.e. all my private information that was public in my WHOIS spread over the itnernet), with trolls from 4chan.com putting my address and finding pictures of mine via Facebook. Creepiest experience. I hope it happens to every one of you who put forward this stupid law. You will quickly overturn the law and allow private WHOIS. Trust me. Regards
Mylissa	I	To keep my email address, phone number, and other sensitive information protected from scammers, spammers, and hackers.
Michelle	S	To keep my personal information secure.
julie	W	

David	C	I object to publishing my home address online by making it available through WHOIS searches. There are other ways to both verify integrity and accountability without ham-fistedly just abolishing registration privacy.
Deven	J	to keep my email from being spammed, and my home address from being available to anyone
Ed	R	1. To avoid spam and marketing 2. So I can post things a little more privately than I would otherwise; something like a pen name.
Carlos	G	To keep my address, name and personal information away from data brokers. Wtf is the matter with you people? No warrant? Shit for brains much?
Robin	E	I need my privacy, because apparently so does my government, even when it comes to decisions that affect an entire country. I have also noticed that Chinese Hackers have been obtaining our information for years. If you can't even keep a foreign Country from reading my information, why would I trust you to have it all available on the same data storage unit? Please re-think your priorities, before the American people re-think about their leaders in office.
Krista	W	By removing privacy it WILL put thousands if not million people at risk! coming from an abusive relationship in my past the last things victims need to worry about is having their abusers, stalkers, ect hunt them down.
Kimberly	B	I don't like having my information readily available for anyone let alone spammers. Privacy of domain registration should be a choice.
Keshia	R	Because everyone should have this right
Ethan	M	Online stalkers are real. If your information becomes public info, you become a target. Not only for creeps, but also for those hateful of you. We need to protect privacy of those on the internet so those searching for victims don't find them with any form of ease.
Linda	B	I wish to remain with the privacy to protect my rights and private information.
Patrick	O	My personal info does not need to be public.
Jacob	C	To hide my personal information from those who would use it for spam/phishing.
Vicente	V	I like the ability to control my personal information against the web. In today's society, we need to make sure that we are protected in every fashion at our well-being. I have had domains registered in the past without privacy and been spammed based from results searched through the Whois. I believe it is our free right, just like request to be on the no call list for telemarketers to request privacy on the domains we feel fit to request for privacy.
Toby	D	To protect the privacy of my family and myself.
Eugene	M	It is my right to protect what I own.
Harry	C	I use it in my life - you should not assume everyone is a criminal. Keep out of our lives
Rose	G	I was scammed on line.
Cynthia	B	
Robert	B	Physical safety and prevention of identity theft
Samantha	M	
Mark	M	For privacy

Charles	H	
Todd	J	I wish for my personal information to be protected from 3rd party hackers, spammers and scammers.
Justin	R	Running a small business, I don't need people having access to my home address and personal contact info. I also don't see a reason I need spammers, scammers and corporations mailing me junk and bogus phone calls because of a personal portfolio site in my name. Whois Privacy is protection we as web designers/web site holders deserve just like large corporations that can afford various locations and phone numbers to protect them.
Michael	G	Lunatics and stalkers. Boooooo ICANN.
Richard	L	I am an IT professional who maintains many websites for my company. We do legitimate business, and do not send mass marketing information. Email is sent only to those who visit our website and request information. Before using a "privacy service" on my domain registrations, I received many domain registration requests per month, none of them from my domain registrant, as well as lots of other spam and virus attacks. I signed up for the "privacy service" a couple of years ago. The service I used asked many personal questions, like I was taking out a loan, and this was fine if everyone had to do this. I don't mind turning my information over to law enforcement, if the use of a "privacy service" is declared restricted. I would ask that ICANN record information requests, and if a party requests an abnormal amount of information (20 records?) in a specified amount of time (1 month?) that entity be suspended until a reasonable explanation is received. I know that you have a difficult decision to make here, but I also trust that you are looking at the whole picture to solve the problem. Regards
Kitty	L	I don't but I believe in people's right to legitimate privacy
Gary	S	Whois Privacy allows a separation between business and personal.
Jesse	W	To protect my personal information from identity thieves, unwanted solicitors, and future potential threats to the security of my self and my family.
Christy	F	So that internet predators, stalkers, don't obtain my information for malicious purposes.
tiffany	J	to protect my personal private information.
Fortin	K	to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft
tiffany	J	to protect my personal private information.
Joanne	K	I don't need to use it myself but wholeheartedly believe it should be available.
Valdarez	C	To protect myself from harassment and possible loss of income.
Betty	W	
Julie	S	
Brent	B	protect myself from spammers, protect my personal information, when i am buying domains to sell at a premium this eliminates the possibility of my local area knowing who the seller is.
Aida	G	Because my private info should stay as such, "Private"! No one else has the right to use it but me!
Pamela	P	Our privacy is of our utmost concern.

Charles	L	I own multiple companies and without it my life would be miserable.it is no one's business as to how many companies I own or control
Max	C	Protect my personal information so that people cannot view my info unwarranted .
Barbara	V	
Nick	A	Protects my personal information.
Adrienne	N	
Patricia	P	
Susan	R	
Karen	H	
Linda	A	
Matthias	K	
Stephen	J	I don't like spam but more importantly, don't like personal info available to anyone.
Christopher P	G	As a business owner, I want to keep my information away from spammers and hackers. If someone wants my private information, it should require a subpoena like everything else.
Darlene	P	I think our privacy is very important!!!
Charlene	Y	I don't
Ashley	N	
Jeffrey	K	I don't want most of my clients to know my home address. My home is my office too
Patrick	F	I am a Web Designer & have many clients that want privacy. I also would like it to protect my identity. Thank you.
Jen	M	I don't want people showing up at my door
Phillip	B	To protect my personal information from people who will use it for purposes other than proper.
kurtis	S	it should be a right of every domain registrant to protect their personal contact information from those who wish to mislead and scam
Joel	S	keeps people from spamming me
Shauna	L	MY INFO IS PRIVATE
Jenna	B	I get a lot of solicitation phone calls and emails without privacy on my domains. I don't want strangers to know my personal address.
Jeremy	B	MY INFO IS PRIVATE
John	K	To keep my family safe!
Robert	A	To prevent spam and other interruptions of my personal privacy.
Sherry	C	Domain protection for business websites
Patricia	M	Its my right to have privacy
Kerry	W	To keep my personal information out of the hands of anyone that wants to look my domain name. The world does not need to know my PERSONAL information just because I own a domain name.

Patrick	D	Simply because I should have the right to keep my information private.
Austin	W	To keep my information hidden from copius amount so spam, and keep solicitation to a minimum
Mathew	S	I use privacy to protect my personal information.
Dave	D	
Meenakshi Sundaram	V	
Sean	C	I like to be able to keep my personal information away from the general public. I have the right and freedom to do so. The fourth amendment protects against unreasonable search and seizure. Allowing anyone to be given my personal information without a subpoena would fall into the realm of unreasonable search and seizure of my information. It is unconstitutional.
Alexander	M	As a woman it is often important that our personal information be kept private. There are better ways to protect the internet than endangering women.
S	O	Doing is a real problem and through Who is people have have gathered personal info. They then have used it to bulky and torment individuals. Please let people keep their privacy.
Gary	P	
Cláudio	E	No one should be able to access private information without verifiable proof fo wrong doing. Privacy is a fundamental right, even in a public place, and I should be able to choose if I want to be recognized or not. If this proposal goes forward how can my privacy be guaranteed? How long will it take to someone build a database with private information to do nasty things?! How can ICANN guarantee that someone won't be murdered or hurt for saying something to the world that a government or terrorist group finds upsetting? We have to be very careful with this. There are somethings more important in the world that money and those are the things that must protect.
Josh	P	So I do not get spammed by web developers trying to sell me things I don't want or need.
Carolina	H	As The director of a Community organization it is important to use the privacy option because not one person ones our domains they are owned by the collective group. Privacy helps protect the person chosen to set up own domains and websites.
arthur	L	i dont want to have my info public
Jean-Paul	S	
Angela	M	Protection
Gilbert	G	
Jared	K	I have several public domains and I don't want my information to be readily available to anyone who wants it.
Amanda	C	Privacy is important and adds a layer of security on the web. I personally own and run a sight for a church and would like to keep that private. Most websites give ways for the consumer to connect without getting the direct contact information of the site owner/manager.
Lucinda	M	

jackie	B	I believe in privacy.
Brian	B	My opinions are not generally accepted without angst and threat. My personal location is critical to be kept private.
Mario	C	It's our right to be able to safeguard our information in any way we feel pertinent. The greater population should not be punish for the actions of a few online.
milan	S	
Scheherazade	Q	Because I consider it a risk to have personal information to be easily available online. Thanks.
Matthew	B	Its a fundamental right.
Lisa	B	Fraud prevention and risk mitigation. We handle sensitive private information and must take every precaution to protect the privacy of our owners, personnel, clients and client customer.
Teresa	Y	As a woman sole proprietor using multiple websites on the Internet, I feel that privacy is an essential personal safety practice. It is very, very important to me.
Johnee	D	I have an online business only. Not a brick and mortar location for my business. It would be nice if customers couldn't just Google my address and show p at my door at all hours to help with their website or email issues. I get to control how customers reach out to me with the information I place on my website.
Jonathan	A	
Joshua	C	I use it to prevent telemarketers and spammers from obtaining my personal information.
Justin	W	The web has always been a place where the little guy can make a presence as easily as a corporation can - but when you have a small business such as mine and can't afford an actual office, you are forced to either share your home address or use a proxy service. If proxy services no longer offer real privacy, that leaves my home address open to anybody and everybody. As an adoptive father, that is not acceptable to me. Rights have been terminated for the biological family of my children, and they should not be able to find my children's home address based only on knowing of our websites. We also should not be forced to pay for an office just for the purpose of privacy. Not to mention the way that this would suppress free speech if you have to give your home address or pay for a separate business address in order to express your views on your own domain. Obviously I am strongly opposed to this proposed change!
keith	B	to protect my interests
Vincent	R	Keeping my information private. Keeps the spam down.
Jason	V	I like to have the power to choose privacy.
Gregg	N	I am a private user. I am not running commercial sites, so I use Domain Privacy to prevent the spammers and other miscreants from harvesting my contact information.
edward	C	to keep spammers away
jana	T	I don't want my home address display. I have an abusive ex husband I don't want him to know where I live. So I'm trying to limit displaying my address to the public as much as I can.
Bill Dana	D	prevent identity theft and protect my privacy.

Kerry	B	Privacy is a basic right and no government or organization's business.
Heather	H	
Wayne	T	I chose to avoid the misuse of whois data collected for the purpose of unwanted solicitations as well as protecting the security of my family by keeping my home address private.
Terrilynn	H	I like that random people cannot contact me or get my personal information. I don't want my information to be available to be spammed.
Brandi	L	To hide my personal information from people and for my safety
Peter	B	We use privacy to protect our online servers from spammers.
Lindsey	M	
Brad	C	Avoid spammers, keep my private info private.
Matthew	K	I have a number of real estate agents as customers. In an industry, that by it's nature, puts many women in potentially dangerous situations, Domain Privacy is one way to protect them from potential sexual predators that they may come into contact with at open houses, showing homes, etc. Open this information will surely become an immediate "trick" used to find out potentially where these women live. With Real Estate Agent abductions and attacks become all too common, changing this policy will surely add to this disturbing trend. This would be a terrible tragedy to have on the shoulders of ICANN for the implementation of a ridiculous and potentially deadly policy change. I urge you to abandon this needless change.
Chris	M	I would not like my information available to the general public. When I did a domain registration with public information I was bombarded with spam and letters to my home. I understand the need for this information to be governed which is fine, but I need this extra filter to avoid the wrong people getting a hold of my information.
Kelly	M	As a solopreneur, I do not want my residence contact information to be openly available. Currently, I get a lot of unsolicited emails and phone calls to my personal phone and email addresses. I am already dodging that on the business phone and email addresses that I use. By making my contact info openly available to all, I am concerned about being distracted and disturbed by a deluge of unwanted calls at all hours of the day and night! Please do not take away the valuable service Privacy Proxies provide to people like me.
Sarah	M	Feminism. Protection from violent individuals that target women and people for their opinions.
Casey	O	Keep my private info off the WHOIS
Jenna	S	Not only do I use this personally for my blog, but the company I work for sells this service to a number of customers
chaney	G	I own a website and I care about my right to privacy.
Ron	F	Live free.
rob	R	Protection from spam and competitors
Dennis	F	Its my right to have privacy.
Nicholas	D	I use it on my domains to keep from being bombarded with calls from spammers and unwanted service offers. It's my info, I want to decide if I should give it out.

Robert	G	to protect my freedom from criminal and the government.
Angela	A	
Ed	L	I use the privacy setting to protect myself against anyone that want personal information on me, that I have not granted the permission to.... We are able to walk on the street w/o fear of someone stopping us to Id us unless we do something wrong, and the Internet should be the same
Lisa	J	Small home based business.
Melvin	S	Freedom & privacy are staples of the American way of life & governments are never worthy of trust.
Patrick	L	I am about to launch an online business that will, as a by-product, include the personal information of my customers/users.
Cal	H	To keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft.
William	D	Because
RoBerT	K	
Dave	B	I am a small business. I do not have time to waste on being contacted or marketed by groups that are trying to sell me things I do not want or need. I do not want spammers and criminals to get access to my personal information or find out where I live. I strongly feel that people and small businesses have a right to keep their personal information private. This information must not be disclosed to anyone without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing and the protection of legal due process, e.g. a search warrant issued by a judge. Thank you.
zachary	S	Because company's illegally market me to sell me unnecessary products, scam artists utilize who is to send out virus' under pretense of being registers by using spoofed email addresses. Stalkers used who is to follow and repetedly beat up his ex. Privacy was made for this reason. To hide that girl. People have right to privacy and it is nobody else's call as to whether it is right for them to have it.
Amy	H	
Laura	T	To protect my personal information from spammers, unwanted solicitations and identity theft online!
Joyce	J	Everyone should have the rights to protect their personal informations. These informations should not be disclosed so easily to anyone who might potentially cause damages.
Dana	M	I like my privacy!
Katrina	M	I do not want additional government reglations on my privacy
Lisha	B	I do not want to spend any time dealing with internet trolls who use abusive language and threats to try and control online content - if these people could easily access my real name and address it would be a nightmare. So long as I am not violating the content policies of my web host I see no reason to make my personal information less secure. What purpose would it serve? If I violate the law my information is just a subpoena away, and that seems like the appropriate balance between the safeguard of my privacy and the ability to stop online criminal activity.

Ben	S	ICANN should not be setting policy that affects the privacy of domain owners. Under no circumstances should ICANN make it compulsory for privacy providers to reveal personal information without evidence of wrongdoing. Privacy is a fundamental right online.
Patrice	P	We are suppose to be a free country don't need big.brother running all are lifes
Kim	C	
Mea	V	To protect my personal information.
Chuck	H	My site is for personal use, not for business, not searchable by others on the internet. What I do with my personal site shouldn't be open for the general public to research.
tyler	D	
Dan	S	I don't want everyone able to see my personal information unless I do something illegal which won't happen.
Robert	R	I am working on the launch of a unique new business - the domains and my role with them are key to the success of this venture. Protecting these domains and my work with them from copycats gives me a better chance of success. Thank you.
Carlos	P	
Margot	V	Owner of a small business with website, but also as a consumer have had my personal information hacked.
Matthew	C	To protect my information from companies like Domain Registry of America and other scamming type services.
hugo	O	Because
Chris	R	I want my personal info, including my name, email address and EVERYTHING else, whether for personal or business use, to remain PRIVATE.
Attila	L	
Jesse	S	To keep my personal information private from those looking to market towards me.
Michelle	H	
Christopher	C	To prevent domain spammers/phishing scams from stealing my domain names by attempting to circumvent the domain contact settings or trick my customers into moving their domain to a domain shark which could plausibly hold their domain hostage and scam them to pay to get their stolen domain back. Domain privacy prevents this by limiting access to those unethical businesses from contacting our customers.
Liz	N	avoid at least one source of spam and other mass-marketing aggression; maintain a distance from potential flammers or stalkers
Denise	M	
Paulette	M	
Gavin	L	I am a private individual with a portfolio/Resume website. I use it after receiving emails and letters from Domain Registrars offering to renew my domain for what was considerably more than my chosen registrars fee.
Cheryl	D	
Doug	S	

June	L	MY PRIVACY IS ABOVE ALL ELSE AND SHOULD BE PROTECTED AT ALL COSTS!
Kathy	M	
Rebecca	K	We need privacy.
George	P	
Cheryl	J	
MARY JO	K	TO PROTECT ALL OF OUR CLIENTS WHO DO BUSINESS WITH OUR AGENCY 80% OF OUR BUSINESS IS DONE THROUGH EMAIL AND TO PROTECT MYSELF AND MY STAFF AS WELL
Eva	S	
Debra	B	I use privacy so that I'm not hounded by people who want to buy my domain name or who may have wrong motives for wanting to know my location.
Vicki	S	Some of my websites are private and I do not want the ownership/contact information public.
Gerry	H	
Irma	C	
Ric	J	Business Competition and fair practices for intellectual property in IP in goods and services. There is no incentive to create new tech if everyone can grab it and claim it. It's common sense - some things need to be private - Take away privacy and you'll lose incentive to create and invite uncontrollable corruption at all levels of society.
William	C	personal reasons
Andrew	S	Though I personally have no reason other than not liking my personal information out in the open like this, there have been FAR too many instances of threats of violence, or other actual acts of said violence that are made due to people becoming enraged over something they read on the internet. By removing this protection, you are opening those people up to potentially life threatening situations, or at the very least harassment at their homes. As a result, changing the ability to get privacy will be a form of censoring the internet, as many ideas that are unpopular, or unpopular among a certain group of people will be silenced, due to fear of backlash.
Kriss	H	My business is my business only!
Peter	H	Without privacy and proxy hosting, powerful corporate litigants can shut down the voices of people who expose Fraud by making legal claims that are really SLAPP lawsuits (Strategic Litigation Against Public Participation). If there is a genuine issue, a complainant can prove it in court and get a court ordered subpoena to obtain the identity of a website owner. In Canada, this approach already works well and prevents politicians from crushing free speech during elections and corporations from silencing customers posting details of defective, dangerous products and bad customer service issues, etc.
Betsy	S	
Adam	I	I work from home advocating alternative / holistic drug and alcohol addiction treatment options and want to control how users contact me (don't want them calling or showing up at my home unannounced).
Magda	O	To keep personal information private and free from abuse

Luis	F	
Kimberly	H	I don't, but I want it for those who do.
Seif	S	
Sandra	M	
Alex	L	
Geoffrey	J	I have personal domains I utilize outside of my work for GoDaddy. It's important that my information be protected.
Suzye	M	I oppose their infringement of my privacy rights. It is not their job to telk the world if I PAY for a domain for business reasons!!
Michael	K	I routinely get spam sent to my address on record because those records are public. I have just started using a proxy service and the amount of spam I used to receive dropped dramatically (by more than 70%). Please don't take away the only method available that protects my privacy.
Antoinette	R	I operate a freelance business and take care of my elderly mother, and I live in a city that is allowing two of my male neighbors to bully/stalk me....the fact that they have not pointed a gun at me is enough for the police to not bother with my situation. Right now I have a small amount of privacy. If you open everything up, I could end up dead. This is no exaggeration....My lawyer is not even able to help me.
Colleen	M	I am a sole proprietor business owner. I do not want my personal information brandished for all the world to access. I want to control what information I share, and when/where I share it.
Paul	D	
Seong	K	
Tracie	D	
Tiffany	H	To keep my personal information private and for my safety on the Internet as a female.
Jeremy	S	I require private registration on my domain to protect my family and children. Publishing family pictures on a personal website poses risks which can effectively be mitigated through Private domain registration services.
Susan	S	Fundamental rules must be exist to protect us ALL.
Edgar	R	For protecting my business and intellectual property
bobby	J	Mostly for identity th
Lindsey	C	
Connie	H	I paid \$75 to keep my information private because for all the right reasons it is prudent to me. Why do you have the right to just tell me... "too bad" I have the "control" because as your "Big Brother" I've decide this. Leave it alone and go catch the "bad" guy another way.
Karen	W	Self-employed and work out of home
ALEXANDER	S	A lot of people purchase domains so they can have their personal email not tied to commercial services like gmail, yahoo, hotmail etc. There is no reason to remove proxy registration as long icann and registrar gets correct contact info.

CONNOR	E	i dont want my personal contact info on public record.I am trying to avoid telemarketers, spam, etc
ARICA	D	Avoid frivolous lawsuits and protect personal rights.
Donovan	M	Having my personal information on every domain I have registered is a security threat to me. Having a name, address, phone number, and email address is enough to harass me at the very least. It would make it very easy for someone to pretend to be me. That's why I always use services that hide my information.
Robert	R	
Amy	S	To make sure that my personal information isn't available to people who disagree with me and might like to do me harm.
Cynthia	C	I do not want my private information revealed to public. Thank you
Bryan	B	We should all have the right to privacy on the web, especially if we're paying for things like domains and hosting.
Alexander	G	Because I get so much spam. People look up debts from previous owners of domains I purchase and annoy/harass me. Keeping domains ownership private is CRUCIAL when I am working on a project/product so that my concepts and ideas can remain private until they're ready for public viewing.
Kathy	W	Don't think it's a good idea for strangers to see my business on social media.
Kingsley	A	More privacy
Jackie	P	To prevent identity thief and fraud
Judith	A	I do not want my personal information to be available to just anyone.
James	C	
Frank	J	Business
Mack	L	
Keith	B	To keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft.
Mary	V	
Scott	B	I operate a non-profit website from home, www.scottbouch.com I have however placed one or two items on it for sale, as I'm clearing out my garage. I use WhoisGuard to protect my family home address from the world, and want to continue. I don't want the risk of burglary on my family home. I have a wife and child who I consider to be put at risk by ICANN exposing my home address to the world. ICANN - Please think about what you're proposing. If a burglar is browsing my website, and sees something he'd like to steal, I'd rather have my home address masked so he can't easily find out where I live. ICANN's plans will lead him straight to my front door. I'd blame ICANN if anything happened to my family or our home. Thanks, Scott
Stephen	D	It's my company, I get to control what information that I want to make public or private. Further, I have a unique name and have had identity theft problems in the past. Privacy is a great policy to prevent this in the future.
6MIC FILMS	V	BLOCK PERSONAL INFO NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE #
Steven	D	Identity theft.
Christopher	F	

Frank	S	
jack	B	
nikolai	B	stop the spam
Andrew	F	
Joel	C	My website and the people who do business with me ate nobody elses business. My personal data should and MUST remain private information.
Pal	O	
Heather	C	
BONNIE	S	I want to protect my privacy.
c	R	Limit spammers
Dave	P	to avoid spam/solicitations, phishing scams, etc. I also do not want people to know my home address for security reasons.
George	C	Keep our private info/data PRIVATE PLEASE.
Steve	R	Because I run a private detective agency!
Norma	L	
Dallas	D	Because I run a home based business.
Daniel	T	I run a small business out of my home and dont need my personal information in a public record. My address and phone number don't need to be out in the open.
Nicole	J	A smart person takes action to protect themselves from bullying and threatening people, even from family members. Please continue to help those in need of protecting their information, so they can continue to do their work helping others. Thank you.
Clemens	O	Privacy is a right not a privilege!
George	G	It's my right.
Nick	S	I don't believe that spammers and solicitors should have access to my personal information for free. I don't have their info - they shouldn't have access to me.
Juliana	M	I am a (paid) writer and blogger, who owns several websites. In the past I have written stories that angered some people and I have received death threats. The only way I am able to maintain my privacy and security is by utilizing the privacy protection offered by my website hosting provider, GoDaddy. Not only does this keep the crazies and stalkers from discovering my location, it also cuts down on the spam and hackers. Please do not change the law to reveal my name and location to the mentally unbalanced, and thieves among us.
ROB	D	In this day and age of hackers, stalkers and general e-crime, I believe it helps at least create some protection for law-abiding individuals and businesses. Please do not take away what little protection people have left from those wishing to do harm to others. Thank you.
James	W	To protect my personal privacy.

		I am a former member of the cult Scientology. I am very afraid of them finding out about the legitimate websites that I own. Scientology has a long and documented history of assaulting, framing, and engaging in major illegal harassment of former members or critics. These abuses now including hacking. This is just the latest, in a long, long list of their abuses. https://nakedsecurity.sophos.com/2015/06/29/private-eye-jailed-for-hacking-email-of-scientology-critics-and-others/ Look at the google results for a hundreds of examples: http://imgtfy.com/?q=scientology+harassment
David	A	
John	R	
Jason	S	To protect my personal information
Angelo	C	To protect myself and exercise my rights as all business owners should do!
Lori	Z	I use Whois Privacy to control email spam.
Nicola	L	
		I need Whois Privacy in the same way I need to be protected from phone scams on my cell phone. I need it in the same way I need a security system for my home. I need it in the same way I need encryption every time I make and online purchase or check my bank account online. I need it because I have a constitutional right to privacy and due process under the law. Thank you.
Jiivani	D	
joe	C	
		I use Whois privacy to protect my company from receiving unsolicited correspondance as well as to keep my personal info from being viewed by others in this age of hacking and cyber-risk.
Michael	S	
Jason	G	
Randy	M	Its mine leave me mine alone
Joel	A	For privacy, protection.
Andrew	B	I do not want to be forced to receive the mountain of spam public domain registrants are subjected to.
		The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft
june	J	
sue	M	
Michael	J	My sites ownership should only be known to those I wish to know. It is nobody else's business.
		Our privacy is our right and do not desire my information available. Do not want criminals having access to my name and information
Elliott	H	
Jacqueline	C	To avoid unsolicited spam and contacts from sales and advertising groups. The internet unfortunately makes it all too easy for unwanted junk mail.
Charles	B	Mitigate identity theft, reduce unwanted and unnecessary communications and improve security for me and my fellow employees.
Bria	D	Because my personal information should not be shared nor do I want it to be.

Cassandra	O	I am a white collar professional with legitimate, commercial websites that would embarrass my company and I would be forced out of business with changes in privacy.
Ron	K	I think it would be a huge mistake by ICANN to make our private information available to anyone without getting a subpoena or a court order of some sort.
John	B	
Sally	J	As an American citizen.
John	A	Privacy is an essential right. Requiring every individual in the world who wishes to register a domain to publish their address online is an awful proposal. Most individuals will be forced to publish their residential home address, exposing their physical location to a world full of unknown threats. Sure, doing so would make it easier for a handful of companies to pursue their targets -- but so would door-to-door searches. Or a unique international Internet ID login for every user. What we must achieve is a balance. Catching criminals with ease should not take precedence over protecting the rights of the other 99.9% whose online activities are lawful. Most importantly, such a requirement will in no way prevent registrations from containing false information. It will only serve to eliminate privacy for the honest majority of website owners. Don't eradicate privacy for those who are already following the law.
John	J	I own political web-sites fear of personal attacks!
Lindsay	T	
Fr. Tony	B	I don't want my home address available to every troll/angered citizen/mentally unstable person/demonically possessed soul that wants it after visiting one or more of my small websites. Seemingly innocent topics, like lists of Christian churches and clergy, can spark outrage in certain individuals.
Phillip	H	I have the inherent right to privacy as a balance to the bureaucratic invasiveness of government.
Mark	T	Spammers
Leticia	M	As a small business owner I need to be able to protect myself and my family and I need to be able to do it in an affordable manner. Small business owners don't have the money that large corporations have to protect themselves from the potential threats of doing business online. It is important for the addresses of domain owners to be kept private.
Swadhin	S	We are a startup and trying out many different things, We don't want to share our personal information until the right time. We are not running any illegal show and want to keep the information private for right reasons.
Sally	N	
Sergie	S	To protect my privacy
Dan	M	This keeps vendors, sales people and scammers from contacting me on my personal line and email
Brian	G	
Stephen	H	To protect against spam and unauthorized access to my domain information.
AL	C	BECAUSE MY INFORMATION IS UP TO ME WHO I WISH TO SHARE WITH

Dan	L	
Jeffry	B	
Edmund	A	
Jill	P	To block spammers and marketers from getting my information. Also, on some of my domains I put opinionated comments that I do not want to be harassed about.
Naeem	R	To keep myself safe from internet predators, spammers and to minimize chances of on-line identity theft. Its scary to know that someone could get access to your address, phone number and other information by exploiting the legal loopholes in the system.
Mojtaba	F	Hello I am a human rights activist I live in Iran Islamic Republic of Iran has a lot of violence We need information to be hidden from the eyes of the Islamic Republic of Iran Please be careful not to hurt us Thanks
Kevin	N	
Rodney	M	To prevent cyber stalkers, unsolicited marketing, social engineering attacks, unauthorized domain transfers, OSINT and privacy in general. Requiring a court subpoena or search warrant would not be hard to obtain if sufficient evidence or probable cause was prsented. I can see there would be much abuse if domain privacy is taken away.
andrew	A	protection against spam
Shele	T	I like total privacy. It is being eaten away slowly where your information is out there on the net for anyone to have. I have been stalked online -- so I know how important it is to keep a person's information private. I don't like it that USSearch and all the other background check agencies can have your information online for anyone to have. Years ago -- and probably today -- if you got a landline phone -- you have the option to keep that phone private. Why not on the internet today. Why do these companies have the right to post your information online? Why can't we choose to have our information online or not?
Eric	M	
Jennifer	H	To keep my information safe.
Dustin	M	I work for a popular domain registrar, and use my company's products avidly. I would not dare risk my address getting out to a disgruntled customer, because of some random experience with my employer.
Quinton	C	To protect my personal information.
Brett	L	To eliminate spam and retain my privacy rights and safety.
Chad	C	I use privacy to stop spammer, scammers, and unwanted solicitors from getting my personal information.
ivan	S	it's my personal information and should not be made public. i do not mind paying for privacy which is why i pay for it and do not mind paying for it to make my personal information private
Tina	W	I use whois privacy because I want to keep my personal information private to protect my personal safety since it reflects my home address/billing address and want to also protect my information from identity theft.

Danielle	J	I have many domains that protect my name along with my daughters name and my daughter is a minor. I don't feel any of my personal information should be attainable to any random stranger. If there is a legal reason someone needs to know my personal info regarding the domains I own there is a proper legal channel they have to go through to obtain that and I feel that should remain. I pay to have my information private and that should not just be disregarded.
Jason	B	So people on the web don't know my home address
Shauna	M	I use Whois Privacy to keep my home address from the public eye. I feel safer by having my information not be available to everyone in the world. And I receive enough annoying phone calls, I don't feel like receiving anymore. Please leave Whois Privacy the way it is.
Norm Van Wieren	V	We need to honor privacy in a world of id theft and fraud online and offline
Tina	G	No one should invade our privacy
Thomas	E	To prevent spamming and fraud! This is the only way I know how to eliminate telemarketing calls, mail and email spam.
Brian	S	I use it to prevent receiving unwanted solicitation and spamming for the small telecommunications company I work for.
VIVEK	G	I'm a single home and blog user. I do not want my info to use for marketing of some sort of spam/scam. Please do not remote whosis domain privacy protection.
James	P	Because I do not like being called by everyone in the world who wants to sell me something. I forgot to use whois privacy before and my phone exploded with sales calls. I call it phone spam.
Daniel	F	
Carl	P	
Naomi	B	I am a small business entrepreneur and want to avoid spammers.
Heather	L	whois privacy helps keep my home and loved ones safe from direct physical harm from those online who wish to use whois info for malicious intent
Kevon	L	I use privacy so I don't get more spam. It's my information and I don't purchase domains that don't allow privacy for that very reason. Forcing people to disclose their personal details will go against everything the internet stands for and stifle many websites that cannot have their information publicly disclosed.
Josh	B	Privacy is a basic right. It protects business owners from spam. It also provides peace of mind to website owners that don't fully understand the what it means to "not" have privacy. It is a simple solution that should be available to all.
Mark	R	
Amanda	R	I use privacy to protect my information from spammers and other people trying to use my information for illegal or spam purposes

Evan	S	
Daniel	N	to keep our domains safe and our identities secure from theft
Gagan	P	I own more than 200 domains. I do not want to receive SPAM and phishing messages and phone calls.
Cesar	P	I want to keep my personal life and information private, basically I want to keep my business and personal life separate.
Rosalba	M	For my safty
Victor	M	
Susana	Q	The one time we did not use privacy I got calls at all hours from web developers. I do not need random junk mail offering credit cards for the businesses or web services.
Ilvars	P	
Cherelle	C	Public Speaker and I dont want my home adresse to be outthere
Michelle	M	To protect against potential ID theft.
Elizabeth	M	
Suzanne	H	I don't want just anyone to be able to see who I am and where I live. This is bad for individuals, especially at a time when identity theft is on the rise with no end in sight. I keep total control of my info and I DO NOT want to allow my information to be easily seen. Otherwise I'd just put all of my information on my website for the whole world to see. Officials can get search warrants for any info that they need. Thank you for your consideration and please protect our individual privacy.
Janice	R	I have a right to privacy on the internet.
mary	B	We need to protect our privacy. There is no way I want them to invade my personal information.
Chris	Z	I run a small web business and I use whois privacy protection. Without the protection, my home address, phone number, email, and other information would be easily searchable and prominently displayed. This proposal does not improve accountability. How does a home address have any relevance except for intimidation and harassment? There are procedures already in place to get in contact with domain owners in case of legal or structural issues. It works well. There is already accountability! What I am talking about is the right to obscurity, not unaccountability.
Mike	G	protect myself against attacks
Jayme	M	I use Whois privacy in order to protect my personally identifiable information from individuals that may wish to impersonate me for undesirable purposes. With the information made public, it would be a simple matter to impersonate an individual with enough voracity to wrest control of my domain from me, and cause significant damage both monetarily, and to my reputation.
Ronald	C	I sell a book on my web site and choose to keep my private information "private." People can contact me through my advertised email address.

		<p>To whom it may concern, ICANN's proposal for the restriction of domain privacy is utterly ridiculous, and very short sighted for company with a reputation like ICANN's. While I understand the reasoning behind the proposal, such as, better dealing with copyright claims/infringement, and not giving criminals a wall to hide behind, there is more to this issue that is being overlooked which in the end this will cause more harm than good. Firstly, the number of user that use or intend to use domain privacy for copyright infringement or other illegal activities are far less than legitimate users who just want to protect themselves from harassment. Those in the the public eye would have no protection antagonist those who want to find their information and harass them. All it would take would be a quick "WHOIS" search and their private information, including where they live will be at jeopardy. My understanding is that as Americans, even as human beings, we have a right to privacy, but maybe that is just me. For example, I have purchased products from Microsoft before, but am I entitled to Bill Gates' address, phone number, and personal email just because I purchased a product from his company? No, that would be insane, and so is anyone getting access to your information when indeed it should be private. Many domain companies, even though can hide your information, have ways that you can still reach the owner of the domain. Typically, the domain company can forward you the emails so that you can still be in contact. Ultimately, you're giving yourself and big corporations way too much power over the privacy of people on the internet. If any company, or person can make a claim on website for copy right infringement getting your all your contact information without a warrant or any probable cause whatsoever, then there is no structure or order to things. I get that ICANN wants to help, but all your doing is destroying the integrity of the internet and creating chaos. These are just my thoughts and concerns. We are in age of technology things are constantly changing all around us, and we barely know how to process it all. Just because things change however, doesn't mean you need to force it.</p>
Barry	B	
Sarah	J	
Dennis	O	To prevent the low life scammers from scraping email addresses and selling to spammers and to prevent Unsolicited Email.
Emily	W	I have multiple domains registered for personal use, and am not comfortable with everyone in the world knowing my contact details. In the past I've received 24/7 telemarketing calls, increased spam email, even junk mailing. It's also a matter of safety that I don't want people knowing my home address.
Jeffrey	M	
Margaret	W	I don't want everyone to have access to my information.
David	C	
Terry	C	Too much information is being hijacked illegally and there is too much government involvement in everybody's business to allow another door to be opened. Terry
Jonathan	L	Without it, how do we protect our privacy and reduce out hack surface area online?
Chester	L	I don't

Carl	T	As a small business owner i take my privacy seriously. I receive spam letters regarding my domain names already, the publication and removal of my privacy online will only make fraud and spam more prevalent.
Elvin	G	
Martin	M	I want my private information protected.
Quentin	R	Unsecured information results in excessive spam and junk.
Allen	N	The oppressive mountain of marketing and aggressive tactical calls that occur whenever a person has a name on an easy to access list. We need more privacy, not less.
Keith	S	
Justin	N	To protect my information from stalkers, spammers and other data minors for malicious needs.
Nigel	M	
Joseph	R	Because its a right to not have our information spammed out.
Lee	R	
Reagan	K	I don't want my private information (telephone, address, email etc.) to be anyone who wants it.
donna	J	Because privacy should be a protected right of any individual.
Lori	C	
Lori	K	
Daniel	M	
Walid	S	I do not know the answer!
Lissie	M	My personal information should not be readily available to the public. The entertainment industry already has the means to obtain my personal information in the event they allege I am infringing on copyright protections. This is a threat to all private individuals who run websites, regardless of content.
marjorie	G	I have a website specializing in mailing books to prison inmates. Having my privacy protected from KNOWN criminals is important to me.
Brendan	M	I host personal domains for my family and do not need my personal address/phonenumber/email leaked out for all whois scrapers to see.
Howard	J	I feel that there is already too much personal information publicly available. I don't see why my domain info is necessary. If some agency has a "need" for this information, they can always get it.
Pat	B	
Austin	W	Privacy matters. My information shouldn't be floating around without my consent. Nor should it be forced out of any proxy or privacy service I use without proof I have committed a crime.
chrissy	G	To keep my information from being sold to spam/telemarketers - when my domains were not private, I had continuous issues with being contacted by companies trying to sell products, transfer my domain, fake renewal notices.
Denise	J	to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft

John	M	
roberto	A	for information sometimes I need form my business
Joshua	C	I don't need to use such services but I support that these services are needed by certain individuals.
Andrea	P	
John	P	Privacy. No one needs to know except the owner.
Jonathan	C	Personal safety, information security
Jeehan	M	
LEON	S	
Molly	H	I have a crazy ex boyfriend who has tried to use the ICANN WHOIS info to find my current whereabouts. Exposed information would compromise my safety.
Cheryl	K	
Elizabeth	D	For myself and family
Daniel	E	I don't want spam nor do I wish to give people the chance to harass and stalk me. Bottom line, I have the right to privacy.
Tabitha	S	I have already had an instance of harassment from a client when I was with a company because my email address was my last name and they learned my first name upon interaction. The internet is a very scary place in one way or another for almost every person living. Having that privacy is a small weight off your shoulders. There are ways to receive information(or there should be) if there has been a complaint towards someone for online hate or illegal activities. But unless that is the case and you are of the correct authority figure than that information should be protected.
Rebecca	D	Keep my information private please!
Joyce	B	I need and use WhoisPrivacy as a security service for my Website, physical security, and to protect my personal identity/information.
Elizabeth	V	I want my stuff private. There is no way come July 8 that I want big brother looking over my shoulder. Or Joe Schmoozing hacking into my stuff to get it!!!
Ryan	H	It's privacy.
STORMY	C	Because I like being the only me across the globe. Nobody else trying to make my credit bad lol
Jean	H	
Ed	M	
Margaret	C	I don't want to receive solicitations from organizations who look me up. Also, the more personal information about me and my company on the internet gives criminals more information to pretend that they are me or represent my company.
mariha	K	
vera	A	Do not want personal details to display / prevent solicitation

LEWIS	P	I operate a small home-based business -essentially a family business - I supply clients with a postal address (which is a mail service who deliver to me) but I don't want people contacting me at my home address for a variety of reasons including but not limited to my kids losing the mail for me!
Carol	R	
Pierre	C	To prevent spammers from accessing my info to swamp me with garbage mail.
Michael	A	Protection of my private information
Stephanie	W	To prevent spam, mostly. To maintain privacy, generally.
Wendy	R	Website Privacy is my right.... Not public information
Danielle	L	I do not have a brick and mortar store for my business and do not feel comfortable with my clients or anyone for that matter knowing where my live and compromising the security of myself and my family.
Lauren	M	I wish to protect my personal safety.
Brenton	B	
Valeriy	B	I run a lot of different websites, and do not want my name tied to all of them. As a developer, my site portfolio ranges from family friendly sites, all the way to adult content. I do not wish for my clients to get a misunderstanding of my services due to the fact that I manage a slew of different clients with different needs. Basically, I don't want my family friendly clients knowing I also support pornography websites.
Jamie	S	
Brian	S	
Christina	V	
Timothy	R	To protect my information from access by those who have no right or evidence of wrong doing to gain such access.
Jeff	H	So people will not steal my information on me or my products!
Gautham	D	
Jacqueline	F	
Justin	R	Blog posts that require anonymity
Gerry	D	
William	R	I rely on the right to speak up and control the access to my person, against harassment, or against those who may oppose my views. We are in a time of tumultuous change, and the internet is still a power the people hold to organized and take stands, and build new ways. There is no denying the power to stand up to wrongs, by persons or states, that anonymity and freedom on the internet provides. To collapse these freedoms is to disempower the vulnerable.
Annabel	F	
Spencer	S	
Wim	V	To put it simple. I value privacy EXTREMELY.

Myrna	E	I have more than one website and have used proxy services on most; however, the one where I do not use the service has resulted in a significant amount of marketing and other unwanted materials.
Jim	M	I use Whois Privacy services to minimize the potential for identity theft and to protect my personal information from those who might use it for illegal purposes.
Brian	P	Because I don't want people to show up at my doorstep.
adrian	C	Because it is the proper thing to want
Steve	W	Protection of self and identity
James	K	If your going make laws to protect us, please do. "thereby requiring us to turn over your personal contact information (home address, home phone, etc.) to anyone who makes a claim against you - without a subpoena, search warrant or due process of any kind. The doors to your confidential information would be propped wide open" That just sounds like a knee jerk reaction in the wrong direction.
joshua	M	To avoid spammers and people having my contact info to call me and waste my time trying to sell me stuff when I am working that has no use to me.
Marc	M	Whois privacy means that I determine what I can read on the internet, not the lowest common denominator of internet malefactors.
Gayle	S	To avoid stalkers
Sara	N	Privacy
Mariano	S	to avoid fraud, spam and to protect my identity.
William	G	To protect our privacy.
Fern	B	It greatly reduces the amount of spam that I receive. It also reduces the number of calls I get from companies trying to sell me their services.
Chris	S	At Will employment law makes me very careful to separate personal and professional.
Jill	Z	Privacy protection for my personal info on my business sites
Melissa	R	
Simon	C	I am sick of spammers and cold callers. Allowing my details to be out there will be another way scrapers can scrape my details and send a barrage of spam to my inbox, not to mention call me about seo services or whatever else they are flogging.
Megan	B	I use Whois privacy because I have a scary ex who knows my domain and I never want him to be able to find me in real life. Whois privacy keeps me a small amount safer than if my real name and address were publicly accessible.
Adrian	A	Often times, I worry that fans and antagonists who love or hate my work are willing to disregard my privacy to fulfill their own interest in confronting me and my family.
Evan	A	U have privacy because I am a domain reseller and value my safety and privacy. Also, when I register a new domain and do not sign up to make it private...I get a flood of calls with web design companies from India would somehow are getting newly domains and their purchaser's contact info and it is incredibly annoying.

Andre	L	To prevent being a target for extortion.
Robert	K	I am a business owner. I need to limit the time spent sorting through solicitation and spam correspondence so that I can focus on making my businesses more productive. This is why my privacy is so important.
Dee	D	Personal safety, to prevent anyone on the internet from having my home address.
Louie	R	Privacy is a big issue in todays society. Let me give you a clear example of why we need service like domain by proxy and others of the like inorder to maintain sanity over legitimate business and doings of the like in the internet space. I few years ago, when new to the cyber world of domain purchasing, I purchased a domain name to use for a blog, but didn't purchase privacy protection, a few weeks later- the emails starting pouring in, the letters to my address became overwhelming, all from marketing companies using my information to help sell there products, and if that was was not enough, how about the guy who showed up at my house one day, asking to buy my domain from me, because he had the next biggest idea for it, its plain scary what can happen when strangers get a hold of your information. I have kids, a wife -a family who I love a cherish, If you do too, then don't let my scenario become that of the worlds. Do you need a stalker at your door? Hacker constaly tapping your email account, huge marking companies data mining to then sell your information to other to turn a profit? While I can see the good trying to be done here, its clear that it brings more harm than good. I am a firm believer that a legal warrant should be the remedy an always should be, otherwise there is not structure of power within the masses of the public. -LR.
Robin	S	
Jack	B	
chandran	A	Personal privacy should be maintained by all means.(save domain polic)
kenneth	C	to maintain my personal privacy from everything bad
Mary	G	I use domain privacy to allow me to publish and be an activist on the Internet while keeping my family's contact details hidden from trivial attempts to find them.
Cody	C	Because I own a Business and I want my personal information to remain private.
Maura	S	
Michael	K	
Wayne	M	
Ron	C	
Bigan	M	It is very important to me.
Phyllis	B	
Sarah	N	
Ivana	M	Because it's important and fundamental to keep personal information private. We have a legitimate right to that and pay a lot of money for it.
Nour	E	

George	O	Bottom line is everybody should have the right to privacy! Wheteher anyone else think it's right or wrong - it should be a personal choice...
SrinivasaRao	M	
Kevin	A	The data is mine, not anyone else's.
Sanjeev	S	Protect family, clients, associates, and overall identity online from spammers and those who want to target individuals who own certain domains.
Neil	W	I do not think that almost anyone can retrieve private details, I have enough spam as it is without my details being publicly available.
Nick	Z	
Ann	D	Privacy is essential for all on the internet -I have already been robbed by hackers even though I thought I was protected I shall never regain the years of effort and hard work lost as at 70 and with a fast changing world I am not in a position to learn and discover as I was when residing in London -
Sajid	K	
Jane	H	We are innocent until proven otherwise. Why take my right to privacy away? I want to keep things private. Thanks!
Albin	L	I don't have a website, but all should have their privacy protected, especially when the government in many country's prosecute free speech sites.
Alain	M	Personal communications do not concern 3rd parties
Rory	O	To avoid identity theft.
Daniel	C	Protect my idea identity
Kaustubh	A	I don't want to disclose the details of mine over Internet A domain registration requires details like address phone number and name. Which is crucial and important for financial related terms. But if it's easily available to anyone it will be a great problem. Just like would any one like to show the peraonal information over Internet to anyone. no one would like to do so. Our numberservice are being misused as it's easily available over who is. Address is available anyone can get the info and can reach to the location easily. So I strongly support and suggest not to disclose the details of domain owners
Trevor	S	Its none of anyone else's business whom I call or text or anything.
Aaron	W	Our company subscribes to a WHOIS privacy service for a very good and legitimate reason. We own websites catering to both liberal and conservative organizations. Having either group find out that we cater to both could be very harmful to our business! I have no problem with government agencies having our information, but we don't do anything illegal or immoral or unethical and we really don't want just anyone to have access to our information! Please continue to let WHOIS privacy companies continue to protect our privacy! Thank you.
Judy	O	Escorts and porn stars are marginalized enough. Their work is dangerous. Let's not marginalize them further and fully reveal their legal names and addresses. Personal information should be kept private to protect their physical safety! If Whois privacy is removed, you can expect a lot more escorts and porn stars to go missing!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Steve	S	I make videos that answer questions related to technology. I may need the ability to make my domain registrar information to prevent the possibility of harassment, identity theft, etc... Privacy and the right to be private is a right that should NEVER be revoked.
Eduard	G	I don't want spammers and competitors to know my coordinates and private information
beth	S	Safety
bodhi	D	the internet is the last frontier of free speech and privacy and should be protected from the shackles the government is trying to put up on it.
Viraat	K	For privacy protection
isobelle	R	To protect the identity of myself and my family
Diane	B	Privacy is a personal right and should never be taken for granted
Amy	B	I want privacy in most areas of my life for protection.
Digin	D	I want domain privacy to avoid public harassment.
Alexis	H	Because I am a victim of domestic violence and do not wish my attacker to use my websites to find me.
David	D	We use Whois privacy to protect our home address from the evildoers on the internet but still allow business notifications to reach us quickly.
Nitin	G	Don't want to release my personal information to the public.
Sandro	H	Keep annoying customers away
Laura	S	Block spam; personal protection as a single person
William	B	So I can give information to only those who need it.
Kimberly	J	
william	B	So only the information I wish used can be controlled by me.
Eric	P	To keep my private life separated from my professional life.
Diana	A	
rudy	S	I think my privacy should be protected, regardless of whether the website is personal or commercial, and my confidential info should not be revealed
Brian	T	Protects my family and my personal information.
Ian	B	WHOIS privacy plays a legitimate and vital role in preventing all sorts of malicious misuse of data, and should not just be available to commercial entities. Restricting privacy on such a basis will open vulnerable individuals to harassment and would be short-sighted in the extreme.
Brandon	V	I do not want people to have my personal contact information and certainly do not want people to know where I live. I do not use my domain names for any illegitimate purposes but if I post a controversial topic on my blog I don't want to be worried about some psycho showing up at my door and causing harm or a disturbance.
Stéphane	L	For m'y security...
Vipin	J	It protects personal info and ensures we are protected even phsically and digitally

Aida	U	
Nitish	S	To protect my small business from potential threats and exposing my personal information
Rajesh	C	To protect our identity theft and secure our domains.
Morgan	O	
Craig	H	
Carl	C	
SAURABH	B	for SAFETY...
barbara	F	
Larry	J	Anti ID theft
Matt	R	
Martina	M	All people who choose to operate websites should not have to risk publicizing their personal information to do so.
barbara	M	I'm a single woman trying to run my own business. I don't want people knowing my personal business unless I choose to tell them.
Debbie	R	To protect my privacy from 'stalkers' and untrustworthy strangers online.
Allen	S	
Tom	P	
sraavan kumar	K	It is a faculty which I can use.
Pritam	S	Don't want to show my personal contact details to everyone in the world.
Nabinananda	P	Because my domains remain safe.
Rajesh	S	
Sutharsan	Y	
Kumaresan	P	
Michael	W	WHOIS allows me to feel safe knowing my home address isn't made public as well as preventing annoying spam emails from reaching me.
Elizabeth	B	To keep spammers from calling me or coming to my business
Pratik	P	
sagar	H	We all need the privacy. It is so much necessary for everyone. How can anyone see the details on the owner.
Chris	F	
Sean	P	
Deepak	M	It should go through under legal law.
tomasz	B	security
Steven	M	Whois privacy protects my personal information from being accessed by just anyone which protects my family.
Brett	S	
Randy	M	

jack	R	
Sharon	E	I have actually had a former friend look up my home address and send correspondence to my address knowing that it will cause problems in my relationship, this is the tip of the iceberg for many. I'm not for 1 minute saying that there should not be contact details on websites but owners should feel safe from some unhappy reader/customer/extremist turning up at their door
VARUN	M	To keep the experiments private. After all internet is a big lab with lots of crazy ideas cooking all the time.
Ashley	S	Privacy ensures people protection from theft. I personally have gotten FAKE emails pretending to be GoDaddy (I work for them, and know better.) and if it was any ordinary customer, they could have easily given away there payment info. Why would anyone NOT want privacy is the question I continue to wonder. This needs to remain intact.
Tushar	G	Too keep my identity safe from people who want to send spam mails and promo mails.
Aaron	S	To protect my contact info from spammers and data miners
Jim	H	Because it is not the right of anyone to give my personal information to anyone who asks for it doesn't agree with something I say online or in public!
Jakob	S	
Craig	P	
Jesse	S	Protect from fraud and spam
Elias	K	Fraud, unwanted flood of emails, fishing etc
Dave	S	
Richard	B	I don't - but it is the principle
Patrick	S	
Simon	O	Previous job might lead me to be a target
Vasken	T	To be safe against theft and piracy.
Anthony	M	Because I run a small web design business from home. Unfortunately the per domain pricing on privacy is a bug cost burden and I only use it on a small selection of potentially contentious domains. Whenever I update my whois info, you know what I get? A massive influx of spam, and coldcallers on the phone. V w can I protect myself from spam and sales calls if I can't hide my data. Not only should there be a privacy option, it should be reduced in price and extended in coverage.
Alex	F	I don't want people to known address
Parthasarathi	D	My company
Jasbir	S	I'm using Whois Privacy to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft.
Kent	F	It's worth a few extra \$ per year to keep my name and address private. If you had been bullied as a child you would feel the same.

Arafat	P	Through Who Is privacy people knew my name and abused me in past through email. That's why I want privacy protection.
Jasbir	S	I'm using Whois Privacy to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft. Thanks
Clone	M	
Srinjoy	R	
Nishita	J	There is o problem with open web, but this also causes lot's of problems like spamming, mail bombing, marketing mails, identity theft, spamming and more...!!
Stephan	N	Because I do! The option of privacy is never a bad thing
archna	W	
Hari	V	
Dinabandhu	B	Get rid from too much spam mail.
Ashim	B	
David	S	It protects company privacy. Rather than have a domain registered to a named person it allows for us to let it just be associated to the business.
Sugandh	M	To protect my info from spammers and hackers.
Santhanam	V	Unwanted calls/mails to my residence
Nalleni	P	Domain privacy is needed for me & very strong reason also.
Reva	G	
Nan	J	Cuz
Adee	P	Privacy is a must to secure all your views and notes on social media network.It is my private domain AND SHOULD REMAIN SECURE, UNLESS i DESIRE TO SHARE THE SAME WITH OTHERS/FIENDS/RELATIVES//PUBLIC ETC ETC.
Tharun	M	
Neil	M	Privacy protect should be free and no company should make money on that.
Paul	M	To keep our domain registration information private. Our company information is public on our website, and on other websites, so people can look up our info in these places as needed.
Sean	P	I don't wish to choose between making my address known to the general public and choosing to only publish content that won't be considered offensive to people who may have a problem with a particular point of view that differs from their own and respond unreasonably.
Terence	P	Spam control and prevent un-necessary contact by irrelevant people / organisations. It's no different from opting out of a phone directory or keeping my front door locked. If there are legitimate reasons for authorities to seek information / access - they should apply through the appropriate channels.
aditya	S	It is very important and personal.
Lovkesh	K	

Marija	K	I own business website and I believe that privacy of my domain is key to keep my business and private life safe.
Ethan	T	I run a small home based business registered at my home address that i would like to keep private.
Sadaf	N	For the betterment and privacy.
Ankit	R	I, the undersigned, support The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing
Michael	L	Privacy of all things on the net should be allowed
Farid	B	A lot of people can reach your Phone and email, and contact you which is very annoying for me, and it has happened with me before. I hope Whois privacy will remain available for everyone. Thanks
Rajpal	S	
Jamie	W	The amount of spam a small business has to deal with due to insufficient privacy provisions is a waste of resources. Privacy should not be an extra in this day and age. It should be the norm.
chris	M	To protect my family home
Muhammad	R	It's my property why others can see it without my permission.
pritiranjana	S	
Joshua	C	
Nitesh	S	to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft.
Timothy	K	
Alex	L	I don't want to show my privacy to everyone.
Jamshid	D	I don't need. but i do understand the need of privacy.
Ronak	L	
Max	A	This prevents a lot of spam (email and post mail)
Dylan	K	
NISHANT	D	No matter if the website is personal or commercial, privacy safety is the right of the website/domain owner.
Brennen	C	
Tanvir	A	
Jakub	S	
Mujibur Rahman	S	The Who is information shows the person name, address and contact details and this is violation of personal privacy. I don't want any one to know and contact me from this information. There is always a way to contact from the webpage contact details
RICH	B	no spam, safe, no one can show up to my house for issues with site.
John	L	Running an Amateur Radio group with over 5000 members, i don't want direct contact by members for whatever reason.

Frederic	D	this proposal is not compliant with European laws about privacy ! ie Directive 95/46/CE
Parveen	K	It should be private because no want to share personal detail with unwanted others....
Dana	B	To protect my personal self from spammers and data miners
Ben	E	Having used WhoisGuard for my first website, and not realised how effective it was (because I never received nuisance calls or e-mails), I didn't bother using it for my new one (the cost, while reasonable, adds up over time and APPEARED unnecessary). However, since my new website has gone live, without the service, I have been INUNDATED with SPAM and even nuisance calls to my mobile and my house phone!! I am on the point of renewing a WhoisGuard service, so I am most dismayed to discover it is in danger of being discontinued. It is essential for my business to have an online presence, but the torrent of unsolicited calls and e-mails is absolutely intolerable! I implore you not to take away the means for small business owners such as myself to protect our privacy online.
Ida	P	
Gideon	G	For my website
Michael	S	Websites for private business.
Einat	L	
Jamese	C	Because there are individuals that attempt to steal one's identity, violate privacy, and risk of being a fraud victim.
Hari	K	I don't want anyone and everyone having access to personal information about me. That's like just telling any weirdo and pyscho on the street where I live and giving them the keys to come in whenever they like!
Ross	W	Market competition
MRIDHUL	A	I don't want to show the details of my domain in public.
Philippe	T	
Steve	H	
Lenny	B	To avoid Spam, and solicitors. To keep my name and information off marketing lists.
Philip	R	To prevent spam, and identity fraud.
Sai	T	
Payl	N	Medical and adoption information if nothing else needs to be confidential +.
Brad	R	My wife, whose domain I administer, is a writer on politics and feminism who has received many threats as a result of her work. Whois privacy enables us to prevent those who would harm her from learning our home address.
Janet	N	I hate getting spammed to death when I use my name online.
Rithvik	P	I Need it
Jean	C	I insist to keep my information private. If I need to reveal it, I will do it by myself.
michel	B	
Henry	N	
Siddharth	S	
Yogesh	J	

Surajit	B	Yes I need my domains Whois Privacy.
Satinder	S	Due to spam mails and other third party sending mails to my clients for their services...whereas client has already given us the Jobwork
Khaled	A	
Punitsingh	P	because is personal, extremely personal
Lorraine	C	I use to run a network and there was people on there that liked to scare me by displaying my full name and address online. When i added privacy it was able to stop this. No one should be able to do a lookup on a domain name and be able to get all the details and address of a person.
Roney	V	
mark	C	
Nelson	X	
Jasjeet	S	
Ismail	K	Privacy is the right of any individual
Luke	B	
christine	P	Internet use has now become the primary method of contact between people and commercial entities. Correspondence and transactions, unless blatantly illegal should not be subject to scrutiny by any agency.
Ben	A	It's my right.
Sai	A	
Sujoy	B	Dont want to share my personal email, phone number, address with everyone.
Jason	S	I use privacy to for my domains to keep competitors from viewing where our leads are coming from. This is vital in our industry.
Ali	T	Dear ICANN - Regarding the proposed rules governing companies that provide WHOIS privacy services (as set forth in the Privacy and Policy Services Accreditation Issues Policy document): I urge you to respect internet users' rights to privacy and due process. - Everyone deserves the right to privacy. - No one's personal information should be revealed without a court order, regardless of whether the request comes from a private individual or law enforcement agency. Private information should be kept private. Thank you.
Dan	S	I should have a right to privacy and should not be allowed to be abused by anyone.
Richard	C	
Peggy	R	Like privacy
Aaron	R	
Erin	P	I don't, but it's clearly an invasion of privacy. This should not be allowed.
linda	D	
Normand	S	

Advitya	M	I need it because my identity is not secure. If it is on net than anyone can access it and can harm me or other creators.
Walter	F	Protect my private information
wendy	T	
Will	B	I have a few web sites and a blog and would not want people to be able to use a bot to get my information and spam me with useless emails / letters. I also post sometimes controversial information regarding depression and would not want my name linked to the site in case people want to use that against me.
Steven	A	To protect my information so everyone doesn't know it.
Deborah	B	My work is confidential.
Nicolas	H	Privacy is a right that should require due process to be stepped upon, not a privilege to be revoked on a whim.
sonia	D	
Amy	M	Keeping personal info separate from business. I run a farm and am not zoned for the public to just drop by. Keeping my address private in very important to me and my family.
Bruce	M	I need Whois privacy so that my former stalker and abuser can't find me through my recognisable online business service.
Bronseen	A	Any dispute can be directed towards a contact email, which in and of itself should be private, that is redirected towards the registrants email. Corporations are not beyond the law, if departments of government need clearance for data, corporations should good and well need clearance. A private redirection email should suffice for contact purposes.
Mohammed	A	
Tandon	H	
Syed	A	I, the undersigned, support The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrong doing
Jonathan	C	To see who owns domains, but I'd also like to be able to keep my information private!
Hugues	J	To keep personnal informations and domain secure
Jack	S	
Thomas	R	I want to keep my personal information private, and a court order, search warrant, or due process should be required if someone wishes to access said information. I understand that not all people would use WHOIS information to inflict harm, however, it would be better for everyone if providers were not required to release private information without due process, since that wouldn't be fair to all the legitimate users of the internet.
Terence	A	Many reasons, to protect my self and my family from Internet prowlers, scammers and the merely curious. Not to mention, even more importantly, a very vindictive ex-wife!!!

Jonathan	C	As an personal individual I do not want my own personal details associated with a personal domain registration available to the general public at "the click of a mouse". I would accept that a commercial organisation should perhaps not be allowed to withhold such details. there should be a system withn ICAAN that allows perosnal indivisualy to without their personal details from any WHOIS search or be allowed to use a Proxy service. Any such systems obviously allow law enforcement or other orrifial bodies to access such information should it be required for legal means. In the UK any .co.uk domains registered by personal individuals can have their personal details withheld by Nominet for WHOIS searches.
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John-Peter	D	I have two blogs that feature Bible readings to my children and pictures of my children and I need their identities/home safe so predators do not target them and violate our home privacy. I also run a blog on Christianity and I want my identity/location to be protected from those who might threaten or target me personally for my beliefs. This is a sick day and age, with movie theaters and churches being attacked. Bloggers and other web editors need privacy to keep their lives from being threatened and worse, their children, who may be viewed, researched, or accessed by anyone all over the world, from being attacked or preyed upon.
Rebecca	G	
Arijit	M	
Brad	J	Because I don't want my security compromised. Whois records address and phone number and name... Opening up that info would get rid of the last privacy I have.
Chad	W	Because I have a right to my privacy. No one needs open access to my private information. It is a clear violation of my rights.Once more a governmental overreach where they have no business.
Rick	G	
William	S	To protect my personal information.
Eden	L	
Cynthia	M	To keep info private
jamie	B	
Siddhu	P	
Rupen	A	
Catalina	C	

avtar	S	
Tiji	V	Because I wouldn't want any To, Dick and Harry on the internet find my address and details which I might not publish on contact Us page. Moreover many a times it becomes life threatening for bloggers covering sensitive topics. Privacy is our basic right. Respect it !
Amritpal	S	i m a web developer and some of my clients dont want to publicly offer their info,and personally i dont like too.
Jeffrey	H	I'm doing nothing wrong, why should I give up my privacy just to have my own POP3 server.
Elvis	F	I need it to safeguard my contact details from spam and perverts/wrong people reaching my doorstep. Simple enough, could the one's trying to ban Whois Privacy, publish their phone numbers and their addresses online for everyone?
Ken	G	I support privacy of individuals running small, home-based businesses.
Stephen	J	I happily add my name to this as I believe my daughter has the right to this in the future.
Pinky	J	Because I do not want to get bombarded with spam and nonsense or have my personal details anywhere near the public domain - just as I have every right to not publish my address or phone number on Facebook. There are a lot of strange people out there. This information going public would put a lot of innocent people at risk. It is the most selfish and ridiculous movement.
Lyn	R	
Aleksandar	B	
Elizabeth	K	To keep my personal information as private as possible online. I build websites for organizations/businesses and don't want my personal info getting distributed as a result of this.
Shanti	S	We need the privacy to protect our group domain
Rich	H	We use it to protect our PRIVATE information from our business workings, web site ect. No one needs to have access to our personal information and your idea to do away with domains by proxy is a BAD IDEA. Keep your focus on the people doing wrong, and leave the rest of us alone.
Ranold	O	
frederick	S	i prefer NOT to have my info published in the whois. no good can come of it.
Robert	P	To keep business annoyimity on the web. Allows for competitiveness with large corporations.
james	F	i want my privacy. i dont want people to see my info.
Antoine	C	
jenny	C	
Dan	H	I have several startup businesses. I have not problem with law enforcement agencies getting my contact information, but not the general public or my competitors. Large wealthy competitor could lock me up in court, for no valid reason and destroy my cashflow. These changes boarder on anticompetitive.
Ivaylo	P	
Doris	L	Because I don't want everyone to know my business!! I also don't want to be robbed!!!

rob	D	
Shreejith	T	
MAHEEM	D	I WANT TO PROTECT MY DOMAIN PRIVACY FROM ONLINE IDENTITYT THEFT. I DONT WANT TO MAKE KNOW THE WORLD THAT I PURCHASED PARTICULAR DOMAIN. I WANT TO KEEP MY PURCHASE AND IDENTITY SECRET.
Saif	A	Obviously SPAM and unwanted business proposals
Dionicia	B	Because I've bought domain names and would like to keep my identity private.
Manu	A	Because iam Cared About Me !
Harsh	D	Because we have the right to our privacy
Dave	G	The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing
Aditya	R	Too many illiterate competitors
Kyle	H	My domains have privacy to protect my family from just anyone finding where I live
ishaan	S	Because its my right, and I live in a free country
Michael	G	I run multiple businesses in the technology sector and I do not want partners in some of my businesses to understand that another one of my businesses is competing with them in a different technology sector. I have an IT company, a website design company, a retail PC company, a Telephone Integration company and an Wireless ISP business. I have a lot of partners in my Wireless ISP business and website design company that would not do business with us if they understood that I was competing with them in IT or Telephony. We are able to setup the businesses through attorney's as Registered Agents which blocks direct and knowing access to ownership of these private companies, but if I am not able to block my name from the domain names for all of these companies, then I risk loosing partners and revenue. I understand that there is a need to block illegal activity, but in this age of technology, there has to be a technological way to quickly block illegal activity without exposing all of our private information for the many valid uses that these services provide. Please come to another resolution to achieve your goals without impacting the vast majority of valid users using these services. There is a reason that these services exist and are widely used. Thank You.
Gretel	S	
Ashutosh	C	I need my facebook posts, my mails, my pics to be safe because i dont want my daughter's pic to be posted somewhere ina porn site tommowrow. i dont want my wife's face picture to be photoshopped to a model's body and shown on a nude pic site. I dont want a corporate giant to know why i needed to borrow money form a close frnd.
Roxana	H	very important as an individual to be able to keep my personal information as private as possible as well as my elderly mothers'.

Keiran	S	Privacy Protection is of the utmost importance in todays Digital World. It is everyones right to keep their personal identifying information from prying eyes.
Rahul	D	Its very imp..
Scott	F	Because I don't want it to be even easier for random lunatics to look up my home address and phone number. In other words, for peace of mind and personal safety.
Dave	R	I believe that current rules as written provide protections which if removed, would make many advocacy/watchdog groups vulnerable to abuse by organizations intent on silencing them. I believe current legal mechanisms exist to obtain this information if needed without rewriting the ICANN rules and regulations.
Josh	S	It prevents me from getting unwanted solicitations
Nathan	H	Because it's important
Brad	M	
troy	M	
Maria	H	I use Whois so that information such as email address, physical address, and phone numbers are protected from people who will use the information to harass or harm me.
Razvan	S	Before I installed privacy on my domains, I was receiving all kinds of spam. It all stopped once I installed privacy.
Bruce	H	I want to keep my personal information private and minimize the potential for identity theft.
Stephen	W	To keep my information secure and to stop fraud
Arick	A	To prevent my personal information from being available to unknown persons or entities.
Valeria	S	Protect my identity and keep my family safe
Sam	G	
Sreenivasan	A	
Rexx	L	
Wes	W	I believe strongly in the ability for all individuals to maintain their privacy regardless of information required online to own and manage domains.
reza	A	because it my information i should have the right to say who should have and who should not
Vishnumohan	K	I need my identity safe
Fred	B	To protect my safetey
Keith	G	
asa	S	It is my right to keep certain information private.
Ericka	B	The Supreme Court has held that several of the Constitution's amendments give us a right to privacy. Uphold this right and save domain privacy.

Frank	P	I have purchased a fair number of domain names for potential business ideas. Most of which I end up not using, but I don't want my personal contact info available to every and any one who would either start spamming me or just be able to steal a business idea by watching my activity in domains I create/buy. If you make our info available, you'll create a brand new form of internet corruption. Too often, society takes the easy way out and punishes the law-abiding citizen in order to punish or control the few miscreants. Don't take the lazy way out. If you expose the personal info for all domain owners, those miscreants will have a brand new play ground and the end may be worse than what you're trying to control today. Frank
Francisco	F	Dear ICANN Greetings, I understand your concern over privacy misuse however if a crime is notified and registered the privacy can be removed with a subpoena. And on the other side the removal of privacy gives the scam, spammers, and other hoaxes to get public information and misuse them in different ways. I personally the benefits of privacy options outweighs the disadvantages and maybe there are other options to solve your concerns rather than stopping privacy which will bring in new problems. Ive used godaddy domainbyproxy as a domain professional in my business and have never faced any issues with my information and trust with the company. I respect and trust icann with your contribution in the domain industry and request you to please reconsider the problems that users like us shall face for a service that we have been benefiting for long. Yours Truly Francisco Fernandes
Tiffany	M	As a petite single woman, I feel protected by the fact that anyone who has my personal email and/or reads my blog does not have the ability to just show up at my house one day because my address is not public knowledge.
N. Jamal Ansari	A	I must have my privacy and no one should be allowed to intrude into it .
Darcy	R	It's the principle that is important. Internet users should not have to be registered.
Jigar	P	When I started my own domain, then after some time, I got spam email talking about new domain and they had my all information. I shocked and then i chevk with my domain provider, they want to charge me \$10. Thats the reason for whois privacy.
Vlad	G	O believe into privacy and this policy will potentially take away some of this privacy
Pandurang	P	

		<p>I am an author who uses a pseudonym for publishing. My professional name is what people are allowed to see publicly, but my private and legal name is none of the general public's business. My personal life is my own and I am a very private person. I always register domain names with my real and legal info, but I don't feel comfortable at all having that out in the general public, so people can use it to find my house to harass myself and my children. That was the reason I started my career using a pseudonym to begin with - to keep my private life private. The threat of knowing my private information may be publicly displayed and that this is beyond my control is extremely distressing. If privacy is not allowed over my domain registrations where the WHOIS shows publicly, I will be forced to pull my Internet presence down off the Internet completely and this will affect my entire livelihood. Additionally, just as I wouldn't be spreading my address and phone number out to complete strangers on the street, which could also include criminals, it's wholly inappropriate to have another entity doing that on my behalf. It's dangerous and opens me and everyone else up to identity theft never mind the tonnes of spam that would then be filtered my way from bots running on the Internet that are looking for visible email addresses to send to. I have no issue with registrars, service providers or registries knowing my personal info, because they need to know and that makes sense to me. I am purchasing a piece of Internet property with my domain and as a registrant, I want to ensure I can prove I have rights to that property with my real and valid supporting documentation, just as I would if I were entering into a property agreement for my place of residence in the real world. If there was ever an issue of wrong doing on my part related to my domains, then authorities should be able to easily request that personal info from the registries, service providers or registrars should they need it for investigation. I would fully expect they should be able to obtain that without impediment and also fully expect they would and could contact me with it. None of that is an issue at all and should exist. If I have done something wrong, someone needs to be able to find me to tell me so and make me stop. Privacy of my personal information from strangers and criminals? Absolutely needs to exist. Without privacy, I am a target. I wouldn't do that to myself on purpose and do not appreciate another entity forcing me into that position. It's simply not safe. Please, consider retaining the ability to hide personal registration info from publicly viewable sources. Thank you.</p>
Diana	C	
Dennis	S	<p>Some of my domains are for personal use. I do not want anyone to know my home address or phone number for these domains. In addition many illegal marketing companies and phishing entities use the WHOIS to gather email addresses and phone numbers to send emails or make robot-calls.</p>
Anthony	K	<p>I work for a registrar. I don't want a disgruntled customer tracking me down or stalking me.</p>
Jane	B	<p>I am not a company - if companies can hide their directors details as is the case now I don't see why my privacy is compromised if I set up a web site</p>
Jaclyn	K	<p>Because it protects my Personal Identity</p>

Onna	F	We provide our customers with contact information for our business, but our PERSONAL information is called that for a reason. It is PERSONAL!!! I, and I alone am the only one who has the right to give out MY PERSONAL information. Not YOU! How are you going to handle law suits against YOU when more and more identity theft begins to happen because YOU took our right to privacy away. I think YOU will be infringing on MY constitutional right to PRIVACY and I take that pretty seriously. I am asking you to revise your program to allow my service provider to continue providing me with the safety of my personal information as they have been doing for years. I have kept a copy of this for my lawyer, should I need it in the future.
Jesse	S	It is my right to protect my personal information. Just because I choose to register a domain, which is keeping up with the market, does not mean that I have to fall subject to spammers and data miners.
Jane	D	To prevent personal identity theft!
Douglas	A	
Katrina	S	
Muhammad Usama	M	
vikram	S	it should b private like ur bedroom..
Drew	A	
Luca	M	
Jean	M	While I personally don't use Whois Privacy, I've a few friends who do because they've had stalkers. They need the privacy of a proxy very much for personal safety, while some are private individuals, some run fashion start ups or have galleries, which are small companies and their sites are commercial sites, they need the protection of privacy the same as any private individual. I've also acquaintances who run political blogs in non democratic countries who need privacy for obvious reasons, and those blogs as they host adverts, could be classified as commercial. The internet was founded with the principals of freely sharing information, if you fear for your safety, you cant share information. Reasonable due process, such as a court order with verifiable evidence of wrong doing, must be in place before privacy should be able to be broken.
Marianne Ioannou	I	In securing information from being hacked , or used with wrongful intent.
Kyle	S	I use Privacy to keep my personal information private.
John	H	A great resource will go to the way side if this is not preserved. Do what ever it takes to save domain privacy while keeping intact the ability to use Whois for legal and legitimate purposes.
Mark	G	
Josh	O	I use Whois privacy to prevent SPAM and prevent competitive corporate espionage.
Christopher	B	
Hamish	M	

Bhanu	J	
Richard	A	
Bruce	J	
Duncan	P	
Matthew	N	I don't want spam and phishing emails as a result of my whois information.
karandeep	S	i need privacy to save my data and website from frauds who want to kill my site by acts like using my name or my personal information to bluff my customers.
Simon	F	Because I want to!
Don	S	There is already too much personal exposure on the Internet.
Robert	K	I already get too much spam. I'm tired of wading through all the junk mail. And why expose more information than necessary (reduce the attack surface area) when there are already too many stolen identity cases?!
Josh	C	Because privacy is a right
Simon	P	
Justin	H	I like the freedom of being able to create sites without being spammed. It also gives me piece of mind that I don't need to get a PO Box to ensure that just anyone can find out where I live.
Pavel	M	Domain name privacy prevents harassment and doxxing.
Matthew	C	I don't care to be spammed incessantly simply because I own a domain.
Lejgy	G	To keep myself and any users of my sites safe! Publishing that kind of data will give people the ability to use it in a negative fashion.
Greg	Y	I use Whois Privacy to help prevent spam, identity theft, and as an important way I protect my privacy.
Mark	C	
Jesse	A	
George	H	People don't have a right to know where I live just because I have a website.
Joseph	E	To protect myself from identity theft and targeting by malicious parties.
Paul	W	I use it because I don't need/want my address or other contact details to be available to anyone who cares to scrape a whois server, or who decides to dig into my domain(s).
Jan	S	For example, I could make a "data transparency" website about politics/economy that upsets powerful people and hence may threaten my personal security.
Stephen	F	
jerry	M	Ownership of domain names is not a public right. A website used for ordinary business or personal endeavors will display the information that its owner deems appropriate and necessary. Exposure to the public on the web is exposure to the entire world, and as daily hacking reports show, bad actors abound throughout the world to effect illegal acts on ordinary users. Privacy is a necessary safety mechanism for law-abiding users of the internet.
Brad	P	Prevent identity theft -- please do not remove privacy.

Joe	C	To stop telemarketers, etc... from having my contact information.
Cody	L	
Kelsey	M	To protect myself from people who would use Whois information for illegal purposes.
ed	E	
Charles	L	To preserve my name and address from being publicly available for safety reasons. Just because I want to register a domain name, I should not have to disclose who I am and especially where I live.
Jon	G	
Paul	T	
Gil	R	Simplifies domain ownership. Prevents spam.
Isak	A	Because a lot of crazy people out there do things like sending the police to your house and firemen etc just to troll you or harass you. Or even stalk people and things. Privacy is very very important.
Richard	O	
Kenneth	M	Author pen name.
Ryan	F	Having privacy on all of my domains reduces the amount of spam and offers I receive from companies scouring Whois for data.
Adam	S	To many ways to connect people to what should be private data online these days, and privacy of domain reg/ownership is vital.
Jeffrey	L	WHOIS privacy allows me to keep my information private from the general public. I have no problem with this information being revealed to government or law enforcement in cases where probable cause or evidence of wrongdoing is present. However, if WHOIS privacy were eliminated I'd be exposing personal details to the entire world. Why would anyone want this?
Kevin	B	Keeping my personal contact information just that - Personal. Most domains I have registered are for personal not commercial use. For commercial uses I can register a company address not personal to fight the flood of garbage that can ensue from unscrupulous harvesting of the Whois data
Woody	N	Prevent spam. Keep competitors from knowing strategy
Robert	M	My personal contact information does not belong in a publicly accessible database for anyone on earth to harvest. I run a lot of domains, and rely on WHOIS privacy to keep my personal information off the internet!
Magda	D	Prevent unauthorized solicitations as well as protecting myself from fraud and identity theft.
Seth	B	To stop undesired solicitations from "internet directory" providers and other service providers that charge money for providing no services. I used to receive between 10 and 20 of these a week until I took my domain information private.
Mathieu	B	Not getting spamed and keeping my residence private.
Martin	B	I do not want my personal information exposed on the internet.
Alexander	J	I have a personal web site and I don't want my personal information available to everyone.

John	P	To prevent junk mail and calls! Nothing is more annoying than some jerk taking up my time because they scraped the domain for my contact info and threw me on their list.
Patrick	R	Someone who knows my website shouldn't be able to find out where I live
Steve	G	I prefer that my contact information remain private. I'm concerned about identify theft and unwanted solicitations.
Nick	S	I run a consultancy from home.
Peter	D	Avoid SPAM from marketeers and website designers
Harish	H	I wish to protect my identify information from people/organisations which I have no relationship with.
Johnathan	W	Domain privacy is crucial to many of our clients, and I have yet to run across an illegitimate reason for the importance.
Nathan	S	
Adrian	B	Because I won't allow my private data (phone numbers, address, names, website property) to be public so everybody can use it. Why would this information be public in the first place? It makes absolutely no sense at all. If somebody is in breach of federal law anywhere on the globe, host can disclose information to the right authorities not to everyone on the web. WAKE UP!
Barry	W	
Ray	K	
Scott	W	It protects my registrations and provides an anonymous experience. Please do not get rid of this important item!
Connie	M	Because it is my right to make sure that's info stays private!
Heather	D	
Jeff	M	To keep spammers from wrecking my email accounts.
Sam	S	
Richard	B	
Melissa	E	I own domains.
Georges	D	
Scott	H	I work with multiple personal sites and do not need my personal physical/email address made available for spam, commercial solicitations, or other purposes. Being able to work on a site without worrying about my personal contact information being bandied about is important to me. As is having the ability to select different Domain Registrars.
Mark	J	I use Whois Privacy to protect myself from identity theft and time wasting unwanted solicitations for products and services I do not want or need.
Clarice	K	
Chris	K	I don't like being spied on.
Dana	S	To prevent stalkers and identity theives from having my home address and full name
ALAN	I	Provide protections to my personal information so that I am not solicited to for offers and services I don't desire.

James	H	Protect my personal info and privacy
Mohamed	P	No one needs to know what domains I use and which businesses I own.
Michael	A	To prevent spam and other unwanted offers from reaching me.
Jon	G	
Vitaliy	L	I prefer my personal info to be private.
Tanner	P	To avoid unwanted junk mail
Katie	S	I have a website and I write about certain subjects that some disagree with. Without this privacy, I could easily become a target for harassment. This is unacceptable.
Jason	L	Protect from spam, identity theft, etc.
Brice	D	People should not be required to expose their personal information on the Internet, as it makes them vulnerable to a number of malicious attacks.
Tom	P	
JD	L	We shouldn't have to list our phone number and name just to purchase a domain and host small websites, even with a single, small, banner ad to help offset hosting costs.
Barry	M	It reduces email and telephone spam
Kevin	D	New business ideas / create new services
Kirste	M	Without it, I have received daily harassing phone calls from telemarketers and scam artists alike. It is very important to me to have things like my cell phone number off of the public Internet.
ROBERT	A	There are a lot of dangerous people out there, as evidenced by the regular reports of data breaches at major companies. We should be strengthening data and privacy protection, not weakening it.
Michael	V	I do not want my personal information revealed to people who are not required to use it responsibly.
Ian	D	For the same reasons the FCC established The Telephone Consumer Protection Act.
Zachary	H	Whois keeps me sane! Before I understood how it worked I had my contact information available and was flooded with spam. My first business failed because I couldn't salvage my contact info.
Caleb	W	
Chris	H	
Scott	P	Whois privacy saves me from an onslaught of solicitors and reduces my chances of being hacked online. There is no reason why the sites that I maintain for various not for profit organizations should be linked to me at all. I am just the tech guy who does the work behind the scenes.
Leonard	K	
Bradley	M	Protect my privacy.
Philippe	B	Spammers already infect our inboxes. Compromising the privacy of whois would only open the door to more spam. Spam is detrimental to the productivity of honest individuals and businesses. Please help protect domain privacy for the future.

Joel	B	To protect my identity and location.
John	R	Whois privacy protects me from online abuse, stalking, and identity theft. Without the privacy, anyone can find your home address and if they disagree with you show up at your door. Or they can use the info to attempt to steal your identity. Having that protection makes everyone safer.
Gord	W	Because I don't want my home address publicly available and associated to any domains I register. They are unrelated.
Gabriel	S	
Taylor	L	Privacy is an incredibly important issue to me, and the WHOIS is a complete violation of that. Giving (approx.) 3.2 billion people access to every possible way to contact me is frightening.
Andy	S	
Louie	B	
Matthew	B	Stop people from pestering me with spam and random services. Protect my information and other webmasters from scams and false claims.
Manrik	T	keep my work private from cybercrime.
David	S	
Vernon	B	So that spammers, and con artists can't easily get my/company contact information and harass us. Invoice us for bogus renewals, and services.
Kamal	A	Unless you are a publicly trading entity, or a business, personal websites perfectly need privacy. The website is to publish ideas, publishing personal details should be a choice.
Robert	G	To keep my personal information private, including my home address and phone number, for the protection of my family's privacy.
George	I	In this age of identity theft and online insecurities, I want to secure my personal information.
Peter	C	To keep personal information private, to prevent identity theft, prevent spam.
Conrad	A	I do not want other people being able to lookup my private address using my domain, as I do not choose who has my domain name. If people look me up by phone number, that is because I have chosen to share that number with those persons. Address/home privacy is a very important thing in Denmark, which should not be invaded.
Kirsten	B	
Joerg	M	
Jim	A	
Jon	A	Because I purchase domains for my employer.
Spencer	T	To protect physical safety, of course.
Rachel	Y	To protect my personal contact information
Robert	M	I use Whois privacy to keep my personal information private from scammers and spammers.
Kasey	S	

Scott	B	I have a large number of domains registered for one purpose or another. Some of these domains are used for commercial services. If I am unable to utilize private registration on these domains my email address will be available to the world and this will result in a tremendous number of spam email messages flooding my inbox. In addition since the US "Do not call list" is so lame, the number of robocalls and other sales and scamming phone calls will undoubtedly increase dramatically.
Joseph Bryant	T	I use Whois Privacy to protect my personal & private information from disruptive, harmful, or unlawful activities. Although the proposed ICANN restrictions are intended to target spammers, criminals & others who have intent to engage in disruptive, harmful, or unlawful activities, providers like Domains By Proxy already have systems in place for addressing these types of activities while balancing the privacy needs of customers like me & millions of others. The proposed restrictions would treat all domain & website owners as guilty until proven innocent, thereby requiring that customers' personal contact information (home address, home phone, etc.) be turned over to anyone who makes a claim - without a subpoena, search warrant or due process of any kind. Therefore privacy providers should not be forced to reveal private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing.
Bryant	G	Privacy protection hides personal contact information from complete strangers.
Eric	H	own personal domains, would need to give out my personal address. ok for a company; not ok for an individual.
Justin	Y	Protect self against people finding my home address via Whois Lookup.
Nathan	C	I own a small online business, privacy is very important to me as we cannot afford expensive lawsuits or other problems that can arise from identity theft and other related issues
SHIVA KUMAR	M	DOMAIN PRIVACY should be very prior
Susan	S	To keep my personal information private!
Mark	M	I believe my privacy is my right, that I should be able to run a website without my personal information being publicly available. This is particularly important given the flagrant and rampant online harassment that takes place, especially the harassment of women and minorities online. We must ensure that their private information is not available to compromise online.
Gordon	B	
Christopher	M	
Xander	S	To keep people and companies from abusing my mailserver by linking my gmail to my own domain.
Naomi	K	Please keep our personal information private.
William	M	
Amrit	S	I want to keep my family safe and keep my info from going to wrong hands.
Zachary	B	Because it is my right as an individual and business owner to have my information protected.
Sean	B	
Martin D.	B	For, uh...privacy!
James	T	To protect against spam, identity theft, commercial espionage, and any other nefarious or illicit or illegal activity.

Aron	T	To protect myself and my family from those who would use our personal information in ways we do not authorize.
Theodore	C	
Kay	W	
James	W	The dangers of doxxing and the importance of internet privacy are too important to be given away for nothing. Adding personal information to publically searchable WHOIS info will put people's lives at risk and only encourage fraudulent registration
Sarah	G	I have several domains that I use for my online work portfolio and I do not want people finding my private information.
Lindsey	P	You should need a court order or some legal document before a provider should turn over private information. Changing the current policy will bring many avoidable headaches and problems for small business owners and places that provide shelter for abused and mistreated people. Please do not change the current policy and let anyone create a "complaint" just to access my private information.
David	C	I don't want to receive SPAM or unsolicited email from either web services or businesses completely unrelated to to websites. I also don't want to receive inquiries about selling my domains. I also don't want my home address listed on the web for privacy and security reasons
Michael	L	Because I don't want strangers knowing where to find my family.
Frank	I	
Aaron	H	
Shawn	D	I'm a technology consultant working from a home office. I don't want my home address available to everyone via a domain registration. The lack of privacy might shunt the growth of important political or social topics if the person registering the domain feels like a target. (In the past, I have dropped domain names that did not support private registration because the content of the site was politically unpopular.) And regardless, I fail to see why domain ownership is a reason to give up privacy.
Jason	W	I don't won't advertisers/spammers combing the WHOIS database for my info.
Tony	W	Spam prevention
Chad	S	I prefer that I as an individual remain private in terms of the domains I have control over/own. By publishing my identity in whois data it makes it far easier for someone to mine that data and use it for various marketing and targeting purposes.
shelly	P	
Mark	P	To reduce spam and prevent unwanted phone calls
John	P	
Bill	V	Prevent identity theft and physical safety
Orlando	M	I use the privacy to protect my identity, my website and my customers from people who want to steal my identity. My customers love it, and love the option of their privacy. And I love it that I can protect my own privacy and ideas.

Alexander	R	
William	L	I feel that if I would like to keep my information private that I should be able to do.
Dennis	U	
Brad	L	
Brendan	C	To keep me safe from spam via physical mail.
Sherry	S	I use a privacy service to protect my personal contact information from being widely available. With so many internet scams and identity theft happening, I appreciate being able to use a privacy shield that allows those with legitimate need to contact me a way to do so, but shields my personal info from those seeking to gather up personal data for uses I may not want my data used for. Thank you for keeping responsible privacy shields like DomainByProxy in place!
sartkeda	A	To keep my info secure and private
Lynn	H	To prevent email harvesters/bots from having access to my email address.
Alexander	C	My civil rights as a modern man. Our addresses are protected personal information that we need to authorize others to access, just like our medical info.
Rudi	J	I believe in total privacy regardless of what your motives. Without just cause to believe someone is doing wrong, privacy should be a right not simply handed to someone on suspicion. If privacy were to be denied, many legitimate businesses would have to reconsider doing business on the Internet, including small business owners. It would hurt us all, and place smaller ISPs in a bad position being forced to purchase privacy servalance equipment.
Margaret	W	
James	H	please keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft
Rebecca	G	So crazy stalkers can't come and get me. Duh.
Scott	A	
Anton	S	
Arran	F	So scum bags don't know my address, why else?
Nathan	R	To protect me from spam and other malefactors.
Patrik	I	Prevention of stolen identity and protection against spam and social engineering
Dean	C	
Kenneth	B	Personal web site.
Scott	F	I have a site simply to host personal things like my resume and things I find interesting. I don't want to worry about people I don't know finding out more about me than I want to give out.
Andrew	L	There are too many bad elements out there scraping and stealing personal information. Privacy is privacy! Protect it!
Cliff	H	
Helmer	A	I need/use Whois Privacy because it keeps my personal information private.

Richard	M	My websites are non-commercial photography and printing blogs for general historical subject information not requiring divulging my identity. I value my privacy.
Somnath	B	
Joseph	M	So people can't look up my name, number and address simply from knowing my website URL.
Lewis	D	
Rob	A	
Arm	V	
Jaron	J	I'm just a guy that wants to own a few domain names that mean something to him. I do not wish to provide everyone with my private information if not needed.
Brandon	W	To protect my location and contact info. Prost services do a great job of providing a secure way of contacting me if someone really needs to. the general public and prospective clients can contact me through my website, without disclosing my physical/email address or phone number.
Jouni	P	I can not imagine by personal info like address being exposed in the WHOIS of my private domain. Losing that privacy would force me to give up using an own domain.
Leonard	L	
Alexander	B	I run small businesses and don't want my home address published online
Jake	H	While the general public does NOT need to know my personal information... With online harassment at an all time high and bleeding into "the real world" this would negatively affect large groups of people and leak information, like their home addresses, to be abused.
fiona	W	Because it is my right to have privacy.
Jake	G	
Kevin	R	
Brian	B	I should not have my personal information disseminated, because a few people don't want to incur court costs to discover the identity of someone who might be breaking a law that has no connection to me or my websites.
Pablo	G	Privacy is a fundamental right which I exercise on a regular basis. Do NOT take it away!
James	M	As an owner of personal websites, identity theft and other security issues are serious concerns for me.
Richard	G	It's about boundaries. Privacy protects us and others. Secrecy creates hiding and covert behaviors. Protect Privacy--Reduce Secrecy. (good slogan)
BRUNO	S	cause people knowing who owns my domains affects the way business operates at the local (geographically) level.
Jason	P	
Louis	E	Anonymity is important to me because I feel safer with it.
Leland	A	Keep my personal contact information private.
Ronald	P	An added layer against identity theft, spam, and auto-callers.
mark	L	

vishnu	R	Need Of domain privacy I am signing this petition . . .
Patrick	B	I believe privacy for domain registrants is clearly a best practice now, and for the future. I do not wish to have my name and any contact information publicly available.
Susan	B	For my personal websites.
Noah	L	After many years of undesirable solicitations, Whois Privacy has stopped frustrating emails, junk mail, and cold calls.
Akhilesh	B	Being an owner of several domains, I need privacy protection because I do not wish others to view my personal information like contact number, email, address, my full name, etc. Why would others have to view those details if I don't want them to view it? Revealing my personal information can lead to unwanted spam mails, people trying to create fake accounts in other websites using my personal information, etc. So please keep the details private! That's why am paying additional money to protect my privacy!
Paul	C	I work from home, and do not have a separate business address. Several of my domains publicly display my real name. Being forced to publicly disclose my physical address could put me, my wife, and my young child in physical danger.
Nic	C	I like to keep my personal information private, in particular things like my home address, which would be made easily accessible and public should my multiple sites not allow for domain privacy.
Adrià	P	
Michelle	C	I do not need a reason to maintain MY privacy
Rod	P	
Harold	B	I use privacy to protect from identity theft.
Daniel	B	
Nicholas	S	
Kuulani	S	I believe privacy does not mean an owner does not have responsibilities. Privacy offer owners a level of protection from industrial strength harassment and coercion to a Mafia level. Privacy offering a layer of protection from oppression for those champions of democracy and civil rights.
Luca	Z	
Jayatirtha	J	
Bruno	T	
Patrick	C	I can see where this exposure of data linking a site to a person's name and address would be a serious physical danger to their person. Please keep whois privacy the way it is now.
John	C	

John	D	I use Whois Privacy to prevent the significant amount of unwanted direct mail and email spam that I receive when Whois Privacy is not turned on. I have also been the victim of identity theft, so I am concerned about my personal information being easily accessible. Physical safety is also a major concern since my address is available to anyone looking!
Joseph	H	Protection of personal data (address,etc.) for personal web addresses.
sam	J	It shouldn't matter why, only that I have the right to!
Josue	V	Because I value my online privacy and don't want new rules implemented that could compromise it.
David	A	Domain privacy helps to reduce the immense amounts of spam received daily. There are thousands upon thousands of bots programmed to automatically read the registration details of domains and fire off copious amounts of spam advertising various services. This is a HUGE distraction, and unfortunately domain privacy is a necessity at this point.
David	G	I do not need my private information to broadcast to anyone who wants it. It is my information not anyone else's.
Matt	L	
Donald	L	So random people can't just search for the owner of my domains, find my personal information, and spam me with unsolicited messages and other unwanted communications.
Kevin	B	I use Whois Privacy for my personal website so that my physical address, phone number and other information are not publicly available to those who read my site content. I strongly believe this is necessary for physical safety, as well as to protect myself from identity theft.
Vivian	P	To keep trolls and sales callers from contacting me and selling my personal information to others for profit.
Marc	M	Primarily to avoid the spam messages I used to get before activating that feature.
Muhammad	A	I have had some bad experiences when people just lookup up my email and phone number information, and began to contact me by email and by phone frequently. This is an undesired behavior due to lack of privacy in my opinion.
Jennifer	M	Protect myself from having people know where I work and live. Having had unwanted attention before, without these protections this could prove potentially dangerous to me and my family.
Warren	P	I run a small personal website and my own mail server. The loss of domain privacy would put me and my family at risk of: harassing phone calls, unwanted telemarketing and increased spam, Identity theft, social engineering attacks against my other online accounts, etc. Privacy is a right guaranteed in the Canadian bill of rights. Please protect peoples right to privacy and keep whois privacy intact for those who wish it.
John	G	
Aaron	G	I had cancelled privacy until I started getting creepy telemarketers calling me. I realized that I didn't want the world to know who I was and bug me just because I wished to have a website. The internet must remain free and anonymous to protect freedom everywhere.
Rami	S	Because it is a fundamental human right.
Robin	K	

Douglas	M	To maintain the personal security and privacy of my address and phone information
Jerridan	Q	
Jane	B	
Dominic	N	Because it gives me peace of mind that my personal, incredibly sensitive details aren't available to anyone with access to google
Ken	Z	
Haren	S	It is required to restrict some bad users using our contact detail for spam purpose or other bad purpose
Janet	S	
Esref Kaan	P	
Mia	C	
Bob	M	It's just common sense. Why give the baddies out there an easier way to get people's contact information?
Gavin	A	I own personal domains for projects and writing. I don't want to have my personal information freely available to anyone via a simple whois search. I can't imagine any ICANN member want their information available like this either. Please consider that not all domains are owned by corporations.
Krishnandu	S	
Aaron	P	
Bradley	J	Why open up anyone with a web page to harassment by Trolls? Will these lead to increased incidents of 'swatting'? Will these changes endanger social or environmental activists? I think this will lead to terrible injustices all to protect "Hollywood".
Bryan	C	I use privacy to protect my freedom of speech and for personal safety. If I post something controversial, I would like to be personally protected. If I didn't have privacy on my domains, I would have to give up on my Internet presence. Additionally, imagine what would happen to those who have unhealthy relationships with their x-spouses / x-partners. Wish them good luck trying to remove those relationships from their lives. Now, those x-spouses could just do a whois in order to continue their harassment. Please, protect our privacy!
Renita	T	It's my prerogative to have the WHOIS privacy. There are some business and personal decisions that I don't wish to be public. It's part of the reason I chose to register my domain with a particular company in the first place. Please respect my privacy.
Michelle	B	protection
Ross	H	To avoid spammers who send me junk.
Mark	S	Personal data of individuals associated with domains can be used for unsolicited communication, including harassment. Legitimate authorities can always seek info with proper legal authorization. Keep Whois privacy!
Sam	S	Domain is for my business and for my name. Contains private info.
Eric	F	

Michelle	S	So that my personal address is protected. I am an attorney who has been threatened by opposing parties and I need to protect my family. The Bar Association allows me to publish a P.O. Box to ensure my safety and the safety of my minor children - why should my personal information be available throughout the world to anyone who wants to use it?
Michelle	M	I believe privacy is and should be a fundamental right in this age of technology - too many people are willing to give it up for convenience, access and, ultimately, money. As long as I'm not breaking the law, I have a right to not share my information. Period.
Jon	G	
George	W	Don't want creeps snooping on me
Rob	B	For the political dissidents I make websites for.
michelle	P	I intend to operate a home-based business but do not want prospective clients to have my home address, which will be used for acquiring my domain.
steve	G	I want to choose who to expose my information to and I've been willing to pay a fee for that service- Why would you take that away- It's just like having your phone number unlisted
Tony	S	While I am lucky enough to have never caught the ire of the web hit squad, I have a lot of friends who have. We don't need to make doxxing and swatting any easier. Removing the option to privately register a domain would do exactly that.
Ralph	P	Private should mean private unless there is direct evidence of wrongdoing.
Kreestof	C	Because I don't want a ton of spam and marketing overwhelming me. Nor do I want to make it easier for convicts to get my home address. I receive enough spam and unwanted junk already. There is no better way to destroy the usefulness of an email address, than to make it public so that it goes from 5 legitimate emails a day, to 2000 spams a day.
Tod	M	To keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft!
Sanjay	T	
Henry	J	In these days when privacy is being assaulted from all sides, by the NSA/GCHQ from one angle and by Social Media corporations from the other it would be nice to at least not have to worry about it with regard to domain Whois data. From my experience registering hundreds of domains - those which do not support domain privacy result in thousands of spam emails being sent to the contacts not to mention dodgy phishing schemes going to postal addresses etc. Whois databases are a gold mine for fraudsters - I do not wish to see this encouraged and supported by clueless bureaucrats who have no idea of how Whois data is misused in the real world. This is why I think domain privacy should be the default. Not to mention some desperately need domain privacy to keep them safe (either for political, religious or other reasons). Domain privacy encourages lawful freedom of speech. In my opinion details should be revealed only when there are good reasonable legal reasons to do so.
Sheila	H	Protect my personal info

Josh	G	To protect myself from unwanted publication of my address.
Dave	T	Privacy is constantly being eroded with modern technologies and I wish it to be protected whenever possible.
Tia	H	
Jonathan	H	To prevent harassment and unsolicited offers.
Bill	T	For website domain registration privacy.
Christian	H	Privacy is my right and selling my details is not on
Ian	C	To avoid putting my family's safety at risk from Internet strangers. Ever hear of swatting? Yeesh.
Dale	W	
john	S	I have a right to privacy!!!
Benjamin	H	To fight off weird internet stalkers.
Claudio	P	There are plenty of marketing and business reasons why a business website would want the owners identity to remain private.
Cindy	B	My full name is unique, meaning this would be an easy way for a former stalker to find me. He's been contacting my mother for years trying to get my address.
Sean	D	
Amanda	P	I want to protect myself from predatory advertisers who will try to take advantage of my public information.
Dale	R	Security
Ryan	A	So I don't get spammed.
Robert	J	Maintain blog with personal information that I would not want tied to my name/address.
Sarah	C	Personal website with diary for my 2 yr old daughter
Ben	G	To keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft.
Caitlin	M	
Md Sadique	A	we need it
Peter	M	Personal sites that I do not want to trigger harassment. Same with business where I do not have a specific business address.
CJ	F	
Julie	J	For legitimate business/personal reasons.
Gretchen	K	I need WHOIS privacy so fans of my DIY blog can't get my address and show up at my house.
Damola	G	Just to get details of but it's very wrong in all honesty, that's how people get stalked
Debra	R	
Walter	D	Because I work from home, and I'm sick of spam
Alexandre	V	
Kim	P	I have children whom I share about on my websites. I need to protect them from unnecessary harm.
Stephen	C	

Barry	S	Simply because the information that is given by me is not for any other purpose but to just maintain my listings. This information is subject to misuse by all sorts of people who steal identity. In addition it should just be my right to maintain a private life.
Thomas	H	To keep my private information (such as my address, phone number, and email address) off the internet.
Paul	F	To protect me from spammers and scammers
Ms	S	For my personal safety, + prevent identity theft.
Randy	O	It prevents SPAM emails and phone calls.
Michelle	B	I am starting a new online buisness and need my website domain to remain private...I pay monthly for the domain...keep SOMETHING private.
Derek	J	
Yerachmiel	D	I just want to keep my privacy to limit identity theft etc.
Brad	P	Whois Privacy is important to startup companies working out of their homes. The increasing prevalence of 'swatting' and other anonymous intimidation crimes means that removing privacy for web site owner's location is creating a more uneven playing field. Accountability from web site owners is important, but let it be done through some form of due process.
Greg	M	So malicious people don't find my personal home address!
Kevin	R	Privacy is just that. Privacy! IF I wanted my information to be available for all, I would not have it implemented. It is also good policy to have your information private to help advert fraud against you, your company and possible theft of your domain. KEEP DOMAIN PRIVACY!
Brian	C	
Bob	G	To stop spammed from sending me "do you want this xyz domain" emails.
Chris	A	
Cayde	D	Individual who doesn't want to have home details published online via WHOIS or other methods
Rachel	W	I want my information kept private to protect my personal information.
Bredin	H	In order to - prevent abuse of my information, my time and incur me with unnecessary costs - ensure unnecessary government access to all and sundry personal information is curtailed The adage 'if you're not doing anything wrong, you have nothing to hide' mo longer hacks it
Ryan	Q	It keeps my personal information private, which is something I value.
Benjamin	F	
David	R	Prevent tons of spam phone calls and emails. Other people need it to prevent harassment.
Alistair	P	to stop spammers. to respect general privacy, to which we all should be entitled to.
David	C	I want to keep my information private. I want to be able to choose what information I give out.
Ed	I	Personal safety.
James	S	Knowing my domain ownership is not the right of salesmen and advertisers to hound me.

anja	S	
Thomas	B	I own a couple personal websites, but I don't want just anyone visiting to know who I am.
Viesturs	K	I don't want my personal information to be public.
Ryan	R	
Karl	H	
Maritza	V	I do not want my personal information to be provided/available to marketers and spammers. I want to protect my identity and avoid having to deal with spammers, marketers, junkmail, and any other issues that making my private information public might lead to. I don't want my information in the hands of unauthorized parties that might use it to inconvenience me, or worse, illegal activities, identity theft, etc.
Jonathan	K	I don't want to expose my personal information to the public, as I am concerned from an Identity Theft perspective.
David	M	To protect me and my domains from unsolicited, deceptive, often illegal sales and marketing. To protect my personal security by keeping my location private.
Brian	K	
Nathaniel	B	Whois Privacy has eliminated all the domain transfer scammer spam I used to receive by mail and by phone call.
David	S	I don't want the whole world to know that I happen to own a particular domain. It's my business, not theirs.
Lee	M	Privacy is not a privilege, it is a right that we are quickly losing.
James	R	I don't want SPAM!
Matthew	C	Just to avoid the constant spam. When I didn't have privacy turned on, my domain email was literally unusable.
Ron	P	I prefer to have as much control over who gains access to my personal information. Just because I choose to share contact information with you for the purposes of this petition does not mean I'm okay with sharing that same information on something as exposed as whois.
Joshua	B	Domain privacy protects individual users and small businesses that cannot afford a generic forwarding address.
Brad	D	I don't want my personal information available to everyone with a simple search, when I have done nothing wrong.
David	C	Some things on my website touch on the political - I don't want extremists turning up on my doorstep.
Mike	J	Spam Prevention. Domains that are fully exposed without proxy privacy services are exposing my email address to large volumes of unsolicited email advertising.
Bob	K	Privacy is my right and it should be protected.
Muhammad	Y	I don't want my information to get to spammers or identity thieves, if either Whois phone or email is collectible via a bot (or manually via mechanical turk) then we will see an explosion of an already big problem in identity theft and spamming.
Alex	S	1. That's personal information and I have no intention to share it with anyone. 2. Whois privacy plays an important role in my business, competition-wise.
Brian	M	I own a domain. Period.
Ken	P	I do not want vendors/ solicitation.

Todd	J	For the reasons stated: personal safety, guarding against identity theft, business privacy, etc.
Evan	H	I would not give my personal information to the strangers I meet on the street. The internet is a haven for all manner of creepiness, and the notion that people who know of me online could suddenly have access to my address, personal email, full name and telephone number is an absurdity I find difficult to reconcile. If this does indeed pass, I will be cancelling all domain services. You do not have the right to my personal information without a court order.
Randy	R	
Yarnell	S	
Harald	K	There is no reason for random strangers to contact me personally about my domain names, and it is well known that the WHOIS database is regularly mined by both spammers and 'legitimate' businesses, without my consent. I live in Canada, which has a very different attitude towards personal privacy. ICANN needs to take international privacy law into account, not the (incredibly lax) American policy. The organisations asking for the removal of WHOIS privacy are a) grasping at straws to save failing businesses and b) lazy - the information they're requesting is always available through normal legal channels.
Emiio	C	For privacy against online predators.
Paul	M	
Justyna	M	My business is run from home and I do not wish for others to know my address openly to protect my family. I feel if a legal issue arises then those concerned with the matter, who are bound by information privacy laws can obtain my info through other means.
Scott	K	While I may choose to post things online on my personal blog that doesn't mean I want to expose my personal info and that of my family.
Krishnakumar	N	
Victoria	W	

Daniel	S	Opening up Whois information to the public to catch a handful of Chinese pirates hosting some crappy 128 kbps MP3s of Taylor Swift albums or whatever is ridiculous and unnecessary. As a professional software engineer I can think of, off the top of my head, quite a few Internet forensics techniques more effective than WHOIS that can be used so pirates, child molesters, and fraudulent businesses can be found and prosecuted without the need for information to be publicized on WHOIS. The Internet is a scary place to publicize information like your home address. I guess you haven't seen ISIS members antagonize people on twitter? Would you want them to know your address from your small business' web site? Even if you don't believe terrorists will knock down your door to behead you, think instead of the thriving cybercrime industry. Armed with personal information like an address, phone number, identity theft is a piece of cake to carry out. Most bank phone service people don't even know/care what to do about security and will gladly give you information if you verify an address. Every other "security question" choice I see on banking websites is something like "what street do you live on?" Is ICANN going to start requiring domain registrants to publicize their social security number, credit card numbers, and email passwords as well? At best, publicizing this kind of information will fill up the contact lists of phone and junk mail scammers, which is a completely unnecessary nuisance just for normal people to operate a presence on the Internet.
John	F	Personal use
Jordan	D	There is very little privacy on the internet, and as soon as anything is publicly available, it can never be private again. Owning a domain should be a private, personal decision, not something that anyone can find out. No one has the right to know anything about my online or offline presence except what I personally choose to share. Furthermore, allowing private information to be made public is a physical danger. More and more people have the knowledge and means to take information from online and threaten and hurt people with it both online and in the physical world. Many people's safety depends on privacy, and it is your responsibility support and protect Whois privacy and all forms of privacy protection on the internet for the safety of everyone.
Tommy	A	To feel safe from peering eyes and to avoid bullying etc.
Arun	P	Yes it should be. As i do not disclose my information to every one.
Donna	M	
Andrew	J	
nafeesa	M	
Mike	H	To avoid spam

Cliff	S	All Internet users need Domain Privacy to protect registrants who receive scam emails and phone calls for renewals and transfers disguised as renewals that are only meant to do harm. Also there is the potential to create business disruption to specific websites and countries by those trying to create economic havoc by criminals and terrorists from thousands of miles away. DO NOT be complacent about protecting the identities of business owners and individuals from scammers with even a little bit of information available from a domain registration. One domain compromised can cause a business to close. One domain compromised can create a phishing website that can be used for criminal activity. It is imperative that domain privacy should remain available to all.
Corey	C	Many of my clients are models and performers operating under stage names and own their own domain names... the loss of Who is Privacy would expose their non stage names to the general public and open them up to potential stalking and harassment
Richard	R	
Rand	R	
Travis	C	To protect my personal details from identity thieves, spammers and fraudsters.
david	R	Privacy and control of our personal information is a fundamental right of all citizens, and needs to be maintained and protected.
D Abishek	K	If who is privacy is not there, people use our email to scam. We get lot of unwanted contacts and business. It is always wise to use who is privacy to stay free from scammers
Benjamin	C	Prior to domain privacy published mailing and email addresses would receive hundreds of physical and electronic advertisements. Domina privacy further protects those registering domains.
Auburn	R	
Cynthia	S	Safeguarding my work and copyright as well as my personal life is my right as a citizen. I respect others right to privacy and copyright.
Madeleine	P	For my business website.
William	C	To keep my freedom under the constitution of the U.S. A.
Laura	F	
Joshua	B	I don't want people emailing me or sending me mail trying to buy my domains off of me or sending me fake renewal messages. By protecting my privacy I can keep my info safe.
Derek	S	To protect myself from spammers and scammers.
Bill	M	Stop companies harassing me
Ryan	M	
Aron	B	
Ben	H	I've only used Whois to investigate a domain I'm interested in, especially if it appears to be owned by a squatter.
Kyle	P	For privacy against spammers both digital & analog
Mireille	P	it's private

Nick	J	I don't want to receive spam, and it's none of the peoples business to know my adress and name. I'm a private person who just wants to have a small informational site. I don't want strangers to maybe stalk me at my place.
Diane	L	I am a small business owner/individual and believe that I have a right to protect against the disclosure of my personal contact information through the use of domain privacy services. I am opposed to the changes proposed by this ICANN working group.
Tae	H	
Sean	C	My identity is being stolen.
Charles	H	
Gördy	R	I prefer privacy
Adrian	S	I don't need Whois Privacy for myself, but there are many people who do in order to speak out without the fear of governments or powerful corporations finding out who they are. We need to keep Whois Privacy PRIVATE!
KULDEEP	K	WHY NOT
Jason	M	
Alève	M	For security! Protection!
tyson	A	to prevent spam
Peter	H	Do not want my personal address details be available to anyone online.
Alex	M	
Andre	R	
David W.	M	I believe internet privacy is a fundamental Right. I have nothing to hide, however it will set precedent for a slippery slope scenario into a loss of privacy and potential abuse by Government and/or police.
Slaven	R	Keeping up with domain-related spam is hard as it is - any changes to the existing privacy system will almost certainly lead me to giving up on many of my domains that are hobby-related and just rely on services like Tumblr, Pinterest and Twitter as it is in their interest not to abuse my trust. Slaven.
Roger	S	
Deyson	J	Protect my physical safety and identify theft.
Paul	B	Anyone should have the right to privacy if they choose. There's no need not to have it, and there's a number of scenarios where it could be dangerous rather than inconvenient to release this private information. I run a small consultancy business, but I wouldn't want my whois information public as it could easily conflict with my published business details.
John	M	I need to continue to hold my right to privacy, unless there is specific threat(s) requiring release of my information. In this eventuality, my permission and approval MUST be sort and obtained in writing.
Benjamin	P	I am not a business. I am an individual. Furthermore, some of the content that I talk about is not politically popular. I fear for my safety and the safety of my family if I am not able to maintain domain privacy.
Hamilton	C	I shouldn't have to reveal my identity and personal information just to purchase a domain

AELFWINE	M	I live under an oppressive regime, and though I do not use my website for political ends, I do not think that any government should have access to my private informayion unless they can give substantive evidence of my wrongdoing.
Eric	O	Because my home address shouldn't be available because I own a donation name
Mark	E	
Isaiah	G	
Jasmine	F	
Avinash	K	My domains are registered on my home address since I run my office from home. It's totally unacceptable that I should be forced to expose my house address to the whole world, which has no shortage of maniacs. This is a very dangerous decision and for anybody harmed or murdered due to this, ICANN must be ready to take FULL responsibility.
Terry	W	
Geoffrey	T	
Tim	M	I am frustrated that this information is used by spammers to send unsolicited email and it also makes it much easier to gain access to personal details for identity fraud. Having an intermediary manage this information for me makes it much more secure but allows me to be contacted for legitimate reasons.
james	T	
Keith	B	For privacy and safety, and to avoid companies using my information to contact me for marketing purposes.
Andrew	F	My home address is the only address I have to use for domain registration, and I should not have to have my name and home address easily available to anyone via a whois search.
Noelle	T	
Len	G	To keep the less honest folks and other scammers, spammers and crooks away from my cyber door!
James	H	I want to protect my right of free speech and prevent harassment from spammers.
Mathieu	L	Spam , publicity , extorsion ,
Mark	H	Personal privacy along with the reduction of spam.
Dallen	S	PRIVACY!!
Yogesh	G	Private details should be protected to avoid any data or identity theft. Can be accessed by Security officials but public access should be restricted.
Michael	S	Simple, I don't want complete strangers being able to look up where I live just because I have a domain name for an internet based business.
Danny	P	separate private ID from Business ID
Scott	S	
Heidi	Z	
Alex	D	To prevent junk mail and harassment.

Hussein	P	It's a matter of choice to have domain Privacy
Mike	T	
Matthew	R	I have a personal blog, and would like to not run the risk that someone turns up on my doorstep.
Julian	S	To keep personal information private and to protect identity theft
SANJEEV	D	
ABHILASH	K	
Tricia	S	
		Personal Privacy is a Fundamental Human RIGHT, and therefore EVERYONE has a right to have it. "Need" is not relevant; what is relevant is WHAT IS RIGHT. The JUST and RIGHT position is that no one should be FORCED to divulge their sensitive personal information without a Court Order showing PROBABLE CAUSE OF WRONGDOING. One should not be forced to publicly expose one's sensitive personal identifying information for allo to see --- including every identity-thief, stalker, ideological opponent, and disgruntled ex or coworker with murderous intent --- in order to be "allowed" to run a website. I happen to know a blogger who has a stalker, and who routinely gets death threats from people who disagree with what she writes. Forcing her to divulge where she physically lives could easily lead to her assault and even death. Do those who run ICANN want to have their hands covered with her blood, in order to placate the corporate media overlords?
Gordon	P	
Dennis	M	
Alex	F	
Peter	M	To avoid trolls and unwanted and less legitimate action. An inherent right to privacy and quiet enjoyment.
Sarah	M	
Scott	M	I do not want my home address and other personal information available for possible use in identity theft. I have no problem sharing the information when it is appropriate but do not feel that making it available freely is going to solve any problems, while it will, potentially, create many.
Marie	B	Whois Privacy prevents spammers from spamming my email and physical address. I have a domain that is not protected by whois privacy and I get tons of spam every day whereas the one protected by Whois Privacy does not.
William	T	
afreen	K	because its my right and i need it.
Saurabh	M	For simple web Apps...
Mickey	S	To prevent SPAM, safety & protection of personal information. Hackers can hack id associated with domain & take over domains.
andrew	S	
Don	B	To prevent spam mail from being sent to me.
Austin	E	To keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft
Chris	M	Because it is a private domain not a business.

Barbara	M	I have had Identity Theft already and any access to my information will allow for anyone to do this again. Please do not allow this policy to be taken lightly for all concerned that have had this issue. Thank you
Gary	J	So my home address isn't gushing out, all over the internet.
Spencer	E	Much like this collection of e-mails, any public listing of contact information is all too easily distributed or mined by marketers. Please prevent the public display of such material.
Edward	S	
Marcio	S	In countries with incipient democracies, governments can easily achieve website administrators, bloggers, etc.
Gerd	N	Not everyone should know my private address
Emily	M	Protection from scammers
Heath	S	Because I might want to post information online without it putting me on some watch list or inviting harassment from people who disagree.
Dimitri	B	My business address is the same as my home address, and having it available in an easy to access database is an invasion to my privacy facilitating not only email spam, but also physical spam.
Dennis	O	I operate several legitimate websites and blogs and own multiple domain names. Protecting my online privacy is essential to maintaining personal and business security from unscrupulous individuals and organizations.
Mark	F	
J	P	As an amateur photographer, and I want to keep the subjects in my pictures (especially my children) safe. If someone can find out my address using WHOIS, then they can find where my kids live.
Satinder	S	Identiy Theft & Confidentiality
Ilya	S	
Stuary	S	I do not want people who have no need to access my personal information.
Leta	S	Keep my privacy
Felix	C	
Brent	B	
Holly	L	
shawn	G	i fully support anyone that believes in the right to keep their privacy. some things that need to be said in public, will never be said if there is a threat against the person saying it.
Michael	P	I use Whois privacy to keep my home address and other information private.
Brad	P	I want privacy because I do not want my personal information accessed by anyone.
Joel	G	Privacy is a right. Always default to opt-in rather than opt-out when it comes to privacy matters
Judy	L	To protect my constitutional right to privacy, and against unreasonable search and seizure and undue process.
Jayna	W	
Donald	H	do not want my personal information disclosed without my permission
Ben	M	To keep my private information to myself and my domain registrar.

Peter	C	I "need" it to prevent harassment and identity theft. I have personally been the subject of a multi-year campaign of harassment and abuse of the Domain Registry System because of a public whois record. Such changes would result in the unnecessary expense of transferring our personally held domains to an intermediary.
Victor	H	
Mayo	J	Don't want personal details for my non-commercial domains published.
Debbie	S	It is not so much a matter of whether I, in this particular case, need it, but a matter of relinquishing my right, and all of our rights, to it.
John	Y	keeps me from worrying about Dox'ing
Will	M	Home based business. Do not want my home address available to the public.
John	Z	To avoid spam
Agata	B	Without Whois Privacy I am spammed by unsolicited emails (a lot of them with viruses) and domain-related scam attempts.
Edith	C	Because my private conversations, are private
Marc	S	
thomas	G	to make sure my personal information remains personal. I don't need or want people showing up at my house based upon information they are able to obtain from Whois. There are a lot of people in the world that have bad intentions. I have already suffered an invasion of my personal space by someone that found out where i live via whois.
Eric	M	I'm a blogger, designer, and editor who values my personal privacy tondo the work I do. I trust my Domain Registrar to keep this information private, because they say they will. Pulling the rug from beneath them be requiring them to monitor and giving them the legal option to break that trust is the same as not having privacy to begin with.
Jordon	T	For my small business
Tim	S	
Phil	M	I own websites and prefer to not have my personal information broadly available on the web.
Steve	D	spam relief
Julie Ann	S	I own several domain names and would like to maintain as much privacy as possible in this era of compromised internet security.
Irwin	I	
Ron	M	
mihai	T	I don't want people know which domains I own.
Adam	P	I don't want my personal info to be public.
Daniel	P	Privacy is a good, in and of itself. The vast online world is one of the places where it is most needed, and Whois Privacy specifically protects my privacy there. For an author like myself who writes under a pen name, Whois Privacy is additionally important for protecting my brand identity.

saurabh	K	
Edward	C	Personally, I am in the privileged position of not requiring WHOIS privacy. However, I know far too many people - especially women and minorities - who will easily become the targets of real-world, life-threatening harassment if their personal details are freely available via WHOIS query. I sign this petition in support of them.
Nick	E	I provide a gameserver to people and I don't want my users showing up at my house knowing my personal contact information. It is none of their business.
Lance	H	I value my right to control my own personal data. Whois Privacy is an important tool in this regard and should be preserved and maintained, without restriction.
Lily	H	To avoid junk mail
Colin	M	When I didn't have privacy my personal information was (illegally) mined from my whois account. I don't want it to happen again.
Bruce	C	
Gabriela	L	
Prasanna	A	
Steven	F	To protect my privacy and to prevent spam.
Stavo	B	Privacy.
Mohammed	A	I dont want "anyone" to know about my personal information using whois or another tools
Michael	D	I don't personally, however I think it is important the people using their domain names for small home businesses or as freelancers/professionals can do so without risking exposing their personal data to the public which in turn can expose them to spam and even fraud.
Rj	G	I need domain Whois privacy to protect my family from harassment.
Stephen	B	I am tired of being the product.
Alex	S	I don't want the whole world to know where I live. With growing terrorist groups everywhere, you need maximum security. Taking away whois privacy is a breach of national and individual security!!
Saintush	K	To protect from spam.please I need privacy
Saintush	K	To protect from spam.please I need privacy
Isaac	C	Because my home address is nobody's business. Terrible people out there use DNS registration data to find the home addresses of people they want to harass, stalk, threaten, dox, steal identity, etc.. How about we don't help them do that? WHOIS privacy should be the default choice across the board and registrars should not be allowed to charge extra for it.
Ken	M	To prevent fraud and identity theft.
Steven	M	To avoid spam, unsolicited mail, and phone calls. I used to receive calls from people that claimed to be my domain registrar claiming that i needed to confirm my account information and payment information. Clearly a scam. I no longer receive these types of communications in any format.

Saintush	K	To protect from spam.please I need privacy
Anabel	R	I use Whois Privacy to protect my personal information.
Kylla	B	I would like to protect my accounts from spam and unwanted emails. I also do not want people I am not longer in contact with to be able to see my home address anywhere.
Garth	S	I am a human being.
Craig	H	Domain is registered to my home address. Dont want people seeing what I have on my website and tracing it to a physical address.
Antonio	S	Whois Privacy is just common sense. It should also be made available to everyone free of charge. No one should be subject to having some stranger show up at their door because of something they saw on a website.
Timothy	P	Without WHOIS privacy, my private non-commercial information is available for third party data collection and I rapidly become inundated with spam, unsolicited commercial phone calls, calls from charity organizations in my area and become the target of internet-based attacks from trolls and online social justice warriors who can find anything wrong with any site. Privacy prevents domain owners from becoming targets and having their lives predominated by commercial predation and interruption. We should not have to endure such exposure just for the ability to own some domains. We're not all huge companies with HR and PR departments that can handle the influx of garbage that public registration information thrusts upon us. Please do NOT require public registration information moving forward; instead if the ICANN requires registrant information for their own records, build and maintain a PRIVATE database purely for ICANN use. Thank you for your consideration.
Andrea	W	I'm an woman who lives alone if anyone can demand my address and contact information without going through a legal process such as a search warrant, my safety is at risk. For example I have an order on someone to stay away from me. They don't know my new address but they do know my blog URL. They could claim my blog is violating their trademark or copyright and they would then have access to my home address and phone number.
Brian	C	Protection against identity theft, cyber stalking, "swatting", among other things.
David	W	I purchase domains for personal and commercial use for myself and clients. There are many reasons to keep this information private, including but not limited to: - preventing spam - preventing identification of a me as the owner of a website simple because I own the domain - preventing targeted attacks of any form on myself or another individual because they own a certain domain or group of domains Ultimately, my purchases, including domain purchases, are my own business. I have the right to keep this information private.
Sajjan	S	
Nancy	M	Leave the privacy policy alone!!!! This is more secure and private; and why I have it! The proposed new policy will NOT be private nor secure!!!!
Cam	M	My website domains are registered under my home address as I do not have a business address. It would be a severe violation of my privacy to force me to publicize my home address to the entire internet. Please reconsider this misguided stance on individuals' privacy online.

aditya	A	to stay away from spammers.
Kathi	C	
chad	G	
Michael	B	
Dave	C	
John	G	Because we deserve the right to remain anonymous to the public.
Syed Yasir	W	To stop spammers/scammers from knowing my email address and phone address. When my contact information was available via a simple whois search, I used to get tons of spam/scam emails. I also got similar junk via phone calls. Domain privacy saves me from this.
Myron	F	
Luciano	H	
Jon	M	Whois privacy is vital for the protection of vulnerable and/or marginalised people. Forcing targets of harassment to reveal their address information to anyone and everyone, just because they own a domain name, places them in harm's way.
Kenneth	C	I'm a web designer. I don't just need this, my clients do.
Elizabeth	Q	I, the undersigned, support The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing. EQ
Asia	A	I am entitled to due process pursuant to the 5th Amendment, enumerated by the 14th Amendment. Such statute is highly violative of my constitutional rights. I understand that there may be a compelling government interest in violating one's 4th Amendment right to privacy (drug trafficking, terrorism, etc.), but to treat all domain owners/users as guilty until proven innocent is NOT something I'm okay with.
ste	K	
Deepak	M	fOR personal websites & right to share info with privacy on blog
Eric	T	In an age of doxxing, privacy is more important now than ever.
Julio	G	
kevin	F	
nicole	F	

Lee	R	As one that has hobby and vanity domains for myself and the benefit of others, I feel that it is neither necessary nor correct to publish my private contact information on the Internet. In addition, I do not see any justification for that information being divulged as a consequence of selling an item through legal and just trade. Laws and policies already exist to attain such information in cases of illegal activity, and I have seen no legitimate argument or evidence of benefit from surrendering such freedoms of privacy. If not one advocate for the removal of these freedoms can justify their position through evidence, then I believe it is an unjust request to law abiding citizens.
Charla	C	
David	R	I keenly resent the needless erosion of my privacy. I intend to resist any attempts to further intrude based on nebulous claims of 'security'.
Lawrence	V	
han	H	
Tashfeen	B	Privacy should the be the default. The question to ask is, why do you NOT want Whois Privacy?
Karl	M	To protect from scammers and spam. I learned a lesson the first domain name I registered I did not include privacy and with in hours spam and scams filled my email.
Tanmaya	M	
Gregory	G	I use my domains for person/family reasons. I don't need my name, address and phone number advertised to everyone that I own a specific domain.
Leda	M	
Kristopher	C	
Raj	S	I, the undersigned, support - The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft - The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" - That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing
Ry	W	I use Whois privacy to take control of my own privacy.
Sandy	S	Because of certain privacy and concerns of hacking and safety concerns
dari	W	Personal safety
Shreeyak	S	I need it to access some sites that do not otherwise allow me to view content.
Steve	B	
Margaret	M	I use Whois privacy for my clients so they do not get fraudulent domain "renewal letters" and "privacy services" (both of which are actually sneaky attempts to transfer the domain registration to that company).
Matthew	R	I host 2 websites.
Frederick	C	Mainly so I don't get spammed.
Cade	C	I don't want to be spammed constantly by people either looking to buy my domain or by bots that have scraped the information from whois.

Michael	G	Prevent spamming!
Richard	S	The right to keep my domain information is paramount and my right.
Moloy	D	To safeguard name and physical address of the website owner from people with ill intention.
Amy	W	Personal and organizational privacy issues.
Bret	M	
David	T	I need Whois Privacy to defend myself against spammers and scammers, which are a major nuisance. I also need Whois Privacy to defend myself against stalkers, which are POTENTIALLY LIFE-THREATENING. I also need to defend myself against doxxers, who just love to feed the internet trolls who make a hobby out of DEATH THREATS to anybody who appears online with thoughts and opinions visibly in their head. Finally, I -- and democratic society as a whole -- need Whois Privacy to defend myself against potential evil by governments. NSA, Edward Snowden, bla bla bla, everyone knows the drill. Even WITHOUT this factor, all the OTHER factors would still apply, but this one is definitely important, and justifies Whois Privacy all by itself.
David	G	I am a private person that has registered a domain for an email address. I do not want my private information given out. This will cause more issues than it will solve. There is a way to get this information if needed through the court system. Spammer and trolls do not need this information.
Aaron	T	
Allan	G	I use it to protect not only my privacy but the privacy of my hundreds of clients for whom I manage their accounts. This is a terrible idea and it needs to be rejected. The government is already spying on us. They don't need any more help from a bad decision on your part.
Jim	S	I have many domains, and turn on the Whois Privacy on all of them. If I do not do this, I am overwhelmed with less-than-legit companies contact me and trying to scare or trick me into transferring my domain to them. Whois Privacy is extremely important.
Adam	J	I use WHOIS privacy to protect my home information. I run a personal website and don't have a business address, so WHOIS privacy helps me prevent identity theft.
Abhishek	C	I don't want to show my private information to all.
Holly	G	
Gordon	H	
Dakota	N	I am a small business operating out of my home. I don't mind having people get in touch with me, but I don't want to be stalked!
geoff	G	Protection from cyber predators
Robert	L	I don't want my personal contact information visible to anyone. This just is not right.
Bob	M	
Michael	H	I have several domains registered, and I get enough random email. I don't want those random emails going to my personal in-boxes as well...

Javed	K	
Dustin	B	Whols privacy helps prevent spamming of my email by scraping my email off of my domain registration.
mike	S	For privacy
Marc	W	I use it so that my information is not out there for domain scammers to bombard me with emails about transferring my domain name to them. There also may be some domains (totally legitimate) that I would prefer to not have my name directly associated with at first glance.
Samantha	M	
peter	A	b/c it should be right and decision to disclose or not... my personal information, especially my address, out on the internet for all to see, could place my family and i in danger...
Prateek	A	
tommy	C	
Fred	A	Personal preference
David	L	I'm a domain holder for my own email, etc. I use it to protect my privacy online and to reduce spam. I do not want to see my WHOIS records to be publicly open or vulnerable to attack.
William	S	I think people should have to get a warrant or subpoena to obtain my personal information.
Lucio	S	Work/personal
Frank	P	Security.
Richard	H	I do not want my personal information on whois databases.
Daniel	M	Personal privacy is just that--- privacy and that is justification all of it's own. The rampant harvest of WhoIS information by hackers and spammers hurts us all. Privacy is privacy and there is no legitimate need for others to have access to my domain information.
Nigel	W	The internet has been mainly developed by technologists, largely unhindered by oppressive regulation and monopolization. We should all be defending it to keep it that way. Regarding its infrastructure - the only regulations that should come into effect are ones that support and protect it. Privacy and security have become extremely important, in a world infested by hackers, spies, and bad faith corporations and governments.
Brian	C	
Andreas	S	
Paul	S	
John	L	To keep my personal information safe and protected. My personal address is of no concern to those visiting my site. They can reach me electronically through any number of means.
Norman	M	Keep information from telemarketers and scammers, etc.
Nishit	P	Privacy must be saved for safety of individuals !!
Richard	S	Prevent domain name renewal spam, prevent domain slamming.
Bruce	V	I prefer to give out my contact info at MY discretion, not someone else's!

Jean	M	There are many people on the internet who harass women who stand up online in favor of equality. I don't want them to be able to get my contact information just because I have a website.
Doron	B	Dont want to receive spams
Aaron	J	So I don't get a ton of spam related to registering my domains. Plus it is my right!
Ashish	K	
Daniel	G	
Sam	O	I want to control who receives my personal information.
Michael	J	
maria	C	
Tracey	C	
Michael	W	no ones business but mine. I put letters in an envelope for posting, is that bad?
Justice	D	To avoid unwanted solicitations.
Jeffrey	G	I prefer people not to lookup my private address just by checking whois info.
Anurag	V	It's My right.
Nicole	C	
Pierre	R	
Andre	C	
Sande	M	
Sherif	S	The internet should be a safe place for all. Having to disclose your private personal information just so you can have an internet domain where you can say and write what you want is egregious and treats the internet with the mindset of decades ago. I want my information protected. There is no reason for my information to be available to anyone who wants it just because I have an internet domain.
Deborah	N	I am not a corporation. I do not want my private, personal information made public. If I need to be contacted for any reason, it may be done through my domain provider.
Cameron	P	Whois privacy is a protective layer that prevents nefarious uses of people's personal information. It protects freedom of speech. It allows individuals to live without fear that somebody could find out their home address via WHOIS lookup ... Potentially leading to heinous crimes.
Pablo	M	I, the undersigned, support The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing
Darren	S	Protection against fraudulent activity, confirm a genuine websites services.
vizeet	S	

Michael	T	I don't but I absolutely don't want trolls and spammers to be able to get my information for their uses. As long as there is an adequate and protected way for legitimate agencies, such as law enforcement with warrants, to get necessary info that should be sufficient. Also repressive regimes or fanatics around the globe should not be able to pick up on any website author. So please protect web privacy services.
Robert	H	Online privacy is extremely important to individuals and businesses that are run by individuals. Being able to start a business or establish an online presence without the fear of privacy loss, exposure, retaliation, or identity theft is an invaluable feature that promotes the growth of online businesses and innovation.
Teresha	R	To protect myself from phishing, spam, and unauthorized solicitation.
Phillip	W	It helps prevent spam, and unwanted communication via traditional methods.
Steven	F	To reduce my exposure to marketers who could gain access to my private information and then flood my email addresses with their unwanted email solicitations. I chose to have my personal information hidden because it is MY personal information. I have the choice of who has access to my information. I do not agree to giving someone access to my information without due process.
vijay	S	
Ronnie	M	
Nick	M	
Bryce	G	Strangers have no need for my home phone number or street address. Aside from the obvious annoyance of bots mining Whois for marketing purposes, there are a lot of unstable people out there and safety should be everybody's number one concern. If you need to have my contact info you can ask me or go through the courts. It's not like there aren't already processes in place.
antonio	F	
david	F	There are just too many unscrupulous people/companies "phishing" for information. we should be able to have some method to control just a small portion of our lives and privacy.
Lee	H	
Julien	F	
Ted	H	
Stuart	M	Protection against identity theft.
Brian	L	
Richard	S	So that I can make political commentary without retribution from my employers.
Evan	S	
Lukas	K	
Carol	B	To protect myself from hackers who are more aggressive and successful with each passing day.

Robert	M	I believe that my personal information should be kept private in order to protect my identity from theft and misuse by bad actors on the Internet. That's why I support my domain name registrars efforts to keep my WHOIS information private.
June	L	There is no reason why my private information should be public.
Simon	N	I have a couple of domains and don't want to publish my home address just for that reason as I otherwise do not publish my address anywhere.
Joe	S	
John	B	All people have an innate right to privacy.
Rodney	L	As a non-commercial entity with several domains for private use I use it to keep my personal details private.
Ben	W	
Vince	B	
Lynn	B	It is necessary to protect the privacy of anyone who does not want the world to know who and where they are located - and who wouldn't want to fear their personal safety.
Brian	C	
Mike	R	Would you want your personal information and home address tied to your domain name? I know I wouldn't. I am fully opposed to the proposed changes by ICANN.
John	M	
Ryan	O	I don't currently pay for it, but feel it should be a standard as we wouldn't walk around in public handing out our details? I feel lack of domain privacy increases the chances of fraud and identity theft
mark	M	
Imelda	S	Whois for public websites domains are okay published if it's for a business and the administration contact is needed by consumers. But for other websites that do not want the public consumers to contact them then whois privacy can be used.
Ian	S	So my clients can't find my home address. And I can maintain a professional distance.
Adam	K	
Linda	B	Yes, I use Whois Privacy because I have a home based business. I don't want strangers showing up at my home. Potential clients can contact me by the methods I provide and make an appointment to meet me in a café.
Fernando	J	To keep myself safe, in a country like mine where such information can put my integrity at risk.
Roy	H	To slow spammers and prevent a crazy exgirlfriend from stalking me.
Lee	F	
Dedrick	T	
Ton	K	It's important to protect my privacy
John	H	
Thomas	W	So my privacy is protected and I will not be spammed by someone to sell me domain names or else.

Kenneth	P	
Darrin	S	Information today is widely used to find ways to attack individual privacy and to further organized crime. It only takes a few pieces of information to give someone enough information to compromise online accounts and to potentially target individuals with dissimilar interests. I support private domain registration because it limits access to my email address, my private home/work addresses, and it also limits the potential for harassment or abuse should someone not agree with my views. As long as there is no legal issue with retaining my right to privacy, I can see no reason to change a system that actively protects both my right to privacy and free speech. If there is a legal issue, it is already the judicial systems responsibility to regulate access to such information.
Kathleen	C	I use whois privacy because I'm a woman. Should I have to tell everyone my name and address in order to run a website? In order to speak in public? In order to run a small business? Why do you think you have the right to cut off my economic opportunities, or make me take risks I don't want to take, just because *you* (and you're probably almost all men, right? You don't have any gut feeling for women's experiences, do you?) think I shouldn't mind?
Michael	B	I want to keep my personal information private, protect my physical safety, and prevent identity being stolen.
Cameron	R	Prevent against spam, malicious intent, and scammers
Ben	G	So my personal information remains private.
Shahzad	A	
Eric	W	Maintain privacy and prevent intimidation.
Jen	G	To protect my full name and home address from being published in public, where anyone who knows which web sites I maintain can obtain them. As more and more women in tech are "doxxed" this privacy is increasingly critical for our safety.
chase	B	I use it to keep My contact information out of the hands of strangers. Private domain registration keeps my personal information out of the WHOIS database so I can ultimately decide what information I wish to make public through my website.
Daniel	O	Personal address is home to small business. I shouldn't be forced to reveal that information unnecessarily.
Jayson	B	For work...
Stefan	L	Protection from spam and other general privacy concerns.
nicolas	T	To cut down on spammers harvesting domain owner info for valid email addresses, as well as a ready made database of valid names and addresses.
Robin	B	I would just like to know that my information is private and secure.
Chad	E	It's a basic understanding that people should have privacy.
Mary	M	
Katy	O	
Andrew	J	
Kimberli	S	Everyone on my email address (more than one) to my FaceBook account

Joost	L	I do not want my private address and other personal data to be shown to any suspicious person or organisation.
Abram	R	As a law abiding website owner, I feel I am entitled to privacy.
Jeffrey	C	SPAM avoidance.
Selwyn	V	Privacy is one of the core fundamentals of the world wide web.
Ben	B	Why does WHOIS information need to be always public? With online harassment so prevalent and so able to destroy lives, the default should be personal information kept private.
Daniel	A	
Packiam	S	To protect my privacy
Michael	P	
Ken	G	Because I do not want to make my home address freely available to anyone on the internet.
Mo	M	For personal safety and peace of mind that no one can access my information without my permission. Also, to avoid unwanted marketing and contacts.
Jorge	V	I'm politically very active and I don't want my government and its violent supports to easily find out that I'm related to campaigns opposing their political views. More than that, I believe privacy to be a human right. This means this question should never be asked to me, but the opposite one asked to people who want to undermine privacy by default.
Jeanette	N	I use Whois privacy to keep spammers and competitors from being able to identify and stalk me, either online or in the real world.
Erick	Y	It's a fundamental right to maintain free speech.
dianne	W	
Alexandr	C	I, Alexandr, support The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing
Cathy	S	Prefer to keep my private information private to avoid stalkers and spammers.
Douglas	A	I use Whois privacy to help cut down on unwanted solicitations from companies and spammers.
Modena	B	
Frederick	L	I'm a writer with a few secret pen names and I'd like to keep it that way, please.
mahesh	C	I don't want to publish my phone number and address on a forum such that anyone can read it. It's a safety issue.
Arthur	Y	Spam prevention
Wesley	N	
Casey	P	I run websites under my online username, which I don't want to be linked to my real name if at all possible. Without domain privacy, I'm required to give away my personal information that can be found trivially.

Michael	Y	I use it to protect myself and my family from people who may disagree with things I say online. If someone needs to get ahold of me, whois privacy will forward all important correspondence. It's not necessary to have everyone's real name and phone number out there for the disturbed people of the world to abuse.
Colin	G	
Craig	H	To keep spammers from abusing my private life. My domain register should be the only one who needs to know who I am. I take privacy very seriously
Colin	F	To keep my personal information private.
David	T	
eu	N	
April-Anna	B	
Paula	G	Privacy is important so we feel free to communicate our truths openly without fear of retribution from conflicting entities, especially corporate cartels
agafitei	D	
Johanna	M	
Peter	K	Who needs to know the domains that I own? What makes it any different from any other registry? The gun registry's data is not public. Because it creates a dangerous environment. How about the vehicle license registry? I know I'd like to visit the woman, who cut me off this morning, at home just to let her know how displeased I am about her failure to signal a lane change. What happens to me if my domain exhibits a caricature of Mohammed as free speech? I'm confident that a few of my neighbors would be more than willing to express their displeasure for my treatment of the prophet.
Yuliya	H	For my safety and safety of my clients
Ross	B	Whois privacy helps reduce the amount of spam I receive. It also helps stop scammers who try to trick me into moving my domain or charging me for domain services they don't supply.
Jean	D	
Steven	S	
bob	M	Don't need idiots harassing me about selling my domain or phishing on the billing side
Vaughan	C	I don't want to be bugged by people or spambots.
Raymond	G	I would like to keep business's from obtaining my personal information to try to contact me just because they want to sell me something. I do not want to be bugged by stuff that I may not want any contact with! I do not mind law enforcement obtaining personal information, but they already have that option by using the legal route. May be a lengthier option for them, but it is good to have checks and balances.
Teresa	F	
Stan.	J	
Dylan	B	

Henry	V	Protect my personal information from abuse.
Bonnie	C	I would like people to evaluate the ideas I will present on my web site because they evaluate the ideas, not because of my age, sex, or personal life. I do not want personal attention. I value my privacy. I am concerned about identity theft. I am concerned about irrational individuals seeking me out at my home. If my privacy is protected, I can identify myself IF I WANT TO. Thank you for considering these comments.
Kamen	A	To promote due legal process for access to private information, promote privacy as a human right, and help protect individuals from unscrupulous parties seeking to cause undue hardship to individuals without a sound legal case. (E.g. spamming, phishing, mass copyright and patent trolling).
James	W	To protect my registrations
Dirk	K	- Free speach - IP protection - People in danger for political, religious and other reasons
Leif	H	
Brett	C	To prevent harassment and identity theft.
Vincent	F	
Shanice	L	
Daniel	P	I don't want my information public.
Jeff	C	I care about who knows info about me, particularly personally identifiable info like my home address!
Kristine	S	I have several website and I use GoDaddy.
Vincent	S	I dont really, but that doesn't mean i consent to you taking away the right i have to use it or be spied on for it if i want to... (for instance using a paid for service that is unavailable in the country your in, or to access information from home and normal homepages whilst traveling)
Pete	B	I only use domains for personal use. I do not wish to have my home address plastered all over Whois results for anyone to see. I am careful about what personal info I give out online and I don't want that made a mockery of in my domain registration info.
JD	H	To prevent spam directed to me.
Andrew	D	I like to publish under a catchy domain name I own. It's 100% legal, free and even useful content. I don't know who reads it, but people do. I like the feeling of colleagues and employers googling my name and seeing what I do in my spare time. I like privacy, I just do.
Roderick	P	I have used it in email based political campaigns in Spain against corrupt local government where the consequences of being identified can be very costly
Ginny	A	I am an independent consultant working from my home and need to protect my information and space.
Emily	K	
Linda	S	Privacy is privacy. Stop letting us believe we r protected

Enrique	E	To keep my privacy and maybe my life, in my country any information as delicate as a domain name can generate a personal security risk, from kidnapping to torture in order to expose or surrender passwords or information regarding other peoples. Please keep in mind that not everybody lives in the United States of America.
Melita	M	
Alan	R	Whois Privacy protects many against various kinds of crime that can be taken offline. even if the protection was scrapped the new problem would be fake addresses being used when registering domains.
Elizabeth	C	
ali	G	Are you kidding me? Privacy vs. Invasion of privacy.
Fredrik	D	Why would I NOT need/use it?
Seamus	S	
Melissa	W	When you sign up for a domain name publicly, you get deluged with junk mail and scams because your email address and mailing address are shared with the whole internet. I am not trying to do anything illegal or shady, but I value my privacy and don't think people need to know that information. Please don't change the way it works now; allow us to register privately and if there is a legal reason to find out who owns a domain, like if a crime is committed, the registrar will give the contact information to the police when a legal request for that information has been filed. Thanks!
kecia	L	Privacy is a human right. Without it; it allows poor policies and violations that aren't clearly legislated too protect all people. Data is too sensitive and easily corrupted under the wrong fingers!! Didn't we learn from the various high level breaches, that we're the best ones too protect our privacy. I know I am!
Jason	D	Spam. Phishing.
Ronald	G	I use a privacy service to help guard against identity theft and to keep my personal information private. This must remain an option for those of us with websites. Thank you.
Steve	A	The last domain I registered through Mediatemple came without domain privacy (which until this point I did not realize they were now charging a separate fee for). I started receiving repeated nuisance phone calls from a company claiming I needed to take additional steps to secure my website - fortunately I have registered many domains so I knew they were hoping to catch a gullible victim. I have since moved all of my domains to hover.com as they don't charge additional fees for something I believe should be the default - free for everyone.
Alex	S	
Vinayak	G	It is useful for me to maintain privacy of my work, upcoming ideas and vision. I buy domains which reflect how my business would move forward in an year or two years time - and I do not want that to be public.
Yaron	G	I want to be able to run my website without great of harassment. Before I was able to privacy block my DNS is constantly getting attacks and unwanted solicitations.
Nick	M	

John	B	With soon to be 8 billion people in the world, the very small fraction of the total population that engages in nefarious activity is and will be a large population in its own right. To remain out of their view is a state much to be desired by plain folk such as myself and billions of others. Do not make it far too easy for many, many thousands of wrongdoers to access information that ought to be private.
Rajesh	K	The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing
François	D	
Glen	K	To keep private information private and not allow indiscriminate use of information that is not for legitimate business needs.
Tyler	L	
Simon	J	Don't want to be spammed
Michelle	W	I am a solicitor and mediator who works from home. Allowing clients to access information about my home address potentially puts my family in danger.
Edward	P	To prevent online stalking, both personally and for business.
gevorg	A	I have many clients and none of them would like their domain to reveal their private information. No messing with privacy please.
Ivar	H	To prevent me being spammed
Alex	C	I manage a local information site for advertising small local businesses and events. I run it in my spare time free of charge and need to be able to tightly manage how people contact me so I can deal with the the flow of inquiries. If my home address were on show for all to see I'd have people knocking on my door about it.
Alfred	K	It is an unnecessary disclosure of private information
Rick	B	Why be bothered by junk mail if info is made public.
Alexey	K	I need Whois Privacy to prevent censorship from authoritarian regime in my country.
Alexander	C	I build websites for other companies and at time they wish to have domain privacy for various legitimate reasons. For example, someone who is self employed (accountant) isn't insured to have customers coming to their house. They go to their home. They don't wish to publish their home address to the open world as if a customer turned up on the door unannounced it could cause and issue. They like to be in control of who has the home address.
EE	B	What's the reason for changing a policy that has worked fine to this point? Just leave it as it is! Damn.
Lianne	C	I write of a blog covering a subject that is of a very personal nature relating to a health condition. Its not a blog for profit but for the benefit of myself and others on an anonymous basis. I don't wish to have my home address published for this reason.
David	S	

Nicholas	D	Because I run a home business and don't want my contact details being published.
Rosy	G	
Aubrey	S	My use or lack thereof is not important. Others need this for private web pages, for cases where their pages' content dissents from their country's ruling body, for the sake of protecting themselves from the undue attention of potentially dangerous individuals who need no other reason than "that person is different from me" to cause them harm. There are many reasons one would want or need privacy, and offering people's physical address by default is beyond unsafe. It is, and should continue to be, legal for these individuals to hide their personal address from the attention of others. And when "commercial purposes" includes any request for donations, use of ads or private sales, regardless of the existence of protected office space, the potential for loss of privacy with these rules is unacceptable. WHOIS protection should remain as it is; if anything, WHOIS protection should be made default and free, not a premium service as it is with many registrars. If you truly need access to the legal information of a domain owner for civil or criminal filings, there is an existing subpoena discovery system in place through the courts. Use that, not some dangerous alteration of the rules.
Lucie	P	
Gus	R	To keep personal information personal. Since I run a personal business, I don't want the world to know my private residence.
Luckson	D	I don't want my identity to be misused by people. Complete privacy is my right.
Lucie	P	Free Will, right to private space and privacy is our birth right and that is unnegotiable. We have the right to be free
Jennifer	L	I do not want my home address shown on my domains whois. I am a self employed, home based business.
Devindra	S	When I create a website for a client, I also register the domain because I am hired to do all that. I don't want the whole world to know my personal information. Even for my own personal website, I'd rather not have people seeing my personal information, especially customers who may think I am loaded in the wallet
Celeste	H	
Eric	A	To cut down on email spamming. I have spent hours removing myself from list, but I keep getting them even though I do not give out the email address for anything.
Liam	E	
Lee	A	So I have the right to remain private when selling or purchasing domain names for my domain business.
Erik	V	Random people in the Internet do not need to know my real physical address. That should not be public.
Clarence	K	An integral source of information when such is necessary.
Nir	D	I don't want my personal details available to the multitude of identity thieves online
Louis	H	
Ryan	D	Have a lot of domain names and hate to have my information out there
josh	H	It's the right thing.
Rishabh	P	

		In addition to what had been sated above, Whois Privacy is important because: First, I believe privacy is my right and I should not have to pay for it. Second, I am tired of receiving spam, solicitation AND phishing scam emails and solicitation phone calls at the contact information given to ICANN. Thirdly, I believe name registrars have a right to privacy regardless of whether or not they can afford to pay extra in order to prevent the ICANN information from being published.
Martha	M	
Larry	L	To protect my privacy. I want to be in control of who gets that information.
		Because the information in the Whois system can be easily exploited and abused if it isn't protected, and many people will opt not register and use a domain if they have to face that exploitation and abuse. The option of privacy is an important thing on the internet.
Craig	R	
Jeremy	M	people don't need to be able to learn where I live from my whois info
Ari	P	to protect my business from competitors
Guna	G	Not to be disturbed
Nicolette	V	
Janet	H	I don't, because I was on a really tight budget, but I would like to be just in case
Steve	L	Best way to get spammer away
Iain	F	No one wants malicious individuals or spammers access to their personal details.
gareth	D	stop scammers
James	C	
Greg	O	To keep my personal details private, especially from spammers and people sending fake invoices to renew my domains.
John	M	
Tyson	K	It's important for the safety of the Internet.
Matt	B	
Daniel	M	Prevent random individuals from looking up my address and contact information through my domain.
		It protects myself and my clients from unwanted attention from people wishing to sell websites or otherwise. It makes individual clients happy their information is only being used by the authorities and not via unwanted people. This could destroy my hosting business as I have clients who feel more secure having domain privacy enabled and would not want a website if you couldn't do this. Please protect privacy.
Neil	P	
peggy	S	Business
Gary	B	To unblock sites
		As an entrepreneur, I need to maintain separation between work and personal life. I especially don't want the young people I'm often working with to be able to easily find my personal information.
Andrew	L	
nathan	R	
Peter	M	

Linda	C	
Scott	F	Privacy is a right
Linds	C	
RUTH	H	There is no need for everyone to know the individual that owns a domain. If it is a company, that's fine.
Russel	B	I don't want my personal data collected for purposes such as Spam and Identity Theft. Legitimate use should require a Warrant to see it. If the data is visible and there is a bad way to use it then history tells us that it WILL BE USED for that bad purpose.
Becky	H	As a woman, I am particularly susceptible to being doxxed or harassed online. I do not want my home address exposed without my consent.
Graham	L	Because I value my privacy and don't want to receive any unsolicited marketing materials or risk identity theft.
Timothy	K	I have to register a significant number of domains for work & I already get a ton of spam already. I don't want my contact information any more public than absolutely necessary
Andrew	C	I don't want to be spammed and want to feel safe in my home.
Bonnie	D	I use my domain for personal email. I am a person, not a corporation. I do not want my private information shared publicly or used for spammers.
Yann	B	
kevin	H	
Carolyn	H	Freedom of speech etc. Not every one should be able to look at this esp the government, where is there the freedom in that.
Saket	K	My registered address is my home address, the phone number, my private number. A simple Whois command on my domains would give bad actors my personal data. Having a proxy that curates contact requests provides peace of mind to me and my family.
Rakesh	N	
Samue	B	
Ryan	T	It is a matter of our right to privacy, and the ability to avoid being harassed by scammers and those who would try to use my information illicitly. I hope no problem in allowing my information to be turned over to authorities with subpoena in hand, but I don't believe that I should be forced to show my information in the WHOIS registry. I have toyed with the idea of placing ads on my site to pay for costs, and even though my site is not a commercial venture, sites displaying ads in the past have been legally deemed as "commercial", so the new rules in discussion could negatively affect me.
Michael	B	
abhishek	N	
leon	L	I need it for the same reasons store owners don't tell all their customers their home address and personal info.
Owen	B	

Jonah	P	Controlling the dissemination of my personal information is my responsibility as a netizen. I don't need to make myself a target for automated social engineering attacks by publishing my personal details in an internet version of the whitepages. E-mail contact details are clearly sufficient in case of technical problems with respect to my domains.
Chase	B	Personal privacy. I run a home business and do not want my home address exposed to all that way.
BrieAnna	V	Yes
Destiny	C	To avoid scammers & sales propositions and artistic freedom
Jonathan	B	My family should not be exposed because I run a small business out of my house
Sainik	B	I need WHOIS privacy to hide my personal information from being misused.
AMIR	S	protection against scammers and others.
Bert	K	
Alex	H	
Anne	P	Abolishing privacy is very dangerous. No one can ever be sure when they will need to be private and it's just as necessary for benevolent purposes as for nefarious one. We need privacy for freedom. What I do in privacy is currently very uninteresting to anyone but anyone can be jeopardized and targeted if their information is totally public, if only because they can be seriously embarrassed.
Andrew	D	To keep my pen name and my real name separate!
Sandra	B	
Joubert	B	
Matthew	H	
Colin	L	Spam prevention/solicitors, home address privacy.
Mohammed Danish	A	I, the undersigned, support The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing
Tyler	N	Ive been harrassed via someone getting my phone number and address
Peter	L	I do not want my residence listed. My family may receive unwanted visitors.
Connie	B	I expect to have privacy in my home and on the web. This must not have been thought out fully before acting. Please know that impact on my privacy and vulnerability, to scammers and others that have no need for this information will get me to go off the grid and close accounts with most businesses. Do you really want that to happen?
Ian	B	
Gaston	T	Because the Internet is already an insecure place, and I can't imagine having all our info available would make it any safer.

Valerie	S	I should have to option to elect in identity protection. I use privacy to protect my personal information.
Paul	M	To prevent my competitors from seeing all my sites within the same industry and how I use them to sell complimentary products. Do I have to be listed in a phone directory just because I have a phone? No. It's an invasion of privacy. I can see how spammers and online marketers would love to have access to the personal information for website owners. Inboxes are going to explode with unwanted solicitations if this passes.
Delight	W	As a person running a micro business all the information is my home info,including my phone number.I can not afford to pay for a second phone and I certainly don't want my home address out there for any stalker to have easy access to.It is not safe.
Myles	M	Protect person / company information
Geoff	S	to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft
Robert	K	Because I don't want my home address published online, and I don't want to have to get a PO box to protect my home address. Also, before the privacy options existed I got dozens of un-solicited (read: scammy) pieces of physical mail every week. Registrar privacy not only makes me feel safe, it's helps protect the environment.
Andrew	F	
Darell	B	I don't but I'll be damned if id tolerate corporations supersedeing government regulations and the need to get court warrants>
Samuel	D	Because I don't have a commercial address and I don't want my home address to be public.
Gilles	P	I don't want everyone around the world knowing my home address.
Rod	E	
Pierre	C	Keep my personal information private
Ashley	B	It's simply a right, no explanation needed.
Sean	A	
Radar	S	Online privacy is crucial to keep those who run websites safe. With all the information openly available in who is searches it is NEEDED that we have the option to protect our selfs.
Kevin	J	I use my domain for personal use, I don't want anyone to be able to just have my information, if someone needs it they can ask
Nathan	S	Keep spam and phishing emails out of my inbox. Keep junk mail out of my physical mail box.
John	W	I am a private individual who has a domain only to have email for my family. I should not have to expose my home address just to run my own, noncommercial email server.
JOAN	S	Because I am a private citizen, coresponding mainly with people I know... and sometimes with government authorities in Australia... and it is important that my personal information, particularly in the latter case, is confidential.
Eva	M	As a woman, the last thing I need are creeps being able to readily get my information from my web registration.
Mike	K	

Troy	T	I own many domains and some contain controversial and proprietary material. It's for the protection of my family, and my company.
Seth	W	
John	B	
Timothy	S	I don't want people who visit my website to know where I live.
Joel	B	To feel secure
Jeff	A	I value my privacy for protection from unsolicited marketing.
Reece	C	
John	D	Just say NO to snoops!
Roderick	L	To prevent spam, criminals and stalkers.
Bryan	N	
Robert	H	
Jorge	C	
Helen	N	I have a home based business and don't want people contacting me except online or via my Po box.
Donna	F	Because it's nobody's business but my own and the person I'm taking to!!!!!!
Emm	B	So my address is confidential and have my privacy
Jim	I	It's my right under Our constitution. My privacy, NOT YOURS!
Jason	K	Stop ID theft
Damien	E	
Mark	D	
Nick	J	
Melanie	K	
Kelley	S	
amit	C	We need privacy because i do not want to anyone call me send me mail for my website SEO or Marketing
Mike	C	Domain name research.
Marie	R	
Herman	G	So I won't get spammed with people trying to sell me services or related domain names.

Dionysios	S	As a private, non-profit organization whose own mission statement includes as values openness, transparency, neutrality, broad, informed participation, and accountability, ICANN is hardly in a position to be making unilateral decisions regarding the disclosure of the personal information of Internet users, specifically, those of us who reside in the United States and are entitled to Fourth Amendment protections of same. It is not up to you, nor is it up to any other private individual or entity, to violate our privacy. If a person, entity, or law enforcement agency believes that having my private information is necessary, the proper way to obtain it is through the use of a subpoena or warrant. That ICANN would consider disclosing this information to ANYONE absent due process is not only in direct violation of its stated mission, it is in violation of the Constitution of the United States of America and antithetical to the idea of a free and open Internet. There are many reasons a person might choose to maintain their privacy through the use of a Domains By Proxy service. Most of them (political expression/protest, victims of crime, etc.) are perfectly legitimate and could likely be used as cause in a court of law to prevent disclosure even given the existence of a warrant or subpoena, but, frankly, in this case, there is no reason to give a reason. Privacy is not only to be expected, but is, indeed, REQUIRED, and it is the violation of privacy for which a reason must be given and a warrant/subpoena obtained. Subpoenas and warrants to obtain private information are quite regularly issued, and any value of this change would be far outweighed by the risks to website owners of things such as increased identity theft, intimidation, and harrassment. The revelation of users' private information will very likely also result in expensive lawsuits against ICANN. For these reasons, and many others, I urge you to respect the rights of Internet users to privacy and due process.
Evan	I	Because I don't spam and I don't want to be spammed. This is ridiculous! I do not want people ordering pizzas to my house either.
joshua	C	Everyone needs privacy
SAILESH	M	to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft
asher	N	n
Cameron	B	Personal privacy is a right that should not be undermined for the sake of expediency. Wars are fought to protect these rights, and we must respect that.
Danila	O	So I can express controversial opinions on my blog safely.
Barbara	S	As a single adult female, I like being able to use Whois Privacy. I feel safer with it. Thank you.
vinay	P	I need to protect privacy for following domain www.prestinesolutions.net
Shane	A	Personal safety and to prevent identify theft as well as unsolicited email and physical mail.
Michael	G	Personal safety is my primary concern.
B	S	To protect my family from those who may use my personal information for mine or my family's harm.
Brian	S	I do not want my private contact information to be available to spammers.

Ethan	E	I need whois privacy because I value my 4th amendment rights and the privacy that it grants me. Being able to sleep soundly knowing that any pyschopath who decides they don't like my opinions can't look up my address via my website is important to me to say the least. Removing domain privacy would be disturbing beyond measure, not to mention the avenues of harassment and abuse that open without proper privacy protection.
Anand	S	
Stewart	H	I use Whois Privacy to protect my family from unscrupulous scammers!
Ashley	H	I use Whois privacy so that strangers don't know my real address.
Stacy	G	My websites are investments. I do not need others to see my information in a public setting when I do not use domains as a public business.
Michael	P	Prevents marketers from harvesting my data and spamming me with phone calls and paper mail and email that I don't want.
Frank	H	I think it is the individual owner of a website to protect their privacy
Anoop	M	
Cecil	K	To prevent unsolicited offers of all types and to insure my competitors do not have my personal information. I own nearly 600 domains all of which have privacy.
phil	M	Police when an infringement of law takes place initially then once confirmed then go to the website owners of the domain
Benjamin	S	To avoid harassment.
Stephen	C	It's essential, in this day and age to protect that vital information, all too easily obtained by the cyber criminals. The exposure of names and addresses will only make it far more easier to fake websites, illegal trade and scams. It's bad enough with the spoof email attacks and DDOS attacks, with privacy, if it's removed, you'll just make the internet a vile and nasty place, where the public will not trust anyone behind a website. If [privacy is there, at least it can protect the individual and the company or website they own. Think of this, how would you like your name and address plastered all over the internet? If you don't want that, then privacy is critical. However, all privacy requests should be done by a regulated and trusted authority, that is willing to check the identity of the person behind the website in the first place. Then, and only then, will a privacy request be upheld. It's not difficult for most people to provide proof of who they are...passport or driver's license. Then, upon proof, they can be issued the privacy as a means to protect them, but also that proves they are genuine, and so, any site with the seal or details in the whois database, is to be trusted. Without privacy, you won't have half as many websites active as they are now, it's all about trust.
Shirley	U	
Melissa	W	I write under a pen name to protect my family.
madelyn	V	I run a private investigative agency and need the confidentiality.
Garth	F	

Lucas	B	I use it for my website.
Manoj	K	1. Maximum times, before registering with personal details on unknown sites, we can verify the actual Registrant. 2. However, a link requires which can accept certain number of complaints or public request and display the details of deceitful domains/ fake company owners. 3. Can have an option, domain once transferred will be kept open to see new Registrant for 1-2 days, so as authenticity can be verified by the actual owner.
Marc	W	I don't want scary spam and people mailing me and emailing me really dodgy offers, and scams. I don't want my name and email to be public, just because i manage a website. the site could be a private site for friends, why shouldn't we have a right to privacy.
Jennifer	P	Because I'm a female business owner that does not want my personal information made public.
Joseph	S	Privacy for domains registration is extremely important to me. As the administrator of many domains, I have experienced everything from spam to stalking as a result of whois information not being private. If there are in fact violations on sites there are already many avenues to address the issue without compromising everyone's privacy.
Regal	F	
Ned	M	To say what I wish on subjects without worrying about doxing
Robin	H	Privacy is as needed as Freedom...to take one is to loose the other
Ginger	M	To maintain privacy.
Benny	E	
Matt	C	I need privacy to prevent the large volume of spam that comes from publicly exposing my contact information.
jacob	T	Stop spam and telemarketing
Vikas	S	To prevent spamming and identity theft.
Henry	F	To avoid receiving unwanted spam emails and phone calls.
Colin	A	To prevent identity theft, and keep private things private!!
Jennie	C	For some of my sites so that my ex boyfriend doesn't know what I am doing.
Daniel	L	To protect myself from spam and abused. To protect my privacy.
Harpreet	H	THERE ARE SOME TINY THING WHICH MY CREATE TORNADO IN ONES LIFE.THAT MAY BECOME VICTIM OF HARRASSMENT,PATIENT OF DEPRESSION LEADING DULL LIFE.FOR HAPPY LIFE PRIVACY IS MUST
Gwen	C	I began receiving phone calls and emails to renew a domain when I knew it was not time. At the time, I received unemployment so choosing to pay extra was a major decision on my part. In paying for the privacy service, I no longer receive the calls and emails to renew from anyone but GoDaddy. Most importantly, I feel more secure knowing that no one can visit one of my six sites and find my contact info, including address, by searching for my info on whois using a domain. The safety of all who purchase a domain should be the MAIN concern and all contact info should be private unless the one it is registered to chooses to have it open to the public. Please think safety first!
Michael	C	Because it is a moral and intrinsic right. My birthright.

Joshua	T	I manage a Non-Profit Company and my donors choose to be anonymous, as do I, to protect Intellectual Privacy and Member Data. In the Security world, ie CYBER, minimizing your financial, informational, and social footprint is key it protecting those members data.
Jose	C	To keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft.
K	A	
Will	S	
Nicholas	B	
joseph	G	its necessary for the world to function properly.
Gene	B	
Mel	T	
Boyd	W	I am a computer professional, and a domain name is part of the image I present to clients. My home is my office. I do not want spam or public access to my residence address.
Kat	D	
Malin	R	
AMIT	K	because unscrupulous people are disturbing me
Aravind Srinivasan	S	its my right
April	T	I want to keep my web domain private and avoid identity theft.
Arun	K	
Nazila	N	
Scott	M	I use it to make sure my personal address isn't freely available on the internet. Maybe this isn't so important for me, but I know a lot of people, especially outspoken females, which need this protection so they cannot be tracked down.
LOVEPREET	S	To keep personal information private and protect physical safety and prevent identity theft
Mary	S	I currently have privacy protection on all my websites. Your new rules would actually reduce my rights, and leave me open to much less privacy than I have today. I am strongly against anything that would require my domain host to give private info out without a subpoena. Please protect individuals' privacy by keeping rules in place that actually protect us. Thank you.
Ashish	V	
Volker	K	as people, their sensitive data has the right of protection, too.
Mike	S	To protect the security of client domains.
Jessica	J	

petre	L	I am afraid my information becomes to be known to some unknown hackers who want to steal my domains. I had a terrible experience of 3 of my best domains at a Korean registrar being stolen by a hacker. And it was so frustrating to me. I am sure hackers are using whois records to see the domain owner's information. Unless there is a standing firm operational facility at ICANN that can easily be used by the victims of domain theft, lifting privacy will deprive a lot of legitimate domain owners of the peace of mind. I hope ICANN will take and protect the interests/rights of legitimate domain owners more seriously. And I am sure 99% of domain owners are legitimate domain owners. Thanks.
Michael	Y	Privacy should be a right.
Thomas	J	I post my opinions about music and technology on the Internet.
Gregory	W	None of your business!
Judy	R	
Charles	K	I don't want anyone and everyone knowing who owns the domain. If they want to know they will contact my business and find out.
Edwin	L	Not only for security and privacy reasons, but to stop phishing, spam and anti-competitive trading, nagging companies.
Antony	A	
Lars	G	
natasha	A	thats private
edith	S	
Peter	S	
Prahalathan	K	
Kacey	H	I have a freelance business. When my address and information was available, I received emails, mail, and even solicitors stopping by!!! No!!!!
Andrew	M	I, the undersigned, support The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing
Adam	P	
Barbara	H	
Rob	C	
Katherine	H	Privacy and security are important to me. I don't want to be cyber stalked. I love the internet and be able to use it freely without fear.

Christopher	C	I use Whois Privacy to protect me from spammers. I already get more than enough unwanted email, phone calls and physical mail; I don't want to have my information added to the database of anyone with the ability to do basic web scraping.
Jeff	S	It is my right to be able to protect my identity and personal information if I see fit.
JOHNY ALFONSO ROMERO ROCHA	J	It is important for personal security and safety , security business and to prevent fraud and false allegations, as I reported to ICANN
Subhro	C	To avoid targeted hacking &/or harassment
Ned	H	
TOTAL PLAY INC / TOTALPLAY SAS	T	It is important for personal security and safety, security in business and to prevent fraud and false allegations, as I reported to ICANN
Yoram	C	I have personal and professional domains and I need Whois Privacy to keep my family safe by not advertising my physical address
Darren	L	I own RideNorthAmerica.com and my users deserve to be protected against theft of their personal information.
Andrea	S	
Mike	W	
Dawn	E	To keep our privacy our privacy
Ron	D	to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft
Kamal	J	Life threaten
Douglas	A	I have a public profile on the web and don't want anyone in the world to lookup where I live. They can contact me through my website instead of showing up at my house.
Yow Feng	N	Because I like my private information to stay private.
Eric	J	
N Dinesh	K	
Marie-Audree	H	All users should have the right to remain anonymous as long as they're not doing anything wrong.
Jeana	L	
Robert	S	Because it is mine,no one
Faye	T	privacy is privacy....period

Nilu	S	I have a few domains, including an anonymous blog that I would have to delete if I were to lose my privacy. I also have a brick and mortar business website, and having my home address and phone listed publicly could open me up to potential stalkers that live in the area where I work and live. Spammers can get ahold of my email addresses and make my business email unbearable. Losing privacy would be a very large burden for a small business owner to bear.
Samir	S	
Alexis	K	
ernestt	C	
Louis-Guillaume	R	For multiple website I own and or administer
Neeraj	G	
James	O	I do not want to have my company responsibilities overlap my personal life just because I have a website domain. There are many people who function as company owners who do not have their name attached to a company website yet their personal life will remain private, so why is having a website becoming a way to eliminate my right to privacy. If someone uses their website for criminal purposes, then track them down as a criminal. I am not a criminal just a website owner developer, so don't treat me as a criminal just in. Is the ICANN becoming the de facto head of the Minority Report team of policy predicting my potential crime in the future. I am innocent until proven guilty and I am not guilty just because I manage a website.
buck	G	
Margaret	D	I have several websites of my own, plus design and/or host for others. I do not want my information harvested by spammers and those who would collect my information to sell to others.
Michael	K	I need to keep my address private from people who intend to misuse it to get at me.
Patrick	B	To keep my business and personal affairs private.
Renata	C	
Israel	A	
Nick	D	I just would rather remain anonymous and not have people mail or send me things that aren't acceptable
Nancy	S	For basic safety I need privacy. I have a blog and do not want random strangers knowing exactly where i or my children live.

Dana	S	I'm a female writer who has two domains associated with my pseudonym. I use a proxy service to protect my WHOIS data. I am very careful about protecting my legal name and my privacy. I've had to deal with a stalker in the past, and I do NOT want to risk having my legal name and address exposed to all and sundry. I receive enough creepy, disturbing, and unwanted attention from strange men on the Internet as it is. If they could easily find my legal name, I'd be terrified. There is no reason to change the existing system. If anyone has a legitimate reason to know that information, they can file a legal order to get it. Otherwise, they have no right to it. This is an enormous safety issue for every female owner of a website. It doesn't take much to set off some disturbed individuals, and the idea that one of them could show up on my front doorstep is horrifying.
Ren	W	I have a travel blog. I don't want people to know my home address as my house is empty when I am travelling.
Rahul	S	Mostly when one a person writes a blog on social issue or Latest News Post people can easily track to hurt them which is not right. And if someone is using website to do illegally stuff then the Domain Provider can show about the owner of certain domain ONLY WITH AN ACTUAL POLICE COMPLAINT AGAINST THAT DOMAIN.. it should not be like even a hotdog seller can find out who is the owner of certain website.
Pradeep Kumar	G	Most of the domain registrars are trying to sell privacy. It must be mandatory for every registrar to provide privacy with every domain he/she buys for the period he hold the domain without any extra payment for privacy. And also it must not be disclosed to anyone without the permission of domain owner.
Dwayne	W	For personal and business domains our family owns.
Alex	S	
Subhomay	B	
Dean	P	I use WHOIS privacy because the contact information provided is mine and not something I want published.
Gwen	P	
Lauren	W	
Colin	M	So that my physical address and email addresses are not used for unwanted commercial or criminal enterprise purposes.
Maria	P	To protect my right of freedom and personal safety; to protect myself from identity theft.
Sunoj	V	
Mohammed	A	
Raul	G	I use Whois privacy because I work out of my home and I don't want my home address made public. I don't want junk mail or people showing up at my home.
Spencer	C	To keep my identity safe and secure in running my idea for a business.
Nina	R	
arijit	B	
Eric	B	I don't want to reveal my personal information (name, phone number, email address) to everybody, all the time.

Vijay	N	It is decidedly dangerous if my information/identity details are accessible to an authority WITHOUT valid reason or proof of illegal activity (cyber crime or hate mongering, for instance)
David	N	Privacy is important, especially when expressing ideas offensive to others such as gender/racial equality, oppression etc. This is upsetting. I know you'll do the right thing!
RANA	S	To prevent destruction of Self, a Human Being from Savagery.
ananish	C	
Shazron	A	Protect against harassment
Shreya	G	I want my write ups to be safe on internet when I upload them. Some people are copying my articles and uploading on other social sites claiming as theirs.
Ajinkya	G	Because right to privacy, safety, and anonymity.
Wendy	E	
Jeremy	B	Small business owners do not need their private names and addresses advertised for all to see. ICANN requires us to publish contact information that our businesses don't often accommodate; so with these changes I have to either: A) Pay for a officious address and business name, costing thousands B) Lie and risk my domains C) Hope and pray that ICANN changes its decision and leaves domain proxy services intact. Legal remedies for spammers already exist, and unmasking the fictitious information they registered their domain with will not help in the least.
Vishnu	M	My domain, my privacy. I chose not to disclose any personal information.
Paul	C	I maintain a small personal website (and have since 1996) and the reasonable privacy of WHOIS data is valuable to me.
Dawood	Q	I am a web developer and designer and own an IT company, so privacy is always important
Celina	R	
manu	G	
Ramesh N dalavai	D	Every one has right to live .
Larry	B	Sports Shooting groups need privacy for their members and digital administrative folks. Aside is the issue of safety from those who would attempt to steel our firearms for use in terror activities. We need privacy from public viewing for our InterNIC registration information. Thank you ...
Sanjana	T	
Dirk	A	For all reasons mentioned above!

Chloe	D	As a self-employed massage therapist with a website, I feel this proposal will put me at risk. Between the potential irate customers, and "Johns" searching for illegal prostitution services, I do not need my personal information (including home address!) to be available to any would-be stalkers. One in SIX women (and one in nineteen men) has been a victim of stalking in their lifetime. If anyone with a vendetta and a modicum of internet skills knows someone's website, or quite possibly even just their name, this proposal would open up the path the stalking and abuse. Not to mention, aside form stalking, how much easier it becomes to steal a person's identity when you have access to their full name and address. Personal information should only be revealed to proper authorities in cases of wrongdoing. PLEASE protect our information!
Balajee	G	**I put my privacy at first.. When and where ever it applicable... Advocating privacy is my right... Stop charging for it.. **I, the undersigned, support *The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft.. *The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial".. *That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing...
Sartaz	A	
David	M	I use Whois Privacy wherever it is available in order to protect my family's address from spam, and from any unwanted physical callers. I use this on both commercial and personal domains. I see this as following the same principles of 'ex-directory'telephone numbers, where it should be within the gift of people to protect themselves from unwanted contact. Importantly, this doesn't stop law enforcement services acquiring warrants for any information needed to track down criminal activity.
James	W	I believe Whois Privacy is essentially to stop harassment by internet 'trolls' and junk mail!
Allan	D	TO STOP COMERCIAL SPAM
Shaima	M	I have some domain names and believe that my privacy is a fundamental human right
Frederic	T	
Dom	B	I prefer privacy.
Frank	S	to keep my personal information private, protect my physical safety, and prevent identity theft. Also avoid spam
Addy	N	
John	W	I use my domain name for my enterprise website for commercial purpose. Maybe most of people will say it could be public to all of body. I don't total agree with it. I don't want let some few body who want to know my real available email and real owner of domain, because somebody know me, the guy in the same filed who will easily understand me and learn my internet global business condition, I don't want to let them copy mine easily. Hope ICANN could consider maintain the present policy for privacy protection. Thanks you so much
Graham	S	I want to keep my personal information, and in particular my address, private.
Jared	C	Reduction of spam
Jakob	R	Mostly to avoid spam. Whois Privacy helps keep my personal information personal.

Peggy	G	I believe I have the right to decide who has access to my private contact info.
Horace	G	Hi, The real reason, reason i need Whois Privacy is of cause for safety reasons. I do use Privacy for some of my domains, and some i don't. What i would like is that Whois Privacy be enabled by default to all Domains purchased. I don't like the idea in paying additional charges to add Privacy for each of my Domains i own, As this is a huge cost if you own a lot of domains. So please guys, Don't remove the only privacy feature available to us. If possible kindly add free Whois privacy by default too all domains, by default. Let the user decide if he/ she wants privacy or not during registration. Thank you. :)
Stefan	S	Why wouldnt i?
Glen	B	
Chris	L	I run a few websites like blogs and forums and would like to keep my info like my name, address and the sort out of prying eyes. Just because there are a few bad apples everyone has to suffer and if the corporation who wants my details is to lazy to get a court order then it must not be that important to find out who is running a blog.
Vikrant	W	Privacy is our fundamental right of every human being whether you are online or offline We strongly defend our rights and request to everyone to defend and fight for the privacy right
eliza	G	WHOIS privacy is a vital filter between women creators online and harassment campaigns from individual harassers as well as targeted campaigns like GamerGate.
Wayne	P	Such data has no public interest use. It's only use is by private commercial (or sometimes, illicit) interests that only hurt me personally, by harassing contacts, phishing, and spam.
Thomas	R	I use domains for test and development sites, as well as anonymous personal websites for creative expression on the open web. I do not want the full details of all of these domains to be immediately accessible by future employers, or by spam bots.
Lars	G	
jose	Y	To protect what doesn't need to be public. Don't fix something that isn't broken.
Mikael	M	I own several domains personally and would very much keep my home address hidden.
Robert	E	To check my own domains
Joseph	M	The world has become a very scary place. We need constant protection from things such as terrorist groups, serial killers, drug cartels, etc. We especially need privacy in countries where free speech is a right and it is taken seriously.
DM	S	What a bonkers question; I need it for my personal security. I have injunctions against more than one online stalker, and ICANN helps me stay off the radar of those who would do me harm. If you do away with it, what happens to me then? I'm at the mercy of racist stalkers and hardened criminals.
p	R	
Scott	W	Protect against spam and anyone seeing my address.

Mary	K	Because I'm a single woman and don't want my address easily found for stalkers and criminals. Having a website should not expose my address to everyone in the united states.
Admiral	P	Because most of my purchases are for personal projects, and I prefer to keep as much of my personal information private as possible.
Ty	K	Reduce SPAM and Phishing attacks.
Jordan	B	To not publish my home address and phone number on the internet for everyone to see. I value my personal privacy.
Christine	H	
Nico	V	Privacy because I dont want everyone to know where I live or used to live. Because people live there and they dont represent the opinions stated on the domains I might own.
Catherine	T	I do not want nor need anyone being able to access my (and my families) personal contact details/home address without just cause. It is an invasion of privacy.
R L	J	Since we operate under one corporate, but multiple trade names, the need to keep privacy is very important to keep patent trolls and nefarious scammer from taking advantage of our various trade names.
Matthias	S	
Serge	B	If I lose my privacy, I won't feel as safe knowing that any person can search my name on Google and find my PERSONAL address. It invites danger from stalkers, ex-girlfriends, etc.
Marilia	W	
James	S	
Gregor	S	I use it for my own security as part of my blog
Carolyn Rogers	R	
Peter	G	
S	M	Because privacy is(should be) my human right.
Karten	J	
Alan	D	
Jason	N	
Jonathan	M	
Thomas	K	
Alexander	M	Because!
Thomas	P	
Thomas	J	
Allan	D	
Jack	K	I don't need every freak or good person (can you tell the difference)knowing my info.

Stephan	K	Whois Privacy is necessary to keep free speech really free. The habit of doxing people in combination with different threats afterwards is far too common now. Without Whois Privacy these things would spread even further.
Laura	E	I run public websites that provide free services for people. Given their high visibility, I don't want just anyone getting my full name and address and phone number. Email is enough for them to contact me if something needs fixed.
Stefan	S	
Oliver	B	I want to protect my private home address. There are websites that crawl WHOIS entries and publish them for anyone unlimited. This can be prevented only with a privacy service. I would be ok with publishing my e-mail address, but nothing else.
Marcus	W	spam
Tim	J	Without this feature a lot of hobbyist and small business entrepreneurs will have their home addresses and phone numbers exposed.
Matthew	D	
Alexander	F	Save my privacy. Save me from spammers
Phillipe	M	
Jordan	S	I am a OpenSRS Reseller and some of my clients in the Adult Industry want their contact info hidden for personal safety. So if we remove this service then a lot of people won't have that backup for safety.
Robert Dean	W	
Michelle	Y	I use WHOIS privacy to protect my personal & company information as I have previously received large numbers of phishing and spam emails as well as large amounts of unsolicited emails from companies trying to sell internet and website related services every day, mainly from India. It takes time to check these emails which eats into my business day cost me time and money, when I used WHOIS privacy for my domain I stopped reviewing all this spam, and was able to use my time more productively. I would not like to lose such a valuable service!!!
Sebastien	P	I don't want SPAM, got enough of it already.
Benjamin	Y	I use WHOIS privacy to protect my personal & company information as I have previously received large numbers of phishing and spam emails as well as large amounts of unsolicited emails from companies trying to sell internet and website related services every day, mainly from India. It takes time to check these emails which eats into my business day cost me time and money, when I used WHOIS privacy for my domain I stopped reviewing all this spam, and was able to use my time more productively. I would not like to lose such a valuable service!!!

John	S	I use WHOIS privacy to protect my personal & company information as I have previously recieved large numbers of phising and spam emails as well as large amounts of unsolicited emails from companies trying to sell internet and website related services every day, mainly from India. It takes time to check these emails which eats into my business day cost me time and money, when I used WHOIS privacy for my domain I stopped revieving all this spam, and was able to use my time more productively. I would not like to loose such a valuable service!!!
Luis	M	For protect clients data and privacy. Avoid Telephone and email SPAM! Avoid Robots looking for personal info.
Pavol	C	I don't like to hame my home address exposed as a private person
James	I	To prevent unwanted spam
Marc	J	To prevent spammers from harvesting my email address, mainly. Also, to hide my phone number which is gonna be abused by telemarketer.
James	W	
Paul	B	Privacy is a right, not a privilege. It's bad enough that companies charge for this service, but to remove it is pointless. Individuals need protection. Companies less so. I think the Nominet model works well and should be replicated.
Veselin	K	
Christoph	W	
chris	S	I like my details to remain hidden on a whois lookup as it offers protection from potential spammers
Robert	H	To protect the privacy of our customers. WHOIS privacy should be an option available for all.
Sacha	B	To protect the privacy of my clients. I agree that it must be possible to contact domain owners, which is possible through privacy services, but their identity, address, and contact information does not need to be public for any reasonable purpose. If there's a true legal cause to learn the address and contact information for a registrant, there are existing legal proceedings that can be followed.
Chris	C	I run a hosting provider and domain registrar, and WHOIS privacy is a vital service relied upon by many of our customers.
marcelo	A	Besides it's a right I do not want to loose, it's an import source of income to my business
Matthew	H	To protect information from unscrupulous spammespammed, telemarketers and fraudulent registrars.
Barry	F	
john	A	To keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft.
Craig	H	While I can't understand why some businesses hide their contact information -- it seems counter-intuitive -- I emphatically support the legitimate use of WHOIS privacy and proxy services.
Thomas	K	Many domains I have use my home address. I'd prefer that to be unavailable.
William	H	We use it to protect ourselves from spammers. As much as WHOIS harvesting has been reduced, it still happens on a large scale; probably through hacking. If data is out there, you can be sure it will be harvested and used.

Stephan Heidinger	H	Don't want just anyone to be able to find postal information.
David	F	Preserve privacy. Stop unwanted marketing. Reduce wasteful government interference in the private sector. Reduce bureaucracy. Prevent cost from rising to pay for more regulation.
Frank	M	Everyone has a right to privacy. That privacy does not end simply because you enter into business. It is the business owners right to choose whom they share information with. By taking away their choice to remain private, some, if not many will begin using fictitious information on their registrations. It is pointless to force people to do that which they do not want, since they will find ways to accomplish the same result, regardless of how much regulation they are put under.
Martin	S	
Gregory S.	G	To protect my clients and to prevent another waste of resources on trying to bypass people who will take advantage and abuse the system.
Haiko	S	I believe in freedom with privacy.
Simon	D	
Gustavo	A	Because I want my privacy to be protected.
Yovko	L	My business is small and I work from home. I don't want to share my home address with everybody.
Greg	H	I should not have to justify the requirement for my privacy. Privacy for all is more important than the business interests of a handful of large corporations.
Delyan	Y	I value my privacy, and time. In resent years our personal data is being used and abused to do much more harm than good.
MICHAEL	B	Personally, I rely on this feature to protect myself from those that abuse the registration data for malicious purposes (Email/Phone Scams). Likewise, my customers rely on this feature to protect their registration data from various interests.
Florian	B	
Robert	S	Because I do not wish for my home address details to be freely viewable by anyone.
Nuno	V	Avoid spammers and online abusers
wayne	D	Due to the changes in domain registration policy there has been a lot of alias registrations and there will be even more. My clients do not wish to have their personal contact information available as there is a huge amount of spam, mail, and unsolicited phone calls placed when this information is made public. My clients often wish to have our company ad privacy or list under our company as a way of filtering out this mass contacting. Finally if we wanted to have all our personal information listed and our what's what and who's who then we would post it our selves.
Denis	K	
Werner	S	to empower civil rigths
Eric	D	Personal privacy protection from small and other unwanted contact.

Leonard	F	Personal safety and resultant peace of mind.
Jeff	L	Because not everyone in the world needs to know who owns my websites.
Carl	O	to keep from being hassled by outsiders
Marie	P	I prefer that service because of domain speculants who have really great access to take all contact information about domain holders when domain is not saved with Whois privacy service. I agree with going on this service in future.
Ulrich	S	It is not necessary that everybody can see all my Address Details. This is only important for billing issues. The planned whois is also not in line with European data protection law.
Lucian	L	In order to protect our customer's privacy against abusers or unwanted calls
José	C	Nobody should need to justify their need for privacy. It is everyone's right, it is a necessary condition for freedom.
Christian	B	To keep personal information from falling into the hands of wrongdoers.
Aravind	R	I don't want anybody to mis-use the information
Richard	S	I think this is a valuable service for individuals, who get deluged with various scam services if their contact information is available. I think it's less useful for companies, but acknowledge that determining automatically where to draw the line is hard, and agree that there are some organizations that may need to hide contact information to protect key workers.
AJ	A	
Nathalie	R	In order to avoid spam
Bill	B	To protect my identity for use of political dissent.
Nora	H	
Ben	I	Whois privacy is used to improve privacy of our customers, so that their personal info is not so easily accessible by malicious individuals.
Robin	B	Because our company domains must be registered with my domestic address, the details of which neither our clients nor the wider public has any business knowing, except with due process through the proper legal channels.
Todd	B	Protection of my clients and their hosting.
Christopher	D	To protect privacy
Patrick	S	simply put for privacy and security. I don't want people knowing where I live, if they need to contact me they can reach out via email.
Kennet	G	I want to avoid identity theft and potential stalkers.
Manuel	S	Because whois data gets abused by radical 'animal protectors' to ruin business of webdesigners working for people that work with animals (e.g. dolphin therapy).
Philipp	B	I do not want to have my personal information publicly available for everybody. Where is the point in resisting against Facebook if I have my address available to anyone and everyone online?

Oudin	S	I need Whois to protect my personal information from spammers as well to keep my personal identity hidden from persons who engage in identify theft.
Nicky	H	For general reason. I dont want to have a domain at this moment.
Marco	M	
David	C	
Simon	P	I provide the service to my customers.
Panayot	B	To protect from spam and abuse
Chris	G	Whois privacy is important as it protects domain registrants from spammers, scammers, and those who choose to do wrong. We use this service for a number of our clients who prefer their domain registration not reflect personal contact information. One of the great things brought about by the mass adoption of the Internet as a platform for communication and commerce is the way that the playing field has been leveled for big operators and small independents alike. Whois privacy can play an important role here by providing the same protection afforded to large corporations who can afford to mask their domain ownership under holding companies, lawyers, post office boxes and other means of obfuscation. While there will always be bad actors, it does not make sense to throw out an entire system of privacy protection that is used for legitimate purposes by responsible domain holders. To do so would unjustly penalize small operators and runs counter to the long-held principals of Internet culture.
Eric	B	
Julien	L	I'm an individual owning domains, and I don't want my private contact information accessible to anyone asking for it.
Vladimir	K	
Brett	B	Freedom of Speech. I develop Christian web-sites for predominantly Muslim countries. I need protection of anonymity from reprisals.
John	V	
Tim	F	
Denise	W	
William	S	Whois Privacy is a prudent step that protects innocent, law-abiding citizens from harassment and threats while their contact information is retained by their provider in case of a formal criminal inquiry.
Adnan	K	
Eric	E	
Salomon	N	We have resellers who need privacy about their domain names we manage. Revealing a service provider behind a white label reseller will kill white label services in the cloud businesses. We say no.Our clients need to protect their whois informations.
Darrell	H	I need and use privacy to eliminate and/or reduce unsolicited calls and contact.

Rhonda	V	I would not want to receive hundreds of solicitations from other companies trying to give me their business not to mention telemarketing if this information goes public. I think it could hurt the e-commerce industry with information being given out. Our email address is private and our personal information should remain private too. It's not broken so don't try to change it please.
Trevor	O	Personal mobile business, but don't want our home address published online.
Lars	M	Because i need Security against spam!
Henning	H	
Frank	G	Prevent my address from being show and telemarketers from calling me, and my email from being spammed to death. Many companies illegally use the whois database for marketing/commercial purposes, and ICANN seems to ignore this.
Todd	P	I am an individual NOT a corporation, and I own domains. I DO NOT want my personal information plastered on the internet.
Andrew	T	Protection from harassment and doxing
Tim	L	Personal blog. And there is no need for users to know my personal address.
Don	W	I don't conduct any illegal activities but also don't conduct commerce currently. Because whois is open to all anyone can find my email address as well as even home address and phone number to contact me with unwanted offers (spam). I am completely OK with a law enforcement office or others to get my information on a protected domain name provide some due process of law is followed. I believe this is sufficient to counter genuine criminal activity or other dangerous activities. I also realize that the companies the provide privacy services have a huge financial stake in this discussion and they benefit if this services is not taken away and so the argument my be pretty slanted. However I still feel privacy services should remain available.
Alan	T	
Richard	B	For myself and my customers privacy is of paramount importance to allow us to save time and money with the amount of spam/phone calls/solicitations that abound over the internet.
Ross	L	I do not wish to expose my personal contact information to harassment and marketing.
Max	M	
Brandon	B	I am a sole proprietor of a home business, and Whois Privacy lowers the amount of spam I receive, and protects my home address from being generally publicized. I value the privacy rights of those in countries with oppressive governments. Their free speech should be protected by ICANN even if not protected by their government.
Larry	H	I use Whois Privacy to avoid unnecessarily exposing my family (including young children) to unwanted, unsolicited and potentially fraudulent or harmful contacts.
Benjamin	S	I dont think its necessary that the whole World has my private Adress if i Host my private Webiste on it.
Andrew	M	Reduce junk mail and sales calls
Leah	K	

Ivajlo	A	I fear for your privacy. I think someone else the opportunity to harm me is huge. Will I be afraid to fill in personal data.
Karen	F	
Anthony	R	If my details cannot be private, then how could I register a domain without exposing myself to identity theft and fraud?
Brendan	G	
Ariane	H	
Kim	O	I am a small business owner and entrepreneur. I need to have my privacy protected and peace of mind that my provider can help continue to do this on my behalf.
Lukas	K	
Bob	H	As an individual, there is no cause for someone to know my address. That information could only be used for negative purposes. I need no advertising, stalking, curbing of my free speech, or any other causes that I haven't thought of. Stay out of my data!
Sidnei	S	Not disclose personal phone, prevent hazing by phone, maintaining the privacy of customers who have domains as their choice, not to disclose personal data. They are personal, not public
Benjamin	S	Privacy should be taken for granted, but nowadays it becomes more and more a luxury.
Linda	B	I do not personally use Whois Privacy, but would be appalled if women's shelters, charities, or small-time bloggers were exposed to abuse or danger due to being unmasked online.
Marlene	A	Enough of our privacy has been compromised. I have no problem with the collection of information for most legitimate, official reasons where our collective safety and security are involved. However, this proposal to reveal private information without just cause seems not for any legitimate purpose, but rather for those who would commit wrongdoing to have another opportunity to do so. I am in favor of domain privacy and want that right protected. Thank you.
Jonathan	D	to avoid spam, marketing, phishing, and other unwanted contact that would occur if Whois data could be easily scraped or widely public. The current system works.
Sheila	S	I want my identity to be protected from theft, and most definitely my physical safety as well.
Harvey	L	To avoid unwanted solicitations.
Samantha	E	
Lorin	M	I use Whois Privacy to reduce the amount of spam I receive.
Carl	I	As a private owner of domains for personal use, I do not wish to advertise my address and contact information to the world. Unlike a corporation, there is generally no level of indirection ("business address" vs. where people *live*) for individuals. Domain privacy is significantly more meaningful for individual registrants like myself.

George	G	Because I don't want to be spammed to hell from unknown individuals and telemarketers that can freely obtain my information. Also, having your personal information in a public register is kind of creepy. There are all kind of weirdos there.
Scott	B	this should be a paid service to deter the junk mails and junk calls that it creates [despite a registered do not call number]. if this were a paid service, anyone with a legitimate need would gladly pay. it could even be free to law enforcement.
Dmitry	B	In many cases, domain ownership information is private for a reason. We should have the ability to retain that privacy and not be targeted by marketers, political activists, host resellers, competitive services, etc. The privacy is there for a reason. Do not take it away.
Andrew	F	I want this to keep this to protect me from identity theft
Chris	G	I use Whois privacy to prevent spam. Within two days of registering a domain without privacy I started receiving deceptive sales emails regarding the domain registration, as well as phishing scams. Fortunately, I have enough experience and knowledge to recognize the scams, but most people will not. I know because I assist the general public every day on how to use the Internet.
Michele	R	As an administrator, I manage several domains and want to keep my personal and the domain owners personal information private to prevent identity theft and safety.
Peter	M	
Marc	L	To protect my domain name and creative contents of my website.
Jason	K	To reduce spam and harassing emails for the domains I hold.
Jason	S	So I do not get cold calls and spam for other services.. It should be my right to hide my whois from the world.. If you really need to get a hold of me you can contact the domain registrar and they will contact me.
Sam	C	Citizens right to privacy must be protected --- unless --- there is a legitimate verifiable reason to penetrate this privacy to protect health, safety, and security of the community.
Alex	R	Privacy is an utmost concern. My WHOIS privacy still allows me to be contacted via the indirect information published by my Registrar, but prevents information like my personal home address from being published online for anybody (or any machine) to have, simply because they visited my website (which they do not even need to do, they could simply be collecting cold information). I don't give out such sensitive information even in person-to-person contact without the other having a good reason for needing it, so it is nice to have a layer of protection. I understand the Internet is a very public place, but it is also virtual, while the location of my home is not. Although my personal usage doesn't fall into this category, I could also imagine more severe situations of, say, political dissidents in oppressive countries. Again, domain owners are not prevented from being contacted by WHOIS privacy, but our private information is kept guarded.

Mark	W	I register domains for a club I'm a member of, I also use them for private communications where I would not want to reveal my identity to the people I correspond with. These are not illegal activities, but not necessarily ones I would wish to be associated publicly with.
DAWN	S	BUSINESS PROTECTION
Andy	B	To keep my email address, snail mail address, phone number and home address from being available to the public.
Daniel	M	I don't feel like letting everyone to see my personal information. I will gladly provide my name and my e-mail, but no one has the right to make me provide my adress and my phone number. Whois Protection has to be alive!
Ronald	N	I use Whois Privacy to prevent getting false bills for domain services and to avoid someone looking up my physical address to be used improperly.
Benjamin	L	As a home based business I don't want to reveal my personal address to the world b/c of privacy/safety.
Ken	T	For the privacy of my home residence to which some domains are registered to.
Denis	B	This is fundamental for trust in Internet
wendy	B	
Dave	W	I don't actually enable whois privacy, but I know of people who needed it for safety, one case was a woman whose ex-husband was abusive and after she escaped, started a help group and needed Whois privacy so that her ex-husband couldn't use the info to locate her.
Jeffrey	C	Whois privacy means there is one less channel for spammers and hackers to get some of my identity. Law enforcement can already get this information so there is no justification for making it more publicly available.
Jerry	S	I have a number of domains registered in my private name beneficially for my private company of a different name, which is my right, but for which I prefer all contacts to be handled through the company and not personally. This is normal for all sorts of other assets. I also have domain clients who use privacy and I do not want to be monitoring their sites to see if they are using them for commerce, and would not even one banner ad be commerce. This is an example of corporate bullies dictating to small business.
Jimmy	N	
Doug	M	There are several reasons that my customers turn to whois privacy. Sometimes a company is in stealth mode before a public debut, and having their information public would be detrimental to their rollout schedule. Sometimes we have consultants operating on behalf of public companies, and having the large companies public interface registered with some random consultant company would cause confusion. We also have customers that are doing sensitive social issues, such as working with battered woman clinics, that exposing their contact info could be harmful to these employees. Why would any SPAMer use any real data in registering a domain name? Any real scammy place would publish fake whois information from the start, and not hide behind whois privacy. Whois privacy provides a legitimate service that protects people's privacy that need it, and the scammers don't even bother hiding behind it. Has ICANN actually studied what scammers and known scam domains even do?

Steven	H	First from abuse of domain providers who send mail to people duping them into renewing somewhere else. Plus ownership should be kept protected, if desired but available by legal means.
Nicolas	C	
Adam	B	I shouldn't need a reason to keep my information private
Angie	W	I work from home, so I don't want my home address easily found. I want the choice to hide or display my personal family address.
grady	W	
Kelly	C	
Ashley	G	I and many friends have personal domains registered. If physical addresses are public, this could potentially endanger individuals and leave them vulnerable to harassment.
Paul	K	I use Whois Privacy to protect my personal information, regardless of whether its associated with a personal or commercial website. I think it helps protect physical safety, identity theft as well as my right to keep certain information confidential.
Daniel	R	I operate a small, private website. It's a place to display my resume, hobbies and likes, and a space for me to play in online. I'm concerned that disabling WHOIS Privacy would reveal contact information which I do not want made public. I get enough spam, junk mail and robo-calls as it is. I don't want to advertise my presence and attract more. WHOIS privacy allows me to decide what information to reveal, and where. It's important to me. There is, in the United States at least, a warrant process which should compel a domain name provider to reveal this information in response to a lawful request. This is the right way to go about discovering who is behind a malicious site, if that's what this is about. For those of us who wish to maintain our privacy on the wild, wild web, and who are doing no harm, privacy is a <u>right</u> that ICANN should respect and preserve.
Richard	T	I don't especially, but I don't see why I shouldn't have the right to if I wanted it
Paul	G	I don't understand why I should be forced to participate in a program that allows spammers and criminals to abuse easily my personal information and increase my risk of identify theft.
Scott	S	I am a Realtor. I need domain privacy for my various real estate websites. I need this level of privacy so evicted rental property tenants don't throw bricks through my windows, slash my tires or come by my home in the middle of the night, with a gun in their hand.
Curtis	B	USA BILL OF RIGHTS
Robert	M	
Jan	C	I object to privacy invasion of any and all kinds.
Morgan	L	I am a sole proprietor who hosts and build websites for other clients. The more domains I administer the more SPAM I get, which is a complete waste of my and client time/resources...WHOIS Privacy helps avoid some of that at least...

Josef	S	I don't want anyone to contact me with any offer just because I have a website. As long as anything I do is legal, nobody should be concerned about my identity!
Nathan	H	Whois Privacy is of vital importance to prevent the abuse of private information. This includes, among other reasons, to prevent competing registrars, domain name resellers, competing hosting companies, and random companies/individuals from using the information for marketing purposes (e.g., the fake renew your domain/hosting services letters that ultimately result in your domain registration/hosted services being transferred to another registrar/hosting company). This was a huge issue for us prior to implementing WHOIS Privacy and resulted in many customers upset that they had been contacted directly about their domain renewal or hosted services and led to believe by very authentic looking documents that they needed to submit payment to keep their domain. In fact, the end result was that their domain registration and/or hosted services were transferred to a competing registrar/hosting company. This in-turn resulted downtime to our customers, both us (ISP) and our customers have to spend excessive amounts of time to transfer the registration/services back, in addition to having to pay additional money in registration fees to do so. With some registrars now imposing unnecessary delays to the transfer process (e.g., several days to obtain authorization codes, no way to instantly approve transfers to allow them to complete quickly, etc.), the lack of Whois Privacy would make this an absolute nightmare to manage. We understand the need for this private information to be available as required in cases of verifiable wrong-doing, but it should not be available to the public at large for use as they see fit.
Cal	H	To publish things that fundamentalist religious groups will not like, help people out of them and still keep a practice going. (In Psychology)
Dennis	S	
annie	M	I create websites for a lot of small businesses, including ones that sell online and do not have a physical address. This would mean posting their personal address on the internet for everybody to see. This is not safe.
Lawrence	W	The right to privacy is internationally recognised and ICANN should continue to respect it.
Michael	P	prevent domain scammers, spammers and snail mail junk mailers from getting my contact information.
Dan	B	I don't but others do
Nathan	G	I do not want to be spammed because I am the admin contact of three charitable domains. My definition of spam is any email I did not solicit. I am signing this petition, with my email, because I believe I will get more spam from a public DNS registration than I will from this petition. I strongly resent being forced to make this choice.
Scott	H	I own my own domain and don't want to be contacted by just anybody
Al	S	
Mark	W	I do not want just anyone to have access to my private information. A secure process MUST remain in place to protect against identity theft, spamming, false accusations and other maladies. Thank you.
Meagan	C	
Paul	T	

Marin	B	For basic personal privacy. There is no reason why anybody should have access to my personal information just because I have a website. That is between me and the registrar/domain provider, and only the things I *decide* to share on my website should be public.
Richard	A	To keep criminals from coming to our location and robbing us.
Nima	K	I have several domains that I intend to use after I retire, two of which will be a blog. I don't know exactly where these blogs will lead - perhaps I will accept advertising, perhaps I will engage in online commerce. If that happens, I don't want my personal contact information readily available to every Tom, Dick & Harry worldwide. In addition, I have registered several domains for friends and family and they are particularly grateful that their domains and the associated personal email accounts have limited domain name related spam. One of these individuals is about to launch a small online business - they don't have the financial means to have a brick & mortar store and they should be able to launch their online store from their home without worrying about their personal contact information being available for everyone to see.
Jean H	A	To avoid spam and avoid providing domain squatters and business competitors with information they can use to hamper my interests. Whois Privacy layer is a necessary part of entrepreneurship and innovation.
Sandeep	K	
John	T	
Brandon	S	
Patrick	S	
Philip	L	I have had more than four identity thefts. I am tired of it. No one can be too careful. You need to solve the burglary problem first.
Maiki	J	for the reasons stated above. personal information pertaining to my identity or location should not be readily accessible to the entire world.
Sascha	P	
Sebastian	S	I want to remain safe from spammers, and I don't want my home address listed on the internet.
Lisa	T	I have registered domain names for my business and pay extra to keep my information private. I do NOT want my personal information shared publicly.
Andrew	N	Mostly I want privacy. I don't want spam.
Sherleta	G	
Tana	S	Privacy and safety concerns. You don't just want anyone to know your address, phone, etc.
Daniel	P	
James	D	To protect MY PRIVACY!!!
Neil	C	
Jarrid	K	
Ashley	H	

Daniel	W	
Angelo	S	It is of major concern to me that my personal information does not fall into the hands of those with detrimental thoughts in mind. As it stands now, if someone wants to obtain my personal information, and it's for legitimate reason(s), they simply need to filter the request through my privacy provider.
Dean	P	
Thaine	R	I have tons of domains, for random various things. Some are business's I never completed, some are friends business' that I host. Some are just random ideas that I snatch up. I feel like there should never be a question to use whois privacy, and should be the default. There should never be a point in time I have to worry that registering a domain name will cause me problems.
JONATHAN	D	entrepreneurship efforts and personal privacy.
Watts	M	It substantially cuts down on direct mail marketing, which I used to receive a lot of before switching to a domain registrar that provided WHOIS privacy automatically. Furthermore, I should not be forced to "out" any pseudonymous identities associated with some domains regardless of whether those identities are tied to a commercial brand.
PJ	J	No one should have to need it . . . it should be a given, and it should be FREE!!! We use these services for our livelihoods, as do you. Privacy is a Fundamental Right. We shouldn't even be having this conversation!
C.E.	F	I have been stalked and harassed in real life because someone disagreed with what I said online. It's a nightmarish situation, and it will become easier for people to do if you take away proxy domain registrations as an option. Please reconsider.
Andy	S	My correspondence is a private matter. Any investigation should require a warrant signed by a Judge.
Stanley	B	
Joe	W	I only wish to share what I want, unless required by law.
Ryan	B	We have several clients who use domain privacy to avoid harassment from other registrars and other junk mail and electronic mail schemes.
Klaus D.	E	Activities of the five eyes
Felix	K	
Billie	W	I operate a home-based business.
Albert	D	To protect myself against theft or fraud.
Max	I	
Sven	F	Because not everyone needs to now my detailed address only because I have some private websites.
Tanner	J	To protect myself from spamming and the potential of SWAT-ing if my address(es) were easily available in a WHOIS search.
Douglas	C	Protecting clients from spam.
Ryan	C	

Sam	D	
Stoyan	M	
Bryan	D	
Dirk	S	It's my god given right
Frank	H	I don't, but many social advocates and political refugees do.
Chris	M	It helps tremendously to protect my customers from spammers, junk mailers, scammers, telemarketers. DO NOT DO THIS. I speak for about 1000 domains. Do not take away this feature.
Arie	K	I believe the information about the legitimate use of privacy or proxy services must be kept private to protect physical safety and prevent identity theft. The use of privacy services, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" should be kept private. Privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing.
Nadia	K	
Kate	T	I use Whois Privacy to prevent spammers and fraudsters from contacting me with fraudulent domain renewal notices. Also ... I occasionally register domains for clients who might be launching new products and services - it would be competitively disadvantageous to have the information public.
Alvaro	G	For privacy?
Manjunath	H	
Mark	E	
Niklas	K	
Florian	W	
Ramón	S	That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing
Andrew	W	Prevents unsolicited spam and unwanted contact.
K	B	
Jeremy	M	
Jawid	H	My privacy is my right. That info being in public domain means I get spammed by a myriad non-affiliated parties advertising and individuals.
Michael	M	Because I do not want the general public to see all my private information regarding my domains.
Beth	H	To keep my personal information private, especially as a service provider.
Peter	F	Nobody should have to justify why they want privacy. The burden should be on those who would deprive people of their privacy.
Chris	D	I use domain privacy to protect my client's contact information from solicitations, spam bots and to prevent any threats against their safety.

Earl	C	I run a small business out of my house and do not want my home address exposed to the world in order to have have a Website.
Nadine	S	I work out of my home residence and don't want the address made public neither do I want to become prey to roaming bots.
Jonah	B	To keep my information private online.
Limareva	A	Because I wish to use internet in safe way. My information is not to be used by anyone without my permission.
Kimberly	R	
Sefu	B	I'd like my private information to remain - just that - private.
William	K	I have no desire whatsoever to see an undoing of the privacy that domain owners need to prevent spam abuse by those who use public domain name records for their spamlists. Such spamlists are distributed/sold to other spammers. As a domain reseller I do not want domain spam and as a domain owner I have had enough of domain spam.
Carol	F	
Jim	D	I own a small business. Most of my clients are delightful people, but I occasionally encounter somebody during an initial consult, who I don't want to do business with. If the privacy of my domain is not protected, a psychotic person has the ability to look up where my wife, children and I all live. I realize this is an unlikely scenario, but I prefer the extra added safety of my family, but protecting my information. There is no reason I should have to expose my home address, in order to have a domain to do business with.
Thomas	P	
Janet	M	
Pazcual	V	
Leland	H	I am a small business owner and do not want my personal information and home address made available to anyone who does a WHOIS search. The privacy of small business owners needs to be protected.
Andrew	R	

Jeffrey	B	Anti SLAPP laws in California serve a noble purpose: to ensure that website owners are not intimidated by people holding a grudge against a company for frivolous reasons, and more. There are legal ways to obtain website ownership information, which ensure that people who have a serious gripe have redress. To allow anyone to target any website owner invites frivolous politically correct nonsense that can seriously undermine a business that has done nothing wrong, morally, ethically, or otherwise. On the other hand, we have Bill C-51 in Canada now, so since we have a moral and ethical deficit already, perhaps we should all remove our clothing and rejoice in our newly found loss of privacy. I wonder though, why did Stephen Harper go to court to protect his family's privacy while at the same time invading ours? Either way, we have to stop this race to the bottom. So please speak out against bypassing the courts with respect to privacy, and perhaps we can slowly undo the damage done by the many laws that have been passed in the last ten years by both the US and Canadian Governments. And remember, the phrase, "if you have nothing to hide you have nothing to fear", is just a phrase. It is not a reason, it is not a justification, but a passive threat, in a "the hills are alive with the sound of music" kind of way, but dark and depressing as opposed to light and uplifting. Nuf said, but really, kill all privacy? Let's burn the books too while we're at it.
Robyn	D	I am a sole proprietor... my business address is my home address. If that information were public it could open me up to in-person harassment by internet trolls which is a huge problem for women using the internet.
Rosemary	N	I, the undersigned, support The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing
Sandra	D	As a US citizen, I feel that it is my right to say who I want to contact me, for any reason. There's a lot of nuts out there! I don't want to have to spend all my waking moments to figure out who's who and what is their real motive?
Robert	D	In the business of collections, people get angry and want to do you harm.
Richard	H	For my customers that would want Whois Privacy, this should be their option since they own the domain name
Francis	L	Security of privacy and private information.
DP	F	
Amber	C	I use domain privacy on all personal domains and all domains registered on behalf of client. Neither I, nor them, want sensitive personal information floating around readily accessible.
Janet	D	
Roney	N	For free speech, to avoid non-conformers and fake solicitors.
Stacey	H	I manage sites for multiple companies and organizations. This is not information that I want available to users as a contact route. As a woman, as well, I don't want my information available at all externally.
Christopher	L	I prefer to be asked.
Victoria	M	I use it for my personal business and websites.

Ed	B	I need domain privacy because I call out lies and untruths that tends to ruffle feathers. A lot of times, I expose people that perform unethical and even illegal acts. Even with domain privacy, I tend to receive a lot of threats and without domain privacy, I am certain that the threat will increase by a factor of 10. It might even put my family at risk of physical harm.
Michelle	V	As an independent blogger who blogs from my home, I am not comfortable having my residential address being made public.
Robert	K	Internet Freedom.
Tom	J	I am opposed to making any information about myself public unless I so choose!
Michael	G	I use privacy to cut back on the amount of spam that I get and commercial solicitations for phone calls that I don't want.
Alex	K	To protect personal details which I believe to be private information. Personal information such as addresses should not be easily available to anyone. It should be private, and in the case that the information needs to be found that should be handled through the domain provider with the individual's consent and not directly.
Thierry	V	I use domain privacy
Jeroen	W	I do not want telemarketer/email marketer SPAM for my business or my clients
Blair	F	For my personal blog
Doug	M	It is my right to have privacy in this area. Plain and simple.
Peter	M	As a reseller, WHOIS privacy is sought after by many of our clients for their personal identity protection. It is critical for their sense of privacy and safety for them and their families that their information is kept confidential and private.
Wayne	L	to prevent doxxing and abuse should I use my company blog to post anything of a political nature.
Michael	S	Mainly to avoid spam. In addition in the US the 1st amendment is generally considered to provide a right to anonymous speech, and thus a right to privacy.
Udey	S	I use WHOIS PRIVACY to keep my contact information hidden from unwanted tele-callers.
JOANN	G	It's private.
Helene	T	Protect my identity from not being stolen. I do not want spam (Have that on one of my domains just because my whois is wide open to everybody in the whole world.
Tay	T	
Luis	B	
Mark	R	I prefer to decide when and where I announce my identity. Without Whois Privacy, I lose some control on who is able to determine my identity. Mostly, I chose to control this information due to business concerns.
Sherry	G	
Ross	F	I am a very private person, and feel very uncomfortable when I am forced to share personal information with the world, especially if it's not needed.

Kirk	H	I use it to stop and prevent identity theft and my physical safety.
Lisa	P	I do not want spammers or other nefarious businesses to have access to my personal information.
Jeremy	L	
Charles	H	For protection from persons who might want to do physical harm if they disagree with something on the website(s).
Jessica	P	I do not feel safe with my private home address published online on thousands of websites.
Arvin	A	I am tired of being spammed, if my information is released. I will get spam emails more from the whois data.
David	B	Because it protects my personal email from spammers and scams from using your whois directory to add our information to their bots. Please allow privacy!
AUSTIN	S	Cause I dont like all my info online where people can access my email and phone #.
Blair	D	I have worked with mentally ill and people in the justice and correctional systems in Canada in the past and my wife and children are at home where I now work. My wife and children do have concerns for they're safety. Please keep my privacy. It would be different if I was working out of an office and not my home. Thank you for your consideration in this most important matter.
reg	D	
Zach	S	I use Domain Privacy to keep my personal information safe. I share what information I want others to know on my sites, for information I do not want shared such as my home address and phone number I use privacy.
Michael	Z	For my personal web site domain, I would rather my home address listed in the WHOIS registry be kept private.
David	W	My websites are either personal or for businesses run from my home. I have Whois Privacy to keep my family safe from anybody that might have ill intent because they don't like my websites.
Ganesh Prasad	K	This new rule could possibly breach the confidential information of the owner of the domain for silly reasons & is a potential hazard to the administrators. A rule this wide open is anarchial in result & must not be implemented. Kindly put a serious thought into it before revealing our data.
Sorina	D	Business use of website should not give access to my private information.
David	H	Protect personal contact information that I want my hosting company to have but not the world.
Paul	A	I don't want to be spammed. Some sites I have could attract unwanted attention or abusive communications if ownership is made public.
Natalia	G	As a woman, I do not feel safe with my home address available for anyone to look up
Boyd	D	
Glen	P	To protect my personal details from spammers and telemarketers
Kevin	K	Prefer not to share my name and address for my sites.
LG	B	Avoid spam.
Amy	J	
Elisheva	S	I have faced stalkers in the past, and I do everything I can to keep my private address information out of public view.

Jon	G	I own a website domain, and I need keep my personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft.
Barry	R	My website is an artist website and I do not feel the need to have my personal information available to the public. My business is totally above-board and have not encountered any problems to-date. I do not like the precept of being considered guilty until proven innocent in the event of a complaint.
Mia	W	I prefer to protect my identity and personal information from public view wherever possible.
Joan	S	to protect myself from possible abuse online just for being a woman with an opinion and a mind
Charles	M	To avoid solicitation.
Andrei	Z	Identity theft is rampant and protection against it very poor. Additionally, there are many people with time on their hands who might make it their life goal to harass somebody who may have posted an article they did not approve of on their blog.
jay	B	because I don't really appreciate the SPAM I get without the privacy.. the tons of fraudulent attempts I get trying to get my domain away from me, or the #\$\$%^ identity theft attempts. Please, use some logic.
Kelly	S	Privacy is very important and needs to be protected. Without privacy domains/owners/registrars/etc are all on shaky ground. Spam will increase by mail/email/phone/fax/etc to try to tell domain owners to transfer their domain to some other party for pure profit purposes. On the www, there are other unseen risks of exposing personal information through non-privacy protocols. I can come up with more than 101 reasons why domain privacy matters and it does. All this non-sense of removing or modifying domain privacy idea is extremely a bad one and every responsible person and organization should petition this to keep domain privacy. Say Yes to domain privacy and keep the privacy and our dignity in place. There is a cost (\$) associated with adding domain privacy to a domain, which I don't agree either, but greet is always there and businesses always try to find a way to make more money. So, despite the cost, domain privacy is important and lets not a give it away for some non-thinking studies or ideology behind this change. Change is a must for people and organizations in order to grow, and be sustainable, but this type of hyped change is a radical change without thinking it through properly. YES, KEEP DOMAIN PRIVACY!
Zarif	H	Because I am the director of my company, and I can't have everyone calling me all day for marketing purposes. All my domains have my contact details on them.
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Patricia	R	Too many spam emails generated after registering a domain. Too much information given that should be private.
Madhavan	S	I have come across companies/people who want to usurp genuinely registered domain names. They call or write to frequently seeking to push me to give up or change domain names. This is intrusion of privacy as well as insinuation sometimes.
Jonathan	G	Because it keeps a lot of E-Mail spam away and I also don't want all things about me on the internet.
Erin	A	

Alex	B	Privacy is a right, Every people need a cover sometimes for something simple, like defender their politician, religion or race
Kristin	E	
Kim	M	For one, to stop the unnecessary harassment of people contacting me to either buy my domain or sell me a service I don't need or want, or try to sell me a domain name that is similar to mine.
Alexander	H	
Marl	J	It's not proportionate, that everyone see my address just because of publishing some unimportant information and using an own domain for email.
Christopher	M	
Martin	M	
Alexander	E	
Toby	F	I don't need/use Whois privacy. However, as a very concerned citizen, internet user, and privacy advocate, I believe that the option to prevent ICANN's inclusion of domain owners' personal information in the publicly searchable WHOIS directory is necessary to protect the personal privacy, security, and peace of mind of the owner(s). I also believe that it is a responsibility and duty of ICANN to recognize that domain owners have a fundamental RIGHT to safeguard and to protect their privacy -- and to allow them complete control and ownership of their personal data and information.
Markus	F	Freedom of Speech
Vladislav	R	
Noel	K	
Hari	H	To hide my details from unnecessary people.
Dan	S	to protect my personal privacy, and protect personal information from identity theft and the protection of my personal safety
Sascha	E	I hate paper spam and I get a lot if I use no domain privacy!
Ham	B	
Ryan	E	
Benjamin	N	i dont use whois privacy, but i support the right for privacy, which is being undermined by gOVERnMENTS and big buSINess.
Michael	F	
tone	R	
Matei-Eugen Vasile	V	Why does anybody needs privacy in general? The answer to the "Why do you need/use WHOIS privacy?" question is the same as the answer to the question about privacy in general.
ziv	D	

Jonathan	K	Because I don't want random people having access to my home address. I cannot believe that anybody in their right mind would want to take this right to privacy away from people. All it takes is one mentally disturbed individual to take a dislike to something and then who knows what they're going to want to do. I find it incredibly irresponsible that people are even thinking this is a good idea.
Glenn	F	To protect myself from fraudsters and people with criminal intent from targetting me.
Jose Luis	M	For my family privacy
Bonnie	K	
Stefan	S	Running a popular site can easily make you a target of stalking, doxxing and black mailing. Using privacy services lowers this risk.
Alexander	M	Because it's logical. I'm just a persone, not a company. Why some random people should have an ability to obtain my personal info without proper legal actions?
Daniel	G	Spam protection, identity theft protection etc
Benedikt	S	
Paul	C	Protecting myself, as well as my associates against violent behaviour that may come as a result of diverging opinions with other users of the iternet
Alexandru	S	For common sense protection of my privacy and personal information.
Thomas	G	I want to operate a political blog, and I need for me and my family to be safe from political opponents.
Tom	B	To protect my identity. I am already bombarded my spam emails. If my personal address and home details are released to the public there will be no end to this.
Bill	G	People should respect my right for personal privacy.
Benjamin	J	
Kelly	M	To prevent unsolicited phone calls, spam, direct mail, et al
Dragos	C	We all need whois privacy because the internet should be a free place where anyone can express their opinions. Without privacy some people with divergent opinions can find out personal information about the owner and an unstable person can identify the physical location of the author and this could lead to tragedies.
Marissa	B	
Nicholas	A	I would not want my home address to be easily accessible
Henry	T	I neither need nor use Whois Privacy. But I do want and appreciate the ability of being able to use it. Privacy should be a choice. Whether the reason is for being a protected citizen, display constraint settings on social media networks, or supporting a cause which puts you at risk from crimes of hate. We're well aware that content on the internet is potentially public to everyone (with the exception of the enforced restrictions in countries such as China), but so too is an unlocked door at home. And much like door, if I feel that I live in a safe neighbourhood, I should be free to choose on whether to lock the door as a preventative measure, or leave it open in trust.
Todd	S	

Paula Dione	I	Website Domain privacy.
John	G	Personal information should not be available publicly, only on request. I want to protect my personal information, privacy. It is necessary for my business. It is not fair to have my personal information available publicly. This is unacceptable.
John	B	
Gabriela	Z	
Ty	M	
Robert	H	Anti spam and for privacy.
Katherine	S	
scott	M	
Martin	R	To keep spammers away.
Francesca	P	I need protection because I am not cyber savvy.
Carlo	F	It's my right. It stops me from being harassed by spammers.
Zhi-Bin	C	
Bret	A	To stop misuse of my information. Stop a piece of the identity theft puzzle ad to help reduce spam. Aid in reducing the number of unsolicited phone calls from trolls.
Mason	G	to keep my info private from all the crazy people in the world.
Sascha	N	
jessica	Y	to feel safe online
Dany	S	Many of my clients use whois privacy to protect their information from spam harvesters. Others simply require that their information remains private.
Denise	B	Because I own domains as a private person. I get harassed with phone calls during my massage sessions because the county and state offered my business information for sale to companies. I do not need 75 phone calls each day due to having a website and my data available for more marketing and mining purposes
GITA	M	Don't want my name harvested for scam
Greg	M	I don't want spammers, identity thieves and other criminals to have my address and phone number. Privacy is a primary right; to arbitrarily require ISPs to disclose my confidential information - without any due legal process - is simply un-American.
Chris	B	To protect the privacy and security of individuals and small businesses and to avoid public trolling of WHOIS records for the purposes of information gathering for malicious intent or unsolicited marketing purposes.
Rebecca	K	Safety of my identity and family while offering design services.
Fernando	F	
heather	R	Answer is private
AP	F	To safe guard my personal information.

Joel	A	I host several small websites for friends and family and colleagues. There is no need to post my private contact information to the world for these small info sites.
sarah	V	i'm a sex worker with a custom domain name linked to my tumblr account which i use to host my stuff. i had remembered WHOIS exists a few months after starting, upon which i see the name of my girlfriend who registered the domain for me and our address at the time. it was really scary. any person who's seen my naked body could find out my address by simply knowing WHOIS is a thing and trying it out. i immediately logged into the account with my domain registrar and changed the settings so that WHOIS shows their info, not mine. if i did not have this option open to me, i wouldn't feel safe continuing my work.
Karen	S	As a vocal woman online, I need to ensure that my privacy and my family's safety is considered.
Mitch	C	To protect personal information from abuse. If ICANN proceeds people will be left with no alternative to find other ways to hide their location. Also I wonder how long it will be before someone "injured" by their disregarding the persons right to privacy launches some kind of court action - especially those with registrations pre-existing the change.
Cheryl	S	
Filipe	R	I need WHOIS privacy services to avoid being a victim of harassment and exposing my address in a way that could be harmful to me and my family. Having a domain name is important to me, but having my name, telephone and address exposed to the entire internet to see-including bad intentioned people who wish to harass others-is something I couldn't do.
Laurie	K	To keep personal information private, I don't want people knowing where I live, I don't want spam, I don't want my info out there any more than it already is.
Contact	P	Dear ICANN, some clients are refugees and their personal information not be disclosed. Thanks.
Whois	P	Dear ICANN, some clients are refugees and their personal information not be disclosed. Thanks.
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Darlene	H	that is also private--get real
Thomas	W	
Dean	D	it is private
Audrey	F	I agree with this article: https://opensrs.com/blog/2015/06/help-save-domain-privacy/ blanket rulings can cause issues for those that need protection, like womens shelters.
Bishakha	D	There is no need to needlessly reveal this information; the default should be private.
Darren	P	
Marieta	T	Privacy is my right
Caroline	L	

Glen	S	Just because I have a personal/family site, generally not available to the public, I don't want my own personal information being broadcast to everyone.
Dennis	T	I support Whois privacy out of a concern for personal safety and the security of my online information. Published address information makes it much easier for malicious parties to penetrate related online accounts (including bank accounts), which often use the address for verification.
ad	B	
Kristina	L	
Cody	T	I need domain privacy so my stalker doesn't find out where I live and start contacting my employers.
Laura	M	
Brian	R	I plan to run a sole-proprietor, software-focused consulting business and would like to do so from my home. I do not want customers, marketers, or competitors contacting me personally outside the channels specifically provided for the business. Having my WHOIS contact info publicly shared would impede my safety and privacy as a small business owner, forcing me to take on the additional trouble and expense of an external office for WHOIS registration, long before I would have a need for such space otherwise.
Matt	R	Business protection, telemarketers call my non protected domains all day. It is the most annoying thing and invasive.
Max	A	From spammers From hijacking accounts. For life privacy.
Jaclyn	H	Use it to protect my email from spammers and from domain registry of canada sending me solicitations.
Joseph	D	Identity protection from spammers, con men, etc.
Matthew	O	To protect my home address.
Chattra Pal	S	I am a small business owner and I would request you to reconsider your move to make every domain owner's contact details available to anybody on the web, without needing a legal or valid reason. I believe that such a move would violate my privacy. Thank you. Chattra Pal Singh
Marina	F	
Dave	M	Like privacy everywhere, domain privacy should be protected as a default and only taken away with clear evidence and a court order.
Satendra	S	I have just registered a domain name that I might turn into an online business some time in the future. I feel that my address and contact details that I have submitted as prerequisite to my domain registrar for registration, should not be visible to just about anyone on the web. If my future customers need to get in touch with me, I will ensure that the required contact details are on my website. And in any case, the current rules allow people with a valid legal reason to be able to access a domain owner's contact details. Hence I really feel that you should reconsider this move of yours. Thank you!

edan	T	many domain owners rent domains like myself also sell leads or even publish a info site and the site isn't related to domain owner, the info on the business is always display on the website, not sure why domain owners need to suffer from this new rules
Jennifer	R	My lack of personal necessity does not negate my intent to protect the physical safety of others.
Naomi	H	It's necessary for the sake of my life.... it's dangerous, technology is advancing and so are scammers. Protecting our personal information and business systems helps to protect the country's growth. Contributions and innovation should be protected and/or have a privilege to be... not backed up against a wall that suddenly turns into the edge of a cliff...
Ray	W	Please protect our privacy!
Brian	G	My domain registrar provides this valuable service. Privacy is important! Privacy is a right - not a choice or an added benefit. Please continue to put privacy first above everything else.
Christabel	L	
Eve	C	I am a female on the internet with controversial views. Because of things like GamerGate there are legitimate fears for safety. Private registration allows us to give our information and stay within rules while still maintaining a feeling of personal safety that not just anyone can look us up. Whois is like the phone book...and you're allowed to not be listed in the phonebook.
Timothy	W	I don't want my mailing address or contact information to be public record. If someone really needs to get in touch with me, they can request access through my domain registrar.
kris	B	I have purchased my kids' names. I really don't want people knowing my home address.
Don	W	
Adam	C	
Andrew	T	For privacy of a home based business location information that does not need to be public. everyone on the web who does commerce with our online business does not need to know my home address.
Gustavo	A	security
Josh	P	I am a CTO of a web development agency. Privacy is the most important thing for my clients. Removing that privacy opens them up for harassment and publicity that is not needed. Save our privacy!
Bridget	G	
Cassie	C	I run a small personal blog that I plan on monetizing in the future, so I would at that point fall under the heading of a "commercial website". Harassment on the internet, in general, is a real problem. By opening my personal information up to the public eye, it would be far too easy for online trolls and harassers to take their abuse offline. The police and the courts do not have the preparation or the capacity to handle an issue of this scale.
Bahniman	K	Whois Privacy helps me: 1. Protect my identity 2. Stop domain-related spam 3. Thwart harassers & stalkers 4. Maintain personal and family privacy 5. Prevent my domain from being hijacked

Michelle	A	I have domains in use and some for sale. There are too many scammers out there who use the WHOIS information to send fake bills to domain owners and who call at all times of the day to sell website services. Domain privacy is a must.
Drew	N	I work entirely from my home and have several domains. Since I have to have valid contact information on the domains, I do not wish for my personal information, especially my home address available to everyone. We have been robbed before and take the protection of our personal information extremely seriously.
R	N	To protect my personal information!
Joanie	D	You sink to low levels taking over the internet. My hosting company keeps my domains protected as well as they can from snoopers.
Joshua	K	To prevent online harassment of marginalized individuals.
Chris	K	My personal information should remain private. It protects my online and physical safety, and helps prevent theft.
Michael	B	To prevent my home address becoming available to people who do not and should not have it.
Shelley	T	It's not that I 'need' to use the Whois Privacy, it's just that as an individual I don't 'need' nor do I 'want' the world to see my private information. It's mine and mine alone. Simple as that.
Gregory	N	I Use whois privacy for a variety of reasons including protecting myself from identity theft, Reducing spam associated with my own business and that of my clients businesses. Additionally Privacy allows me to have confidence that we are reducing the amount of frivolous or malicious lawsuits by competitors. I am highly opposed to eliminating or further restricting whois privacy rules and procedures.
Marvin	A	We need protection of our private personal information. Business who do not server their customers at their locate must be very care that their home address is not listed. It is their place of private residence with their families. Furthermore allowing their personal info to be published put them at risk of identity theft for all a theft would need then is DOB and SS.
Karrin	V	
Jeremy	S	GoDaddy
Gerry	S	To stop companies direct marketing to us
Matthew	L	To keep my personal information private from the general population
Evan	J	Everyone needs Whois Privacy to be able to work, and create work.
Tim	F	Protect privacy and safety don't want Whois as a white pages for identity thief and stalking
John	P	Purely to protect my personal information for myself and family.
Ginny	L	
Scott	A	To protect my rights and the safety of my family and personal property from those that may do harm to them. There is a lot of crazy out there in the world and cyber stalking is a serious issue that can have impacts that change or end lives.
Bonnie	M	To protect my physical address-for security reasons. To protect my email address for spam reasons.

Mark	J	We use Whois Privacy to protect against domain name theft, spam and unsolicited mail and phone calls. A Whois Privacy service should be treated like an unlisted telephone number with no other requirements needed to use the service. If contact information is needed by a third party, that is what a court order should be use for.
Nicholas	B	It's my right and everyone else's to protect ourselves from many type of abuse and spam online. There is immeasurable need for domain privacy and the good clearly outweigh the bad because that is why it has been allowed for so long
Riyadh	T	Whois Privacy is the first door for collecting information about my domains. Two of my domains suffered huge attacks of DDoS repeatedly. I get much relief if I could block this first step of collecting information about my domains. At least I will get rid of one level of attackers: not everyone will be able to get this information easily.
Tom	H	I'm an author who often writes about civil rights issues in the Deep South.
Patrick	T	to protect myself from scammers
Steve	B	
Joshua	N	I don't, but I still think it's kind of an important thing.
Jordan	L	Protect myself from unsolicited contact, abuse, and potential scams and identity theft using my personal information.
Ryan	R	To keep my information private and safe from the eyes of Spammers / Hackers / others who would take advantage of it.
Fred	C	I have several personal/family domains and domain privacy protects me and my family.
Dustin	P	To keep my personal information private, prevent ID theft, the physical safety of my home and family.
Ricky	M	To avoid having my personal details publicly listed
Joshua	L	I'd like to prevent internet stalkers from showing up at my front door
Charles	E	I have sites that may fall under the definition of "commercial use", as I receive a small number of payments for videogames and other interactive art pieces that I release online. However, I do NOT make a lot of money off of these projects. To date, I have spent much more money just on the web hosting and domain registration - not to mention purchasing my own software. These are passion projects that I invest in because I like to make art. There is no real income from this. There is no money to establish a "business address" separate from my home address. But because of the wording of the law, I may still find myself forfeiting private information in front of an audience that contains many known harassers. Not to mention worries of identity theft. I know my situation is not unique in the field I work in. And I know that, if this law goes into effect, I will either have to find a way to work around it, or simply to remove my online presence - effectively stopping my side business which I am currently attempting to grow. This law can be very dangerous for small business owners, and even "hobbyist" artists who choose to release their work online.

Anthony	C	I'm a journalist, host and producer for large media outlets. My job puts me on camera in front of a hundreds of thousands of people. Registering my sites under my personal information would give my audiences access to my home and family, destroying the privacy and security that I receive by having my registrar use their information.
Ryan	S	
Kim	A	
Michael	G	I have been a victim of identity theft in the past, keeping my information private keeps people from finding my name and doing additional research to find out who I am.
Brian	B	I am preparing to register one or more domain names and do not want my private information to be publicly available.
David	W	I prefer to keep my personal information safe from data miners, spammers, and others looking to solicit and or maliciously use my personal data. I also have domains that have content others may deem offensive, I would like to protect my family from fanatics and those who would like to harm me or my family due to my beliefs
Rose	J	Our personal information should not be available to just anyone who wants it. A legal or government entity should have to go through proper legal channels to gain access to my private information associated with my web domain. I say a resounding NO to changing the current privacy policies associated with web domains!
Eric	P	
Xavier	S	Its necessary everybody can view your private information, privacy should be an obligation not a privilege. iCANN asks for real information and they dont protect it, spammers or criminals use this
Geraint	P	I get a lot of spam, identity hacks and worse, and my job has very strict rules regarding what I can say online where I can be personally identified. For all these reasons and more, I'm very particular about not sharing or publishing my personal details online. Domain privacy is critical to protecting my identity -- without it, my name, my address, and my contact details are available to absolutely anyone.
Ian	M	So that I can post statements with which people might disagree on my personal blog without fear of their being able to easily get my personal information to use in harassing and threatening me. As a member of basically every majority demographic I'm not too concerned about this for myself. But it applies even more to minorities and marginalized people who are more often harassed and threatened and less often have any real recourse when it happens.
Michelle	R	Oh, wow! This is a good day for celebrity stalkers, or just stalkers in general, actually. Also, for those who have anger management issues and "non-healthy" outlets...like, I dunno...murder? Now when someone gets butthurt over something they don't like on the internet, they don't have to be a "keyboard warrior" anymore. They can get the website creator's address, drive to their home, and terrorize and/or kill them. STALKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE!
Aubrey	C	I use it so that I can feel comfortable browsing the high-way of information. I'd feel incredibly uncomfortable if a fellow high-way user can ram me off the road after identifying me. Especially if I have done nothing wrong but those that I associate myself have or if they are misidentifying me.

William	C	Website owner trying to maintain privacy and safety.
Jason	S	Stop unsolicited email (spam, phishing scams, general email abuse) and unsolicited mail.
David	R	I use my personal phone number in the registration process and I was blanketed by random phone calls at all hours of the night and they did not want anything. It is critical to have privacy services.
Tracy	K	So I don't get spammed.
Christopher	M	It is a private matter.
Bruno	G	I want to own domains on the internet without having to publish my personal information, especially my home address.
Grant	B	I don't want spam. I don't want people to know my address. If the authorities need that they can use a warrant.
Gregg	E	Protection from abuse, reduce spam...
Matthew	B	
Nick	T	It protects my information from those that would look it up to use it for nefarious means. This information could be used to try and socially engineer information from anything towards domains to even bank accounts or whatever else there may be.
Shaun	C	
Karen	A	To protect my home address location! I don't want creepers or stalkers showing up!
Neal	G	To keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft.
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Ronald	H	I believe Whois Privacy is a right, not a feature. People who have malicious intent can look up your whois information and dox (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Doxing) or swat you (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swatting)
Tony	F	Because my personal information is personal.
Thomas	R	
Jason	A	I own a domain.
Kristin	C	Identity protection
Tamara	S	
Aaron	B	
Greg	W	We in the title and escrow industry are very concerned with protecting non-public, private information. The increasing incidences of identity theft in banking and escrow closing transactions demand that this personal information be kept private and secure.
Karen	G	Every stranger and strange character does not need to know my personal contact info. For those of us registering as individuals, proxy service is crucial. This is no different than unlisted phone numbers, which protected our privacy rights for decades.
Sean	L	My personal domain has my mailing address that displays. I do not want anyone to find where I live that easily.

		Whois privacy protects web site owners and operators from bad players like stalkers and other malicious actors. I have been the recipient of this activity and have come to rely on anonymity services to protect my home and family from these types of issues. The current system that requires court orders and other well-controlled and validated processes of gaining access to ownership information works well, while still providing for a course of action should the website owner be doing wrong things. Copyright holders still have access and recourse, wrongdoers as website owners are still able to be contacted and managed if infractions or worse occur. To take away this option of anonymous ownership will quiet the voices of dissenting blogs, will take away publishing options for legitimate, but necessarily protected speech and much more. It also lends far too much power to media companies in providing a means to "witchhunt" owners - forcing them into situations where a media firm "has a hunch" and simply issues demands they know cannot be fought by small site owners. Without legal constructs around proof and necessary court-ordered access, media firms and those that seek this abusive change will be in a position to harass without regard to any real or legal basis. Please do not allow this change to take place. Privacy holders should not be forced to reveal my private information without consent or without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing. Thank you.
Stephen	W	
Julian	M	I don't want my friends to be doxed.
Ashley	H	
Matthew	F	
Justin	M	My home address is nobody's business but mine.
Chris	C	I run a home business and don't want to give out my home address
Lindsay	J	To keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft. Privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing.
Adam	A	To protect myself from identity theft.
Jason	P	I do not want my personal information shown on a whois lookup.
Martin	W	Complicated laws, don't want to be recognised. Hide my identity from my employer and family. Hosting special interest websites.
Nick	A	to hide my info from me being public
Michael	M	To protect myself from anything online.
Tomek	P	

Cam	C	I have started 5 different successful businesses so far in the last 15 years. I do most of my work from home. I do not have brick and mortar business addresses to use. If I didn't have "domains by proxy" or some other intermediary to use, my home address and information would be available to be seen on any of the literally dozens of websites that I own and manage. I could be the target of millions of internet attacks every day. My personal email would be spammed constantly etc. etc. Interfering with this privacy would collapse my business. It wouldn't be worth the risk to my family. I would either have to find a way to hide the information, fake it somehow, or close it down, essentially robbing me of my current livelihood.
Joel	R	
Kyle	C	When I just started doing web development, I worked out of my home. As a developer, it's important to have a website. However, had I not been able to protect my address, it would have been trivially possible for anyone on the internet to find my home address. This would have been a non-starter, and it's unlikely that I'd have made it this far in my career without it. While it's easy for a company to submit a corporate address, it's not such an easy thing for private individuals.
Robbie	V	I don't use it per se, but I don't like the idea of my info being out there for anyone to just grab willy nilly. Spam reduction mostly.
Patricia	A	I don't need it personally, but I can think of reasons why someone might--protection from trollish harassment, membership in a persecuted minority, anonymity from government persecution. You never know when you are going to move into a category that needs that privacy protection, either. Proxy registration seems to do a perfectly adequate job of making the info available for a good reason. Let's not change it.
Mark	H	I do not want my personal information on the internet for all to see and access. Privacy is important, turning over contact information to anyone who makes targeted claims against a website owner--without a subpoena, search warrant, or due process of any kind is an invasion of privacy, and at present illegal. Do not hurt the many lawful website owners by allowing easier access to with using established processes and courts.
Tyler	M	The ability to run "controversial" websites without publishing one's home address is extremely important to free speech online. People are already "doxxed" and harassed by people who don't like what's written online. People have been killed. By changing the rules, you make it dramatically easier for this to happen. Under these new rules, people will be killed, and their blood will be on your hands.
Kris	I	I don't want anyone to be able to contact me directly or possibly show up at my house if they disagree with me or maybe just because they can. Recently my niece graduated from photography school. She created a webpage that has many photos that she took and of her. To my horror, her domain shows up in Whois with her contact info and her parents address. I told her to get domain privacy. It should take a court order to get that information!
Alain	A	I don't use Whois privacy, but I think it is fair and it should be kept
Michael	C	It is for my own protection, and do not want my identity stolen or any other types of mayhem in my life!

Morte	O	Privacy of personal information is getting more and more important as identity theft, online harassment and other issues become more common. We can have silent phone numbers; private Whois information should be a given.
Sam	P	I write about political transparency and dont need objectors or crazy people turning up at my private residence. I also have been a past victim of identity theft and do not want my personal details as a matter of public record.
Eric	W	Who wants their addresses and identities fully available for scammers and criminals to see? Does ICANN want their own home addresses readily available on the web for any domains they might have?
Chandra	W	
Bet	W	I have been physically threatened by an ex, and do not want my home address easily found.
Leslie	M	
Mike	M	To prevent spammers from inundating me with junk email and also to protect my family by keeping my address private.
Joe	H	I don't want spammers or other organizations data mining my info, and sending me spammer or offers. Also don't want my info data mined and sold to other companies. I have the right to keep my info private.
Benjamin	J	Don't be Facebook.
Anthony	B	
Sharon	W	
Jason	K	
Christine	M	
Michael	W	I don't want to be harassed by having my address and phone number searchable
Axel	S	
Aya	R	I am scared enough of posting my thoughts online as a woman, because I see women harassed online every day. Right now, I'm uncomfortable enough that I hesitate to start a publishing business seriously. With protected domain privacy, I would feel safer starting my own business and interacting online.
Mason	W	I have several websites, and, because of the WHOIS data associated with them, anyone who searches for my name - just my name! - almost immediately finds my home phone number and address. I express all manner of opinions on my pages, on subjects from gender, race, money, and religion to popular comics and video games. Regardless of where I come down on any particular issue, with a large enough audience, I inevitably upset someone. I have received angry and threatening emails in the past, and the thought that someone might start phoning me or worse yet, drive to the home I share with my family to threaten me is chilling. While I understand that contact information for a domain name should be available, I disagree that this contact information should take the form of a phone number and physical address - for many independent content producers, a personal number and personal address are the only number and address we have!
Christine	K	I am a volunteer administrator for my parish and as such, others will take my place. When this information remains private, it encourages all concerned to participate in the development of our website.

Ryan	M	Because I have a right to privacy!
John	L	I do not need to have the home address of all my family members who have addresses at my domain publicly available, therefore I use a privacy mask for WHOIS data.
Michele	G	I would like to have my personal information as private as possible on the internet.
k-nut	B	
Joseph	M	
Isaac	S	I prefer to keep my personal information hidden.
Mia	A	
Michael	C	Doxers and trolls can use personal information taken from an ICANN information for purposes of harassment or identity theft.
Lori	M	
Reena	W	Bill C-51
Robert	W	
Andrea	B	
Tyler	P	
Daniel	A	
Andy	J	Requiring domain owners to submit this kind of info will mean that they are vulnerable to anyone wishing to lash out against them.
Susan	H	I do not want my private info given out.
Kevin	G	
Carolyn	M	Please do not give our information and protect my privacy!!!
Simon	A	I run a personal website and don't wish to publish my home address for all to see and abuse.
Michael	Q	
Kyle	L	I've gotten death and rape threats for speaking out against sexism in gaming and tech before, and also for blogging about a specific incident of sexual assault that happened to me at a gaming convention. My blog has always used Whois Privacy and I was lucky not to have gotten doxxed when that particular post went viral across the gaming community. I use ads on my site to cover the domain costs. I will delete my site if this happens.
Jim	G	It is a right that I do not want to give up.
Eugene	M	To keep my public and personal lives separate and protect my family.
Jim	G	I do not wish to give up my privacy.

Ryan	U	I do not run a business, I am a web developer and have several websites for me to try out new technologies and techniques. I use some as well for family purposes. I use privacy to keep scammers and solicitors from contacting me. I also consider my families safety paramount, no one needs my home address or email address concerning these sites, period. There are bots out there scanning that data to sell off. I don't want to have to put up with being hounded with scams and other solicitation just because I want to own a website.
Karen	W	I once had a web designer who proved he could not be trusted...he had access to too much of my information and tried to steal one of my domains for his own use after I no longer wanted to do business with him. Why don't you focus on the bad guys and leave the good guys alone? There's a new concept...maybe you think you're doing that, but putting too much information out there only hurts the good guys because the bad guys have already figured out a way around it anyway.
ray	N	The volume of spam I already get as a direct result of privacy violation combined with protection of myself and my family from internet predators who use contact information to target their victims is why I need and use privacy. I do think pricing for privacy should be much cheaper and readily available.
Jason	W	I have many domains who are open to the public but I have a few that are private, to protect my family. I am also related to law enforcement professionals who, by doing their job, make other people , criminals, upset. Privacy is needed for those who comply with the law.
Robert	A	
Jay	D	Small construction business that preforms all work at clients sites and prefers that home address associated with web site not be made public for sales and marketing firms to use for junk mail and solicitation calls.
Dale	W	I've had major issues with SPAM when not using whois privacy.
Andrea	B	I believe in privacy first in online transactions. ICANN registration being made public would expose millions of personal addresses and phone numbers. Consumers should always have a choice to opt out and retain their privacy.
Samir	A	I run a home business, the address is my home address. I don't want the public to know my home address, this would be a massive violation of privacy.
Lissa	M	I do not want to have all of my personal information out there for anyone who decides they don't like me for some arbitrary reason, and I should not have to decide between that and having a website.
Arnold	B	Keeps me from getting spammed.
Michael	D	Protection from solicitors abusing information through easily circumvented rules of the proposed lessened ICANN privacy guidelines. Also, the current rules work well and protect people with the burden of proof of right-to-know appropriately placed on the requestor.
Max	M	So I don't get wildly spammed.
Tim	J	

Jonathan	P	As a small business owner/freelancer/sole proprietor I own dozens of domains and rely on privacy protection for security against spam abuse and also any individual who may wish to research my location for illicit reasons. I am a home-based business and allowing easy access to my address, phone number, full name, etc., would put me at great risk for identity theft. It would also force me to incur great cost of office space rental because I could not imagine using my personal information if this policy moves forward. Please protect my privacy and continue to have all use the legal system and factual evidence to pursue private information of website owners.
Keith	L	To reduce unwanted solicitations from companies who mine this data.
Anjali	B	
ANTHONY	D	
Bruce	C	My personal information is personal. It doesn't need to be, or should not be, shared with the rest of the world.
Gretchen	M	I run a guild web site for an on-line game. As odd as it might seem, it makes me a target for doxing because some people take this game far too seriously. I would not be able to continue to host the guild's web site if my information had to be publicly available. Anything that could potentially limit my ability to use the privacy services offered by my hoster is a potential threat to my well-being as long as I have my name on that account. I would have to give it up.
Sumeera	R	Its my right
Mike	G	Protection from harassmetn/ Doxing
Robert	H	
Sue	B	For privacy and protection
Jennifer	R	Because I'm female and thus incredibly likely to be stalked by horrible people.
Allan	L	I use Whiis Privacy to prevent thousands of spam emails that would be sent to me if my identity and contact information were included. It is also essential to prevent censorship of our online presence.
craig	M	Nowhere else on the internet is my personal information like this publicly available. If you remove domain name privacy I will be forced to drop my domain names.
John	B	I manage 7 domain names for myself and my employer. Whois privacy has had a measurable effect on the amount of spam and junk mail that I receive. I still get occasional spearfishing emails and targeted junk mail related to domains I registered before the advent on Whois privacy. I have received virtually none of those annoyances for those domains registered with Whois privacy controls in place from day 1.
Amanda	T	I have a domain and I like to keep my information private.
Patrice	K	
Manveet	S	My privacy is mine. If I want to protect it I should have the right to. If someone wants to know it he should have acceptable cause for it.
Larry	W	My wife has a website, and she has been highly critical of specific criminals in Mexico. Many journalists have been killed for similar activities. To publicize her location would be a threat to our safety.

Deborah	B	
Cherry	B	Without a subpoena, there is no reason for ICANN to find out anything about my personal information. They will face many lawsuits if they proceed to violate our rights. I am sure Pres. Obama was aware of this when he released this protection as he knew Americans would have to fight to keep rights he stripped from us.
Jussi	S	
Mark	H	I own a number of domain names, but I don't have an office or phone number not tied to my home. Also, since using an email address tied to your domain in whois contact info is a bad idea (I know from working in the hosting industry), I use a personal email as well.
Alla	Z	Personal safety from online stalkers
Deren	S	I bought a website address for my personal blog and hobbies. If Whois privacy goes away so does my privacy. What's so hard about going through the courts?
Jeff	M	For many reasons
marcello	G	protect from spammers
Gary	W	On my business domain i do not want all of the spam type email that i see on my personal domains. I do provide a contact us page with form to send email therefore no need to get my other private information. Please keep the privacy as it is today and do not change it. Thank you for providing a great service to all web owners.
Oliver	M	
Isak	H	
Sean	L	
Mike	K	I have a domain registered so I have control over where my email is delivered. It is used for no other purpose. Before I switched to using a privacy service provider, I was hounded by people who emailed, called, and faxed me at all hours of the day and night. I had no previous relationship with these people, but I was constantly harassed. In addition, I was stalked in the past by someone had a romantic interest in me, though I didn't share that interest. Someone having only my email address would be able to physically find me, and that frightens me.
james	S	we use privacy to protect our clients from fraud and abuse via snail mail and email.
Ed	K	
Jorge	J	I do not want to disclose my personal details just because I am the owner of the domain delosrios.net
Stuart	J	To protect my home address, my name and my phone number, which would otherwise be publicly listed for domains I own personally. Privacy for personal domain ownership should be a right.
Art	R	It is a basic right!
Selina	C	I am a female small business owner.

		<p>1. I have several websites on which I place affiliate marketing links. I do not want my competitors to know which websites are mine, and what niches I am in. If they know, or even suspect, you have a profitable site or niche, the competition will spend hours searching based on the smallest hint or clue trying to figure out which site(s) are yours so they can copy them or steal from you. 2. I post on an affiliate marketing forum and was open about ONE of my sites to the new affiliate marketers there so they could see sites from the more established affiliates as an example of what works. Someone on the forum took exception to remarks I made about spammers and blackhatters last year and engaged in a six month long "negative SEO" attack on my site to try to ruin my income. (They did in fact seriously impact it.) Only the fact that I had only publicly disclosed one site saved me from even further economic damage. If someone were able to look up my name and other contact information, they could easily determine what my other sites are and attack them as well. 3. As a woman who was stalked in college, keeping my name, address and other contact information off the internet is vitally important. This was more than a decade ago, but after a pretty scary experience, with a unique name, I spend time every month running internet searches to make sure my name and contact info don't appear anywhere on the web. I don't want my stalker to know I'm not married, I don't want him to know what state I live in, much less in the city or my address. Anyone who needs to contact me can do so through my email address given on my site, or available through the proxy service. If I committed slander, or made threats, or engaged in criminal activity, it would be easy enough for any party suing me or governmental agency investigating me to obtain the correct identifying information.</p>
S.L.	W	
Alan	S	
G	P	
Ari	R	Avoiding unsolicited contacts, that actually are illegal in Finland, but that in practice can't be enforced.
Peter	A	
Jogi	H	
Privacy Needed	1	I don't want haters and lunatics coming after my family for something they strongly disagree with in my website. Nobody should be put at risks, period.
Cate	W	
Jason	L	
Adrian	H	I own a number of domains in my private capacity. I don't want my home address available to anyone that can access WHOIS data.
John	D	I am totally against infringement of people's privacy.
Rotimi	R	
Peter	R	I don't want to be bothered by everyone. I want privacy!!!!!!
Connor	B	To keep my address private.
Kathryn	P	
Kareem	E	

Enrico	Z	To make it easy to tell legitimate mail from my providers from scam mail. To avoid having my phone number exposed to marketers and other unsolicited callers. Having a domain should not have to incur in the cost of having to defend against waves of real life parasites. And that is now. There have already been entities sending baseless legal threats to intimidate internet users for their own personal gain, and I like the idea that if someone wants to reach me with a baseless legal threat, they should take the responsibility of going through a judge first.
James	S	
Tom	D	For my domain/ website/ and a baseline for privacy on the web
Reghan	S	
Georgina	K	As a woman/POC who writing novels and who games, I've already had harassment online. I do not want people to see my home address without my consent.
Jason	L	So that I can access voices that need its safety
Cem	C	New ideas, new projects.
Raquel	S	I have personal, not business websites. I do not want my home address and contact info available to the public. I will just start using fake info when registering!
Cameron	B	My registered domain is the same as my name, that's enough information I want to give out to people I don't know.
Cate	M	I have several domains
Travis	L	Domain privacy is used to prevent spammers and the "web developers" in other countries from calling my house at 2-3 in the morning. I don't have anything to personally hide, but that information is not needed for anyone outside of law enforcement. We teach everyone never to put this information online, then force it of business owners who just want a website...Domain privacy isn't just privacy, it's protection.
Nicolo	C	Because whois data can be misused in s so simple way... There are no captchas in a WHOIS ;-)
Eve	B	
Florian	W	
John	I	My info should be private without evidence of wrongdoing.
John	O	I have been a victim of identity theft which has created incredible challenges for me in my everyday life. The ease in which people sophisticated capabilities can access information on line, undetected is alarming and to remove a layer of protection which prevents such access leaves me feeling violated. I urge the powers that be to strongly consider these types of consequences for people who have already been victimized and for those who would now be exposed to such possibilities to maintain the privacy systems that are in place and consider making them stronger to prevent such activity against innocent people.
Davut	S	To prevent identity teft and spam.
Andy	L	Stop companies contacting clients trying to transfer their domains through trickery by sending them a bill that looks like a renewal!

Jennifer	W	i don't want just anyone to see personal details- address and name- I don't want solicitations and as I own some personal domain names fir children, I don't ever want to make it simple for people to locate us.
Timothy	W	I do not want emails, physical mail, phone calls, or strange people at my door. Spammers can be both annoying and dangerous.
Gary	T	Everyone needs to have these options available to them when using the internet. It only takes one person of malicious intent to use someone's personal information to harass and threaten them.
Daniel	V	I do not want to be bombarded with spam/email/contacts for all the sites I maintain. Some are of an adult nature and would be better if left unknown to some parties.
Ruth	L	Protect my home address from strangers
Roy	M	
Janet	J	I believe in freedom & privacy
Kody	R	
Matteo	P	We run an online dating business and use the domain privacy service to stop our competitors from knowing which dating sites we own... and then using this information to create a series of similar sounding domains. Users of the sites however can always contact the site directly and the terms and conditions do publicaly state who runs the service - as we run lots of dating sites However this is different to knowing who actually owns the domain, so we value and strongly wish to keep this valuable service.
Jackie	M	Run a home business
Lars	H	The internet is a forum of free speech. Personal information should be protected to protect the physical safety of participants in the forum, just as exists in the physically tangible media world. Without the protection, history has shown us, that peoples personal well being could be harmed by individuals desiring closer interaction with website content owners. WHOIS privacy protection is necessary to prevent the inevitable harm which will happen in some cases. Additionally, the right to privacy should be considered a basic human right, even if this idea is contrary to what the marketing organizations of the world would desire.
Colm	D	
Alicia	W	I have several businesses and want to retain the legal separation between my corporations and me.
Viktoria	C	
Greg	R	The WHOIS database is one of the most common vectors for SPAM on the internet. Just because I own a domain should not leave me subject to unsolicited contact by anyone with an internet connection.
Cory	H	There are too many people who would explore access to my personal info, and endanger my personal privacy.
Leland	S	People deserve their privacy, and there is no good reason to deprive them of this simple and effective tool, available to anyone, to protect that when hosting a website.
Dominik	T	
Lily	M	Important for citizens' general privacy.

Sean	G	Because it's just common sense that this information be protected.
Seth	A	I use Whois privacy to protect myself from unwanted telephone calls and unwanted people coming to my house
Jagdish	V	
Nathan	P	1) Privacy is physical (privacy is a natural right, not a policy, nor a law). 2) It is up to me to decide what information I disclose (from my private space). I strongly object to my (and on behalf of my clients, my clients') privacy being removed from my control I object to the proposed changes
nathan	B	identity theft, Physical safety
Nicholas	B	
Bonnie	P	Artist, portfolio on personal website. I would prefer personal information to be kept private unless disclosed by me.
JC	C	
Susan	S	
Michael	B	Because every person or automated system with Internet access do not need access to my personal residential address an phone number. Not allowing my personal information to be protected would be a direct violation of the U.S. Privacy Act and the EU's. It is one thing to require corporate data, but personal data should be afforded the means to be protected.
Michael	P	For my pesonal privacy
John	P	It is important to ensure person privacy and ensure due process guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America.
Ruben	V	
Faye	W	Currently abused women and children are protected, financial protections are in place and 99.9 percent of law abiding cites don't warrant such exposure. Today's policies have always worked without denying our few inherent privacies.
Steve	W	
JD	D	I am a Tucows reseller. My customers demand WHOIS privacy. This is outrageous.
Julia	B	We need the privacy so our personal information is safe. We should be able to decide whether we want to make our personal information public or not, we should have that much freedom to choose.
Brandon	T	To help protect myself from fraud, scams, and even the risk of physical violence against my person. I am not a wealthy individual. I cannot afford to hire people to protect me from these threats.
Charl	L	
anne	J	
Andrew	A	I am a small startup entrepreneur who's struggling to make heads way in a difficult industry and don't want my competitors or bigger companies harassing me.
Brandon	B	My domains are my business. Come back with a warrant.

Julie	A	So I can feel free to write and speak against oppression with less (not saying no) fear of doxxing, threats, and violence.
Nathan	G	I use privacy on my personal domain to save myself from being harassed by spammers and fraud. In my first week of having my domain I received phone calls, emails, and even physical mail from database miners sending me scams and illegitimate offers. I run a general contracting business and can't afford to have my phone ringing off the hook from telemarketers
Andrew	K	
Chris	T	I get enough spam, marketing and harassment as is across my websites via comments and social. Giving away my personal information, such as my home phone number and address, may very well put my life at risk. I have been stalked and harassed previously and only believe those with legal requests should be able to obtain my information... not anyone on the internet. If someone is unable to get a legal court order then they very likely don't have a case worth pursuing and are more likely to be using for harm.
Jess	M	To prevent spam and attempts to hijack domains. Also to limit awareness of my address in general as a parent of young children. Prefer the CIRA model in Canada where all domain info is private by default.
John	W	To keep it from those who would abuse it for their own ill-concealed purposes.
Ian	F	Main business address is a private residential address and I have safety concerns about making this address public. I also have clients that are celebrities that may attract unwanted attention if their home addresses are published.
Andy	P	
Alena	M	
SANTINO	L	TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE DON'T KNOW MY PERSONAL ADDRESS BECAUSE SOME PEOPLE ARE STALKERS ETC,..SO SAVE DOMAIN PRIVACY IF I WANT TO USE IT IT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO ME. THESE BIG CORPORATIONS ARE JUST RETARDED.
Tyler	A	So my public information is not displayed.
Michael	M	If I want to publish my personal information on a webpage used with my domain, it is, and should be, my choice. Publishing it to the world when I register a domain name should also be my choice. It's still possible to contact me through the proxy, if you have a need to. I'm obligated to provide true and accurate information when registering my domain. This I agree with, but I don't believe that random people need to know where I live and my phone number.
Stefan	D	Too keep my personal information private, and prevent identity theft.
Sheila	A	I am a psychotherapist and need to be safe from being harassed or stalked if a client has a mental health break and fixates on me.
Chris	H	To help protect myself from potential phishing/scamming/identify theft.
Travis	W	
Byron	H	To avoid spam/scams.

Ronald	B	Nobody needs to know my personal details, my business website works fine without people knowing and my contact details are listed on the website.
Edward	P	I have domain names myself
chris	V	Privacy is Privacy and there is little left within this so called free country. We need to hold onto any privacy that still remains. All great civilizations rose while they had freedom and privacy and fell while they were bogged down with law and regulations. You are either part of the problem or part of the solution.
Sarah	G	
Jonathan	N	I prefer to keep my address private for the websites I run.
Linda	C	
Rizwan	A	
Jonathan	J	
Steve	C	
Anne	P	
Jason	T	
Jason	G	I am an activist and domain privacy is important for freedom of speech.
Pamela	N	Im a model, its no ones business, and this will open the door for all the wacko stalkers, abusers, serial killers, fraud, scams etc to find out your info. Do you want us to find out all your info, it will effect everyone, including those who put this bullshit in place, not just make a lazy lawyers job who wants to bypass the law of privacy easier. Very stupid move, very stupid.... dont do it, stop trying to fuck people over. We want our privacy and security.
Mike	C	I think it helps protect freedom of speech on the web without worrying about undue harassment.
Daniel	B	
Bethany	L	
Djura	K	stupid q.
Sam	H	
Michael	D	In this day of age we need protection from cyber criminals who SWAT and harass us domain holders. Why would you put us in the risk of such criminal acts? Are you cyber criminals yourself? You disgust me and anyone who respects privacy on the internet. Enjoy the 1000s of lawsuits if you proceed.
Randy	V	
Amy	B	
Robert	M	It allows me to protect my personal address when buying domains.
Blake	G	Prevent marketing and data mining of my personal information.
Praz	N	
Paul	R	

Amy	C	Because it is my right to not let everyone and their brother know information about my residence and my families location. LEAVEUSALONE!
Lynn	C	My wife and I use a proxy service on our domain registrations because we are a gay married couple, and I am a writer and blogger. It isn't safe for us to have our home address out there where just anyone who doesn't like something I wrote - or who just doesn't like the fact that we're gay and married - can look it up.
Alex	P	
chris	E	I have several personal and professional projects that I like to keep separate from each other as they are unrelated and a couple are controversial. Taking away the right to privacy will cause many people like me to no longer contribute to the internet or global/local economies.
Jordan	J	Because i do not want my personal information shared
John	J	I own several domains and do not want my personal information readily available.
melissa	B	I was stalked by crazy people and am a domestic violence survivor
Stephen	T	
Marie	T	Protection from predatory people on the web
Vítor	A	
David	A	I use domain privacy to maintain consistency with my domain registration contact information.
Izz	N	To maintain physical location site privacy and contact details.
Matthew	H	As a 20 year veteran of web projects, I always disliked being forced to put my home address on every domain I owned. I've been harassed as a result and feared for my safety. At this point, I maintain a PO Box just to avoid this on my business domains, which is ridiculous.
Larry	S	I have several domains and I don't want to be hassled/trolled by people who want them from me.
Bret	F	My personal information does not need to be out there for everyone to see.
Stephanie	S	
Kenneth	R	
Steven	B	To protect my identity, and avoid being targeted by crazy people who would harass or harm me for expressing my own opinions and my right to free speech on my own website. We have a legal system and due process for a reason. There has NEVER been any problem for authorities to locate the owners of websites when they have probable cause and obtain a search warrant or court order. The current privacy/proxy system is integral to not only personal privacy, but also liberty and safety.
Dustin	B	
CRAIG	T	I don't want my details public as i advertise online casinos. What happens when some lunatic loses money & then comes after me or my family as payback?

Chauntel	P	I believe in the rights and privacy of all people. I believe opening our private information for everyone will increase crime. I am firmly against this and if not stopped i not use any business that i will have yo make myself or children vulnerable.
Connie	W	
joseph	G	Personal information should be kept private from everyone except law enforcement officials who possess search warrants.
Javier	L	I use Whois Privacy because I don't have a place of business and I do not want my home address being public information.
Brent	V	I should be able to keep my Whois details private. It's not up for debate.
Ben	B	
Cate	L	
joseph	P	Too many idiots out there.
Lauren	P	To protect myself and my business from data theft and spam.
Robert	N	
Tim	W	I use Whois Privacy to make it harder for spammers to get my name and address off the internet.
Undra	J	For what reason don't I.
Miles	H	I found that not doing so generated a great deal of spam and telemarketing calls.
Curits	K	I have a blog where I like post ideas and thoughts without having nutt jobs out there being able to track me down.
Rene	V	So that my personal details and phone number are not available all over the internet
Mari	S	
Frank	T	
Matthew	H	Discretion
Rick	T	
Jonathan	B	Anonymity is incredibly important for individuals who are at risk, do work that may put them in harms way by reporting crimes or corruptions, or who are simply trying to defend themselves from harmful others.
Stephen	R	to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft
Ngara	R	to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft
Chuck	S	GoDaddy Privacy.
Jeff	K	Because it shouldn't be easier to look up the owner of a domain name than it is to look up the owner of an email address.
Waluigi	P	
Adam	K	Because only people who legitimately need my address should have access to it.
Hunter	W	My personal domain is used exclusively for email. I do not need or want my email, physical address or phone number publicly available.

Vaijayantimala Shriwas	S	To Protect my identity and also to protect my domains.
Mern	B	
Suhail	T	If you remove the privacy rights from a domain owner you are actually taking away his rights to make something good out of it. There are corporations and sneakers just waiting to snatch domains from owners for their own benefit and even if think from a broader perspective this will cause a big chaos or mayhem in the internet world. Please think about it and make your decisions wisely.
Jimmy	S	
James	C	
Arnon	A	I don't use it, but I support the option being freely available.
Daniel	R	
Mohamad	N	
Young	K	I don't want to be harassed for owning various legitimate websites!!! This would seriously suck. Please respect the privacy of the internet!
Andre	H	A comprehensive and consistent level of privacy is important because I should be able to have a proactive presence on the Internet without worrying about nefarious individuals easily gaining access to my personal information.
Marija	V	
Andy	H	I should have the right to keep my information private!!
Lee	L	To protect the integrity of my brands, my trade secrets and to ensure online scamsters dont have any direct approach to me by simply sending 'legal' requests to GoDaddy or any other services provider of domains I might have in place.
Sagar	K	To protect myself from trolls, criminals and stalkers.
Guido	K	To stop spammers sending spam to my inbox. Stop bad people from calling or sending me spam faxes.
Karen	M	
Patrick	M	I need Whois privacy because everyone needs Whois privacy.
Ariel	W	Because I have stalkers.
Alex	P	I don't use it personally, but many need to for many and varied reasons. To speak freely on contentious subjects requires anonymity these days, and there are already official channels to go through in order to expose people who are abusing anonymity illegally. In short, this is a Bad Idea, being pushed by people with money to make more money faster. Please keep the safety and freedom of small website operators from being destroyed.
Elizabeth	F	I shouldn't have to share my address on the Internet just to have my own website.
Philipp	T	I hold several domains and as an activist, I am a target of harassment. Having domain protection can be a matter of personal security, as trolls might not only troll with words, but violence!

Michael	B	I need WHOIS privacy because there are a growing number of hate groups online that respond to any opinions they don't like with doxxing. An angry mob shouldn't be a mere WHOIS query away from stalking me IRL if I happen to say something they don't like.
John	B	
Melissa	K	I'm a woman, a queer minority, and have ardent political beliefs. This makes me a potential target for doxxing and severe harassment. My information should be protected by default, and not given away without my express permissions. Terrible people should not be given an easy way to hurt me.
Bradley	C	
Andrew	M	
Jin	C	I'm a woman of colour expressing opinions in my chosen online communities that are dominated by white men. That alone makes me - and others like me - target #1 for many of them the moment they feel like they no longer need to argue with me on forums, instead going along with a whim to move their self-righteousness into my physical spaces to shut me up and shut me down for good. The internet moves too fast for justice law (and law enforcement) to keep up, and they can't even help cisgender straight white women with money - they're gonna do NOTHING for women like me. I need all the privacy I can get just so I can keep my dignity as a person online AND in real life.
Elizabeth	R	
Nigel	M	This appears to be incompatible with European Data Protection law.
Nick	G	I don't want even more of my personal information on the Internet for people with malicious intent to use.
Adam	W	
Alexander	M	
Howard	L	
Colin	M	Protection, privacy and safety
Darrell	D	I work for a very large corporation in a somewhat publicly visible role. Being able to maintain a public presence without having to sacrifice my personal privacy is a big deal to me. Further, Whois Privacy is a vital protection mechanism for women and other groups who are targets for abuse online.
Simon	W	I run some sites that get targeted by hate groups. Without Whois privacy, these groups would be able to target me directly.
Georg	H	I don't want people researching me simply because I am suspicious but innocent of any crime That is a waste of manpower Manpower that could use their time tracking down criminals that are already getting rid of their tracks A criminal will not use any of the easily trackable means These guys are suggesting one should tap into They need to step up their game Not like idiots but actually by putting in actual effort
Carol	M	As a woman on the internet I feel it important to protect my privacy for my own and my family's safety

Jesse	C	What little privacy there is on the internet is the only thing keeping people safe in this connected world. Having a public database of private information creates an open season list for anyone wishing to do harm against people perceived as a threat, including the administrators of said database.
Martin	S	Protect home address
Peter	E	As a private individual, just setting out to provide a service, I need all the help where privacy is concerned.
Nathan	B	I believe that domain privacy should be default and ISPs should provide details only for legally obligated purposes and requested such as to provide evidence for law enforcement or court proceedings. I dot believe people should have to pay for PO boxes to give them some privacy as this is too onerous on some and also could present avenues for stalking too. I own domains as a teacher for development, personal blogging and learning purposes and would prefer students and parents not have access to my home address.
Santa	A	
Claude	S	To lead a dignified life
Elya	A	
James	J	To maintain a personal site without exposing my home address to the world.
Daniella	T	
Gary	C	Protection from aggressive spammers
David	L	Every bit of privacy we surrender we will never be able to recover. Therefore, the burden of all such negotiations falls on those who will erode privacy. In this case the proponents of this new law have failed to make their argument persuasive. I say no.
Martin	M	
Vladlen	G	
Suzanne	L	I am female and a pre-published author. When I create my own website to promote myself and my books what I NEITHER DESIRE NOR NEED is for people to be able to target me or my family for harassment because of something I published. I'm sure those people would be able to find my personal information if they were very tech savvy and persistent, but I refuse to make it easy for them. Please allow me to keep my personal information private at its most easily accessible point.
Mike	P	I don't but acknowledge that is a massive privilege that others don't always share.
Shane	I	
Red	R	It should be an absolute right to have some level of privacy in such a wide open format such as the internet. With very large companies harvesting all our data both public and private, I believe some measure should be taken to keep our actual residences private. Not everyone with a website has a business address to list for their physical address. Put it this way, let's take all of the people pushing this bill. Would you like your name, address and HOME PHONE NUMBER all made public for owning ANY simple website? Then why would you even CONTEMPLATE putting this into effect?

Vishnu	A	As pointed out, the info is passed on to the curious and 20% of it is ultimately hijacked. Whois should also ensure through ICANN or as an independent free service the ownership and other property rights of the owners of the info they distributr perhaps in all good faith.
Neil	S	I don't, but I want it to be available when I do.
A	C	
Kathya	E	
Will	D	My clients include bloggers who report on corruption and injustices by organisations and governments. They should not be placed in potential situations of revealing their names and addresses to those who could potentially use that information for harassment or intimidation.
Jeremy	V	
Steve	J	Whois privacy reduces spam and unsolicited contact.
Evans	B	To avoid harassment by businesses and individuals.
Elizabeth	W	
Anthony	G	
Mark	O	Stop people like the domain registry of Europe/America from sending me crap in the post
Matthew	C	
Marcus	B	As a small streamer on twitch my biggest fear is being doxed/swatted just because my stream is live and someone wants to watch their "joke" come to fruition
Eric	M	
Dan	N	
Gonçalo	F	
Robert	B	This proposed policy is likely to have the complete opposite results of its intent. There is no justification for releasing such information--should there be a legitimate reason, it should have to go through the legal process already in place.
Michael	H	I use a private domain to shield my children on the internet. They have email and such through my private domain. Privacy and protection of my children on the internet is of paramount importance to me.
Matthew	H	I don't want just anyone to know where I live and work.
Martin	S	The registration and use of Domain names are a basic intellectual property right. Compromising the Whois privacy would interfere with my exercise of those rights.
Ready	C	
Shanna	H	Whoiss privacy is the foremost line of defense against online harassment, so prevalent when you're a woman on the internet, becoming real life harassment, terroristic threats, and physical harm or even death.
Jason	W	
Bo	W	

Francisco	P	To prevent spam abuse and for privacy
Daniel	B	To keep unbalanced individuals from causing harm at people's safe places with little effort.
SALIL	M	to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft
Niko	N	Because private information should be kept private. In a criminal case it is pretty easy to identify the owner through the contract with the provider.
david	M	I think http://blog.easydns.org/2015/07/02/confessions-of-an-ex-opponent-of-whois-privacy/ says it pretty well. Ineffective and dangerous.
Gideon	G	I support this petition primarily for its points on anti-doxing.
Christopher	O	
Alex	P	
Jane	P	
Davis	D	Privacy should be a right, not a privilege. In the Middle Ages, they had castles with walls for a reason. Web site privacy is the same reason.
Thomas	W	
James	S	
Matti	V	I think the right to be anonymous is an essential part of the Internet.
Gay	S	
Nick	B	Several of my friends, some of whom have their own independent web pages, have been targeted by Gamergate.
Alvin	A	
Nick	B	I don't want any competitors harassing me even though I have nothing to hide
Shaun	H	
Barbara	B	
Rebecca	S	I work at home and don't want my home address published.
Kurt	M	To quote Bruce Schneier: "The desire for privacy is not an indicator of guilt."
Jeanne	A	I use it to register my domain name and personal & business information. I do not support and in fact, am adamantly against the proposed changes to my right to privacy by ICANN!
Kwami	A	Privacy should be a right.
Justin	N	Protection of privacy, safety, and identity online.
John	M	I use whois privacy because I wish secure my personal information against unwarranted disclosure. By that I mean an honest-to-God warrant from a publicly accessible court with all that due process and probable cause stuff that politicians love going on about on national holidays.
Ted	L	just cuz m8
Lucas	T	Because everyone should, by default, have their privacy if they wish to.
Joshua	K	To prevent constant spam and unsolicited sales calls

Lindsey	G	
Shawn	C	
Ann	K	Prevent spam and other unsolicited marketing or communications.
Randi	A	
Elaine	C	My entire family has top secret clearances...plus being a writer, I sometimes get 'stalked' by those who do not like what I write.
Ian	R	
Janna	O	I need Whois Privacy because I do not want to be swatted and harassed. Not that online harassment doesn't happen anyway, but at least it hasn't happened at our house. Yet. Please don't make it easier for my internet stalker, okay? Thank you.
Benjamin	T	
Chris	O	As an individual with a blog I do not wish to advertise my home address along with it. The idea makes me feel unsafe.
Terry	H	
Anthony	B	I am a small business owner/individual and believe that I have a right to protect against the disclosure of my personal contact information through the use of domain privacy services. I am opposed to the changes proposed by this ICANN working group."There is too much scammers and hackers out there that are using people personal identification to do identity thief.This is not only bad for business but more so for personal safety.It also discourage hard working business owners from making a living online which they cant do offline due to advance technology.
Lori	B	
Jessica	S	It's clear to me, especially since it's the entertainment industry pushing for this, that it's not about protecting intellectual property. It's about total control over people and what they do, and even their content. It will also potentially jeopardize the safety of innocent people while enabling criminals and stalkers to have full access to any one person's information if they have a website they maintain. It's too high a price for an individual to pay, and there are no other protections in place.
David	W	To protect freedom of speech and innovation on the Internet.
Noelle	W	I use Whois privacy so that I can blog without other people looking up my domains and knowing who I am. My family and parent's are very paranoid and are afraid someone is going to stalk me, (yeah, I'm almost 32!) If Whois privacy isn't protected, I'll probably have to give up blogging, because my family won't think it's safe anymore.
Dustin	R	I have several domains registered and I appreciate the privacy of not having my name and address published.
Aron	S	I value my right to privacy
John	R	Because I would prefer not to be ramrodded, or for others to be ramrodded, by laws which openly and effortlessly compromise the identities of internet users, especially those laws which may be potentially exploitable for ill use.
Saab	S	To not be bogged down with spam or have my information so public without reason.

Alex	B	
Kayleigh	B	I don't personally use it, but I am concerned about this from a social justice perspective. Women and minorities are targeted by extremists online, and law enforcement has no idea how to deal with this problem. This policy could endanger the many people who are recipients of death threats and other forms of harassment.
gregory	Z	security
Iris	P	Spam is an annoyance, but having all of my personal details freely available on the internet is an invitation to IDENTITY THEFT and stalking. Also, as a female business owner, I don't want my personal information freely available to the public- I've been stalked in the past and I believe the first defense in protecting oneself is limiting exposure. I HAVE A RIGHT TO PRIVACY AND SAFETY OF PERSON.
Stuart	W	Because I don't want to reveal my personal information to just everyone. I should be able to choose when and how it is accessible.
Jason	S	
Edward	P	
David	A	
Paul	S	It reduces exposure to spammers.
Aaron	S	I don't run my own server. I hire it out. Undoubtedly when DNS first rolled out, and the Internet was much smaller and populated entirely by more technically oriented people, having contact information in a public database might have made more sense. In 2015, it does not.
Thomas	S	I own multiple online businesses. We are deluged by offers and marketing for services whenever we put public contact information out into the world. In addition, my family, neighbors, clients, and strangers should not have access to my online holdings any more than they should know the contents of my retirement portfolio, my medical history, or what books I read.
JacqueLyn	L	
William	W	

		<p>Privacy on the web is extremely important to me. When the web was in its infancy I had my private information available for all to see. That was a huge mistake. I had people calling me at all hours of the day and night disrupting my family for no good reason other than, because they can. Somehow they got the idea that they can use my personal information for their own ends. I am sure you must have some reason to change the requirements for privacy, but it cannot possibly outweigh the damage it will cause. I speak from experience. I hope you realize that the more information that you readily give hackers is another opening that they can exploit. You seem to be willing to jeopardize all small business owners for no valid reason. Spam is so rampant in my email that my best defense is to just delete anything that is addressed incorrectly, it will be a lot harder to control the incoming spam if the spammers have my true name. I get hundreds of spam messages daily and some are believable enough that I must open them, i.e. Ebay, Apple and even the IRS! With the correct name attached to them they can cause a real threat to national security and can spread Virus quickly. It is obvious that there are no security precautions that are effective against a persistent web attack. My businesses have been hacked several times already but I had the good sense to keep customer information separate from web access. An investigation as to the origin traced them to personal computers in Russia, and then everyone threw up their hands and said that it was a dead end. Now you want to post my personal information so that it is readily accessible to the world, that is completely unacceptable. You are willing to compromise millions of identities for some misguided idea that will ultimately cause more harm than good. Do not allow computers from Russia, China, North Korea, Nigeria to access networks outside of their own countries. In your ivory towers the web seems sanitary except for the few con artists that work the net. But I have a tough, gritty perspective, that has been developed over the years, from my view most people on the net are harmless but there are a small percentage that are evil and will bring havoc to my life if allowed to. Even children today are much more skilled than I am and present a danger to merchants everywhere. Where can we go for real protection without paying exorbitant fees? I find the idea of being exposed on the internet very unsettling and amounts to a threat to my livelihood. Please send me your name, phone number, address and email address so we can discuss this further at my convenience.</p>
Edward	T	
valerie	L	
Heath	C	
Philip	C	
William	C	I agree with keeping the current system in place. There is a big push to protect consumers privacy and business owners or domain owners are also consumers. This would create a double standard that would only go to harm those who want to participate in the digital ecosystem.
Vera	L	I don't want malicious people knowing my home address!
J	N	I have been a victim of threats because I have exposed dangerous people in the media and work in outreach programs for the community.
Gale	C	Everyone should have the right to privacy.

Melissa	R	I have children and I am concerned about protecting them and myself from identity theft. Also, I strongly believe that no one should have access to another's identifying information without a verifiable reason.
Carl	T	Gamergate
Curt	B	Keep my personal information private!
Gus	W	
Leonard	B	To combat useless and unwanted solicitations.
Simonetta	B	
Jennifer	B	Sometimes I want to be able to share my thoughts and musings on a blog, without revealing my actual identity. I have an ex-husband who is mentally unstable and has stalked me to the ends of the internet - but hasn't found my blog, and my identity there. Take away that? And you take away one of the last places on the internet that I can exist publicly, and safely.
David	C	To keep my personal information private.
Carolyn	V	Privacy
Josh	T	My contact info does not need to be available online just because I lease a domain name.
Allen	B	It is important to protect the privacy of all people. As more and more scams, privacy breaches are discovered every day. With the ongoing terror threats it makes no sense to expose more detailed information of individuals. The legal system already provides access to law enforcement & the court system when there is a legitimate need.
Sam	B	I run a porn affiliate website. I'm also a school teacher. Basically, if I lose my online privacy, I risk losing my reputation, and perhaps my job too.
Kristin	H	For privacy, to prevent identity theft and to prevent hacking of networked computers.
Susan	P	
Luis	W	To keep my employer from possibly censoring my writing, or any reprimands.
Timothy	B	My domains are registered to my home address as I do not have a physical place of business separate from my home address. Removing my privacy protection would mean placing my family in danger of retribution from someone who did not agree with my opinion our beliefs posted online, and used my domain registration to track down my home address. That this fundamental right to privacy would be removed is unconscionable
Robert	L	
Soraya	V	
Andrew	B	To keep personal information confidential during the adoption process.
Jerry	C	I manage domains for religious institutions, keeping the registration information legally protected protects the groups from harassment.
Thomas	C	I have a few domain names I'm saving for some small-time blogs I may or may not get around to. Privacy offers me a buffer against the spammers who claim to be offering to sell me similar-sounding domain names but are really phishing.

Andrea	B	
Stephen	H	Domain privacy is a useful cybersecurity tool. Getting rid of it opens up many individuals to personal attacks.
jeffrey	O	I, the undersigned, support The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing
Jordan	F	I have been the victim of stalking and harassment in the past, and I don't want my information readily available to these people.
Ross	P	Keeps me safe from harrassment
Marc	B	It is to safeguard my personal information from public records.
DeAnna	D	
Debbie	G	I have a couple of businesses. I don't want my personal information available to just anyone.
Luke	B	
Qudsia	B	
Kristin	A	I don't use it.
Ken	M	I am signing this petition as a pre-emptive move to safeguard my privacy, should it become more important to me.
Langley	C	I own a website and would like to keep my home address and personal contact information private.
wendy	S	
Danielle	F	Safety! Having to put a home address is extremely invasive and would provide stalkers or criminals with an easy way to track down and terrorise innocent people. Criminals would find a way to get around it anyway so the only people left exposed will be the majority of people trying to run legitimate sites.
Alex	K	
Michael	C	The number of strangers I expose myself to with every action I make online is staggering. On top of that, most things on the internet remain there permanently. Anonymity can be abused, but the idea that any person can be 'tracked down' by any one of a million internet users exposes all of us to whatever percentage of that million is a sociopath. It is not safe.
deborah	T	To prevent my details being given to any one who requests.
Skyler	L	Protection of myself and my family

		I need and use Whois Privacy speaking as a victim of cybercrime hacking/cyberstalking/harassment/theft of information and suffering tremendous personal and business losses because of it --- and WHOIS Privacy is absolutely critical. Please allow trusted, competent, dedicated parties to continue to provide the levels of safeguard that make it possible to function in the face of the tremendous threats and risks posed by criminals and those with nefarious intent who act with impunity and are not burdened by due process requirements as our dedicated security, law enforcement and legal compliance professionals who fight for justice and protecting the rights of all of us are. Cybercrime is among the most difficult to investigate and prosecute and the reality is that the best "solution" is to not-become a victim in the first place. Whois Privacy is a strong line of defense against initial attack, and in a case such as mine, Whois Privacy is giving me at least some measure of protection while I work to rebuild and strive to create a productive life for myself and others now following this horrendous experience of nearing a year ago.
Christine Mary	M	
Kate	K	Everyone deserves privacy as an option--I work for an AIDS organization.
Seyed	G	
Tim	F	It's logical...
Neil	M	
Craig	A	To conduct and maintain the integrity of people's business information free from unnecessary and unwarranted governmental intrusion.
Sam	S	
James	H	Publication of personal information and email is a security risk.
Alex	L	Because having my home address listed is a clear violation of my privacy.
Tom	M	To avoid endless spam offering web hosting and other services. Besides it is no one's business.
Artem	C	Regarding the proposed rules governing companies that provide WHOIS privacy services (as set forth in the Privacy and Policy Services Accreditation Issues Policy document): I urge you to respect internet users' rights to privacy and due process. - Everyone deserves the right to privacy. - No one's personal information should be revealed without a court order, regardless of whether the request comes from a private individual or law enforcement agency. Private information should be kept private. Thank you.
Jeff	B	I don't believe that anyone should have access to more personal information without going through legal channels to obtain it.
Jason	G	I need this for safety concerns regarding identity theft.
Chris	M	My life, my hard work, my RISK. my business. Privacy is mandatory. Get with the program. Those who wish to remain private should have it.
Matthew	J	Buisnness
Daniel	M	Because no one should be forced to reveal private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing.
Andrew	P	Because I would flag future business plans if I didnt maintain privacy over ownership of my domains.

Dennis	O	To stop spam and other intrusions to my personal life. I get so many emails trying to sell me domains because I own one like it. I get calls all day and night from people who got my number from a Whois search. It's a disgrace this is available at all let alone without any hurdles.
Stefan	B	I have a personal blog that some of my opinions are posted on. Some people may disagree with some of them.
jenny	G	I run legitimate businesses and websites. My private information does not need to be placed in the public eye without demonstrated need.
Ethan	P	Domain privacy prevents spam as well as protection from unwanted persons from finding personal address and contact information. With existing, and working, channels for contacting domain owners there's no reason to change the current policy.
Eric	M	Why do you need my information?
Jan	L	I do not believe that posting something on the internet should require anything more than the ability to compose either a website or an email or a posting on a site. That is what freedom of the web is all about. It may be the very last vestige of free "press" in the known world. And it is important that it stay that way. Yes, there may be a little bit of "buyer beware" built into that but if someone has a modicum of intelligence, they can make up their own mind about going and using a free site, or a paid site for that matter. And it doesn't take a lot of effort to control spammers either. The internet is set up to protect against abuses in a way that has worked marvelously well in the past. Why mess with a good thing?
Christopher	C	There are mentally ill people using the Internet who make threats and exposing my home address and telephone number puts my family in harms way.
Michael	L	There are mentally ill people using the Internet who make threats and exposing my home address and telephone number puts my family in harms way.
Travis	H	My private information should only be available through due process.
Aaron	M	No stop emailing spamming and mentally ill people are using the Internet who make threats and exposing my home address and telephone number puts my family in harms way
Gerd	W	
Jon	M	
Matt	A	Address safety
Corin	T	
Lance	C	Safety and security. As someone who works from home it is important to me to ensure my family's safety by keeping my home address private. It's far too dangerous to give the public that information. If someone has a legal need to contact me at my home address there is already a successful legal process in place to do so. The only people who are going to benefit from removing our domain ownership privacy are the crazy psychos that already have too many tools available to make life hell for other people. I'd sooner cancel any and all domains I own.
James	B	

Julian	C	
Ricardo	B	There are mentally ill people using the Internet who make threats and exposing my home address and telephone number puts my family in harms way.
Kenneth	C	I own many domains. Privacy in respect to my domains should be my choice.
Trevor	W	To prevent spam, unwelcome solicitations, business disruptions and similar protections to an LLC - separation of business and personal identities.
Dorothy	N	I run a part time business from my home. I need privacy to protect myself and family.
Graham	C	I wish to own a personal domain without others using it to harvest spam lists and personal information.
Mary	K	So that i can run my business site without having people contact my personal information. Same for my blog site. Helpful for women who have stalker ex's in their life who want to make mayhem.
Nicholas	N	
Dylan	N	The option to remain anonymous is important freedom
Isidore	A	
Christine	A	I'm an author who writes under a pen name. I need to keep my home address private to protect my family.
Sebastien	B	Whois services should never reveal personal information. Only law enforcement agencies should be able to retrieve personal information without the registrant's consent.
Keshia	W	It's my right
André	L	To protect the privacy of my clients!
Kathy	C	I am an author, and my family and I need the safety and privacy provided by being able to hide my personal information (home address etc) from the public.
Aleks	P	To protect me and my family from the slue of problems that could potentially arise from exposing my information to the public.
Ella	Q	I am an author and use a pen name. I do not want my personal identity known to anyone not of my choosing.
Tyrone	R	it's my unalienable right to privacy..... and to NOT be treated guilty, before I'm proven Guilty, not vice versa. This means if I choose to have my private info REMAIN private, and I'm not guilty of any crime, then my right to remain private as an internet business owner, then no one has the right to infringe upon my right.
Maje	B	I'm a published author. I write under a pen name because of my family and my day job. I need my privacy.
Susan	R	I am an author (public figure) with a website and I fear for my safety if my information is not protected.
Linda	O	I am a writer and would prefer that readers/fans/nut jobs not have access to my private contact information.
Omar	F	I'm willing, as any other, to give my full contact information to all authorities who require so, but not to random strangers, who may use it to misrepresent me or for any other unlawful purpose.
Roxanna	C	I have several websites and would like to stay safe from stalkers. I've been stalked before.
Randy	T	I don't use it currently, but I believe it's crucial for a number of reasons.
Sorin	M	

Justin	S	Because sometimes people need protection.
Spencer	B	
Karl	T	To protect our privacy and maintain our security while running a home-based business.
Sherri	E	To protect myself and my family. The internet reaches worldwide and creates an even larger threat to home and family. My private information should not be available for just anyone. One of our freedoms in the United States is the right to privacy. If I am engaged in a legitimate business and guilty of no proven wrong-doing, or even suspected wrong-doing, my information should be kept private. If law enforcement has a legitimate reason to suspect me, then they will follow the law and issue a warrant or subpoena to obtain the information they seek during an investigation. Making this information available to everyone only endangers myself and my family. Think of your children, your grandchildren and how you would feel if their address and phone number were available for everyone, increasing the risk to those you love. I implore you to reconsider this decision as it will have deeper ramifications than you can possibly foresee.
George	S	It's simple. The Internet is based on free and open access. Special interests and Lawyers should not have access to information that is and always has been since the beginning of the Internet .They should continue being required to abide by the current rules of privacy.
Terry	T	
David	C	Some people are at threat if their real name & details are made public. ICANN should be protecting people not making them more vulnerable.
Paul	W	As a writer to sheild me and my family from anyone who dislikes my views or thoughts.
Anjali	P	As a psychologist, I wish to keep my home address private from clients who might visit my practice website.
Robert	B	It's well known that the whois registry is continuously scanned for email addresses to spam and that doing a whois lookup is a standard step in attempting to socially engineer/phish someone. WHOIS privacy is imperfect, but it at least blocks these abuses. Eliminating it won't even help with abuse as abusers will just use fake information. As the owner of a personal domain, I'm strongly against any policy that would resulting in my personal protected information being divulged without due process.

		<p>What will it take for you to know this is a bad idea? When people end up getting raped and killed?? Or depending on the country, when they end up getting arrested for speech against their government? I already know rape survivors living in fear thinking they will be exposed because of this new ICANN proposal. People have the right to privacy without their lives and their families' lives put in danger over what they wrote on their sites!! The entertainment industry have the lawyers already and the money to subpoena who they want. Who they're after is only a small percent compared to the normal everyday person who wants to write without their lives put in danger. Laws are already being set into motion in the United States after what feminists have gone through who were threatened and SWAT'd. This will only benefit trolls and stalkers. You'll be playing into their hands. What will be classified as "commercial"? A site with a Paypal link, donation link, or ads? Why aren't people allowed to make money from their writing? You're going to sit there and decide people aren't allowed free speech, aren't allowed to make a bit of money, aren't allowed privacy, and if they do they should pay with their lives?? You will have blood on your hands if this is passed!! How do you know many of your family and friends won't be victimized by this new rule?? What will the process be like? An actual person looking through each domain to see if it's "commercial"? If it's done automatically, a domain can be accidentally labeled "commercial" when it's not. Will this effect parked domains? How do you know there won't be mistakes when a domain is accidentally labeled "commercial"? You have no right to play God putting lives in danger because the entertainment industry wants to go after a small few. Thank You.</p>
Jane	D	
Angela	W	Privacy helps to add safety to our community as a whole. Thank you.
Lukas	B	I don't want to share my private information with everyone.
melanie	D	
Rajnish	B	
Susan	C	Having had an online theft recently, would appreciate my personal info remaining private
Lisa	T	To protect my individual privacy and maintain the security of my home-based business.
Steve	M	Legitimate queries can still get to me, but the unnecessary exposure of private contact details is still hidden from public view. There are people who can use that information to target the owners for illegitimate needs, if it is made public.
John	D	I have been personally persecuted by demonically possessed people who wish to silence the gospel from being spread and I would prefer not to repeat that experience.

Sarita	P	<p>It is my Human Right to have: the right to life, freedom from torture and inhuman and degrading treatment, right to liberty, privacy; freedom of conscience, freedom of expression, freedom from discrimination, freedom of assembly, and other Human Rights. If any of my Human Rights are violated including my privacy to control what type of information I choose to disclose to other people would seriously violate my Human Rights, and cause me unnecessary harm; because it would inhibit my: the right to life, freedom from torture and inhuman and degrading treatment, right to liberty; freedom of conscience, freedom of expression, freedom from discrimination, freedom of assembly, and other Human Rights. If either the government or the mass media or other gangs or groups acquire information about me without my consent, and then publish that information to the world or use it for their own purposes, that would violate my Human Right to control information about me or my business; and cause me unnecessary harm by violating my Human Rights. The alternative to not having privacy would stop me from being open about my problems or concerns, and not discussing my problems or concerns; or not sharing my knowledge out of fear that my information will one day be turned against me, and harm me or my business because most people, or gangs or groups are not sincere nor trustworthy; and their intentions are self-centered for their own economic benefit; and is why my information about me or my business must be kept private!</p>
Tracy	H	<p>Will be using as we get our business up and running. Not to hide but a better level of security.</p>
Grace	E	<p>Dear ICANN, I am writing to you as someone who is involved in anti-harassment and anti-abuse activism. I run a website dedicated to exposing the nature of harassment people receive in online games at http://fatuglyorslutty.com I have been interviewed for many news organizations such as BBC Radio, Global TV, the New York Times, and more. I have participated in-person on panels speaking about online abuse. I appear in a recently-released documentary about women in video game culture speaking about harassment online called GTFO, the clip of which was shown on HBO's Last Week Tonight with John Oliver in a segment about Revenge Porn. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PuNIwYsz7PI In all of these cases, I have taken extraordinary precautions online against revealing personal information, including my last name, workplace, location, etc. I have personally witnessed the consequences of the terror that can befall a person who has become a target of coordinated online harassment. Simply put: Your proposed WHOIS amendments pose a safety threat to myself and every one of my family members. The proposal also poses a threat to our careers and entire sense of financial security. It could also affect my friends and coworkers -- both current and former -- in the same way. I work as a web developer and this puts a large chunk of the technology community where I live at risk. Everyone must have the ability to keep their private information private. To put so many people at risk, particularly-but-not-exclusively those who are trying to make the world a better and safer place for everyone, is grossly irresponsible. It infuriates me that people I know in the USA could end up hurt or dead due to police SWATting tactics simply because I speak out against death threats and you chose to reveal my name and address. We are not just random web requests; we are people. This is not only a privacy issue; it is about safety. Actions have consequences. Please reconsider. Thank you.</p>
Beth	T	

Ben	V	Innocent until proven guilty, why should people have unrestricted access to peoples private information without proof of wrong doing.
Brad	F	
Oliver	S	
Dennis	A	To safeguard the information I, my company and our vendors and members provide! It is not information for those not in need of it and proper government offices can still access all private information with proper judicial confirmation!
Staci	W	Protection from the many unethical and jealous practioners in my field who wouldn't hesitate to find out my personal information by challenging the legitimacy of the information on my website and thus obtaining my personal identification and contact info. Also protection from unwanted sales calls and emails.
Luana	L	I own the domains in anticipation of future use. They are not "live" and don't want people contacting me.
John	M	As an web host provider many of my customers rely on domain privacy to help reduce spam and personal contact (home address) information for home based businesses. this is an important service and must be kept alive.
Jay	L	Privacy is very important to me to avoid being hacked and it is no ones business who owes a web site if you are the person paying for it.
Kyle	J	I use Whois privacy to keep my personal information, such as my home address and phone number, away from general consumption. As spam bots mine websites for email addresses, I imagine the same thing happens with whois lookups. I have nothing to hide, but at the same time I don't want to broadcast my personal information.
Franky	A	We have the right to privacy everywhere we live.
Chris	M	I need Whois Privacy so my address is listed. That way I don't get letters from companies trying to sell me similar domains, or offering for me to pay them a-couple hundred dollars to have them "renewal" my domains. While receiving spam in the mail is annoying. I would hate for anyone to do a whois query of one of my domains and find my name, phone number, personal email, and address. I find Whois Privacy important and would prefer that it was free. It seems that as each day goes on, we're loosing more of out privacy.
Janice	O	

		I don't want to have to worry about the content of any of my websites being tied to my home address. I believe that forcing my name to be associated with my domains will have a chilling effect on my freedom of speech. I believe I should have the right to both engage in commercial activity for profit, and not have my name and home address available to random strangers on the internet. And who will police websites for content related to this "commercial activity"? Sounds like another burden on registrars or internet service providers, not to mention small home businesses. Also, even without this change it has not been proven that anyone is really having any trouble getting in touch with website owners when they really need it for law enforcement or other legal reasons. I believe that by restricting our rights to privacy and commerce, you are unfairly burdening website owners, for the benefit of a small special interest group. I naturally value my rights over theirs, so I say you should keep domain privacy available to all.
Scott	M	
Corey	L	
Dillon	A	
Diana	W	T protect myself from spammers or anyone who would use my private information for nefarious purposes.
Terry	M	Small business that works from home. To not reveal my home address to the world scammers. Thanks
Jane	H	
Michael	R	
Naushad	B	It is essential if i wish to operate a legitimate business but not being identified. To my home location. Or if i have a website which fights for a cause which makes people feel defensive, the privacy is required.
Treva	W	I value my life & my privacy, & I'm sick of my email addresses being harvested & sold to spammers without my permission. There is no reason to do away with WHOIS privacy.
Trevor	C	
Tony	G	Yo avoid spam and/or undesired mail/email
Eric	M	Why do I have to justify privacy? Once someone on a mailing list sent me an unsolicited proposal with my address that they got from a WHOIS record for a domain I had and it really bothered me. Can't I just have a domain and be left alone?
Marthinus	B	
Daniele	D	Because I care about my sensible data and I think the web should respect that.
Eli	M	I'm an individual who runs a personal blog.
Chhavy	S	Privacy, personal safety, and safeguard against identity theft.
Bry	R	
Dani	A	

		<p>The right to privacy, regardless of commercial use, is paramount to a free and open web. Whois privacy does not protect wrongdoers from legal action when they abuse the thin veil of privacy existing services provide. Disallowing whois privacy only serves to discourage the wide variety of home-based businesses that make the Internet so great. The meaning of commercial is so undefined in this proposal many things could be denoted as commercial (Linking to a Kickstarter? Or linking with a referral code? Ads to support hosting costs?) that it would discourage primarily noncommercial websites that voice, say, controversial, opinions and have some content that might be deemed "commercial". Any person who disagrees with that person can now exact their response to them directly offline, in potentially harmful ways. Simply put, there is no need to restrict whois privacy. If someone does nefarious/illegal things, the whois privacy provider will uncover them either voluntarily or forced. Restricting whois privacy only steers us in the opposite direction that makes the web so great. As for why I personally oppose this proposal, I run a site that has solicited donations for a game server. This could be denoted as commercial despite making absolutely no profit off it. Registering as a non-profit is a huge barrier to entry, well exceeding multiple years of costs to maintain such a registration. I would not want my personal information exposed to whoever dislikes what I do though. Running such servers is risky enough with being DDoS'd, but imagine what those same people would do if they know my real name and where I live.</p>
Daniel	V	
Martin	S	
S A	A	I do not want my personal information to be revealed for any purpose except for a valid and legally binding law enforcement request.
Shannon	B	I'm an author with a pen name and would like to keep it separate from my personal info for safety/privacy.
Ed	P	In some countries political dissent can be live threatening. Allowing the whois information to be freely available for political protest sites WILL endanger the owners of these domains. Supporters of opposition political parties in some African countries have been murdered, and this will inevitably be the case with domain owners if this policy becomes a rule. Since many such sites sell T-shirts and similar merchandise to finance their operations they are likely to be considered commercial sites so any "non-commercial" exemption clauses wont help. Domains registered by criminals are always done using false information with throwaway email accounts. Privacy rules will make no difference to them.
Mike	R	Because I'm morally entitled to it.
Louis	B	
David	H	To protect myself and my family from some of the nutters that use the internet. Having that information available to anyone would be a silly move.

		I use Whois Privacy for the following: 1. To mitigate potential spam and other non-solicited information. 2. To keep my personal information private. As a domain owner I have a right (in my own country) to keep my information private just as I do with other institutions. If I buy a house, my information is not made public, and it is released to authorised individuals following a very strict document review process to make sure that the request is legitimate and that my information is kept private. I do not want to have my information available to the rest of the world simply because I own a piece of online real estate. My business is my own, and there are legal institutions and processes already in place to handle domain name takedowns, registrant identification, as well as dispute resolution if it is required. ICANN needs to wrap its head around the fact that there are countless Privacy laws around the world, and just because it thinks that Privacy is not a "major issue", it does not mean that it can overwrite the Privacy laws already implemented by other nations to protect their citizens from identity theft, physical harm, and just plain old harassment.
Vlad	D	
Mike	O	To prevent spam and unsolicited communications
Niclas	D	The Internet is a fundamentally hostile place, and as bad as privacy is for people online as it is, this proposal will make matters even worse.
Lynda	R	
W	P	There are mentally ill people using the Internet who make threats; exposing my home address and telephone number puts my family in harm's way.
Joe	U	So I am not bothered by marketing people.
Nicol	M	
Onkar	M	I believe it should be a choice if the user would like their details published. I own many domains and do not see why I should have my registraton details available.
Mark	O	Freedom of choice, having the right to withhold personal information is crucial
Adrian	A	
Jouni	K	
Timothy	J	Spam protection, personal protection. Running a business should not require making available my home address and contact information!
Derek Russell	R	To prevent fraudulent domain renewal emails and letters being sent to myself and those for whom I build websites.
Matthew	D	
edward	D	My websites are registered on my personal address. I don't want people to find out by a simple whois query were I live.
Yegor	I	To protect myself from harassment and defend my right to privacy.
James	G	

Elmer	G	To protect personal information, as well as to prevent harassing telemarketing phone calls and spam emails. The first domains I bought had no privacy and I was harassed for months with telemarketers calling me for business loans and other nonsense.
Habib	A	I don't want disgruntled people sending death threats to my home address.
frank	W	Inundated by malware and services providers spam after registering domains.
Anne	S	I am a published author who writes under a penname. Using a proxy to register my domain is much cheaper than getting a PO Box, and I don't want the entire world to be able to find where I live.
Elisha	B	
Bayardo	L	I dont want the world knowing my personal address.
Jared	R	
Georgi	K	Can you go to some house and just ask who is the owner? Same should be with the domain names. The owners must decide!
Janes	L	
Cesar	P	I have a small business online and I demand to retain my privacy.
Adam	S	I am an IT admin who frequently purchases domain names for my company. I put privacy on to increase security and decrease spam. Since I am registering on behalf of my company, I do not want my contact information on the domain.
Ioannis	K	It is my own name and details on the internet. I do not feel like sharing it with all the world. If some authorities have a true interest in my domains, there is due process to follow and get my details if it is deemed necessary.
Avtar	S	To prevent misuse by those who do not wish me well.
Tom	R	It's the right thing to do.
Sean	R	There are mentally ill people using the Internet who make threats and exposing my home address and telephone number puts my family in harms way.
Michael	R	
Jose	N	To avoid being found for somebody that I don't know and could harm my family, because I always put my home address
Sean	B	The last thing I need is a mentally ill person trying to stalk me or, god forbid, do harm to my family. This privacy should be protected so as not to open an avenue for hate crimes to occur. I don't use the internet for political purposes or to even post anything controversial, but someone's presence online shouldn't expose them to such egregious risk unnecessarily. Think of how many death threats get thrown around at the drop of a hat. Now those people should be able to get the home address of the person they threatened with no obstruction? No thank you.
javier	M	
Michael	R	The choice to disclose information should not be made on someone else's behalf unless that someone else has granted that right to another.

Adam	F	it is our constitutional right
Theresa	R	I am an author with a public persona. While I enjoy interacting with readers, I also value my family's privacy; they never signed on to have a public persona. One way I respect that privacy is by using Whois Privacy on my website.
Jake	K	
Juan	S	There are people of ill mind or ill intent who will -- if enabled to -- use the Internet to "stare at", pursue, threaten, harass, or target with malicious, damaging or violent actions, messages or intent, any individuals whose personal information is directly referenced in (or associable thereto) the whois database. Therefore exposing my home address and telephone number wrecklessly and irremediably puts my family in harm's way.
Maria	D	To protect my clients
Michael	C	
Aaron	S	Because there are crazy people out there who do not need to know my personal information.
Jim	P	Because it's the right thing to do. We have lost to many privacy laws to Big Corporations who don't follow their own laws.
Jeremy	J	
Michelle	M	I think it is important that private information be protected in order to prevent "doxing" or "swatting" of private individuals. There should be safeguards in place that will release the information to law enforcement agencies (with appropriate documentation and record-keeping of such requests) in the event of investigations related to civil or criminal actions.
Kevin	P	I like to keep my personal information private.
Michael	O	
Jennifer	L	People deserve to have privacy with their domains as long as the underlying information is accurate and they can still be reached
Oliver	S	To keep my info safe from hackers and spammers, and my home safe from potential maniacs.
Jason	C	
Zach	D	My day is already filled with unsolicited contact attempts. If my information was even more open, I would be forced to close some minor businesses/websites.
Nicholas	W	I have a website and do not want people knowing my personal information.
Ann	B	
Jerome	C	To secure my personal information.
Diego	B	We use domain privacy on our clients' domain registrations to greatly reduce the amount of unsolicited junk mail, junk email, telemarketing calls and other nuisance marketing offers received in regards to domain registration and other web site services.
pac	R	freedom from domain whois abusers: scammers, blackmailers. Many recent cases of pay to delete your old whois data. domaintools etc.

Kristen	K	Safety
Allison	B	I am a New York Times bestselling author of crime fiction with 5 children. It is critical that I have a proxy service so that my home address and personal contact information remains private.
Kevin	M	Whois privacy is an important tool to protect speech, and the safety of minorities and the dis-empowered.
Michael	G	I don't need it but I understand its importance.
Wendy	H	I write under a pen name for privacy and safety. I have already encountered stalkers and creepers on social media. I do not want them to have access to my real name and contact information. I'm also a teacher and I do not want students reading my romances.
Mary	C	
Ronald	C	
Christine	R	For my personal safety.
Chris	A	There are mentally ill people using the Internet who make threats and exposing my home address and telephone number puts my family in harms way.
Cammy	W	Because I am a private person and would like to remain so.
Erin	M	To protect me from my ex husband who has stalked me for years, he carries a gun and is mentally unstable. He has harmed me in the past by running me down with his truck. People like me would be put at risk if our names were published.
April	B	
Alan	Z	
Kate	A	
Shirley	S	I have a domain for my writing under a pen name. I do not want my personal phone number and address published.
Katherine	D	
Mary	R	As a woman who works in the arts, I need to know that I'm protected from online retaliation for my opinions and my work. I also need to know that my home address isn't published and easily found, so that I can feel safe in my own home.
sharron	M	I write novels under a pen-name and wish to retain my privacy
Sarah	W	
Michael	A	
Wagner	A	To keep my domain registrations private. To avoid identity theft, spam and other threats
Megan	K	I write romance and have concerns about fans. Stalkers. Worse. My children do not need to be prey to prison inmates who read my books. Privacy for authors is a long tradition. Pen names like Mark Twain just aren't enough any longer. Removing the protection of masked domains hurts the individual. Exposing user names may deter some pirates and abusers, but it makes the innocent vulnerable.
Spiral	B	

Robert	W	
Elizabeth	D	We get a tremendous amount of junk email, and any email address that is listed for all to see gets bombarded. We should have a right to keep our contact info private. We are, afterall, listing with the ICANN.
susan	K	Pen name as an author
Nicole	E	I run a web site as an author under a pen name. I would like to keep my true identity private
Claudia	P	It is our right to protect our information from being public in the net!
Alejandro	P	Due to identity theft
Thomas	B	To protect business information that does not need to be made public.
Rhian	T	
Hesham	S	Help avoid identity theft and protect my personal information
Isaac	S	
Gregory	C	In the competitive nature of my construction products business, I do not want the competition to know that I own certain domains.
Greg	P	To protect privacy of private information
Cai	C	I had to provide my personal information when I bought the domain. I just have a personal site. I don't want to anyone know my contact and address because you break our privacy.
Frances	C	
Carrie	S	I am on the board of a non for profit for children and we run a website associated with this organization. I have personally purchased this site and donate it to the organization. I do not want my info online to be exposed to parents who may have custody battles or even a person who decides to target child organizations. In addition, I also have a website for books that I write. I prefer to have this strictly under a pen name as my writing is in no way subject to my career in another profession and I might possible be judged unfairly for it.
Christine	C	As an author, I use a pen name to provide some privacy for my family.
Peter	F	Personally, it doesn't affect me. But this measure seems to be a way for anyone wishing to gather personal information to do so without regard for the rights of domain owners. As yet another unnecessary erosion of privacy, this must be opposed.
Kim	F	As an author, I want to protect my home privacy.
Jeannine	C	I am a writer using a pseudonym. I don't want my readers to know my real name, where I live, where my children live, etc. God forbid I should piss someone off and they come after me. If I didn't care, I wouldn't have bothered picking a pseudonym. ICANN must continue to keep this information private/under proxy.

W.W.	R	As a webcomic creator whose primary profession is not creating webcomics, it is important for me to maintain barriers between my private and professional life. I want to be able to host and update my comic without worrying that that content will be tied to my work (which is in an entirely different arena). The professional work I do is in a field where practitioners are frequently targeted for harassment and abuse already, and I do not wish to expose myself to more avenues for that kind of treatment. I do not wish to have my professionalism questioned because of my side projects, and so it is important that I be able to maintain anonymity on the internet when I wish to.
Judith	L	to protect myself and my family.
Malena	C	I am a private individual, self-employed, with web sites that promote my business. I do not wish to have my personal private information available for any and all to harvest, and it is not necessary for my customers to have that information in order to do business with me. Giant corporations protect their employees by using the corporation as a privacy shield. Small companies should have the same protection.
Wilma	P	I run a business under a pseudonym and do not want my contact information revealed to the general public. This would be a gross invasion of privacy and a security concer for me and my family. Do not change the privacy wall. It is unnecessary and dangerous.
Joshua	H	
Daniel	M	
David	H	
Robert	B	I, the undersigned, support The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing
Christian	G	To hide my email address from those who scan whois for email addresses and then send spam. To hide my personal home address and telephone number so that personal information can't be pulled and used in an effort to defraud me and my family.
Emma	S	To prevent harassers from accessing my home address.
Debby	L	To keep my personal information, private.
christine	L	Being an owner of a small, home based business, there are times when I wish not to have my personal home/ mailing address displayed. This is usually what is used when domain names are registered since the billing address is typically the same too. The ability to protect myself by having private registration allows me some control over the access to my location.
Markus	K	
Janet	T	I speak out on social and political issues while being female. Some people consider that an offense worthy of doxxing, swatting, and other threats of violence. I want to do everything within my power to protect myself from violence, harrassment, and the threat of violence.

Ron	S	
Joann	J	It should be our right as law abiding individuals.
Virginia	F	Educate yourself about the various ways that women are stalked or subjected to violent threats just for presenting their views or information, and you'll know why I want Whois Privacy. Sociological and media research shows that this is a particular problem for women with an online presence. Men get called by ordinary insulting names; women get rape and death threats from people who harass them long term.
JANNA	C	
Jan	P	To secure personal info and protect against unauthorized intrusions to any site I participate on
Sara	S	To protect my contact information
judith	A	Sorry, I clicked 'enter' and my previous petition disappeared. This is my 'real' petition. Having my personal information guarded is important because I've had death threats from clients in my day job. I'm also concerned about identity theft and as I understand it, spammers and other people who want to steal my identify can more easily do so as the system is not set up. Please protect me!
Kathleen	C	Business Privacy
Vicki	B	Providers of domestic abuse services are often targeted by abusers and misogynists. We don't need our contact information exposed; only what we decide to provide on our websites.
Joy	S	Over jealous fans and random trolls who stalk the internet causing problems for writers. Stalkers don't needed anymore information. My family needs to be protected
John	S	I work on many projects that require their own domain names. However, since there's no business associated with them, I have to register them with my personal home address. With the number of threats, trolls, and people that seem to take delight in causing pain to others on the internet, keeping that information private is imperative to my personal safety and well-being. Additionally, with the number of 'streamers' who have been the victim of 'SWATting', that's a real concern if people have access to the home address of domain owners.
Karen	W	I do business as a public person (a writer) and use a pseudonym for privacy. As careful as I am about keeping my public and private lives separate, it would be easy for someone to find out who I am. I use a post office box as my business address and prefer not to have my alter-ego's identity associated with my home address. Maintaining domain allows me to continue to do that.
Jennifer	H	I'm a writer that would like to keep my information private
Barbara	R	My home address and real name are on my domain registration. I need that information unavailable to the public, for my personal safety.
Anna K	S	Privacy keeps me safe and allows me to disclose what and to whom. With all of the current hacks, the latest being the OPM - prior and current employees, there is an unprecedented vulnerability not seen in the history of this country. Any information disclosed and reducing my privacy (as well as many others) allows a significant risk.

April	K	Too many writers have been targets of stalkers. If the information we use to register our domain names, blogs, etc. is made public, it makes it that much easier for stalkers to find us. There are legitimate reasons for many of us to choose privacy.
Nadine	M	I'm an author, and I use a proxy service to protect my private information connected to my author website. As an author, I am somewhat of a public person, with my books accessible to anyone who wants to read them, and though most readers and fans would never dream of using my private data to cause harm, there have been incidences in the past where other authors whose information (like their home address) wasn't private, have had "fans" showing up on their doorstep. There are people with mental illness and a lack of ethics out there who would stalk authors and other public figures either because they love their work or precisely because they don't. Maybe someone didn't like my most recent book, and they think it would be a good idea to tell me in person, by knocking on my door uninvited. Maybe someone from my past who has issues with me is now jealous of my success as an author, and will use the private information about me they find online to try to hurt me. These are all horror scenarios that are unfortunately far too likely to happen if my information were not protected by using a proxy service. I urge you to keep the regulation as is, and not allow just anyone to access my private data without so much as a warrant or court order.
Alesha	A	
Thea	S	
kim	S	I have a website
Stuart	O	Several domain ownership names that would be open to illegal competitive hacking under this proposed change in regulations.
Sally	K	There are mentally ill people using the Internet who make threats and exposing my home address and telephone number puts my family in harms way.
Steve	K	There are mentally ill people using the Internet who make threats and exposing my home address and telephone number puts my family in harms way.
Tannaz	K	There are mentally ill people using the Internet who make threats and exposing my home address and telephone number puts my family in harms way.
Mary	C	I own a domain, have a website and don't want my name, address and contact information available to just anyone. I want to be able to control that.
Cambell	F	
Keir	H	
Lisa	G	

Mike	N	I am an individual. I'm not a publicly traded corporation, nor a public organization. As such, property I own personally is my business and nobody else's unless and until I use that property in carrying out illegal activities. This applies to my personal domain names, as well. I urge you to resist any role in the ongoing erosion of civil rights. Keep domain name ownership private.
Margarita	N	
Russell	S	
Marie	D	To keep my personal information private to ensure the safety of this information as well as my own personal safety.
Trevor	R	As a learning internet developer and computer enthusiast, I don't need to be worrying about my privacy being exploited. I need the choice to keep critical information private, lest I be forced into a situation of personal risk.
David	D	Whois Privacy is an essential tool to avoid harassment from those who would disagree with me. The internet is rife with examples of people who abuse the system to obtain personal details for the express purpose of harassing them. You will stifle discourse if people cannot protect their identity.
Jürgen	B	I have a personal blog hosted on my own domain. The idea that any random surfer that comes along can get my mail address information and phone number and start pranking or harassing me is just plain scary. I'm not even famous or well known, so let alone any celebrity or internet star who manages to anger the anonymous mob on the internet and has his WHOIS info up for grabs. This is going to hurt more people than it's going to save.
Rachel	T	Absolutely appalling that, yet again, individuals are being put at risk by greedy American companies who just want more and more ways of harassing them. I currently live in a country where you can be arrested and jailed for saying something innocuous on a blog, which is why my blog does not have my name or contact information on it, just in case I ever say something I do not intend. As, frankly, I don't want to have to spend 20 years in jail. If this new change goes through, I will have to shut down all three of my sites, as will several of my friends. Isn't it about time INDIVIDUALS came first under US law and not greedy companies?
Lonny	E	I have had people who disagreed with my online speech use whois to find personal contact information about me and then harass me using that information. WHOIS information must remain private for those who wish it to be private. This is a far larger issue than a few big commercial interests.
John	F	Home business
Pamela	M	I don't want my address available to everyone in the world without any barriers. We all know that criminals look for open doors (literally and figuratively) when they want to steal or otherwise threaten or harm someone's person or property. Why make it easier for them by freely handing them an open door when it comes to domain-related information?
Shaun	B	I operate a number of personal websites and do not need the exposure of having my home address and telephone number available to anyone without any reason. That's opening me up to far too much potential for harm (physical and otherwise). There are processes in place for legitimate disclosure of this information to parties with a valid interest in obtaining it. Don't undermine a system that isn't broken.

Cornelius	A	I own a domain
Mary	M	I don't want my home address known to the general public, nor do I want the possibility for identity theft. Everything on my Web site is generic and gives no indication where to physically locate myself or my family.
Jamie	W	
Andrew	M	Because I don't believe it when the government reassures me that "if I've done nothing wrong, then I have nothing to hide."
Eric	W	Prevent identity theft targeting and prevent unsolicited contact.
Dan	I	I don't need everybody on the planet to be able to know exactly who I am the moment I post something. I'm a pretty boring person, but even I've received violent threats based on things as seemingly pointless as making jokes on a music site. There are genuinely crazy people in the world; why would you give them the option to look anybody up at any time just based on the contents of their website? This just opens the door to stalking, harassment, and all sorts of horrible behavior. This would be a nightmarishly bad idea.
Gretchen	T	I don't want everyone to be able to get all my personal contact information. It is too dangerous these days to have all of that out there.
Robert	A	I use Whois Privacy to reduce spamming and harassment. Contact info is available on my sites for those that actually read it and want to get in touch.
Christy	C	I use privacy to protect my personal address and name as I use pen names for my writing career.
hao	Z	no, no no
Tom	S	I was the registered owner of sweetshack.us until recently. I've received unwanted telephone / fax / and email unsolicited communications offering domain transactions at all hours of the day and night. They interrupt my life and the lives of my family. I am a System Integrator and Sysadmin who regularly uses whois data to competently inform traffic generators of unwanted and/or malicious traffic coming from their areas of responsibility. Please make sure that persons like us can continue to access via proxy or authenticated request with Registrant notification whois data. Respectfully, Tom S.
Michael	H	I've owned dozens of domains since the mid-1990s, both for business and personal use, and have always required Whois privacy for personal safety. Regardless of how safe I might believe my content, I have no control over what some might find objectionable, and no guarantee that they do not have mental health issues. Stalking, of both males and females, is a major problem in the United States, and several other countries, as is domestic abuse, terrorism, homophobia, racism, and general hate. If you remove domain Whois privacy, people will be killed by their stalkers, by hate groups, and by others, and their blood... our blood, will be on your hands.
Alan	S	When I registered my first domain name more than 15 years ago, I started getting spam on that email address (used for no other purpose) and started receiving domain registration renewal offers by postal mail. Both uses of WHOIS data are contrary to the pre-existing policies of ICANN, but it has not stopped the abuse. Since I switched my WHOIS information to a privacy service those spams and postal offers have dropped to nearly zero.

Anne	A	I done need it as I have no commercial domains. However privacy is a right. It should not be abused to befit corporations
Renee	R	
JJ	G	I want privacy because it is my business. I don't need a "reason". Anybody who wants to identify me must produce the "reason".
Suzy	E	
Allex	L	PRIVACY AND HELP WITH SOCIAL ENGENEERING
Stephen	B	Privacy on the internet is an increasingly scarce resource. If I host my own domain, I can choose to publish my personal details or not. I do not wish to be forced to expose my personal information.
Monty	H	
Mary Beth	R	Without whois privacy I would feel unsafe and open to stalkers. Not to mention spammers.
Jeff	R	
Wynn	L	female domain owner... consider it a personal risk to offer ANY personal details about me
Pam	F	I write romance novels. I also have three daughters. When I received my first fan letter from a male prison inmate telling me how much he enjoyed snuggling into bed at night with my book, I realized that I didn't want my address and phone number easily accessible to people I didn't know. I didn't want anyone (male or female) to decide he or she should swing by and get to know the family -- or worse. Keeping my contact information private helps protect the people I love most.
Brance	B	I have a personal website and I'd like my privacy respected. Especially since I have no intention of breaking any laws
Sergio	M	I don't want to publish my personal data and made it available for everybody, it may be dangerous.
Michael	B	
Phillip	W	Many of my favorite websites would suffer greatly if unbalanced or hateful individuals got the personal information of the hosts. Also, privacy is a personal right that has been upheld many times, and to deny it in this instance is actively criminal.
Brian	G	Avoid spam
jeff	B	Safe guarded against unwanted scams
Angela	G	If I wanted people to have my info, I would give it to them!
Benjamin	B	My wife has been the target of online harassment, we need to keep our contact information safe.
Philip	D	Primarily SPAM avoidance. Secondarily prevention of stalking, trolling, harassment, or worse.

		to protect my personal home contact information from being openly accessible to anyone, or those who make an allegation or claim of wrong doing, with a simple statement of such. This could have devastating personal, physical, or financial consequences. Leading to 'open season' for unscrupulous website owners using access of 'competitors' personal information, and making false claims to bring about the destruction of identified 'competition.' ICANN needs to protect private information and NOT CREATE opportunities for those who are already abusing the internet, making those who prefer to remain private potential victims. It should be a crime to make fraudulent claims, especially with the intention to cripple and destroy targeted competitors, identified as a commercial threat due to the success of their competitors 'blog' with a very large following, and since they occasionally sell 'a' commercial item, they're listed as 'commercial' and become easy targets for predators seeking to dominant the market. STOP THIS and protect our privacy. Carol Texs, USA
Carol	P	
Allen	S	
Julien	J	
Kirill	E	
Vinicius	A	Save domain privacy.
Nathan	L	
James	G	
Joshua	N	I am an outspoken blogger with a non-trivial readership. I speak on issues relating to gay rights. I regularly receive threats in comment threads and would rather it not be trivial to find my home address.
Joel	C	I have a personalized domain and don't want to have to deal with the spammers, scammers, and trolls who would use my information to harass me. I do not sell anything on my sites.
Brian	R	
Anne	F	I am very concerned about my home address being publicaly available online.
Cassie	P	
Lauren	V	Privacy is my right.
Michael	G	
Jonathab	H	I am a web developer / application programmer and frankly having the anonymity of the internet stripped is not a good thing in any sense...
Steven	W	
Heather	W	
Shannon	G	
José	C	if someone needs to know who owns a domain to address legal and/or criminal activity there is a mechanism to do so without divulging ownership to the entire world. Some of which may use the information to commit crimes.
mike	B	
Jerold	J	Important to have available in protecting my website & marketing clients privacy. Thank you so much. ~Jerold

Thomas	A	
Sebastien	L	As a company we always set up domain privacy for our customers so they don't get harrassed by spammers. If domain privacy goes down, frauds like Domain Registry of Canada will become popular and most canadians will lose control over their online identity.
Lisa	H	I am a writer with a website. I do not wish for the world to have access to my phone number for personal safety reasons and identity protection for fraud.
Patrick	L	I need privacy to feel safe.
Anya	L	saftey
André	O	
Shanelle	C	
Naomi	C	I want my personal information personal!
Anne Marie	G	
Ellen	T	
Gregory	R	
Arianna	J	
Rob	S	I use Whois privacy To keep the spammers and identity thieves from gathering information and contacting me. The domains registered without privacy receive an unbelievable amount of intrusive scam and spam email and contact from all over the world.
Virginia	S	Authors, journalists need to protect their privacy (i.e., private lives) from those who might not agree with their views, in addition, actors, actresses, or anyone else who has gained celebrity status.
mike	W	Because I value privacy. I do not want my physical address compromised by my online presence, nor my physical assets such as bank account compromised by incomprtence by digital third partys such as domain registrants. social engineering and phishing will increase if volume of publicly available private information increases.
Yolanda	P	
Justine	D	If online privacy is taken away, it could open the door for abuse of power and spamming.
Faye	S	To keep spammers and crooks away...
Kim	D	I design and maintain websites, and many of my clients are small business people who work from their homes. They do not feel safe allowing their home addresses to be publicized in connection with their websites.

		I need domain name whois privacy to protect myself from spam, and from the scams that come along with that, which often includes accusing me of spam just because I am so diligent about fighting spammers and scammers. Plus, I am finding that I am prone to some of these dangerous scams as I grow older, even though I work online and know the routine, some are starting to fool me more and I do not want to drown in scams, winding-up penniless to boot. You have NOT done your job of policing the internet, and no one else is stepping-up to do the job you should be doing, you think you are too important, or too busy. But spam (and scams) need to be completely outlawed worldwide and the rules STRICTLY ENFORCED in order to even think about making domain name registration whois completely public for everyone and everything (aka bots). You haven't even started doing your job and now you are taking away one of our most vital protections? SHAME ON YOU!
Douglas	P	
Peggy	M	Because it's the right thing to do.
Amy	P	Increased Terrorist threats to military families
Vicky	L	I'm an indie author who writes under my own name & who understands the need for transparency on the internet. I'm also a gamer who appreciates the veil of privacy provided by internet pseudonyms. As long as I'm not breaking laws or doing anything to harass or disrupt other people, I believe I should be able to choose which of my activities are public and which are private. Please preserve domain privacy.
mark	J	I do not want the world snooping on my private information
Jennette	P	I am a romance author and do not want my info exposed to stalkers or spammers.
Tom	P	It's vital for Human Rights activists!
Jon	P	Because I believe one can be controversial while keeping their privacy.
Arlinz Michel-Ange	L	My Privacy My Rights !
Jenn	F	
mageela	T	
Jonathan	R	
Michele	S	I have a right to protect my privacy and share only what I deem appropriate for selected persons to use.
max	W	Because its already too easy to cyber stalk
DENNIS	M	Reduce the amount of SPAM I receive by those who troll domain registrations. I also believe that small businesses that people run out of their homes should not be subjected to disclosure without a warrant and/or proof of wrongdoing.
Zach	N	Privacy and protection from fans / stalkers.
Tyler	D	Privacy is needed because many of us don't trust the government or the police force with unfettered, nonjudicial access to our online doings. It's innocent until proven guilty, not guilty until proven innocent.
Leslie	G	
Nicholas	M	As a freelance writer, I run my own website and would rather not have "fans" show up at my house.

Normand	B	So i do not have to justify the why of it.
Gord	T	
Barbara J	D	To maintain security and privacy
David	L	I don't use it, but any measure to protect online privacy and anonymity is worth fighting for.
Warren	K	To reduce the amount of junk mail and fraudulent mail that tries to trick me into changing registrars. Before I switched to domain privacy I got a lot of it.
Patrick	S	Protection from spammers & malicious users.
Susan	B	Own various websites.
Rita	O	
Steven	W	I just want to keep my personal information safe and feel safe while browsing the web.
Adam	C	I don't, but I have friends who require it for safety.
Matt	B	
Nick	H	To keep a layer of security between myself and anyone that would want to look up info on a site I host.
Terry	L	Use for setting up web sites for clients that do not want their personal information listed. It eliminates a LOT of spam mail as well as snail mail that is bogus - looking to sell services that are not needed. To eliminate this would be a real hardship for many of them.
Carol	R	I have a website under a pseudonym I use for writing.
Andrea	P	
Ryk	V	
Kayce	L	Single business woman living alone. I do NOT want my personal information made public!!!! This is for privacy reasons, as well as safety.
Diane	S	For my new website
tim	L	1. To keep personal information private, especially in light of increasingly likely mishaps of information sharing under Bill C-51 ("Anti-Terror Act 2015"). At least until the Act is repealed. 2. To enable confident use of the internet for commerce, and for personal finance.
Olivia	W	
gordon	E	
Brenda	B	I am an author of popular fiction who writes under a pseudonym. I have a domain name and website for my pseudonym and do not want random people finding my real name, home address, phone number, etc. for harassment or spamming purposes.

Pamela	H	I am an author writing under a pen name. I write historical romance. I am entitled to my privacy to keep my private life separate from my life as an author. No one has the right to my private information without my permission. Period. If I want someone to have that information I will give it to them. It is as simple as that. I am certain this move is about making money. You are going to need that money for the lawsuits that will come down upon your head for making an ignorant, arrogant, bonehead move like this one. Find another way to make money. Grow a brain and use it.
De'Wayne	B	
Peter	H	
Robert	R	As a writer and a psychiatrist, it is very important that my personal information such as home address NOT be made available to any troublemaker who requests it. The online world already treats privacy concerns with much less respect than it should. Please do not erode these protections for domain/ website owners. Thank you.
Renee	R	
Lisa	B	
Harold	L	Permanent Restraining Order against a stalker, signed by a Superior Court Judge . there are too many psychopaths who stalk people - giving them more resources to harass and threaten innocent people is a violation of human rights.
Anna	M	I use my pen name on my website. I do not wish to have access to have my personal information released or be accessible to everyone.
Tess	H	I use this service as part of our service with GoDaddy and request that this privacy currently provided continues as without that paid privacy assurance, the ability for scammers and thieves to utilise my and others personal information is endless. Privacy protects those who are keeping the law. Perhaps there needs to be a more stringent process to secure a website domain in the first place which could deter people intending to use a website for criminal and illegal purposes.
Dan	S	To continue to keep things private.
Richard	N	Prevent identity theft and personal safety.
Andre	F	
Alejandra	R	
Randy	B	To keep my personal information private. My home address, phone number Name and other information is available in this data. If a user has a valid need for it they can go to court and get a court order for it.
Mark	S	Whois privacy protects members of my community who face persecution/harassment for their work.
Cheryl	F	
Bradford	B	I mänge domains that talk about my industry and it would impact my ability to speak freely without fearing reprisals from my employer

Jason	S	to protect network and domain administrators from unlawful targeting and abuse from the malicious acts of anonymous third parties.
Kristy	C	Worried about spammers since this is more for branding than for business. I research new member prospects so I know about the amount of info on the Internet. Thank you for your consideration.
Frank	D	I cannot support compromising a person's privacy without due process of law.
Cindy	P	The move by ICANN is purely monetary driven! We may have to become global citizens, but that concession doesn't equate to loss of personal privacy.
Tesa	N	To avoid identity theft and any potential harassment that could occur from being left unprotected from the general public. Unless I've broken the law, the general public has no right to my information.
Sherri	S	
K	B	I am a celebrity in the literary and film industries. Loss of this privacy would be devastating to me.
Katie	B	I often fear for my safety because of who I work for. I try to keep as much of my information private as possible. If my website ownership information went public, I would be a target for harassment and I would fear for my physical safety.
Carolyn	P	
Jesse	L	Privacy is my right.
Elise	M	
DR-SOS	C	To protect my privacy
Kevin	H	Privacy means just that ... privacy!
Elizabeth	W	I, my spouse, and a non-profit we support all use privately registered domains. It would be a great invasion of my and my spouse's privacy and detrimental to our safety were my actual name and/or home address available via WHOIS. The proposed language of the ICANN rule is not acceptable -- it puts far too great a burden on individuals and their proxy providers to respond to request to reveal information, and puts proxy providers in the position of being judges.
Kathryn	H	I, my spouse, and a non-profit we support all use privately registered domains. It would be a great invasion of my and my spouse's privacy and detrimental to our safety were my actual name and/or home address available via WHOIS. The proposed language of the ICANN rule is not acceptable -- it puts far too great a burden on individuals and their proxy providers to respond to request to reveal information, and puts proxy providers in the position of being judges.

		Although not all uses of privacy are illegal the most visible ones are. Either location shifting to watch content reserved for one country from another, or using anonymizing systems to download copyrighted material are both illegal. However; the same location shifting systems are used to help protect the rights of individuals in countries that are restrictive with what people are allowed to read/learn/hear/watch/report regardless of the legality of the material in either the actual location or the virtual location. Also anonymizing systems are also used for personal and corporate protection to ensure information is not intercepted by foreign powers, used for corporate espionage, or intimidation/blackmail purposes. Because the risk to corporate entities is as great as the risk to individuals, it makes zero sense to prevent this activity. Even knowing that some of it could be illegal, all uses of privacy should be supported so that the few who use it for illegal uses help to hide those who do it for professional and personal reasons.
Frank	M	Frank Meyer qybixxx@gmail.com
Josh	G	
Sharon	B	I have a blog I rarely use. My privacy is important to me. I am about to launch a website and really prefer to keep my personal information private.
Leanne	L	
Michael	A	Use to protect my privacy! I own many domains and I don't want to be contacted, spammed, or scammed by the information associated with the domains.
Pat	P	I have a small ecommerce business that I run from home. I do not wish to have my home address made available to the public. Thank you.
Robin	M	To protect anonymity in cases of free speech.
Chris	B	
Marc	L	
Cliff	W	To allow free speech to remain free.
Tom	A	Everyone needs privacy. Period.
LynDee	C	
Doug	C	Same reason I shut the stall door.
Anna	H	I am planning to start a home-based business. I do not want my home address made public for safety and privacy reasons. Mandating WHOIS will needlessly expose me in an electronic world where information is power. Identify theft and predation will only get worse if ICANN forces this change. Thank you.
Philip	K	I have many friends, mostly women and transgender, who get harassed by trolls just for being women or transgender on the Internet. Whois transparency is great for law enforcement, but evil if trolls are allowed to frighten or otherwise terrorize people.
Richard	T	To help prevent and eliminate online bullying from escalating to physical harassment.
S	D	

		The non-profit I support and represent as a member of the board of directors has chosen to not utilize a privately registered domain as I support the tenet that corporations, are not private citizens and should in fact be openly contactable. However, I believe it would be a great invasion of my personal privacy if my personal website were not allowed to be privately registered (it is now currently) and I believe this same miscarriage of justice applies to small businesses such as sole proprietorships, and small LLCs. If actual names and/or home addresses are available via WHOIS the public dissemination of individuals' physical home addresses I believe constitutes a substantial and unwarranted risk to physical safety and creates an undeniable potential for identity theft since the contact information for the above individuals or small businesses is often equivalent or identical to the personal physical address for the sole owner or principal officer. The proposed language of the ICANN rule is not acceptable; it ignores legal due process, and puts proxy providers in the position of being judges. This is ridiculous and indefensible. Further, the ICANN language stipulates a system that puts far too great a burden on individuals and their proxy providers to respond to requests to reveal information, without legal probable cause and supporting warrants and/or subpoenas.
kayt	H	
Scott	Z	freedom is a right?
Richard	A	
		I need Whois Privacy to protect against telemarketers, junk mailings, and unsolicited email. I do not want my physical address known to anyone in the world capable of running a simple who is lookup. Having had online stalkers in the past, I try to keep my online information private. This change in domain name registration policy would seriously undermine that effort.
Joshua	A	
Max	F	I need Whois Privacy because I do not want to be tracked or spammed by marketers, scammers, or strangers.
Hannah	Z	
		As a manager representing artists and writers, my clients depend on privacy services to protect their personal information from individuals who intend to harass or defraud them.
Joe	T	
David	S	My girlfriend and I both have personal domains. While I'm not (usually) subject to internet harassment, she's much more vulnerable. Having to disclose our address could put us in real danger.
Val	G	Entrepreneurship
Erin	S	
		Whois privacy plays a large role in reducing violence and threats to women and minorities on the Internet, especially from typically violent groups like gamergate or other Reddit spawned movements
Christopher	B	

David	F	I don't like that, without WHOIS privacy, anyone could track me down to my home address and/or phone number and attack or threaten me if they dislike or disapprove of anything on my website. There would be no police protection and it could happen in minutes, threatening my family. There is no reason to force people to divulge every ounce of their personal information just because they run a website. Even my name should be protected. There is no reason this information should be made public. If there are issues, a court order should be used. Not brute force applied to everyone.
Nancy	S	Although I have full-time employment, I also consult on the side. I recently registered a domain name for my consulting business, and have been developing a website and making plans to transfer an existing, successful blog. The most common topics on which I consult are mildly political, and sometimes they attract surprising (to me) levels of attention. Many people (mostly women) who I know, who share their even mildly political opinions online have experienced terrifying bouts, or even sustained campaigns, of harassment. While the harassment often stays primarily online, it sometimes takes more sinister form, with threatening letters, physical stalking, or even "SWATting" - sending police or emergency services to someone's home with a false report of a hostage situation or other emergency. When I registered a domain name, I paid extra to have privacy in the registration because I run my consulting business out of my own home, and I live alone. Given the terrifying experiences some others (including some personal friends) have experienced with online harassment, the idea of having my home address tied to my domain name is quite intimidating. Although there are other, more time-consuming methods of tying my business presence to my home address, WHOIS listings are extremely easy to look up. I probably would not have registered my domain name, had I had to make my home address that public. For a point of comparison, my home state requires a mailing address associated with a physical location (i.e., not a P.O. Box) to register as a business (instead of as a sole proprietor.) I have not registered as a business, due to the public-ness of these records.
Gilberto	L	I don't need it, but there's a lot of people who would be at risk under the new ruled proposed by the ICANN
John T	D	It is vital to protecting online privacy, in particular for potential victims of online abuse and harassment and political dissidents in countries where speaking against the government is illegal and or dangerous.
Bret	L	
Nathan	W	Having the option of using WHOIS privacy is important to me and far more important to women, minorities, and political dissidents. These groups may become targets of harassment with information gleaned from WHOIS. Such harassment risks these groups *not* speaking.
David	A	Privacy helps keep women from being harassed by terrible men.

Elizabeth	M	As a writer, I've already been subjected to online harassment and threats from time to time...as many women have. Release of my personal information could lead to identity theft, including false reports made by someone in my name to law enforcement (SWATting, for one; this is extremely dangerous as it mean tense, armed personnel showing up at one's residence ready to shoot.) It could also lead to personal physical harm for me, my family, and damage to my home, as well as damage to my reputation and to my economic status (if it led, as it can, to identity theft that affects my income or savings.) Whois Privacy matters to all individuals, but especially to women, who are the most often targeted for online attacks and threats. My websites are personal, not commercial; individuals need more privacy protection than a commercial entity does. Please consider the needs of vulnerable individuals in your decision.
S.	M	I support domain privacy for the safety of myself, my associates and clients regarding my business which involves security issues. Having been a serving police officer for over 20 years, I do not wish my personal information to be public. Based on my experience, I also recognize that families and people who are fleeing abusive situations will be in grave danger. I firmly support law enforcement's need for access to domain information however this should be via the appropriate Criminal Code or the Canada Evidence Act.
Leeann	D	
Jeremiah	S	Not having this privacy actively endangers some of my friends.
Ed	G	It's important to keep private information away from criminals and stalkers. Online harassment and stalking is a serious problem.
Adam	L	Domain privacy safeguards everyone's ability to speak their minds on controversial topics without becoming a target of hatred, harassment or threats. Anonymous speech is a human right! The proposed change to strip away this protection would be a godsend to mobs, criminals, and repressive dictatorships.
David	M	I'm a web designer working from my home in a quiet suburban neighborhood near Phoenix. I help small business owners compete for business on the global internet marketplace. My WHOIS info in the hands of an angry client or a competitor or employee brings risk to anyone near me, in my home, or my neighborhood. We've all seen these events happen already all too often. How can you in good conscience intentionally set the stage for another horrible situation. Even one near miss is too much. Unacceptable!
Juliette	M	There are many reasons why someone might need to keep their identities private without having to do with illegal activities: - Women, especially if they live alone - LGBT people, for obvious reasons - People at high risks to be harassed (when speaking about politics, religion, social issues, sex, personal beliefs, activism etc) - People wanting to offer other people comfort/support in a safe space on a wide range of issues (rape victims, children, domestic violence victims, LGBT people, persons of color etc) and who could offer these safe spaces anymore without risks for themselves but also their communities The list could go on and on. Please consider the countless lives this could affect and even put in danger and do the right thing. Thank you.

Micah	C	There is no reason that any random person should be able to get my home address. I have three small children at home. Having my address posted on the internet puts them at risk.
Sharon	H	I need and use Whois Privacy in order to maintain my safety and welfare and protect my business from threats of bodily harm, identity thief and intellectual pirating and sabotage. Therefore, I humbly ask for our privacy rights to stay intact and to be protected in these times of uncertainty filled with rising cyber crimes.
Daniel	F	
Andrew	F	To keep my personal information secure
Jenny	Z	
Tim	A	personal safety from online stalkers.
Deb	H	Women need online privacy to protect against doxing, SWATing, and other gamergate attacks.
Stuart	U	
Tiffany	D	
Gary	M	As a small business owner and blogger, privacy is of the utmost importance to me, and past experience with how the U.S. Government treats privacy, shows that we need to take control back and limit what can be made public.
Kim	W	Because I work in jobs which often involve some degree of conflict with people who then make threats (debt collection for example) and do not want to be denied the option of having basic privacy as a means to guard against reprisals from people who are against me doing my work legally and within all guidelines.
Chuck	N	I don't want random people to know who I am or where I live.
Coen	T	
Ryan	R	To protect my personal information from those who wish to silence me.
Ross	T	I make art that some may find objectionable.
Amitava	B	To protect contact information.
Israel	T	Keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft. Privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing.
Charlotte	F	
Karina	G	Living in a country with severe problems such as extortion, kidnappings for ransom, among others. I'm certain it is in the best interest of persons and companies keep their info private if they decide to do so to protect themselves from the issues mentioned above. Best, KG
Douglas	B	For the same reason my phone number is unlisted.
Karina	G	Living in a country where extortions and kidnappings for ransom happen too often, I think it's best for individuals and companies to keep their info private if they decide to do so, in order to maintain their physical integrity and peace of mind.
Linda	T	

Jesse	F	Privacy protections are an important tool for open discourse. They provide safety for those expressing views not shared by all of society.
Brian	W	Because privacy is a basic human right.
AddictionMyth	M	I need privacy to be protected from frequent physical threats from religious zealots who accuse me of 'blasphemy' and 'heresy'.
Daniel	C	
Shane	L	I have a media website and I don't think the general public reading about music, film, or literature on my site has any reason to know where I live; it should be enough that they know my opinions.
stefano	V	
Joanne	T	Having been the target of death threats and hate mail in the past, I believe that personal information must be kept private to protect both physical safety as well as to prevent identity theft. As someone who has helped raise money online for non-profit advocacy groups, denying this privacy by defining my work as "commercial" threatens my safety and my free-speech rights.
Alexander	M	
Veronica	S	Other than the income tax, I don't see how it is anyone's business what I have in my bank account. I have a right to keep my health records private and the meds I am on for my illnesses is between my and my doctor, not anyone who wants to look into my life. If police or anyone else wants to snoop into my private life, let them get a warrant like they would if they were coming into my house.
Dave	U	It drastically reduces my physical and digital spam.
Dark	A	I run a few political websites. If my critics knew who I was, they likely would do all they could to impede on the freedom I have to speak freely.
Sue	G	
Eric	B	I am a vocal proponent of feminism and human rights and an opponent of harassment, and this places me highly at risk for doxxing and swatting, among other things.
Brennen	B	Having an online presence shouldn't allow someone to stalk or physically harass me.
Cynthia	B	I've used Whois Privacy to stop the flow of spam to my personal email, as well as print mail to my physical address. However, my name is common enough that a politician has it, too; revealing my contact info puts me at risk of being mistakenly doxed by her detractors.
Gary	L	I use privacy to prevent unsolicited marketing calls and email.
James	K	
Jill	J	Because I don't want my personal or business information exposed needlessly to advertisers or others that don't need it. Also to help prevent identity theft.
Karen	D	

pj	H	As a single woman I do NOT want my personal information, especially my home address!! given to anyone. You'd essentially be creating crimes of opportunity. What an inane proposal. NO!
Collin	B	
TJ	Z	
Martin	L	The simple fact it's none of their business to profile everyone just because ONE guy joined Isis and shoot a bunch of people. They need to get rid of guns, PERIOD
Jaymie	N	Everyone deserves privacy and not just have all their information accessible easily and without basis.
Bas	V	To keep my personal information private, protect physical safety and prevent identity theft. No need to make it easier for bullies, swatters and identity thieves. whois is so easy to use.
Jason	S	I am a domain holder, I use privacy protection services for WHOIS information. If I need to be contacted for legitimate purposes there is a process to disclose that information in due course. I should not be harassed by spammers or frivolous claimants. I should not have personal information exposed to fraudsters and criminals as a precondition of participating in online speech. The current system of domain administration contact disclosure works for legitimate claims. The proposed changes endanger speech, and increase the risk of online and real world fraud and abuse for domain owners.
Amanda	B	It's simple. A law abiding person should be able to conduct their online business in private.
Jamie	C	I don't want people knowing my details just because I have a website. I am cautious with my privacy and do not wish to have my details known to everyone. If the police need to know about me they can get a warrant and compel my register.
Trina	P	I am a woman with a stage name. My safety and privacy are at risk. There are many like me.
Gina	D	
Harold	A	As long as privacy providers can timely forward any correspondence to the appropriate domain contact, there is *no* need for a third party to circumvent the privacy protection to contact the user. Any revelation of private registration information should require an order from a court of competent jurisdiction.
Yoni	M	I used it when we started our food truck because we were using our home address and phone number. And of course before we owned our domain I had to use my own personal email to register it. I wouldn't want just anyone to know where we lived based on our domain name.
Erwin	J	Privacy is as much a right as Freedom is. Why restrict that from us?
Patricia	W	Privacy must be maintained in order to protect the innocent victims of potential identity theft as well as protection against stalkers and others with evil intent. Websites can still maintain the information on the clients they host, but only with a court order should that information be given out.
Trudy	G	I prefer to keep personal information private and safe from potential abuse.
Abhijeet	B	I don't want some random guy from the internet finding my contact info just because I have a website.
Bernard	K	

B	F	
Reinder	D	At the moment, I don't. I don't expect to always be that fortunate, though.
John	A	Because free speech should remain free.
Louis	F	Keep spammers at bay and its no obes business who owns a domain.
Alexander	S	Everyone needs the right to a reasonable expectation of privacy. Allowing any complainant to access the private information of any individual they claim is violating their rights without any due process is reckless and irresponsible. The majority of such claims would undoubtedly be false and yet still result in significant hardship for the accused individual.
Simon	W	I need to keep personal information private, protect my physical safety, and prevent identity theft. I mainly use domain privacy because I need to protect my physical safety.
Steven	W	I simply do not want my private information available simply because I own a domain.
William	C	It is my fundamental right to be protected against spammers and other people that abuse public whois information such as telephone numbers and mail addresses. Since registering my domains and not making use of privacy services I have been called and e-mailed many times by people who try to sell me options/futures, IT services and of course the regular medicinal adverts for prescription drugs without the need for prescriptions. The current laws are very effective and protect the domain holder from random attacks by competitors, ex-wives, spammers or other people that have no justified interest in who owns the domain. If legal action is required, the roads are clear and any organisation who believes to be disadvantaged by a certain website should follow this path.
Roopesh Chander	S	I consider my address and phone number as private information. I would like to be in control of who I would want to be able to access that information. Without Whois Privacy, if I register any website at all, my private information will become public. That is why I need Whois Privacy.
Stuart	S	To protect myself from scammers and easy identity collection. To put a clear barrier between my work life and personal life, where my pseudonymous website and identity are personal. For free expression. These are just some of the reasons. Taking away my right to anonymity / pseudonymity is reducing my safety and freedom while simultaneously giving criminals and trolls the right to access my information without any reciprocity as they will surely use false information to comply with your pointless, bureaucratic, dangerous and profoundly undemocratic identity policies. It will completely fail to do anything positive with respect to online crime and weakens civil society at the behest of vested commercial and governmental interests who have repeatedly and provably shown they are willing to break any laws any time they feel it benefits themselves.
Matt	H	It exposes everyone online to possible harassment from any number of parties for any reason.
David	D	I use it to protect my websites from spammers
Peter	M	I use my domain for email for my family and would like to keep the details of my family's address private.
Jason	E	
Alexis	L	I believe in web anonymity and don't think should know that easily a website belongs to whom.

Jeff	O	I do not want companies or individuals to use my contact details for spam, harassment, stalking, or any other purposes. There are legitimate and powerful tools already to deal with copyright issues and other illegal activities. This blanket decision will imperil safe, pseudoanonymous expression of divisive or unpopular opinions, and potentially place many people into actual danger of physical or emotional harm.
Cliff	N	To maintain my privacy; my personal information, my choice.
Ken	A	I do not want my personal information provided to spammers and hackers simply because I own a domain name.
Tobias	P	Whois privacy enables many things. For example, speech (like blogs/fanpages) about hobbies are valuable and expressive, but should not necessarily pop up on an employers search for the employees name. But there are far more important things easier attacked under the proposal: Critical speech about large corporations, whistleblowing even on small scales, political speech using the targets name in the domain name... equally indirect attacks for domain name grabs become easy. Someone has a longstanding, quite rightfully owned domain name somehow related to your later established trade name. Under the new proposed rules, it seems quite easy to involve the owner in frivolous litigation until he is bankrupt and just force him to hand over a domain name you have no legal right to demand. The last years have repeatedly shown bullies of all kinds, public, corporate and private, attacking and chilling speech with bogus legal claims, frivolous litigation and general thuggery. Anonymity is the best and most basic tool to protect from such behaviour.
ANDY	L	As a law-abiding citizen I believe it is my right to maintain my privacy and that my private information should not be made available unless it has been proven in a court of law that I have committed an offence.
Demetrius	L	To keep hackers from getting my personal information.
Tye	B	Confidential work, personal security, peace of mind.
Simon	B	To avoid spam and phishing. Law enforcement can just get a warrant and contact the ISP, so why force domains to be public?
William	F	I like privacy. Also as a former domain registry admin and developer I'm well aware of the reasons domain privacy was instituted to begin with. Without it fraud, spam and other privacy invasions are not only possible, but certain. Moreover the past years have driven home hard the need for freedom from the malicious scrutiny and threatening actions of nation states and private multinational corporate interests. When considering the rights of states versus people, the rights of the individual should always take precedence. all rights of a nation state or it's representatives necessarily extend from the inalienable rights of the individual citizen.
Dana	D	A domain I set up years ago, before private registration became an option, was subsequently bombarded with spam. This creates two problems: increased threat of malware, and so much email congestion that legitimate correspondence got lost in the tidal wave. Once available I registered the domain privately but still get email tied to my home address to this day. Eventually I had to set up a new domain, registered privately from the start, for my business.
Russell	F	

James	S	
Amir Abdallah	Y	To protect Articles 4 and 5 of the U.S. Constitution
Anastasia	G	I want to keep my personal details private, but also run an online business at the same time. I am self employed.
Tolik	P	
ContentWeaver	C	to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft
Anatoli	K	I need whois privacy to protect myself from right-wing (and other) activists, which would maybe "visit" me if they know my home adress. Simple but true!
Chris	P	I do not want spam.
Rebecca	S	
Halim	E	Because I don't want to get more spam
Ian	H	As an independent software developer and entrepreneur, I'd rather not have my home address, mobile phone number, and email address easily accessible. Leads to spam and unsolicited calls from companies trying to sell services. Wastes everyone's time. I do not want to spend money acquiring a PO Box and additional phone number to prevent it when it's unnecessary.
april	E	
Mark	M	I don't use it personally, but it is essential to anonymous free speech, which I prefer isn't chilled.
Niels	W	
Ivar	E	Avoid spam.
Lasse	P	mostly I need it for free speech
Stéphane	L	WHOIS contact information is abused for illegitimate and unstoppable purposes (i.e. SPAM, fraud, harassment) which proxy services protect us from.
Patrick	C	There are mentally ill people using the Internet who make threats and exposing my home address and telephone number puts my family in harms way.
Bharat	P	Why does the government need a warrant to tap a phone? Same reason for Whois Privacy
Lisa	W	Prevents spam, also had a stalker.
Otto	V	Spammers/marketeers will have it much easier with all our info public. You should do the opposite ban registrars from making whois info public without a proper court order.
Richard	S	To protect myself from harassment and spam.
Mekahel	F	
Kathryn	L	For safety from harassment but those who disagree with my values.
Charles	B	To keep my information private from competitors in my field of business.
Josh	S	Manage multiple websites from home and require that level of anonymity/protection
Ian	M	Because I have a right to that privacy - my address and phone number shouldn't become public info just because I run a blog.

Lauren	W	I run a business from my home address.
Mathieu	L	I don't want spammers and phishing/identity thieves to have free access to all of my information at their fingertips.
Kathryn	H	Because I believe innocent until Proven guilty, not until someone gets upset with me.
Carolyn	A	
Ann	B	I have been the target of frivolous and vague legal threats for speech on my blog, specifically from Charles and Tara Carreon. If ever there was a case against weakening the protections of domain privacy, the Carreon vs. Oatmeal case is one of them. The Carreons used the threat of the legal system to dox users whose speech they didn't like and this can't be tolerated in a country founded on the freedom of expression.
Kent	K	To protect against unwanted advertising and promotion. Thank you.
Michael	W	
Paul	Z	Who doesn't need privacy?
Nathan	G	
JJ	C	
Deborah	R	I'm an American, I live in the US on American soil. Isn't that enough?
Melanie	T	
Geoffrey	G	We need to respect user's privacy. The bill being put fourth is absolutely ridiculous and is only there for entertainment companies to get websites to do what they want.
Bonnie	S	Because I am an American citizen and entitled to privacy.
Anthony	D	I don't see why I should need to post my address and phone numbers publicly.
Philip	G	I am not comfortable putting personally identifiable information (particularly my home address) in a publicly accessible place. Whois Privacy allows me to operate domains without added exposure of my personal information, particularly in an age where credit card fraud seems to be at an all-time high. Additionally, giving access to personal information poses an unacceptable risk to my personal safety.
Hamed	H	To keep my identity safe.
Alysia	B	I am a published author and have a children. I do not want a disgruntled fan to be able to find my address and phone number.
Kevin	D	

James	C	because I know through my work as a campaigner for the right to primary school education - a basic human right - the safety of many of the people I work with would be put at great risk if they did not have the ability to setup websites with privacy. Their safety and that of their families would be put at risk- even though what they're campaigning for- the right for a primary school education - is not, for the vast majority of the world, at all controversial. Even Malala Yousafzai, the Nobel Peace Prize Winner, faced a huge backlash from people in Pakistan who did not like the fact that she had moved abroad, and even questioned whether she had been attacked. If this would have a chilling effect for them and their freedom of speech then I can only imagine what it would do for those campaigning for more controversial issues than people being able to read and write. If people are writing defamatory or libellous things, or infringing copyright, there are mechanisms for this. However - adding names and contact details to all websites would be handing control over to the angry mob.
Ivan	C	I write a blog and don't want people to know where I live for personal security reasons.
Terese	R	I've had my identity stolen in the past and have no desire to repeat the experience. Just quit giving access to everything to everybody!
Alison	S	
Dina	W	
Laura	H	To protect my information and prevent identity theft. Privacy providers should not be coerced into spying on their customers.
Matthew	L	It's beyond what it can do for me, it's about protecting peoples 1st amendment rights. Once a domain owners personal information is exposed people with differing views (hackers, trolls, etc...) will abuse the information. Even with the current ability to hide your information people are being doxed.
Matt	F	Safety and the freedom to do or say something unpopular, without fear of unjust or undeserved retaliation, so long as it's legal and isn't harming anyone.
Tomás	C	
Jill	P	People know my name, they don't need to know where I live or what my phone number is. Protect my privacy please.
Joshua	M	I don't need people looking up my personal address on personal domains.
Traci	B	I am a private person. I don't like the idea of all my personal information be listed on the whois database.
Karla	H	Everyone should have the right to privacy
Chris	S	
Melanie	D	
Alonso	O	I have many domains and privacy is very important to me.
Paul	B	
Jeremy	B	Because I feel no one eats know my information that's why pay the extra money on some of my domains
mark	G	

Robert	C	I need to protect my privacy.
Tina	N	I have domains for personal use as well as have a home based business and would like to protect my home address and email from solicitations and from the potential of having visitors to my site.
Anthony	G	I do not need to have a public database with my personal information on it. Especially when this is exploited by spammers and identity thieves!
Jorge	R	Quit the privacy domain is not a act of freedom, is a caos for all consumers and owners websites. If privacy is leaving, we will see to come more scams, fraud, blackmails against the owners, that in majority dont have the economic resources to defend him rights with a large policial and juridical process.
Anas	T	Privacy protection becomes critical in countries where the media is repressed and the Internet is the only outlet. Anonymity for the sake of protecting of one's own life is threatened if the user cannot use privacy services. Please be aware of the threat that could be raised against journalists, activists, and media outlets.
Erik	K	We are a security and information company. This would put our products and company at risk.
Christa	J	I am a single woman with a photo business I run from home. I don't need to advertise where several thousand dollars of expensive equipment can be found.
Scott	S	
Linda	K	I don't use it, but I am concerned about my own Internet privacy.
Garth	O	I do not have an office. I utilize my home address and do not want people knowing where I live. I am a former prosecuting attorney and put many people in jail.
The Product	P	I am an anonymous writer and need privacy.
Tom	L	Because I am a controversial individual and I don't need the whole world knowing where I am.
Deborah	T	I am a public figure. I need the privacy for my family's sake.
Tiffany	W	I run a small business and do not have time, money, or energy to worry about what is happening with my personal data, that is why I choose to keep my information private.
Joan	W	
Godfrey	H	Prevent harassment and ID fraud.
Brenda	M	I have no business location, just personal address/phone number and would like to continue to keep it private.
L	M	
Will	M	I am not a commercial entity, but ICANN wants me to list my home address in the domain name registry. The ICANN board of directors page does not include home addresses for any of the board members; I propose that page is a great place to start listing personal information. Once that page has board members' addresses listed for a few months the proposed privacy rules should make a lot more sense.

John	F	Privacy should always be held up high, but in today's environment it seems like privacy is all too easily sacrificed exposing our information to other countries which leads to increased phishing scams and unwanted spam and phone calls which Canadian laws are not protecting us from as all the laws point to our citizens which the majority are not the ones being malicious. A good start would be to stop our information from going to China!
Mary C.	K	
Robert	K	The customers I work with, and myself need privacy for quite a few reasons. First of all, some companies will acquire their personal information from the WHOIS database and call them at home with sales calls despite the warning on the database saying you aren't supposed to do that. Also spam emails tend to increase when one's domain is publicly registered. Finally, for personal protection needs. If a customer has a stalker or someone who they don't want knowing their location and they want a domain or a website, they won't be able to have one out of fear. These are things I don't want my customers to have to worry about.
Jonathan	D	For the people who can't speak freely if they can't speak anonymously.
Barbara	M	I do not wish to have my real estate competitors know who owns our domains.
Mark	P	
Nick	Q	I shouldn't need to convey my personal information, address, or anything to buy a domain. Simple!
Gersande	L	My website and portfolio are registered to my name. I already pay for WHOIS privacy and am afraid of what it means if that option for privacy were taken away from me. I worry it will lead to harassment to my family and loved ones, not to mention myself.
Sharon	Y	Because it's a choice that I am willingly paying for.
Mike	S	
Craig	P	I use Whois Privacy to avoid receiving scam/spam calls. Having my contact information associated with a website would give an easy way for people to produce a list of numbers to scam.
Joanne	M	
T.C.	S	
Yuri	V	
lilian	P	to protect my identity
Janet	S	My spouse and children shouldn't be targeted by real life harassment and violence because someone is upset about what I say online. Neither should I.
Sven	H	Not only do we need WHOIS privacy, we also need proper global and international regulations and laws to allow for privacy of domain-holders. The mandatory imprints on (most) websites in Germany is one example of what needs to be changed ASAP.

Sarah	S	I believe that personal information should be kept private in order to protect people's physical safety and to prevent identity theft. Forcing personal information to be made public via the ICANN domain registry would make some work - from political activism to pulling together a start up - much more difficult and would have the affect, I believe, of inhibiting much legitimate and needed activity on the web.
Donal	H	I need Whois privacy so that I can publish lawful content without fear of harassment and bodily harm.
Debra	R	
Matt	R	Whois privacy represents a clear need to provide people first amendment rights on the internet. Beyond constitutional needs, popehat already provides substantial and accurate commentary on how the risk of litigation is not the only risk created by eliminating a right to privacy. http://popehat.com/2015/07/06/what-charles-carreon-could-teach-icann/
Jeffrey	M	My private information shouldn't be publicly accessible just because I made a transaction.
Gregory	B	
William	H	
john	W	To Protect my identity from people who may use it for fraudulent purposes.
Charlotte	D	Making my personal information visible to anyone, anywhere in the world creates a vulnerability that worries me as a professional recruiter. There are several individuals who may 'hold a grudge' for not being considered for an open opportunity or feel they can reach me at home or in my private life. My privacy is important, and I need to keep my personal life separate from my professional life - not just for my own peace of mind but also for my family and I's safety.
kris	R	Private registration of domain names.
Justin	S	As a business owner domain privacy is very much on my mind. It allows one to keep track of information more easily and avoid undue hassle by trolls that want to circumvent the established processes.
Justin	M	I use Whois privacy because I have been the victim of a random internet stalker before. If this new rule goes into place and my home address is visible to anyone online, I will shut down my website rather than open my family up to the risk of that kind of harassment.
Scott	L	It is essential to free speech in our country.
John	B	I benefit when people can speak freely online. Owning your own domain, privately, lets people post material that might not get seen on social networks.
Molly	W	So people I admire can publish and share without fear.
Janet	C	To protect the right to speak freely.
Carson	W	So that trolls can't SWAT me or threaten me at my home simply for disagreeing with them online. So that a huge amount of my personal information isn't available to anyone simply because I want to run a website. Law enforcement already has the option of a subpoena or warrant for that information if they need it.
James	H	

Ted	D	
Michelle	U	Because I want to ensure the safety and security of my family. I purchased domain names for my children, under [firstnamelastname].com, when they were born. The intent was to give them a piece of digital real estate to call their own, whether for school projects, sharing pictures, or blogging. Losing domain privacy would mean that their home addresses are readily available to world, which would put them at risk to anyone who wishes them malicious intent.
Elaine	C	As someone in the public eye as an author, I need Whois Privacy to prevent stalking and insure my safety and the safety of my family.
Robert	Ö	
Will	B	
Michael	M	avoid spam
Megan	Z	
Florian	G	
Scot	S	To keep upset customers from knocking on the front door of my home.
Shane	M	Domains are not a phone-book, those times and thinking are outdated, privacy is an important aspect of having an Internet Presences
Kimber	S	
Myles	B	
David	C	Because my whereabouts or address should be private unless a search warrant is issued.
Carlos	B	
Katherine	E	I am a woman who owns a personal domain and I do not want my address easily discoverable online.
Robert	G	
Creighton	W	Protect my public information as best as possible. I can pay to hide it from the phone records, so I don't get sold and received unwanted calls that are annoying. Same thing wtih domain whois registry, people only want access to that information for one reason, for ways to solicit the common folk who are trying to avoid it.
Nicole	C	To maintain my private information from solicitors.
Alexey	R	
Christopher	T	
Meg	M	
Evan	P	No one needs random people knowing your personal address. I can put my address on my website if I want visits from the internet. Law organizations need subpoenas to investigate anyway, and getting the address can be part of that.
Jason	R	My family is important me. I don't need people showing up at my home and harrasing them.

Harry	B	I have several domains and the last thing I want are intrusive phone calls of shady firms asking me to build a website. GoDaddy has a great website builder and fielding these calls is an annoyance. What I do with my domain is my business - no one needs to know who the registrant is.
Josh	B	If ICANN required all members that participated to publish their personal details publically I suspect all members involved would think twice about their involvement. However the very same members want those details published for the trivial act of wanting to register a domain name. I envy any member that lives in a country where they are completely unaffected by spammers and telemarketers that wouldn't think twice about harvesting such information to harass people with offers, but I do not live in such a country. Prior to privacy services that protected domain names I used a unique email address as the contact point when registering a domain, and within weeks of registering it, one that I had used in no other place. It took almost no time at all before it got inundated with hundreds of pieces of spam a day. And this was years ago, before massive botnets that used thousands of machines to send spam. It was also before prolific robocallers that could do the same for phone numbers. It was also before the massive internet hate groups that would target anyone who happens to say anything that displeased them (including signing this petition). This proposal is a godsend to the organized hatemongers who literally terrorize their targets - people who think eagerly make rape and death threats and who visit the homes of their targets to make those threat more real. This is an amazing gift to such hatemongers, and that should be on your conscience as you vote
Roland	C	
Michael	C	
Caleb	J	
Jonathan	B	
Filip	S	
Ryan	C	As a private citizen, it is my home address and phone number when registering a domain. That information should not be given out without critical need.
Hlynur	S	
Glenn	F	
Rob	D	I am a small business operator and online personality who needs to keep his real contact information private to protect my family from random people coming to our house/stalkers.
jennifer	B	
Colin	M	
T	B	Anonymity is a big part of what makes the Internet into the information resource that it is.
Chris	S	

Brian	R	I own a domain name for a personal website, and I feel very threatened by having my personal information available on the internet especially with the uprising of "doxing" and SWATing. I currently use a proxy service and would rather not have a domain than have to risk my personal information being available.
Khrisnege	L	In principle, I believe in the right to privacy. In addition, the threats faced by women, people of colour, religious minorities, and LGBT people for their online presence is very real.
Jason	R	My personal info is personal
Dan	K	I would prefer not to have my personal information available under public searches. Domain information registration availability could open potential identity theft concerns, especially given that I have domains registered for my children.
Alfie	C	
Bryan	V	
Margaret B.	P	
Paul	M	Protection from SWATTING. My domain is tied to my personal address and easily associated to my online persona

Association for Technology and Internet	I	<p>set forth in the Privacy and Policy Services Accreditation Issues Policy document), the Association for Technology and Internet (www.apti.ro), member of EURALO, would like to submit the following comments expressing our firm stance against the proposal, which presents a serious danger to freedom of speech, privacy and even to the rule of law on the Internet. As an association promoting free speech, privacy, and freedom on the global Internet we voice the following concerns, urging ICANN to reject the proposals still in contention for the following five major reasons: 1. Extra-judicial enforcement at the behest of Law Enforcement Authorities From the Report on the Conclusion of the 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement Negotiations, it is clear that Law Enforcement Authorities (LEAs) have been pushing for measures which are damaging both from a human rights perspective and from a rule of law perspective. To be more precise, in the issue chart on privacy/proxy services, which begins on page 15 of the document, it is said: item 1.6 "Publication in WHOIS in instances of illegal conduct" states "Registrants using privacy/proxy registration services will have the contact information of the customer immediately published by the Registrar when registrant is found to be violating terms of service, including but not limited to the use of false data, fraudulent use, spamming and/or criminal activity" item 6.2 "Restrict Proxy/Privacy Services to only non-commercial purposes" states "If proxy/privacy registrations are allowed, the proxy/privacy registrant is a private individual using the domain name for non-commercial purposes only" Both of these items are carried on to this consultation document in sections 1.3.2 and 1.3.3 respectively in the following form: in section 1.3.2, under the "On Disclosure and Publication in relation to Requests by LEA and other Third Parties other than Trademark and Copyright Owners" heading, the most problematic being item #2 "Should there be mandatory Publication for certain types of activity e.g. malware/viruses or violation of terms of service relating to illegal activity?", which would transform the privacy/proxy service providers into an arm of LEAs and would force them to take measures against clients without the intervention of the courts. This is bound to have serious consequences because this application of extra-judicial authority is going to have a damaging effect on the people's respect for the law and their trust in their registrars and, by extension, in ICANN and the Domain Name System. Item #4 from the same list "Should a similar framework and/or considerations apply to requests made by third parties other than LEA and intellectual property rights-holders?" is just as problematic, if not even more so, because it would open the door to expanding this extra-judicial regime to requests coming from an open list of sources, not just LEAs and the copyright industry. in section 1.3.3, item #1 "Should registrants of domain names associated with commercial activities and which are used for online financial transactions be prohibited from using, or continuing to use, P/P services? If so, why, and if not, why not?" is the core issue, which is going to be argued against in the following sections of this document. Furthermore, both these LEAs-requested measures are then exploited by the copyright industry at the expense of everybody else. 2. Vague terms and definitions for commercial websites The</p>
Nick	M	I need Whois privacy because I value the voices of women, people of color, and other oppressed groups who speak out against injustice. Eliminating this protection would make their already dangerous work even less safe.
Kirstin	V	For all of my domains. I keep my private information private. If needed, a subpoena can provide this information.
Niya	H	I am a small business owner online and I wanted to keep my personal information safe.
Bhargav	N	I need internet privacy because I'm tired of seeing people I know and care for tirelessly doxxed and sent hate mail.
Brenna	L	

Alexander graham	P S	I'm very concerned about my personal information being given to people who would want to harm me or my family. This program would facilitate said people to have access to my personal information such as my home address, my name, and my email address. This could lead them to discover information about my relatives and friends therefore jeopardizing their safety as well as mine.
Collin jens	O S	
Charles	O	That's none of your business. That's the point isn't it!
Teemu	L	I do not want to have my home address and telephone number available to the world simply because I host a website or two. If someone wants to contact me, they can do so via the e-mail address provided by my domain name registrar for that express purpose.
Xavier	D	because of lethal and brutal abuse of hackers, violation of copyrights, kidnapping, robbers, use of ilegal information etc
Jason	M	I do not personally use it - I just believe that the Internet needs to remain an open forum where people can post what they need to without fear of retribution.
Bryan	F	http://onlineabuseprevention.org/letter-to-icann-july-2015/
Amber	C	it is my right to have my information protected
Lauren	I	For the free access and distribution of information.
Valentine	A	
Ronald	W	I feel that a policy to reveal real names, addresses, and phone numbers belonging to domain holders would undermine any laws in any country built to protect user privacy. This proposal does not settle well with people who are accustomed to shredding their personal information on physical items such as utility bills and envelopes.
Jamie	M	
Kelly	M	To maintain a professional portfolio while keeping my personal information safe.
Abdul	R	to keep my private information
Jo	F	
Donald	T	
William	B	Shields me from Whois mining and spam.
Martin	S	To resist against third-party snooping.
Paulino	P	
Zulema	O	Because privacy is important in all aspects of life but most importantly on the internet.
Moustafa	C	
Hannah	R	To protect my identify online while running my portfolio site.

Christopher	L	I have had Internet stalkers; whois privacy allows me to host my own blog anonymously. whois data is also notoriously abused -- when my domain data was public I received innumerable phone calls, faxes, and mailings daily to the point that I stopped answering the phone and disconnected my fax line. Besides, I like the fact that, as the old cartoon says, on the internet nobody knows you're a dog. And they have no need to unless I do something wrong. I want my writings and photographs to speak for themselves and not be tainted by race, sex, gender, or some youthful indiscretion that can now be tied to me because my name is known.
Derek	P	I haven't personally had a need to use it yet. But I'm thankful to know it's available to me should I choose to use it at some point. And I would not want to deny anyone else's ability to make the choice.
Kiran	S	I do not want anonymous browsers to know which domains I own, or not. I want to keep my personal info private - the personal info that I use when registering a domain.
Andy	C	I have a domain for a personal website registered to my private residence. I prefer not to have my personal home address shared with the world for my own privacy and security.
Danny	V	
Ryan	K	To keep my personal information out of the hands of those that have no reason to have it.
Matthew	L	I am a small business owner that operates out of my home. The last thing I want is my home address to be public and required to be up to date.
Adria	K	I want to be able to run a home-based business website without having my home address made publicly available.
Karlo	A	It's very basic privacy... Just because I run a custom-domain blog or email address shouldn't mean I should tell the entire world what my full name and address are. In fact, I think that private domain registration should be free instead of an add-on.
Allen	T	
Jen	C	
Emilia	W	
Alice	J	I can't risk being doxxed/harassed online.
Lawrence	R	
Jason	G	You should have to justify why I wouldn't.
Hannah	A	As a transgender woman who is not out to her industry or broader acquaintances I need a safe space to discuss gender issues without outing myself.
Dawn	L	for my websites
Stuart	D	
Cameron	C	
Byoungil	O	Privacy is more important than corporate interest.
philip	B	absent a valid court order domain privacy should be assured its really that simple.

David	W	Because I don't want my address to be plastered all over the internet for any abusive individual to see. I want my privacy!
Daniel	C	
Stacy	B	
Charles	S	
William	B	Because I have a right to privacy. Why does anyone with an internet connection have the right to access my address?
Patrick	P	
Jennifer	R	I do not want anyone to have access to my personal information without my permission. Thank you.
Timothy	C	As it stands, I don't use whois privacy - but I know I might some day, and even if I don't my "not using it" doesn't mean it shouldn't be a thing. It's very important, and ICANN is trying to ruin that. No thanks.
Scott	H	so I can have a website, and not be attacked in my personal life or my home by people who disagree with me
Tommie	M	We need Whois Privacy in order to protect marginalized people who could become targets for hate groups. By having private information available is a serious safety risk.
Nick	W	
John	C	
Nick	C	
Brenda	F	Why wouldn't we want some privacy...nothing online is safe anymore..it would be nice to have a safe domain.
Lillian	L	As a transsexual woman, I'm afraid of someone hurting me because my WHOIS info has to use my former male name,
Jakim	F	I host game servers, and I frequently ban people for hate speech. I don't want those people knowing where I live.
Brad	S	It is not a good idea to publish names. My sister had a stalker and it has been hell. She does nothing online. People should be protected when it is easy and available.
Jacob	H	
Eric	S	Because my personal information should never be made so easily accessible simply because I own a domain name.
Michael	K	
Todd	P	Allowing speakers to remain anonymous is an important foundation to free speech.
Mike	M	I use Whois privacy to limit spamming and harassment. I should be able to keep contact information private unless there is (in the U.S.) a court order or warrant.
Barclay	D	As a woman who has had a small experience of doxing, I believe keeping personal information private, protecting physical safety, and preventing identity theft are issues of paramount concern.
Bob	R	Like most people I find harassment unpleasant. I would be quite put out if I were ambushed and assaulted or killed for my web content. Further, being Swatted as a gun owner is a very dangerous proposition. My local delivery places probably don't want to show up with take out that I didn't order or companies probably don't want to send catalogs for things I will never buy. People's lives matter more than money.

Nick	S	protection from doxxing, spam and general abuse of my information
Stephen	D	I'm a campaigner against racism. I've had my address posted on Neo-Nazi forums. They found my address from a whois on my business domain name. The same group that posted my address online beat up friends on their way home.
Alison	H	
Matt	H	
Adrian	C	Whois lookups are often the first place to look when attempting to further harass individuals offline. Physical location data should always be allowed to be kept private except when subpoenaed. Pseudo-anonymity is a cornerstone of open dialog.
Philip	S	While I may not need domain privacy, it is obvious that there are many who do. Activists, dissidents, marginalized people, victims of domestic violence: these people should have just as much right to make full use of the internet as I do. That must include the right to publish anonymously. To deny them privacy is to deny them the security of person; it is to silence their voices.
Eric	C	
Scott	F	I am privileged enough not to need it right now, but I know many who do, and they should be able to speak freely and securely on the Internet without exposing themselves to harassers, abusers, trolls and worse, many who are willing to cross the digital/physical divide that lack of WHOIS privacy enables.
Gerald	D	To prevent against metadata collection by the government, most likely.
Nele	N	
William	G	
Phelps	W	I don't want to share my address with the world.
Michael	B	As a small business owner who operates out of my home, I do not want my personal home address visible! I will most likely be forced to immediately take down my online business and look for different options. This is a terrible encroachment of personal privacy.
Pascal	D	
Cody	L	
Jens	G	As an active blogger I consider the protection of my privacy a basic principle to support freedom of expression. In no other sphere of public life is it possible to automatically look up a person's physical address, which is usually not just the centre of their life, but also that of their family. In the age of digital identity theft it would be a major misjudgment to force private website holders to reveal sensitive information to the general public.
Thomas	N	

BRYCE	M	I use Whois Privacy services to keep my contact information from being harvested by spammers, identity thieves and other jerks who just want to troll people. I have registered domains in the past without using this service and have had to close down email addresses due to the amount of spam/phishing received. This is a real thing. We need to strengthen Whois Privacy services, not weaken them.
Megan	M	Spam prevention, personal privacy, prevention of identity theft, it's a good security practice.
Sophie	C	To make sure the freedom on internet is protected.
Charlie	W	I don't! But that's only because I don't have a domain of my own. Free speech relies on the idea that such speech is protected, that those who practice such speech are protected. While protection from the government is the main concern, it is increasingly important to protect individuals from other citizens. Incidence of activities such as "doxing" (releasing personal information for the purposes of tracking and harassing individuals) and subsequent threatening behavior is on the rise, driven by the simple fact that the internet allows people with different points of view to interact more easily. By making websites easier to trace back to individual addresses and people, you are enabling ne'er-do-wells to track and harass those owners. Individual citizens really have no reason to know such information except for desire to do harm to persons or their reputations. Government entities, on the other hand, still have legitimate ways to unmask potential criminals (e.g. warrants) and these proposed changes do nothing to strengthen those means; warrants have the same power either way. If the argument is to make it easier on law enforcement and governments to collect data, I would argue that in that case it is even more important to protect free speech. Recent revelations such as those by Edward Snowden and Wikileaks have brought to light the fact that governments are already circumventing privacy restrictions. If someone breaks into your house, do you then remove the locks? Arguments for reducing privacy are dangerous because they do nothing to ease the burden on law enforcement entities, yet create loopholes that can be exploited. The landscape right now is one where security and privacy are more important than ever; making it easier for personal information to be disseminated is the wrong choice.
Melanie	S	
Alan	B	Protect my privacy from marketers and invasive individuals/groups.
Linda	T	I am opposed to anything that makes my private information more readily available to all and sundry. Giving unrestricted access to my private info to anyone who asks certainly feels like a violation of my privacy. Only those who seek to steal private information would benefit from reducing the strictness of guidelines that currently protects an individuals privacy.
Thomas	C	People should have privacy
Philip	L	I have a right to privacy I rightful wish to use.
Johnstone	M	For personal security and privacy.
Eli	C	

Drew	D	Keeping your information private is so important in today's world. Identity thief is the number occurrence. Data needs to protected.
David	H	Because people shouldn't need to know where I live for me to have a voice.
Jonathan	Y	Just because I have a domain name, that doesn't mean my home address needs to be available to everyone.
Barbara	M	I don't personally, but I believe in protecting privacy whenever possible.
William	M	I don't, but many people whose work in the areas of art criticism, gender studies and sociology I respect and follow online do. Without Whois privacy they would have to make the decision either to end their online presence, to the detriment of public and intellectual discourse, or subject themselves to the attentions of the most unhinged and dangerous people on the internet. Neither option benefits anyone but those attempting to exert the heckler's veto over those they disagree with.
Aaron	P	I oppose the proposed changes to Whois Privacy. Courts are the place parties go to address perceived wrongs. Abolishing Whois privacy allows trolls or those with deep pockets to harry or harass legitimate online activity. In the case of real harm the courts act with alacrity to demand ISPs and registrars to produce contact details. This is how it should be. Therefore, I, the undersigned, support * The legitimate use of privacy or proxy services to keep personal information private, protect physical safety, and prevent identity theft * The use of privacy services by all, for all legal purposes, regardless of whether the website is "commercial" * That privacy providers should not be forced to reveal my private information without verifiable evidence of wrongdoing
Pete	W	Because I value the ability to not have content creators home addresses available to every crazy that disagrees with them.
Serban	G	On my domain names acquired for open source projects. I get sniped by spammers and hackers.
Matthew	B	I own my personal information. It is my right to decide who has access to it.
Bryan	A	I don't want people to see my personal information
Ryan	A	
Michael	J	
Nate	B	the safety of individuals is the most important concern. Please keep the internet safe from harassers!
Kevin	H	I don't need it, therefore I don't use it, but I believe that private information should remain private. It should be extremely difficult for private information to be revealed. The "Verifiable Evidence" mentioned above should be the minimum required standard to be met.
Niels	R	My wife owns a couple of websites and already uses whois anonymity deliberately, where possible. She's explicitly concerned about her private details being obtained from whois and used maliciously.
John	C	Because it is our right as Americans to choose to keep our details private. I run a business and I have received massive amounts of spam, various threats and frivolous attempts to extort me over the years. Many of my domains are private. It protects me and my family.

Michelle	F	Unless someone is an extreme danger to themselves or others, privacy is/should be a basic right. Extreme danger = threatening or inflicting bodily harm, death, extreme emotional distress.
Nathalie	C	
Don	M	There is too much identity theft & scamming going on to remove the anonymity of the innocents without a judge saying so in each and every case.
Petr	M	I don't. But I think those who do shouldn't be prevented from using it.
Nicholas	W	
Hannah	E	
Elatia	G	Because who I am is no one's business.
Tyler	M	
Samuel	J	
Melinda	C	
Megan	P	To protect business owners and online sites from those trying to harm their business and or them. Domain owners should be allowed to protect their name, contact information and physical location from anyone who does not have verified evidence of wrongdoing.
Kathleen	E	
Julian	H	I do not use however I am a strong proponent of anonymity on the web under certain circumstances.
Brendan	T	I don't but many other people do.
ron	R	
Marc	A	
Chris	M	
Robin	S	I am a woman, and I don't want it to be any easier for people to harass me in real life just because I had the audacity to run a website.
Kathy	M	Prevent identity theft.
Jeff	G	
John	H	because everyone has a right to privacy, and not have to worry about some greedy So-N-So selling your info to damned marketers ... PERIOD !!!
Wendy	P	I do not want to receive spam, be solicited, or have my personal contact information publicly available to anyone on the internet simply because I choose to do business over the internet. There are already too many loopholes that permit intrusive practices that invade my personal privacy.
Brian	A	To stop spammers from harvesting emails.
TUCKER	B	For essential personal protection relating to my home-based business.
Eileen	B	
AMY	M	For essential personal protection relating to my home-based business.

Devin	K	I don't but others do.
NUALA	G	Our safety, and privacy, to prevent hacking!
Lyle	T	
Mary	T	
Paul	S	I'd like to not get spam and I'd like to keep my home address as confidential as possible. Meanwhile the proxy whois provides "contact-ability" so that anyone that has a problem with a domain name I registered can contact me.
Paul	R	
Andrew	W	
Joe	E	
Henry	S	The benefits of freedom of information are highly outweighed by the protection that restriction of information provides. Freedom of information should be limited to government and its subsidiaries to protect personal freedom.
Jim	R	There are already adequate protections to domain privacy and information can already be disclosed with a court or law enforcement order. Law enforcement or the court system should be involved because that ensures the correct following of due process. A simple unsubstantiated allegation of infringement without due process does not constitute the requirement to disclose privatized domain registration information. All domain registrars are required by law to disclose upon proper order by a legal entity.
V J	P	
Sandra	M	
Anita	N	
Daniel	S	I want to have the choice of privacy
Justin	P	For those who need anonymity for protection from physical, verbal, and legal harassment.
Matt	C	To protect people on the internet from mobs of online harassers and keep them safe IRL from threats like swatting.
Matthew	S	Harassment on the Internet, including finding and releasing private information, is already too easy. Until Law Enforcement has the tools, resources, and motivation to properly handle it, removing this sort of privacy on the Internet is irresponsible.
Mark	G	Privacy should be a constitutional right.
Geoff	S	I run a small business out of my home - making my personal address publicly available could be a serious threat to my security and that of my family
Jeremy	H	I am the front person in an obscure band. Even obscure bands accrue weirdos and stalkers pretty quickly, unfortunately, and it would really be best if those folks remained unable to easily discover my exact home address.
Trevor	T	
Daniel	R	
Michael	B	

dan	S	I dont, but others do. BTW, you are aware that there are grey area companies that use the publicly available data to SPAM via snail mail? Fix that first! DS
Jacob	A	I am a journalist and my work requires confidentiality of my address; physical security is part of my operational security plan.
Zack	W	
Jude	N	
Chris	S	Because women online receive horrible abuse and are doxxed by creeps.
Monika	E	It is too easy to use blocking, filtering and intermediaries to take down malicious behavior, especially when the government use prevention as an argument to collect personal data "just in case".
Jeroen	R	If I express a perfectly legal but controversial opinion on my own website, it shouldn't mean that any random nut can then look up my contact details and harass me offline. Not that I presently have such websites, but I'd like the option of voicing my beliefs relatively safely if I ever feel the need to do so.
Gary	B	I prefer that my personal information is kept private.
Stanley	W	I need Whois Privacy as a domain name owner who does not run a business. I do not want my home address to be publicly available for spammers or stalkers to be able to contact me just because I own a domain.
Kateh	M	
Christopher	N	Victim of identity theft. Protecting my family from malicious predators who have stalked my home.
John	H	As a private citizen, I have no address other than my family home and I don't want to publish a document which links a domain name with the place where I and my family live because my family life is and should be a private one.
Lynda	W	Have you ever been stalked?
Robert	B	Whois Privacy protects and provides a shield from harm for victims of sexual abuse, whistleblowers, human rights defenders, and those expressing dissenting views in closed and repressive societies.
Roger	L	I am a small business owner. Before I obtained a privacy address for my domain registrations I was deluged with telephone calls, snail mail, and email from people selling something or seeking very personal information. On some days the phone rang so often it was difficult to get any work completed. Several times a week I found more than 1,000 spam emails in my inbox. Without a privacy service I would need to rent a post office box and hire an answering service to screen calls. This proposal serves the objectives of a small, albeit vocal, group at the expense of the vast majority. The judicial system offers those who believe they are harmed a reasonable path to obtain this information. Making it generally available is simply an invitation to abuse.
Tyler	B	
Lior	C	Political activism
Blair	M	The last thing I want is for my personal information to be made publicly available! These changes are a terrible idea and should not be allowed.

Patrick	L	Do you ever get fraudulent phone calls from someone who pretends to be from Windows Services, telling you your computer is sending fraudulent information or spam through the Internet because your Windows OS needs to be fixed... while you have not used a Windows OS for over 2 years? Well, they get a computer to dial phone numbers in public phone directories. They don't call you on your cell phone or when you have a private phone number. What do you think those crooks will try when those domain owners are made public? Same thing, but more intricate since domain owners are more tech-savvy than most people. I already receive those kinds of claims for my web domains for which I have not purchased the Private Domain option. There is already a process in place to ask your registrar for them to investigate when there are wrongdoings. Why will we pay registration fees for now if that is not their job anymore?
Constantin	J	I'm a owner of several domains and do not like my information to accessible to everyone without my knowledge.
Hexe	F	I am a sex worker and if men can find my personal information I can be stalked, raped or murdered. Thx
Christina	V	I do not want to have my home address published on personal / business domain name registration information pages.
Rosemarie	D	I request privacy for the following reasons: #1. The Constitution of the USA guarantees me the right to persoal privacy, except as required by Federal and State Law with verifyable evidence. #2. To protect Identity Theft. #3. To protect Physical Safety.
Michael	N	Personal web site.
Stephanie	M	To protect individuals from revealing too much information on domains they own, such as political domains and adult domains...domains that may be controversial.
Arthur	B	
James	D	My father has a habit of searching for my name and trying to steal my credit cards. I also write things that would offend Midwestern sensibilities.

Gregory	D	<p>I use WHOIS privacy to keep my personal address and phone number away from the general public. I have several domains tied to hobby and self-employment activities which allow me to receive donations. If my personal information were revealed on the Internet to the general public, I will be subjected to additional spam email and phone calls, and possibly risk the personal safety of my children should my online works ever offend violent people or draw the attention of stalkers. My personal information is available via proxy through domain hosting services for a nominal yearly fee. To lease office space to use as contact information for the same level of privacy would be orders of magnitude more costly for me. Such a high cost barrier would force me to stop being creative in my personal life in order to protect myself and my family. In the event that there is a need for the general public to contact me regarding my domain, my current domain proxy service will be able to forward the request to my attention, and prevent others from gathering my personal information without genuine need for it. Additionally, the proxy service is legally bound to provide my personal information when served on by law or by subpoena. In other words, my information is already available for warranted legal purposes. Please continue to allow all domain registrants to keep their personal information private, if it is within the policies of the registrar to do so for a particular domain.</p>
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