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POSITIONS	Policy Director, AI and Emerging Technology Initiative, Brookings Institution, 2021-Fellow, Foreign Policy, Brookings Institution 2021-Head of Policy and Research, Alliance for Securing Democracy, 2019-21 Senior Fellow, German Marshall Fund of the United States, 2019-21 Fellow, Security and Strategy, Foreign Policy, Brookings Institution, 2015-19 Special Adviser to the President, Brookings Institution, 2013-17
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SELECT PRESS	<i>Associated Press, BBC, Bloomberg, CNN, Foreign Policy, NPR, Slate, Vox, Washington Post, Wired</i>
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SELECT RECENT PUBLICATIONS	Jessica Brandt, “ <a href="#">Statement of Jessica R. Brandt before the United States House Homeland Security Committee Subcommittee on Counterterrorism, Law Enforcement, and Intelligence concerning “Countering Threats Posed by Nation-State Actors in Latin America to U.S. Homeland Security,”</a> House Homeland Security, U.S. House of Representatives, June 21, 2023  Jessica Brandt, “ <a href="#">When democracies employ repressive technology, what are the repercussions?</a> ,” Global Policy Journal, May 10, 2023  Jessica Brandt, “ <a href="#">Statement of Jessica R. Brandt before the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee Subcommittee on State Department and USAID Management concerning “The Global Information Wars: Is the United States Winning or Losing?”</a> ,” Senate Foreign Relations Committee, U.S. Senate, May 3, 2023  Jessica Brandt and Valerie Wirtschafter, “ <a href="#">How Russia spreads propaganda about Ukraine in Latin America</a> ,” Brookings Institution, December 2022  Jessica Brandt, Maiko Ichihara, Nuurrianti Jalli, Puma Shen, and Aim Sinpeng, “ <a href="#">Impact of disinformation on democracy in Asia</a> ,” Brookings Institution, December 2022  Jessica Brandt, “ <a href="#">Autocratic approaches to information manipulation: A comparative case study</a> ,” AidData at William & Mary, November 28, 2022  Jessica Brandt and Zack Cooper, “ <a href="#">Sino-Russian splits: Divergences in autocratic coercion</a> ,” The Washington Quarterly, October 24, 2022  Jessica Brandt and Valerie Wirtschafter, “ <a href="#">U.S. podcasters spread Kremlin narratives on Nord Stream sabotage</a> ,” Brookings Institution, October 3, 2022

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Jessica Brandt, "[How Biden can make his internet freedom agenda a success](#)," Brookings Institution, December 8, 2021.

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