International Privacy Laws and Cultural Differences

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Today's Agenda

- Quiz

- Homework 3 due

- Reading Discussion

- Cultural/Law Privacy Comparison (Togo and USA)

- Share other examples

By the end of class, you should be able to:

- Discuss the cultural norms around privacy in several societies

- Discuss the intersection of privacy and technology in several societies

- Discuss the intersection of law and policy with privacy in several societies

China's Data Privacy Regulations: A Tricky Tradeoff between ICT's Productive Utilization and Cybercontrol

- Cyber control prioritized over consumer privacy

- "Strong state and weak civil society"

- Gap between laws and enforcement

Privacy advocates in the US

Personal observations of Togo (2007-2009)

Images from CIA Factbook:
https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/to.html

Togo has a weak civil society

- A young country (median age 19.6)

- A diverse country
  - 36 ethnicities
  - Christian, Muslim, indigenous beliefs

- 25% and 2.5% of urban population have 'improved sanitation access'

- 60% literate

Data Protection Laws in Togo

- None found

- Member of The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)

- 2010 Supplementary Act on Data Protection

Cultural norms of privacy: Knees are private

Nursing is not private

Personal space may also be a bit different.

Norms and society are changing.

Communication and news typically through the radio or TV

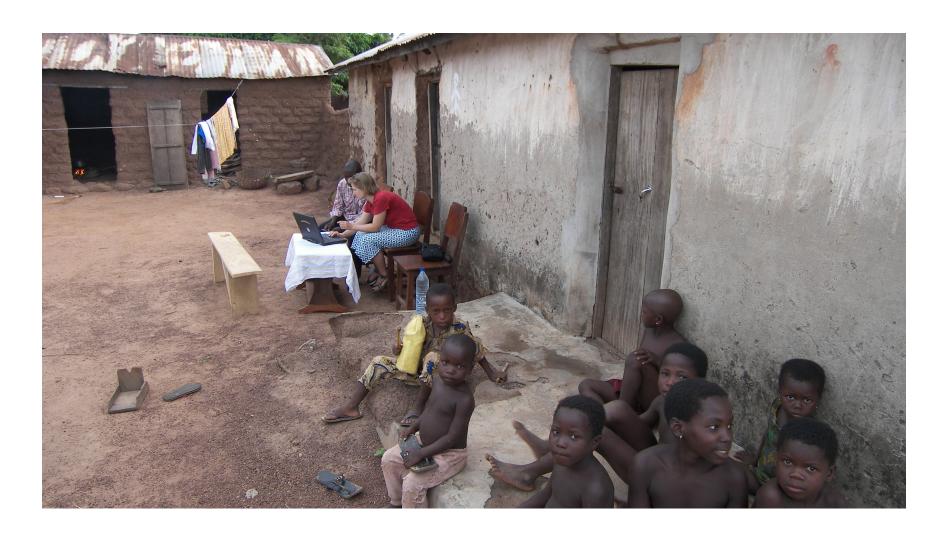# Phone "Cabine" - the community phone

Mobile phones are increasingly common
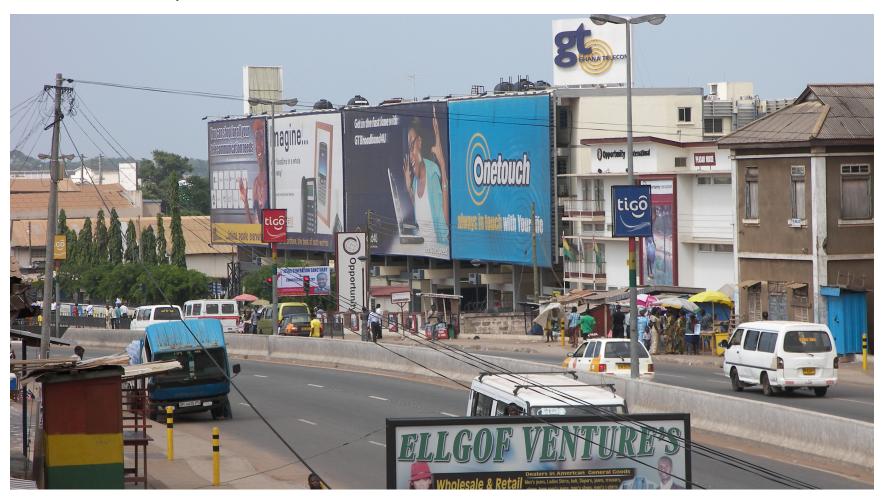
Togo does not have competitive mobile carriers

Internet access at home is rare

Internet access typically at cyber cafes

Africa is not a country: Accra, Ghana is different

Class Discussion

- Small groups to share your responses to HW3

- Then share as a class