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ONLINE VOTING:

**MODERN  
CONVENIENCE OR  
SECURITY RISK?**

The idea of allowing voters to cast their ballots over the internet is one of the most controversial topics facing election officials today. Does online voting make a valuable contribution to our democracy or make it more vulnerable? Does it allow for more participation from overseas voters and military personnel?

**October 27, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Central Connecticut State University, Alumni Hall, Student Center,  
Ella Grasso Blvd, New Britain**

**Moderated by John Dankosky**

*WNPR News Director and Host of "Where We Live"  
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**Featuring:**

**Susan Dzieduszycka-Suinat**

*President & Co-Founder of Overseas Vote Foundation*

The Overseas Vote Foundation is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization established in 2005 that helps overseas and military voters participate in federal elections by providing public access to interactive web services. 4.75 million individuals visited OVF's 17 voter services sites in 2008.

**Natalie Tennant**

*West Virginia Secretary of State*

In 2010, West Virginia launched and piloted an online voting initiative for military members and overseas citizens for the primary and general election. Tennant has testified before Congress on the success of the state's pilot program and has recently issued a report detailing the its benefits to voters.

**Alex Halderman**

*Assistant Professor, University of Michigan*

Halderman, a computer science professor, led a team from the University of Michigan to successfully penetrate and manipulate the internet voting system Washington D.C. planned to use for military and overseas voters for the general election in 2010.

**Ron Rivest**

*Professor, M.I.T.*

Rivest is a cryptographer and a member of the Election Assistance Commission's Technical Guidelines Development Committee. In 2006 he published his invention of the ThreeBallot voting system, which incorporates the ability for the voter to discern that their vote was counted while still protecting their voter privacy.

**Alex Shvartsman**

*Director of UConn Center for Voting Technology Research*

The mission of the VoTeR center is to advise state agencies in the use of voting technologies and to investigate voting solutions and voting equipment to develop and recommend safe use procedures for their usage in elections.

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