



CAIDP Update 2.24 (June 14, 2021) – G7 Leaders Endorse Human-Centric AI, Call Out Bias

On June 10, 2021, the G-7 Leaders released the [Carbis Bay G7 Summit Communiqué](#), setting out a common agenda for the world’s leading democratic nations. In the last several years, the G7 declarations have addressed AI policy, and 2021 was no different.

“Human centric” AI factored heavily in the 2021 Communiqué. The G7 Leaders committed to work together for a “values-driven digital ecosystem for the common good that enhances prosperity in a way that is sustainable, inclusive, transparent and human-centric.” They called for a “human centric approach to artificial intelligence,” building on the work of the Global Partnership for Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) advanced by the Canadian and French G7 Presidencies in 2018 and 2019, and looking forward to the GPAI Summit in Paris in November 2021.

The leaders also called out bias in AI systems, noting that “new forms of decision-making have surfaced examples where algorithms have entrenched or amplified historic biases, or even created new forms of bias or unfairness.” The G7 leaders said they would “to take bold action to build more transparency in our technologies.”

The G7 Leaders said they would, “champion data free flow with trust, to better leverage the potential of valuable data-driven technologies while continuing to address challenges related to data protection.” Data free Flow with trust was first put forward by former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at the 2019 G7 Summit in Osaka. Speaking earlier at the World Economic Forum in 2019, Abe [said](#), “We must, on one hand, be able to put our personal data and data embodying intellectual property, national security intelligence, and so on, under careful protection, while on the other hand, we must enable the free flow of medical, industrial, traffic and other most useful, non-personal, anonymous data to see no borders, repeat, no borders.” Abe underscored the importance of privacy protection, explaining that the DFFT regime should be built on “non-personal data.”

In an [annex](#) accompanying the G7 Communiqué, the Digital Ministers emphasized data free flow with trust and also endorsed Privacy Enhancing Techniques that could minimize or eliminate the collection of personal data. Regarding government access to personal data across national borders, the Digital Ministers said they are “committed to maintaining domestic data protection and privacy standards.”

US President Biden continued to [promote democratic values](#) and warned the G7 nations that authoritarian governments pose an existential threat to democracies.

The G20 Summit will take place in Rome in October. Recommendations on AI will also likely be found in the final Statement.