Biography of Neil Chilson

Neil Chilson is the Head of AI Policy at the Abundance Institute. The Institute is a mission-driven nonprofit dedicated to creating an environment for emerging technologies to germinate, develop, and thrive in order to perpetually expand widespread human prosperity.

Chilson is a lawyer, computer scientist, and author of the book "Getting Out of Control: Emergent Leadership in a Complex World." He studies and promotes the conditions that best enable technology to create widespread human prosperity and abundance. His areas of expertise include artificial intelligence, online privacy and digital free speech, and Federal Trade Commission matters, including antitrust and consumer protection.

Chilson was previously a senior research fellow at the Center for Growth and Opportunity at Utah State University. Before that he was the senior research fellow for technology and innovation at Stand Together, where he guided technology policy-related grantmaking, scholarship, and education efforts to understand and promote the legal and cultural paradigms that best enable people to discover, innovate, and improve all our lives.

Before Stand Together, Chilson was the acting Chief Technologist at the Federal Trade Commission, where he focused on the economics of privacy and blockchain-related issues. Previously, he was an attorney advisor to acting FTC Chairman Maureen K. Ohlhausen. In both roles he advised Chairman Ohlhausen and worked with staff on nearly every major technology-related case, report, workshop, or other FTC proceeding since January 2014. Neil joined the FTC from telecommunications firm Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP.

Chilson is frequently quoted by the press and his work has appeared in numerous news outlets, including The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, USA Today, National Review, and Newsweek. He has a J.D. from The George Washington University Law School, a M.S. in computer science from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and a B.S. in computer science from Harding University.

Selected Relevant Publications and Speaking Engagements:
- [The Integral Role of AI Tools in Modern Political Discourse](), Testimony Before the United States Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, Hearing: AI and the Future of our Elections (Sept. 27, 2023)
- [The Feds' ChatGPT Probe Threatens Free Speech](), National Review (2023)
- C-SPAN, Washington Journal, [Neil Chilson on the Future of Artificial Intelligence]() (2023)
- [Comment on the National Telecommunications and Information Administration AI Accountability Policy Request for Comment](), NTIA (2023)
- [Pausing AI development would be a mistake](), USAToday (May 2023)

- [The Coming Onslaught of "Algorithmic Fairness" Regulations](#), Regulatory Transparency Project (2022)
- [Seeing (Platforms) Like a State: Digital Legibility and Lessons for Platform Governance](#), 29 Cath. U. J. L. & Tech 31 (2021)
- [Does Big Tech Need Its Own Regulator?](#), Global Antitrust Institute, Report on the Digital Economy (2020)
- [Creating A New Federal Agency to Regulate Big Tech Would Be A Disaster](#), Washington Post (2019)