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Don't Conflate the Scams of the Crypto Industry with the Value of the Technology

Blockchain, Digital Currencies and Tokenized Assets are here to stay:

Effective Regulations could have Prevented the Grand Crypto Scams

They are Still Needed to Prevent Misuse in the Future





Many Challenges Remain: Call to Action

Centralization

Centralization takes over Investor or other centralized party control

Security Threats

Smart contracts exploits, disable security controls, key mgt.

Over-Regulation

Regulators stifle innovation

Immature Blockchain Technology

DeFi and crosschain especially

Lack of Protections

for consumers, businesses, unsecured creditors

Tax Clarity Lacking

Inconsistent treatment of crypto by different regulators



Scalability

Network latency performance at scale

Regulatory Clarity Lacking

on crypto and digital assets

High Fees

from exchanges for conversions, withdrawals, transactions, and public networks transaction fees

Financial Risks

Stablecoin pegs
Counterparty risk
NFT gaming
economies crash

Crypto Price Volatility

large price swings every day

Fraud Threats

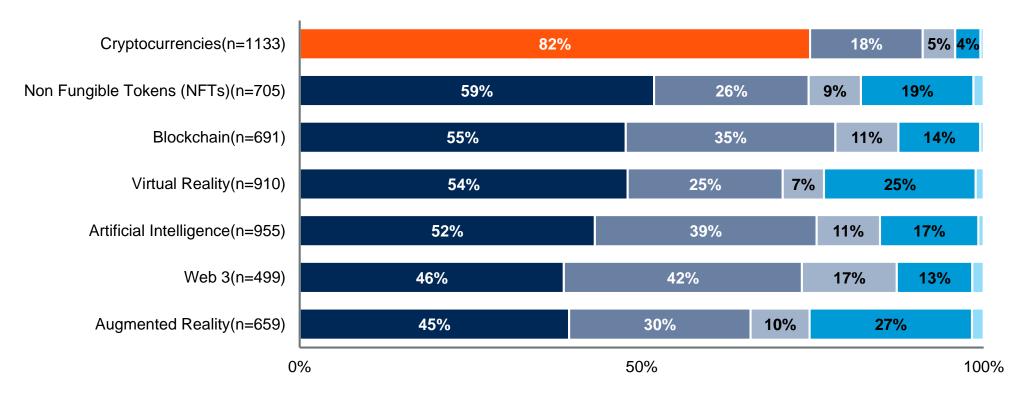
Account takeover fake NFTs,
Copyright infringe
Deep fake NFTs



Consumers Adopt Cryptocurrencies

- For personal use only
- I am a developer
- I am not familiar with the technology

- For work other than development only
- I know what the technology is but do not use it personally



n varies, All respondents who know and could comfortably explain the technology to a non-technical person (S04)

S05: How do you personally use these technologies? Source: Gartner 2023 The Uncharted Digital Future Survey ID:

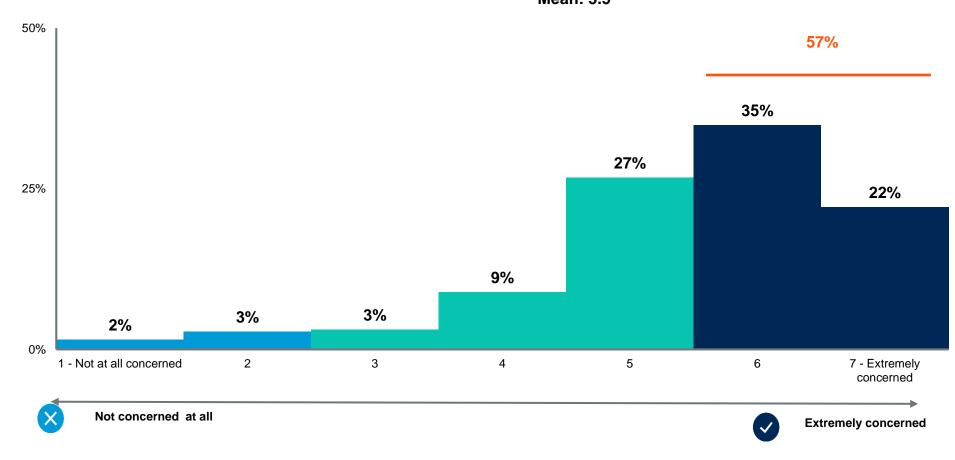


Close to 2/3 are extremely concerned about the privacy and security of their data and content

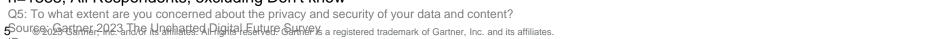
Extent of concern about privacy and data security of own data and content

1- Not at all concerned to 7- Extremely concerned

Mean: 5.5









Consumers believe Blockchain can address privacy & security concerns & support fairer ecosystem

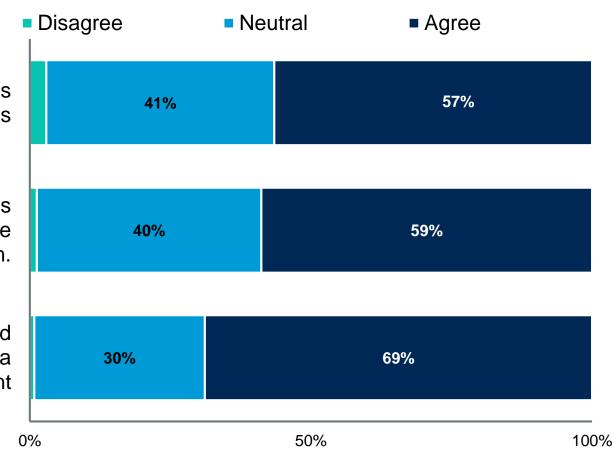
Extent of Agreement

1- Strongly Disagree to 7- Strongly Agree

Blockchain, cryptocurrencies, NFTs, Web3 technologies can adequately address my privacy and security concerns

Blockchain, cryptocurrencies, NFTs, Web3 technologies can help create a fairer and decentralized online ecosystem.

Social media and other online services should be required to provide users with greater control over their own data and content



n pver 1360, All Respondents, excluding Don't know

Q08: To what extent do you agree with the following statements? Source: Gartner 2023 The Uncharted Digital Future Survey

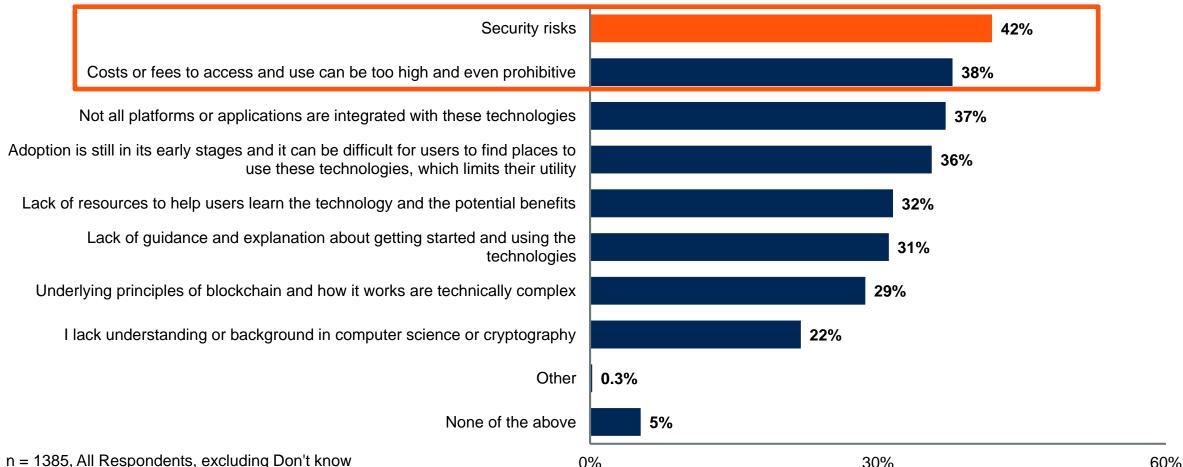
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Security risks & high costs are top 2 difficulties in accessing Cryptocurrencies and NFTs

Difficulties in accessing NFT's and cryptocurrency Multiple Responses



n = 1385, All Respondents, excluding Don't know

Source: Gartner 2023 The Uncharted Digital Future Survey

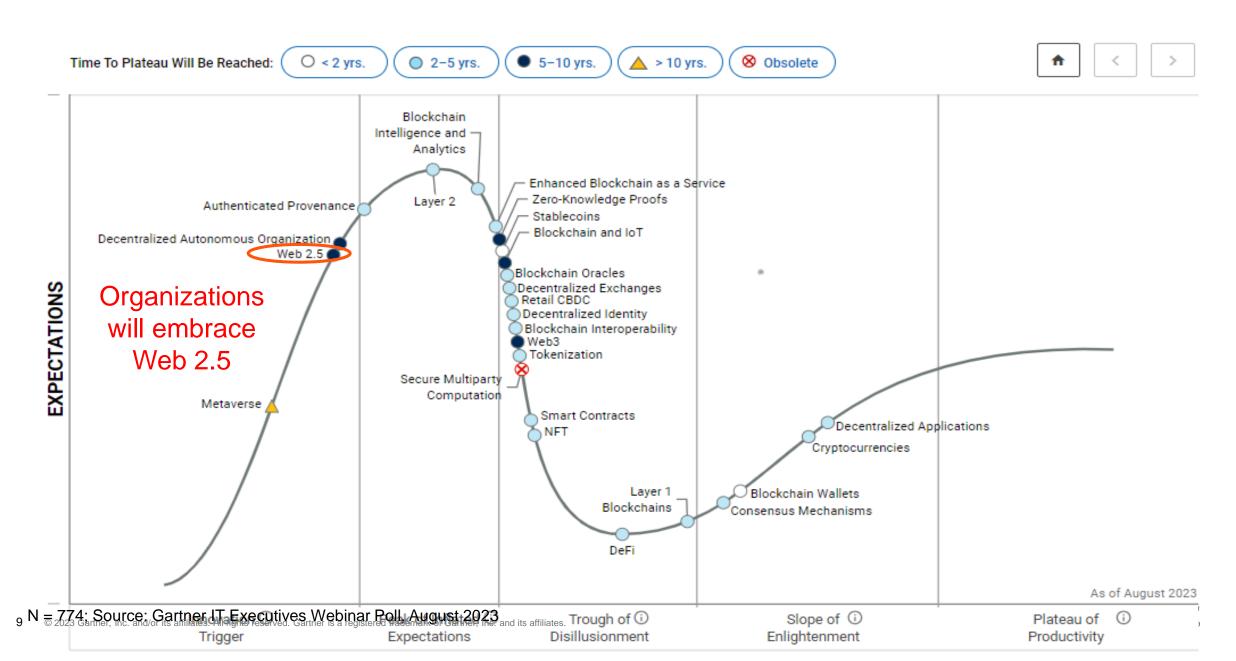
Q10: What difficulties do you experience when accessing and using NFTs and cryptocurrencies as blockchain or Web3 technologies?

The Good News: Regulations are Progressing

Figure 3: Global Crypto Regulations Overview

Jurisdiction	Regulatory Framework	AML / CTF	Travel Rule	Stablecoins Regulation
Argentina	In progress	In progress	In progress	In progress
Bahamas	✓	✓	✓	✓
Brazil	✓	✓	✓	In progress
Cayman Islands	✓	✓	✓	✓
China	x	×	x	x
Colombia	In progress	In progress	In progress	In progress
European Union	✓	✓	✓	
Hong Kong	x	✓	✓	In progress
Japan	✓	✓	✓	
Singapore	✓	✓	✓	In progress
South Korea	✓	✓	✓	In progress
United Arab Emirates	✓	✓	✓	
United Kingdom	In progress	✓	✓	In progress
United States	In progress	✓	✓	In progress

Gartner Hype Cycle for Blockchain & Web3



Milestones in the Journey to the Plateau of Productivity

