

I would like to see an end to the lawful suppression of technology on (and off) the internet. Filesharing networks are an invaluable tool for legally acquiring documents and software - for example drivers and manuals for hardware. My friends and I use these networks to secure such material for outdated hardware when it is no longer available from the manufacturer's website.

I have serious qualms with the patenting of genetic information. I realise that this is a godless era, and that respect for our natural resources and environment isn't generally considered economically friendly. Nonetheless, I cannot find a single good reason in my mind that any person or company should be able to lay claim on the codes of life itself. It seems baffling to me that anyone would have the audacity to claim that they "owned" a certain gene, that they had a right to claim ownership of a building block of our existence.

It worries me that the DMCA has been/is being incorporated into Australian legislation. There have been a significant number of incidents in American in which this new legislation has been used to perform legal denial of service attacks on websites.

Whilst it is necessary to have controls on any society - and it most undeniably is: it is unacceptable to have people raped and murdered on the street, it is unacceptable to have lives forcibly devoted to servitude. It has, however, been proven (through sociological studies and histories of civilisations past) that the more pressure you put on a community over the less significant things in life, the more they will compare their standard of living to the standard of living of the upper class, and hence the less content they will become with the system that governs their lives.

I believe that we live in an age of reason, where everyone from the lowliest street urchin to the most advantaged child of a wealthy family may have the opportunities in their lives to prove their worth to society, to enjoy the simple pleasures of life and live long and happily. I like to think that the governing body will represent their country, and do what is best by its citizens whilst still upholding a morality and ethical code that will do the people proud.

Please do not prove me wrong.

Thankyou for your efforts,

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