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Hello,

I am not deep enough into the matter to advice on specific solutions.

But I implore you to listen to the arguments and ideas coming from the vivid worldwide community of the people who know the web, it's mechanisms and culture best. I see the Internet as humanities biggest chance on a long due, durable change in politics and political systems around the world. It should keep providing the possibility for everyone to learn about everything they might be interested in, regardless of social and financial background. It is of major importance to shut out economical interests, as far as possible, when deciding about Internet regulations. This medium is meant to give an equal voice to everybody not, as it is status quo in the "real world", some voices being enhanced by possession, race, believes and position. The freedom of speech is the very essence of a free democratic world and must be granted without reservations. Copyright, Trademark and Patent Law should be adjusted separately to specific cases, as they are now, generalistic, mashed up and outdated, they have been massively holding back innovation for decades. I can see the problems of artists, that are protective towards their art and afraid for their income. But artists experimenting with new distribution methods online have proved, that it is just a matter of adapting a different approach and they are broadly successful with it. The free software community has been showing for years that they not only develop faster and in higher quality thanks to the free exchange, but still earn their living as well.

As it goes for government surveillance and companies profiting from tracking user behaviour, it has to be reduced to an absolute minimum and under very clear restrictions. The public should be informed in detail about those proceedings. Governments all over the world seem to be stuck up in flaunting vague keywords (terrorism, cyberattacks, child pornography...) to promote installing mechanisms that are leading towards a frightening surveillance society. And without any proof for the usefulness of those mechanisms against the alleged threats. On the other hand they keep increasing the secrecy of their own actions, while they violate our privacy. Please help to turn those things around for the good and find a sensible solution, so the web can unfold it's full potential for the education and political participation of every interested individual.

Best Wishes and Regards
Sarah