Slouching Towards Utopia: The State of the Internet Dream

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DEF CON 24
centralization

regulation

globalization
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• The Internet is TV
• Security haves and have nots
• Surveillance, censorship & control
TIME

CYBERPORN

EXCLUSIVE: A new study shows how pervasive and wild it really is. Can we protect our kids—and free speech?
Declaration of Independence of Cyberspace

Governments of the Industrial World, you weary giants of flesh and steel, I come from Cyberspace, the new home of Mind. On behalf of the future, I ask you of the past to leave us alone. You are not welcome among us. You have no sovereignty where we gather.
The Dream of Internet Freedom

- Overcome age, race, class, and gender
- Communicate with anyone, anywhere
- Free access to information
- Hands on imperative
- Computers will liberate us
EQUALITY
FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION
OPEN ACCESS
FREEDOM TO TINKER
(THE HANDS ON IMPERATIVE)
THE BLACK BOX SOCIETY

The Secret Algorithms That Control Money and Information
LIBERATION
The “Cycle”

History shows a typical progression of information technologies from somebody’s hobby to somebody’s industry; from jury-rigged contraption to slick production marvel; from a freely accessible channel to one strictly controlled by a single corporation or cartel — from open to closed system.
Privacy & Security
Encryption
The Next 20 Years

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OR
• Think globally
• Build decentralization where possible
• End to end encryption
• Hands off private tech development
• Start being afraid of the right things
• CFAA, DMCA, USAPA, FAA
• Start creating the technology for the next cycle of the revolution
Questions and Comments