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Letters to the Editor

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Dear Sir,

Both the backgrounder -- which could stand alone as useful -- and the essay, are excellent, verging on Superior. The subject, of course, is book worthy; and the following comments might apply to future development of the present article.

The role of social media in destroying the nation's edge in cyber (and thus, our Democracy) is insufficiently limned and weighted. Social media have become, by bots or by millions of undereducated (or just plain stupid) humans, new armies witlessly implementing and amplifying the defacing, denial and destruction initiated by governments.

Cyber has no moral compass. No matter how much enemies despise each other, they have a system of values guiding their making cyber war. However, once the system of values is interwoven to a self-adjusting, interactive program -- execution is utterly without moral reference, due to the constant interplay of adjustment, response, and countermeasures within the enemies' actions.

The thrust of the present article focuses on the threats posed by the theft of intellectual property. This emphasis could be usefully expanded to show the interplay between property and freedom.

Sincerely,

E.D. Aronson

The following Aronson bio is necessarily abbreviated, lest it be as long as the letter to which it appends:" E.D. Aronson was born in NYC in 1934. He performed U.S. Government service honorably off and on from PEBD 1APR50 to 3MAR2004, retiring five times, at last successfully. Of a multitude of institutional names on his resume, almost all self-endowed with an overblown sense of their own wonderfulness, only one -- The U.S. Marine Corps -- remains in Aronson's high esteem."