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I think there is a strong case to be made that overly strong copyright and intellectual property laws in this country are having a deleterious effect on the economy, particularly due to the manner in which they stifle innovation and creative artistic expression. The over-application of copyright laws and continued extension and re-extension of existing copyrights serves to hold back cultural expression and innovation. Artists, inventors, and all intellectual property holders should be granted some control over how their works are used and reincorporated, but our (at times) draconian copyright laws more often than not enable a copyright holder to hold back nearly any non-profitable use of their works, including new works which only a few decades ago would clearly have been seen as fair use.

I would urge you to please consider revisiting the issue of copyright law as it is applied in fair use cases, and to roll back copyright lengths to their prior, more rational values, as well as limiting the extensions a copyright holder can be granted for an existing copyright.

Thank you, Jordan Hirsch

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