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As to ACTA is should be shelved. As an engineer working in an industry HEAVILY idea driven, it strikes me that the vast majority of innovation and creative works has been driven by small companies and individuals, not meg-corps. Passing/Ramming ACTA through on an unconstitutional Executive Order would put the brakes on innovation in the US and I would wager it very likely will become the wage slaves of China, Brazil and other non-ACTA countries within 20 years. I hate to say it but for the Public Good it is time for companies to recognize that a sea-change is underway much like the appearance of the Gutenberg press; in the hindsight of the lens of histories - those societies that embraced it rose out of the dark ages much quicker. It is the same not with digital information, countries trying to avoid the flow and lock up the information to maintain status quo are going to fall behind, those that embrace the new paradigm (e.g. understand you have to innovate to compete, value-add to what is going to be essentially free) will pull ahead and be the winners in the 21st century information economy, our most innovative wealth creating companies get this (Google, IBM, RedHat) and unfortunately others do not (representatives in the RIAA, BSA, MPAA). Time to let free market forces to decide that.

I close with the following comment.

Quite frankly I supported Obama in 2008 but this is yet more "not change I can believe in"...sorry, I'm voting for Cynthia McKinney or whoever the Green Party nominates in 2012. (ACTA boosting/quietly renewing USA Patriot/ Banking reform not implemented with teeth/failure to close GitMo/no clear sun-shining of Bush Administration records, even if not acting on them/failing on the public option/and it goes on).

O. Easterday

This states it well enough from Marc Policani (not verified) on March 15, 2010 - 5:04pm

"I would much rather prefer that government invest in technological innovation, individual empowerments, and the enforcement of fair use rights, rather than corporate multi-application, multi-generational copyrights.

When I, and the public hear stories of seven year old girls being blackmailed by the MPAA, or the RIAA suing auto-repair shops because they play the radio without paying royalties it understandably scares us because these are every-man stories rather than exceptions.

Once more, I understand that 1% of the American public is in prison, which during an financial crisis neither seems moral or economically sustainable. Please, dont make policies that would substantially increase such a sad trend, making anyone that ever made a mixed tape or recorded a football game with a VHS tape a felon."