**Chapter 3 Free Speech and Content Control in Cyberspace**

Should anonymity be preserved in cyberspace?

> If yes, how do you control criminal activity?
> If no, how do you control corporate and government abuses?

Should everyone have the right to know everyone else's business?

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Adaptations of the Internet's architecture to deal with acknowledged destructive behavior, may have *unintended consequences of undermining free speech rights* that most of us would want supported.

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**Dealing with pornography on-line**

Proposed comprehensive Internet-wide architecture solutions:

1. Zoning solutions (onus on web site creators)
   a) benefits
   b) drawbacks
2. Filtering solutions (onus on software devlprs and onus on web users and overseers to use)
   a) benefits
   b) drawbacks

**Platform for Internet Content Selection (PICS)**
  - a network-wide filtering solution

How does it work?
... humans label millions of html, pdf, ps files
... web browsers support
… choose personal filter of choice

Benefits/drawbacks

Most of you probably using filters to screen out
spam?
How many using filters to screen web site content?

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**Author's position on zoning versus filtering
of web sites**

**-** "prudent use of content filtering"

    1. Strictly voluntary
    2. People that classify websites should be
       fair, accurate, and consistent
    3. Transparency should be obvious
    4. Filter at lowest level possible

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Yochai Benkler: Faithful reading of
framer's Constitution would now strike
down the regime of airwave allocation.

Why?

Will I ever be able to transmit high quality video from this classroom (TV quality or better) from this classroom into homes across the nation? Why can't I transmit cable TV movie-quality video now?

How should the Orono public library regulate access to the Internet for children?