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Prohibitions against the dissemination of information merely to make it easier to restrict access to intellectual property is futile and a violation of the first amendment protections for free speech.

Unlike prohibitions against the dissemination of information on national security, protecting intellectual property is not an immediate and unrepairable threat to vital national interests. If a film is being pirated, it may be because it is priced too high for the market and the company paid too much to produce it. The company has the remedy of prosecuting the pirate and/or not producing films in the future--hardly a vital national interest. Unlike the pirate, the mere provider of information does no harm. Are we next going to outlaw the publishing of maps because bank robbers might use them to plot their escape?

Do not restrict the free exchange of technical information which would be much more harmful to the economy, when the use of that information for damaging purposes is already illegal. Too much individual liberty has already been lost.