

a whole has a fundamental, constitutional right to benefit from the intellectual achievements of members of that society. When we turn the protection of those rights into a matter of license negotiations, when we uphold unnecessarily restrictive technological impediments to use, when we extend copyright terms to ridiculous lengths, when we exempt certain types of materials from fair use protections altogether, we are chipping away at this right. This is the principle that is at stake. It is a principle worth fighting for.

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