**Should Cyberspace Be Regulated World-Wide?**

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I believe ecommerce should be regulated but everything else should not.  However, I would like to know who would be responsible for this “world-wide” regulation. The American Government?  I do not believe the government has the capability to it.

I think, as anything in life, cyberspace can be used for good and bad.  There are people who use the internet to steal, corrupt, hack, for child pornography, terrorism, cyber bulling, and others.  However, cyberspace can bring tons of benefits.  We are able to learn anything we want over the internet without having to pay or leave home.  We can YouTube some difficult subject and learn right at that time how to solve a problem without having to drive to school.  We can take some online classes and save money and time by not having to leave home and for a lot cheaper.  We can google some important information and find the answers at the same time.  We can connect with friends and families who are far way at any time.  We can work from any remote place and complete our duties.  We can share information, help lives, teach and learn, donate, get help and others.  Cyberspace gives us not just the right of free speech but also the right of free knowledge.  So, why regulate it?  So bad people stop doing bad things over the internet? Bad people are going to keep doing bad stuff not matter if the internet is regulated or not.

As I have mentioned,  I believe ecommerce should be regulated because in real world we can see the people who we are doing business with,  know where they are but in cyberspace this does not happen, so being able to shop and share financial information over the internet should be regulated in order keep customers information private and secure. I think some of the biggest problems over the internet are teenagers, porn, child pornography, and hackers. To solve to teenagers and porn issue, parents have to advise their children about porn, or just deal with the fact that some teenagers will watch porn no matter what.  Parents also have to tell their children that the internet can be used for education purpose not just for posting everything single thing about their lives.  People should know that the more one exposes his/her life and ideas the more other people will use their free speech rights to express their ideas.  Teenagers should know to not share information/pictures that they might regret.  I feel like some of these problems start at home.  Parents give electronic devices to their children without spending some time to tell them what is right or not, and what they can or cannot do with that device.  Parents have to encourage their children and teach them to love who they are, thus even if someone says something that might hurt their feeling these teenagers will know that this is life and not every time people will agree with others idea.

About child porn, maybe pedophiles should not have free access to internet and parents should monitor their children and reinforce the risks of communicating with strangers not only in person but especially over cyberspace.   I also think we should be able to find any information we want over the internet. Parents should have the “parent control” tool to monitor their children at all times. I also think, the government should not be the one regulating the internet because they might use the information shared on the internet for a different purpose.  Besides, the government is not safe from cybersecurity data breach problems so how could they be the ones responsible for it?

Cybersecurity should not be regulated but people should be advised to take some cyberethics course in order to have access to the internet.  I strong agree that the problems faced on cyberspace lie on the lack of users’ knowledge.  Children and teenagers should not have access to internet without being monitored by any responsible adult.  Parents should know the basics of cyberspace or have a computer in the living room of their house so they can see what their children are seeing.  I think no matter if the internet became regulated or not we will always see people using cyberspace for a bad purpose.  But I also think that if internet were to be regulated we would face more problems with hackers as they love the challenge.  As a conclusion, I believe we gain a lot from cyberspace being free as we would if it were to be regulated.