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TSCF calls for freedom on the Internet

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TSCF hails the recent Internet strikes that appear to have derailed US projects that could have limited freedom on the Internet.

The Internet has revolutionized the editorial industry by allowing a huge number of outsiders to address the public without necessarily possessing capital or institutional support – to some extent, it allowed them to escape government control, and eventually it strengthened civil liberty.

However, under the pretext of property rights or else, governments are trying to limit the freedom of speech on the Internet, and generally to put the Internet under control.

TSCF calls for more freedom on the Internet.

The governance of the Internet should be reformed. ICANN should be democratized and transferred to a neutral country where it would be subject to international law.

Currently, almost all registrars copy-paste or worsen ICANN clauses. According to many of their terms and conditions, they may suspend, transfer or cancel to their liking the domains you own. This gives them discretionary power with considerable potential implications for domain name owners. This paves the way for abuse and for a creeping dictatorship.

Access to Internet registration should be more competitive and open. All abusive clauses regarding domain registration should be proscribed. As for the anti-spam regulations, they should be reviewed so as to allow small- and medium-sized organizations to generate awareness and grow. The vague concept of “unsolicited message” should be more clearly defined and not yield to an excessively extensive interpretation of privacy.