

“Ours is the age of cyberspace. It, too, has a regulator. This regulator, too, threatens **liberty**. But so obsessed are we with the idea that liberty means “freedom from government” that we don’t even see the **regulation** in this new space. We therefore don’t see the threat to liberty that this regulation presents.

This regulator is **code**—the software and hardware that make cyberspace as it is. This code, or architecture, sets the terms on which life in cyberspace is experienced. It determines how easy it is to protect **privacy**, or how easy it is to censor **speech**... It affects who sees what, or what is **monitored**. In a host of ways that one cannot begin to see unless one begins to understand the nature of this code, the code of cyberspace regulates.”

Lawrence Lessig
Code and Other Laws of Cyberspace

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