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- *US* law on ISPs is much looser than EU law. Liability for hosting is the same as liability for mere conduit.
- What is unlawful content varies widely from country to country.
- But the Internet transcends national boundaries.
 - In principle, anyone in country A can access data hosted in another country B (even if the data is lawful in B but unlawful in A).
 - Authoritarian governments often try to block access to deprecated hosts. But determined users can get round such blocks.

International convention on cybercrime

- Council of Europe has approved a convention that covers:
 - child pornography
 - criminal copyright infringement
 - computer-related fraud
 - hacking
 - hate material.
- Ratified by 39/51 member countries
 - including USA and some other countries outside Europe.
- But USA opted out of the hate material clause
 - constitutional right to freedom of speech.

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