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Reading Response 2:

The Time Canada Wanted Its Own Internet Because It Thought the US Would Mess It Up

This article presented a possible reality that I was not aware of. It's very interesting to see that before our present version of the internet there was an idea of separate web networks. The web is fundamentally based on the notion of sharing therefore building walls around it seems counterintuitive at first glance. Although, upon further examination, the motivations for the development of individual networks are understandable. The fear of dependency on the US is one that is totally grounded and that still resonates in today's climate. With such a powerful and dominant country like United-States being tumultuous within the past few years, it is only normal for others such as Canada to want to revisit the idea of a sovereign internet. A recent example of this dilemma is the US' refusal of exporting 3M's N95 masks to Canada and Latin America which happened on April 2020. Easily, one can see how a similar problem could occur within the digital space. It would

be very intriguing to see how a plan of that scale would roll out since tons of us are already hooked by American tech and software companies. Diverting the public from the most-used information hot-spots to a local one would not be as easy as changing radio stations. If done successfully, I believe local internet services could bring more unity within communities and bring awareness to some of the overlooked problems that inhabit them. Overall, this idea of sovereign internet could be quite promising for individual societies.

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