

Financial Oppression Throughout History

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- Lack of oppressive laws = success

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- To be clear: technology isn't inherently bad.
- But it can be abused, so we need tech – like Monero – that protects us against that abuse.

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