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## WHAT IS A CYPHERPUNK?

Cypherpunks advocate for the use of cryptography and similar methods as ways to achieve societal and political change.<sup>1</sup> Founded in the early 1990s, the movement has been most active during the 1990s “cryptowars” and following the 2011 internet spring. The term *cypherpunk*, derived from (cryptographic) *cipher* and *punk*, was added to the Oxford English Dictionary in 2006.<sup>2</sup>

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