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Virtual Revolution, The Great Leveling?

This week's documentary questions the freedom and equality that the internet promises. I was shocked and impressed to see the big players of the internet world actually comment on the history and benefits of the internet. I think the interviewer asks the right questions. The virtual revolution really did start out as a medium for people to share ideas and content; it was a free space for users to do as they please. However as the potential of the internet grew, so did its potential for commercial spaces and monetization. I'm torn because I agree that in an ideal world, everyone should be allowed access to the internet and should be allowed to share all kinds of things (with the exception of illegal items and activities) without repercussions. But I also think that workers, such as software developers should get paid for their work. There is a fine line however, between paying someone fairly and making the rich richer. I'm not going to pretend that I've never pirated movies, music or software. But my reasons for doing so was always because I couldn't afford those things as an unemployed student but also because I don't like giving my money to people who are already incredibly rich. I'm really thankful that unlike Bill Gates, Tim Berners-Lee offered his software to the world for free. If he had monetized his invention, I really don't know where we would be today. Maybe it would have been pirated like so many other things. I think the internet came from a place of good intentions for freedom, equality and sharing but has now become a monetized platform that necessitates equipment

that can't be afforded by all people around the globe. It is not a fair platform where all voices can be heard.