



BITCOIN LAUNCHED

03-JAN-09

Satoshi Nakamoto launches the Bitcoin network & creates the first block



PIZZA PURCHASED WITH BITCOINS

18-MAY-10

Laszlo Hanyecz spent 10,000 bitcoins in the first "real" financial transaction & documented purchase 2 pies of pizza



PIZZA STORY BREAKS THE NEWS

11-JUL-10

A tech news site, Slashdot, covers the pizza transaction generating widespread public interest in the currency



SILK ROAD OPENS

01-FEB-11

Silk Road, an online market place known as the eBay of drugs goes online & accepts bitcoins as payment

TIME

TIME COVERS BITCOIN

16-APR-11

Mainstream media publishes article about bitcoins viability as digital cash & government-free nature amidst Wikileaks hype



PANIC BUYING IN CYPRUS

25-MAR-13

Policy to collect money from accounts over €100,000 in tax-haven Cyprus to meet EU bailout terms after economic crisis



MT. GOX HACKED

19-JUN-11

Hack results in loss of 850,000 or 7% of all bitcoins and shuts down exchange handling over 70% of bitcoin transactions



BITCOIN PRICE TICKER BY BLOOMBERG

09-AUG-13

Tracker provides pricing to over 320,000 subscribers and this move is perceived as Wall Street's "stamp of approval"



SILK ROAD SHUTDOWN BY FBI

02-OCT-13

Largest bitcoin enabled black-market website is shut down by the FBI, ensuing widespread negative media coverage on bitcoins



CHINA DECLARES BTC NOT CURRENCY

05-DEC-13

China declares bitcoin is not currency & prohibits financial institutions to trade, insure, & offer services related to Bitcoin



IRS ANNOUNCES BITCOIN TAXABLE

26-MAR-14

IRS declares Bitcoin is not currency & subject to capital gains tax from the time it's acquired to the time it's spent



PAYPAL & EBAY ACCEPTS BITCOIN

23-SEP-14

PayPal offers bitcoin giving the currency access to its 143 million users, 193 markets, & \$6.6B in annual transactions



EU CLASSIFIES BITCOIN AS CURRENCY

22-OCT-15

EU Court of Justice classifies bitcoins as currency & rules its exchange is not subject to value-added-tax in the European Union



IRS DEMANDS BITCOIN CUSTOMER DATA

16-NOV-16

IRS requests Coinbase for records of all customers who bought virtual currency from the company from 2013 to 2015



AUSTRALIA PLANS BITCOIN REGULATIONS

17-AUG-17

Australia announces plan to strengthen its anti-money laundering laws & regulate digital currencies such as Bitcoin



SOUTH KOREA REGULATES BTC

28-DEC-17

South Korea's government imposes measures to regulate speculation in crypto currency trading within the country



RUSSIA DENOUNCES BITCOIN

11-OCT-17

Russian banks support blocking websites dealing in virtual currencies after President Putin denounces bitcoin as risky



FACEBOOK BANS BITCOIN ADS

31-JAN-18

Facebook bans people entirely from advertising bitcoin & other cryptocurrencies amid fears they are used for fraud