

I suspect that the decisive element in the political battle will be the

FUD (Fear, Uncertainty, Doubt) factor.

If the people who would be end users of the Cripple Chip hear of the whole debate only vaguely -- the government says it's solid; other people in the field say it's Swiss cheese -- the balance of doubt could shift against the Feds. Any attempt to limit other forms of encryption could then be presented as the government covering its own butt by protecting its poor product from superior competition.

Comments?