

sic principle of liberty [but] restricts that freedom to the extent that it vests ideas with legally protected property interests". Resulting from the conflict between the principles of free speech versus property protection , US courts during the last decades have moved to balance in favor of the protection of copyright laws, arguing it „represents an acceptable restriction on speech because it is the basis for what is designated as ,the marketplace of ideas‘" (Coleman 2013: 10). The theory behind the terms implies that when ideas publicly complete, the truth becomes evident (ibid.). Most F/OSS developers oppose this logic of a restriction of free speech in favor of the protection of intellectual property, for they argue that „knowledge, inventions, and other creative expressions not as property but rather as speech to be freely shared, circulated and modified" (Coleman 2013: 10).

Coleman, therefore, presents a much more thorough and in-depth analysis on the matter, portraying the hacker communities claims to free speech, which makes clear where the community of F/OSS developers positions itself in the face of a liberal dilemma.