

Chapter 2: Regulating the Net: Free Speech and Content Control

“Of Black Holes and Decentralized Law-Making in Cyberspace” (David G. Post)

Learning Expectations:

I expect to learn more about the authorities in the cyberspace.

Quote:

“My fear is that this leads to a policy-making catastrophe of significant proportions. A “stable” Internet is one locked in place, incapable of generating innovative responses to the very problems that it is itself bringing into existence. The very existence of the Internet should caution us against dismissing too quickly the notion that there are some problems that are best solved by these messy, disordered, semi-chaotic, unplanned, decentralized systems, and that the costs that necessarily accompany such unplanned disorder may sometimes be worth bearing. But which problems? How can we know?”

Book Review:

The emergence of technologies like the Internet has brought a debate on who should govern it. The government, for instance, has voluntarily embraced the responsibility. But many groups have cried for this system for being unfair. The focus on this discussion lies on who should be the rightful authority to govern cyberspace and who or what determines that authority.

Integrative Questions:

1. What should be done to the RBL?
2. Should the government control cyberspace?