

Evgeny Morozov: What is the dark side of internet freedom?

Author Evgeny Morozov highlights the dangers that sometimes emerge when governments and corporations harness the internet to serve their own objectives.



According to Evgeny Morozov, author of [The Net Delusion: The Dark Side of Internet Freedom](#), the internet and social media are not inherently liberating forces (2mins 24secs). Morozov argues that the internet has bolstered the power of both democratic and undemocratic governments alike to monitor and spy on citizens. He adds that the failure of Western governments to restrict communications companies from selling surveillance technology to authoritarian regimes has been one of the greatest threats to internet freedom. "In a perfect world," Morozov says, there would be an international agency to oversee the internet and prevent nefarious governments from arbitrarily censoring, filtering or monitoring citizens (10mins 10secs).

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