

Let's make this absolutely crystal clear:

- If your rules are such that they obstruct fair use, developers like me  
\*will\*  
code around them.

- If you make it illegal, we will develop it abroad - there are more than a few  
of us expats who develop software with the clear understanding that what we are  
doing  
you work real hard to make illegal.

We developers will not allow the American legal system to remove our rights over  
our fair use of our own property. More importantly - much of what you're  
"protecting"  
is product-placed, ad-filled advertising, however entertaining it may be. Let's  
not pretend for one minute that we don't know that. THIS CONTENT IS NOT "FREE"

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IT COMES WITH THE INTENDED PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS. We go out and buy what we  
see;  
we emulate the lives we watch. We buy the products in the ads, convinced of  
whatever  
it was we were meant to be convinced of. Pretending that we're "stealing" by  
cutting  
out advertising, or recording for our own use regardless of medium, is foolish  
at  
best, disastrous at worst, and cannot and will not work.

Companies are no longer responsible for feeding us breakthroughs. They fed us  
the  
tools - we buy our computers from them. The difference between 20 years ago and  
today is that we're no longer reliant on them for everything we do with that  
product;  
and the open source community will continue to support free communication, free  
speech,  
and right of use of our own property regardless of what you manage to push into  
our  
own ever more draconian legal system.

Specifications, like the ones you're working on, will become more and more  
pointless

- standards that are implemented and ignored, or at worst, end up like the  
Clipper

chip. Standards organisation after organisation has fallen to the self-  
organising

mass known as the IETF - not because it's a better standards organisation, but  
because

it's an open system of standardisation without an agenda. Protocols survive  
only

because they're useful. The internet not only fosters that kind of activity, it  
actively encourages it.

That "organised anarchy" succeeds specifically because it provides a process for  
others' work to interoperate and standardise - the opposite approach from what  
you're

taking, where the views of the few, projected onto the needs of the many, stand  
to

once again create another standard which we, the newly empowered generation of  
developers,

have no qualms, no issues, and no inhibitions about coding around and dissolving.

You cannot protect their "right" to control our actions - they haven't got it. The difference between twenty years ago and today, with regard to this specific issue, is that your rules won't actually be able to grant that control, regardless of the standard you produce.

Try it and find out.