

## Re: Alternative to Invention Patents

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Rue The Day wrote:

- > *In many ways, I find a system where inventors keep things secret*
- > *preferable to a system where the government enforces an artificial*
- > *patent monopoly. That puts the burden of protecting the invention on*
- > *the inventor rather than on the consumer and the taxpayer.*

If the burden of secrecy becomes too high then there will be fewer inventions. Why bother busting one's ass if he can be ripped off real quick?

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