

Re: communism, slavery, and richard evans schultes

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Publius wrote:

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Have you read the actual patent? It *should* specify, in detail, a particular, non-obvious use of USB in a "gaming environment." If it purports to protect any use of USB in a gaming environment, i.e., loading a game from a USB drive, then it should not have been patentable.

Don't tell royals, whose IP notions I just poured cold water on, but you're right that patent law needs a lot of cleanup. Like all other law it is a creature of politics, and hence suffers all the distortions, corruptions, and sleaze that politics entails.

intellectual property is useful sometimes
but it is also a tool of aggression used by corporations
to secure economic strangleholds
and has no basis in reality

Intellectual property rights have the same basis in principle as all other rights.

How do you figure that? Property in tangible products of labor can be said to naturally derive from the labor itself. How can a twenty year government grant of exclusion be anything but an arbitrary number? The justification for invention patents is that they promote the common good. That is, patent grants make for more inventions and a higher general prosperity. Whether or not patents actually live up to