

Re: Analog Hole Bill Would Require Secret Tech No One Can Examine

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Hello John,

That would last a week or so. By then some kid would have found out how to hack it anyway.

That's an unfortunate assumption. I hear it a lot, and I'd like to hear it a lot less, because it isn't even valid.

That's what Bill Gates' engineers always thought as well.

Nobody has managed to crack VideoCipher encryption on C-band satellite TV, despite the fact that it's been around since, when, the 1980s?

Ahem. A friend of ours was inquiring about the cost of sat TV south of the border. He was told that he'd just have to buy these things here and from then it's free. Sometimes it may quit. Then he should just come back and it'll be fixed for free, they said. That was a shop that's been around a while, not from the back of a truck.

Nobody managed to crack the triple-DES protection on Divx DVDs.

No private entity has managed to crack PCS or GSM encryption... or if they have, they've kept it damned quiet.

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When they start to get serious about HDMI content protection, I wouldn't be surprised if nobody ever cracks that, either, except by using gray-market chipsets whose keys will probably be revoked at the first sign of popularity.

In the end it's all a question of market size for bootleg stuff. If large enough, someone may eventually hack.

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