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## Online piracy cannot be remedied with Internet censorship, says Cato's Julian Sanchez

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Internet censorship is not the answer to online piracy, argues Cato Institute research fellow Julian Sanchez.

According to Sanchez, Internet censorship won't effectively address the problem of piracy, but it will stifle innovation and threaten the liberties of Americans.

"The instinct of the industry is always to kill innovation that disrupts their business models or threatens the way they're used to doing things," says Sanchez.

But it's not just a matter of business, according to Sanchez, who says that if the United States abandons the principle of a free, open-access Internet, "then the only difference between the United States and China is what's on the blacklist."