

# The Virtues of Moderation: Online Communities as Semicommons

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# In the next 15 minutes

- ♣ Motivation

- ♣ Explication

- ♣ Exaggeration

# In the next +5 minutes

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People have intrinsic motivations, but ...



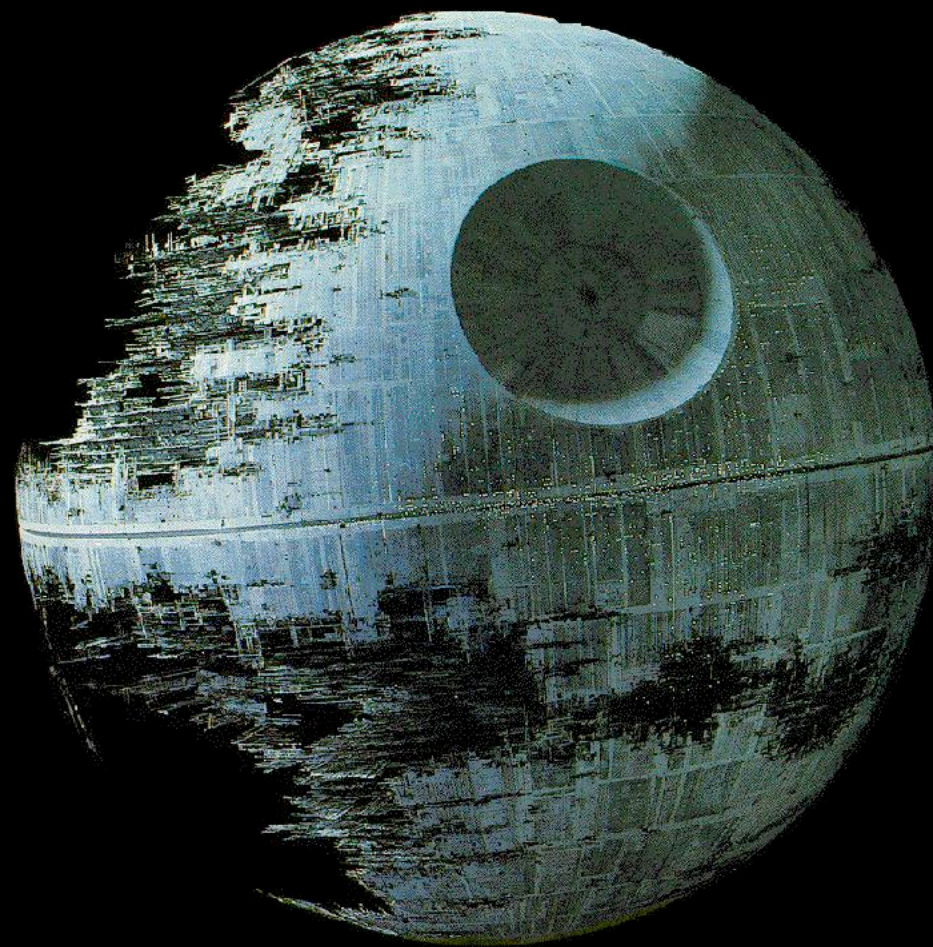


... what about organizational failures?





Does Wikipedia need to be more ...



... authoritarian?

# Are we there yet?

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	Rival	Non-Rival
Excludable	Private	Club
Non-Excludable	Common-Pool	Public

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Excludable	Property	IP
Non-Excludable	Tragedy	Undersupply

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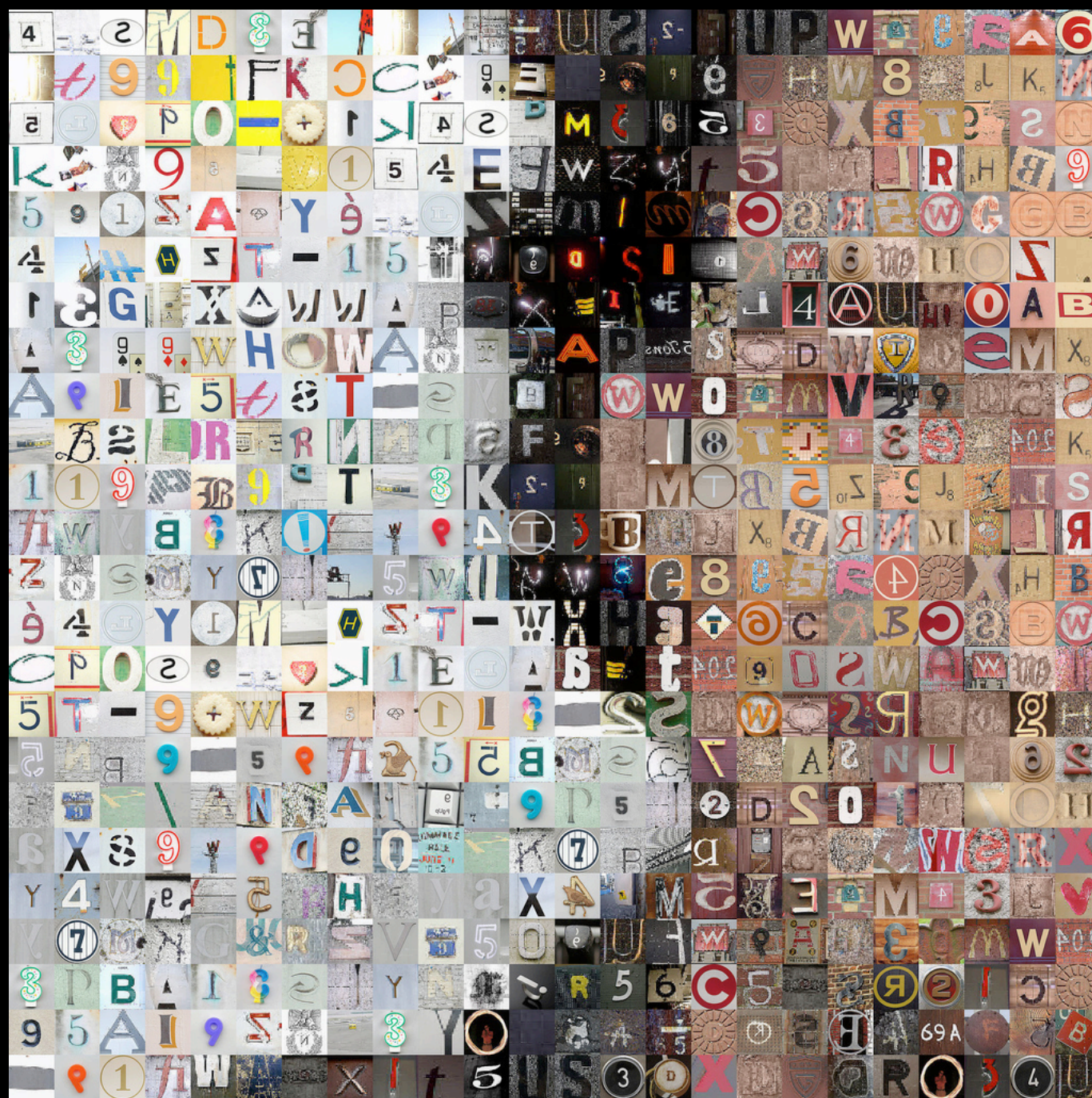
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# Offline semicommons





# Online semicommons







Layering

# Authors



# Moderators



# Readers



# Content ----- Infrastructure

# Owners



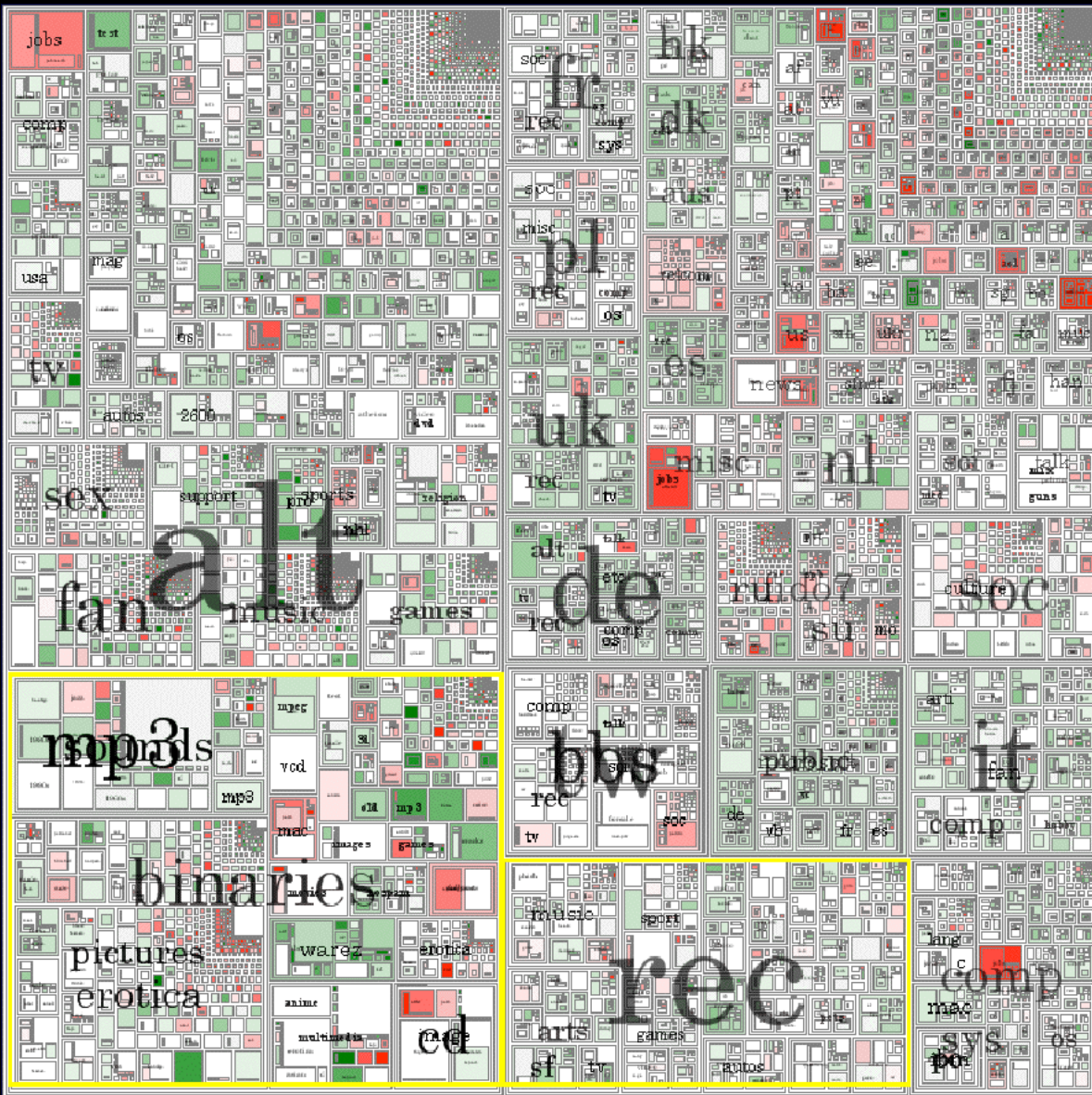
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♣ ~~Motivation~~

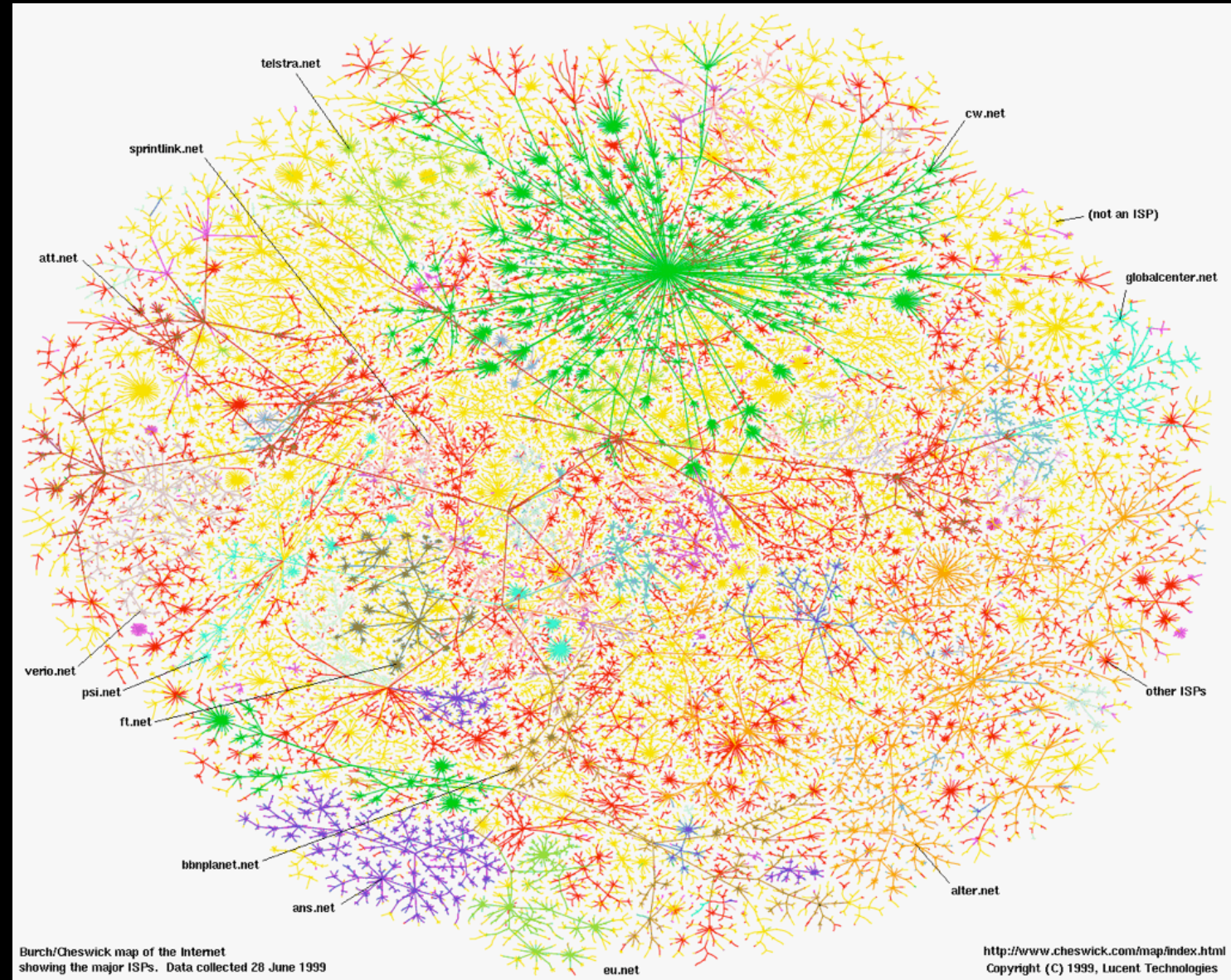
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# Usenet



# Email

# (I) Property boundaries matter

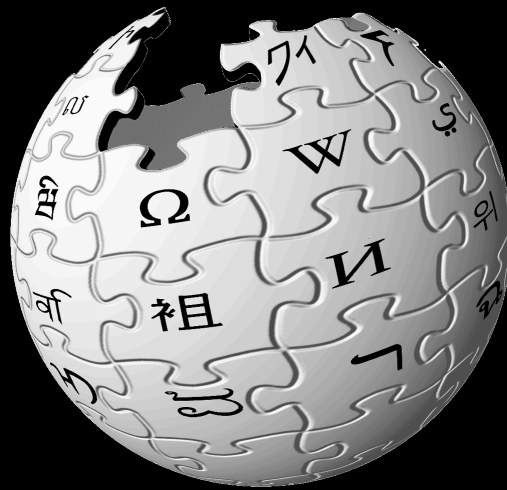




Tools



Norms



Policies



Admins

(2) Different patterns for different scales





(3) Tradeoffs among different virtues are necessary



(4)  
There's reason  
for optimism





And I'm done.



# Colophon

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