

I can't say it any better than this:

When Congress shifted our system of copyright from an "opt-in" to an "opt-out" regime, it transformed copyright from a system that automatically narrowed its protection (and hence regulation) to those works that had some continuing need for copyright protection, to a system that totally indiscriminately spreads copyright to every creative work reduced to a tangible form -- automatically, and for the full term of copyright.

We need to return to an opt-in system, with a central registry that can be queried on the net. Anything not worth registering is not worth copyright protection.

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