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Big Tent

At the [Tenth Annual National Conference on Private Property Rights](#), held by the [Property Rights Foundation of America](#) in Oct. 2006, the closing address was by Lawrence A. Kogan of [ITSSD](#), on "[U.S. Private Property Rights Under International Assault](#)."

It is a good piece, weaving together consideration of issues of physical and intellectual property, and of domestic and foreign affairs. Sample:

I am very troubled by the extent and seriousness of the current campaign that left-leaning foreign governments, activists and academics are waging against the American free market, private property and science and economics-based regulatory systems. I am even more offended, however, that many opponent-critics come from within our own midst i.e., there are many Americans (politicians and academics) now working alongside these zealots internationally and domestically in order to overhaul the American engine of economic freedom, innovation, growth and prosperity in the image of common-good oriented socialism. I believe that, such persons are either misguided or ideologically opposed to private property rights and free markets if they wish to see these U.S. systems replaced.

He does not discuss recent EU actions with respect to Microsoft, Qualcomm, Apple, etc., but he provides a broadened context for understanding these.

posted by James DeLong @ 2:13 PM | [Big Tent](#)

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Personally, I'm disgusted that my property rights are under assault - but it's from people claiming to have intellectual "property" rights that destroy the value of my physical property. If I own the pen and the paper, I should be permitted to write what I want.

There is theft going on - and the copyrightists and patentists are the thieves. Intellectual property rights and physical property rights are INCOMPATIBLE AND IRRECONCILABLE.

Americans, as their reich dies, seek to expropriate the rest of the world's physical property with their invented fiction of intellectual "property".

Posted by: Spumco at April 26, 2007 5:09 PM

I see the "opponents of IP maximalism are anti-American" theme is alive and well. Reminds me of Jack Valenti in 1982 portraying those dastardly Japanese-made VCRs as the Yellow Peril.

As for those left-leaning foreign governments, it's a good thing those staunchly conservative Hollywood studios have folks like PFF on their side.

Posted by: John Gordon at April 26, 2007 5:31 PM

I am very troubled by the extent and seriousness of the current campaign to paint a false picture that left-leaning foreign governments, activists and academics are waging a war against the American free market, private property and science and economics-based regulatory systems. I am even more offended, however, that many opponent-critics come from within our own midst i.e., there are many Americans (politicians and academics) now working alongside those IP-maximalist zealots internationally and domestically in order to overhaul the American engine of economic freedom, innovation, growth and prosperity in the image of common-good corporate fascist state. I believe that, such persons are either misguided or ideologically opposed to the Constitution, the Bill of rights and free markets if they wish to see these U.S. systems replaced.

Posted by: [enigma foundry](#) at April 27, 2007 12:02 AM
