

Open Source is Broken

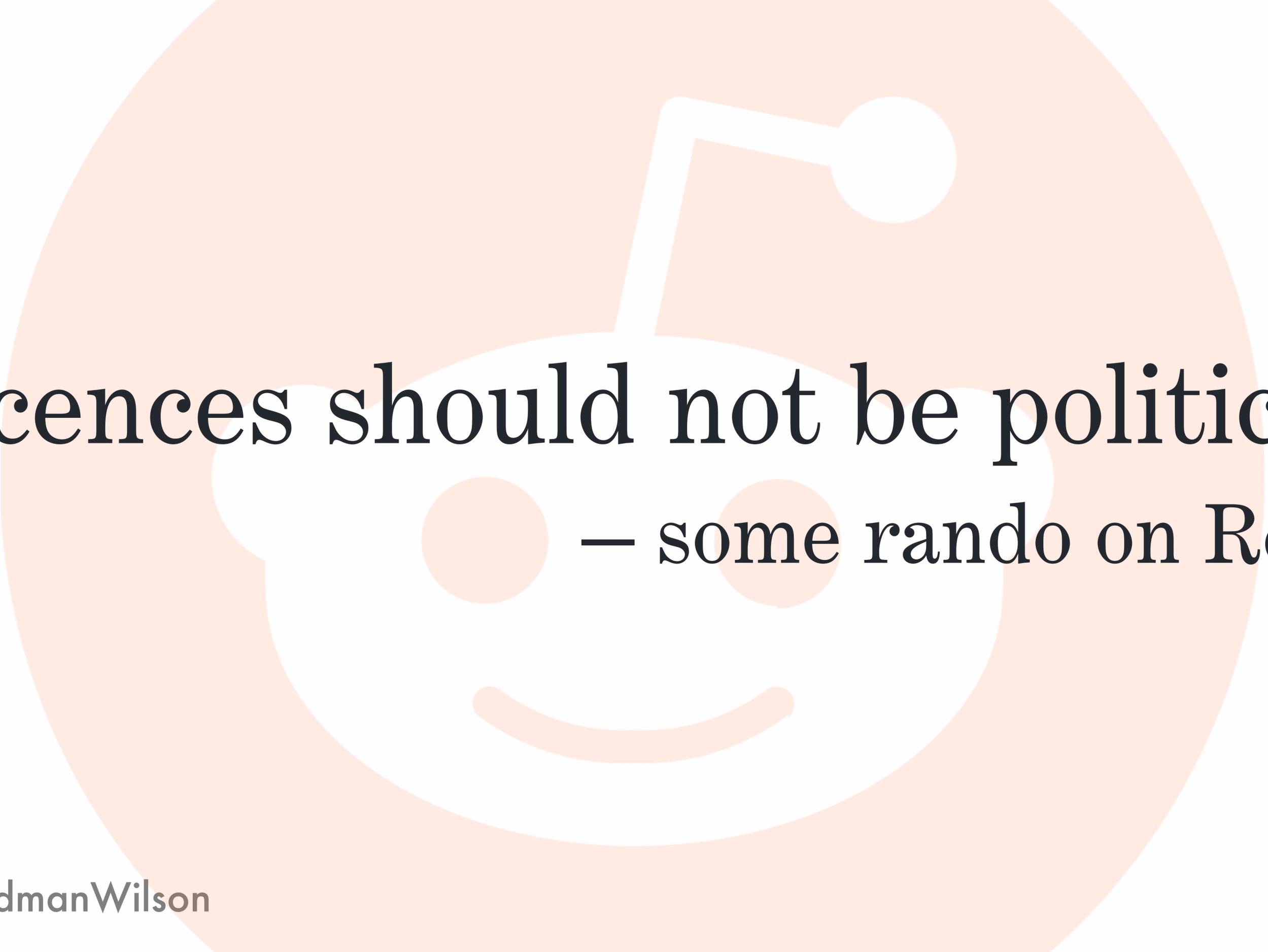
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“Licences should not be political.”
– some rando on Reddit



“It’s not Open Source.”
— some rando on Reddit

Can I stop “evil people” from using my program?

No. The Open Source Definition specifies that Open Source licenses may not discriminate against persons or groups. Giving everyone freedom means giving evil people freedom, too.

– <https://opensource.org/faq#evil>

Whiskey.

Tango.

Foxtrot.

Why do we hold

“Open”

in such high esteem?



A Brief History of a Failed Libertarian Utopia

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Still from 「田園に死す」, 1974, 寺山 修司



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access to tools

We are as gods and might as well get good at it. In response to [the power of government and big business]...a realm of intimate, personal power is developing—power of the individual to conduct his own education, find his own inspiration, shape his own environment, and share his adventure with whoever is interested.



— *The Whole Earth Catalog*

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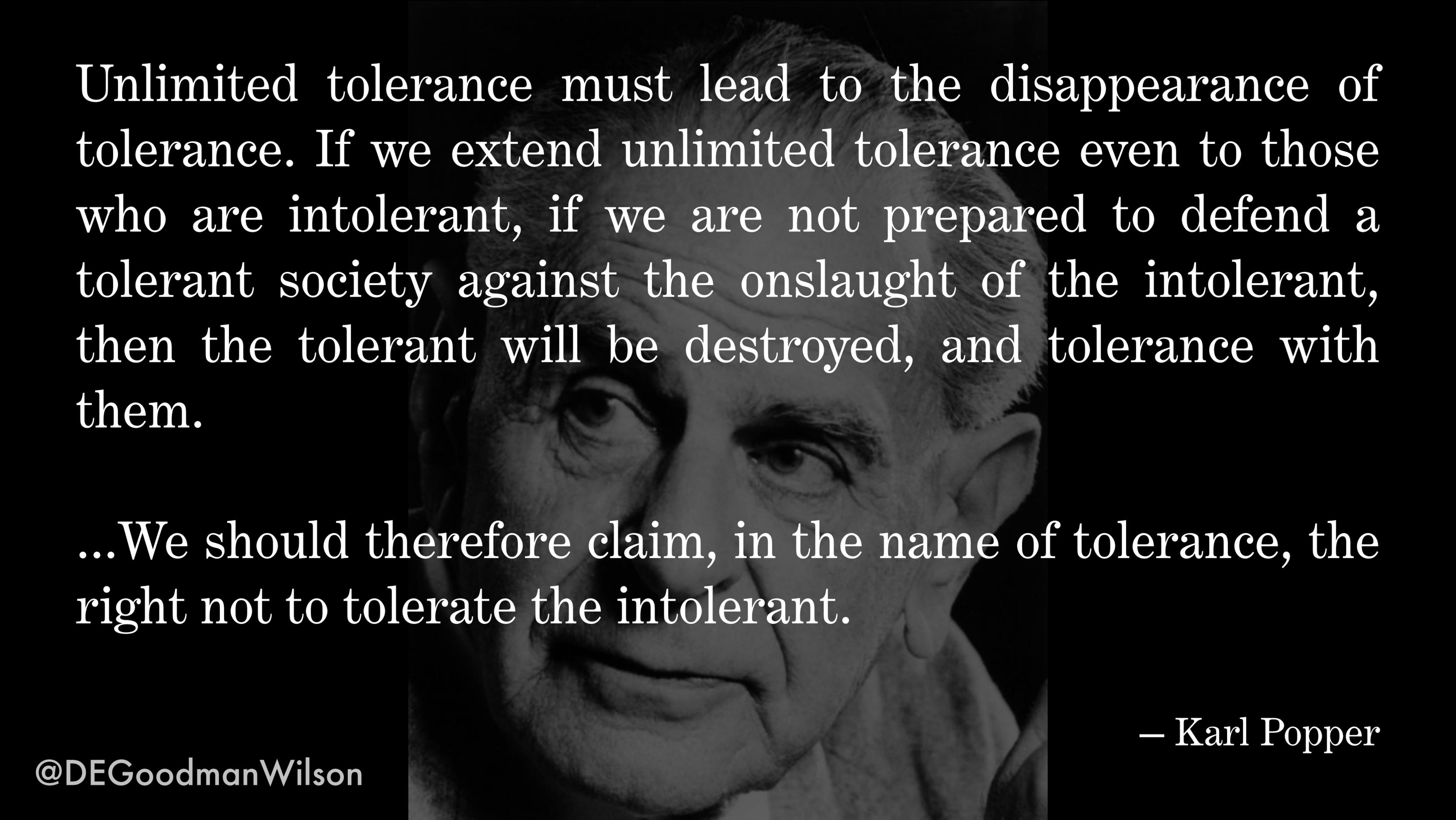
Information technologies...empower the individual, enhance personal freedom, and radically reduce the power of the nation-state. Existing social, political and legal power structures will wither away to be replaced by unfettered interactions between autonomous individuals and their software.

– “The Californian Ideology”



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The Paradox of Openness



Unlimited tolerance must lead to the disappearance of tolerance. If we extend unlimited tolerance even to those who are intolerant, if we are not prepared to defend a tolerant society against the onslaught of the intolerant, then the tolerant will be destroyed, and tolerance with them.

...We should therefore claim, in the name of tolerance, the right not to tolerate the intolerant.

— Karl Popper

What do we tolerate in
the name of “openness”?

**Open Source
exacerbates
existing injustices**

Open Source
is the playground of
the privileged

Open Source
incentivizes
exploiting
a volunteer labor force

I want us to denormalize
this state of affairs

Stop asking
the wrong questions

Is it...

...Open Source?

...politics-free?

...enforceable?

So what questions
should
we be asking?

**What are the forces
that have led us
to this point?**

**What do we owe
to each other
as people?**

How do we evolve
as a community?

<http://bit.ly/ethical-resources>

