



Is Unlawful Downloading Really Stealing?

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The law of theft emerged in an age in which most wealth was found in tangible objects, such as money, domesticated animals, crops, and furnishings. Today, our economy is increasingly based on things that are intangible, including information, ideas, identities, and intellectual property. In this presentation, I will consider some of the difficulties the law of theft faces in dealing with the misappropriation of intangibles.

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