Digital citizenship: myth or reality?

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Beyond the click bait

• What is digital citizenship?
  • Sovereignty of a people over a certain territory
  • Citizenship: an exclusive right granted by an institution created by the « will of the people » (social contract)
  • The « features » of citizenship vary greatly between political systems!
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• Digital citizenship:
  • Overlapping with « analog » citizenship
  • Cyber-space: a new « virgin » virtual territory?
  • Many different digital citizenships on top of the « idealized » and formalized one
Second class citizens

- Are we really citizens online?
- Roman vs. Greek citizenship
- Private vs. Public
- Enforcement of online rights
- Participation: dictatorship is « shut up », democracy is « keep talking, no one cares »
- Right to « vote » or influence the way the services you use online function? Terms and conditions?
Decentralization: real digital citizenship?

- Public blockchain technology
- Creating a « shared » cyberspace run by people directly
- Key issues:
  - The implications of no more censorship?
  - Are people ready for proactive participation?
  - How will this technology affect « offline » citizenship?
  - Collective and shared responsibility: are our legal systems ready?
  - A backstop to the temptation of a joint public-private surveillance capitalism?
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