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Intellectual Property Rights?

I believe that all intellectual properties should be shared. People use various types of formulas for their new inventions. Many of those formulas were shared and not patented. A good reason to share these properties is because almost everyone is trying to build for a better future. “But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked (YouVersion, NIV, Luke 6:35).” The Bible also tells that it is good to share with others because those sacrifices please God (YouVersion, NIV, Hebrews 13:16). Everything should be shared if it can help others and our future. God made everything to have a purpose especially His children. People should not always have to be given money to share their property.

I believe there should be more laws to fix our broken system that the government has made a mess of throughout history. Often, companies have stolen their employees’ intellectual properties and applied for a patent for themselves. Once they patent the property then they can get all the money from consumers who must buy it. If the employee did try to patent it then the company could pay off government officials and steal the property. The people who try to get a patent for their property are trying to monopolize their properties, so they can extort the price. If the Sherman Antitrust Act was fully enforced with stronger additions within it, then they could prevent the market from being too unstable as it is now (“Antitrust Laws And You.”). Sometimes the monopoly laws are fully enforced but I believe the government should hire additional people who could determine which products could help benefit people in the future. A great example of how the monopoly law and how intellectual property rights can be detrimental is when the CEO of a popular pharmaceutical, Martin Shkreli, raised the prices of a drug called Daraprim. It was used to treat patients who had contracted HIV. Martin had that much power because his company

had the rights to it, so he decided to raise the prices from \$13.50 to \$750 per pill. The creator of EpiPen auto-injectors also raised the prices from \$100 to \$600 (Howell Jr.). Therefore, property rights can endanger the lives of a lot of people.

Mathematicians and scientists all throughout history up until the 20<sup>th</sup> century shared their knowledge with everyone. Their knowledge is like building a pyramid. All of them pitched in new ideas and fixed some of those ideas to make better inventions/formulas that would be used for multiple other inventions/formulas and so on. We probably would not have all these advanced math formulas or inventions if we had patents way back in time. If we had had patents in the past, then the inventions and information would have been lost due to the greed of a monopolistic mind.

With all that said there are still people that believe intellectual property rights should still be patented to protect their property from being copied or modified by other people who were not given the shared rights. Those who want stricter intellectual property rights are those who simply just want money. There really isn't any other reason why someone would not want to share their ideas with others. Greed is the root of all evil. People who do things simply just for money and nothing else are the worst people on Earth.

Money should not be an excuse for people to have anything patented. I believe that people should help others build for a better future by sharing their ideas instead of keeping it to themselves. Rights can sometimes give people too much power. There are new laws being established every year to restrict their vast riches, but they try to get around them by exploiting loopholes in old laws. Intellectual property rights should only be given to ideas that solely benefit the inventor. However, if someone copied something of mine, then I would like to know when someone uses it and how they use it.



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