

Piracy is **TAKING** things away, not giving.
That's obvious, right?
Burglary: Removal of property.
If I give you something, that's the *opposite* of taking.



The very first time I ever saw the word “piracy” associated with **GIVING** was the [Napster controversy](#), and I just assumed it was obvious to everybody how transparently greedy that interpretation was. People were **GIVING** each other files. Not taking them away.

If you share an idea and I share an idea. We both end up with **TWO** ideas.
If you share a file and I share a file. We both end up with **TWO** files.

Obviously the word “pirate” was being misused here. This is the exact opposite: **Sharing**.
Even better... **duplication!**

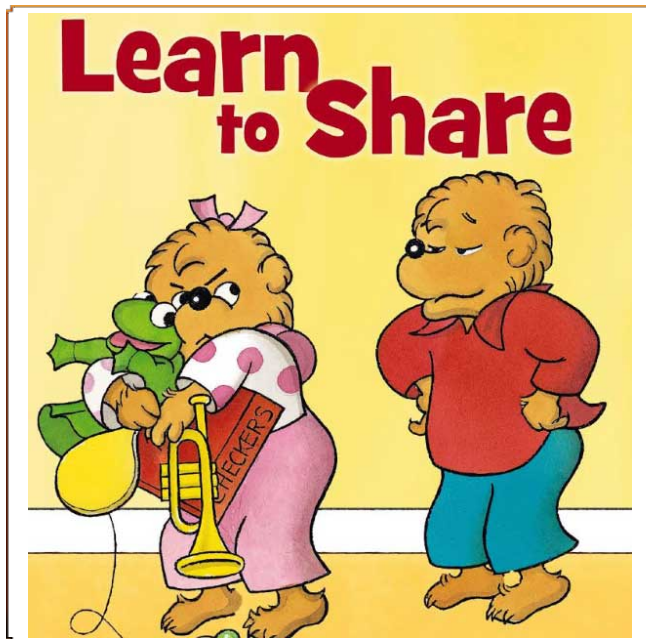
Downloading is duplication. If we could duplicate all the food in the world, nobody would starve. What if we could duplicate all human knowledge!? Education for everybody!

Can you imagine how horrible that would be?

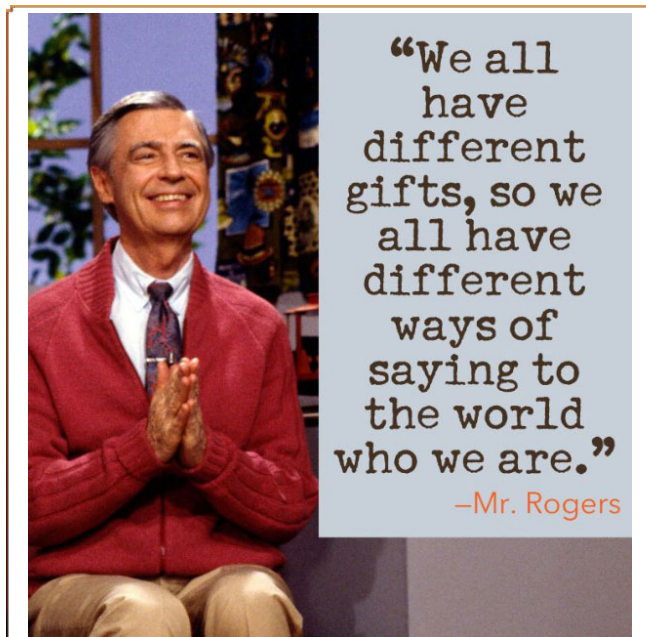




I feel like people have forgotten the basics. Or maybe they somehow never grew up with them? You know, stuff like Sesame Street, Mr. Rogers, and The Berenstain Bears. Or pretty much anything else on PBS.



It's good to share.
Good people share with each other.
Only greedy people don't share.



“We all have different gifts, so we all have different ways of saying to the world who we are.”

—Mr. Rogers

Everybody is unique and different. No two people are alike. Don't generalize.
Don't judge a book by its cover.

Maybe kids no longer grow up with these things? I know this seems like corny kiddie stuff, but that's the whole point. Kindness and sharing are the most basic ethics we learn as kids. The bare minimum. These concepts should be obvious. Are these ideas really being forgotten?

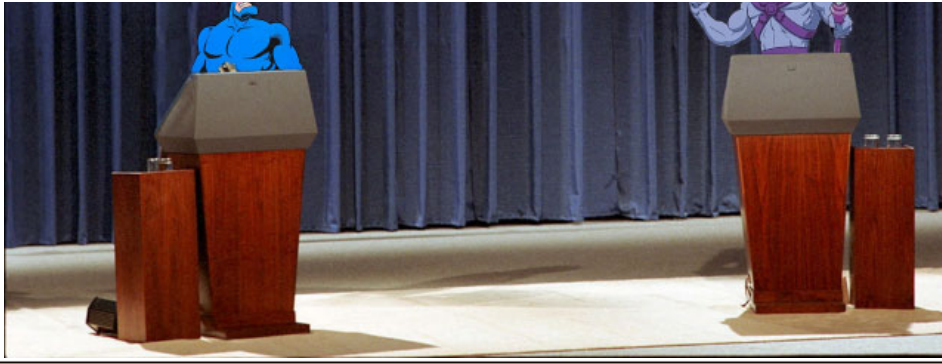
Who are THESE bozos?



Quick, someone call the cops!
That bird is violating a copyright!

Labels and Politics make no sense to me. Life isn't a Saturday morning cartoon where the entire human race is neatly divided into "Good guys" VS "Bad guys" The concept of cramming every possible opinion about every possible thing into just 2 boxes seems ridiculous. This is obvious right? My distaste for politics isn't because I don't care. It's because I can't wrap my head around the concept of only "2 parties". Human beings just don't work this way. Everybody is a unique individual, different from everybody else.





Media often mentions Boomers and Millennials.

But I'm somewhere in between. A "Gen-Y" kid I think?

I didn't grow up with Spongebob and Gameboy Advance. Those were my college years.

I'm not a hippie or baby boomer either. My parents were.

My grandmother worked at a library.

Maybe that's why I grew up with these "love and sharing" values.

But I always just took it all for granted. I assumed that these were eternal human values that everybody understood since the beginning of time.

Mothers read books with their kids.

Your parents give you food and clothes.

Raising kids is an *act of sharing*.

It is literally 100% percent of the process.

The idea that sharing is somehow controversial seems bizarre to me. Wasn't that just part of the "[You Wouldn't Download a Car](#)" bullshit that we all laughed at? And we laughed HARD... It's wasn't just a little dumb, it was COMPLETELY stupid.

Sharing is "stealing" now? What is this... opposite day?

Are there too many good people in the world or something?

Too much kindness?

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When I support artists on Patreon, I couldn't care less about exclusive access. I am **THANKING** them for sharing their art with the world, and I want them to make more. This is not a purchase. It's continuous support.

I remember 2005 when the Xbox 360 first introduced the concept of digital games. It was convenient. But everyone still assumed that buying stuff meant owning it. If I buy a lightbulb. I could use it or break it. I could paint it. I could give it away. Nobody gives a shit what I do with **MY LIGHTBULB**. You can do whatever you want with the stuff you own. It's your property. That's how it normally works. Since when was that **EVER** controversial?

If I have something temporarily. There's a word for that: I'm borrowing it.

If I paid money to temporarily have it, I'm renting it.

If I purchase it, I own it.

Obvious facts.



I live with my mother and sister.

My mother is too old to earn a living, she's almost 80, but we didn't ship her off to some lousy nursing home. It seemed obvious that it would not make sense for each of us to try to rent separate apartments, owning 3 refrigerators, 3 stoves, 3 toilets. Instead we just share ONE house. It's way less expensive. It's not fancy but there's enough room for us. Last night we even shared dinner. Sharing is not a crime. It's the only thing that makes sense. It's also the only humane way to care for people when they get old.