

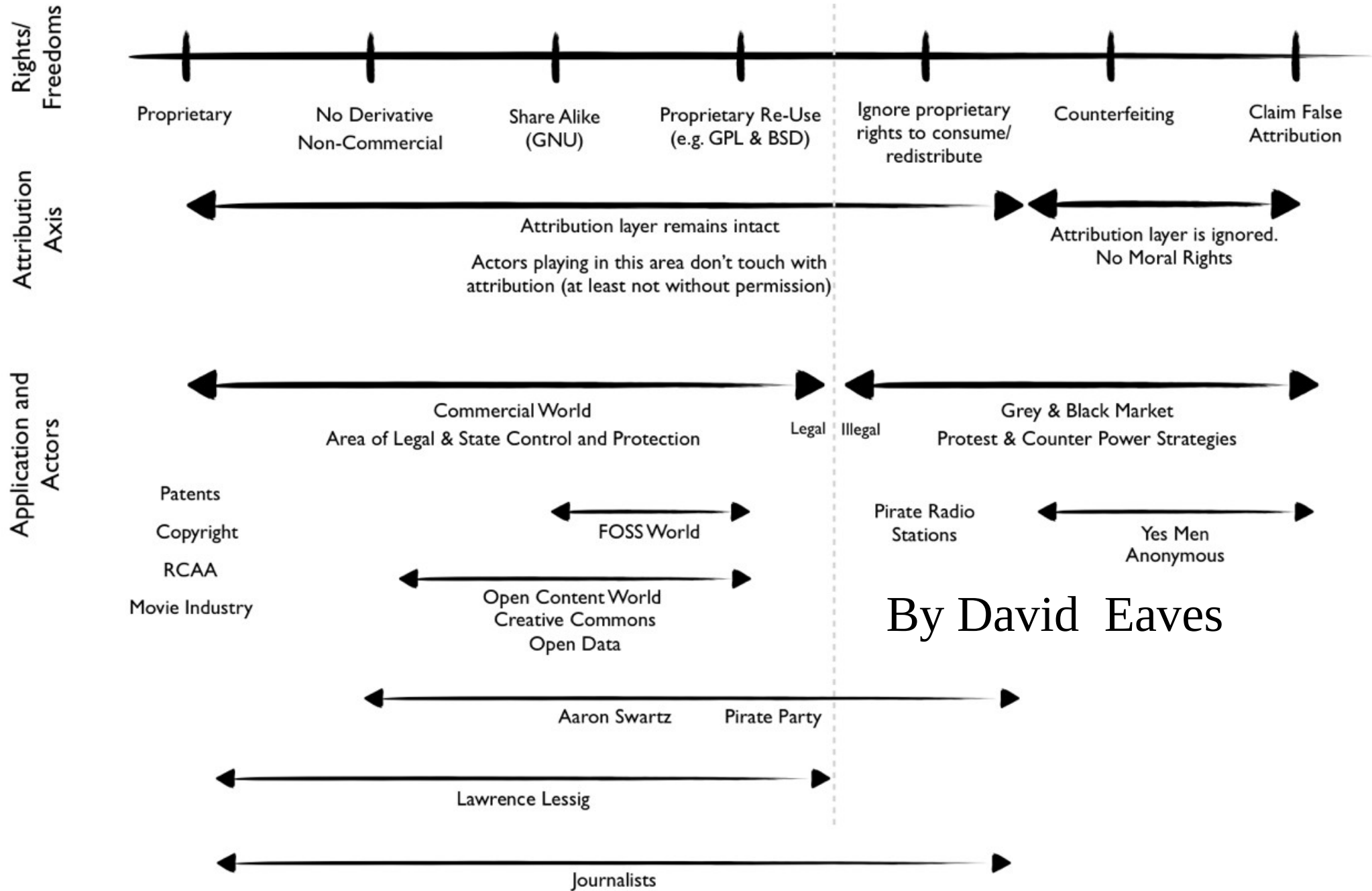
Freedom Continuum:  
From access to knowledge to privacy

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# Mapping the Definition and Use of Open



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# GNU GPL/Copyleft: 4

- Freedoms
  - Use [0]
  - Study [1/2 of 1]
  - Modify [1/2 of 1]
  - Share [original + derivatives] [for free for a fee] [2&3]
- Obligations
  - Attribution
  - Share-alike [derivatives]
  - Source code availability [to enable Study & Modify]

# BSD/CopyCentre: 5

- Freedoms
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  - Share [original + derivatives] [for free for a fee]
  - No share-alike [derivatives] - Change license / make proprietary derivatives.
- Obligations
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  - Source code availability for original [to enable Study & Modify]

# Creative Commons Licenses [5-0/2=5/3]

- Freedoms
  - Use – NonCommercial [-1]
  - Study – Not always sufficiently distinct from 'Use'
  - Modify – No-derivs [-1]
  - Share [original + derivatives] [for free for a fee] – NonCommercial [-1]
  - No share-alike [derivatives] – ShareAlike [-1]
- Obligation
  - Attribution

# Piracy [5++]

- Freedoms – Without enabling license
  - Use
  - Study – No source code/material availability – Reverse Engineer
  - Modify
  - Share [for free for a fee]
  - No share-alike [obligation for derivative works] - Change license / make proprietary derivative works.
- In most cases
  - Attribution layer is not touched



ORIGINAL PHOTOCOPY

CERTIFICATION  
OF AUTHENTICITY

*A. Kim Schmidt*  
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818 FORGERY & PIRATING  
WELCOME

ARTIST'S PROOF

KNOWLEDGE IS TREE.

WE ARE ANONYMOUS

WE ARE LEGION.

WE DO NOT FORGIVE.

WE DO NOT FORGET.

EXPECT US!



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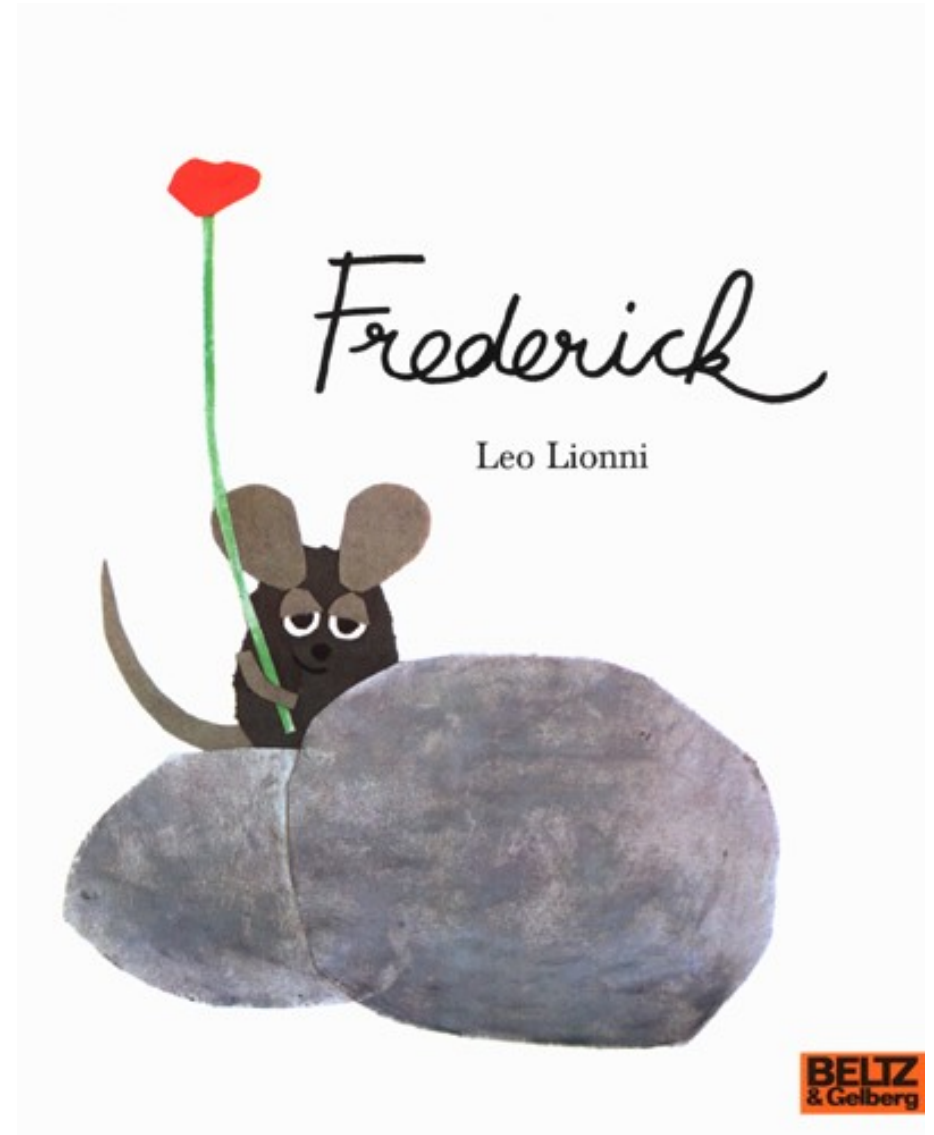
Wikipedia: “In Frankfurt, Dow's share price fell 4.24 percent in 23 minutes, wiping \$2 billion off its market value. The shares rebounded in Frankfurt after the BBC issued an on-air correction and apology.”

# Yes Men / Anonymous [6++]

- Freedoms – Without enabling license
  - Do whatever you can do!
  - Attribute your work to others
- Anonymity of a crowd, shared pseudonymous identities helps people escape the pervasive surveillance state. It renders Know Your Customer [KYC] and data retention requirements ineffective thereby complicating attribution.
- Not just shared software but also shared hardware.

# Take aways

- No one size fits all
- Shared knowledge for A2K  
| Shared identities for  
privacy – For ex. Plausible  
deniability (UID)
- If attribution is not sacred  
then intangible labour is  
not more important than  
tangible labour and vice  
versa. See: Frederick by  
Leo Lionni



# Limitations of this framework

- This is purely from the perspective of the user or consumers. Authors will not see this as a continuum. [Rob Myers cc-community list]
- Ignores the public domain [Niyam Bhushan FB]
- Ignores plagiarism: Attributing the work of others to yourself – What are the counter power implications for plagiarism? [Lawrence Liang]
- Ignores User Rights as freedoms

Thanks for your patience!

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