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Welcome to the launch of partyofwe.org, a website dedicated to the most powerful force on earth – you and me, who together with the rest of the world of Internet travelers is the Party of We. It is the We that can cause nations to crumble and legislation to die. But the We can also cause websites to crash and privacy be invaded. The We can bring good and bad, but no one can doubt the seismic change it's brought to the world.

We've seen its powerful influence in the downfall of Egypt and Libya. We witnessed it last week when an Internet uproar against the Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) and the Protect IP Act (PIPA) caused the U.S. government to drop support of legislation addressing piracy on the Internet (at least temporarily). It was not until websites exploded with objections and until some went dark that those who supported the legislations saw its faults. In short, the Party of We told the U.S. Congress that SOPA and PIPA, while perhaps addressing a real problem, were ideas executed badly. The Party of We stopped what some felt might seriously undermine Internet freedom of expression.

But in the last week or so, we've also seen how the Party of We can do what some would describe as evil, shutting down websites because they disagree with decisions made by others, in this case the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). In the wake of a half dozen or so arrests of the operators of Megaupload for piracy, Anonymous, a globally organized but unidentified hacking group, shut down DOJ's website and set its sites to do the same with the FBI website. Was interfering with law enforcement justified? Can it ever be justified? The answers will be determined not by our governments, but by the We. It's that simple.

But consider this. We've seen some pretty frightening responses from governments trying to hold on to control amid a torrent of free speech. We've witnessed government brutality in suppressing riots in countries throughout the Middle East. And this past summer, a programmer was sentenced to death in Iran for allegedly creating software that could be used to download pornography.

The battle lines are drawn. The Party of We has arisen.

This website is a repository for the debate and developments surrounding the Party of We. Become an Expert and a regular contributor. Or participate at some of the other levels. But participate however you can. If you prefer anonymity, that's fine. If not, that's fine, too. Just note that Experts must identify themselves. It's the right thing to do to preserve accuracy and transparency from the major editorial writers.

I've populated the site with a number of articles I've written over the past year for Corporate Counsel, a legal website. I am their columnist on digital marketing. While my columns obviously have a legal spin to them, the subjects I cover impact each of us every day – the Cloud, ICANN, IPv6, online behavioral advertising, hackers, phishers, squatters, and more. My columns aren't just about law, they're about you and me and the Party of We.

Let the ring of freedom begin...