Free Speech Needs Decentralization Notes

- Current government attacks on free speech/privacy intensifying
  - Criminalization of many types of speech (even reposting) in U.K.
  - Arrest of Pavel Durov (Telegram) in France
    - Lazy policing: "If we can't get the right man, we'll torture someone else."
      - The process is the punishment
      - Gov't wants backdoors into encrypted systems
  - Current U.S. V.P. candidate Walz has said "no guarantee to free speech on misinformation or hate speech"
- Why can the government not be trusted with surveillance powers?
  - Harass and chill political opposition
  - Spoof or entrap with simple electronic records
  - Gov't cannot hold both political power and the authority to decide "truth"
    - Police trained to lie and do so with impunity
    - This is one reason for jury trials—want relatively impartial judgment
- The 2nd Amendment Protects the 1st
  - True to a degree, but actually more complex
  - Both protect each other
  - Constant attacks on meaning of 2nd amendment as a militia right or about hunting
  - Need the ability to push back against these false ideas

A roadmap to total speech control
1. Start with something legitimate, i.e. "fighting words" doctrine
2. Expand "fighting words" to include "hate speech"
3. Expand "fighting words" to not require proximity/imminence <--U.S. is here
4. Now "hate speech" is unlawful
5. Expand definition of "hate speech" to include anything offensive <--U.K. is here
6. Gov't takes offense at any dissent; now it has full control over legal speech

Note: Unequal enforcement/double standards can be used at every step of this roadmap

What is needed to maintain free speech/privacy?
- End-to-end encryption
- Open source (need disinterested 3rd parties to look for loopholes)
- Decentralization (currently not well-implemented)
- Protocol flexibility (easier to add more bits to classical encryption than produce a quantum computer with more qubits)