information as property

intangible to impractical?

History of Information

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where we stand

- patents
- copyrights
- trademarks
so what are we talking about?

what is property?

in what way is information property?

"No good case exists for the inequality of real and intellectual property, because no good case can exist for treating with special disfavor the work of the spirit and the mind."

Helprin
aspects of property

what is property?
rules governing access to material goods

kinds of property
common
collective
private

properties of private property
rivalrous
excludable

property rights
how extensive?
one right—or a bundle?

"No one shall be ... deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation"