

**WikiLeaks and Piratebay:
Politics of standards**

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**activist projects
standards rather than issues**

sovereign power
(weber)

network power
(foucault/grewal/castells)

**types of relationships created
in both projects**

**rooted in hacker cultures
us vs. european**

narratives: WL
deterritoriality
complexity
exceptionality
autonomy

narratives: TPB
locality
simplicity
everydayness
embeddedness

political pattern: WL

**power-counterpower
information monopolies
leader-supporter**

political pattern: TPB

exodus

leaderless

one important node

political relations

**radical/confrontative
vis-à-vis proponents of other
standards**

political relations: WL

**no organic relationship to environment
few venues for action for others
(market libertarianism)
internal contradictions**

political relations: TPB

**organic relationship to environment
main action by others
(social movement oriented)
relatively coherent**

standard setting

Direct access

unrestricted use

**Democratization through decrease of
information monopolies**

standard growth

use of resources

**political transparency vs.
culture of obscuracy**

new models of cultural production

**Wikileaks and Piratebay are too weak
to establish new standars alone.**

**New standards are not yet new
politics, but new potentials**