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“tragedy of the commons”

(Harding, Ostrom)

- **generativity**: "a system's capacity to produce unanticipated change through unfiltered contributions from broad and varied audiences" (Zittrain, 70)

# “The generative pattern” (Zittrain)

- **Leverage** (how extensively a system or technology leverages a set of possible tasks)
- **Adaptability** (how easily the system can be built on or modified to broaden its range of uses)
- **Ease of mastery** (how easy it is for broad audiences to understand how to adopt and adapt a system or technology)
- **Accessibility** (absence of barriers stemming from price, regulation of adoption or use, secrecy of its creators)
- **Transferability** (how easily changes in the system can be conveyed to others)

# Hourglass architecture of PCs and the Internet (Zittrain)

