

The splinternet: Elon Musk's 42,000 StarLink 5G Satellites (SpaceX)

Description

7000 have already been launched.

Cyber-balkanization

- Over the next few decades, Elon Musk is hoping to send 42,000 satellites to space.
- He is hoping those satellites bring high-speed internet to every corner of the world— from the rainforest to Antarctica.

Foreign Policy writer, [Evgeny Morozov](#), questions whether “the Internet brings us closer together”, and despite its early ideals that it would “increase understanding, foster tolerance, and ultimately promote worldwide peace”, the opposite may be happening.

[Google](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#)—are U.S. companies that other governments increasingly fear as political agents. Chinese, Cuban, Iranian, and even Turkish politicians are already talking up “information sovereignty” a euphemism for replacing services provided by Western Internet companies with their own more limited but somewhat easier to control products, further splintering the World Wide Web into numerous national Internets. The age of the Splinternet beckons.[

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