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Patents have been extremely damaging to a wide variety of industries, especially software. Due to patents the MP3 audio format could not be used by the average programmer without the backing of a company until 2017 which lead to a large amount of unnecessary work being exerted to create inferior but patent-free formats which could have been put towards the advancement of technology.

I would implore you to watch the documentary 'Patent Absurdity', as it does a very good job exploring the issues with patents, particularly software patents and does a good job of summarising the arguments against patents especially in their modern form.

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