

Why Bitcoin Is Protected by the First Amendment

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Carlton Fields attorney Justin S. Wales authored an article in *CoinDesk* entitled “Why Bitcoin Is Protected by the First Amendment.” Wales co-chairs the firm’s Blockchain and Digital Currency Practice. “As an industry, we should reframe the discussion about bitcoin and its progeny away from their uses solely as digital money and instead describe them as onramps to decentralized networks capable of much more,” Wales wrote. “Once properly viewed as conduits to global communicative technologies, it becomes clear that participation in these networks is protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.” READ: *CoinDesk*, [“Why Bitcoin Is Protected by the First Amendment”](#)

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