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In 2012, Benkler received a lifetime achievement award from Oxford University “in recognition of his extraordinary contribution to the study and public understanding of the Internet and information goods.” His work is socially engaged, winning him the Ford Foundation Visionaries Award in 2011, the Electronic Frontier Foundation's Pioneer Award for 2007, and the Public Knowledge IP3 Award in 2006. It is also anchored in the realities of markets, and was cited as “perhaps the best work yet about the fast moving, enthusiast-driven Internet” by the *Financial Times* and named best business book about the future in 2006 by *Strategy and Business*.

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