Comment from Thomas Rutter

All things start out as an idea, an idea that at times can lead to amazing things. Take the telephone for example I don't think Alexander Graham Bell quite knew the impact that he would have on this world when he was inventing the telephone which has been tremendous. A more modern example in Steve Jobs, things he has created and set in motion have shaped our very society in many ways. However, if they had been overregulated, we may never have had their impact on this world. If we set limitations to strictly, we will never know what inventions we could have had. I agree for the need of structure, but I hope that that structure does not limit testing of new technologies. I hope when making regulations we do not fall into the negativity effect as stated by John Tierney, Roy F. Baumeister in their book "the power of bad" which they state "... the universal tendency for negative events and emotions to affect us more strongly than positive ones"(John Tierney, Roy F. Baumeister pg.2). The tendency with emerging technologies is to not look at the good it is causing when a bad event happens. This mindset causes us to forget what innovation is all about, advancement. We tend to go too far when a bad thing happens in regulation, for instance in the case of nuclear power we have limited ourselves so much that many do not have access to this clean energy source but that is a topic for another time. Driving is one of the most dangerous things that the everyday individual will do, making it safer will make the world safer but to do so will require our great minds to be freed and the regulations to guide and not limit.