Cyber-balkanization and Sci-Fi

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Abstract: *Cyberbalkanization is a term used to describe the fragmentation of the Internet into isolated regions or communities, often based on language, culture, or geography. The term "balkanization" refers to the fragmentation of a larger entity into smaller, often mutually hostile units, a phenomenon that took place in the Balkans region of Europe in the 20th century. Science fiction has explored the idea of cyberbalkanization in several works, imagining possible futures where the Internet becomes divided into separate, self-contained virtual realms, each with its own distinct culture and governance. In these futures, the fragmented nature of the Internet poses new challenges for global communication, cooperation, and stability. The impact of cyberbalkanization on science fiction will only increase as technology continues to develop and change our world, generating new and intriguing stories and stretching the boundaries of the genre in fresh and creative ways.*

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