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**Blogging in Malaysia –
Missing Coverage?**

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Information and communication technologies are not a panacea or magic formula. But they can improve the lives of everyone on this planet... Yet even as we talk about the power of technology, let us remember who is in charge. While technology shapes the future, it is people who shape technology, and decide what it can and should be used for.

- Kofi Annan, 2003

- *The MSC (Multimedia Super Corridor), Vision 2020, ICTs, and BioValley*
- *National Biotechnology Policy*
- *Malaysian Biotechnology Corporation (MBC)*
- *Bionexus*

- *Biosafety & US FTA*

- “Politically contentious” alternative media (Cherian George) in Malaysia – focus on blogging
- Dearth of coverage – e.g. biotechnology / environment / FTA issues

Why so little coverage?

#1 Access to information and government control

#2 Complexity of issues

*#3 Environmental NGOs & relationship with
bloggers and other alt. media*

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