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Q1:

Improve the existing framework. Power to refuse classification or censor content should be striped away from the classification board. They exist in order to provide a classification to content which will help inform the consumer of what they can expect. Censorship should not have anything to do with classification.

Q2:

It should be limited to purely classification, not censorship. All content should be reviewed and then classified i.e. it should only be given a rating so that the public is informed of the content. Nothing should ever be censored or refused classification.

Q3:

No - Technology is advancing so rapidly that it wouldn't make sense to place this kind of limitation on content.

Q4:

All content should be classified - nothing should ever be censored or refused.

Q5:

All content should be classified regardless of content - nothing should ever be censored or refused.

Q6:

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Q7:

If the artwork contains gruesome violence or some other high impact themes, then the consumer should be informed so that they can made their own decision on whether or not to view it. Again, nothing should ever be censored or refused classification.

Q8:

The current system is sufficient.

Q9:

Not size no, but any product available for sale should be given a rating - again nothing should ever be refused or censored.

Q10:

No

Q11:

Everything available for purchase should be given a rating to inform the public of it's content. No restrictions should ever be applied.

Q12:

Nothing should ever be restricted - this goes against the very nature of the internet.

Q13:

This should be left up to parents to voluntarily filter - it is not up to the state.

Q14:

Control is not needed - simply inform the public of the content contained within and allow the public to make their decisions. Those under the age of 15 should not be able to purchase anything higher than MA rating - Everyone else should be allow to decide for themselves.

Q15:

Film, Television, Games, Music

Q16:

Government Agencies - Provide a classification for all content (they should not have the authority to restrict or refuse classification or to censor content - they are a classification agency, not a censorship agency).

Industry Bodies - Should provide an accurate representation of the content to the classification board so that they can perform their role.

Users - Should get the final say in whether or not they wish to view or take part in the content, nothing should be filtered or blocked before it reaches the user.

Q17:

No.

Q18:

Music

Q19:

For the most part this service should be subsidised by the state, with only a nominal fee payable to any who are applying to have their content classified (in the area of \$100 or so).

Q20:

Yes

Q21:

Yes - an R18+ rating for Games is desperately needed.

Q22:

The current system is fine - with the addition of the R18+ Rating for games all formats (bar music) will have the same markings - G, PG, M, MA, R) - all content should be classified into these categories, with R containing everything that is considered too extreme for MA - there is no content that cannot be classified as R.

Q23:

Q24:

Nothing - The Internet should be free and open with the good available alongside the bad. To control the internet would, in time, cripple it and steer it away from it's amazing potential that it has now. The internet is a repository of the largest wealth of knowledge humankind has ever known - it has become an extension of our own knowledge and in the future will play and even more integral role in society. The internet needs to remain open and free.

Q25:

No, the Refused Classification category should be abolished altogether.

Q26:

Content should be rated on a federal level - it is inefficient to do this on a state level, especially if it's only purpose is to provide a rating to inform consumers of the content.

Q27:

Q28:

Yes

Q29:

Main points:

Introduce an R18+ Rating for games

Restrict the classification board's powers to merely classification - they should not have the power to censor or refuse classification of content. 'Refused Classification' is not a classification and thus the board is not doing it's Job.

It is vital that the Internet is unrestricted, free and never has any filters placed upon it.

Other comments: