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Q1:

A new framework

Q2:

Standardised and consistent classification of content regardless of the media it is presented on. Classification should aim to advise, not censor.

Q3:

No.

Q4:

Yes

Q5:

No. Classification should be standardised and clear, such that an adult can make their own decision regarding the appropriateness of content for themselves and their children.

Q6:

No.

Q7:

No.

Q8:

Yes. Classification must be standardised otherwise we'll end up with the same inadequate system that we have now all over again.

Q9:

No

Q10:

Yes, privately created and consumed media should not require classification. See Q4.

Q11:

Because of the volume of content that is now available over the internet, through the Apple/Android app stores, etc it is not feasible to classify all material before it is made available to the public. As such it should be up to the distributors/publishers of content to present mature content or content intended for children for classification.

Q12:

As far as illegal content is concerned the creators of the content and anyone in possession of it should be prosecuted. As far as restricting access to minors to content which has been censored there are already an array of free products that can be used.

Q13:

Parents/guardians/teachers bare the responsibility of controlling what their children have access to.

Q14:

The law is fine as is. Only adults may purchase content rated R18+ or higher. If that's not working then the offending retailers are breaking the law and should be prosecuted.

Q15:

All classified material should have its classification displayed.

Q16:

Government agencies should provide a standardised rating system by which all content can be measured, and prevent the sale of illegal material.

Industry bodies should co-operate with the government imposed regulations to ensure their publications comply with the classification system before sale. Once users have purchased/acquired the content, it is their responsibility to control possession of it and not make it available or exhibit it when it would be inappropriate.

Q17:

Yes

Q18:

Anything that the producers of the content judge will not raise complaints. After all it's them who will suffer should complaints be made and ratified.

Q19:

All classification should be subsidised by the government.

Q20:

Most of the current lower classifications are pretty useless. What's the practical difference between PG and M? Nothing much... Having said that though, the higher ratings (MA, R, X) convey a clear message.

Q21:

The lower end of the classification ratings should be merged. The X rating should be available nationwide.

Q22:

Make a single set of rules and apply it to all media. Simple. The (false) assumptions that pictures have more impact than words and interactive content has more impact than non-interactive have been debunked several times now. Swearing is swearing, adult themes are adult themes...

Q23:

Yes. Standardise!

Q24:

Nothing. Creation and possession of illegal content is already illegal. Spend taxpayers' money catching those criminals instead of wasting it with ineffective internet filters that won't work anyway.

Q25:

Of course not! You really think there's no one over 15 playing video games?

Q26:

Yes, very. State classification laws should all be thrown away.

Q27:

A single consistent framework for classification applicable to all media, and an independent board responsible for performing classification.

Q28:

Yes

Q29:

Other comments:

Consistency, advice and freedom are all I really want from a classification scheme. I don't want to be told that I can't play a video game because it's "not appropriate" for someone under 15. I don't want to be told that a magazine with naked people in it is only suitable for adults, but an oil painting of the same is fine for public display in a museum. I just want to be informed if there's content in any sort of media that might be offensive so that I can make up my own mind.