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Q1:

I believe that there should be a single framework for all media. Whether this makes use of the existing system or not is irrelevant. However change is needed. The framework should be provided as an informational tool not a restriction.

Q2:

A single rating system for all media with clear unbiased and scientifically* verified goals.

*Reviewed by respected, recent papers.

Q3:

No. However this rating does not imply control needs to exist on all media. The fact that a rating exists should be an informative guide or a merchant limitation not a government mandated filter.

Q4:

No, complaint should be an avenue for re-review not the only reason to perform a rating, so long as the rating from the consumer end informs rather than limits.

Q5:

The first question is vague, how else would you rate content other than the impact of the content? The length? The color?

Second question is also vague, does it mean the same content rating should be applied for all media of a given franchise? Or does it ask whether there should be ratings for child safe content across all media. I don't see an issue with the second, the first is ridiculous.

Q6:

Once again, as long as classification is not equated with control, and is merely an informative tool, I don't see how this is an issue.

However once again the intent of the question is not clear. Does an unclassified item have no classification? Or is it therefore refused classification? If you are asking whether interest should dictate a lower classification on an item, then no. I don't see this as logical. However content classifications should exist for all legal categories of materials for all age groups. So long as it is legal to possess an item why would it remain unclassified.

Q7:

Define art? Are we going to be putting content ratings on statues? Or maybe at the park entrance? What about art in the home? What about private art works, exhibited in framing workshops? I don't see how this would be possible to implement. Possibly it could be implemented for a given event or exhibit in the manner of a performance, but not for each artwork.

Q8:

Classification and regulation are two different issues. Classification is informative, regulation is restrictive. Give people the information, not the fences. If a parent or adult makes an informed decision to purchase or provide rated content to their children, that should be their right.

Q9:

See question 1.

Q10:

See question 1.

Q11:

Any content which the common consumer could access should be classified, or the users should be given the tools to determine what the classification is themselves with the methodology used by the classification process.

Q12:

No content should be "restricted" except by exception where the user of the content / or their legal guardian opts in for such a scheme.

Q13:

It can't without infringing on privacy and freedom. Privacy and freedom within the rights and responsibilities of a law abiding society are more important than control of "inappropriate" media. Control via education, sit kids down during sex Ed and tell them what is out there.

It is natural for children to be curious about it. Go after the perpetrators of crime rather than cotton wool the victims.

Put the computer in a public spot. Give parents time to spend with their children. 2 incomes now required to get by, cost of living soaring.

Cut financial services share of the wealth in the country. Stop middle class welfare schemes such as First Home Owners Grant and Negative gearing. Which artificially inflate the cost of living. I know this is beyond the scope of this review, however the truth is parents have less time to interact with their children than ever.

Q14:

It can't, current system works.

Q15:

At point of sale, any item that is deemed for Adults should require adult consent (ID) for purchase. Items which could potentially interest minors from the packaging, should be labelled with ratings.

Q16:

Only at point of sale, and only to give adults informed options not to restrict and regulate content for informed adults.

Q17:

Not as such. However such a code would be difficult to produce but should be consistent. I believe industry should have input into the code, not the rating itself. There should be avenue for dispute.

Q18:

See previous responses.

Q19:

If the code was obvious, and mathematically precise. This would not be an issue.

Q20:

No. There is confusion around non-classified, R18 not existing in some media and X rated items.

Q21:

Yes, Adults may want informative classifications for the media they consume as well as for what they provide their children, there is not much scope here currently. However this should not be a restriction.

Q22:

Information on what criteria has caused higher categorisations is very important. As this changes the view of the rating in some cases.

Categories should be across all media in the same manner.

Q23:

Yes.

Q24:

The law is enough in this respect, if its legal, there should be no reason to prohibit it.

If its illegal, target the lawbreaker for their crime.

Q25:

No. So badly no. Not at all.

Q26:

One system for Australia, labelling would be too costly for any other system. And no other way makes sense.

How should it be promoted? As in advertising? Informational booklets to explain the ratings of content and what the reasoning is as an educational experience or guide for parents. The more information, the better, within the ratings themselves.

Q27:

Is this question asking for a draft legislation? Or is it asking me to select between unspecified options? My input is clear above.

Q28:

Yes. Get rid of the states power. We are one country, time we started acting like it.

Q29:

R18 for games? Why are we limiting content made by adults for adults to only items appropriate for minors?

Look at a range of actual peer reviewed papers on the subject instead of a select few which are heavily refuted.

Other comments:

This should have been advertised better.

Is there a way to subscribe for alerts when the public opinion is sought?