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Q1:

Develop a new framework - dynamic and interactive media present very different classification issues which I do not believe are addressed in the current scheme / classification processes

Q2:

To provide objective guidance as to the content and nature of various media. As a guide to adult audiences such that they may make informed choices regarding the levels of potentially offensive themes and situations in their media (as consenting adults, members of the community, or parents)

Q3:

This is a very complex question. The reality is some platforms / technologies are inherently _impossible_ to classify, as we know it (and not just in a technological limitation sense, one cannot apply objective rules based classification to a piece of content that changes by the minute). However, where possible fair and appropriate classification should be made.

Q4:

No. Complaint-based classification is ridiculous - it can hardly be considered representative. Complaint-based _review_ of classification? Perhaps. But only attempting to classify that which is complained about is absolutely unfair and seeks only to censor media, rather than provide appropriate guidance as to the nature of media / content.

Q5:

Potential impact? I don't fully understand the question, I'm sorry. Especially the last fragment. literally nonsensical to me.

Q6:

Absolutely not, the classification process should be universal, but at the same time, not provide impediments / financial hurdles to small / startup distributors / content producers. Obviously, for the classification system (as we know it) to be like this is impossible, some practicable middle ground between universality and cost to content producers must be found.

Q7:

Never for restricting access, but providing consumer advice? Perhaps.. Still, to a certain extent galleries and exhibitors can be trusted to provide appropriate information (in the same way as a film festival, for instance), so this is less of a concern than for wholesale distribution / sale.

Q8:

Absolutely.

Q9:

Again, this is a reality vs. theory question. Theoretically, of course not. But it's an easy concession to make to reduce the load on the classification system.

Q10:

Hmm... The concern for consumer advice (especially in explicit, apparent, consistent forms) is much greater in a public venue, however consumer advice is still important for the consumer (in their home or otherwise).

Q11:

Practicality and scale - classification should be about advice, not restriction of content. So given infinite resources and time, all content should be classified (so as to provide advice to all consumers, for all content).

Q12:

Umm.. None? I disagree absolutely with the suggestion (assumption, really) that online content should be restricted (and yes, I'm fully aware it already is).

Q13:

By the government? See above. By their parents? By education, awareness, open discussion and social / open use of computers.

Q14:

... You're kidding right? How is the sale of alcohol / drugs / blades / spray cans controlled????

Q15:

This is a very vague definition, but - whenever the nature of the content is in contrast to the apparent nature of the content (from a magazine cover, dvd slip, movie poster, book, what have you).

Q16:

Q17:

Q18:

Q19:

All efforts should be made to make the classification process as affordable (to all) as possible, however, in reality, this is unlikely to be totally achievable, so subsidies may make sense, in certain contexts.

Q20:

I don't think so. Books and magazines are very distinct from film / cinema / television. Furthermore, video games (which are otherwise identical to the film scheme) lack an R18+ rating, which I feel forces not only the refusal of classification of adult material, but also encourages the classification of adult material as MA15+.

Q21:

R18+ for video-games (see above). Possibly review the distinctions between PG/M/MA (especially with regards to sexual content / violence. It seems sexual content is heavily weighted to the upper end, whereas violence is permissible even at lower classifications)

Q22:

Q23:

Q24:

None.

Q25:

No, absolutely not.

Q26:

National scheme.

Q27:

Q28:

Q29:

Other comments: