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Q1:

The criteria for classifications are incredibly vague and inconsistently upheld. The M and MA15+ ratings are remarkably broad and vague, and can mean anything from occasional light hearted nudity to horrendous sexual violence, these classifications are utterly useless and I can say anecdotally that they are largely ignored. The refusal of classification to violent or vulgar video games should also be put a stop to in order to allow them to flourish as an art form in Australia.

Q2:

The fair, consistent and transparent classification of media by a diverse group of individuals, open to the contributions and criticisms of the artists.

Q3:

Assuming this question regards content available via the internet, classifications should only act as guidelines for parents that should allow them to make an informed choice of what they are allowing their child to see. Without this policing, all classification would be pointless, and as such, yes, all platforms' content should be classified in some way.

Q4:

Classifications should be available as a reliable reference for concerned parents, nothing more.

Q5:

Once again, classifications should exist as an advisory for parents when allowing their children to view media, nothing should be barred from view or banned, just classified so that the public may make informed decisions as to what they want to see.

Q6:

Realistically, there is too much media out there to classify without huge expenditures, especially on the internet. As such, I'd say across the board parental discretion is advised when leaving kids connected to the internet.

Q7:

Adult consumers should be advised, but not restricted, their children however, are a different matter.

Q8:

Yes, but only as I've stated above.

Q9:

Media intended for small audiences can't logistically be regulated.

Q10:

All media shown in public should remain decent and regulated, to tell someone what they can and can't view in their own home, however, is wrong.

Q11:

As much content as is possible should be classified, classification should be considered a public service, a knowledge base to allow consumers to filter through what is appropriate for their kids.

Q12:

Online content cannot be controlled, all filters, bans or content monitoring can be easily evaded by a simple proxy or TOR browser.

Q13:

Parental control and education. Responsible use of the internet isn't taught thoroughly at all in primary schools, or even high schools.

Q14:

Restrict their sale to adult book stores which bar underage people from entry, take them off the shelves of convenience stores.

Q15:

On the box/cover (if there is physical media) and in the media before it begins to unfold.

Q16:

Cooperation and transparency are important. It is the government's responsibility to work with industry bodies to create and enforce fair classification laws, and it is the responsibility of users to read, understand and respect them.

Q17:

Yes, simply apply harsh penalties when artists fail to do so properly.

Q18:

Given the proper criteria, it should be simple for the industry to self classify their work.

Q19:

Allow these producers to classify their own content, and simply allow the Government to regulate and ensure no faults are made.

Q20:

Classification categories are incredibly vague. MA15+ films can mean absolutely anything given that producers are absolutely desperate to avoid being rated R18+ and losing their 14-17 year old market.

Q21:

More classifications are required with more specific information on what is being shown and in what context that is.

Q22:

More classifications to choose from that depict more offending scenarios.

Q23:

Consolidated and revised heavily, yes.

Q24:

None, it can't be stopped.

Q25:

It is naive to think that media can be restricted from adults in the 21st century.

Q26:

Interstate law is a minefield of contradictions and inconsistency making it impossible to make any change without taking huge amounts of time to do so. Cooperation is a must.

Q27:

Q28:

Q29:

Allow the industry to self regulate, and offer classification as a public service, not the lazy, inconsistent and at times, overzealous witch hunt it has become.

Other comments: