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Q1:

New framework.

Q2:

Clear guidelines on what categorises a film or game being for kids, teens or adults and including rights for adults being able to access mature content.

Q3:

No. Movies, Games, Print etc would be better classified in a similar way. It should be about the content or themes the media is presenting.

Q4:

No. All public media content should be rated.

Q5:

All mass public media should be classified whether for kids, teens or adults. Impact of the media form should be considered though. Print may have less impact than a movie for instance.

Q6:

All mass public media should be classified whether for kids, teens or adults.

Q7:

A tough one, but anything depicting violence or sexual themes surely isn't suitable for children, but possibly teens. Impact of the media form should be considered.

Q8:

Yes. All mass public media should be classified whether for kids, teens or adults.

Q9:

No.

Q10:

No. But it should take into account the rights of adults to view adult/mature content and therefore have a rating restricting content to adults only. This protects both kids and teens from offensive or disturbing material while also taking into account the rights of adults to view that sort of material.

Q11:

Content available to the public, whether in a mass format or not and for home or public, if being sold and distributed, really needs to be classified.

Q12:

I'd suggest regulations on ISPs where bans on particular content is put in place through the ISP, but still taking into account the rights of adults, as the account holder, to have those bans on material removed so that content is able to be viewed within their household. It then becomes the responsibility of the responsible adult account holder to have their own filtering software at home with passwords to restrict minors from viewing adult content.

Q13:

As mentioned above, ISPs should have a filter at their level, but this needs to be able to be removed by the account holder to respect adult's rights to view mature material. It then becomes the account holder's responsibility to have filter software on the computer. Government should promote more info on these softwares.

Q14:

These needs to be controlled by the retailers of these products confirming only those of legal age are purchasing products for 18+. Harsher penalties should apply to retailers who do not comply.

Q15:

I would suggest anything that has material judged not suitable for children should have some sort of advise on it saying so. And then anything suitable only for adults should also say so.

Q16:

Government to enforce regulations onto industry bodies with penalties for selling inappropriate content to those not meeting age requirements to purchase said material. Industry bodies to follow regulations to the public. Public to report any observation of regulations not being followed.

Q17:

I still think the government, with consultation should work out the classification system. Then using focus groups, members of the public and the guidelines, classify the content. It's then up to the industry to follow the guidelines as to who they are selling the content.

Q18:

If obvious and straightforward (as in suitable for all), it probably doesn't need to be classified.

Q19:

I do not have enough enough knowledge of the subject to make an informed decision.

Q20:

I think the M or M15+ classification can be a little confusing as sometimes content that seems more suitable just for adults turns up in M / M15+ rated areas.

Q21:

I think we really only need 4 ratings. One for kids/all ages, one for kids with supervision, one for teens and above and one for adults only. Similar to a G, PG, M, R18+ system. But be clear on the content

so it doesn't blur between classifications. I think what we have now is pretty good, but some content in M should move to R18+ and R18+ should expand across all media and have a wider range of what is able to be classified for adults who should have freedom to make decisions on what they view.

Q22:

G, PG, M, R18+ would be pretty clear. G for all audiences (nothing deemed offensive or confusing). PG suitable for kids but they may need some supervision or guidance on information. M for people possibly 15 and above who can make more informed decisions on mild violence, language and mild sexual themes. Then R18+ for adult only content including strong/severe violence, strong sexual acts including pornography, very strong language.

Q23:

Yes. Clear guidelines across all media.

Q24:

Things deemed illegal acts should be prohibited such as hardcore bestiality and actual child pornography. I would not suggest banning things like information on drugs and these sorts of sites could have useful information to turn people away from drugs and it would be hard to regulate sites that are either pro or anti drug.

Q25:

I think the RC classification may be a little too in depth and actually stop adults from viewing material that really an adult should have the right to view. An example would be an adult being able to view pornography but not play a violent video game that was refused classification. This may just be because the classification system is not uniform across all media (no R18+ currently for video games). I think classification consistent across all media forms that has clear classification ratings and still allows access to adults to make informed decisions and have the rights to view mature content would work.

Q26:

I think consistency across all states would be the best way as long as it protects minors and respects adult's rights.

Q27:

National board for nation rating/classification system.

Q28:

If unable to come to terms within parliament.

Q29:

I think i've given enough views to cover this.

Other comments:

I have 2 main reasons for filling in this survey. The first is i am an adult of 31 years old who plays

video games and i have been disappointed to see games refused classification due to no R18+ rating on video games, but some games that have been classified as M15+ are just as violent as some receiving an RC classification. As an adult i believe i should have the right to play video games of a violent or sexual nature that can be classified as adults only R18+ as long as they are not breaking any laws such in regards to extreme content such as child pornography. The second reason is my partner as i plan to start a family in the next couple of years as even though i believe an adult should have the right to view sexual or violent material, i don't think the classifications for teens are tight enough (such as strong language and violence being available to teens when it is probably more suited to adults). A clear classification system across the board for all media can protect the rights of adults by allowing them to view mature material and pornography while tightening up in the M and PG type areas to protect minors.