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Q1: Yes

Q2: To allow parents, guardians and individuals to have access to information regarding what content is suitable for viewing by their children or themselves.

Q3: In theory, no. However platforms such as the public internet contain vast volumes of material which would probably be impractical to classify.

Q4:

Q5: Yes, all media should be treated equally.

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Parental education and control. Attempts to block access to such content would all be ineffective and would be a blatant breach of freedom of speech. Information/content itself does not have the capacity to be intrinsically dangerous, offensive or evil. No classification scheme should have the authority to restrict access to non-exploitative content.

Q13:

Parental education and control. No technological interventions are likely to be useful as they can all be easily circumvented.

Q14:

It probably can't be, and certainly shouldn't be.

Q15:

When the nature of the content is not implied by the product itself. i.e. only if it contains material that would not be expected by a reasonable person.

Q16:

Government should only have a role in overseeing classification but nil role in the classification itself or in restricting access to classified material. Classification is best carried out by the industry itself. Users should be responsible for deciding which content is appropriate for their use and the use of

their children.

Q17:

Yes

Q18:

All content should be classified by industry

Q19:

Very little. If self classification is carried out by the industry itself, classification costs should remain very low.

Q20:

Well understood.

Q21:

New categories are required for all content that is currently refused classification. Such categories should easily identify what content the user should expect to see in the classified material.

Q22:

Q23:

All media should be treated equally, so it would make sense to have a single act.

Q24:

No content should be prohibited.

Q25:

No.

Q26:

Q27:

A scheme in which self classification is required by industry, and users take responsibility for content viewed. It is inappropriate for any government body to control classification (i.e. censorship) of media.

Q28:

Yes, provided the national legislation is appropriate and in no way restricts freedom of speech (which is restricted by current state laws, and proposed national laws)

Q29:

Other comments: