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Q1:

In my opinion the introduction of a new R18 rating would be a smart choice.

Q2:

To give guidelines on which Video games are viewable by which age groups

Q3:

Video games do need to be classified to help protect children and make Parents realise the implications of buying unsuitable games for their children despite what platform its on.

Q4:

All forms of media and entertainment should be reviewed and classified so the public can understand what is contained within that movie or game or song.

Q5:

Yes all forms of media should go through Classification

Q6:

As previously mentioned all media should be reviewed and classified but should be banned before hand just because it hasn't been classified yet

Q7:

Art of all kinds should be available to all age groups.

Q8:

If the book itself isn't classified, then the audio recording shouldn't be either

Q9:

No the content should be classified on what it contains, not on what audience will see it.

Q10:

No

Q11:

Unsure

Q12:

Control of online media would be a very difficult task as it is almost impossible to keep up with all the new content on the internet, which means that it should be accepted as ok, until reviewed and determined as unsuitable

Q13:

Stopping Access to inappropriate content is the duty of the Parents, not the government, restricting or blocking sites and material.

Internet filters are cheap and plenty of free one's online for parents to easily download and use.

Having an internet filter just prevents adult's from accessing completely legal content, on the basis that children may stumble onto the site.

Q14:

This again is the duty of parents, if they cannot keep an eye on what their child is doing then that is their fault and shouldn't blame the classification boards for not protecting their children for them

Q15:

All forms of Media such as Films, Television shows, Books, Video games, Music.

Q16:

Government-To ban Illegal material such as Child pornography, Guides on making and distributing drugs and explosives and weapons.

Industry bodies- Should be held responsible for what material their industry releases, hiding behind free speech in the matter of the game Rapelay is shocking, It is a game designed on raping females, they developers and publishers should be held responsible for content

Users- Should be able to use the classification guidelines to decide what is appropriate for them and their family to access and view. But non family friendly movies and games should not be banned as that does prevent access to Mature adult's to access the material they would like to.

Q17:

I prefer the idea of the Classification board for each country deciding what should be put under what rating classifications, Industries themselves deciding could mean that the most popular content would get a free pass regardless of what is actually within it.

Q18:

All content should be classified by a national board, not by the Industry itself

Q19:

All content that is available in stores to Australian buyers should be classified, If something is online it would be a lot harder to enforce a classification and Australian citizens of age should be able to reasonably decide if what they are going to view is appropriate for them and their family before hand.

Q20:

Video game classification is definitely not understood.

Parents will buy MA15 games for their under 15 children believing that since it is a game it is all fine for their children.

Many R18 games are classified as MA15 ratings here because we do not have the proper classification.

eg Black Ops a very popular game has scenes of someone's eye being gouged out, another with a spike being dug into the back of someone's neck and twisted around, and yet plenty of under 15 year old children have played and love the game, Parents should be more informed that MA15 does not mean 12+ for the game and that it really is something that requires parental supervision.

Q21:

R18 is needed, without it games for Adults that are classified as above 18 in other countries are classified with ratings suitable for Children.

Q22:

All guidelines should be the same, if a movie can have a sex scene, a game should bear the same guidelines

Q23:

Yes

Q24:

The only content that should be restricted is Childporn and other illegal content, as mentioned before, trying to block access to other material online would prove to be an impossible task as new material is available every minute of every day, reviewing it all would be a wasteful task

Q25:

Yes but as mentioned before Refused classification material needs to be monitored but would be hard to keep up with

Q26:

Each state's classification system should be individual if the states population believes that content should be allowed. I do prefer the national classification system them

Q27:

It should be a National scheme that allows R18 games, movies and music to be rated on the same guidelines.

Q28:

Yes

Q29:

Unsure

Other comments:

Despite the beliefs of some minority groups, bringing an R18 rating for games will not flood Australia with hundreds of games that aren't appropriate for Children, It would help Parents realise that R18 games really are for 18+, Unlike the current rating system.