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Hello,

I wasn't particularly certain on which section I should send this message to, so I've chosen "Classification Inquiry", as this message really is in response to trying to fill out the Classification Review. If this message has been sent to the wrong place, could you please forward it to the correct location.

I wanted to provide the insight of a typical 20 year old university student, however I was unable to. I decided to briefly read over the questions, and found that many of them made very little sense to me. Some of the questions seemed very convoluted, and I can't imagine too many people fully understanding these questions if they do not have some form of legal background.

I would however like to simply state my thoughts on certain things: I would like to see better classifications for the gaming industry, as not only is this restricting the ability for developers to sell their content, but it also prevents the general public from having access to certain games. For instance, the lack of an R 18+ rating prevents some games from being sold in the country (as they are deemed to contain too much adult content for youths).

This censorship of adult-content containing games is very restrictive to the everyday casual gamer, however to anybody else who really wants to obtain a copy of this game, they'd almost certainly find a way of obtaining a pirated copy (It is ironic how having this censorship results in forcing people to obtain pirated copies). This is, at the very least, my opinion of what has been happening, as I've heard in many different circles over the years of people being outraged at a specific game being banned and thus have therein sought out a copy.

Enough about that topic however. I saw a question or two related to controlling what children see online and have an idea pertaining to this. Perhaps generating some sort of national blacklist that is *optional* to download. It could be a plugin or addon for the various browsers used by the public which could restrict access to certain sites if it is installed. Another option would be to generate a totally self-reliant browser that parents would tell their kids to use, however this is probably not the best idea due to costs (and also most people really do *not* like changing utilities, people hate to adapt or change programs when they have something that already works).

I hope that this message can be taken into consideration for the relevant questions in the Classification Survey, as I do hold some points of view of these things, but not on the other, what I consider, less important parts of the classification framework.

Thanks,
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