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Comments: The copyright laws in the US, and indeed, over the majority of the planet, are an outdated and greedy waste of taxpayers money. Surely it is obvious that any and all exposure of a \"quality\" piece of media can only be a good thing? There is little to no evidence of so called \"piracy\" (which is in fact merely filesharing) has a monetary effect on the media industries - what very little negative effect can be (arguably) seen, is more than likely down to the industries own stupidity in refusing to change and seeing their own customers as \"freeloaders\" as opposed to people with limited finances, who refuse to except inferior quality media (ie - untalented, greedy media moguls who are in the industry to get rich rather than talented artists) If you have some talent, and are in your job for the right reasons...you have nothing to fear from \"piracy\", many talanted musicians have begun realeasing their content for free and continue to make a very comfortable living,!

effectivly cutting out the \"middle man\" entirely, no wonder then why the current industries feel the need to create this \"propaganda\" in order to coerce many governments into their own way of thinking. Inresponse to question 1 - I would require conclusive proof of any damage being caused to the industry, especially in the wake of record profits during 2009. Whatever very small damages may or maynot exist, i would argue that this could be easily solved if the industries themselves were willing to \"evolve\" their business model to take advantage of current technology, rather than through new legislation - BOTH, it should be noted, will eventually become obsolete as technology continues to grow - a pro-active and continued responce is needed. The question is, \"Will the government pay for it? Or will the Industries profit from it? - A no brainer in my opinion.

Inresponse to question 2

- Deterence of filesharing is impossible - there are too many filesharers to stop them individually. Even targeting ISP's, or websites - there will always be new people waiting to take theyre place. Piracy has existed for hundreds and hundreds of years, from the invention of the first printing press infact - the human desire for knowledge (wether that be fact or fiction) will never be stopped, it is our defining characteristic as a species. What if the first group of people who spoke what we call \"English\" decided to copright it? Would we not all be \"pirates\"? Even the most secure data, can not be kept secure indefinately, and once it is out, it is human nature to copy and share. The only option is to either make a payed form of that same data more attractive (industry business model?), or completley legalise ALL copyrighted data transfer through some kind of \"premium\" ISP.

I hope you find my thoughts on this subject enlightening - It is my strong belief, that our great grandchildren will look back on this debate of todays age - and pity us. For this battle was over before it had even begun....