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Hi,

This is for Victoria Espinel who asked for feedback on IP enforcement.

First, I would like to say that IP on cultural and industrial articles should not be considered and handled the same.

My feedback is only about the cultural articles, mostly music, books, and movies.

Culture should be free and accessible to all, at least under certain conditions, such as setting up a certain delay after the release of these works.

IP enforcement on people who download songs or movies, use them as audio track for their videos without financial benefit is just going too far, society is supposed to be more tolerant for these crimes that do not harm anybody.

Rather than prosecute and condemn these people, I think we should embrace the digital age more, especially the government, which is elected by these same people who download music and movies (25 to 50% of all U.S. Internet traffic is taken up by torrents, according to 2 studies already years old.)

I am sure there many other smart policies that could be put in place by the government to solve the needs and rights of users who want free access to the culture and the copyright holders. It looks like nobody has given much of a thought to that, people need to step back and take a broader perspective, considering the future and the global interest of the people, and disregarding all lobbyists of any side.

For instance:

- Include a tax on all broadband subscriptions, this tax is paid back to copyright holders.
- Put decent limits in decreasing steps to copyright duration, not 50 years or more.
- The 3-strike policy is plain stupid, ISPs will lose customers and money if they are forced to shut down Internet access to their customers. Plus the take-down notifications are currently not based on actual downloads: University of Washington showed that some notifications were sent to the IP addresses used by networked printers or controlled computers not performing any download.
- In any case, violation of the customers' privacy should be illegal unless it's for serious charges such as terrorism or pedophilia.
- About the digital age: We all need material goods such as beds and coffee makers because they cannot be replaced by something else, but CDs and DVDs are really a complete waste of resources if everybody buy their own copy instead of downloading it. The people who are currently being prosecuted for illegal downloads are just precursors of what should be, they are people of good sense.

I really would like to see more artists being paid for their work, but the current system of CDs and DVDs or even iTunes is not made for that:

Most of the money go to retailers and producers, which is not satisfactory to many.

I do own thousands of CDs and DVDs, but this is such a waste of resources, especially the 14 terabytes of hard disks needed to store them, just for one family!

Thank God your job is made easier because U.S. DSL speeds are so ridiculously low at 200 kilobytes/second, imagine the number of movie downloads if the 100Mbps plan was deployed...

Good luck with your job!  
Chimel.

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