

Homework Assignment 2 Wall Street Journal Article Discussions

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Web Piracy Bill Faces Fiercer Fight

by Amy Schartz, The World Street Journal

Supporters of antipiracy legislation face a struggle to regain momentum after the White House sided with irate Internet companies and users and complained that the proposal could hurt companies and undermine cyber security

[Web Piracy Bill Video](#)

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The Obama administration's opposition to the legislation represents a new hurdle for the Hollywood studios and other supporters, who complain that they lose billions of dollars each year as a result of pirated movies or other goods.

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House Judiciary Committee Chairman Lamar Smith, seen in 2010, says he is committed to a bipartisan bill.

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New, Old Media Battle Over Net Rules

by Christopher S. Stewart, Geoffrey A. Fowler, and Sam Schechner, The World Street Journal

Tech companies are about to unleash a splashy weapon – Internet blackout day – to block proposed antipiracy legislation.



Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales.

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About a dozen of the 100 most popular websites will also go dark, including the news discussion site Reddit Inc. and the blogging system Wordpress. Even [Google](#) Inc. plans to add a link to its search home page in the U.S. linking to information about the legislation.



Viacom chief Philippe Dauman

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Part of the problem is that traditional media's message—that people should pay for popular movies, TV shows and books—doesn't resonate with Web-savvy consumers who are used to getting content from the Internet for free. But the battle also demonstrates how skilled the Web companies are at using the Internet, and particularly social media, to set the agenda.

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Founded in 2004, the group, called the Coalition Against Counterfeiting and Piracy, has had a website called fightonlinetheft.com that has offered headlines including "Rogue Websites: Stealing the American Dream."

What Is SOPA? A Guide to Understanding the Online Piracy Bill

by Amy Schartz, The World Street Journal

It will undermine free speech and due process, says one side. It will protect America's creative class from thieves, says the other. But what's really in the Stop Online Piracy Act?



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Bills would give Justice Department prosecutors new powers to prevent pirate sites from getting U.S. visitors and funding.

Journal Community ›
Do you support the Stop Online Piracy Act?

Yes
 No

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Do you support the Stop Online Piracy Act?

Response	Percentage	Number of Votes
Yes	8.3%	522
No	91.7%	5795

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How does this harm free speech? A Wikipedia official said the legislation could allow for "censorship without due process"

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What about the charge that the legislation could undermine cyber security efforts?

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What would have to happen for the bills to become law?

The Pirate Bay: The World's Most Resilient Copyright Infringer?

- The Pirate Bay is one of the most important platforms to exchange and download peer to peer (P2P) files. It was founded back in 2004 in Stockholm, Sweden by Frederik Neij, Gottfrid Svartholm Warg, Carl Lundstrom and Peter Sunde.
- The Pirate Bay uses BitTorrent a technology that allows its users to share and download content. BitTorrent is a content download protocol. According to E-mol.com, The Pirate Bay has about ten million users around the world. They shared video, music and other type of copyrighted content. However, The Pirate bay do not store or make copies of any kind of files.



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- Damage to intellectual property on the Internet?
- Should file-sharing networks be allowed to distribute copyrighted music on the Web without having to compensate copyright holders?

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- *1. Do you think The Pirate Bay can continue to survive in a global Internet world? Why or why not?*

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- *2. Why is legislation like The Protect IP Act opposed by Google and civil liberties groups?*

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- 3. Do you think it is possible to reliably identify “dedicated infringing Web sites?” What criteria do you suggest?

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- 4. Why does cloud computing threaten pirate sites?

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