

The black bar over the Google logo, the inaccessible Wikipedia pages, the blacked out Reddit; the Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) and Protect IP Act (PIPA) have generated controversy all over the web. The discussion of SOPA has been ongoing since November 16th, 2011, but on January 18th, 2012, major websites such as these decided to make a statement through their “imagine a world without freedom of internet” layouts and urges to sign petitions. If these bills were to pass, popular sites such as YouTube, Facebook and Tumblr may fall under the government’s definition of piracy. Sites such as these that hold music, videos and other copyrighted material are just a few of the many sites that could be determined illegal.

How do you feel about Internet censorship?

“On the internet, I see things that are for 18-year-olds, anime with blood and music videos that are censored all the time. I think the law is good because if we are exposed to that kind of material, our **minds will be corrupted.**”

Priscilla Giang, freshman

“It isn’t really right because people should **be able to choose** whatever site they want to look at. If parents are worried about their children, they should regulate what their children see; otherwise, it isn’t fair for everyone else.”

Perla Gonzalez, junior

“I think it’s wrong, for the specific reason that the government shouldn’t be able to do that because it **violates our rights.** It doesn’t really affect anything I do online, though.”

Patrick Kwan, sophomore

“In some ways, it’s good because it **protects** little kids from talking to older people who may be pedophiles. In other ways, it’s bad because if you want to listen to music or watch something and the government blocks it, you can’t do anything about it.”

Brian Burgos, junior

“What people do is their own private thing, so it shouldn’t be censored. Also, **it’s unfair** because [internet activity] is in the person’s home, where it won’t bother anyone else.”

Phuong Cay, senior

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