

Submission Three Draft

Although both sides have strong arguments, the best solution is to deny this policy. If congress were to change the penalty from a misdemeanor to a felony, it would only cause harm to mostly innocent citizens without targeting the actual people behind piracy.

The first argument is that it would cause a great deal of harm to people who did not know much better. Innocent bystanders who do not understand copyright law would be severely punished for relatively minor crimes.

One of the stronger arguments for implementing this change is that it would reduce piracy, but that is not the case. Most piracy companies are in other countries, so they are not affected by this change. This change would only affect the people who download it but it would not discourage them. Most people who engage in copyright infringement do not understand said laws, so this change would not help them because they would not understand it.

For Ruggiero's Moral Arguments:

Obligation- It is important to protect citizens from poor policies

Value- national security

Consequences- if the law was implemented there would be a mass of arrested people who have done no major wrong

Normative Policies:

1. The government should protect its citizens from corporate powers ✓
2. The government should promote education over punishment. ✓

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