



EU POLITICIANS ARE ABOUT TO PASS A COPYRIGHT LAW that will sacrifice the internet we know and love for clearer liability rules on illegal online copies.

TO DATE, THE PERSON UPLOADING ILLEGAL COPIES HAS PRIMARY LIABILITY. The platform they upload onto is innocent, unless they were informed of the copy and did nothing. It's impossible for websites to manually review the billions of images, videos, texts and audio files we post online every minute.



STOP

FILTERER



BUT THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT SOME POLITICIANS WANT TO CHANGE:

as soon as something goes online, platforms would share liability with the uploader. The only way to avoid liability would be to inspect every user's post for worldwide copyright infringements. If they can't guarantee that, it cannot go online.



THE ONLY WINNERS OF THIS NEW LAW WOULD BE

multi-billion-dollar companies like Google or Facebook. Smaller platforms would depend on them to use already developed filtering systems to continue operating, trading their users' data in the process.



IT GETS WORSE: websites would need to use automatic "upload filters" to try to conduct these checks millions of times a day. But no algorithm can tell the difference between a legal (parody, commentary, remix etc.) or illegal copy. Today these decisions fall under the judiciary's responsibility. To avoid massive fines, platforms would filter a lot of perfectly legal content extremely strictly. This censorship threatens our freedom of expression and access to information.



IF YOU WANT TO STOP THIS DULL AND MISERABLE FILTERNET...

ALL OF US WOULD BE LOSERS OF THIS NEW LEGISLATION,

because structures that make the Internet so diverse today would break tomorrow if this law passes.



TAKE ACTION - NOW!