

It seems as though copyright law has taken more of an author's right existence than the user's right it is supposed to operate under. Content creation industries became too professionalized in the 20th century, leading to an extremely rigid copyright law. The digital age, however, is bringing power back to the amateur creator, who should have the right to "remix" the culture around them without fear of copyright infringement. While I believe only the author of intellectual property should have the right to make money off of the property, it should be allowed to be shared freely and derived from to create other works. That is to say, file sharing should be made legal, which will lead to greater exposure for creators and inspiration for other great works by amateur and professional creators alike.

The rigidity of copyright law in its current form actually stifles creative production, and it should be made more "user friendly." Incredible things can be accomplished with the Internet and digital tools, and I believe that the future of culture has never looked brighter, but it depends on having a system of copyright that enables universal sharing of ideas and content, not one that penalizes people for borrowing from or sharing the culture that inspires them. I sincerely hope copyright law is changed for the better, to reflect the *wonderful* possibilities this age offers. Thank you, and good luck.