

LIFE *under the* TPP

HOW WILL IT AFFECT YOU?



LAW ENFORCEMENT *could* SEIZE YOUR COMPUTER AND EVEN SEND YOU TO JAIL for minor copyright infringement.



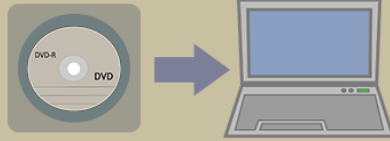
the TPP *could* lead to EXCESSIVE copyright terms.



Copyrighted works would not reach the public domain until 70 years after the creator's death.

If you transfer your DVDs to digital, you could get fined up to \$10,000.

Does that sound like a Fair Deal to you?



THE TPP COULD KICK YOU OFF THE INTERNET.



It will force Internet providers to act as copyright cops, monitoring your everyday Internet use and even blocking entire websites.

You and your whole family could be kicked off the Internet just for being accused of breaking copyright.

Learn more at OpenMedia.org/Censorship

The Trans-Pacific Partnership Would Undermine Internet Freedom

Adapted from texts by the Electronic Frontier Foundation and Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch

The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is a secretive, multi-national trade agreement that threatens to extend restrictive intellectual property (IP) laws across the globe and rewrite international rules on its enforcement. The main problems are two-fold:

- (1) IP chapter: Leaked draft texts of the agreement show that the IP chapter would have extensive negative ramifications for users' freedom of speech, right to privacy and due process, and hinder peoples' abilities to innovate.
- (2) Lack of transparency: The entire process has shut out multi-stakeholder participation and is shrouded in secrecy.

The twelve nations currently negotiating the TPP are the US, Japan, Australia, Peru, Malaysia, Vietnam, New Zealand, Chile, Singapore, Canada, Mexico, and Brunei Darussalam. The TPP contains a chapter on intellectual property covering copyright, trademarks, patents and perhaps, geographical indications. Since the draft text of the agreement has never been officially released to the public, we know from leaked documents, such as the February 2011 draft US TPP IP Rights Chapter [PDF], that US negotiators are pushing for the adoption of copyright measures far more restrictive than currently required by international treaties, including the controversial Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA). Remember SOPA - the "copyright" legislation that public outcry stopped cold? According to the Electronic Frontier Foundation and the ACLU, the same corporations behind SOPA have pushed to insert its most pernicious provisions into TPP.

Under this TPP proposal, Internet Service Providers could be required to "police" user activity (i.e. police YOU), take down internet content, and cut people off from internet access for common user-generated content. Violations could be as simple as the creation of a YouTube video with clips from other videos, even if for personal or educational purposes. Mandatory fines would be imposed for individuals' non-commercial copies of copyrighted material. So, downloading some music could be treated the same as large-scale, for-profit copyright violations. Innovation would be stifled as the creation and sharing of user-generated content would face new barriers, and as monopoly copyrights would be extended. The TPP proposes to impose copyright protections for a minimum of 120 years for corporate-created content. Breaking digital locks for legit purposes, such as using Linux, could subject users to mandatory fines. Blind and deaf people also would be harmed by this overreach, as digital locks can block access to audio-supported content and closed captioning.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Learn more about TPP's threat to the internet at <http://tradejustice.net/tppinternet>
- Call, email, write, and fax your US House Representative and Senators asking them to oppose ANY legislation to expedite TPP through Congress, whether it is called "Fast Track", "Smart Track" or anything else. These bills would help ramrod TPP through Congress by removing our Representatives' ability to remove TPP provisions that threaten internet freedom. You can find out who represents you and how to contact them at <http://tradejustice.net/leg>.
- Contact TradeJustice New York Metro at (718) 218-4523 or info@tradejustice.net to learn more and/or to volunteer to help stop TPP's attack on the internet!