

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

I want to be able to record digital content for my own personal use. I want to be able to skip commercials. I want to be able to use snippets of digital video in collages or as a screensaver -- all fall within the pervue of personal use. I do not do this with video, but I do use samples in audio collages I create as a hobby. I understand that if these pieces were used commercially I would have to pay the copyright holders some sort of liscensing fee or at least ask (and recieve) their permission. I know the difference etween right and wrong, and I respect the creative effort required to produce a given piece of film or music. Do not cripple my ability to interact with new (and still evolving) technologies. This will in the long run prove counterproductive to the advancement of new technology and of new revenue streams for hollywood...

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices?

I plan to have a home network someday soon and want the freedom to serve my home servers digital content from my main computer or server to any satelites or peripheral that may be a part of my home network. Just like a can make a VCR tape in my living room and take it to the VCR in my bedroom.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

These technologies of control may seem to be an attractive short term solution, but in the long run, they will stifle innovation and creativity. It may seem like a good idea right now, but in the long run, consumers will route around the damage you do and choose new, less restrctive entertainment options. Consumers will route around the damage you do, and the corporate coffers whose interests you are trying to protect will be all the poorer for it.