

The broadcast flag should NEVER be adopted. There are two simple reasons why: first, it's one step away from fascism. We're supposed to have more freedom with the digital revolution, not less. We're supposed to have more choice with the digital revolution, not less. When big business/big media tells me that something that takes away my freedom is good for me, well, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to know they're lying to me.

Second, a more pragmatic reason. It won't work. You can't legislate technology into control. You'd think Hollywood and the media industry in general would've learned this by now with file-sharing. You can make it illegal, you can sue people into oblivion, but anything that millions upon millions of people do on a daily basis can't be illegal anymore - it's a reality, deal with it. Any encryption, any hardware blocker, anything that tries to stop people will be defeated and in less than a month.

Ultimately, that will be WORSE for industry as you'll have millions of TV's and other media devices that the rest of the world won't touch. It will drive up manufacturing costs and stifle innovation at the same time. It's a lose-lose-lose situation: DON'T ADOPT THE BROADCAST FLAG!!!