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Hi,

I'm a 21 year old gamer and personally I'm definitely **in favor of an R18+ rating for video games, or "Interactive entertainment" here in Australia.** I think many public surveys show that a majority of Australian gamers are over the ages of 18 and therefore should be entitled to play games that are suited for an adult if we choose.

I have played video games since i was in primary school and as i grew older and more mature, so has the gaming industry. I believe having an R18+ rating for video games and also being prompted for ID when purchasing such games will bring more awareness to parents and elderly adults of their content and perhaps as a result help them understand that such games are only suitable for adults rather than buying them for their children without understanding. simply because of the stereo type that "video games are just for children" which is clearly not the case anymore.

Banning and editing these games will just result in spikes of piracy or international imports. I think we are well beyond the times of media suppression such as this.

Regards,
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