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The complexities of this 'takeover' cannot be explained by answering the questions the DOJ has offered. This is not only absurd, but the implications of such an invasion would imply that creative people should give their work away after years of hardship and determination to succeed. Obviously influenced by Corporate greed, the DOJ has deemed itself worthy of dictating policies they have no right discussing, and even less right suggesting they understand. How can the DOJ possibly make a decision based on responses from questions they have compiled, regarding a subject they have no right to interfere with in the first place?

It would be best to approach this subject as you would approach a child, explaining to the child that stealing is wrong, period. There is no justification for stealing: not for money, not for fame, and definitely not in the name of corporate bribes.

If the DOJ feels it has the right to 'force' select rights to the Black Hearts such as Pandora, Google, iHeart, and Apple, would the DOJ be willing to pay for engineers and studio time? If an artist were forced to submit rights to the Black Hearts, would the DOJ place all musicians and singers on a full time salary? It also seems fair that all copyrights should now be free, since rights will obviously belong to any deadbeat that deems himself worthy of stealing an artists' work.

Forcing musicians to give up rights, not only licensing, but also constitutional, would imply the DOJ has assumed the role of a Dictator. Just because the general public has no clue they're stealing from artists each time they log on to free streaming music, doesn't mean it's right, nor that a Dictator should step in and deem itself worthy of defending rape.

I'm willing to bet not one person in the DOJ or the MIC Coalition has ever gone without food for what they believe in, nor have they ever sacrificed a decent lifestyle, never performed to small crowds in order to craft their art, never worried about health care, never fixed a flat tire on the side of the road, never banged their head against a wall to finalize a work of art, and never ever, *EVER* gone without pay. Now they want to take from those who have? Seems obvious the Black Hearts have got away with stealing for so long that they now expect a bigger handout.

Internet companies have taken pilfering to a whole new level. These discussions are on the table because the DOJ and the MIC Coalition want ownership of something that does not belong to them, that they haven't earned, and that they will never understand.

The Black Hearts do not have the right to 'take' what they do not deserve, not even by means of the DOJ.

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