

Perhaps you have also read the headlines?

As of February 2nd, the Senate has passed Bill C-11, with approximately 10 amendments. The amended bill will now go back to the House of Commons to be introduced and passed, with or without the Senate amendments.

This means that we have some time to lobby our MPs to vote against this potentially impactful legislation that threatens our precious **right to free speech**.

What is Bill C-11?

The bill seeks to give the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) the power to regulate the broadcasting standards of international online platforms, such as YouTube, Netflix, Amazon, Disney, etc., to ensure that they contribute financially to the Canadian media system, as Canadian companies currently subject to CRTC regulation are required to do.

However, this bill will give **dangerous powers to the CRTC**.

What is at stake if Bill C-11 is adopted?

This bill will give the CRTC the power to regulate not only the content of many online platforms such as "You tube", blogs, but also other **platforms put online by Canadian citizens**, and thus "control" the content of broadcasts.

Will we be prevented, under penalty of law, from broadcasting certain Christian programs, preaching, or others that do not fit with the ideological thinking of the current Liberal government? We may even face a meteoric rise in broadcasts propagating pro-LGBTQ and pro-abortion voices, while pro-family and pro-life voices are increasingly sidelined and marginalized.

"The Montreal Economic Institute (MEI) has warned that Bill C-11 could have economic, cultural and legal consequences that would threaten freedom of expression.

The legislation introduced in November gives the CRTC a lot of leeway to indirectly control content generated by individual users, the MEI believes.

If the government really has no intention of regulating independent content posted online by Canadian citizens, it should amend the legislation and close this regulatory loophole before it is passed," said Gabriel Giguère, a public policy analyst with the MEI.

Even a Liberal-appointed senator (David Richards) disagrees with said bill. He goes so far as to draw comparisons to George Orwell's "1984" novel, saying "that C-11 looks like something straight out of Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union." Ref 1 : « Journal de Québec, André Forget, 14 juin 2023 »

The powers and impacts of this bill are dangerous to our freedom of expression, but the Liberal government will try to sell this draconian bill with a smile and a bow at the altar of the one-track thinking promoted by this government.

We don't have to stand idly by.

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