
Subject: Re: Torrentspy convicted to pay 110 Billion \$
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These lawsuits do make sense, though. I mean, even if you're not the one committing the crime, allowing someone to commit a crime on your property would make you an accessory, at least, if not a willing participant depending on all that you do.

Torrent sites DO allow its users to infringe on copyrights with their trackers. Sure, they stick a TOS on the site to say that any uploaded copyright content is against site policy, but unless you actively enforce it (to a reasonable extent), then you should be held, at least, partially responsible. Obviously, I don't think you should be punished if you are unaware of illegal activity going on concerning your property, but I'm sure we can all agree, without reasonable doubt, that the torrent sites are well aware of copyright infringement. With that being pretty much indisputable, they should be held accountable, but not for such ridiculous amounts as the \$110 million.

However, what I just said is pretty much a moot point, as countries don't actually hold jurisdiction over the Internet, even if the US government thinks it does. In net neutrality, it's tough luck for the governments and companies because the Internet isn't anything physical. It's not even on the same level as international waters. I'm not defending the illegal activity (although, condemning it would make me a hypocrite, so I won't do that, either), but I am fully defending the right to net neutrality that should be recognized and respected by all nations.
