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Subject: file sharing, LEGAL w/ friends?

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TaximesI think file sharing of any sort should be legal, once you buy that CD it's yours to do what you want with as long as you don't infringe upon the rights of others. Copyright? Pffft. It's not infringing on a Copyright. Yeah, it's being redistributed. So? What do you call selling CDs at a yard sale if not redistribution? A used CD store? I'd like to see the RIAA go after those next and get a nice big giant government foot up their ass.

Put yourself in the shoes of a band that is still struggling to make ends meet.

First of all, selling a CD requires selling, whereas freely distributing that music online or through burnt CDs isn't. The guy selling CD-A at a summer yard sale still gets money, which he could possibly spend on another CD from the company he bought CD-A from. Even if he rips CD-A before he gives it away, there is no money lost yet. But when he rips it and puts it on the Kazaa table or onto another disk, he steps around being payed, and the company essentially has a CD stolen. I haven't researched copyrights too deeply, but I know that stealing isn't legal.

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