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Posted by [Viking](#) on Tue, 26 Jun 2007 05:04:32 GMT

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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Tue, 26 Jun 2007 05:11:54 GMT

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You're an idiot, but I will say this...

These extreme forms of censorship is absolutely ridiculous. People and parents need to be the ones doing the censoring, not organizations or the government. If you don't want a bloody, gory game for yourself or in the hands of your children, do the research first.

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How long did it take you to figure that one out?

Seriously I hate the ESRB!

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Posted by [Ryu](#) on Tue, 26 Jun 2007 06:16:11 GMT

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Posted by [Zion](#) on Tue, 26 Jun 2007 07:17:25 GMT

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Posted by [puddle\\_splasher](#) on Tue, 26 Jun 2007 07:48:24 GMT

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Why do YOU need violence in any game to make it entertaining? "ESRB are evil", hmm I wonder who the real culprit is?

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Posted by [futura83](#) on Tue, 26 Jun 2007 11:52:43 GMT

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And those whiny pussies' parents who then go and try to sue a gamng company for not warning them

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Posted by [Jecht](#) on Tue, 26 Jun 2007 13:39:02 GMT

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Normally I would say the ESRB isn't that bad of a thing, but in this instance they've overstepped their boundaries.

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Posted by [Crusader](#) on Tue, 26 Jun 2007 13:57:31 GMT

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Posted by [futura83](#) on Tue, 26 Jun 2007 14:49:03 GMT

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that bit at the end is hilarious!

GTA spoof FTW

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Posted by [warranto](#) on Tue, 26 Jun 2007 15:24:52 GMT

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Nah, best spoof...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7wt5FiZQrgM>

Not ALL GTA games are bad

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Posted by [Canadacdn](#) on Tue, 26 Jun 2007 16:19:04 GMT

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Actually, Manhunt 2 recieved the "AO" rating because one of the levels takes place in a porno theater, and there are tits in the background.

So remember, extremely graphic violence is O.K, as long as no nipples slip out in the middle of it. If they do, GOD HELP YOU.

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of course thats what ESRB is all about

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Posted by [SlikRik](#) on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 04:00:42 GMT

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And if a specific gaming shop (store, for you americans ) sells your under-18 child an adult game, moan at them for it, not the government ...

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Posted by [warranto](#) on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 20:39:12 GMT

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I actually decided to read the article...

This isn't new. ARC was established 7 years ago and has been "censoring" game trailers the entire time. However, they are only getting bad press now because the Gears of War trailer as been out since January, and with the recent issues relating to Manhunt 2, it seems suspicious that they pull the trailer now.

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Subject: Re: Ok, we need to step up against the ESRB this is ridiculous...

Posted by [Renerage](#) on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 05:20:55 GMT

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Personaly, I dont care.

I'll buy my son any game he wants, any time he wants.

ESRB can suck me sideways.

Even what I was young, I had Red Faction, Silent Hill, Etc.

Btw, Silent hill for PS1 Still scared the shit out of me in the dark.

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Subject: Re: Ok, we need to step up against the ESRB this is ridiculous...

Posted by [GoArmy44](#) on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 09:21:00 GMT

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Quote:This is madness!!

Madness????

THIS IS ESRB!!!!

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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 12:38:34 GMT

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Posted by [Jecht](#) on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 13:38:48 GMT

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Too many parents try to be their child's "friends." Fuck that, just raise them right. I won't let my children play videogames they aren't ready to handle yet. Why? Because that's what a good parent does.

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Posted by [jonwil](#) on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 13:39:10 GMT

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Parents should establish who's the boss...the children are free to get lost and do whatever they want after they grow up and leave the home.

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Well, maybe there is a reason behind it. Even vague sexuality can give these kids ideas.

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Posted by [Crusader](#) on Fri, 29 Jun 2007 00:39:20 GMT  
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Yeah...but to me it (pentagram) means nothing...I really don't give a damn about what I see in a game.

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Posted by [sadukar09](#) on Fri, 29 Jun 2007 11:23:12 GMT  
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well i was pretty young then and was only playing cnc95 -.- nothing else to play back in china those days \*mutters something about expensive computers that are shitty in china\*

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Posted by [Doitle](#) on Sat, 30 Jun 2007 03:13:59 GMT

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people might be able to relate to. I bet that'll be scary. It really worries me because these aren't like hidden little films in dark corners... These are top box office selling movies.

Anyhow I guess I'm done with my rant here. That's just been simmering away for a while and I finally found a place to put it into words. I'd be interested to see what you guys think about all this though.

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Posted by [prox](#) on Sat, 30 Jun 2007 03:42:01 GMT

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Part of me believes that the Final Destination movies were supposed to be comedies and not "Horror" movies. The fact that Sean Scott is in the first one gives the producer's intentions away.

On a serious note though, the stupidity of the plot (or lack of a plot) is enough to make you chuckle when one of the characters dies. Take the first movie for example, the way the teacher dies: She pours ice cold liquor into a glass which previously had scorching hot liquid in it, which causes it to shatter. Little drops of whatever she's drinking drop into the monitor of her computer making it blow up, slicing her throat. My memory is shady, but i'm pretty sure the pain makes her drop to the floor and when she reaches for a towel on top of the table, a knife falls on her stabbing her in the chest. Then the main character comes in to try to save her but he accidentally knocks a chair on her pulling the knife deeper into her, then the fire from the computer blowing up plus a gas leak cause the house to blow to pieces.

SERIOUSLY. That shit isn't scary, its pathetic. The odds of people dying the way they do in the Final Destination movies is so slim that it makes them funny in a stupid (not sick) kind of way.

"Horror" movies become more pointless by the second. That movie Hostel... was there even a point to that? Personally, I don't mind gore in movies as i'm not easily grossed out. "Horror" movies now a days don't need to tone down on the gore, they only need to tone up on the imagination, IMHO.

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I seem to remember a guy named Joe Lieberman spearheading against Mortal Kombat back in the day do to its "excessive gore."

Doitle, you can look at your character in GTA:SA. He isn't slitting throats, just stabbing people in them

Sorry Doitle, I had to pick on you

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Posted by [CarrierII](#) on Sat, 30 Jun 2007 10:40:16 GMT

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This is why I like playing Renegade, when you kill someone, it's because you're "at war" and the violence isn't horrible.

When I play UT, I always play the objective based games (CTF, assault) because killing for the sake of killing is psychopathic.

Meh.

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I actually agree with this... But with certain games you expect a level of gore. e.g. Previews and trailers for Bioshock. You expect these inhuman monsters to be killed in some gruesome way. With cnc of course, the gore is comical. In this game, we have people falling over dead; electrocuted by volt autos or a pic; people burning and falling from flames, lasers and the railgun. No gore except a little burst of blood where you're shot. In UT you EXPECT to find people's arms shot off or people's beheaded necks splurting blood. In MK, you EXPECT people's spines to be ripped out, hundreds of ribs falling out, and people sweating more blood than people bleed when their heads are cut off. In something like Perfect Dark(best console shooter ever IMO) you don't expect people's arms ripped off or people dieing in a huge blast of, er, body.(this only applies the PD on the N64, I never played PDZ) In something like Zelda, where there is violence, there isn't huge amounts of blood. Zelda's are some of the best rated games in history, especially the N64 classic Ocarina of Time. Even then, there isn't a need for huge violence or gore in games that don't need it e.g. Ren.

</rant>

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Subject: Re: Ok, we need to step up against the ESRB this is ridiculous...

Posted by [R3N3G1DE](#) on Mon, 02 Jul 2007 13:55:14 GMT

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warranto wrote on Tue, 26 June 2007 11:24Nah, best spoof...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7wt5FiZQrgM>

Not ALL GTA games are bad

Probably because they were advertising cola

The coke side of life