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**Develop a policy for violent videos on the Web**

Someone posted a video on a popular video site showing a group of people with clubs enter a building and beating unarmed people. The site’s policy prohibits posting videos with graphic violence. When a viewer complained, the video was removed. The removal was appealed by others who said the video documented abuse of prisoners in a government prison camp.

You are a committee of managers at the site. Develop a plan for dealing with such videos. Will you repost the video?

*Your presentation should analyze the situation, use analogies and similar cases where possible, mention various possible risks or consequences, etc. Include some discussion of how the technology involved affects the situation. What advantages or problems result from using it, compared to previous way of doing things? Present the group’s proposals and/or conclusions, supported by arguments. Consider different viewpoints (the viewer who complained, the viewers who appealed, and the site managers).*

*Your discussion might also consider principles courts use to help evaluate censorship laws (GoF, Figure 3.1: Freedom of Speech Guidelines):*

- Distinguish speech from action. Advocating illegal acts is (usually) legal.
- Laws must not chill expression of legal speech.
- Do not reduce adults to reading only what is fit for children.
- Solve speech problems by least restrictive means.