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Subject: Bittorrent and File Sharing

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I started this topic because an angry mod would didn't want to be proven wrong close a topic that was on the topic subject and blah blah blah. Anyway, this will bring what people THINK they know to show them how little they know. Bittorrent is illegal? You are dumb.

I have no idea where to start but here it goes:

Point 1)Bittorrent is 100% legal in every single country. How you ask? The actual .torrent file is only metadata, they contain NO copyrighted material.

Point 2)Bittorrent especially for "backup" purposes is 100% legal, stated by federal law (even in the US), despite what companies/corporations try to tell you.

Point 3)The way it works, the .torrent file connects you to users with the full (or sometimes partial) copy of the requested file, you download from the "swarm", and you upload, which turns into their download speed from you. The website/tracker does NOT host any copyrighted material either.

Point 4)In a recent HUGE case between the MPAA/RIAA vs American College students (some 15,000 users in total), the MPAA/RIAA lost because the court found Bittorrent can not be held reliable for what users upload/distributed, and the fact that it can also be used for legal purposes (legaltorrents.com)

And finally @ that mod:

1)demonoid got shutdown? LOL. You have proven your lack of knowledge about this subject already.

2)elite torrents is a TOTALLY different matter, it was a private site meaning you need donations to gain access to the site, and the only reason they lost in court was because the stupid judge assumed that the money went towards the personal wealth of the admin vs anonymous paypal accounts which were used ONLY to pay for the server (which was the cause), and making money off "pirated" material is a serious offense, so infact, the site was NOT shutdown because of the BT side of things.

More information:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BitTorrent\\_%28protocol%29](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BitTorrent_%28protocol%29)

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DMCA>

My credibility?

- mod on the worlds 8th largest bittorrent site/tracker
- been using P2P for about 8 years
- I download 120GB+/month

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