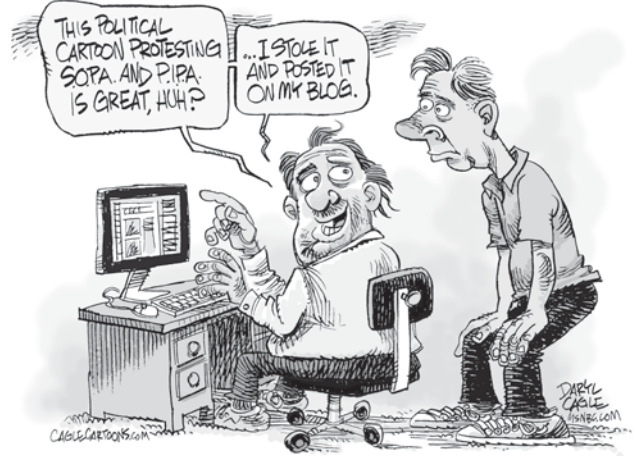


► COMPREHENSION SKILLS

Analyze the Cartoon

Are you a SOPA-star? A pal of PIPA? Study the editorial cartoon about the proposed laws to address Internet piracy. Then answer the questions below.



Daryl Cagle/MSNBC.com/Cagle

1. Write a caption for the cartoon that describes what is taking place.

2. What might be a good title for this cartoon?

3. How do cartoonists get paid? How might such an artist feel about Internet piracy? Why might a cartoonist be against the bills? Why might a cartoonist be in favor of them?

4. What point is the cartoonist trying to make about proposed laws to address Internet piracy? Do you agree? Why or why not?

Extra Credit: On a separate piece of paper, draw an editorial cartoon about a topic in *Current Events*. Mail your cartoon to *Current Events*, 44 South Broadway, 18th floor, White Plains, NY 10601-4425. If your cartoon is selected, we'll print it here or on our Web site at www.weeklyreader.com.

Comprehension Read the issue's cover story, "Dot-com Revolt." Then fill in the correct answers below.

- What is the main idea of the article?
 - The bills SOPA and PIPA have sparked major concerns about the freedom of the Internet.
 - The supporters of SOPA and PIPA include filmmakers, music producers, and others in the entertainment industry.
 - Internet piracy costs the U.S. companies millions of dollars each year.
- Which happened first?
 - Wikipedia, Google, and other sites participated in protests of SOPA and PIPA.
 - Trade and professional groups sent a letter asking Congress to pass laws addressing copyright threats from rogue sites.
 - The U.S. Department of Justice shut down the rogue site Megaupload.
- Which is *not* one of the ways the bills would change existing Internet copyright laws?
 - They would allow authorities to seek court orders against foreign rogue sites.
 - They would allow U.S.-based companies to do business with alleged violators.
 - They would forbid search engines and other Web sites from linking to rogue sites.
- POLITICO estimated how many Web sites participated in the protests on January 18?
 - 800
 - 2,500
 - 7,000
- How did Congress respond to the protests?
 - by shelving the bills for the time being
 - by passing the bills as they were written
 - by revising the bills and passing them