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Hello

I'm a millennial, computer scientist, and educator. The CUSMA copyright extension is the best example I can think of where the federal government is serving the interests of wealthy incumbents instead of its regular citizens.

I was born in 1988, and my generation generally sees copyright law as a joke precisely because of failures like this. Many of us pirate content from 1960 and laugh at Canadian laws that say we can't. Young content creators cannot get 2\$ from a monetized YouTube video because it contains an orphan work from 1932. Every time this happens, we raise a new generation of youth that have less and less respect for Canadian laws.

Given the realities of being coerced by the United States, our best option here is probably to insist on an "opt-in" option for IP to get the additional 20 years. A blanket extension is lazy and does far more harm to Canadian culture and scholarly work than most regulators can imagine.

<http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/693.nsf/eng/00189.html>

<https://www.michaelgeist.ca/2021/03/law-bytes-podcast-episode-78/>

Thanks!

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