

## What Can YOU Do to Stop C-61?

### Contact Your MP

- Let Parliament know that Canadians do not want this bill. Call or write to your MP and ask them to vote against C-61.

### Write to Your Local Paper

- Letters to the editor can help raise awareness about Bill C-61.

### Join Your Local Fair Copyright Group

- Join the Facebook group to show your support or attend a meeting to learn what Fair Copyright Vancouver is doing to fight Bill C-61.

### *But most importantly...*

### Tell Others About Bill C-61

- The best thing you can do is simply raise public awareness by talking about Bill C-61. The more people know about C-61, the easier it will be to make Parliament realize that this bill is not in the best interests of Canadians.

## For More Information:

Full Text of Bill C-61:

<http://www.faircopy.ca/c61/c61-clean>

Analysis of C-61:

[http://faircopyrightmontreal.org/index.php?title=Analysis\\_of\\_C-61](http://faircopyrightmontreal.org/index.php?title=Analysis_of_C-61)

Michael Geist's Blog:

<http://www.michaelgeist.ca>

Fair Copyright Vancouver:

- <http://faircopy.ca/>

Fair Copyright Vancouver Facebook Group:

- <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=8172281301>

Fair Copyright Canada:

- <http://www.faircopyrightforcanada.ca/>

## Organizations Opposed to Bill C-61:

- Canadian Music Creators Coalition
- Songwriters Association of Canada
- Film Studies Association of Canada
- Documentary Organization of Canada
- Appropriation Artists Association
- Creators Copyright Coalition
- Canadian Newspaper Association
- Canadian Library Association
- New Democratic Party of Canada
- British Columbia Civil Liberties Association
- Canadian Federation of Students
- Canadian Association of University Teachers
- Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Science
- Vancouver Linux Users Group
- Campus Stores Canada
- Free Geek Vancouver
- Canadian Software Innovation Alliance



# Bill C-61



## Turning Canadians into Criminals

## ***What is Bill C-61?***

Bill C-61 was introduced by the government in June 2008 as a replacement for the current copyright laws. It mirrors the American system by giving big industry more control over how Canadians use their own purchased property.

### What you CANNOT do under C-61:

- Make a copy of a protected CD, DVD, or digital file (iTunes music, etc.)
- Make more than one copy of an unprotected CD, DVD, or digital file
- Record more than one copy of a TV show
- Watch a TV recording more than once
- Give a TV recording to someone else
- Record video-on-demand without explicit permission
- Teachers: make more than one copy per student of a lesson that includes copyrighted work (a book excerpt, etc.)
- Libraries: lend any digital material that may be copied or shared
- Break (circumvent) the copyright lock on CDs, DVDs, files, etc.
- Buy, sell, or own any device or program that can break a copyright lock

### What you MUST do under Bill C-61:

- Destroy all copies of CDs, DVDs, etc. once you give away the originals
- Destroy a recording of a TV show after you have watched it once
- Destroy any digital material borrowed from a library after 5 days
- Teachers: destroy lessons that include copyrighted material 30 days after final grades are released
- Pay up to **\$500** per file for downloading copyrighted material (music, etc.)
- Pay up to **\$20,000** per file for uploading copyrighted material to the internet

Big Business will have the right to prosecute ordinary Canadians for copyright infringement, for fines of up to \$20,000 and potential jail time. There will be massive penalties for many things that we take for granted in our daily lives.

### **Bill C-61 makes everyone a criminal!**

So who does Bill C-61 protect? There must be a benefit to **somebody...**

## ***Does C-61 Benefit...***

### Average Canadians?

**NO!** Bill C-61 punishes Canadians for fair and ethical use of their purchased property. Bill C-61 gives major corporations the right to take legal action against average Canadians for legitimate use of their products.

### Artists?

**NO!** Bill C-61 does not mean that artists will receive more for their work. It also limits their creativity by restricting their access to artistic materials.

### Small and Medium Industry?

**NO!** Many independent artist coalitions and labels do not support the bill, as it restricts their ability to distribute their products.

## **Then....**

### **Who does it benefit?**

### Big Business!

Bill C-61 lets major corporations increase their bottom line by giving them unprecedented control over the use of their products, even when this control conflicts with the rights of users. Bill C-61 gives major corporations the ability to control many aspects of your daily life in order to increase their profit.

**Should the profit of big business come before your rights?**