The TPP agreement is a POWERFUL TRADE AGREEMENT that is being SECRETLY NEGOTIATED between 9 countries: United States, Australia, Peru, Malaysia, Vietnam, New Zealand, Chile, Singapore, and Brunei. Mexico, Canada, & Japan are in the process of joining it. The United States is PUSHING SOPA AND ACTA-LIKE POLICIES ONTO THE REST OF THE WORLD, forcing them to sacrifice free speech and privacy in exchange for access to commodity markets (like tobacco and textiles).

**TWO MAIN ISSUES:**

1. A COPYRIGHT LAW OF DEEP FLAWS:
   - Why poor countries are paying for a failed system that limits access to important medicines.
   - How limiting access to copyrighted works violates your fundamental right to access information.
   - Why the trade agreements are making it harder to fix the laws that protect your rights.

2. THE PUBLIC IS LOCKED OUT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS:
   - The meetings are all behind closed doors and the text is kept secret. There is no public discussion and no Congressional involvement.

But with TPP, the United States is trying to export the worst parts of its intellectual property law without bringing any of the above protections.

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TPP will undermine innovation around the world—kicking the ladder out from under developing countries. NATIONS WILL HAVE TO PAY HIGH FEES IN ROYALTIES AND COSTS for enforcing these overreaching, restrictive copyright laws. This will be a harder hit for developing countries that already lack enough resources for domestic needs.

COPYRIGHT OWNERS CAN DEMAND YOUR DOMAIN, or have your computer seized if it's found to be “connected” to infringing activity—whether you actually participated or not. You can even go to jail.

INFRINGEMENT CLAIMS UNDER TPP RESTRICT YOUR ECONOMIC, PROPERTY, AND PERSONAL FREEDOMS.

UNDERMINING THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

Right now, international agreements allow copyrighted works to pass into the public domain no less than 50 years after the death of the creators. This is already ridiculous. TPP would push this EVEN farther—PREVENTING COPYRIGHTED WORKS FROM REACHING THE PUBLIC DOMAIN FOR 70 YEARS AFTER THE AUTHOR’S DEATH.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO**

- If you're in the United States, call on Congressional representatives to DEMAND TRANSPARENCY of the text and the objectives they’re seeking in the agreement.
- Call on negotiators to make sure the text includes provisions THAT MEET THE NEEDS OF ALL STAKEHOLDERS, not just a few industries.
- Call on the White House to DROP THE IP CHAPTER of TPP.
- Spread the word—tell your friends, family, and coworkers about TPP. Show them how they can contact their representatives.

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**WHAT IS TPP**

The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is an agreement to be signed by 12 countries around the Pacific Ocean. The United States is negotiating the agreement along with Australia, Brunei, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, Vietnam, and the European Union. The United States and its trading partners have been secretive in negotiations that would impose new intellectual property standards on member countries and dramatically increase fines for copyright and patent infringement. The United States is pushing for extreme measures to protect the copyright of large entertainment companies and weaken protections for fair use of copyrighted materials like parody and satire.

**DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**

- Hollywood
- Pharmaceutical Industry
- Lobbyists

**COPYRIGHT DURATION**

- TPP: 70 years
- USA: 50 years
- Developing Countries: 20 years

**WHAT HAPPENS IF TPP PASSES**

- Rights holders will use the new copyright laws to block access to copyrighted content that is often created by and for the public domain.
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