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Subject: >> Perspective from a university student

Honestly.

I am so far in debt, I don't know what I have to do. I'm barely making ends meet, my boyfriend has to emotionally support me, I don't know where I'm going to live this summer, and, to top it off, my course major is basically telling me "oh sorry, you're likely to never get a job unless you excel at a highly in-demand thing and meet the right person". Great.

Depression is on the rise, and so is debt in my age category. Times are hard, and to be fair, we can't afford little things. Hell, we can barely afford food. We work endless hours to try and be successful.

Attached are photos of my calendar at residence (January - April). I have 20 hours of class a week, another 10 hours worth of projects at any given time, and from mid-January to mid-February, I completed 150 hours of show calls to put on a theatre performance with an international director. Just for you. We are your next generation and you're completely setting us up to fail.

We work so hard alone in our rooms that the atmosphere here has grown sour, and bitter. No one is around to say hi, or to share a joke. It's seldom that we have fun. One movie playing in an empty room can bring us all together for relaxation, enjoyment, and for a sense of community. We are the lower class that you seamlessly write off on a regular basis. We are the ones that keep this country running according to your law. The film and music industries have brought in millions of dollars for their artists. I'm proud of them, and they work really hard for what they do. But to be truthful, I can't afford to help them with their cocaine addictions, their partying habits, or their mortgage of a \$14 million dollar house. They're spoiled and demand more while I'm sitting here trying to live at all.

We share our links of funny cat pictures, we watch movies of our friends trying the cinnamon challenge, we talk to friends in far away countries about our day, and, yes, we download music and movies. This is how we live. This is what we know. This costs us very little for such joy.

I do not support C-11. I never will.

Sure, these are poor arguments, but if you actually show up to a campus, you'll see that young adult moral will completely dissipate if you get rid of what we hold dear. You will abolish so many resources, so many sharing sites (not even for media... things like DropBox for class assignments). You'll get rid of all respect that we have for you. We will one day rule this country, this world, and you have to consider the impact that you have on us.

Cheers,  
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