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global environmental destruction. Consider the problem of ozone depletion thought to be a result of chloroflourocarbon (CFC) emissions. When the government regulated CFC production in the U.S., corporations responsible for releasing CFC ' s into the atmosphere simply moved abroad, and the global threat continued. Similarly, the Internet is a global phenomenon. regulations in one country will not stop " contamination " overall. Thus, successful regulation of Internet pornography requires international cooperation, just as successful CFC regulation finally required the joint efforts of many nations. Admittedly, any global regulatory effort faces formidable political hurdles, since cooperation and compliance on the part of all nationseven warring ones is inherently required. Nevertheless, as in the case of nuclear disarmament or global warming, the possible consequences of failing to cooperate demand that the effort be made. And dissenters can always be coerced into compliance politically or economically by an alliance of influential nations. In sum, people everywhere have a serious interest in the healthy sexual development of children and, therefore, in limiting children ' s access to Internet pornography. Because Internet material is not easily confined within national borders, we can successfully regulate children ' s access to adult materials on the Internet only by way of international cooperation.

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