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Teenage Vulnerabilities and the Impact of Films

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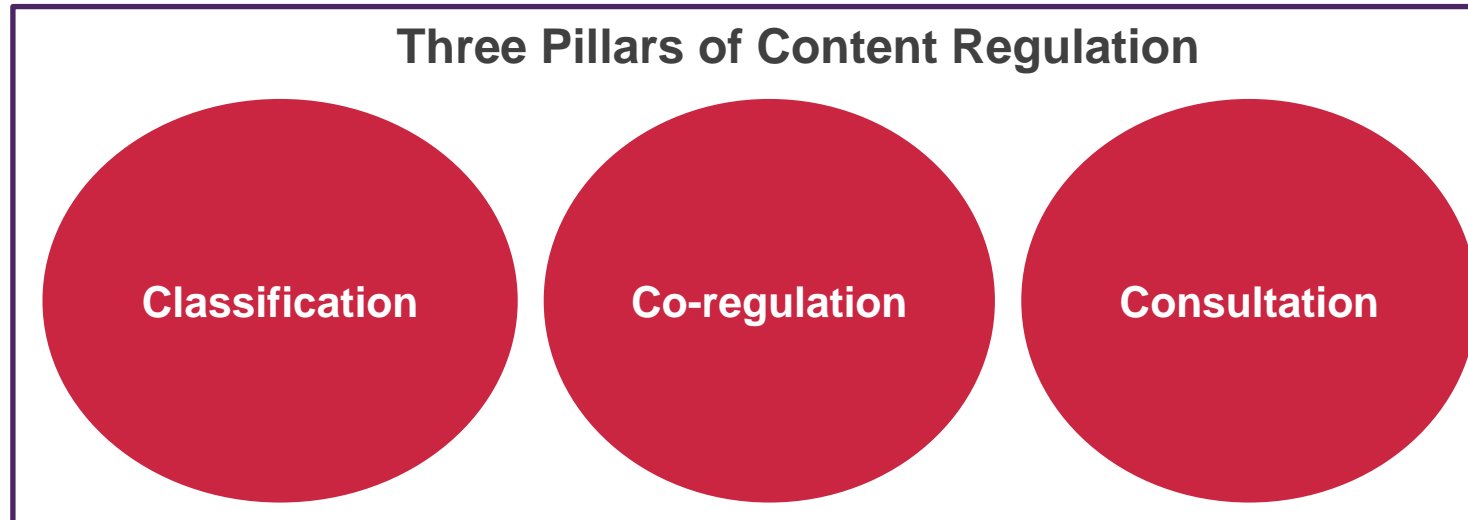
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REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

- Protect the young while providing more choice for adults
- Reflect community values and support racial and religious harmony
- Safeguard national/public interest

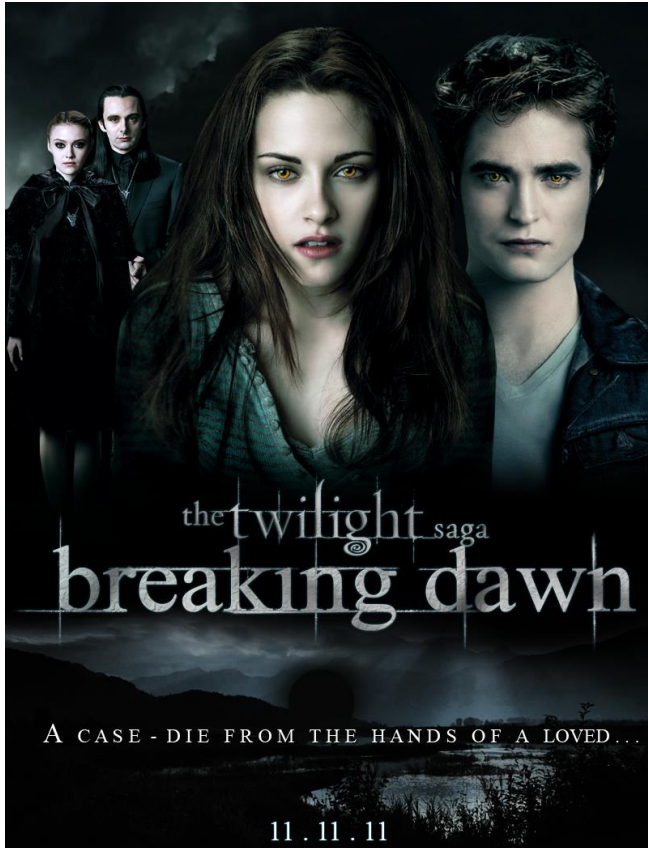


Film Classification System

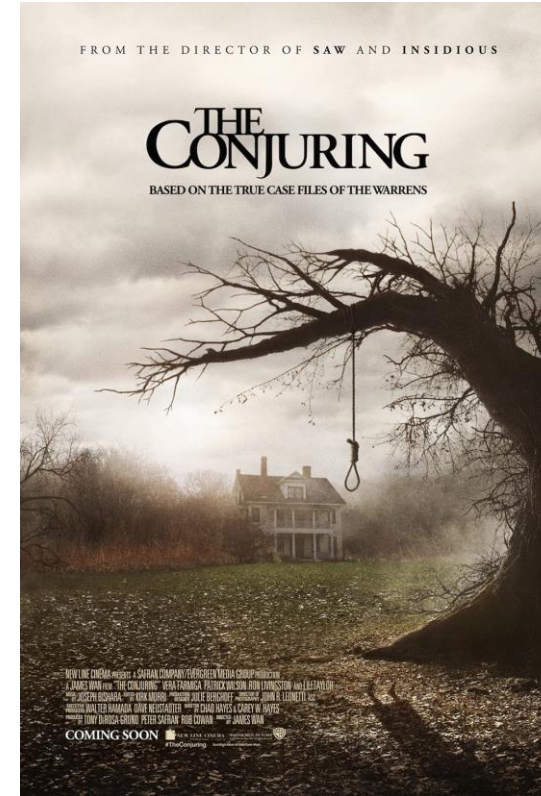
	GENERAL Suitable for all ages.
	PARENTAL GUIDANCE Suitable for all, but parents should guide their young.
	PARENTAL GUIDANCE 13 Suitable for persons aged 13 and above but parental guidance is advised for children below 13.

	NO CHILDREN UNDER 16 Suitable for persons aged 16 and above.
	MATURE 18 Suitable for persons aged 18 and above.
	RESTRICTED 21 Suitable for adults aged 21 and above.

Films targeting teens have an increasing degree of realistic violence



As have films with horror elements



Survey findings indicate a key concern with youth's attitude towards drugs

TODAY

We set you thinking

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The Big Read: Softer attitudes towards drugs a headache for authorities



A man holds cannabis at a coffee shop in Amsterdam.

Film Classification Guidelines reflect the strict stance towards drugs

PG13 – Discreet depictions of illegal drug use are allowed on the condition that they do not promote or endorse drug use. For example, smoking of joints.

NC16 – Drug taking may be allowed if brief and infrequent



Suicide amongst teens has seen an increase

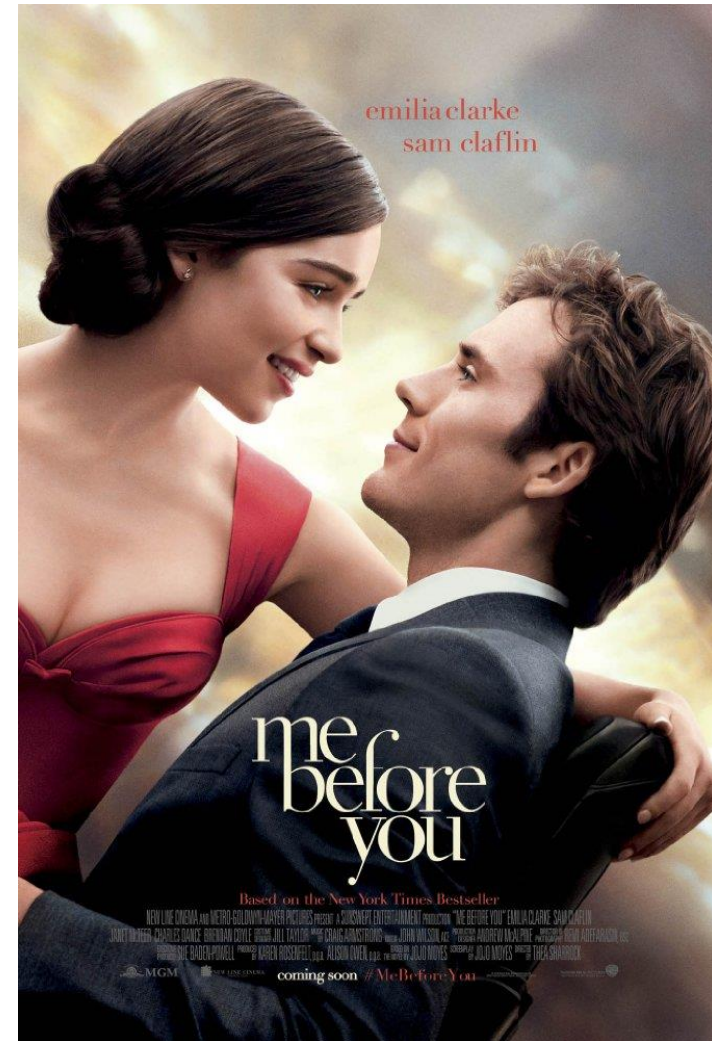
Reported suicide cases

Age group	2014	2015
10-19	13	27
20-29	60	79
30-39	62	61
40-49	71	76
50-59	83	56
60-69	65	57
70-74	20	22
75-79	19	16
80-84	13	5
>84	9	10
Total	415	409

Source: SAMARITIAN OF SINGAPORE
STRAITS TIMES GRAPHICS

Suicide Theme

- Concerns with content which gloss over the issue of suicide
- May mislead younger viewers as a viable option to solving problems.
- Film 'Me Before You'.



Secret Societies and their appeal to teens

Singapore The Straits Times

Gangs 'using social media to expand'



Mr Kim (above), who was in a gang for 10 years and is now a pottery artist, sharing his experiences with teens at Camp Ace, aimed at youngsters associated with gangs.

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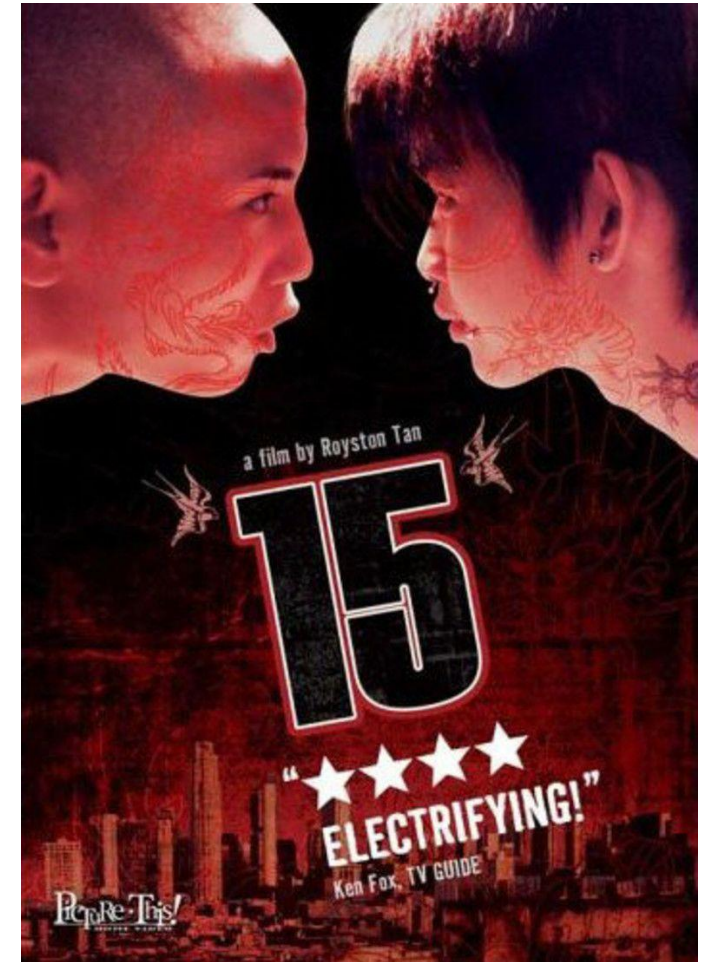
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Gangsters are perceived as 'cool' and are now more open about their activities on social media, with some even tapping Facebook and Instagram to recruit young members.

Secret Societies and their appeal to teens

- Films dealing with secret societies or gangsterism particularly in the local context are subjected to strict review.
- Content that typically would not be allowed include real gang changes and gang names, including locations where gangs used to operate.
- An example would be the local film '15'.



Thank You

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