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The perils of voting on morality

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more than a hired assassin, even if he only kills super bad guys. Not much protest is heard on this campus against these movies, and MIT would never consider banning them. Director of Admissions Peter Richardson, however, feels that showing pornographic movies, particularly in September, gives the message that "MIT is insensitive to women." He implies that MIT should forbid such showings. Yet such movies are shown in Boston on a regular basis and are apparently permitted by this nation's judicial system. Does this give the message to incoming students that Boston and the entire judicial system of this country are insensitive to women? Or does it mean that the right to free speech is more important than Richardson believes?

Since it's not currently illegal to show most pornographic movies, opposition to showing them is founded mainly on claims that they are immoral, offensive and degrading, especially to women. Such arguments apply much more strongly to nuclear weapons. Considering that a mere hundredth of the United States nuclear arsenal could kill over 100 million Soviets, spending tens of billions of dollars on building even more nuclear weapons in an age of widespread hunger and poverty is far more immoral, offensive, and degrading to all people than pornography could ever be.