Bill C-11 - everything you need to know about Canada's new Online Streaming Act

Many Canadian YouTubers fear for their freedom of expression

Everywhere around the globe, governments are busy drawing up new legislations to better control how digital tools and platforms operate.

Some of those, like India's new data law, are introducing new rules on how security software like the best VPN services handle users' data, while others seek to give a legal framework to regulate online content.

Canada's Bill C-11, also known as the Online Streaming Act, lies in the second category. An attempt to modernize the 1991 Broadcasting Act, it aims to regulate how streaming platforms must treat all the audio-visual content posted online.

The bill has been facing criticism for the lack of transparency and broad definitions of what content should be overseen. Commentators also fear that this may lead to future misuse of its directives.

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