
Actors call for action against graphic video game content

Description

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Discussing the challenging terrain of the gaming industry, performers have brought to light their distress at being thrust into explicit content without prior notice. For instance, being unexpectedly required to act in scenes involving intimate acts, including sexual assault, has left them feeling deeply disturbed and emotionally shaken.

The culture of secrecy surrounding projects in this realm often denies performers crucial information about the nature of the scenes they will be involved in. This lack of transparency can lead to uncomfortable scenarios where actors are unprepared for the intensity of the content they are expected to portray.

Equity, the performing arts union, is spearheading efforts to establish guidelines that ensure fair treatment of performers, especially in situations involving explicit or intimate content. By advocating for advance disclosure of scripts, scene breakdowns, and providing a safe working environment, they aim to create a more respectful and professional atmosphere for actors in the gaming industry.

The demand for greater transparency and consideration for performers' well-being reflects a broader desire for the industry to align with the ethical standards observed in film and television production. Recognizing the impact of these changes on the quality of performances, there is growing momentum towards implementing best practices that prioritize the dignity and comfort of all those involved in the creative process.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Distress** /dɪ'stɹɛs/ (noun): Extreme anxiety sorrow or pain.
2. **Intimate** /'ɪn.tɪ.mət/ (adjective): Closely acquainted; familiar private or personal.
3. **Equity** /'ɛk.wɪ.ti/ (noun): The quality of being fair and impartial.
4. **Spearheading** /'spɪr,hɛdɪŋ/ (verb): To lead an initiative or movement.
5. **Guidelines** /'ɡaɪd.laɪnz/ (noun): A general rule principle or piece of advice.
6. **Momentum** /mə'mɛn.təm/ (noun): The impetus gained by a moving object; in this context the driving force behind a movement or trend.



Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What is one of the key concerns performers in the gaming industry have raised?
Option: Lack of opportunities for advancement
Option: Being thrust into explicit content without prior notice
Option: Not receiving proper training
Option: Inadequate compensation
2. What is one negative consequence of the culture of secrecy surrounding projects in the gaming industry?
Option: Increased job satisfaction among performers
Option: Ensuring performers are well-prepared for all scenes
Option: Performers being unprepared for intense content
Option: Creating a professional and transparent working environment
3. Which organization is leading efforts to establish guidelines for fair treatment of performers in the gaming industry?
Option: The Gaming Industry Association
Option: Equity the performing arts union
Option: Performers United
Option: The Creative Works Alliance
4. What is one step Equity is advocating for to create a more respectful atmosphere for actors?
Option: Limiting the number of scenes in a production
Option: Discouraging performers from speaking up about their concerns
Option: Providing advance disclosure of scripts and scene breakdowns
Option: Reducing the pay of performers
5. What is the broader desire reflected by the demand for greater transparency and consideration in the gaming industry?
Option: To increase the length of gaming productions
Option: To align with ethical standards observed in film and television production
Option: To eliminate all explicit content from games
Option: To reduce the diversity of performers in the industry
6. What is the main goal of implementing best practices in the gaming industry according to the text?



- Option: To prioritize profits over performer well-being
- Option: To create a hostile working environment
- Option: To focus on increasing explicit content
- Option: To prioritize the dignity and comfort of all involved in the creative process

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Being thrust into explicit content without prior notice 2. Performers being unprepared for intense content 3. Equity the performing arts union 4. Providing advance disclosure of scripts and scene breakdowns 5. To align with ethical standards observed in film and television production 6. To prioritize the dignity and comfort of all involved in the creative process

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What are claims or assertions that someone has done something wrong without proof called?
 - Option: Allegations
 - Option: Underperforming
 - Option: Explicit
 - Option: Performers

2. What term refers to the right or licence granted to an individual or group to market a company's goods or services in a particular territory?
 - Option: Potential
 - Option: Franchises
 - Option: Esteemed
 - Option: Telecast

3. What word describes occurrences or incidents happening at a particular time or place?
 - Option: Coordination
 - Option: Engaging
 - Option: Momentum
 - Option: Events

4. What is the act of transmitting electronic media content such as television or radio to the public?



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- Option: Vibrant
Option: Broadcasting
Option: Guidelines
Option: Correspondents
5. Who are people employed by news organizations to report news broadcasts from various locations?
Option: Correspondents
Option: Perspective
Option: Finalized
Option: Intimate
6. What is the possibility of something happening or being developed in the future?
Option: Reviving
Option: Convention
Option: Potential
Option: Distress
7. What refers to the act of revitalizing or bringing something back to life or popularity?
Option: Broadcasting
Option: Reviving
Option: Esteemed
Option: Explicit
8. What are instructions or recommendations that indicate how something should be done or performed?
Option: Distressing
Option: Guidelines
Option: Engaging
Option: Equity
9. Who are individuals who entertain others with their skills or talents such as actors or musicians?
Option: Coordinators
Option: Performers
Option: Distress
Option: Intimate
10. What term describes a large formal assembly of people with shared interests?
Option: Explicit
Option: Convention
Option: Picteresque
Option: Momentum



Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. Obtaining a _____ for software allows users to legally use the program.
12. Different people may have a unique _____ on the same situation based on their experiences.
13. The award was presented by an _____ panel of judges from the industry.
14. The event will be _____ live on national television for viewers to watch.
15. Some movies contain _____ content that is not suitable for children.
16. The news of the accident was _____ for the families of those involved.
17. The teacher used _____ activities to keep the students interested in the lesson.
18. The small cafe provided an _____ setting for friends to catch up over coffee.
19. The company's commitment to _____ in the workplace led to a diverse and inclusive culture.
20. The project gained _____ as more people joined the cause and supported its goals.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The quaint village by the lake was so perfect that it appeared like a scene from a painting.
22. After hours of discussion and negotiation the contract was signed and all terms were settled.
23. The innovative company was at the forefront of technology continually developing new products.
24. The city's nightlife was so lively and colorful with bustling streets and entertainment options.
25. The warning label clearly stated the content of the film alerting viewers of its mature themes.
26. The smooth between the departments ensured that the event ran efficiently and without delays.



27. The loss of a loved one can cause immense emotional and hardship for those left behind.
28. The professor was well-respected by students and colleagues alike for his contributions to the field.
29. The news channel had stationed in different countries to report on global events as they unfolded.
30. Looking at the situation from a different can often lead to new insights and solutions.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Allegations 2. Franchises 3. Events 4. Broadcasting 5. Correspondents 6. Potential 7. Reviving 8. Guidelines 9. Performers 10. Convention

Gap-Fill: 11. Licensing 12. Perspective 13. Esteemed 14. Telecast 15. Explicit 16. Distressing 17. Engaging 18. Intimate 19. Equity 20. Momentum

Matching sentence: 1. Picturesque 2. Finalized 3. Spearheading 4. Vibrant 5. Explicit 6. Coordination 7. Distress 8. Esteemed 9. Correspondents 10. Perspective

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