

# To Russia With Love

In depth study and ethical evaluation of the Russian software copyright laws and their global impact.

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*"Go ahead and rip off anything you like, as long as you acknowledge that you ripped it off from me."  
- William Blank*

## Paper Outline

### I. Introduction (1/2 pgs)

### II. Software Copyright Laws in Russia (2 pgs)

- a. Why need copyright protection mechanisms?
  1. Priority watch list
  2. Russia scores Third in World Piracy!
  3. Global trade priorities
- b. Overview of the Russia's Copyright Laws (Legal Issues)
  1. The "Law on Copyright"
  2. The "Law on Computer Programs"
  3. The "Law on Licensing"
  4. Moral and Economic Rights
- c. Affect on Global Issues (Global Impact)
  1. Defend foreign software producers
  2. Protect domestic producers
  3. Competitive advantage
  4. Membership with WTO
  5. Global economic growth

### III. Ethical Issues Involved (3 pgs)

- a. Utilitarian point of view (John Stuart Mill)
- b. Deontological point of view (Immanuel Kant)
- c. Public welfare (John Locke)
- d. Egoism and social contract (Thomas Hobbes)
- e. Alienation of labor (Karl Marx)
- f. Solipsism (Arthur Schopenhauer)
- g. Golden mean (Aristotle)

Make sure that you state the ethical issues and then use these vantage points to assist you in finding the proper solution to the issue.

### IV. Personal Standpoint (1 pg)

- a. Moral philosophy on labor, skill and dexterity
- b. Justice and Virtue

### V. Conclusion (1/2 pgs)

**References:**

[Business Software Alliance](#)

[World Intellectual Property Organization](#)

[Social Science Information Gateway](#)

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