Can You 'Ban' People From the Internet?

'Three Strikes' Plan for Illegal Downloads Fouls Out

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When you view cutting off a person's Internet access in these terms – those most familiar to the average American -- the punishment hardly seems to fit run-of-the-mill alleged copyright violations.
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Is it appropriate to "ban" someone from the Internet for downloading someone else's music [3]? Is turning someone into an Internet exile a proportionate punishment for illegal file sharing [4]?

The French have passed such a law, and the British, led by the queen, have proposed legislation. Some companies that produce music and video seem to be encouraging similar approaches across Europe and in the U.S.

Meanwhile, the U.S. and other countries may be considering it in secretive world trade negotiations.

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