

Abstract

A Study on Copyright Protection Consciousness among College Students in Our Country

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In this study, a survey was conducted on male and female students in eight different colleges across the nation by using 12 items about copy right awareness(and four additional items about demographic characteristics) and a five-point scale. The answer sheets form 1,479 respondents were gathered, and the collected data were analyzed to address two research questions : What is the basic consciousness of college students about copyright protection in our country? How can their consciousness of copyright protection be improved? As a result, it's found that the college students in our country basically agreed about copyright protection, but that in relation to their own infringement of copyright, they replied excessive measures were taken to protect copyright. Thus, they took a little contradictory attitude. Most of the colleges didn't seem to provide any education on copyright, and copyright-related education should urgently be offered as one of major courses and general education courses. Specifically, a program that has been provided by Korea Copyright Commission since 2013 to assist offering copyright education as a general education course should be introduced in every college in the nation.

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