It is well known that the MPAA is taking legal action against people attempting to play legally purchased DVDs on Linux systems.

In a highly similar case, Connectix read the Sony Playstation BIOS into their computers, disassembled the code, ran it with Playstation games under debuggers in a very thorough reverse engineering effort and produced a virtual playstation emulator -- totally legally according to the appeal court decision at:

http://www.ce9.uscourts.gov/web/newopinions.nsf/64ebd72fd6ca63e2882566fd000980b 2/06d1e0893fdee11688256881006296b8?OpenDocument

I see no moral difference whatsoever between reverse engineering Playstations and DVD players. If you have legally obtained the content, you should be entitled to view it in whichever way you chose.

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