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Class of works: I am writing in support of Class #2 (DVD Region Coding):  
Audiovisual works stored on Digital Versatile Disks ("DVDs") that are not  
available in Region 1 DVD format and access to which is prevented by  
technological measures.

Summary:

The European version of this movie shows different scenes -- with sexual  
content -- than the US version. The US version was apparently censored.  
Because of the region coding it is not possible to view the movie as  
originally intended.

I had heard that Blockbuster was the force behind censoring the DVD release of  
"Eyes Wide Shut" in the US -- that they had insisted on making changes to the  
film before they would carry it. I was curious to find out what they had done,  
and if it was noticeable. A friend of a friend brought me the DVD from Germany  
as a gift so that I could see the European release -- but of course it  
wouldn't play initially, not without it permanently changing the region  
setting on my DVD player.

Since my unaltered DVD player would not play this title I was forced to go to  
great and inconvenient lengths to view the movie. There are indeed differences  
between the two releases, and I had always wondered why the US version looked  
weird in a few spots -- that was because of the censorship. The main focus of  
the camera gets blocked in a few places so that you can't see what is going  
on.

I think that the European version makes more sense as a movie, and I think  
it's good to be able to see what companies are doing as censorship.

Disc name: Eyes Wide Shut