

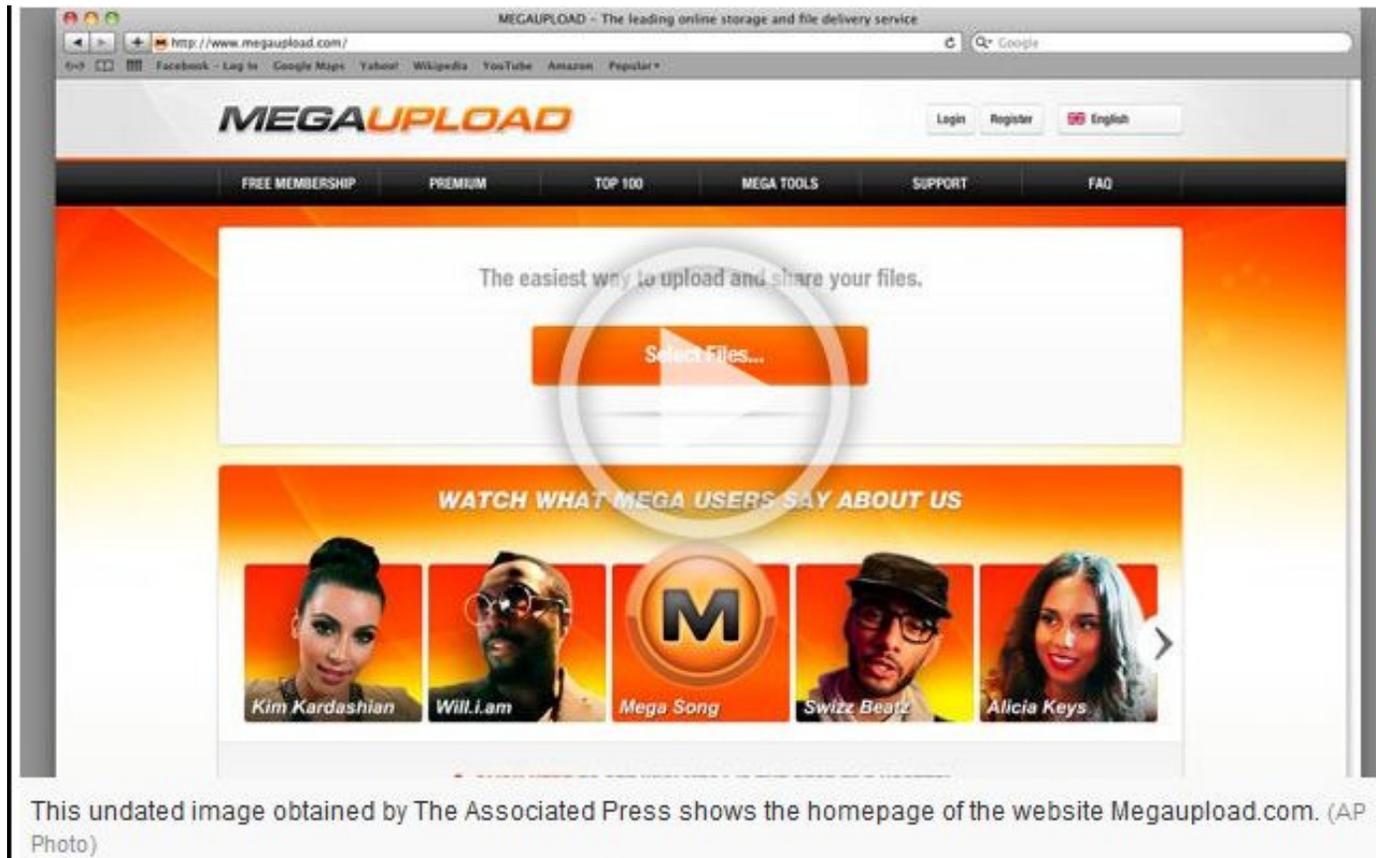
The Rise and Fall of **Megaupload.com and Kim Dotcom,** and The Possible Implications for the World of Internet-based Software Piracy and Theft of Intellectual Property

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Software Piracy

Stealing software without legitimately paying for it, thereby denying revenues to those that have legal rights to sell and distribute the software.

Megaupload.com



**Megaupload.com
Website Launched
March 21, 2005**

Who Is Kim Dotcom?



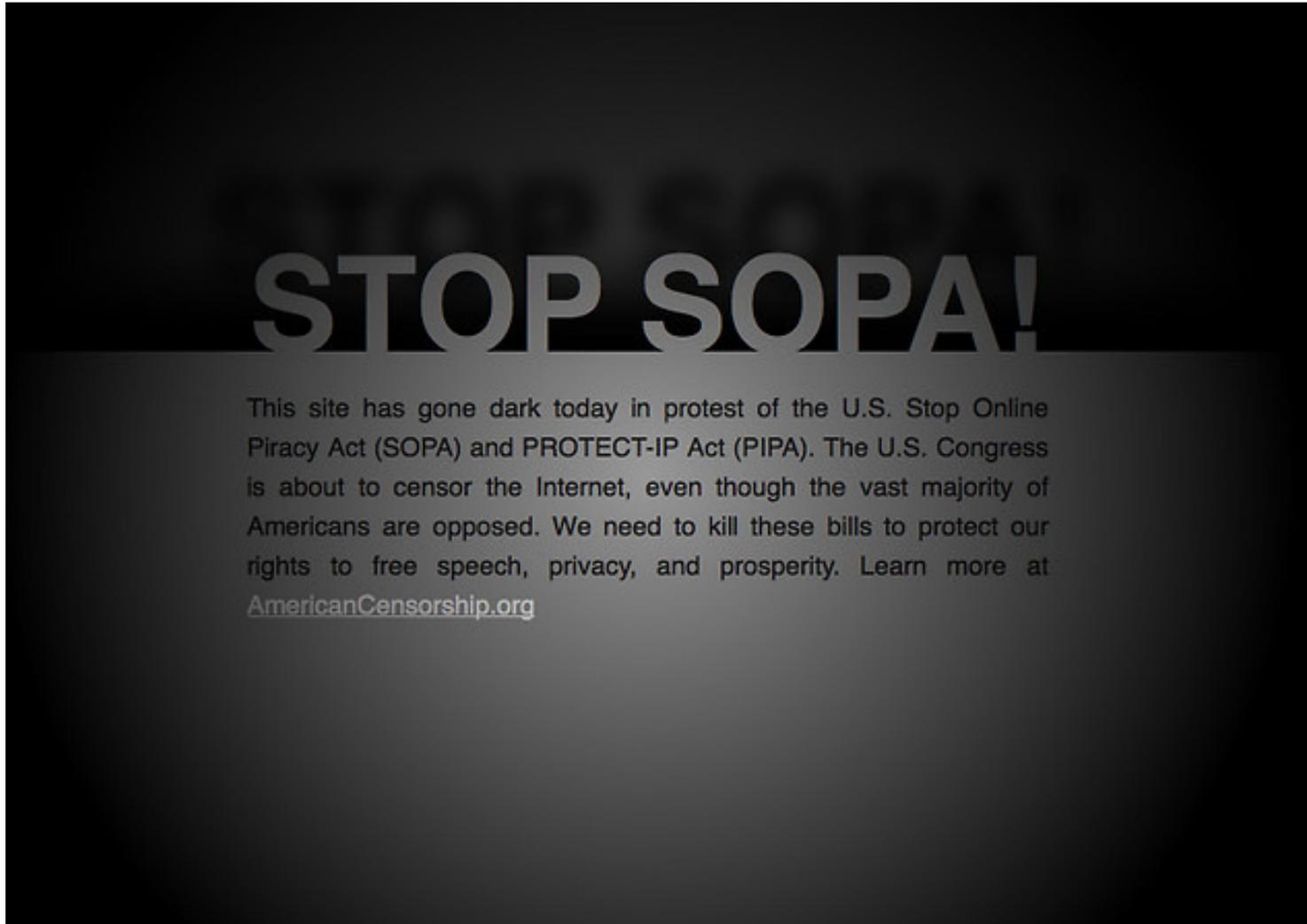
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**Made \$30 million/year at Megaupload.com
prior to being busted on January 20, 2012!!!**

SOPA and PIPA

- SOPA = Stop Online Piracy Act – HB 3261
- PIPA = Preventing Real Online Threats to Economic Creativity and Theft of Intellectual Property Act, or PIPA - SB 968

The Protest Against SOPA and PIPA



World Wide Internet Protest Against SOPA and PIPA
Website Owners Put Up Banners Like This
January 19, 2012

Megaupload.com Shutdown



**Shutdown by the U.S. Department of Justice
January 19, 2012**

The Big Shutdown



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The Big Bust



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**Mr. Kim Dotcom, busted in New Zealand
Awaiting extradition to the United States
January 20, 2012**

Mr. Kim Dotcom



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The Charges:

Copyright infringement, conspiracy to commit money laundering, racketeering, rewarding users who uploaded pirated content for sharing, and turning a blind eye to requests from copyright holders to remove copyright-protected files...

The Future of Mr. Kim Dotcom?



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If he is convicted...
Possibly a very long sentence
behind bars in a U.S. Federal Prison

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written by Sonny Curtis

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