

# Copyright

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## Tasks

### 1. Platform Copyright Policy Analysis

I choose YouTube for my platform of choice.

- How does the platform detect copyrighted content? (automated systems like Content ID, manual reporting, etc.)
  - There are various actions that happen upon copyrighted content. When you first upload your video, it does processing in which it runs something called a 'Content ID,' which is a fingerprinting system that scans the uploaded videos against a database of copyrighted audio and video.
  - In addition, if the copyright owner were to come across the content with their copyrighted content, they would be able to file a DMCA request to remove that content.
  - In the case that the video is unmonetized, YouTube will still scan the audio for any copyrighted sounds.
- What happens when content is flagged as potentially infringing?
  - In the case where some content is flagged, there are various ways this is handled
    - The segment in which it holds the copyrighted audio is muted
    - The video is blocked worldwide or in specific regions
    - The video remains as is, but the right to monetize is given up to the copyright holder
    - The video uploader is given an option to replace/trim out the section with copyrighted audio
- What is the appeals or counter-notification process?
  - If a content ID claim occurs, one of three choices usually occur:
    - The uploader does nothing: the content ID claim remains, content may be blocked or the rights to monetize the content is given up to the rights holder
    - The uploader can dispute the claim: this is the case if you have a valid fair use, commentary, noninfringement claim
    - The uploader can file a counter-notification: this tells the copyright owner that the uploader claims that the takedown is invalid under DMCA. This turns the argument from YouTube to a legal process; The right holder needs to sue the uploader, or the video will return to normal visibility in 10-14 days.
- How does the platform handle monetization of content containing copyrighted material?
  - If copyrighted material is detected, the uploader is not allowed to monetize, the monetization right is given to the copyright owner, or in some cases, the uploader can pay the copyright holder to be using the content thru music licensing.
- Are there any special programs (e.g., YouTube's Content ID licensing agreements)?
  - YouTube Content ID partnership: major rights holders (i.e. companies that hold a lot of copyrighted materials, e.g. music labels, film studios, networks, etc.) are allowed to join
  - YouTube Audio Library: creators have a library of noncopyrighted music
  - Creator Music: creators are allowed to license songs for a fee

## 2. Fair Use Experiments

- Raw copyrighted clip
  - 10 sec clip - <https://youtu.be/c1ZkO02o8qA> - Flagged instantly

The screenshot shows a YouTube channel content page. On the left, there's a sidebar with options: Details, Analytics, Editor, Comments, Subtitles, Copyright (which is selected and highlighted in dark blue), and Clips. The main area displays a video thumbnail for 'Your video' with the title 'CMSC 30350 Copyright Assignment ...'. Below the video, the title 'Video copyright' is shown. A section titled 'What happened' states: 'The copyright claim(s) on your video don't affect your channel. This is not a copyright strike.' It lists two items: 'Channel' (with a note: 'The copyright claim(s) on your video don't affect your channel. This is not a copyright strike.') and 'Visibility' (with a note: 'There are no visibility restrictions.'). At the bottom, it shows 'Content used' (風の記憶 Anri Kumaki) and 'Content type' (Audio). A note says 'This claim doesn't restrict your video at the moment.' There are 'See details' and 'Take action' buttons.

Content used: 風の記憶

**Content details**

**Impact on video**

**Monetization**  
If you become a member of the YouTube Partner Program, this claim may affect your ability to monetize the video. [Learn more](#)

**What you can do**

To resolve the claim you can choose to edit your video or dispute the claim.

[Take action](#)

Content used: 風の記憶

**Select action**

**Erase song**  
Remove the claimed song while keeping other sounds such as speech, or mute all sound

**Replace song**  
Pick an audio from the YouTube Audio Library to replace the claimed audio and resolve the claim

**Dispute**  
Dispute a claim if you have the necessary rights to the content, or other valid reasons. It takes up to 30 days for a final resolution from the claimant. Your channel won't receive a strike if your dispute gets rejected. [Learn more](#)

**Trim out segment**  
Editing is disabled because the video would be too short after edit.

[Cancel](#) [Continue](#)

- 90 sec clip - <https://youtu.be/k70Rc48-Wb0> - Flagged instantly

The screenshot shows the YouTube 'Channel content' page for a user. On the left, a sidebar lists 'Your video', 'Details', 'Analytics', 'Editor', 'Comments', 'Subtitles', 'Copyright' (which is selected and highlighted in dark grey), and 'Clips'. The main area is titled 'Video copyright' and contains the following information:

**What happened**  
The copyright claim(s) on your video don't affect your channel. This is not a copyright strike.

**Channel**  
The copyright claim(s) on your video don't affect your channel. This is not a copyright strike.

**Visibility**  
There are no visibility restrictions.

**Content used** 風の記憶  
Anri Kumaki

**Content type** ♪ Audio

This claim doesn't restrict your video at the moment.

**Buttons:** See details | Take action

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**Trim out segment**  
Editing is disabled because the video would be too short after edit.

[Cancel](#) [Continue](#)

- In both cases, there was only demonetization for the video. No mutes, no visibility restrictions. But, I have had previous cases where there were both issues with that, which suggests that it is dependent on the music company that holds the rights (also the song I took was released in

2006, so that might have something to do with that). In both cases, I couldn't select the trim out selection as it would make the video 0 seconds.

- Fair Use + Commentary

- <https://youtu.be/tJkbRng1l2k> - Flagged instantly

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- What happened:** The copyright claim(s) on your video don't affect your channel. This is not a copyright strike.
- Channel:** The copyright claim(s) on your video don't affect your channel. This is not a copyright strike.
- Visibility:** There are no visibility restrictions.

Below this, there is a table with two columns: 'Content used' and 'Content type'. It shows a single entry: '風の記憶' by Anri Kumaki, categorized as 'Audio'. A note next to it says 'This claim doesn't restrict your video at the moment.' At the bottom right are 'See details' and 'Take action' buttons.

Content used: 風の記憶

## Content details

**Content found in**  
1:14 - 1:34

**Content type**  
Audio

**Claimants**  
KING RECORD CO., LTD.  
on behalf of KINGRECORDS

### Impact on video

**Monetization**  
If you become a member of the YouTube Partner Program, this claim may affect your ability to monetize the video. [Learn more](#)

### What you can do

To resolve the claim you can choose to edit your video or dispute the claim.

[Take action](#)

Content used: 風の記憶

## Select action

- Erase song**  
Remove the claimed song while keeping other sounds such as speech, or mute all sound
- Replace song**  
Pick an audio from the YouTube Audio Library to replace the claimed audio and resolve the claim
- Trim out segment**  
Cut out both video and audio of the claimed segments to resolve the claim
- Dispute**  
Dispute a claim if you have the necessary rights to the content, or other valid reasons. It takes up to 30 days for a final resolution from the claimant. Your channel won't receive a strike if your dispute gets rejected. [Learn more](#)

[Cancel](#) [Continue](#)

- There was a part during the video, in which that I didn't have commentary over, as I had just explained what the song lyrics meant and then played the song to let the people here the song,

and it seems that part was flagged, but not the earlier parts. I have the ability to dispute this time, if I have the proper rights to use it or other valid reasons such as fair use.

### 3. AI-Generated Content Investigation

- Direct Reference
  - Prompt: Draw Aurelion Sol from League of Legends for me
- Style Mimicry
  - Prompt: Draw something in the style of this (Copyrighted music video of Yorushika)





[← Channel content](#)



Your video  
CMSC 30350 Copyright Assignment ...

- [Details](#)
- [Analytics](#)
- [Editor](#)
- [Comments](#)
- [Subtitles](#)
- [Copyright](#)
- [Clips](#)

### Video copyright

**What happened**  
No copyright issues were found in your video.

**Channel**  
Your channel isn't affected.

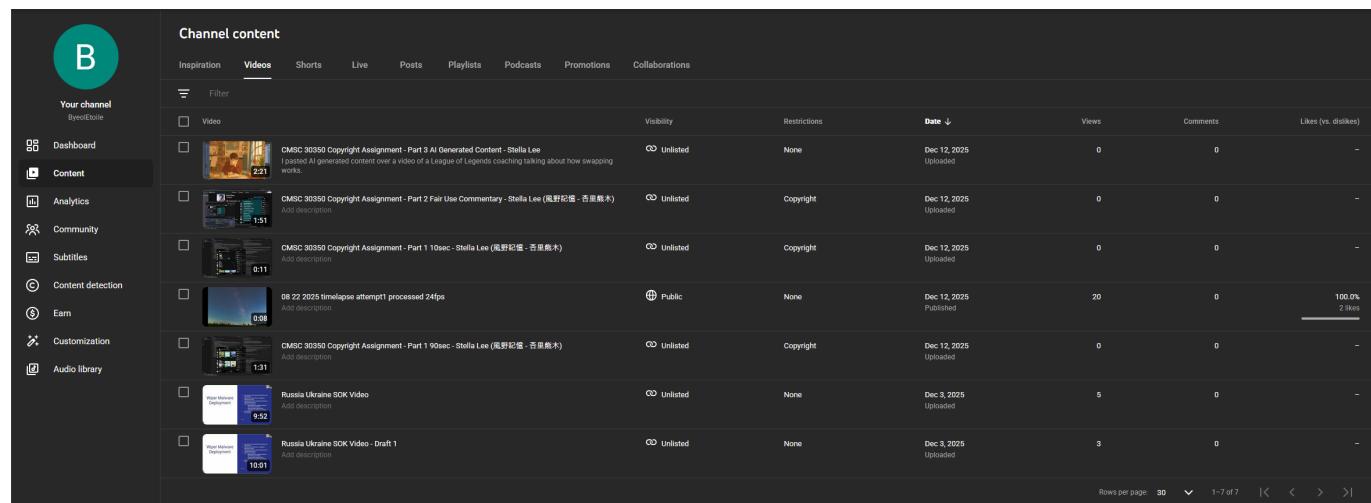
**Visibility**  
There are no visibility restrictions.

Content used	Content type
No copyrighted content was found in your video.	

- Both were combined and uploaded to <https://youtu.be/yqGK2vncLo>
- Research Findings
  - Copyright Ownership of ChatGPT-Generated Content
    - According to OpenAI's terms of service, users have the ownership of the content they generate using ChatGPT. However, under U.S. copyright law, the copyrightability of AI-generated content remains legally unsettled, as copyright traditionally requires human authorship. As a result, AI-generated works may receive limited or uncertain copyright protection.
  - YouTube's Policy on AI-Generated Content
    - YouTube currently allows AI-generated content as long as it complies with platform policies related to copyright, impersonation, and misleading content. YouTube does not have a dedicated automated system for detecting AI-generated text or images. Copyright enforcement primarily relies on Content ID, which focuses on matching uploaded audio and video against known copyrighted media. As a result, AI-generated text and static visuals are generally not flagged unless they directly include copyrighted audio or video material.

## 4. Legal Analysis

- Part 2: 10sec, 90sec clips
  1. The raw song clips were nontransformative, i.e. no criticism, commentary, educational framing, etc.
  2. The nature of the copyrighted work is creative/expressive, so the courts tend to favour the owners of the music.
  3. 10 sec clip could have maybe have been short enough to be ok, but 90 seconds is definitely too long for it to constitute fair use.
  4. Uploading materials with portion of the song could harm the copyright holder's ability to monetize it.
- Part 2: Commentary over Copyrighted Music
  1. The commentary that I in the video was about the music, and directly speculating on the lyrical meanings.
  2. I extended the nature of the creative piece by adding on my own interpretation of it.
  3. I only analyzed a short segment of it.
  4. It would probably have minimal impact on the monetization of the song, as I am doing commentary on it. If anything, it would increase it, encouraging them to listen to it.
- Part 3: AI-Generated Content
  - Refer to Section 3, Research Findings



The screenshot shows the YouTube Channel content page for a channel named 'ByeEllebie'. The left sidebar includes links for Dashboard, Content (which is selected), Analytics, Community, Subtitles, Content detection, Earnings, Customization, and Audio library. The main area displays a table of channel content:

Channel content						
Inspiration	Videos	Shorts	Live	Posts	Playlists	Podcasts
<input type="checkbox"/> Filter						
	<input type="checkbox"/> Video					
	<input type="checkbox"/> CMSC 30350 Copyright Assignment - Part 3 AI Generated Content - Stella Lee	Visibility	Restrictions	Date ↓	Views	Comments Likes (vs. dislikes)
	 2:21	Unlisted	None	Dec 12, 2025 Uploaded	0	0
	I pasted AI generated content over a video of a League of Legends coaching talking about how swapping works.					
	<input type="checkbox"/> CMSC 30350 Copyright Assignment - Part 2 Fair Use Commentary - Stella Lee (越野記錄 - 吳黑熊木)	Visibility	Restrictions	Date ↓	Views	Comments Likes (vs. dislikes)
	 1:51	Unlisted	copyright	Dec 12, 2025 Uploaded	0	0
	Auto description					
	<input type="checkbox"/> CMSC 30350 Copyright Assignment - Part 1 10sec - Stella Lee (越野記錄 - 吳黑熊木)	Visibility	Restrictions	Date ↓	Views	Comments Likes (vs. dislikes)
	 0:11	Unlisted	copyright	Dec 12, 2025 Uploaded	0	0
	Add description					
	<input type="checkbox"/> 08 22 2025 timelapse attempt1 processed 24fps	Visibility	Restrictions	Date ↓	Views	Comments Likes (vs. dislikes)
	 0:98	Public	None	Dec 12, 2025 Published	20	0
	Auto description					
	<input type="checkbox"/> CMSC 30350 Copyright Assignment - Part 1 90sec - Stella Lee (越野記錄 - 吳黑熊木)	Visibility	Restrictions	Date ↓	Views	Comments Likes (vs. dislikes)
	 1:31	Unlisted	copyright	Dec 12, 2025 Uploaded	0	0
	Add description					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Russia Ukraine SOK Video	Visibility	Restrictions	Date ↓	Views	Comments Likes (vs. dislikes)
	 9:52	Unlisted	None	Dec 3, 2025 Uploaded	5	0
	Add description					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Russia Ukraine SOK Video - Draft 1	Visibility	Restrictions	Date ↓	Views	Comments Likes (vs. dislikes)
	 16:01	Unlisted	None	Dec 3, 2025 Uploaded	3	0
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