ENFORCING CENSORSHIP

Everyone agrees that one of the government's main duties is to (0) <u>protect</u> its citizens. However, what
happens when this is done via censorship? There is no doubt that children need to be (1)
from obscene or violent material in movies and on TV. There are some people who would
(2) , however, that no grown-up has the (3) to tell another grown-up
what she or he can read or watch.
(4) countries do not allow violent or offensive material to be shown on TV until
(5) at night. There is a special sign at the (6) of movies, which
indicates whether or not they are suitable for (7) children. Other films or dramas start
with a warning that they may be suitable for older children (8) This gives parents a
choice of whether to allow their children to watch them or not. Films (9) in movie theaters
may contain violent or offensive scenes, in which case children under a certain (10) are
not allowed in.
In the US, a non-government body known as The Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) closely
controls all films shown in movie theaters, on cable TV, and recently some streaming platforms such as
Netflix. The MPAA was (11) up in 1922 by the film industry itself in response to the waves
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