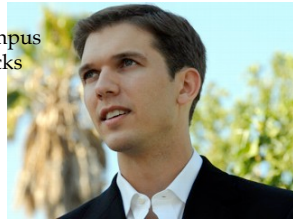


Anonymity on the Internet

What's different about Juicy Campus is that vicious, anonymous attacks are the site's raison d'être, not unfortunate by-products.



The 20-year old at the heart of web's most anarchic and influential site



13.1

Ivester on Juicy Campus

Well, I'll tell you from a personal standpoint, not as a Juicy Campus representative, but you know personally there has been a lot of stuff on Juicy Campus that I've read and I just, personally, find it abhorrent. But I absolutely do not feel guilty -- and I don't think there's any reason for me to feel guilty about providing a forum for speech. What we're doing is kind of amoral. We are just the platform. And I don't think there's anything to feel bad about that.

<http://abcnews.go.com/OnCampus/story?id=5985372&page=1>

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Poole on 4chan

- "When people meet me and I'm generally pretty sociable and I meet some definition of normal, they're almost surprised,
- 4chan is also very profane. A phrase from Star Wars comes to mind: It's a wretched hive of scum and villainy. Spammers don't even bother to spam 4chan; Google started searching it only six months ago. But it is the wellspring from which a lot of Internet culture, and hence popular culture, bubbles. In his way, moot is one of the most powerful people on the Web.

<http://www.time.com/time/business/article/0,8599,1821435,00.html>

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13.3

Juicy Campus in the news

- "If the owners of a site offer anonymity but actually have some way of tracking people and are faced with fines or jail time, they'll normally comply," Reed said. – Boston University
- "For the health of the student community, we can't ignore this forum. We need to turn GW's JuicyCampus into a joke. Then, maybe, other students will realize the absurdity of it all, and play along," – Inside Higher Ed
- When authorities showed up at his door, So admitted that he wrote the post and was arrested. – Colgate University

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13.4

4chan

- Meme creators?
 - Cats? Rick-rolling?
- Anonymous, loose confederation of ...
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICbKv9yiLiQ>
- Sarah Palin's email
 - <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/7660811.stm>
- Internet Rumor mongers?
 - <http://www.thestandard.com/news/2008/10/03/was-false-report-steve-jobs-death-4chan-prank>

What does it mean to be anonymous?

- Can your IP address be tracked?
 - It depends
- Do you leave "tracks" when you surf?
 - Where?
- What about anonymous surfing?
 - Coming later

Morals and Ethics and Law

- Murder and defending a murderer
 - Which is amoral/immoral?
- Legal v ethical
 - If it's legal, is it ethical?
- Individual compared to Societal
 - One and many

What does "act professionally" mean

- Is this a moral stance?
- Is this an ethical stance?
- Is this a legal stance?
- Is this a combination of all three (or fewer)?
- AMA, ABA, ACM, ...