

Re: Does the CIA control the internet?

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Maybe you're not paranoid after all, more likely you've just bought into the lunacy of the far left.....

By the way, the sky is NOT falling and there really is NO bogeyman waiting for you in the dark shadows....

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"skullcap" <news4@earthsong.null.free-online.co.uk> wrote in message news:pan.2004.03.07.22.11.10.489640@earthsong.null.free-online.co.uk...

| On Sun, 07 Mar 2004 21:10:07 +0000, Diogenes wrote:

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| > skullcap wrote:

| >> On Sun, 07 Mar 2004 20:07:21 +0000, Diogenes wrote:

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| >>> skullcap wrote:

| >>>> The jibes about 'keep taking the pills' are just ignorant, and

| >>>> offensive to people with mental health problems.

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| >>>> Keep taking your pills. You seem to need them.

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| >>>> It seems to be a popular way of putting people down on the 'net (and elsewhere) without having to address the things they have to say,

| >>>> that's all. And i think it sucks.

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| >>>> If powerful people don't have an inherent interest in controlling the distribution of information, then why do most democratic countries have laws trying to prevent media monopolies for exactly this reason? (the laws in these countries reflecting some kind of uneasy compromise between the interests of the powerful and the powerless).

| >>>> And why did the italian populist politician silvio berlusconi put so much effort into trying to undermine and find his way round these laws before making his bid for office?

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| >>>> It's not used to "put people down",

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| >>>> of course it is.

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| > it's usually used to point out to mentally
| > sick people that they better keep taking their meds or they might get
worse
| > than they are now. Paranoid people like yourself, have committed suicide
over
| > the things their minds conger up...
| ^conjure^
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| > if you're told to "keep taking your meds",
| > it's because you wrote/said something that was recognized as severe
paranoia.
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| If that is the case, and you're 'only trying to help, honest', how about
| actually spelling out what exactly is wrong, or 'severely paranoid' with
| pointing out the bloody obvious – that one of the ways that people with
| social power have always tried to maintain their power is, among other
| things, by attempting to control the public distribution of information,
| and the ways in which the institutions that sustain them may be
| represented. If this is not so, why do the world's most repressive regimes
| tend to have strict censorship laws? Why was one of the US govt's first
| acts on taking power in iraq to remove the public symbols of Hussein's
| authority? Why do corporations fight lengthy court battles over
| unfavourable or parodic representations of their public image? Why did the
| US seek to stifle the Al-jazeera TV station? The western democracies
| tend not to be so heavy handed in these things, and the balance is more in
| favour of peoples' right to free speech, but the same basic dynamics still
| operate. The question isn't whether the US govt and other powerful
| groups might want to monitor, influence, or control (in order of
| likelihood) what can be said on the net – of course they do. The question
| is whether they are likely to be doing it to the degree or in the manner
| suggested by the OP.

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| As far as I can see I was being quite reasonable and
| considered in what I said. If you really think that you are trying to
| help, perhaps you might consider that one of the things that drives people
| into severely paranoid states is to have the things they say dismissed
| without even an attempt at a reasoned reply. So after enough of this sort
| of treatment, you start to wonder if maybe you have touched a nerve after
| all.

| > We only have your best interests in mind.

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| > BTW, keep taking your meds.

| the drugs don't work – they just make things worse. But I know I'll see
| your face again.

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| <http://www.niftybits.ukfsn.org/skullcap.html>

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