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[V]ote-auction announces END-RESULTS of GRAND AUCTION

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Below is the latest press release by [V]ote-auction:

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<http://www.voteauction.de> / realname: voteauction
[formerly Vote-auction.com and Voteauction.com].

You can also find this press release at
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It's different because it's fundamentally different:

[V]ote-auction <http://62.116.31.68>

[V] Intro

[V]ote-auction, the election industry leader, is proud to announce the end-results of the grand - or, perhaps more accurately, notorious - [V]ote-auction GAME.

Many participants acted as if they had actually considered it a real business; in fact, it was indeed a real-life game for voters who finally had found a way to think about what their vote is worth on the free market; and to themselves.

For us, the operators, it turned out to be less of a action-service and more of a legal rollercoaster.

[V] Game? Street Theatre? Comic? Business?

Lots has been said about how to distinguish between a real business and a cartoon in a sunday newspaper:

<http://www.cnn.com/video/burden/2000/10/24/show.rm80.ram>

Most of these nice sayings are true for the offline world - but on the net, things are different.

Whether or not one likes it, the net is NOT a commercial playground a priori. It is an open space for ANY communication needs between any people. If you think it is hard to know for sure if our site was a game or a business, well, then that's a good lesson you have learned. Try any web-site and try to check out if they are for "real", here a small test-environment:

<http://yesrudy.com>

<http://gatt.org>

<http://rtmark.com/gwbush/>

<http://www.fpo.at>

<http://www.microsoft.com>

There is no last page with cartoons on the net. That is why it is called an interlinked system and not a book.

You'd better learn the differenciate now! If not, you might fall for a real prank one day!

[V] Who is suing whom?

legal platform coming soon: <http://www.ipnic.org>

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Here an excerpt of the current situation:

- . Massachusetts is suing vote-auction and our providers
reason: "selling votes"
status: injunction order
- . Missouri is suing vote-auction and our providers
reason: "false promises to consumers"
status: injunction order
- . Chicago Board of Elections is suing vote-auction and our providers
reason: "selling and buying of votes"
status: injunction order
- . Various "investigations" by Attorney Generals
reason: diverse
status: unknown

. [V]ote-auction is suing CORE in switzerland
reason: breach of contract, damages, denial of service
status: preparation

It seems that we are witnessing the birth of a new sub-genre of action-art: DIGITAL LEGAL ART. appearantly it is even not so much the end-user in front of the terminal to whom we appeal most, but the people in U.S. legal offices... very sexy!

Nevertheless, we are sure that the cases will be dropped, as it will be obvious, even to the legal folk, that there are people out there buying and selling votes - but that it is not us. We just gave you the showcase. The real dealers do their businesses quite openly in Washington. Vive la difference!

[V] Campaigning for our rights

We would like to thank our partners for giving us the support we need and enjoy. To those who despise us: Thank you also!

We regard negative and positive feedback alike as active support and intelligent modes of communication.

To those who think that we have now given up: Come on! We have all had our fun. Now, let's face reality. The net is, at the time, NOT a free place. It is directly and indirectly controlled by U.S. courts of all names. The root zone is basically owned by the U.S. Ministry of Commerce [well, then maybe the Chicago Board of Elections should have sued the Ministry of Commerce].

If they decide to halt the internet tomorrow, then it is Nike time - they just do it! Cynical? No. Realistic. Or should ICANN bring Capitalism and DemoCRAZY closer together? Or maybe even CORE?

So... if you dont get help from us, please get help somewhere!

[V] What is new on the Site

We have opened our site and data to the public, so everyone can see for him or herself what is happening. Feel free to access the user database - and do not be surprised to find no personal data. Asking for data at the frontend does not necessarily imply storing it in the backoffice...

What you can find is the socio-demographics of everybody who dared to play [V]ote-auction. If you ask yourself if the numbers are real - that is an intelligent question - but has never been answered on the net. Neither can we answer it.

You will have to be quick to access the site - we will put it into real legal context by November 8th.

When the game is over, the players have to go home!

[V] Statistics [Nov. 7th 2000, 3am CET]

[] polls

International poll:	National poll:
63.3% gore	45.0% gore
14.3% bush	44.1% bush
22.4% nader	10.9% nader

Vote-auction legal or illegal:
75.3% legal
09.4% illegal
15.3% dont know

Would you rather go voting if you got paid for it:
70.0% yes
30.0% no

[] Global media quick-stats

Topic:	numbers	%
Mailingslists/newsgroups:	13,765 articles	75%
Online-magazines:	898 articles	19%
Print-magazines:	258 articles	03%
Print-newspapers:	812 articles	24%
TV-segments:	147 reports	03%
Radio-segments:	231 reports	05%

Press-archive under: <http://62.116.31.68/news.htm>

[] Supporter quick-stats

Emails received in the last 9 days	2451
Support sites	213
Attorneys offering their services	11

[] Legal quick-stats

Civil-lawsuits filed against [V]ote-auction

and related individuals and companies	18
General Attorney investigations running	15
Lawsuits by vote-auction against corenic.org	01
Legal documents received by postal services or via Fax [approx. 250 pounds]	112 kg

[V] Credits

James Baumgartner
 ubermorgen.com
 RTMark.com
 SILVER SERVER / sil.at
 enemy.org
 joker.com
 hell.com
 thinkfactory.de
 pixelmassaker.com
 cnn.com
 etoyACTION.com
 ACLU.org

For a list of support web-sites
<http://62.116.31.68/news.htm#support>

[V] Final note

We wish all 3 candidates the best of luck for Election Day,
 and may the guy with the best looks - oops, sorry, the
 best ideas and intentions - win.

Goodbye to you, you have been a great audience!

For the Vote-auction team

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„To be or not to be! Just do it!“

PLEASE NOTE: If you want to access Vote-auction via
 web or mail, please be sure to use the correct domain:

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<http://62.116.31.68>

We will not be able to receive messages sent to any of

