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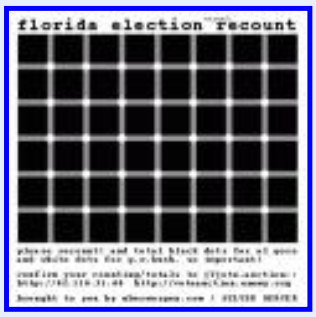

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a. A formal expression of preference for a candidate for office or for a proposed resolution of an issue.
b. A means by which such a preference is made known, such as a raised hand or a marked ballot.

2. The number of votes cast in an election or to resolve an issue: *a heavy vote in favor of the bill.*
3. A group of voters alike in some way: *the Black vote; the rural vote.*
4. The act or process of voting: *took a vote on the issue.*
5. The result of an election or referendum.
6. The right to participate as a voter; suffrage.

v., **vot·ed**, **vot·ing**, **votes**.

v.intr.

1. To express one's preference for a candidate or for a proposed resolution of an issue; cast a vote: *voting against the measure.*
2. To express a choice or an opinion.

v.tr.

1. To express one's preference for by vote: *voted the straight Republican ticket.*
2. To decide the disposition of by vote, as by electing or defeating: *vote in a new mayor; voted out their representative; vote down the amendment.*
3. To bring into existence or make available by vote: *vote new funds for a program.*
4. To be guided by in voting: *vote one's conscience.*
5. To declare or pronounce by general consent: *voted the play a success.*
6. *Informal.* To state as a preference or opinion: *I vote we eat out tonight.*

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[Middle English, vow, from Latin *vōtum*, from neuter past participle of *vovēre*, to vow.]

vot'a·ble or **vote'a·ble** *adj.*

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To select by vote for an office. ballot, elect. *See*choice, politics.

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voting, method of registering collective approval or disapproval of a person or a proposal. The term generally refers to the process by which citizens choose candidates for public office or decide political questions submitted to them. However, it may also describe the formal recording of opinion of a group on any subject. In either sense it is a means of transforming numerous individual desires into a coherent and collective basis for decision.

In early human history voting was simply the communication of approval or disapproval by tribal members of certain proposals offered by a chieftain, who typically held an elected office. Eventually in political voting, the ballot came into use, a sophisticated form of which is the voting machine. In modern democracies voting is generally considered the right of all adult citizens. In the past, however, voting was often a privilege limited by stringent property qualifications and restricted to the upper classes, and it is only in recent times that universal suffrage has become a fact. In the United States this was accomplished in 1920 when women were given the right to vote by the Nineteenth Amendment. While in democracies voting is, generally, a voluntary right, in totalitarian systems it is virtually a compulsory duty, and nonvoting may be considered an act of disapproval of government policies.

In recent years a great deal of study has been devoted to the analysis of voting behavior in nonauthoritarian nations. Through the use of complex sampling surveys attempts have been made to determine on what basis a voter makes a decision. Findings reveal that voting is influenced not only by political differences but also by religious, racial, and economic factors. For this reason nearly all politicians rely on a sampling survey, or poll, to gauge the attitudes of their constituencies. Also a subject for considerable study in the United States is that large segment of the population that refrains from voting. Research has shown that nonvoting is caused by factors that include social cross pressures, new residency in the community, and relative political ignorance or lack of interest.

See also election; referendum.

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Legal Dictionary

vote[1]

n.

[Latin *votum* vow, hope, wish]

a. A usually formal expression of opinion or will in response to a proposed decision; *esp* One given as an indication of approval or disapproval of a proposal, motion, or candidate for office
b. The total number of such votes made known at a single time (got half the vote)

2. The collective opinion or preference of a body of persons expressed by voting
3. The right to cast a vote; *specif* The right of suffrage
   a. The act or process of voting (brought the question to a vote)
   b. A method of voting

vote[2]

vb.

vot·ed vot·ing *-vi*

a. To cast or conduct a vote (vote for acquittal)
b. To exercise a political franchise (encourage people to vote) *-vt*

- To choose, endorse, decide the disposition of, defeat, or authorize by vote (vote an appropriation)
- To cast votes on a corporate matter on the basis of (*voted* their shares against the proposed merger)

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The *noun* **vote** has 5 meanings:

Meaning #1: a choice that is made by voting
Synonyms: ballot, voting, balloting

Meaning #2: the opinion of a group as determined by voting

Meaning #3: a legal right guaranteed by the 15th amendment to the US constitution; guaranteed to women by the 19th amendment
Synonyms: right to vote, suffrage

Meaning #4: a body of voters who have the same interests

Meaning #5: the total number of votes cast
Synonym: voter turnout

The *verb* **vote** has 5 meanings:

Meaning #1: express one's preference for a candidate or for a measure or resolution; cast a vote
Also see: vote in (meaning #1), vote out (meaning #1)

Meaning #2: express one's choice or preference by vote

Meaning #3: express a choice or opinion

Meaning #4: be guided by in voting

Meaning #5: bring into existence or make available by vote

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Wikipedia

vote

For the Finno-Ugric people, see Votes.

Voters at the voting booths in the US in 1945

Voting is a method of decision making wherein a group such as a meeting or an electorate attempts to gauge its opinion -- usually as a final step following discussions or debates. Alternatives to voting include consensus decision making (which works to avoid polarisation and the marginalisation of dissent) and betting (as in an anticipatory democracy).

In a democracy, **voting** commonly implies election, i.e. a way for an electorate to select among candidates for office. In politics *voting* is the method by which the electorate of a democracy appoints representatives in its government.

A **vote**, or a **ballot**, is an individual's act of voting, by which he or she express support or preference for a certain motion (e.g. a proposed resolution), a certain candidate, or a certain selection of candidates. A secret ballot, the standard way to protect voters' political privacy, generally takes place at a polling station. (Compare postal ballot.)

Nevertheless, a country's having an election featuring the populace casting votes does not necessarily mean the country is democratic. Many authoritarian governments have "elections" but the candidates are pre-chosen and approved by elites, there is no competition, voter qualifications are restrictive, and voting is often a sham.

In some democracies, such as Australia, voting in a national election is not optional, but mandatory, on penalty of a significant fine.

Standard vote types

Different voting systems use different types of vote. Suppose that the options in some election are *Alice*, *Bob*, *Charlie*, *Daniel*, and *Emily*.

In a voting system that uses a *single vote*, the voter can select one of the five that they most approve of. First past the post uses single votes. So, a voter might vote for Charlie. This precludes him voting for anyone else.

In a voting system that uses a *multiple vote*, the voter can vote for any subset of the alternatives. So, a voter might vote for Alice, Bob, and Charlie, rejecting Daniel and Emily. Approval voting uses such multiple votes.

In a voting system that uses a *ranked vote*, the voter has to rank the alternatives in order of preference. For example, they might vote for Bob in first place, then Emily, then Alice, then Daniel, and finally Charlie. A great many voting systems use ranked votes. See preference voting.

In a voting system that uses a *scored vote* (or *range vote*), the voter gives each alternative a number between one and ten (the upper and lower bounds may vary). See range voting.

Kenneth Arrow lists 5 characteristics of a fair voting system. Unfortunately, Arrow's impossibility theorem shows that it is impossible for any voting system to have all 5 characteristics at the same time.

More esoteric vote types

More complicated methods have also been proposed, principally as a theoretical tool. For example, one method would make an average vote look like the following:

> Alice > Charlie >>> Bob >> Emily > Daniel

This can be interpreted to mean: "Alice is my favourite, followed by Charlie, Bob, Emily, and Daniel, in that order. I am willing to compromise on Charlie if it allows me to avoid Bob, Emily, or Daniel being elected. If Alice and Charlie are eliminated, then I'll vote for Bob. In such a circumstance I am *not* willing to compromise on Emily to avoid the election of Daniel."

Complex voting systems that may allow for such statements attempt to deal with the need to accommodate expressions of both tolerances and preferences in voting.

Issues

Casting a vote expresses an implied willingness to participate in a common process with some shared outcome. Those who feel unable to express their limits or boundaries of tolerance in a voting system may be more likely to resist or fight or fail to support decisions made through it (more of an issue with parties or policies). Those who feel unable to express their real preferences may lack all enthusiasm for the choices or for the eventually chosen representative or leader. Any vote balances both kinds of considerations.

One common issue, especially in first-past-the-post systems, is that of the protest vote: one might "waste one's vote" on a minor party to send a signal of strong preference for a candidate or party that cannot win, or of intolerance for the "more mainstream" options. However it is difficult to tell from the vote alone whether one positively inclined to the minor party or negatively inclined to the major party. Russia offers its electors a "None of the Above" option, so that protest votes can be properly tallied. Other jurisdictions may record the incidence of (apparently deliberately) "spoiled" ballot papers.

Also, it is often not clear whether the voter really understands how his or her vote is counted in the voting system, especially with the more complex types. This often leads to issues with the results. Ballot design and the use of voting machines have particular importance, given this issue. Optimally participants in a vote should perceive the results, especially of a political vote, as fair. If fairness appears lacking, resistance to the results may lead at best to confusion, at worst to violence and even civil war, in the case of political rivals.

In an effort to make balloting cheaper and more transparent, Argentina introduced electronic voting for a gubernatorial election scheduled for 14 September 2003. The pilot test involved 500,000 voters distributed among 20

constituencies in the eastern Argentine province of Buenos Aires.

See also

- List of democracy and elections-related topics
- Initiative
- Proportional representation
- Referendum
- Suffrage
- Vote-rigging
- Voter turnout
- Voting rights
- Voting system

External links

- Black Box Voting (*http://www.blackboxvoting.org*), a website collecting instances of buggy software, failures in testing, failures to follow procedures, and failures to record votes correctly
- MoveLeft Media Voting Rights articles (*http://www.moveleft.com/moveleft_subject_submit_voting_rights.html*)
- Richard's Ramblings (*http://www.richardsramblings.com/archives/2004/07/001325.html*) voting history versus personal privacy
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- The Open Voting Consortium (*http://www.openvotingconsortium.org*) An open source voting software project for electronic voting machines with paper ballots and other security features

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stemmen, kiezen, aannemen, een opinie uiten, verklaren, voorstellen, doen stemmen voor iets, kiezen in overeenstemming met, kiesrecht, stemming, stem, balletje gebruikt in geheime stemming, oordeel bereikt door stemming, kiezer, kiesgroep, voorstel om over te stemmen gelijke stemrecht voor iedereen

Français (French)
voter, vote, référendum, suffrage, voix

Deutsch (German)
n. - Stimme, Abstimmungsergebnis, Wahl, Abstimmung
v. - wählen, abstimmen, bewilligen, (ugs.) vorschlagen

Ελληνι κ• (Greek)
n. ψ•φος, ψηφοφορ•α, δικα•ωμα ψ•φου, αποτ•λεσμα ψηφοφορ•ας, (Βρετ.) κονδ•λιο ειδικο• προορισμο• v. ψηφ•ζω, δ•νω ψ•φο, εγκρ•νω, αναγνωρ•ζω ομοφ•νως, (μτφ.) προτε•νω, εισηγο•μαι

Italiano (Italian)
votare, voto

Português (Portuguese)
n. - voto (m), cédula eleitoral (f), direito de voto (m)
v. - votar, aprovar ou decidir por voto, sugerir (coloq.)

Русский (Russian)
голосовать, постановлять большинством голосов, голосование, голос, решение
один человек - один голос

Español (Spanish)
n. - sufragio, derecho de voto, votación, voto, parecer, dictamen
v. intr. - votar
v. tr. - votar, pronunciarse, declarar

Svenska (Swedish)
n. - röst, omröstning, röster, röstsedel, rösträtt, anslag, budget
v. - rösta, votera, besluta, bevilja, anse, föreslå (fam.)

中国话 (Simplified Chinese)
n. - **投票**, 选**票**, 选举
v. intr. - **投票**, 选举
v. tr. - **投票**选举, **公**认, **投票决定**

中國話 (Traditional Chinese)
n. - **投票**, **選票**, **選舉**
v. intr. - **投票**, **選舉**
v. tr. - **投票選舉**, **公認**, **投票決定**

日本語 (Japanese)
n. - **投票**, **票決**, **票**, **投票用紙**, **投票権**, **投票総数**, **投票結果**, **賛否表示**
v. - **投票する**, **票決する**, **認める**, **提案する**, **衆議一決する**

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The defendants include Hans Bernhard of Vienna, Austria, and Voteauction.com creator James Baumgartner, a New York graduate student. Baumgartner said he started the site in part to protest the influence of big donors and expensive consultants in elections.

Tom Leach, a spokesman for the Chicago Elections Board, said the new name would not allow the vote auctioneers to escape the law. The court order applies not only to Voteauction.com but also to any similar sites associated with persons from Voteauction.com.

"It covered any other Web sites selling votes. It doesn't matter what sheep's clothing the wolf is wearing," Leach said.

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According to Vote-auction.com, the site is "cutting out the middleman and bringing the big money of presidential politics directly to you."

Baumgartner sold the site in August after New York authorities convinced him to shut it down. Baumgartner had said vote sellers would send absentee ballots to him, which he would forward to the appropriate election boards across the country.

Bernhard then bought the site from him. A representative of an Austrian company that specializes in unorthodox e-commerce marketing, Bernhard said he hoped to circumvent federal and state election laws by moving the site outside the United States. He could not be reached for comment.

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The Web puts democracy on sale.

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Last Tuesday, an eBay user offered his vote to the highest bidder, and five copycat vote-sellers followed suit. Meanwhile, James Baumgartner, a graduate student at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, had launched Vote-auction.com, an Internet marketplace for the wholesale purchase of votes. The model was simple: Recruit willing voters, auction them off in state blocs, double-check their absentee ballots for accuracy, and split the proceeds evenly. The schemes generated a lot of media attention and some sellers and buyers—the bidding on eBay reached $10,100, and Vote-auction found 200 takers in a single day.

But it was all over inside a week. Baumgartner shut down Vote-auction after his academic adviser received a call from the state board of elections, and he sold the content and domain name to an Austrian company. eBay pulled all six auctions after a day.

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Baumgartner insists that votes have been for sale in America at least since 1757, when George Washington bought alcohol for every voter in his House of Burgesses district. But the reality of colonial corruption was rarely so simple. Voters were tied to each other through business and family connections, and a man was expected to vote for his patrons.

Flagrant vote-buying came into prominence with the expansion of the franchise and the rise of the political boss in the mid-1800s. Big-city machines routinely got out the vote by paying for it with cash on election morning. The practice was so common that cartoonist Thomas Nast started his career depicting it (click here for an example). On a deeper level, the machines unapologetically operated on the principle of giving favors for votes. Poor voters especially could count on food, coal, and patronage jobs as long as they voted with the boss.

By the late 1800s, reformers were sure the machines had corrupted democracy. They pushed for secret ballots and Australian ballots (as opposed to pre-marked party ballots) in part so that bosses could never be sure who voted for whom. Most political machines broke down by the 1920s, and yet a vote-buying scandal still crops up every few years. In 1996, for instance, 21 Georgians were indicted for selling their votes in a county election for $50 apiece.

Some experts saw the abortive Internet vote auctions as old-style machine politics with a high-tech twist. The chairman of the Voting Integrity Project, a conservative front group, called Vote-auction an "obscenity" and warned of a "bloodless coup." But few would disagree that the problem with money in politics today is the hundreds of millions of dollars at the top, not a few dollars at the bottom. Which is why the short-lived vote sale should be seen less as a serious act of sabotage and more as guerrilla theater.

One eBay seller confirmed that the auction of his vote was a "political

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prank." His original posting included the following description: "Why should the American citizen be left out? Congressmen and senators regularly sell their vote to the highest bidder. Democracy for sale!"

Baumgartner's intentions are harder to figure because he never recanted or even cracked a smile, but his sense of irony is undeniable. According to Baumgartner, the biggest spenders invariably win elections today, but they do it messily, with big advertising budgets and paid consultants. Vote-auction, he claimed, would bring market efficiency to the electoral process by "cutting out the middle man." Vote-auction's slogan? "Bringing Democracy and Capitalism Closer Together."

Ralph Nader's now-famous MasterCard parody makes the same point (click here to see the ad), as did the protesters outside the conventions when they offered delegates money for their credentials. Many campaign-finance reformers, including Sheila Krumholz of the Center for Responsive Politics and American University law professor Jamin Raskin, have said they appreciate the vote-selling sentiment, though they would deplore the practice.

John Bonifaz, the executive director of the National Voting Rights Institute, said the vote auctions are indeed bribery, but so is "a lot of what goes on in the halls of Congress and in the White House." What Baumgartner and the eBay seller did is "only one or two steps removed from the existing campaign-finance system," Bonifaz said.

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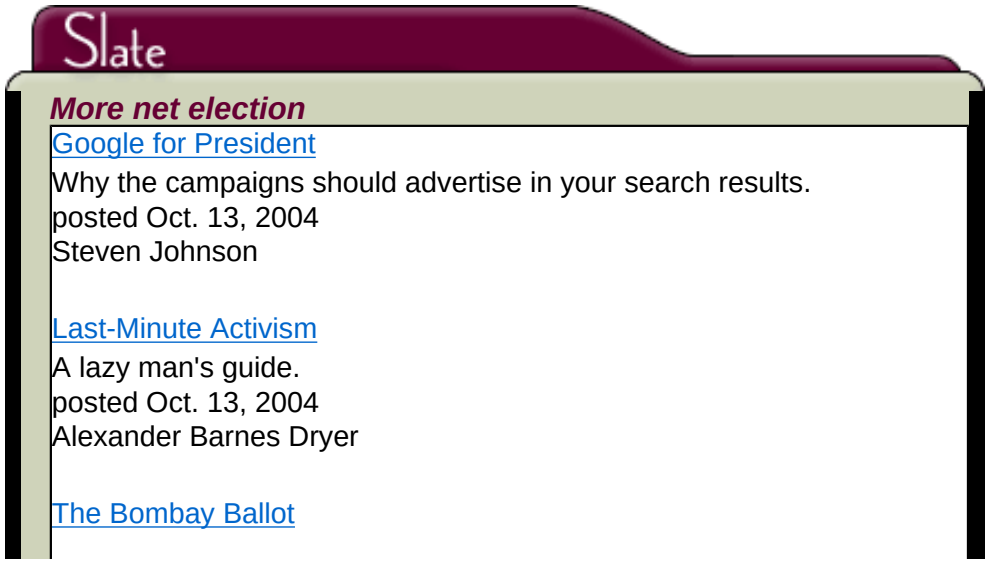

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copycat vote-sellers followed suit. Meanwhile, James Baumgartner, a graduate student at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, had launched **Vote-auction**.com, an Internet marketplace for the wholesale purchase of votes. The model was simple: Recruit willing voters, auction them off in state blocs, double-check their absentee ballots for accuracy, and split the proceeds evenly. The schemes generated a lot of media attention and some sellers and buyers—the bidding on eBay reached $10,100, and **Vote-auction** found 200 takers in a single day.

But it was all over inside a week. Baumgartner shut down **Vote-auction** after his academic adviser received a call from the state board of elections, and he sold the content and domain name to an Austrian company. eBay pulled all six auctions after a day.

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The problem is that vote-buying and -selling is clearly illegal. Every state prohibits a market in votes, and buying or selling votes in a federal election is a federal crime punishable by a $10,000 fine and five years in jail. (So far, no Internet vote-sellers have been charged.) Though Baumgartner isn't testing it, he has suggested that he could mount a defense on the grounds that money equals speech, a reference to the landmark Supreme Court decision in *Buckley vs. Valeo*, which struck down campaign spending limits and is anathema to campaign-finance reformers. In fact, a *Buckley* defense would fail. In 1982, the court ruled (in *Brown vs. Hartlage*) that buying, selling, or arranging to buy or sell votes is not constitutionally protected speech.

Baumgartner insists that votes have been for sale in America at least since 1757, when George Washington bought alcohol for every voter in his House of Burgesses district. But the reality of colonial corruption was rarely so simple. Voters were tied to each other through business and family connections, and a man was expected to vote for his patrons.

Flagrant vote-buying came into prominence with the expansion of the franchise and the rise of the political boss in the mid-1800s. Big-city machines routinely got out the vote by paying for it with cash on election morning. The practice was so common that cartoonist Thomas Nast started his career depicting it (click here for an example). On a deeper level, the machines unapologetically operated on the principle of giving favors for votes. Poor voters especially could count on food, coal, and patronage jobs as long as they voted with the boss.

By the late 1800s, reformers were sure the machines had corrupted

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Some experts saw the abortive Internet vote auctions as old-style machine politics with a high-tech twist. The chairman of the Voting Integrity Project, a conservative front group, called **Vote-auction** an "obscenity" and warned of a "bloodless coup." But few would disagree that the problem with money in politics today is the hundreds of millions of dollars at the top, not a few dollars at the bottom. Which is why the short-lived vote sale should be seen less as a serious act of sabotage and more as guerrilla theater.

One eBay seller confirmed that the auction of his vote was a "political prank." His original posting included the following description: "Why should the American citizen be left out? Congressmen and senators regularly sell their vote to the highest bidder. Democracy for sale!"

Baumgartner's intentions are harder to figure because he never recanted or even cracked a smile, but his sense of irony is undeniable. According to Baumgartner, the biggest spenders invariably win elections today, but they do it messily, with big advertising budgets and paid consultants. **Vote-auction**, he claimed, would bring market efficiency to the electoral process by "cutting out the middle man." **Vote-auction's** slogan? "Bringing Democracy and Capitalism Closer Together."

Ralph Nader's now-famous MasterCard parody makes the same point (click here to see the ad), as did the protesters outside the conventions when they offered delegates money for their credentials. Many campaign-finance reformers, including Sheila Krumholz of the Center for Responsive Politics and American University law professor Jamin Raskin, have said they appreciate the vote-selling sentiment, though they would deplore the practice.

John Bonifaz, the executive director of the National Voting Rights Institute, said the vote auctions are indeed bribery, but so is "a lot of what goes on in the halls of Congress and in the White House." What Baumgartner and the eBay seller did is "only one or two steps removed from the existing campaign-finance system," Bonifaz said.

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The article raised in my mind the following question: Would it not be appropriate to establish a vote-buy-back program similar to the gun-buy-backs promoted by the gun control crowd? Suppose one were to offer, oh, $25 to any registered voter (in a selected city or neighborhood, of course) who *did not vote* at all in a particular election? Obviously, anyone offering to sell their right to vote for such a modest sum has no particular business voting and the sponsors of the buy-back are not asking anyone to vote for or against a particular candidate so what would be the problem? In the one case, people are bribed not to exercise their right to arms, in the other they are bribed not to exercise their right to vote.

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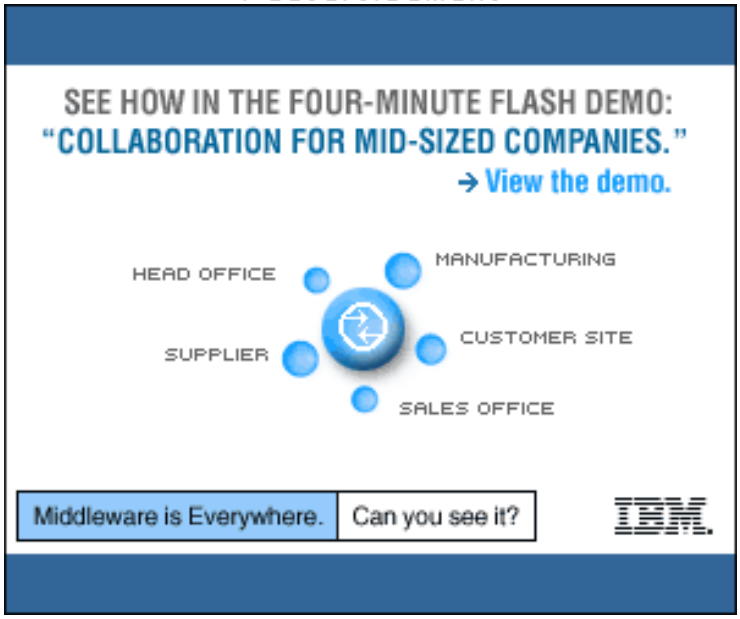

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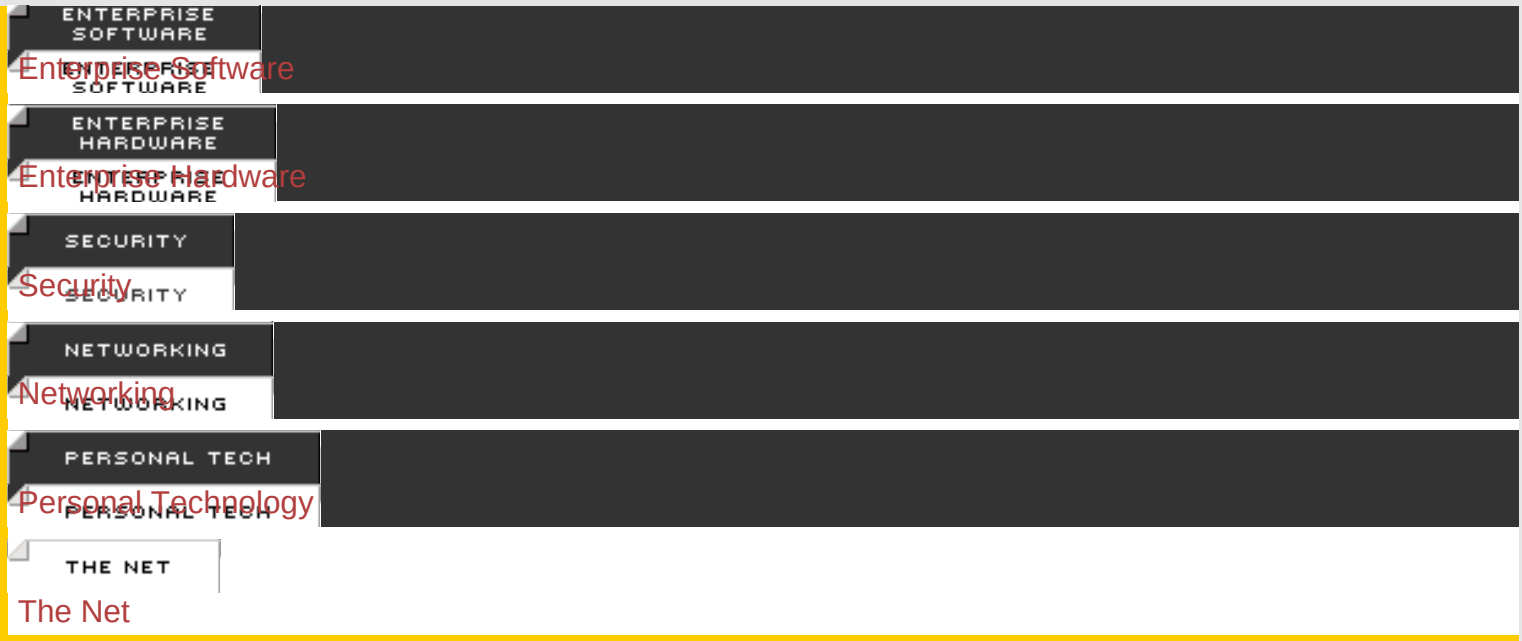

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From: Iliya Nickelt-Czycykowski <iczycykowski_at_aip.de>
To: Declan McCullagh <declan_at_well.com>
Subject: vote-auction.com deleted from DNS

Dear Declan,

the conflict with vote-auction.com has reached a new level. Internic deleted its DNS entry on November 1st, after the domain was registered and hosted by an European registry service and was out of reach for US law. You can still reach it at http://62.116.31.68/, and you can read their press release there. A number of other domains (www.voteauction.at, www.voteauction.de, www.voteauction.cu, www.voteauction.ru, www.vote-auction.net, www.vote-auction.org) should be up soon. No matter what you think about it, wether you see it as an political satire or take it seriously (the makers don't), it is interesting to see that .com is obviously ruled by US law. Maybe .eu is a better idea than I originally thought.

Regards,

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Kurzweil: Rooting for the Machine
by Declan McCullagh (declan_at_wired.com)
1:35 p.m. Nov. 3, 2000 PST

BETHESDA, Maryland -- Raymond Kurzweil doesn't merely predict that machine intelligence will surpass human brains by the end of the century. He's eagerly anticipating it.

In a Kurzweillian future, the world would become a very strange place, where converging advances in nanotechnology, biotechnology and computer science combine to propel humanity to its next stage of evolution.

"By the end of this century, I don't think there will be a clear distinction between human and machine," Kurzweil told the Foresight Institute's Eighth Conference on Molecular Nanotechnology on Friday.

"We can expand the capacity of our brains by a factor of thousands or millions, and, by the end of the century, by trillions," predicts the inventor-turned-author of the Age of Intelligent Machines and the Age of Spiritual Machines.

Technology, of course, has been part of human existence since our Cro-Magnon ancestors picked up a stone and realized it could be more than part of the landscape.

But Kurzweil is talking about something a bit more ambitious. If he's right, exponential progress in science and engineering will allow us to merge with machines. We will become resistant to diseases, think faster, live better, and become transhuman in ways that would make even Superman green with envy.

If he's wrong, well, then we'll continue to have buggy software, faulty memories, and lifespans that fall far short of the lowly leopard tortoise.

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The Going Rate For A Presidential Vote? $152 on eBay.

Fake News written by **Martha Throebeck** on **April 1, 2000**

from the pursuit-of-happiness dept.

PERRYVILLE, MO -- It might be illegal, but that isn't stopping Doug Bruewski from auctioning off his vote for the November general election. Doug has placed his vote up for sale on eBay, the online auction site, with a minimum bid of $100 and no reserve. Even though the auction only started two days ago, Doug has already received 10 bids up to $152.

"I got the idea last week when a friend asked me who I planned to vote for," Doug explained. "I said that I hated both Bush and Gore and that I probably wouldn't vote. And then the idea hit me: If I wasn't going to use my right to vote, I could sell it to someone else and make enough money to pay off my bar tab. Heck, if lobbyists and interest groups can buy votes from Congressmen with campaign contributions, then why can't I sell my vote in exchange for beer contributions?"

If the auction is successful, Brueski hopes to sell other Constitutional rights. "I don't really need freedom of press. I wonder if anyone would want that. I'm agnostic, so I don't need that freedom of religion. My son doesn't like school, so maybe I could sell his right to a free public educashon. Oh, and I'd like to ditch my right to a trial by jury... I'm not a criminal, after all, and I never intend to be. The only right I can't part with is freedom of assembly because I, uh, like to go to bars."

Brueski might want to hold on to those rights because both the Federal and Missouri governments have launched an investigation of the auction. "This might not be as bad as that Senator who put himself up for sale on eBay last year, but it's still illegal," a Federal Election Commission bureaucrat said.

The political observers we talked to weren't sure about the legality of the auction, but they did seem to agree that Brueski's asking price was too high. One commented, "In previous Missouri elections, the average vote has only been worth maybe ten bucks. $152 seems like a rip-off to me."

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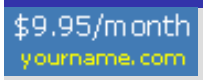

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Vote-auction.com legal wrangles continue

By Kieren McCarthy

Published Wednesday 1st November 2000 17:40 GMT

The controversial site vote-auction.com is still buying and selling votes for the US presidential election despite a backlog of lawsuits against it.

At least four states have started legal proceedings against the site but it remains unclear whether the law is actually being broken. Vote prices vary from state to state, with Illinois coming in at a bargain $15 each.

Incidentally, it was an Illinois judge who last month ordered the original site, voteauction.com (note no hyphen), shut down pending legal action. The site owners did shut it down and then opened up the self-same site with a hyphen and asked for "donations" for votes rather than arranging a direct sale. Two vote-swapping sites have also been shut down in California. But another three are known to be still active at the moment.

With the elections right upon us, it seems as though there's

nothing that can be done. But then, on the flip side, no one really has any idea what votes have been sold, how many of them or whether the system is actually practical - some crazy percentage of ballot papers are discarded every election because people can't quite master the idea of putting one cross in a one box.

A brief ditty on the elections: a recent soundbite by Bush went something like: "If he's [Gore] so clever and invented the Internet, why does every Web address start with double-u?" (George **W** Bush - geddit?)This got big laughs and provoked general hilarity, but, sadly, makes absolutely no sense whatsoever. But then what do you expect? ®

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The controversial site **vote-auction**.com is still buying and selling votes for the US presidential election despite a backlog of lawsuits against it.

At least four states have started legal proceedings against the site but it remains unclear whether the law is actually being broken. Vote prices vary from state to state, with Illinois coming in at a bargain $15 each.

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With the elections right upon us, it seems as though there's nothing that can be done. But then, on the flip side, no one really has any idea what votes have been sold, how many of them or whether the system is actually practical - some crazy percentage of ballot papers are discarded every election because people can't quite master the idea of putting one cross in a one box.

A brief ditty on the elections: a recent soundbite by Bush went something like: "If he's [Gore] so clever and invented the Internet, why does every Web address start with double-u?" (George **W** Bush - geddit?)This got big laughs and provoked general hilarity, but, sadly, makes absolutely no sense whatsoever. But then what do you expect? ®

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OK. I will admit it. The subject fascinates me. <grin>

Regarding the **Vote-auction**.com site, Thomas Leach, spokesman for the Board of
Elections, admitted that the site was a parody. He stated yesterday, "The
Web site may have started as a parody, but we don't think it's a joke."

See Patricia Jacobus, "**Vote auction** site attempts to skirt shutdown order,"
CNET.com News, Oct. 23, 2000, available online at:

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The article further quotes Leach as saying, "[The **vote-auction**.com site is]
encouraging U.S. citizens to break the law." That claim is highly debatable. However, even assuming, arguendo, that **vote-auction**.com were
encouraging U.S. citizens to break the law (which claim I vigorously dispute), then the lawsuit would still violate the First Amendment.

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RTMark and many others believe that if U.S. authorities such as Bill Jones wish to purge the election process of corruption, they should start by preventing corporations from spending unlimited sums on electing particular candidates, not by stopping a satire that highlights the problem. As one commentator wrote, "few would disagree that the problem with money in politics today is the hundreds of millions of dollars at the top, not a few dollars at the bottom. Which is why the short-lived vote sale should be seen less as a serious act of sabotage and more as guerrilla theater." (Slate)

Network Solutions' illegal deletion of the Vote-auction.com domain is just the latest blow in a series of actions that have closed the satirical website three times since it opened in August.

1: In August, Voteauction.com founder James Baumgartner, a graduate student, was told by New York State Board of Elections officials that they would press charges against him; they even implied that he could be guilty of treason, which is punishable by execution. Baumgartner, faced with what amounted to an official state-sponsored death threat, had little choice but to close the site on August 18, at which point RTMark helped transfer the domain to its current Austrian owner, Hans Bernhard, who

immediately re-opened Voteauction.com with new features.

2. On October 21, Domain Bank, the U.S. company with which Voteauction.com had been registered, illegally froze the domain. Bernhard responded by registering Vote-auction.com (with an added hyphen) with a company located outside U.S. jurisdiction.

3: On November 1, to circumvent this approach, Network Solutions, without warning and in clear violation of international law, removed Vote-auction.com from its root servers (the computers that provide domain information to all others). It is unknown who requested this action, and under what authority Network Solutions feels justified in performing it. Andy Mueller-Maguhn, a newly-elected director of ICANN, the non-profit corporation responsible for all internet domains, agreed this was an illegal move and said "I guess we will have to do something about this."

In response to Network Solution's attack, the Voteauction team has begun gathering Vote-auction and Voteauction domains around the world and is calling on other domain owners to point their domains or sub-domains to 62.116.31.68, the Voteauction IP (IP addresses are not dependent on domain name registrars or on Internic). If you have a domain or sub-domain that you can point to 62.116.31.68, please do so and forward the information to pr@[62.116.31.68] to be added to a list of supporters.

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RTMark and many others believe that if U.S. authorities such as Bill Jones wish to purge the election process of corruption, they should start by preventing corporations from spending unlimited sums on electing particular candidates, not by stopping a satire that highlights the problem. As one commentator wrote, "few would disagree that the problem with money in politics today is the hundreds of millions of dollars at the top, not a few dollars at the bottom. Which is why the short-lived vote sale should be seen less as a serious act of sabotage and more as guerrilla theater." (Slate)

Network Solutions' illegal deletion of the **Vote-auction**.com domain is just the latest blow in a series of actions that have closed the satirical website three times since it opened in August.

1: In August, Voteauction.com founder James Baumgartner, a graduate student, was told by New York State Board of Elections officials that they would press charges against him; they even implied that he could be guilty of treason, which is punishable by execution. Baumgartner, faced with what amounted to an official state-sponsored death threat, had little choice but to close the site on August 18, at which point RTMark helped transfer the domain to its current Austrian owner, Hans Bernhard, who immediately re-opened Voteauction.com with new features.

2. On October 21, Domain Bank, the U.S. company with which Voteauction.com had been registered, illegally froze the domain. Bernhard responded by registering **Vote-auction**.com (with an added hyphen) with a company located outside U.S. jurisdiction.

3: On November 1, to circumvent this approach, Network Solutions, without warning and in clear violation of international law, removed **Vote-auction**.com from its root servers (the computers that provide domain information to all others). It is unknown who requested this action, and under what authority Network Solutions feels justified in performing it. Andy Mueller-Maguhn, a newly-elected director of ICANN, the non-profit corporation responsible for all internet domains, agreed this was an illegal move and said "I guess we will have to do something about this."

In response to Network Solution's attack, the Voteauction team has begun gathering **Vote-auction** and Voteauction domains around the world and is calling on other domain owners to point their domains or sub-domains to 62.116.31.68, the Voteauction IP (IP addresses are not dependent on domain name registrars or on Internic). If you have a domain or sub-domain that you can point to 62.116.31.68, please do so and forward the information to pr@[62.116.31.68] to be added to a list of supporters.

In addition, RTMark has secured a $500 investment, of which $300 will be offered to the first person who can redirect the domain of a major US political candidate (for federal or state office) to 62.116.31.68. The remaining $200 will be offered to the first person to re-

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RTMark's primary goal is to publicize corporate subversion of the democratic process. To this end it acts as a clearinghouse for anti-corporate projects.

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Voteauction.com n'existe plus. Le site sur lequel les électeurs américains sont censés pouvoir vendre leurs voix au plus offrant n'est plus en ligne. Son propriétaire actuel, Hans Bernhard, un homme d'affaires autrichien, s'est plié à une injonction rendue par un tribunal de Chicago (Illinois) le 18 octobre dernier, ordonnant la fermeture du site d'enchères qui se définit comme le "*leader de l'industrie du vote*".

Pressions financières

Le jour même du jugement, Bernhard Hans, déposait un nouveau nom de domaine, vote-auction.com. Ce second site est désormais en ligne, mais son contenu est sensiblement édulcoré par rapport à la mouture précédente. Vote-auction.com ne parle plus d'enchères mais de "*donations*" au profit des électeurs. Le tableau offrant un compte-rendu du nombre de personnes inscrites et du montant des enchères état par état a disparu. Chez Voteauction, on explique qu'il ne s'agit que d'un problème technique, et que le tableau sera à nouveau en ligne "*dans quelques jours*". Si Bernhard a obéi à la décision de la justice américaine, alors que ses bureaux se situent à Vienne, très loin de l'Illinois, c'est qu'il n'avait pas les moyens financiers de s'offrir un procès. Hans Bernhard raconte que domainbank.com, la société d'enregistrement de noms de domaines où avait été acheté l'URL voteauction.com, lui a demandé 100 000 dollars de participation aux frais judiciaires (Domainbank est également poursuivi par le tribunal de Chicago). Plutôt que de payer, Bernhard a préféré faire appel à un nouveau fournisseur, Silver Server.

Bidonnage complet ?

Voteauction.com a été créé au début du mois d'août dernier par un jeune Américain, James Baumgartner. Cet étudiant de l'...tat de New York a toujours défendu le sérieux de son site, même après qu'il l'eut cédé à Hans Bernhard. Son discours a changé : "*Je n'ai jamais eu l'intention de vendre la moindre voix*", jure-t-il aujourd'hui. Est-ce parce que la Justice a entamé des poursuites qu'il tempère son propos ? "*Pas du tout. Ni moi, ni Hans Bernhard n'avons jamais eu autre chose en tête que de créer une satire du système électoral américain*", assure-t-il. Baumgartner explique que les chiffres publiés sur l'ancien site étaient "*gonflés*". "*Il n'y a jamais eu plus de 3000 personnes inscrites pour vendre leurs*

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voix", déclare-t-il ainsi dans un article publié par Wired le 21 octobre. Le site en revendiquait plus de 22 000. Mieux : selon Baumgartner, aucun contributeur n'a jamais pris part aux enchères. Une affirmation que ne confirme pas l'actuelle direction de Vote-auction : "*James ne participe plus à Voteauction depuis plus de deux mois. Je ne peux en dire plus sans lui faire courir des risques judiciaires*", déclare un proche collaborateur de Bernhard. Ambiance… Vote-auction est censé avoir recueilli quelque deux millions de dollars de promesses d'enchères depuis le mois d'août.

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Voteauction.com is not any more. Live vote-auction.com

The site which claims to sell voices of voters with the biddings was constrained to close under the pressure of American justice. It reappears with a hardly different address: vote-auction.com. For its founder, voteauction is only one " *hoax* ".

Voteauction.com does not exist any more. The site on which the American voters are supposed capacity to sell their voices with highest offerer is not any more on line. Its current owner, Hans Bernhard, an Austrian businessman, yielded with an injunction returned by a court of Chicago (Illinois) on last 18 October, ordering the closing of the site of bidding which is defined as the " *leader of the industry of the vote* ".

Financial pressures

The very same day judgement, Bernhard Hans, deposited a new domain name, vote-auction.com. This second site is from now on on line, but its contents are appreciably edulcorated compared to preceding grinding. Vote-auction.com does not speak any more a bidding but of " *donations* " to the profit about the voters. The table offering a report of the number of registered people and amount of the biddings state by state disappeared. At Voteauction, one explains that it is only about one technical problem, and that the table will be again on line " *in a few days* ". If Bernhard obeyed the decision of the American court, whereas its offices are located in Vienna, very far from Illinois, it is that it did not have financial means to offer a lawsuit. Hans Bernhard tells that domainbank.com, the company of recording of domain names where the URL voteauction.com had been bought, asked for 100 000 dollars of share in the expenses to him legal (Domainbank is also continued by the court of Chicago). Rather than to pay, Bernhard preferred to call upon a new supplier, Silver Server.

Complete Bidonnage?

Voteauction.com was created at the beginning of last August by a young American, James Baumgartner. This student of... the tat of New York always defended the serious one of his site, even after it had yielded it to Hans Bernhard. Its speech changed: " *I never intended to sell the least voice* ", swears it today. Is this because Justice started continuations which it moderates its matter? " *At all. Neither me, nor Hans Bernhard never had another thing at the head to create a satire of the American electoral system* ", it ensures. Baumgartner explains why the figures published on the old site " *were inflated* ". " *There never was more than 3000 people registered to sell their voices* ", declares

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it thus in an article published by Wired on October 21. The site asserted some more than 22 000. Better: according to Baumgartner, no contributor never took share with the biddings. An assertion that the current direction of Vote-auction does not confirm: " *James has not taken part any more in Voteauction for more than two months. I cannot say some more without him to make run legal risks* ", declares a close relation collaborator of Bernhard. Environment... Vote-auction is supposed to have collected some two million dollars of promises of bidding since August.

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"*Vote-auction est un acte pour la liberté d'expression*"

La controverse médiatique créée par Vote-auction est l'objet-même de cette entreprise artistique et politique. Interview croisée de Hans Bernhard et LizVlx qui dénoncent, de leur QG berlinois, la marchandisation de la démocratie.

Pourquoi avoir racheté Vote-auction ?

Nous sommes un groupe de businessmen qui représente un groupe d'investisseurs. Nous sommes intéressés par les projets hautement dynamiques et risqués. Nous voyons dans Vote-auction un intérêt à long terme, surtout grâce à l'énorme attention médiatique que suscite le site. Nous escomptons un retour sur investissement d'ici 3 à 5 ans.

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Pourquoi chercher à caricaturer le système électoral américain ?

Sur notre page d'accueil, il est écrit que nous voulons "*rapprocher le capitalisme et la démocratie*". En permettant aux individus de toucher de l'argent pour leur vote, nous voulons montrer que ce genre de système est déjà en place au niveau des entreprises. La transparence est un mot-clef de notre projet. Si les sociétés comme les ...tats-Unis ne changent pas radicalement, on en arrivera de toute façon aux enchères de votes dans quelques années. Grâce à Vote-auction, il y a eu des discussions et des débats dans le monde entier : ...tats-Unis, France, Japon, Autriche, Allemagne, etc.

Que pensez-vous du système électoral américain ?

Personnellement, je pense que la situation des ...tats-Unis est très perverse. Il y a des centaines de millions de dollars injectés directement par les entreprises dans la vie politique et, selon le vieil adage, celui qui paye gouverne. On ne peut pas revenir en arrière, alors, plutôt que de se faire abrutir par des spots de campagne diffusant 1000 fois par jour le même blah-blah, autant que les électeurs aient quelques dollars dans leur poche.

Quel genre de réactions recevez-vous des internautes ?

Nous avons des tonnes d'e-mails. Nous en avons reçu de vétérans du Vietnam et d'imbéciles fascistes. Vous voyez, les Américains sont si arrogants, c'est pour cela que nous les emmerdons au maximum. Sinon, nous avons eu beaucoup de soutien, de gens qui pensaient également qu'il est important d'être radical si on

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veut changer tout ça.

Comment allez-vous techniquement mener les enchères ?

Nous sommes en train de mettre à jour les logiciels de la plate-forme. Nous avons nettoyé la base de données de tous les doublons et erreurs. Le basculement sera fait le 31 octobre. Tout sera alors automatisé pour la phase de pré-enchères. Nous avons abandonné le système pensé par Baumgartner, à qui nous avons acheté le site. Nous ne nous ferons pas envoyer les procurations de vote en Allemagne pour les vérifier et ensuite les renvoyer aux acheteurs aux ... tats-Unis. Tout reposera sur la confiance, sur la promesse de voter pour untel contre celle de recevoir tant de dollars. Acheteur et vendeur devront prendre contact, par exemple par e-mail, et régler les détails du deal et le moyen de paiement. Bien sûr, plus vous donnez d'argent, plus vous pouvez attendre de loyauté de la part du votant. C'est que nous avons appris en observant l'industrie électorale... (rires).

Il n'y a donc pas de certitude, ni pour l'acheteur, ni pour le vendeur...

Les vendeurs peuvent recevoir l'argent avant le vote. Les acheteurs auront eux accès à des statistiques sur les votants : chaque vendeur remplit un questionnaire de données démographiques et renseigne sur son état, sa profession, son âge, ses revenus, etc. Ces données sont croisées avec les études américaines sur le degré de confiance suivant les critères socio-professionnels. En gros, l'indice de loyauté d'un fonctionnaire de New York qui gagne bien sa vie sera plus grand que celui d'un étudiant californien et pauvre. De toute façon, dans les campagnes de pub politique, tous les téléspectateurs ne vont pas voter ce qu'on leur suggère. Si 10% le font, c'est déjà bien. Avec notre système, la certitude est plutôt de l'ordre de 90%.

Quel genre d'acheteurs avez-vous ?

Il y a plus d'individus que d'entreprises, ce qui est plutôt une bonne chose à nos yeux. Il y a moins d'acheteurs dans les ...tats isolés comme le Missouri ou le Nord. La plus grosse offre pour tous les votes d'un ...tat est de 120 000 dollars, ce qui correspond à environ 1000 dollars par vendeur. Ces derniers peuvent espérer en moyenne entre 100 et 500 dollars pour leur voix, mais ce chiffre est en augmentation. En tout cas, nous ne manquons pas d'acheteurs.

Dans le cadre des procès dont vous faites l'objet, des ... tats américains ont menacé de s'attaquer aux citoyens qui vendraient leur vote sur Vote-auction. Quelle protection offrez-vous à ces derniers ?

Si ces autorités voulaient obtenir des infos personnelles sur les acheteurs, nous ne pourrions même pas leur donner. Données démographiques et informations personnelles sont stockées séparément et ces dernières sont cryptées. De plus, nous n'avons pas l'intention de livrer la moindre donnée et nos hébergeurs nous soutiennent à 100%.

Votre site a-t-il fait l'objet d'attaques autres que judiciaires ?

Oui, nous avons été victimes d'un piratage il y a trois semaines. Mais c'était du hacking intelligent, non destructeur. Notre responsable sécurité travaillait sur son ordinateur au moment où le pirate s'est caché dans notre système et est entré en contact avec lui. Il a simplement dit "*salut, comment ça va ?*" et est reparti. Nous avons simplement dû tout réinstaller sur nos serveurs. Nous pensons également avoir été hackés par le FBI. Nous n'en sommes pas sûrs puisqu'ils sont très forts, mais cela nous était déjà arrivé avec Etoy. Et Vote-auction est exactement le type de site qui les intéresse.

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Etoy ?

J'ai fondé Etoy en 1993-94 avec 6 autres personnes. J'en suis toujours actionnaire. Les membres d'Etoy ont un peu bifurqué il y a deux ans. Certains voulaient rester dans une démarche artistique et continuer à vendre des parts sociales à toutes sortes d'acteurs du marché de l'art. Avec Liz, nous avons voulu aller vers une approche encore plus business. Nous avons créé avec trois autres personnes une holding basée à Vienne, dont Voteauction et notre société de conseil Ubermorgen font partie. Mais depuis un an, j'ai recommencé à être un "agent etoy" en menant quelques conférences, notamment en Afrique du Sud et en Bulgarie.

Quel est le rapport entre Voteauction et Etoy ?

Nous voyons dans Voteauction une continuation de nos travaux au sein d'Etoy. Tout cela est basé sur l'intuition que l'approche business est un bon moyen de faire changer les choses. Au début de l'Internet, nous nous sommes rendu compte que le Réseau permettait à chacun de se présenter comme une entreprise ou un grand groupe, puisque les sites étaient tous logés à la même enseigne : pas d'image, technologie pauvre, fond gris... La différence, aujourd'hui, c'est que nous ne faisons plus semblant, nous sommes devenus de vraies entreprises.

Avez-vous reçu des soutiens publics aux ...tats-Unis ?

Oui, de la part de l'Electronic Frontier Foundation *[la plus grosse association américaine de défense des libertés individuelles sur Internet, NDLR]*. Nous sommes en contact par téléphone. Ils nous donnent des conseils, surtout dans le domaine légal. Ils considèrent que Vote-auction est un acte pour la liberté d'expression.

Quel est le dénouement rêvé pour le projet Voteauction ?

D'abord, que les enchères aient réellement lieu comme prévu la veille des élections. Pour cela, nous cherchons actuellement une solution qui soit techniquement efficace et légalement inattaquable. Parallèlement, nous voulons lancer le même jour une série d'événements en ligne, qui se sert du principe des sondages. Nous voulons mener et publier des sondages politiques en ligne dans tous les pays du monde. Ce sera très international, parce que les élections américaines affectent le monde entier. Regardés par tout le monde, ils peuvent potentiellement influencer le vote. C'est là encore une critique du processus électoral américain qui laisse les sondages affecter le cours du scrutin.

Quel genre de sondages comptez-vous réaliser ?

Nous allons nous inspirer de tous ces questionnaires habituels aux ...tats-Unis : on vous pose une série de questions du type : "*Voulez-vous que les ...tats-Unis dépensent plus ou moins d'argent en Serbie ?*". À la fin, on vous dit pour quel candidat vous devriez voter. Il y aura aussi d'autres sondages, plus classiques. Aux ...tats-Unis, cela va tellement loin qu'on parle de "sondages humoristiques" ("fun polls") pour des questions comme : "*Qui va remporter le scrutin dans le Michigan ?*" En fait, c'est un système de paris qui est tout sauf "fun". Les sondages seront en ligne à partir du 31 octobre.

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" *Vote-auction is an act for the freedom of expression* "

The media controversy created by Vote-auction is the object-even of this artistic and political company. Cross interview of Hans Bernhard and LizVlx which denounce, of their Berliner HQ, the marchandisation of the democracy.

Why to have repurchased Vote-auction?

We are a group of businessmen which represents a group of investors. We are interested by the highly dynamic and risked projects. We see in Vote-auction a long-term interest, especially thanks to the enormous media attention which the site causes. We discount a return on investment from here 3 to 5 years.

DR.

Why seek to caricature the American electoral system?

On our banner page, it is written that we want " *to bring closer capitalism and the democracy* ". While allowing the individuals to touch l argent for their vote, we want to show that this kind of system is already in place on the level of the companies. The transparency is a keyword of our project. If the companies as... tats-Plain do not change them radically, one arrives from there in any event at the biddings of votes in a few years. Thanks to Vote-auction, there were discussions and debates in the whole world: ... tats-Plain, France, Japan, Austria, Germany, etc.

What do you think of the American electoral system?

Personally, I think that the situation of... tats-Plain is very perverse. There are hundreds of million dollars injected directly by the companies in the political life and, according to the old proverb, that which pays control surface. One cannot retrogress, then, rather than to be made abrutir by spots of countryside diffusing 1000 times per day same the blah-blah, as much as the voters has some dollars in their pocket.

Which kind of reactions do you receive Net surfers?

We have tons of e-mail. We received from them veterans of Vietnam and imbeciles fascistic. You see, the Americans are so arrogant, it is for that that we emmerdons them to the maximum. If not, we had much support, people who also thought that it is significant to be radical if one wants to change all that.

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Les réserves de pétrole sont dangereusement surévaluées, dénonce un groupe d'experts

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26/11/2003 • 18h47
Pour les Etats-Unis, les essais nucléaires ne sont pas encore de l'histoire

The independent shelterers are still not responsible, for the moment

How will you technically carry out the biddings?

We are updating the software of the platform. We cleaned the data base of all the doubled blooms and errors. The swing will be made on October 31. All will then be automated for the phase of pre-bidding. We gave up the system thought by Baumgartner, with which we bought the site. We will not be made send the procurations of vote in Germany to check them and then to return them to the purchasers to... tats-Plain. All will rest on confidence, on the promise to vote for so-and-so against that to receive so many dollars. Purchaser and salesman will have to make contact, for example by e-mail, and to regulate the details of the deal and the means of payment. Of course, more you give money, more you can await honesty on behalf of the voter. It is that we learned by observing electoral industry... (laughter).

There is thus no certainty, neither for the purchaser, nor for the salesman...

The salesmen can receive the money before the vote. The purchasers will have them access to statistics on the voters: each salesman fills a questionnaire with demographic data and informs about his state, his profession, his age, his incomes, etc. These data are crossed with the American studies on the degree of confidence according to the socio-professional criteria. Approximately, the index of honesty of a civil servant of New York which earns its living well will be larger than that of a Californian and poor student. In any event, in the political pub campaigns, all the televiewers will not vote what one suggests to them. If 10% do it, it is already well. With our system, the certainty is rather about 90%.

Which kind of purchasers do you have?

There are more individuals than companies, which is rather a good thing in our eyes. There is less of purchasers in... the tats isolated like Missouri or North. The largest offer for all the votes of one... tat is of 120 000 dollars, which corresponds to approximately 1000 dollars per salesman. The latter can hope on average between 100 and 500 dollars for their voice, but this figure is in increase. In any case, we do not miss purchasers.

Within the framework of the lawsuits whose you are the object, of... the tats American threatened to attack the citizens who would sell their vote on Vote-auction. Which protection do you offer to the latter?

If these authorities wanted to obtain personal infos on the purchasers, we could not even give them. Demographic data and personal information are stored separately and these last are cryptées. Moreover, we do not intend to deliver the least given and our shelterers support us at 100%.

Was your site the subject of attacks other than legal?

Yes, we were victims of a hacking three weeks ago. But it was intelligent hacking, not destructor. Our person in charge of security worked on his computer at the time when the pirate hid in our system and came into contact with him. Is he simply said " *hello, how that?* "and set out again. We simply had all to reinstall on our waiters. We also think of being hackés by the FBI. We n en are not sure puisqu ils are very strong, but that had already arrived to us with Etoy. And Vote-auction is exactly the type of site which interests them.

Which is your bond with the international collective Etoy artists?

I founded Etoy in 1993-94 with 6 other people. I am always shareholder. The members of Etoy forked a little two years ago. Some wanted to remain in an artistic step and to continue to sell social shares with all kinds of actors of the market of art. With Liz, we wanted to go towards an approach even more business. We created with three other people a holding based in Vienna, from which Voteauction and our company of Ubermorgen council form part. But for

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Un anti-raciste poursuivi en justice pour antisémitisme

21/11/2003 • 18h48
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Zouhaïr Yahyaoui libre, les cyberdissidents tunisiens restent harcelés par le régime

20/11/2003 • 16h29
Le site parodique Send Them Back milite pour le renvoi de tous les mp3 "volés" à la RIAA

one year, I have started again to be a "agent etoy" by carrying out some conferences, in particular in South Africa and Bulgaria.

Which is the relationship between Voteauction and Etoy?

We see in Voteauction a continuation of our work within Etoy. All that is based on the intuition that the approach business is a good means of making change the things. To the beginning of the Internet, we realized that the Network made it possible each one to be presented in the form of a company or a great group, since the sites all were placed with the same sign: no the image, poor technology, gray bottom... The difference, today, it is that we do not make seeming any more, we became true companies.

Did you receive public supports for... tats-Plain?

Yes, on behalf of the Electronic Frontier Foundation *[the largest American association of defense of the personal freedoms on Internet, note]* . We are in contact by telephone. They give us councils, especially in the legal field. They consider that Vote-auction is an act for freedom d expression.

Which is the outcome dreamed for the Voteauction project?

Initially, that the biddings take place really as envisaged the day before elections. For that, we currently seek a solution which is technically effective and legally unattackable. In parallel, we want to launch the same day a series of events in line, which is useful of the principle of the surveys. We want to carry out and publish political surveys on line in all the countries of the world. It will be very international, because the American elections affect the whole world. Looked by everyone, they can potentially influence the vote. It is there still a critic of the American electoral process which lets the surveys affect the course of the poll.

Which kind of surveys do you hope to realize?

We will take as a starting point all these usual questionnaires to... tats-Plain: to you a series of questions of the type is posed: " *do you Want that them... tats-Plain spend more or less d argent in Serbia?* ". At the end, one says to you for which candidate should vote to you. There will be also d autres surveys, more traditional. To... tats-Plain, that goes so much far qu on speaks about "humorous surveys" ("fun polls") for questions like: " *Which will gain the poll in Michigan?* "In fact, c est a system of bets which is very safe" fun ". The surveys will be on line as from October 31.

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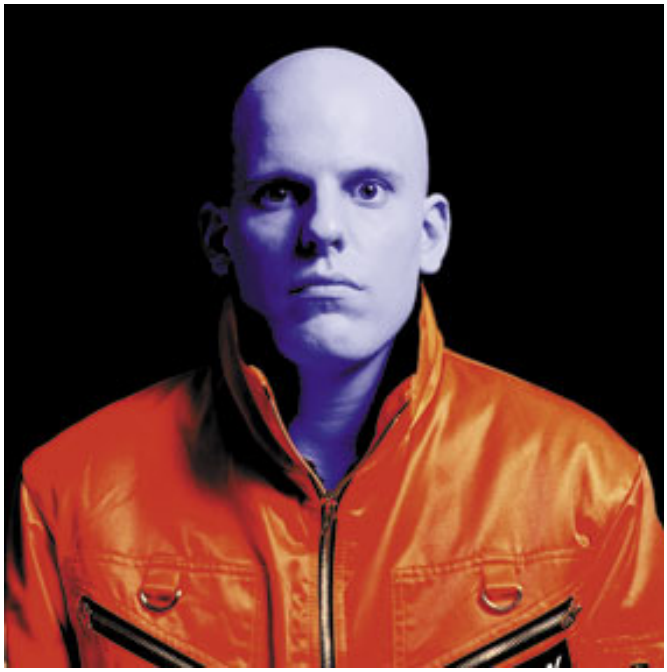

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10 years digital actionism
legal art
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manic insomnia
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Han er blevet kaldt netkunstens ”slemme, geniale dreng”. Med god grund. Hans Bernhard, også kendt som Hans Bernhard from ubermorgen, hans_extrem, etoy.HANS og net_CALLBOY, har siden netkunstens fødsel i midten af 90erne hacket og provokeret online. Med lige dele sagsanlæg og anerkendelse som resultat. Han har gjort det muligt at sælge sin stemme til det amerikanske præsidentvalg under slogant ”Bringing Capitalism and Democracy Closer Together”, kidnappet merkantile websurfere og lavet en falsk hjemmeside for det tyske indenrigsministerium på adressen naziline.com. Det er performance-dada-punk for de digitale mediers tidsalder. Fuld risiko, ingen respekt og et tæt kendskab til Internettets subersive kanaler. Til dette foredrag viser han en film fra sin optræden på CNNs program ”Burden of Proof” og fortæller om sine aktiviter med Übermorgen og netkunstfirmaet etoy, som stod bag det legendariske værk TOYWAR, der endte med at koste legetøjsfirmaet eToys 4,5 milliarder dollars i aktieværdi. En garanteret underholdende førstehånds-beretning fra den aktivistiske netkunsts forfron

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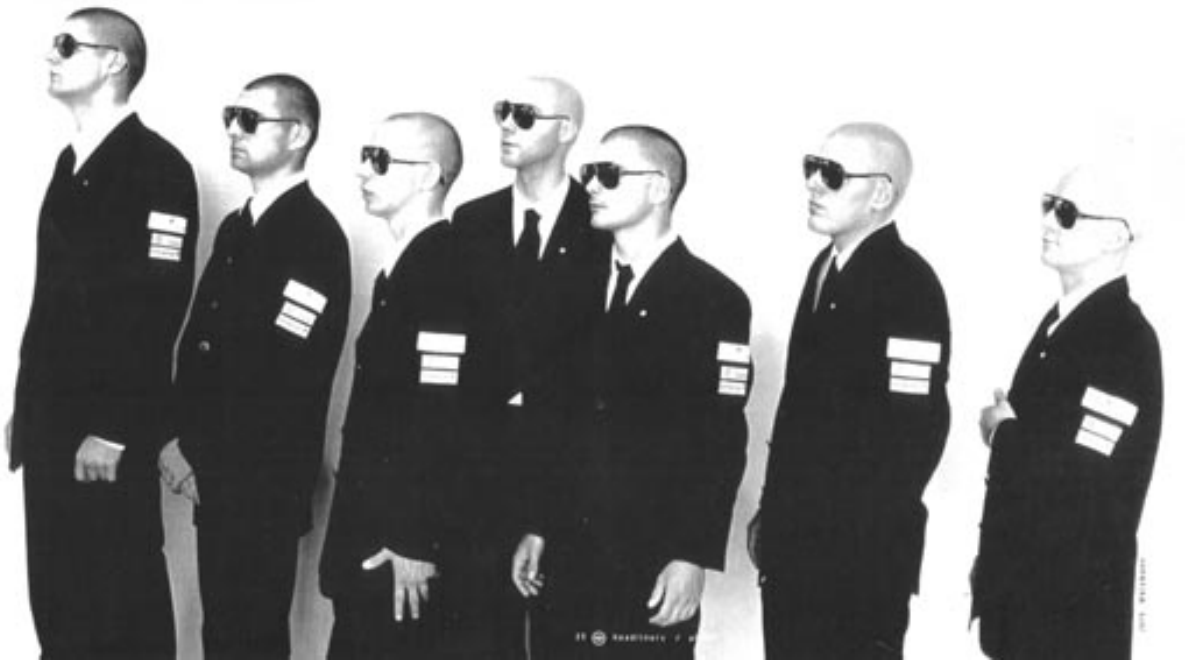

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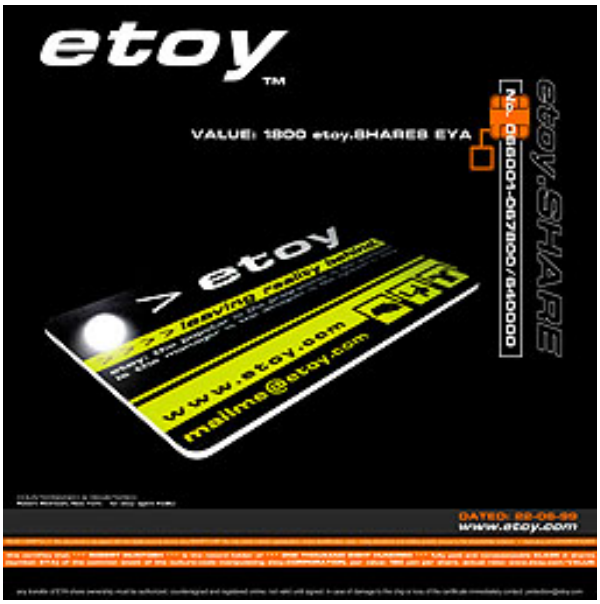

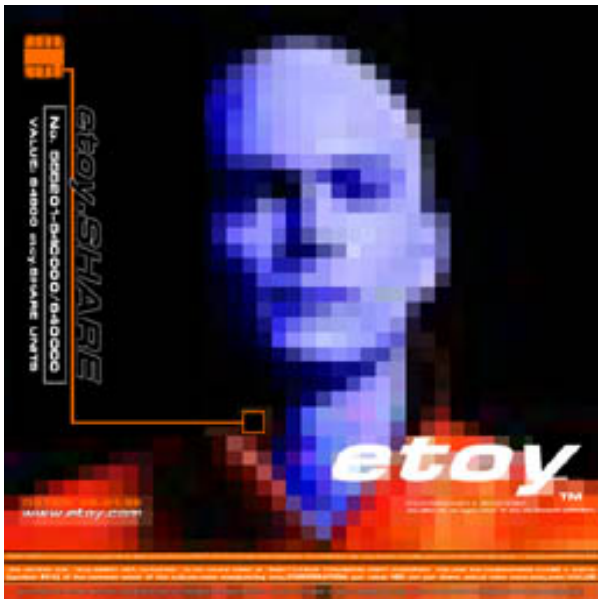

"yes!...and all our children will be playing in their garden of joy surrounded
by glamour and perverted disco tunes... etoy, immature priests from another world..."
björk

interview with etoy

etoy - slogans 1994-2004

LEAVING REALITY BEHIND

ALWAYS ONLINE - SOMETIMES LOST

etoy: the popstar is the pilot is the coder is the designer is the architect is the manager is the system is etoy

etoy: TWISTING VALUES

WE ARE NOT NATURAL ANYMORE!

LOGISTICS FOR THE NEXT LEVEL

FLASHING INTO THE FUTURE

THE FUTURE IS NOW

kill netscape by using it!

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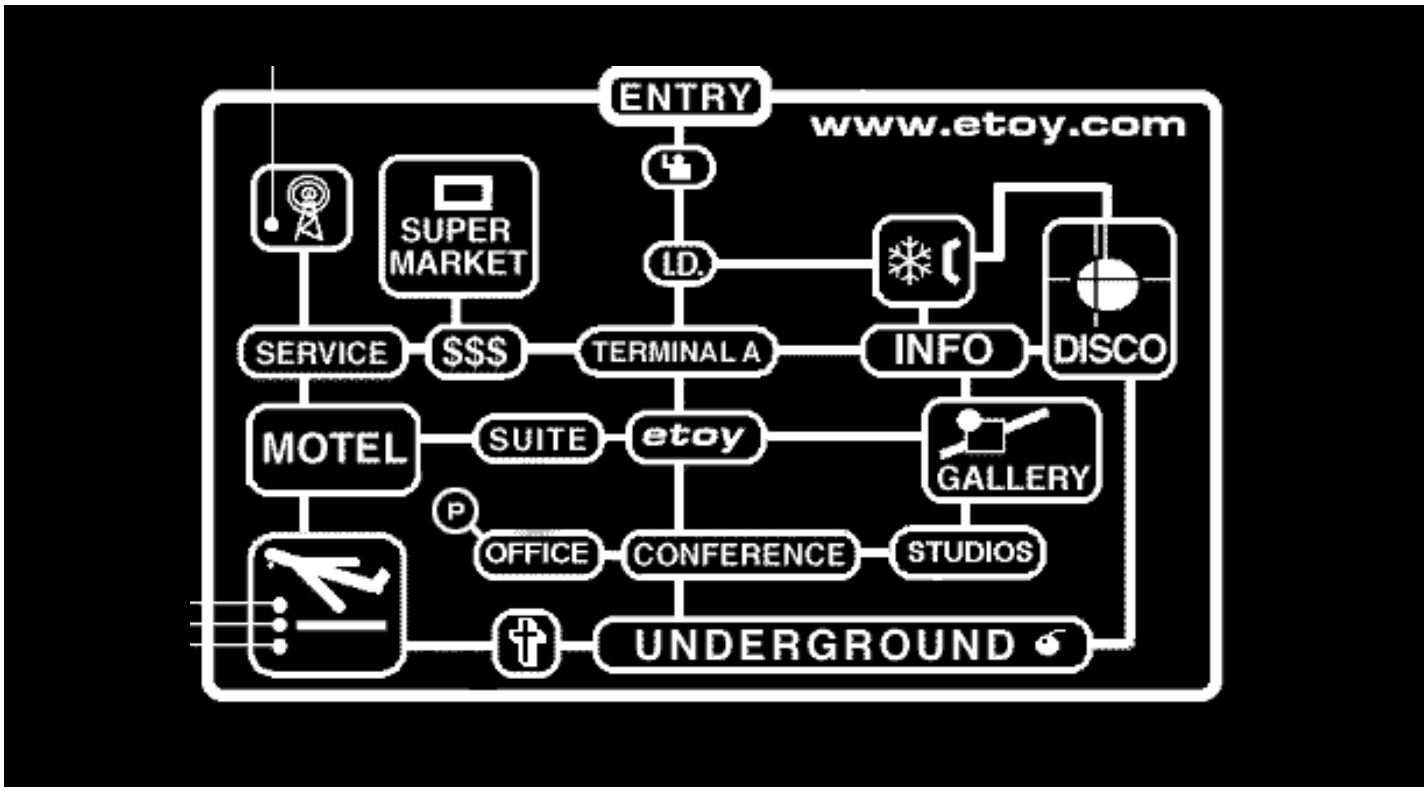

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The Internet-Art-Terror organisation etoy has hijacked a TV-Show on 7.12.96 / 2100 hours. After their Live-Act in the Swiss TV-Infotainment Magazine "Zebra", the etoy.AGENTS have intruded the Prime-Time Show "Benissimo" and they controlled the Swiss TV-Reality for a few seconds. Our anonymous etoy.AGENT has entered the stage, asked the Show-Master Bernhard Turnheer where the way to the Internet is... he told him, that he couldnt stand this TV-Reality anymore and that he needs to know the way to the internet...

Only after massive pressure of the etoy.LAWYER, wich was at this moment not inside the Television Building, the 4 remaining Agents have been released out of Custody around 2300 hours, just before a Police-Task Force arrived at the Swiss Television Building. This Action has received massive Press-Reactions: 3 Headlines from Sunday to Tuesday... in the biggest Swiss Rainbow-Paper "Blick". International Feed-Back from England, Norway and Italy...

leaving reality behind helicopter-action
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Riefenstahl was severely injured in a helicopter accident in Sudan. She was flown back to a hospital in Munich. Meanwhile etoy.AGENTS were up to a dada foto-tv-shooting on "glitzernde Gletscher" in switzerland on a SFDRS assignement [swiss national television station]

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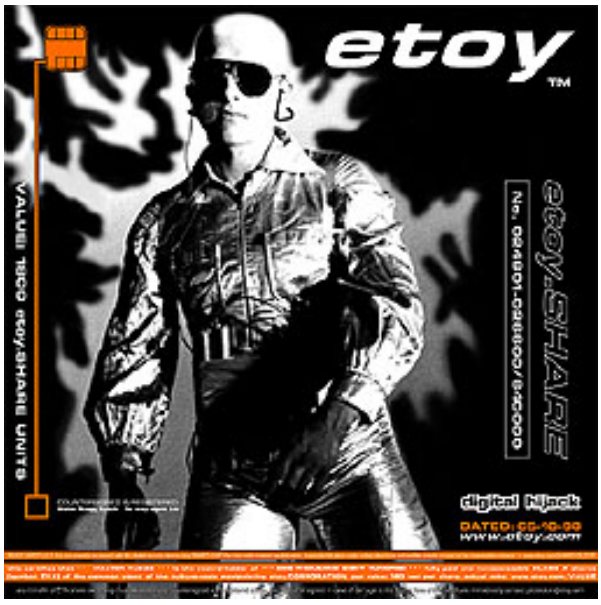

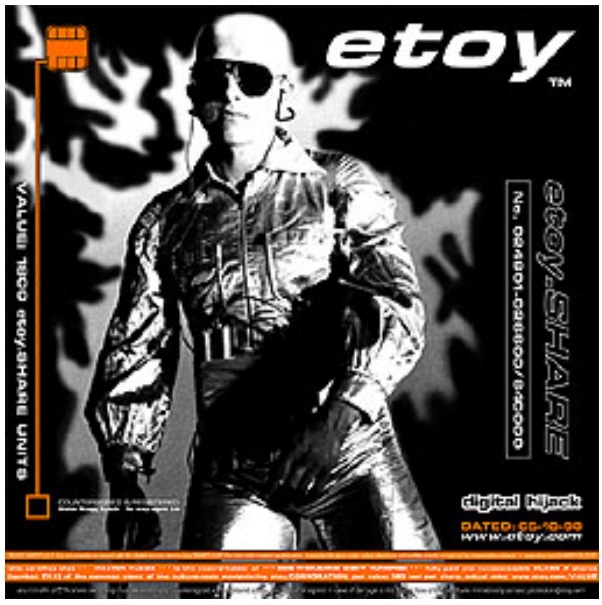

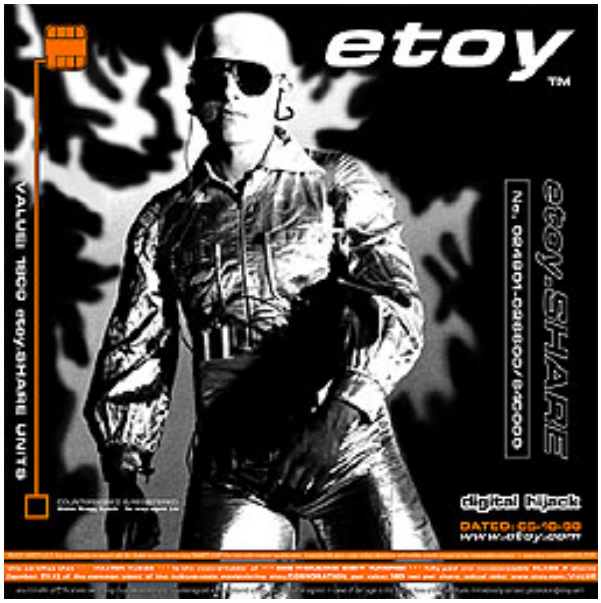

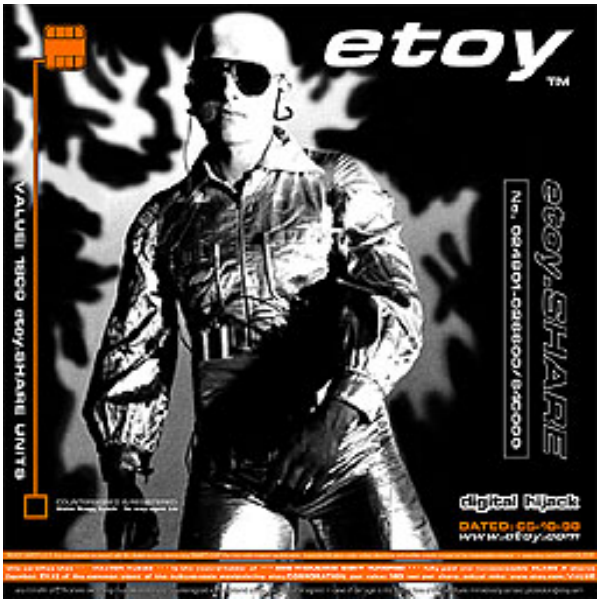

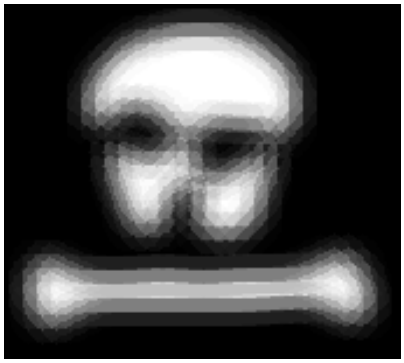

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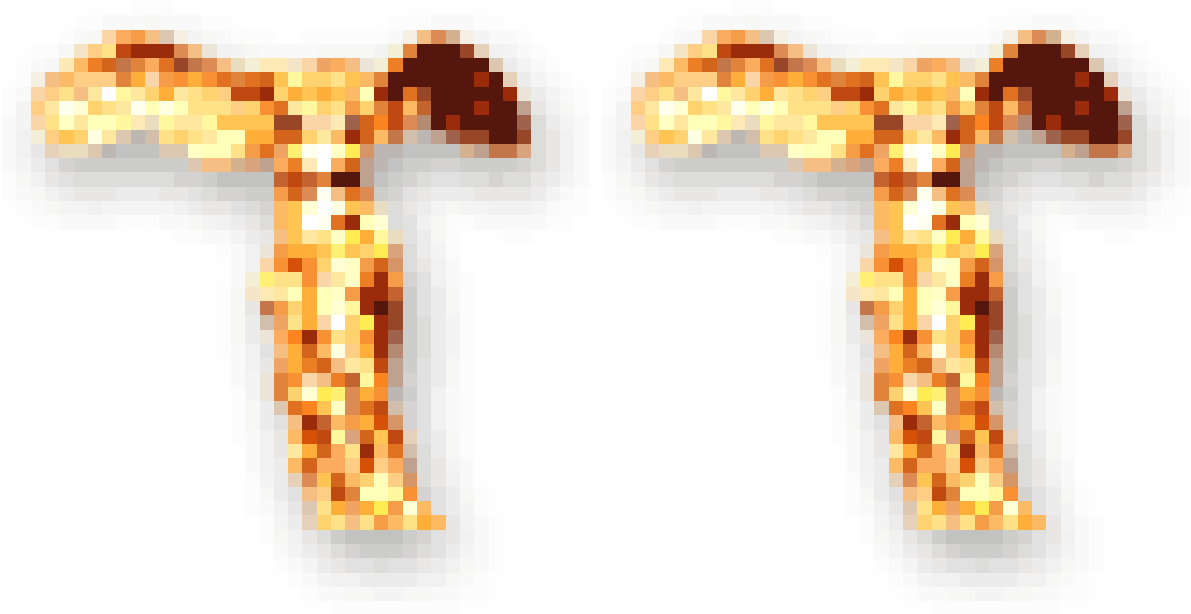

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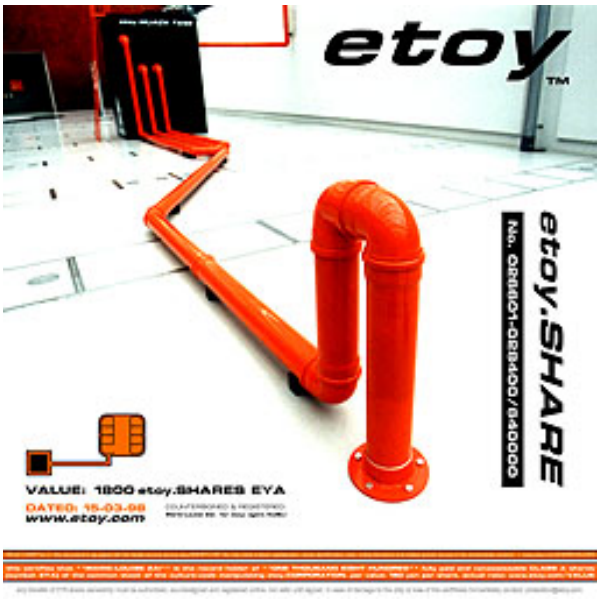

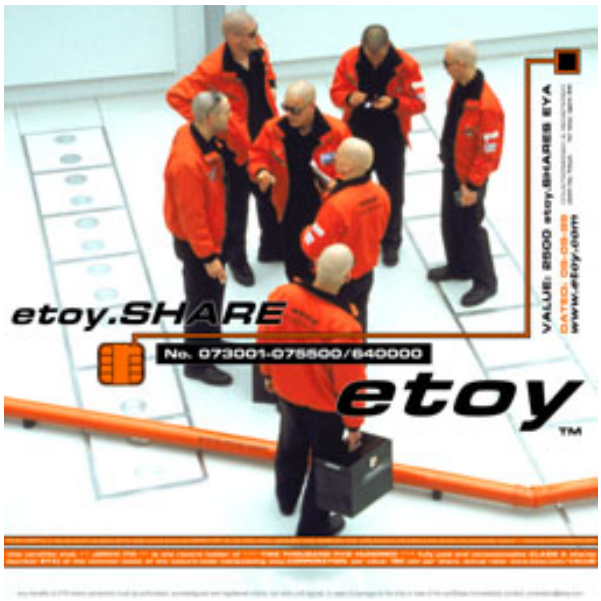

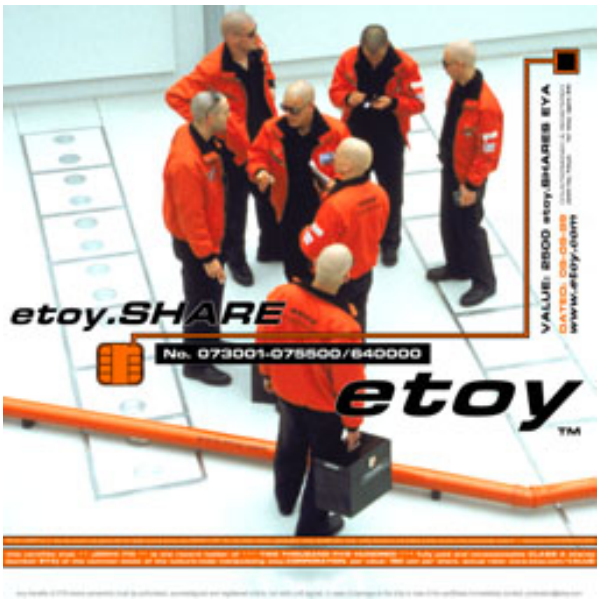

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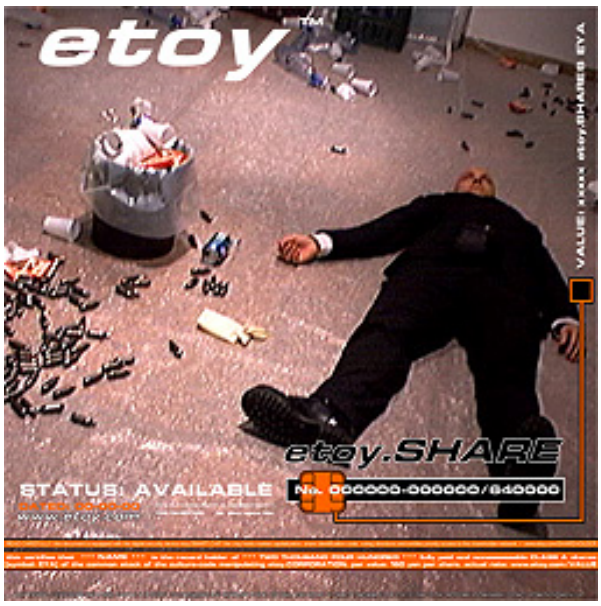

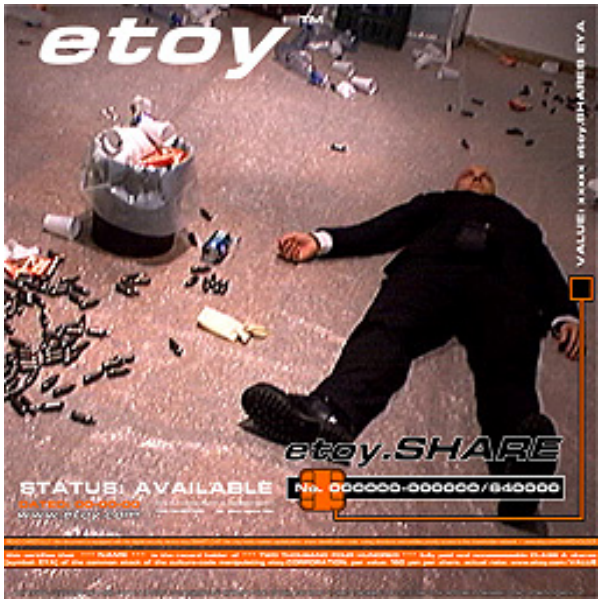

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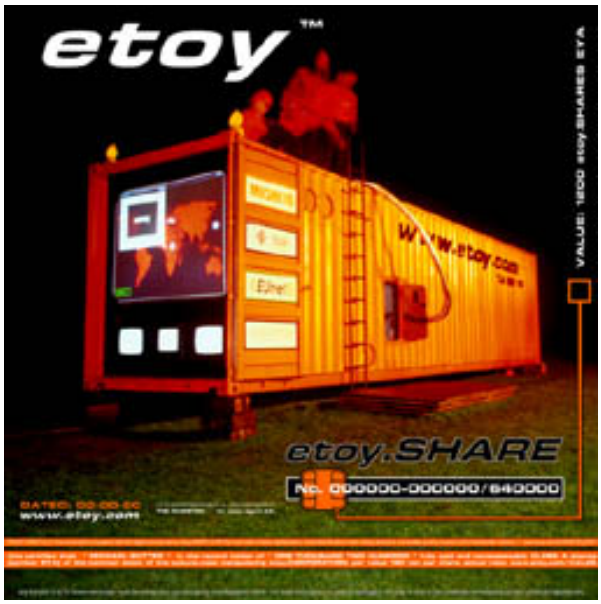

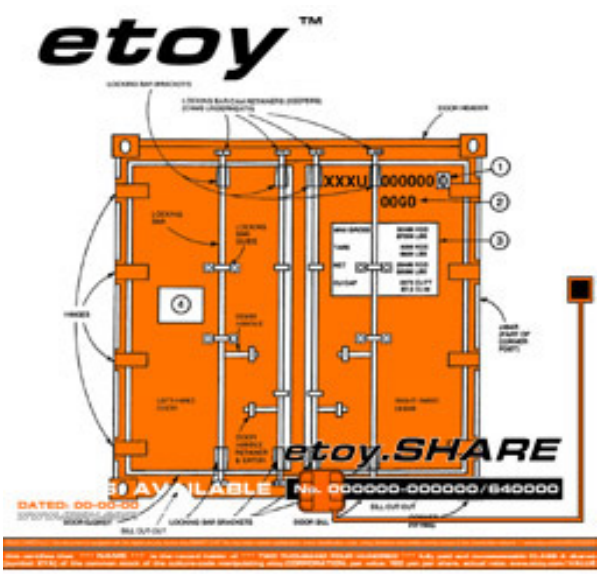

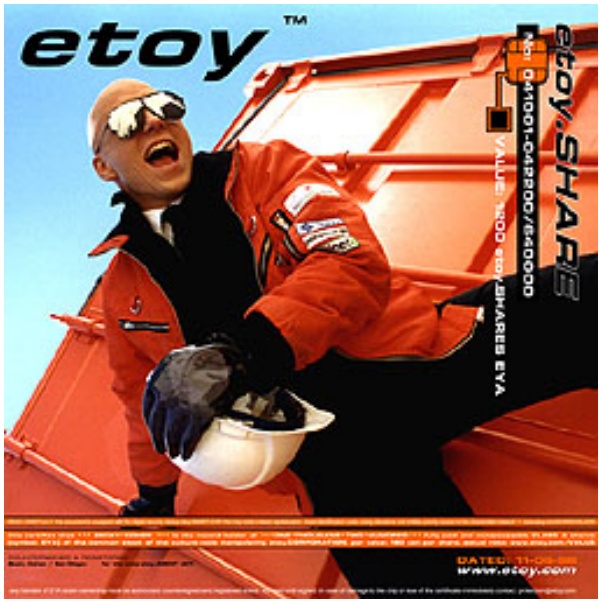
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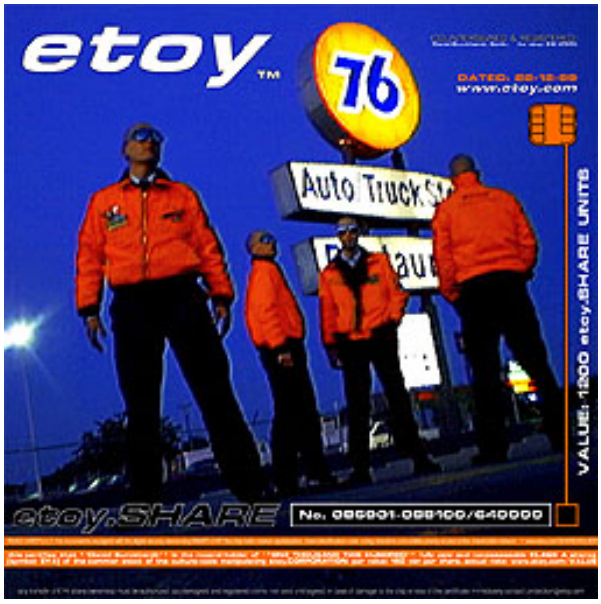

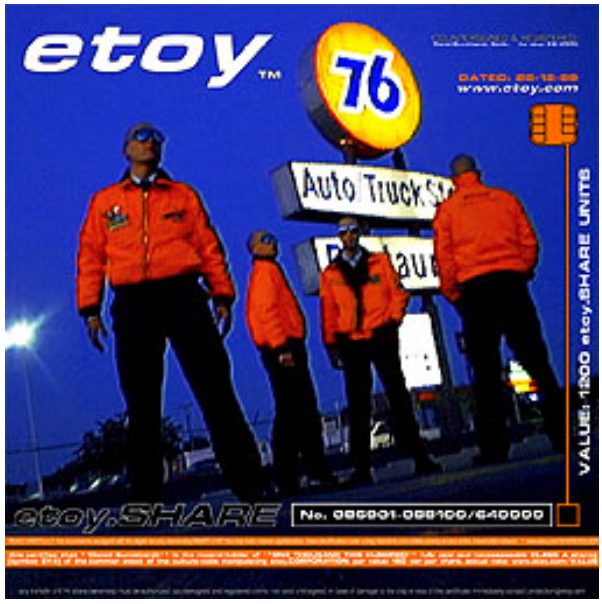

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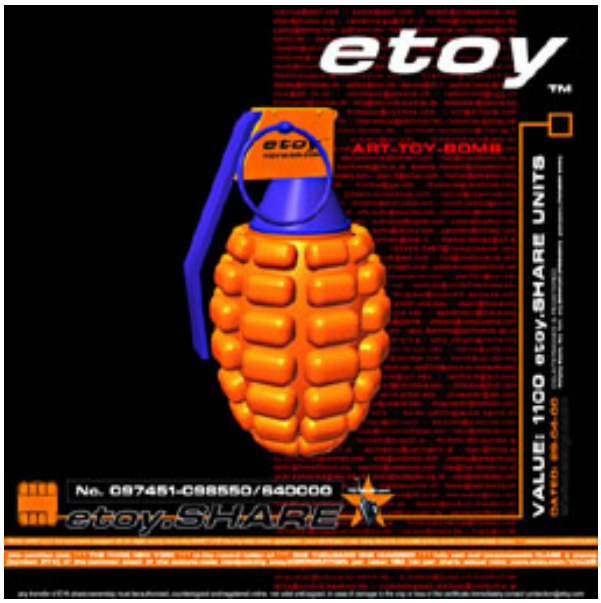

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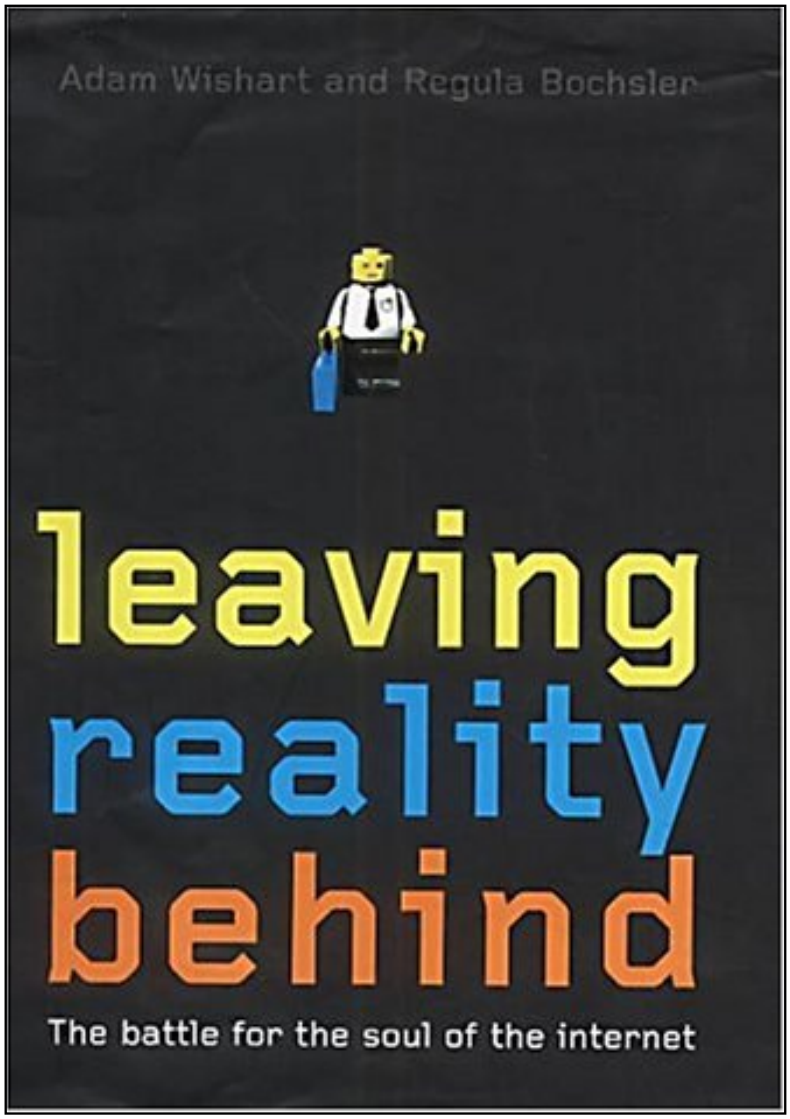
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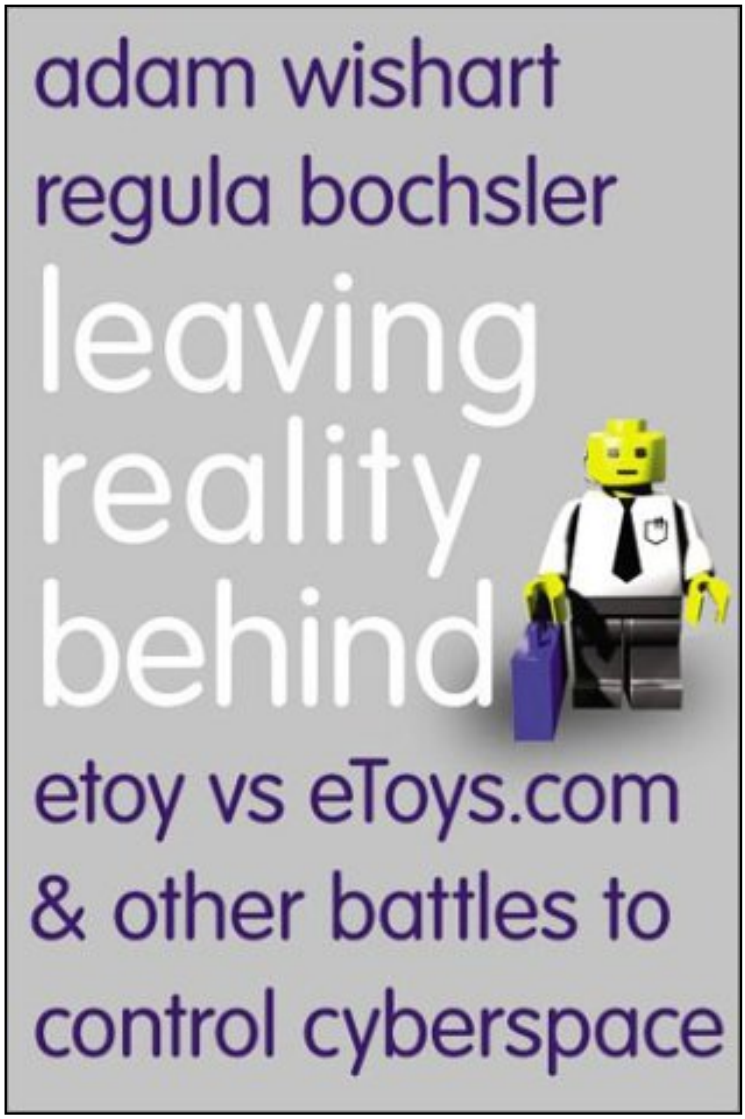

"leaving reality behind has everything. a court case, a cast of unforgettable characters, and a story that could only have happend during the internet insanity. a fascinating read."

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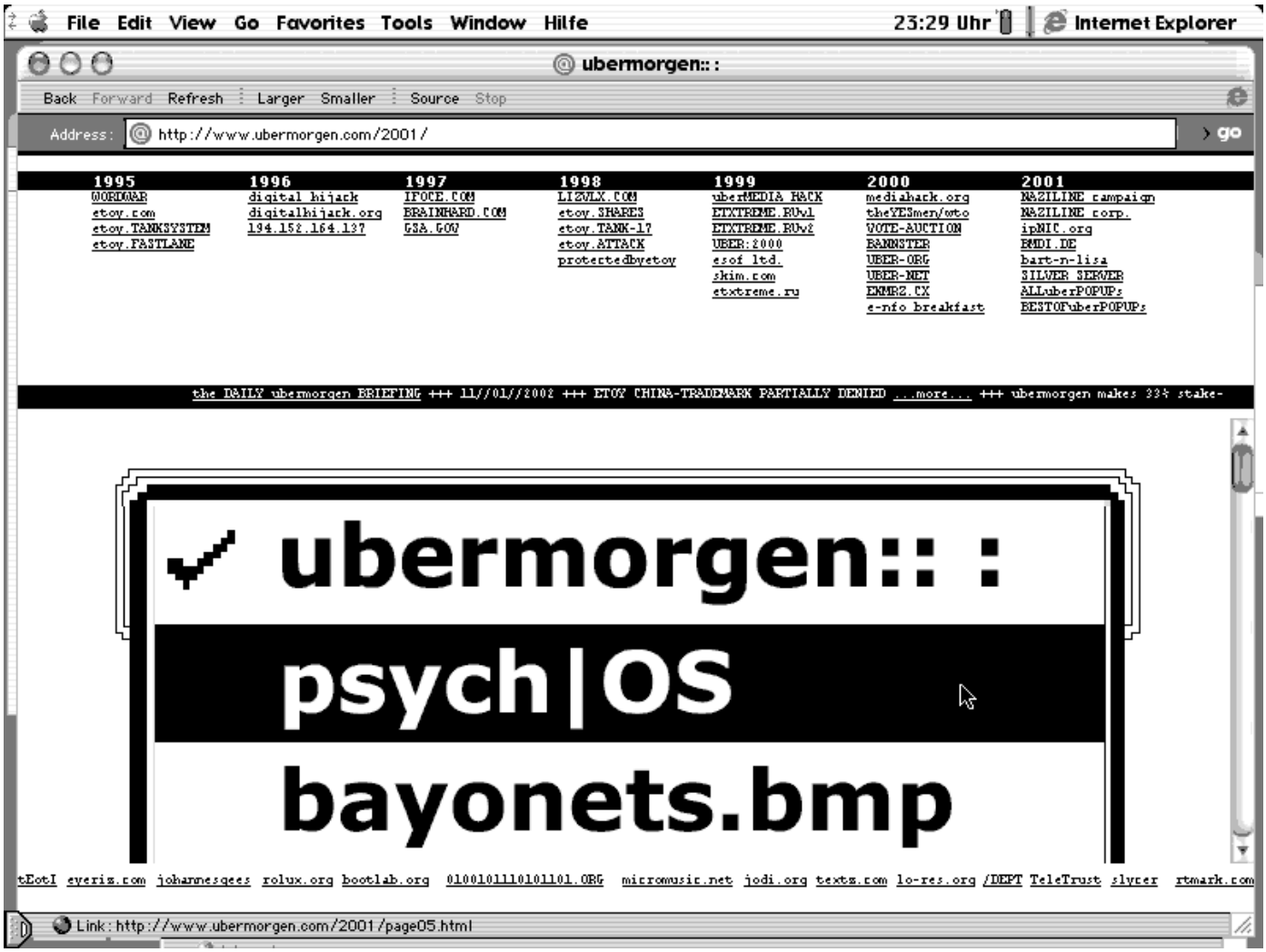

founded 1999
artist duo lizvlx and Hans Bernhard

ubermorgen is the author of projects such as "Voteauction, Naziline, Injunction generator, The Agency"

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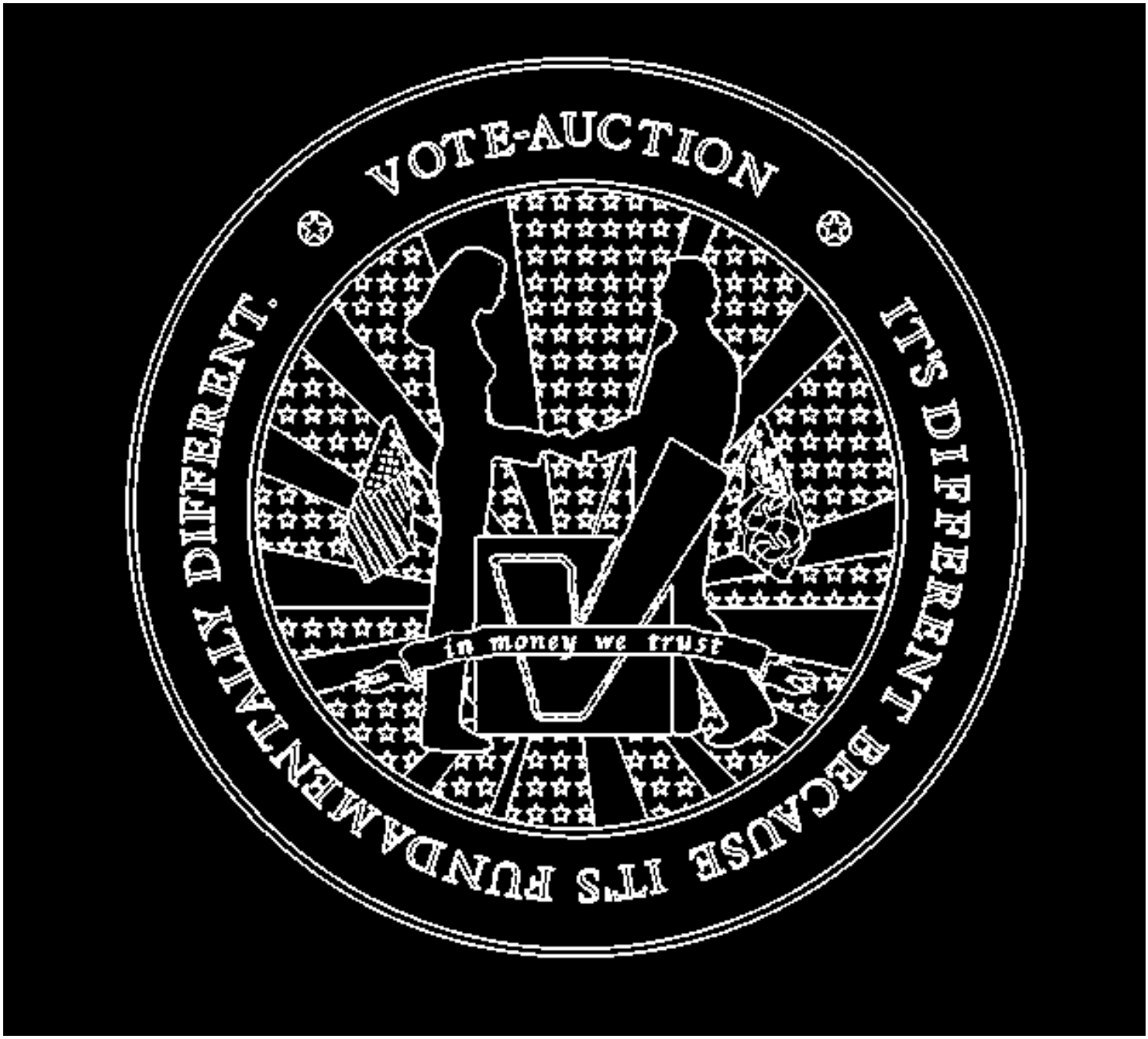

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Chicago Memorandum of Law
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CNN "burden of proof", 27 Min. [DVD], live-broadcast.

Voteauction was a Website which offered US citizens to sell their presidential vote to the highest bidder during the Presidential Elections 2000, Al Gore vs. G.W. Bush.

The Website was conceived by the student James Baumgartner and then sold to the austrian business-artists Hans Bernhard (founder of etoy [5]) and Lizvlx from ubermorgen[1] in Austria and (V)ote-auction Inc. in Sofia/ Bulgaria [a subsidiary of the ubermorgen group] for a undisclosed sum. Voteauction was ubermorgens feature Media Hacking performance in the year 2000.

Several US States (Missouri, Wisconsin, Chicago, Arizona, Nevada, California, Massachusetts, New York) issued temporary restraining orders or injunctions for alleged illegal vote trading. This led to the shutdown of 2 domains (voteauction.com and vote-auction.com). Federal Attorney Janet Reno, the FBI and the NSA were investigating the case to ensure the integrity of the voting process on november 7th, 2000.

Over 1800 global and national News features in online media, print, television and radio have been reported (including a 27 min. CNN exclusive "Burden of Proof")[2].

"[V]ote-Auction" is one of most risky and paradoxically successfull projects by ubermorgen: it is "the only platform in the world that provide the final consumer an effective role in the American election industry". A true

interchange system that finally "brings capitalism and democracy closer together“.

ubermorgen exhibited the [V]ote-auction CNN tape, Voteauction-Seals and [F]original legal Documents in the Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum 2001, The Premises Gallery Johannesburg 2002, Museu d`Art Contemporani de Barcelona 2003, Read_me 2.4 Helsinki 2003, Konsthall Malmoe 2004, Kunsthaus Graz 2004.

A follow up „legal art“ action called "The Injunction Generator" [4] was awarded with a "Honorary Mention" at the Prix Ars Electronica 2003. The Injunction Generator [4] is a artistic software module which claims to generate on request legal injunctions and personalized documentation in .rtf/.pdf format to force a site into taking its contents offline.

Carrying on with their principles of 'radical corporative marketing strategy' (Media Hacking), the artists group ubermorgen has produced an effective and credible interface which helps creating one's own documented cease-and-desist request, which is also automatically sent to the DNS administrators, to the site's owner and to some journalists to trick them into supporting the 'public trial'. Fall 2004, ubermorgen collaborated with Jorgen Follested on SELLtheVOTE.COM[6] and exhibted *THE*AGENCY* [for manual Election Recounts] in a solo-exhibition at Kunsthaus Graz, medien.KUNSTLABOR Gallery.

http://vote-auction.net

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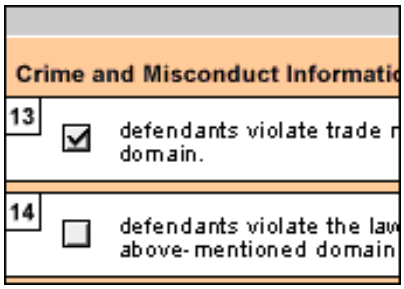

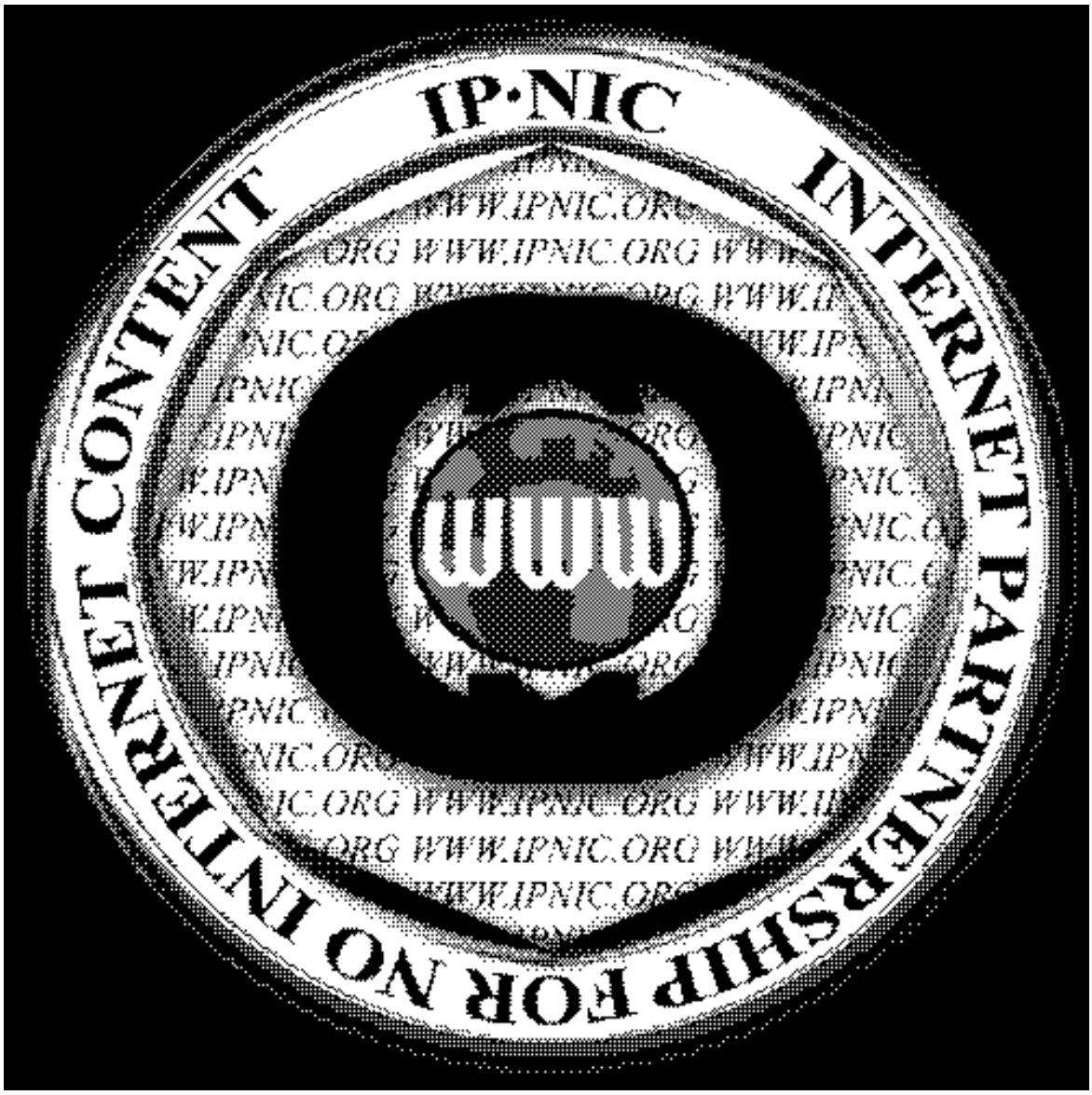

ubermorgen's legal art.

With their usual controversial and iconoclast spirit, Ubermorgen, an artist group created by some of the members of etoy, realized The Injunction Generator, a software module which claims to generate on request legal injunctions and personalized documentation in .rtf/.pdf format to force a site into taking its contents offline. Carrying on with their principles of 'radical corporative marketing strategy', the group has produced an effective and credible interface which helps creating one's own documented cease-and-desist request, which is also automatically sent to the DNS administrators, to the site's owner and to some journalists to trick them into supporting the 'public trial'. The project is published on the IP-NIC domain, an acronym which mimics the official protocols (Internet Protocol - Network Information Center), revisited as 'Internet Partnership for No Internet Content'. This sarcastic provocation (a 'public shutdown service') was conceived after experiencing a similar mishap for the [V]ote-auction project, which invited american citizens to put up their vote for auction. At the time (2000) an email injunction by an american court was sent to the swiss provider hosting the site, who took them immediately offline even though email documents aren't legally considered official and even though Swiss is outside of american jurisdiction. [Neural.it]

2004 *THE*AGENCY* [for manual Election Recounts]

*THE*AGENCY* SEAL, Pixel on Screen
Courtesy of the artist, medien.KUNSTLABOR, Kunsthaus Graz, 2004

Gallery-Visitor votes on Florida Absentee Ballot
November 2, 2004

Foto courtesy of the artist, medien.KUNSTLABOR, Kunsthaus Graz

http://ubermorgen.com/*THE*AGENCY*/

ubermorgen projects & clients

selection 1999-2001

ars media-hack 1999

2000 2000

voteauction 2000

bmdi.de 2000

dr. bichlbauer - wto / cils salzburg action 2000
andy bichlbaum a.k.a. hans bernhard and lizvlx in collaboration with RTMark.com

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NAZI~LINE 2001
in collaboration with christoph schlingensief

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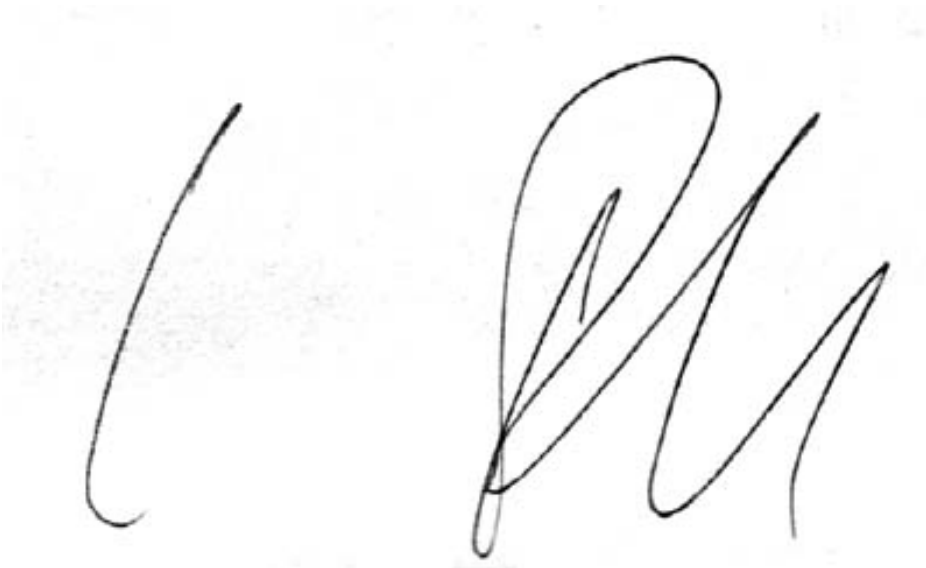

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clients

[consulting, design, communication, marketing]

etoy.com 1999-2001

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allianz munich 2002

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ubermorgen, Hans Bernhard

8.11.2004, 1930h

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lizvlx - hans bernhard - ubermorgen - etoy
1994 - 2004

10 years digital actionism
legal art
net-exhibitionism
manic insomnia
and
media hacking.

etoy
Voteauction

cphdox
8.11.2004, 19h

Han er blevet kaldt netkunstens ”slemme, geniale dreng”. Med god grund. Hans Bernhard, også kendt som Hans Bernhard from ubermorgen, hans_extrem, etoy.HANS og net_CALLBOY, har siden netkunstens fødsel i midten af 90erne hacket og provokeret online. Med lige dele sagsanlæg og anerkendelse som resultat. Han har gjort det muligt at sælge sin stemme til det amerikanske præsidentvalg under slogant ”Bringing Capitalism and Democracy Closer Together”, kidnappet merkantile websurfere og lavet en falsk hjemmeside for det tyske indenrigsministerium på adressen naziline.com. Det er performance-dada-punk for de digitale mediers tidsalder. Fuld risiko, ingen respekt og et tæt kendskab til Internettets subersive kanaler. Til dette foredrag viser han en film fra sin optræden på CNNs program ”Burden of Proof” og fortæller om sine aktiviter med Übermorgen og netkunstfirmaet etoy, som stod bag det legendariske værk TOYWAR, der endte med at koste legetøjsfirmaet eToys 4,5 milliarder dollars i aktieværdi. En garanteret underholdende førstehånds-beretning fra den aktivistiske netkunsts forfron

etoy

the etoy.GANG - the first street-gang on the internet, 1996

brainhard.com & WORDWAR [1994]
brainhard.com & WORDWAR

corporate identity / corporate philosophy

1994-1996

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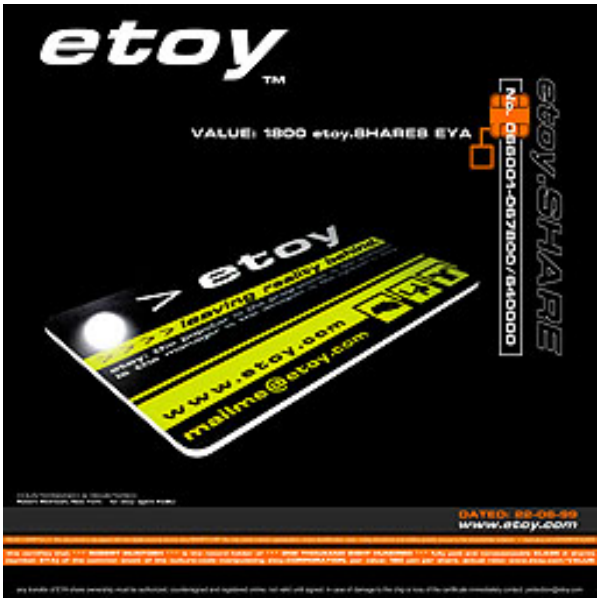
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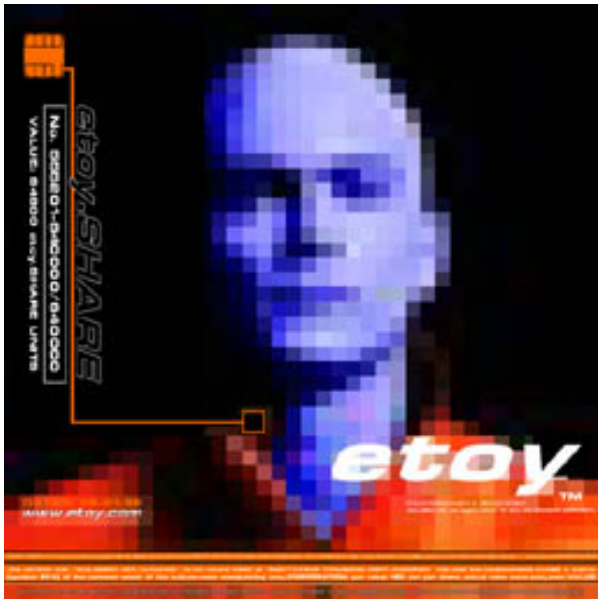


"yes!...and all our children will be playing in their garden of joy surrounded
by glamour and perverted disco tunes... etoy, immature priests from another world..."
björk

interview with etoy

etoy - slogans 1994-2004

LEAVING REALITY BEHIND

ALWAYS ONLINE - SOMETIMES LOST

etoy: the popstar is the pilot is the coder is the designer is the architect is the manager is the system is etoy

etoy: TWISTING VALUES

WE ARE NOT NATURAL ANYMORE!

LOGISTICS FOR THE NEXT LEVEL

FLASHING INTO THE FUTURE

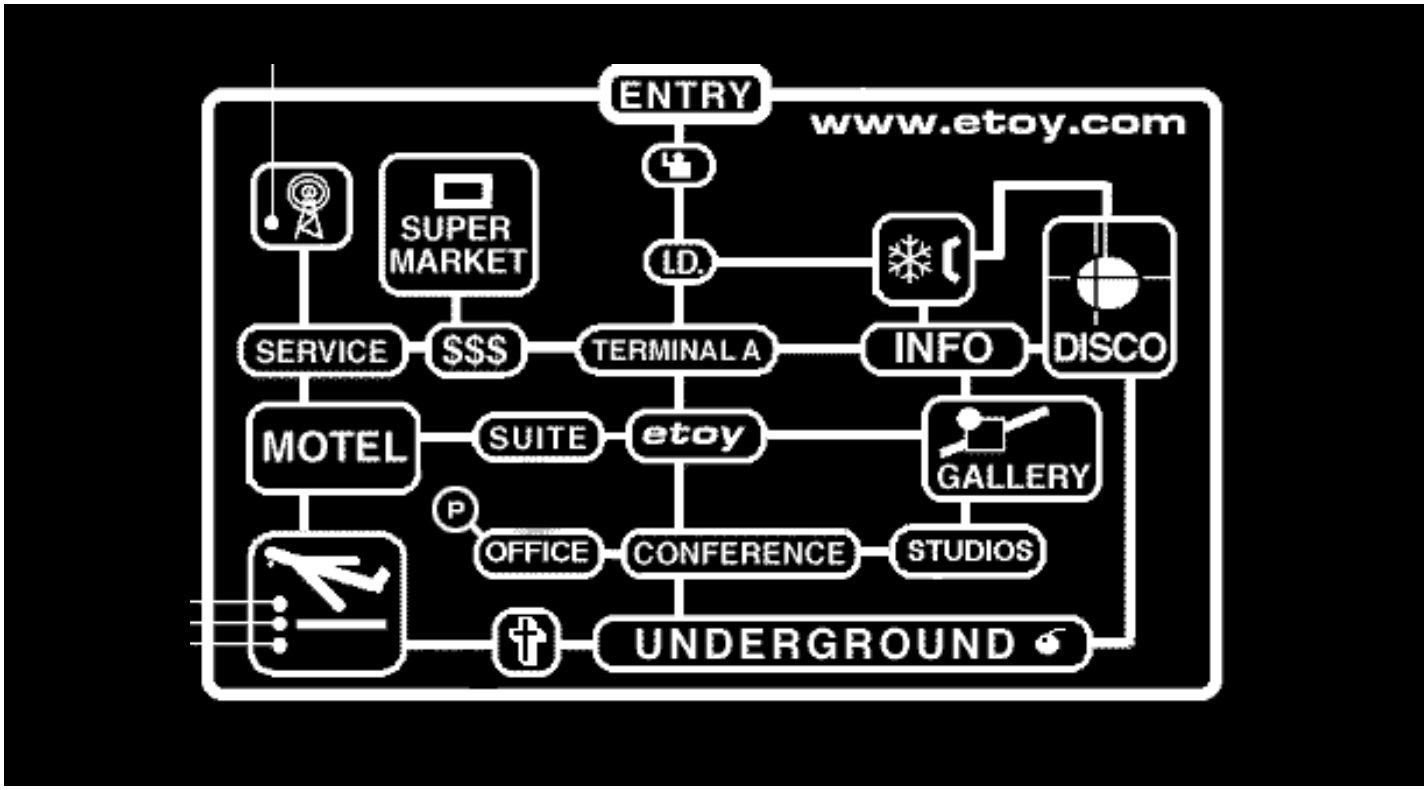
THE FUTURE IS NOW

kill netscape by using it!

etoy.TANK-SYSTEM - phase I 1994
etoy - leaving reality behind

c3.hu/tank-system

etoy.HISTORY - the basic-concept: hans X
digital emigration / reality emigration; internet tech, lsd & peter weibel



etoy.TANK-SYSTEM
c3.hu/tank-system

tv-hijack.zip 1996

The Internet-Art-Terror organisation etoy has hijacked a TV-Show on 7.12.96 / 2100 hours. After their Live-Act in the Swiss TV-Infotainment Magazine "Zebra", the etoy.AGENTS have intruded the Prime-Time Show "Benissimo" and they controlled the Swiss TV-Reality for a few seconds. Our anonymous etoy.AGENT has entered the stage, asked the Show-Master Bernhard Turnheer where the way to the Internet is... he told him, that he couldnt stand this TV-Reality anymore and that he needs to know the way to the internet...

Only after massive pressure of the etoy.LAWYER, wich was at this moment not inside the Television Building, the 4 remaining Agents have been released out of Custody around 2300 hours, just before a Police-Task Force arrived at the Swiss Television Building. This Action has received massive Press-Reactions: 3 Headlines from Sunday to Tuesday... in the biggest Swiss Rainbow-Paper "Blick". International Feed-Back from England, Norway and Italy...

leaving reality behind helicopter-action
.rm 1996

Riefenstahl was severely injured in a helicopter accident in Sudan. She was flown back to a hospital in Munich. Meanwhile etoy.AGENTS were up to a dada foto-tv-shooting on "glitzernde Gletscher" in switzerland on a SFDRS assignement [swiss national television station]

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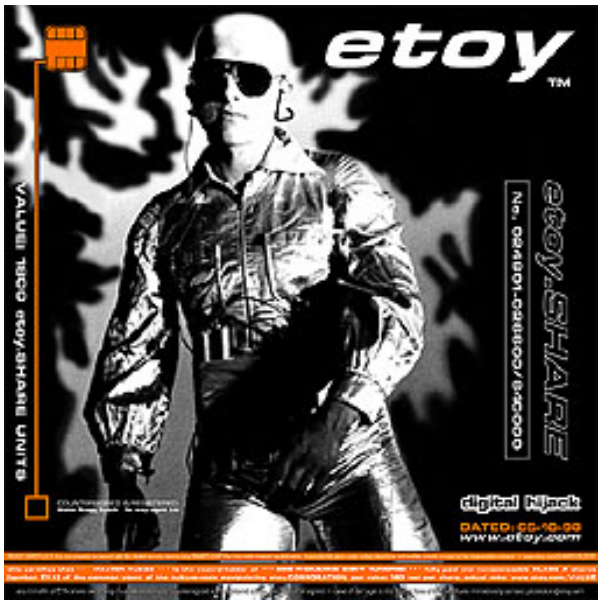
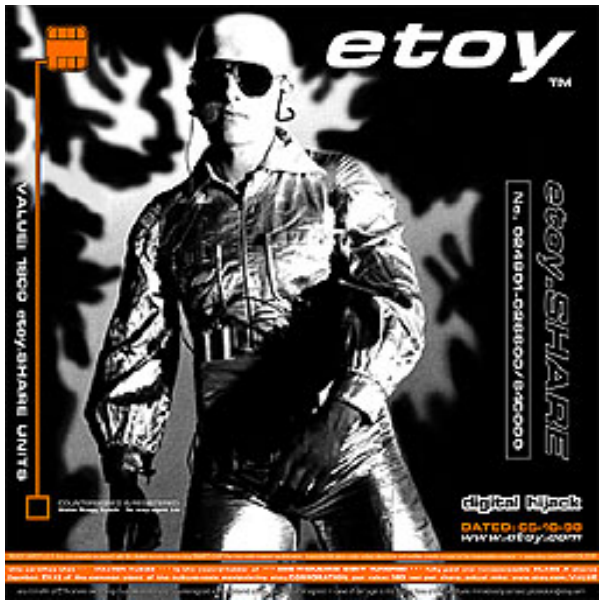
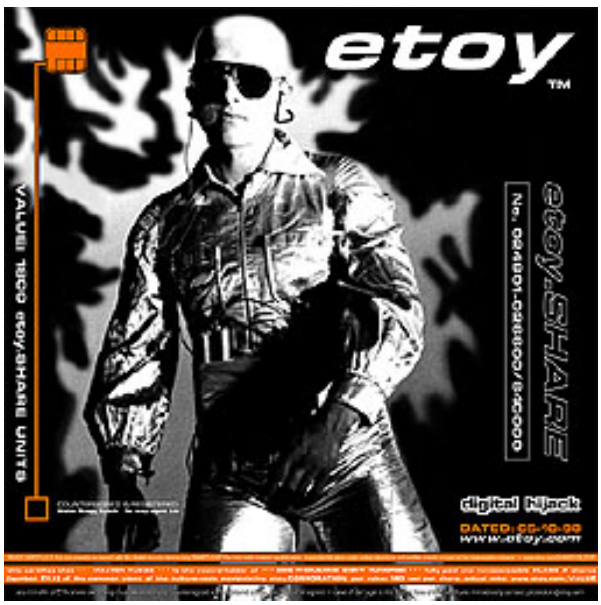
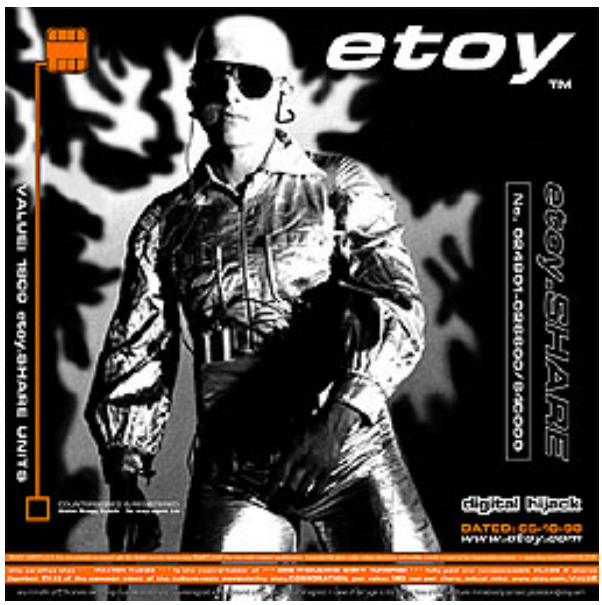
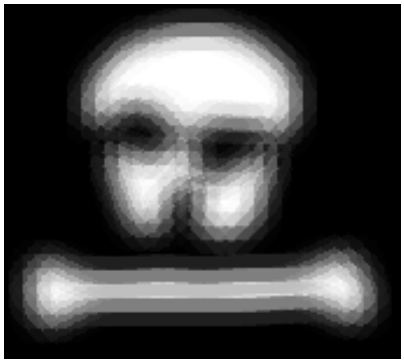
the digital hijack 1996
hijack.org











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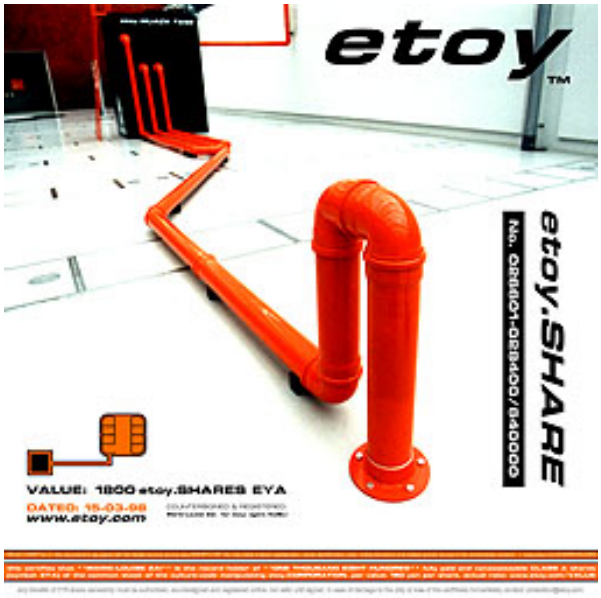
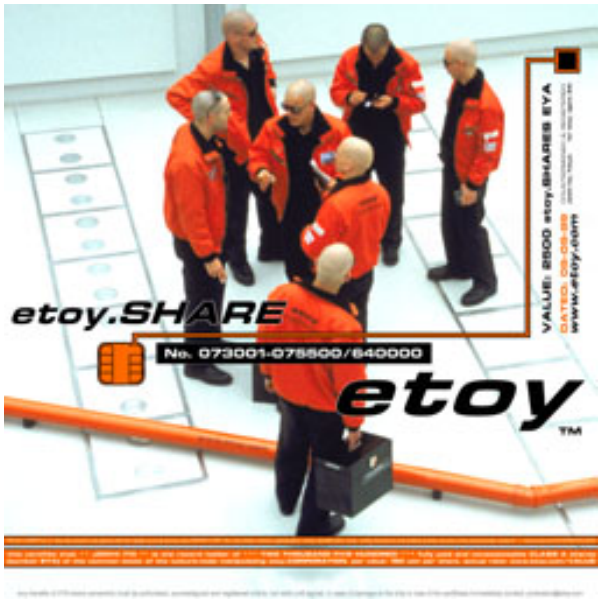
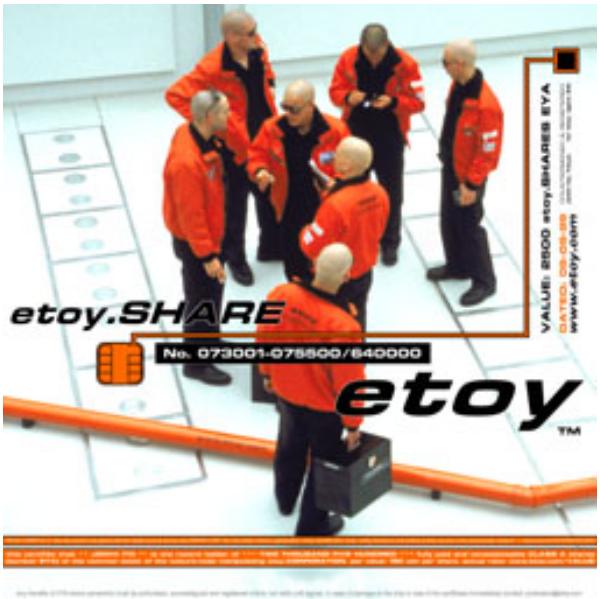




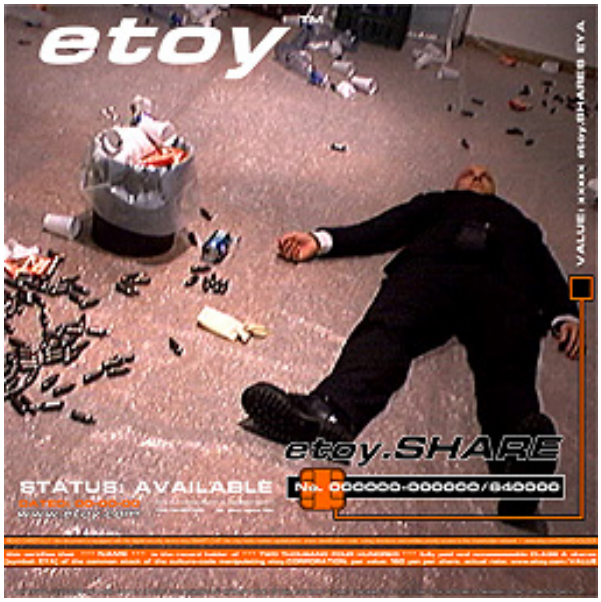


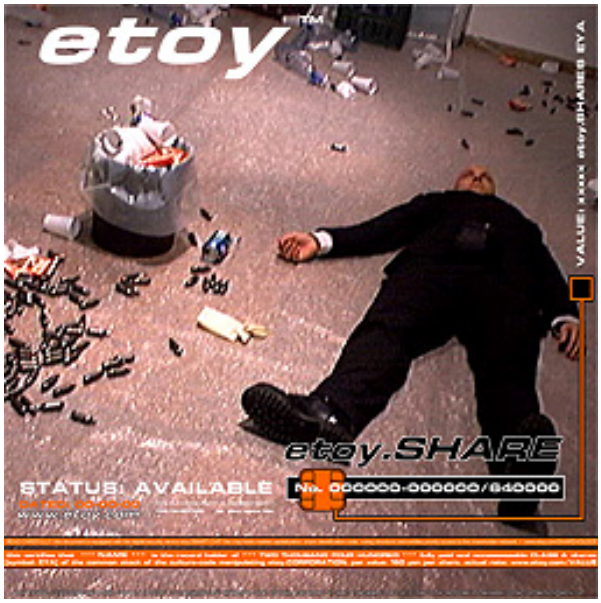
etoy.TANK-SYSTEM exhibition design center linz

etoy.SHARES

share.etoy.com

budapest residency & performance
etoy.PROTECTION 1997





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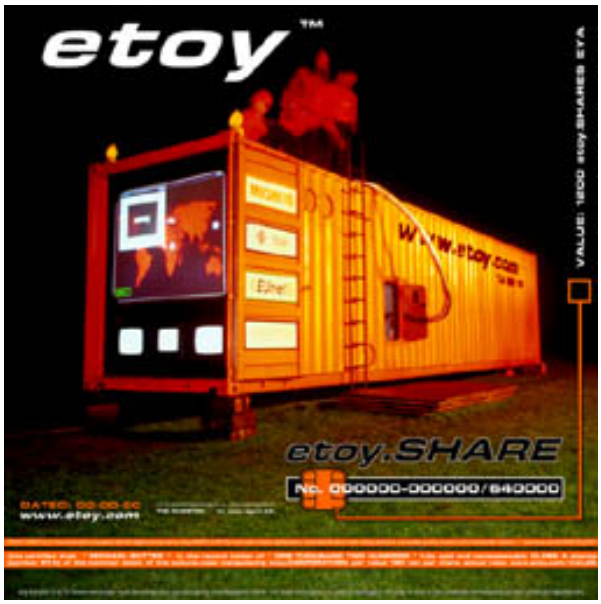

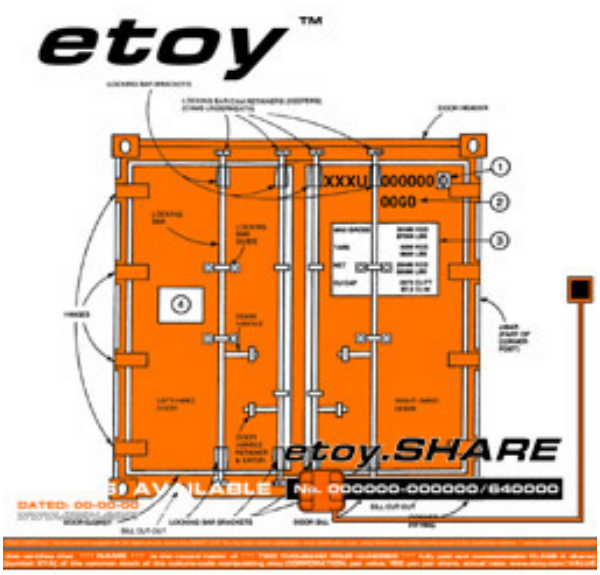

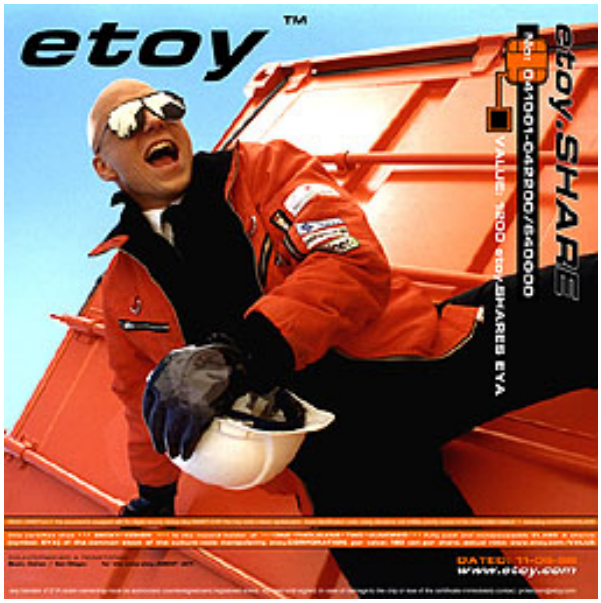
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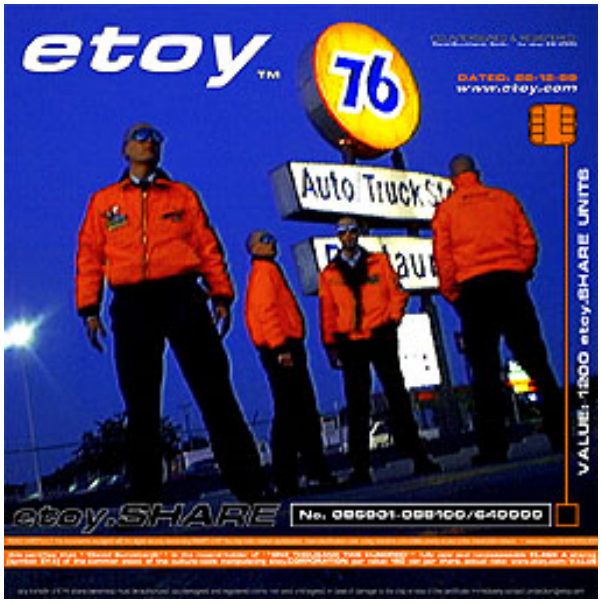

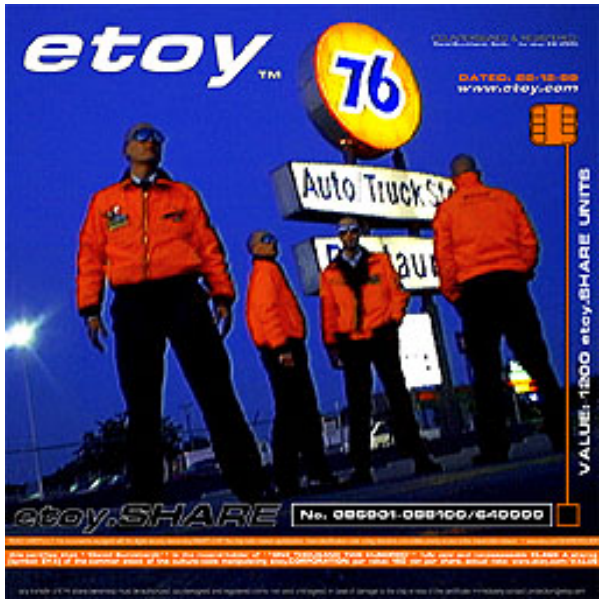

the last original crew picture, san francisco 1999

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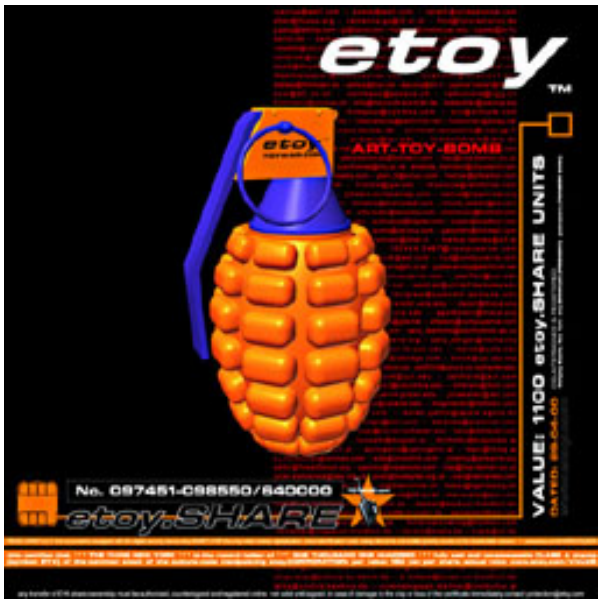

legal battle
4.5 billion dollars eToys share-value lost during campaign
domain temporarily shut-down
community fight
toywar-army

etoyholding - phase III 1999-2004

founding 1999

mother-corporation
legal art / legal affairs
strategic planning
etoy.trademarks europe, asia& usa [etoy.CORPORATION zurich / switzerland]
etoyholding - the corporate network

subcompanies

etoy.venture-association cayman islands
etoy.ag st.johns / antigua
etoy gmbh berlin / germany

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leaving reality behind
the battle for the soul of the internet

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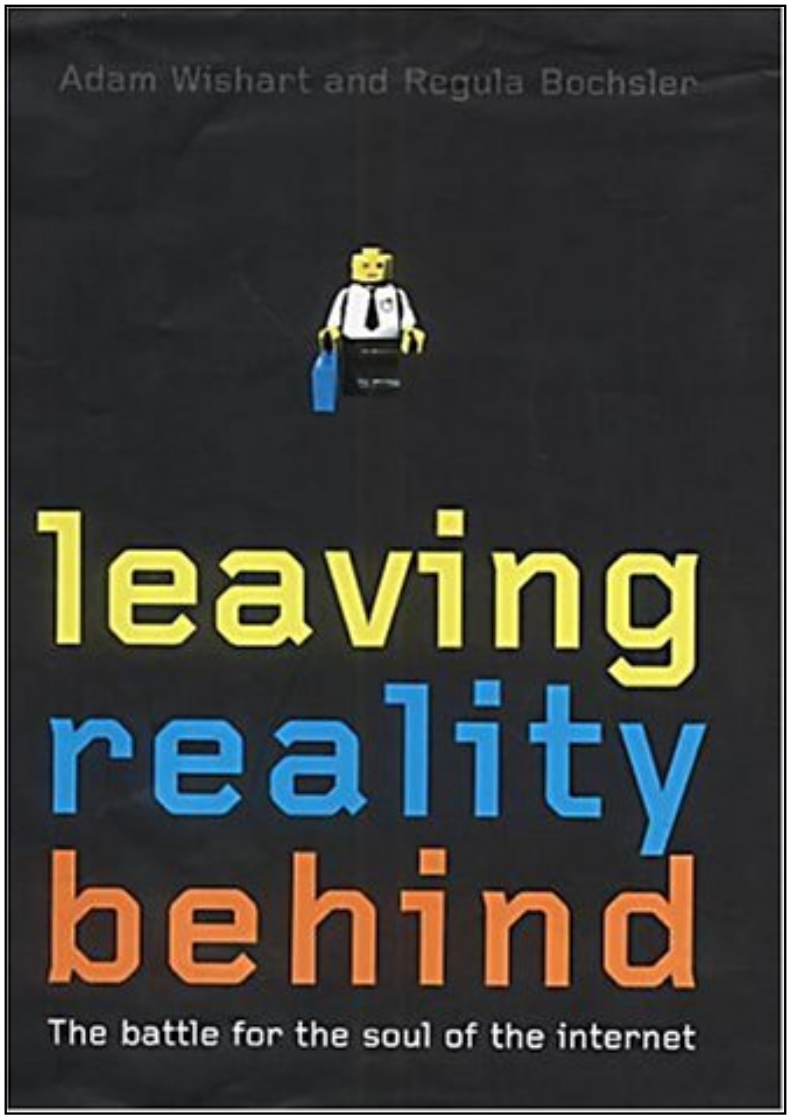
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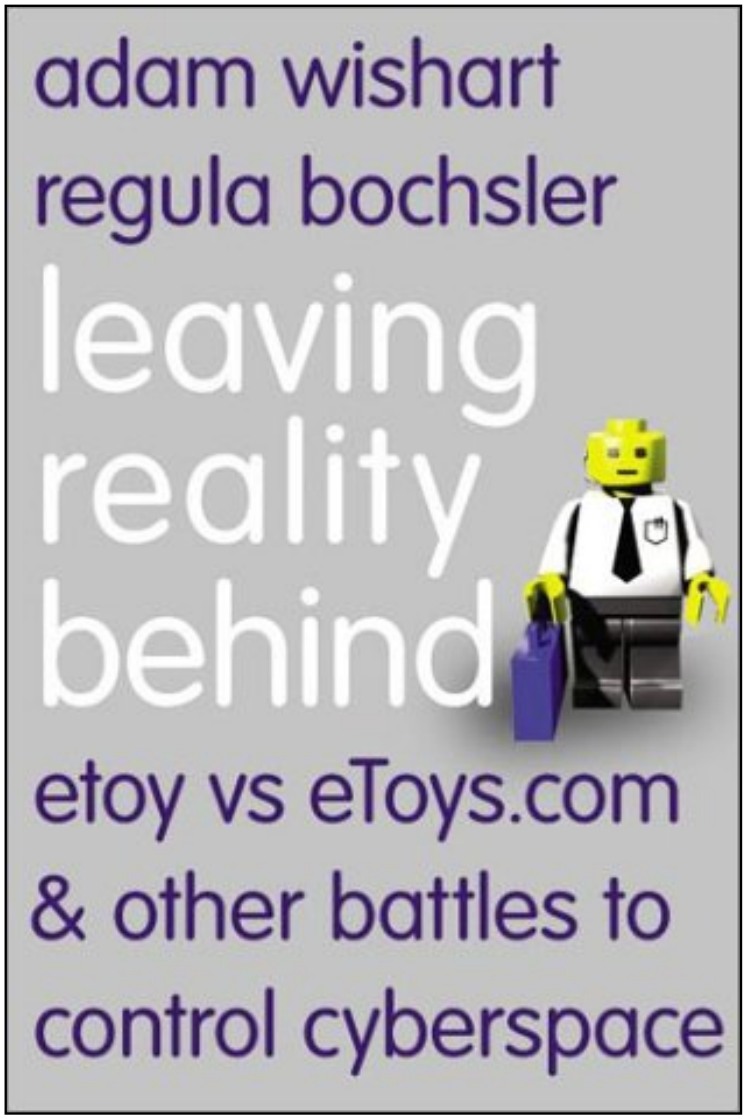

"leaving reality behind has everything. a court case, a cast of unforgettable characters, and a story that could only have happend during the internet insanity. a fascinating read."

online: prologue / 1.chapter

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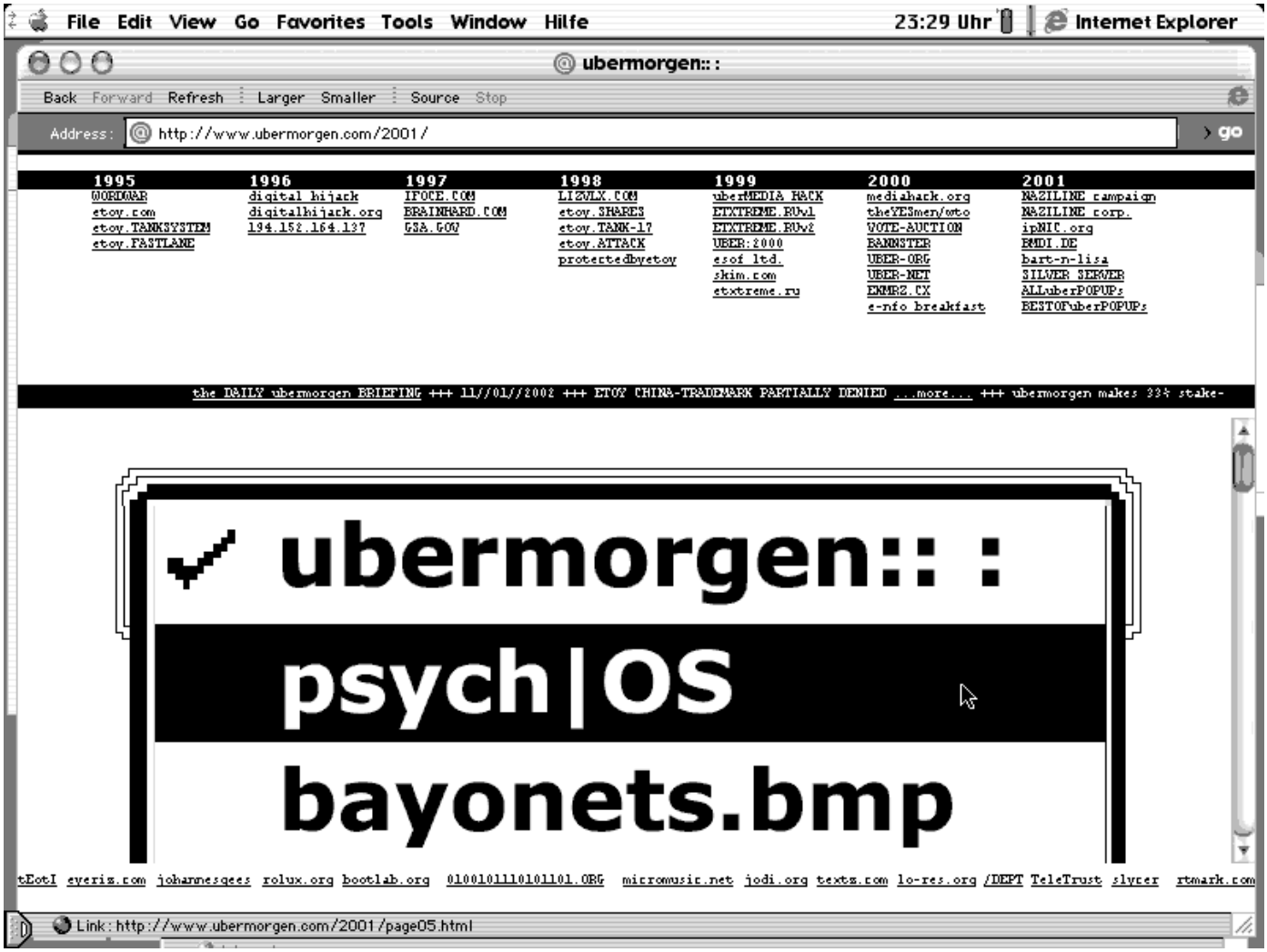
ubermorgen:: : 1999-20xx
ubermorgen.com



founded 1999
artist duo lizvlx and Hans Bernhard

ubermorgen is the author of projects such as "Voteauction, Naziline, Injunction generator, The Agency"

ubermorgen "we have no nationality"

Voteauction
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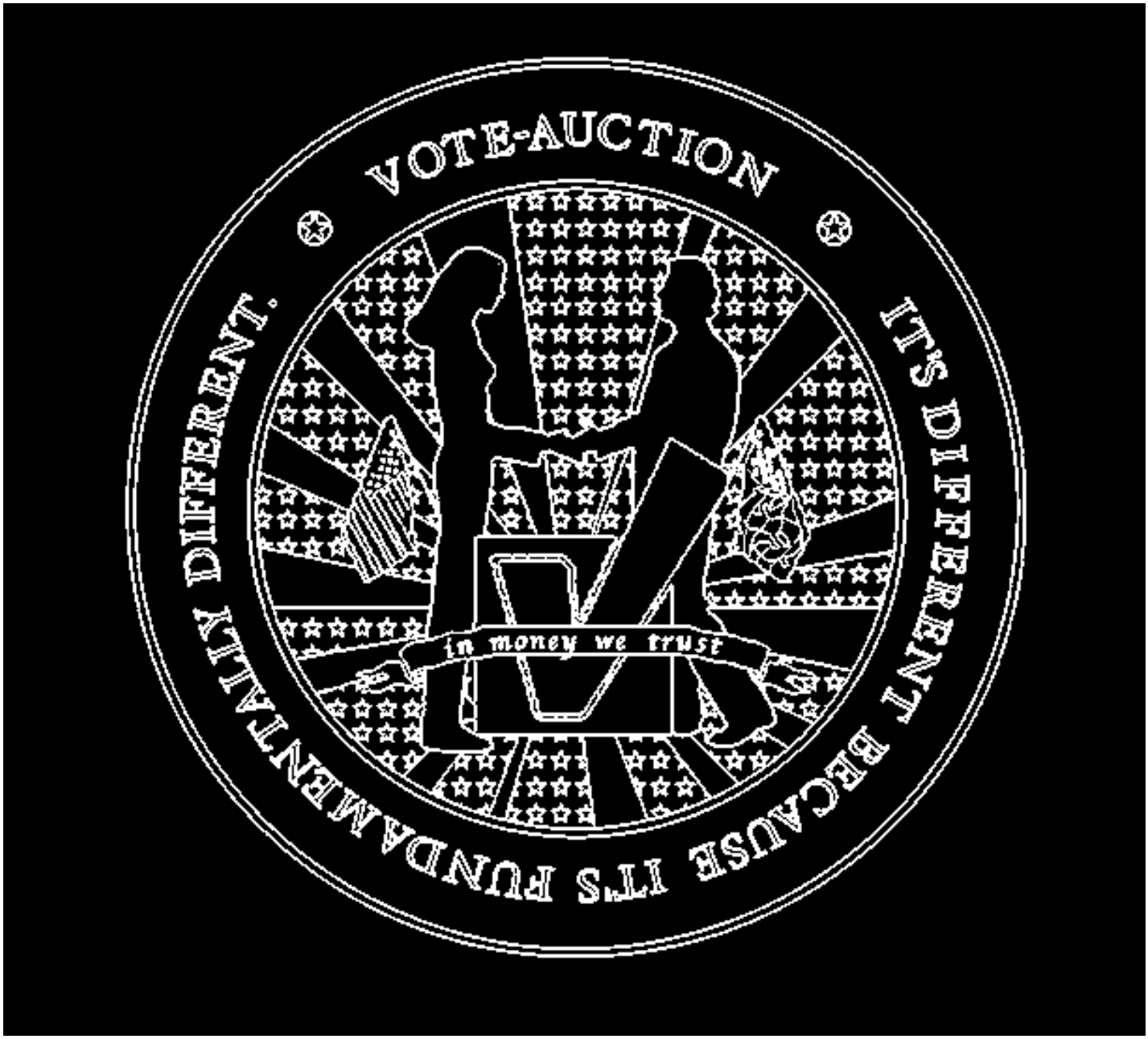

http://**vote-auction**.net

legal documents

Chicago TRO
Chicago Complaint
Chicago Memorandum of Law
Chicago Preliminary Injunction

screenshot

CNN "burden of proof", 27 Min. [DVD], live-broadcast.

Voteauction was a Website which offered US citizens to sell their presidential vote to the highest bidder during the Presidential Elections 2000, Al Gore vs. G.W. Bush.

The Website was conceived by the student James Baumgartner and then sold to the austrian business-artists Hans Bernhard (founder of etoy [5]) and Lizvlx from ubermorgen[1] in Austria and (V)ote-auction Inc. in Sofia/ Bulgaria [a subsidiary of the ubermorgen group] for a undisclosed sum. Voteauction was ubermorgens feature Media Hacking performance in the year 2000.

Several US States (Missouri, Wisconsin, Chicago, Arizona, Nevada, California, Massachusetts, New York) issued temporary restraining orders or injunctions for alleged illegal vote trading. This led to the shutdown of 2 domains (voteauction.com and **vote-auction**.com). Federal Attorney Janet Reno, the FBI and the NSA were investigating the case to ensure the integrity of the voting process on november 7th, 2000.

Over 1800 global and national News features in online media, print, television and radio have been reported (including a 27 min. CNN exclusive "Burden of Proof")[2].

"[V]ote-Auction" is one of most risky and paradoxically successfull projects by ubermorgen: it is "the only platform in the world that provide the final consumer an effective role in the American election industry". A true

interchange system that finally "brings capitalism and democracy closer together“.

ubermorgen exhibited the [V]ote-auction CNN tape, Voteauction-Seals and [F]original legal Documents in the Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum 2001, The Premises Gallery Johannesburg 2002, Museu d`Art Contemporani de Barcelona 2003, Read_me 2.4 Helsinki 2003, Konsthall Malmoe 2004, Kunsthaus Graz 2004.

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http://**vote-auction**.net

THE INJUNCTION GENERATOR
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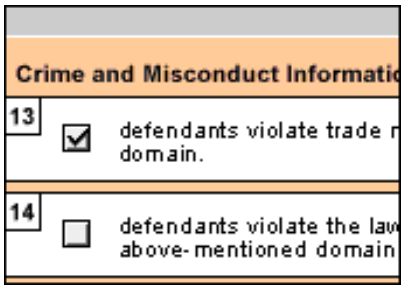

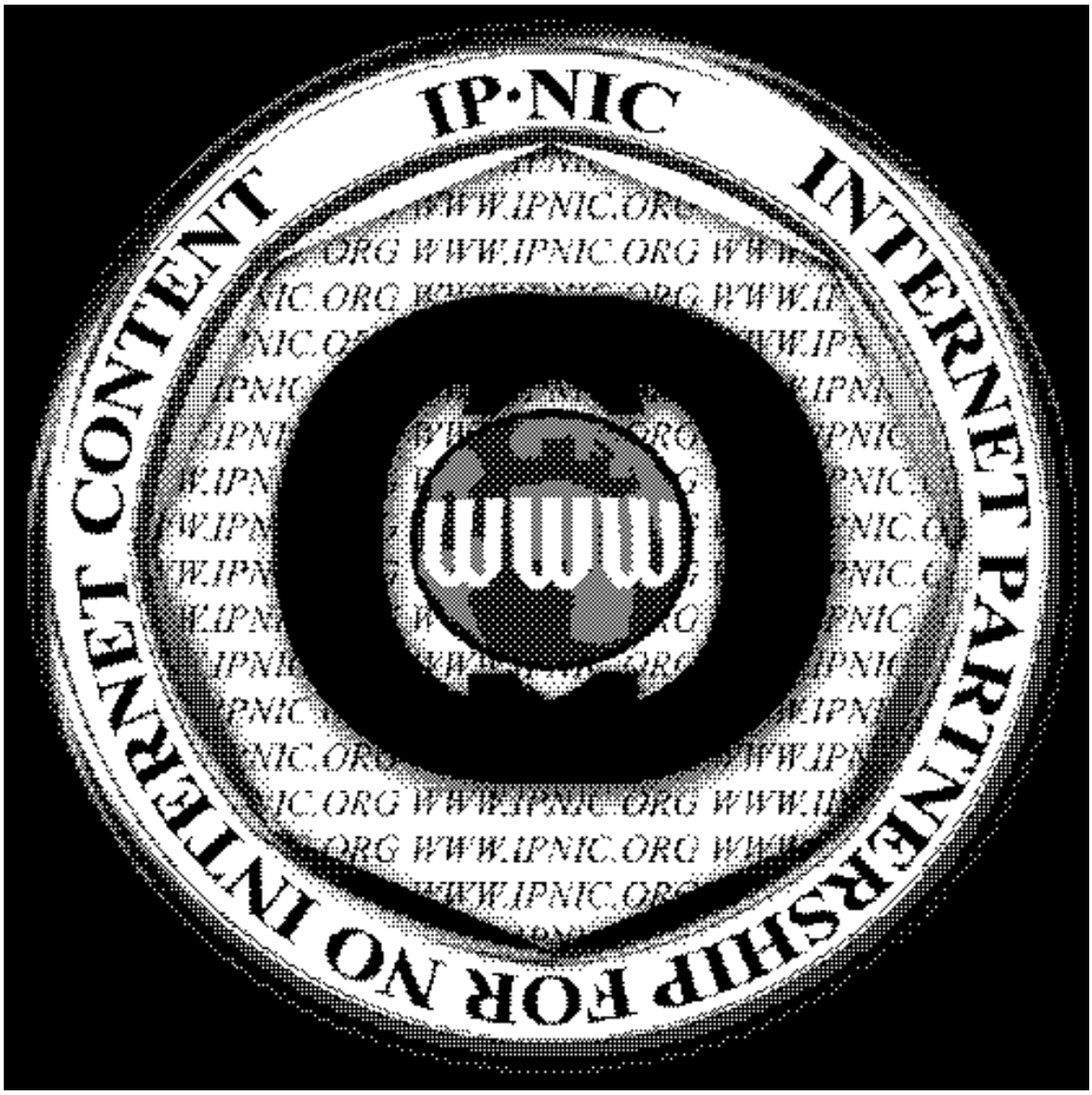

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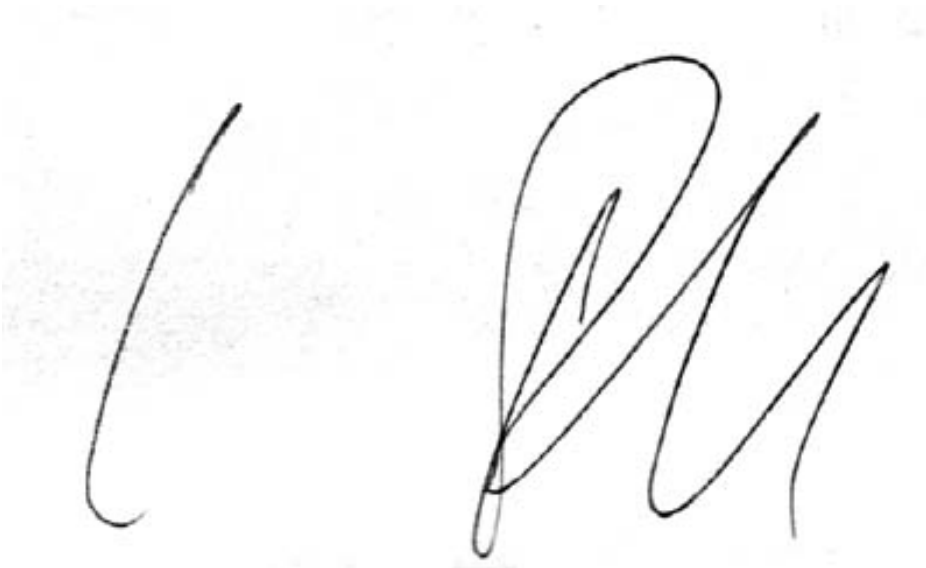

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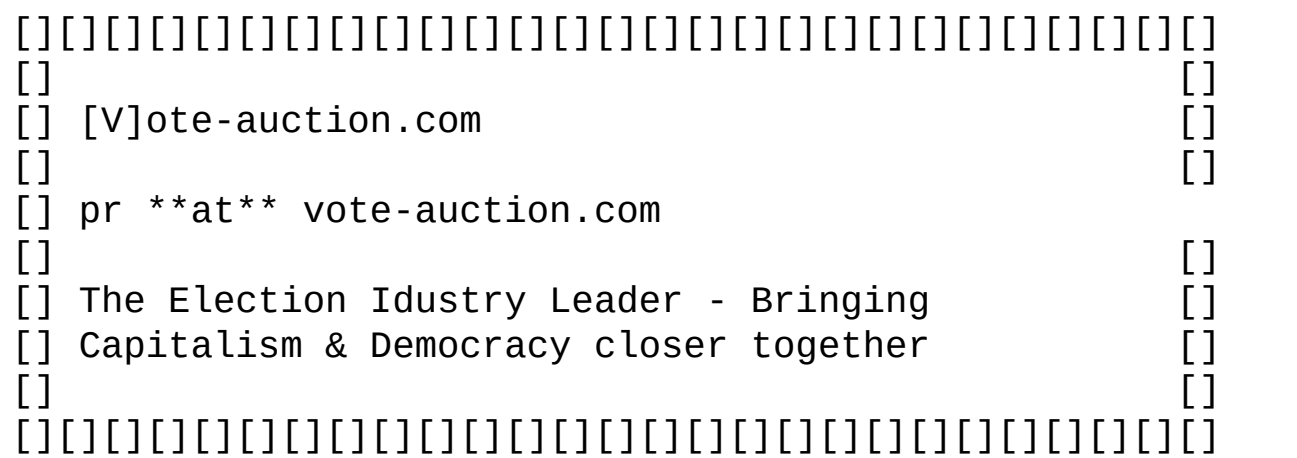

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was overwhelmed by the requests. only those with access to the
proper
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please also address LIZVLX [liz maria haas];

but yes, fuck the HANS reminds me of some tag on a waste basket

in vienna which reads: fuck the system, which is

absolutely a waste of surface and attention, the taggerZ

must be very young and unexperienced. better tag "random system" or
"random pop-star".

as i usually call LIZVLX;

>M.Bowra typed in his Memoirs [women are at their absolute best when
>reading + `reading` think you not]

i dont know about that, my-beeing-a-woman experience lacks massive
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>... since women are at their absolute best when reading + `reading`
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>Vision is the dominant human sense [friendly semi.divagation - why
>is the art industry
>populated so with ugly + destitute western + eastern male + female losers]

the wanting-to-be-an-artist and the beeing-an-artist are addresses to the mind you might not want to carry on further than from 18-20 and again from

30-32 and then from 45-47, and from 70-72. all other times in the human life should be occupied with strong urges towards "FORSCHUNG" und "NEUGIERDE"

und "KOMMUNIKATIONSBEDUERFNIS".

but i dont know, i dont usually go to art events because i dont like to hang out
with losers and ugly idiots i dont know.. i prefer to hang out with losers and

ugly idiots i know [i.e. my family and my friends].

>Vision as NN + touch is fully duplex - ie. it informs what takes place at our
>v.private boundaries + in the exported world.

i follow NN and the cult around NN for many years. i dont read a lot [i got a so-
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"Gesamtkunstwerk"

by

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Section 1: Introduction

My argument is that the barrier that once stood between fine art conceptual thought and design conceptual thinking is being broken down as a result of globalisation.
"The main historical thrust of neoliberal economic globalisation is to bring about a situation in which private capital and 'the market' alone determine the restructuring of economic, political and cultural life, making alternative values or institutions subordinate. Rather than capital and 'the economy' being embedded in society and harnessed to serve social ends, 'the economy' becomes the master of society and of all within it, and society exists to serve the ends of capital and its need for self-expansion. It is a necessary aspect of this process that 'politics' itself, and 'democracy' in particular, should become increasingly formalistic, stripped of substantive radical, revolutionary, or even reformist content, any of which might challenge the consolidation of the hegemony of capital over society".

What does this mean? It means instead of society running the economy, the economy runs society. This affects us in terms of people having to pay for everything; the doctor, the hospital, etc. The government no longer pays in other words we become a user pays society. Social values are not as important as money. This means that money is valued more than people (Gills 2002).
I intend to study this by comparing the conceptual thoughts and theories of an internationally recognised fine art master (Joseph Beuys) with the work of a modern day multimedia designer, artist, hacker, performer and genius (Hans Bernhard). Joseph Beuys said this (De Domizio 1997:51):
"Democratic Creativity is increasingly compromised by the progress made on the part of bureaucracy, coupled with the savage proliferation of an international mass culture. Political creativity continues to be reduced to the simple delegation of decisions and power. The imposition of a cultural and economic dictatorship throughout the whole world, thanks to the economic trusts, which are in continuous expansion, leads to loss of articulation, ability to learn, and verbal expression".

De Domizio (1997:115) believes that Beuys' thought was humanist thought and that it will continue to grow, because today we have concentrated too much on science and technology, neglecting true human relationships.
The Internet has unquestionably been a major catalyst of globalisation and its wide spread reach to the four corners of society. Hans Bernhard was asked if the Internet has made the world a better place? To which he replied:
"No, just a faster and smaller place...[Design Indaba Magazine 2001]"

Section 2: A Master
Joseph Beuys (Fig.1) was born in Krefeld on 12 May 1921 (Stachelhaus 1991:9). He grew up in a strongly catholic petit bourgeois environment near Kleve - where he spent the first years of his life.

Throughout history, this region has been torn by countless wars, from Roman times up to the world wars of the twentieth century (Stachelhaus 1991:9). Numerous historical figures are bound up with this territory, and some of them cast powerful spells upon Beuys' imagination. Among them (Stachelhaus 1991:9), Johann Moritz von Nassau, of the House of Orange in the 17th Century, attempted building an ideal city of the soul in Kleve. Another was Anacharsis Cloots, an ardent intellectual and revolutionary guillotined for his efforts defending the ideas of the French Revolution in Europe. This

region at the time, was predominantly Dutch and Catholic, and placed little if any importance on borders (De Domizio 1997:17).

According to Heiner Stachelhaus (1991:9), Beuys did not have a close relationship with his parents and took care of himself from an early age. Beuys, remembered (De Domizio 1997:18) that for years he acted the part of a Shepard walking around with a sort of 'Eurasian staff' and a flock gathered around him exploring everything in the vicinity. At 17 he set up a well-equipped laboratory at home and engaged in scientific experiments. Together with his innate talent for natural sciences, Beuys showed a passion for sculpture (De Domizio 1997:19). Announcing only a few days before his own death on 23 January 1986, Beuys honoured and thanked the man he considered his "Master" (De Domizio 1997:77), the late Wilhelm Lehmbruck, and then told of his first introduction to Lehmbruck and Lehmbruck's work. Beuys (as quoted in De Domizio 1997:77) continued that one day by mere chance, he laid his hands on a publication lying on a table with many others. Opening it he saw a sculpture by Lehmbruck, and an idea flashed through his mind, the idea that everything was a sculpture. He saw a flaming torch and heard a voice telling him to protect it. This event accompanied him through World War II and eventually spurred him on to pursue it (De Domizio 1997:77). His favourite topics in literature were philosophy, enthropology, folklore, Nordic Mythology (De Domizio 1997:19; Stachelhaus 1991:11-14) and other subjects that were forbidden by the Nazis.

He remained a detached spectator of the Nazi years, and as a sideline his love of music took him to cello and piano lessons (Stachelhaus 1991:12). Despite his love of art, he took his diploma and became a paediatrician in 1940. From there, his strong interest in science and technology lead him to join the German air force in 1941. After being shot down, badly wounded five times, and captured once, he returned to Kleve in 1946. Sitting in a lecture one day he recognised the limitations of science, and decided to dedicate the rest of his life to art, leaving his grim experiences of war behind him (De Domizio 1997:20-22).

At this time Jack Moffit (1997) believes Beuys discovered, explored and transformed Austrian philosopher Rudolph Steiner's anthroposophy theory into his own theory of art. Robert Allan (2000:55) defines Anthroposophy as a system of belief, which holds that there is a spiritual world that can be perceived by faculties latent in human beings and that these latent faculties can be developed by systematic training. According to Alan Bullock & Stephen Trombley (1999:37), Steiner claimed to derive his teachings "from 'spiritual research'

based on an exact 'scientific' mode of supersensible perception".

Beuys (as quoted in De Domizio 1997:24) reveals later that in 1951, in a state of depression, he literally began questioning everything including his own life. Seeking the most profound elements in life, art and science, he began seeking a completely different theory of art, science, life, democracy, capital, economics, culture and freedom. During this time he managed to establish the outlines of a larger theory of art that involved social structures as a whole, the revolution and evolution of all human development, and an anthropological idea of human creativity.

Between 1962 and 1965 (De Domizio 1997:28), Beuys was part of the Fluxus movement, which based itself on a connection between art and life and was directed towards a new order of human society. Often working with the concept of chaos Beuys awoke to the idea that a new situation could be created from it. Another idea of Beuys' by which art is available to everyone and useable anywhere and everywhere came from this period (De Domizio 1997:28), namely vehicle art.

Beuys, according to De Domizio (1997:34) never demanded a specific knowledge or particular reaction from the public to his work, but instead seeked out the energy points within the field of human power and understanding - with the belief that man must complete himself through his own efforts (De Domizio 1997:81).

In a certain sense, Beuys was an anarchist (Stachelhaus 1991:106). He had no time for the mind-set of democratic compromise, but was rather interested in breaking through the limitations that had been imposed on democracy. Beuys meant very seriously when he said (Stachelhaus 1991:106) that he had nothing to do with politics but that he only knew art, this keeping within the principles of his expanded concept of art, the idea that art is the primary factor governing our existence and our actions.

In 1964 right-wing students accused Beuys of pursuing revolutionary goals, while in 1969 a group of left-wing students interrupted an action of his in Berlin and instead accused him of being a reactionary (De Domizio 1997:38). But despite these accusations, Beuys (De Domizio 1997:38) felt that belonging to the left, right or center no longer meant much because the so-called parliamentarian democracy was being questioned as a whole. Beuys had defined his objectives as early as 1967 with the formation of the German Student Party [DSP] (Stachelhaus 1991:107). The DSP emerged from the great

public debates that Beuys regularly held in his class at the Dusseldorf Academy. Commenting on the DSP's establishment, according to Stachelhaus (1991:107), Beuys simply stated: "I want into parliament!".
To broaden the horizons of the German Student Party, Beuys founded the 'Organisation for Non-Voters and Free Referendum' in 1970. Beuys explains (De Domizio 1997:42):
"The educational concept refers to the fact that man is a creative being. It is important to be aware of this: to create an awareness of the fact that he is a creative being and a free being and that for these reasons he must inevitably behave in an anti-authoritarian fashion. The concept of perception theory confirms that only the creative man can change history, can use his creativity in a revolutionary way. To go back to my educational concept, this would mean the following: Art = creativity = freedom of man [freedom being one of his main motivations]".
Beuys goes on explaining that a revolution is within ourselves, and that the only possible revolution lies in our ideas, therefore 'We are the revolution' and only in our behaviour is there evolution (De Domizio 1997:47).

From here on his work revolved around many interesting and different points of view, with subject titles that were not directly a reflection of what we see, but asked the question of what there was to see (De Domizio 1997:43).

According to De Domizio (1997:7) as early as the 70's, Beuys warned - in "Aufruf zur Alternative" (Appeal for the Alternative) and "Aktion Dritter Weg - Aufbauninitiative" (Third Way Action - Promotional Initiative) - that the human race was condemned to sink even deeper into ecological crisis; to be defencelessly exposed to a wild growing threat of war: to stand by impotently as the rift between rich and poor nations continues to grow; to be persistently tormented by racial hate, religious struggle, and nationalism, by exploitation and oppression, by humiliation and violence, by the dictates of political and economic power, and by biological and social manipulation. Beuys (De Domizio 1997:8) was the artist who, more than any other, wanted and was capable of going beyond art by directing all his efforts towards the utopian territories of natural energy and spiritual communication: reality as a phenomenological specter of human possibilities.

In 1974 Beuys (De Domizio 1997:49), together with the Nobel Prize Winner Heinrich Boll, established what could be considered the

artist's most important creation, aimed at a real form of progress with respect to existing educational institutions: the 'Free International University', (Luckenbach 1997) which admitted all students and function outside of the existing academic system. Often using the blackboard as a demonstrative tool, his actions became lectures in which he directly addressed his audiences.

Joseph Beuys' two most singular aspects of thought were reappropriation and free creativity (De Domizio 1997:9), the former consisting of a rare attitude with regards to reconstruction rather than conquest, towards discovery rather than invention and therapeutic improvement as opposed to substitution, in this sense the need to speak and necessity of communication. The second aspect is characterised by that famous free human creativity that he preached and taught. Beuys (De Domizio 1997:67) versed his free creativity theory in Bolognano 1984:
"...The only thing that each one of us can do is to begin with the study of his or her own anthropological powers...[for] the development of human beings on this planet [it] is a question of freeing ourselves from all dependencies of the past. We now must face the realization that it is no longer possible simply to follow a leader [or] a political ideology...and that the time has come for us to begin to make full use of the most important of all our powers: the power of creativity (Creativity is a matter of the possibility of thinking...or thinking power and the level of the creativity of the feelings)...[and it's] most authentic part...freedom...It is our duty to show what we have produced with our freedom...[since] Freedom mostly means the freedom of others. When we know that we are cooperating together as free individuals, then we are also much closer to the creation of a real and concrete democracy [as] democracy structures have to be a result of freethinking and of our equality as thinking individuals...the basis upon which we can then establish a constitution".

Another large part of Beuysian thought was the concept of 'Social Sculpture' (De Domizio 1997:83), whereby art is a daily act, a broadened and dilated action, not localised, not univocal, not limited to the relative content of the art object but art as the creative commitment of living, entirely incarnated in behaviour. A way of transforming the world into 'Social Sculpture', in which no man needs to acknowledge himself, but rather is and acts as an 'artist', the demiurge of every moment of his life (De Domizio 1997:83).

Being considered as an avant-garde artist probably meant nothing to

Beuys explains De Domizio (1997:82), though he became a media icon partly of his own making (Luckenbach 1997). Constantly being photographed and videotaped, he promoted the ideological causes that made his art a vehicle to bring about discourse (Luckenbach 1997). Others called him a charlatan, a diseased preacher, and even a crafty buffoon, yet some would place Beuys on an artistic altar (De Domizio 1997:81). In truth however, he was a tireless agitator, who provoked and challenged continuously for what he so strongly believed in, crossing the traditional frontiers of art to open the doors of the ghetto in which it had been impounded (De Domizio 1997:82).

Well remembered for a popular image of being the man with 'the felt hat' he explained its significance(De Domizio 1997:2): "A rabbit isn't a rabbit without ears...[so] Beuys isn't Beuys without the hat".

Section 3: An Apprentice

Hans Bernhard (Fig.2) was born in New Haven Connecticut in 1973 (Bernhard 2002) and studied Visual Media Art at the University of Applied Arts in Vienna with a professor Peter Weibel (MFA Degree 1999). He is currently working on his PHD in 'Media Hacking' (Bernhard 2002).

Bernhard found himself on the Internet for the very first time in 1993 (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). Sitting in front of three shells (telnet-sessions) he asked himself where he was, where he was physically, and where he was mentally? Not knowing if he was on a server in Tokyo, in Vienna or on a machine in Cape Town, he got nervous and began to sweat heavily. Sparks were exploding in his brain and immediately he knew that this was it, that this was his future now, and that this was the future (Design Indaba Magazine 2001).
That same year, funded by Japanese venture capital, in a Swiss mountain training facility, Bernhard and six other hackers (Fig.3) distributed across Europe founded the multi award winning and much talked about "Etoy.com" (Bernhard 2002). Etoy's goals were to smash the boring style of electronic traffic channels; to stretch reality by leaving it behind; and to play the game between business, art, and entertainment, by kidnapping web-crawling humans and injecting a little uncertainty into life on the web (Etoy 2002). Knowing that the highlighting of corporate abuse would cause such controversy, they began the Etoy tanksystem in 1994 with the very symptomatic slogan: "Etoy: the pop-star is the pilot is the coder is the designer is the architect is the manager is the system is Etoy (Bernhard

2002). The corporate identity and panic management strategies were central to their high-pressure explorations. They used the web as a stage to disrupt the data flow, abuse technology, and promote pop-music (Bernhard 2002). It ran from 1993 to 1996, a time when the world-wide-web was unknown to the general public (Bernhard 2002), yet Etoy was awarded the Golden Nica first prize of the ARS Electronica festival for new media in 1996 (Bernhard 2002). In 1996, pop star singer Bjork from Iceland said the following (Bernhard 2002): "...and all our children will be playing in the garden of joy surrounded by glamour and perverted disco tunes...etoy, immature digital priests from another world". Etoy operated until 1999, when due to personal conflicts, the board split into two parts (Design Indaba Magazine 2001).

Today Bernhard and three other founding members are running the Etoy-holdings company which holds major and minor stakes in all other Etoy companies (Bernhard 2002). Bernhard's involvement is purely profit orientated since Etoy-holdings deals with financial, legal, trademark, buying and strategic planning (Bernhard 2002).

In 1999, together with his partner Maria Haas, he founded a network holding of companies in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and Bulgaria called Ubermorgen (Bernhard 2002). These are heavily involved in software development, licensing deals, fine art, applied design and even high-end consulting services for global multinationals such as the Allianz Insurance Corporation. Bernhard's intentions at the time were to research and investigate global corporations ["...monsters of the universe..."] just like it (Bernhard 2002). Hosting their server farm from their bedroom, Ubermogen has completed an amazing amount of legal articles, projects, lawsuits, and publications using global mass media as an art form, as a fine art, and as a business strategy (Bernhard 2002).

Hans Bernhard has often been called subversive because of the things that he says he likes doing and the way that he goes about doing them (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). Bernhard explains (Design Indaba Magazine 2001) that he loves the thrill, the style, and the aesthetics of action. Going directly to prison or being immediately killed are the dangers associated with the supposedly illegal measures that he takes. But it is this reality (Design Indaba Magazine 2001) that he feeds off of and craves - not the threat of dying or a prison sentence - but that he can show people that certain things [like attacking corporations and governments] thought illegal, can actually be done or opposed legally, and most of all, extremely effectively. This draws relevance from Joseph Beuys' theory of free

creativity, how freedoms should be shared and displayed as a duty to mankind, as freedom more often than not means the freedom of others and not just the individual (Section 2 page 5). Yet Bernhard claims only to be as anti-establishment as anybody else is (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). He does not regard his 'anti-motives' as a result of his work, but merely as a natural motivation for an individual surviving (Design Indaba Magazine 2001).

Money, as much as it might appear at first glance, is not Bernhard's real motivation (Bernhard 2002). He needs it to live and finance his research and art ventures but otherwise sees it as a distraction (Bernhard 2002). Bernhard explains (Bernhard 2002):
"My true motivations are freedom. [T]he freedom to research what and how and when and where I want. [T]o publish where and what I want, to say what I want, where and how I want it. [T]hat is my pure and true motivation".

Beuys shared a similar thought to creative freedom (Section 2 Page 5).

What Bernhard believes drives him into the right topics, pictures, words and content is his honesty with himself in constantly thinking about getting more money and fame (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). Bernhard intentionally does not only focus on visual aspects, but on what he calls gesamtkunstwerk, which means the overall art concept (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). This acts as a meta-level (similar anthroposophy theory of Beuys) that brings all his legal, corporate, and aesthetic art forms and activities together (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). In general his core focus is on global structures but also on the production and maintenance of them. Firstly looked at from a business, financial and profit driven angle and secondly from a purely artistic one (Bernhard 2002).

Bernhard has been called a maverick businessman, the Etoy promotions hammer and even the "nasty shock marketing maniac" by media platforms such as Wired magazine, the Washington Post, underground Italian magazines and German theoretical publications (Ubermorgen 2002). Old-school corporations willing to pay their excessive fees have gotten some of Ubermorgens communications strategies better known as a character marketing, drama marketing and most effective - shock marketing - by which you shock the user, and due to this shock the users channels are wide open so any information can be fed into the users brain (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). The Internet today is structured in such a way, that shock marketing can be used by artists; activists; terrorists; and by any of the other millions of

naïve users that surf it each day (Design Indaba Magazine 2001).
Ubermorgens approach and projects are so dangerous and radical that possible areas of attack by enemy companies or governments need to be distributed for liability reasons, so a series of Ubermorgen holding companies were established in Vienna, Austria; and in Sofia, Bulgaria (Bernhard 2002).
French philosopher Jean Buadrillad said in Cannes 2000 that (Bernhard 2002): "Ubermorgen means the day after tomorrow, a slight tip towards their aesthetic and activist vision and prejudice, they are hardcore and radical in their actions and they are extremely strange and highly intelligent people".

Bernhard however prefers the term uniqueness, unique not because of what Ubermorgen does but because how, when and where they do it (Bernhard 2002).
Ubermorgen's uber-slogan originates from a CNN interview questioning the Vote Auction simulations that Bernhard pursued: "its different because its fundamentally different" (Design Indaba Magazine 2001).

Section 4: The Workplace

The author of this essay believes that these two individuals can only be likened and compared in context. The state of the world and its politics; the degree of globalisation development; and the combined cost of the above to humanity and human relationships at the same time, are the three most pivotal factors that need understanding. Beuys' vision of the future from back in the 70's (Section 2 page 4) can still be seen as impressively intuitive, but Bernhard's is far more accurate and/or up to date. Bernhard believes that mankind is looking at and living in a highly political decade (Bernhard 2002) where global wars will only get worse. Military conflicts between the police [USA] and resisting forces [nations, institutions, networks] will heat up, while conflicts between Europe and the US will arise (Bernhard 2002).

Beuys was an artist who displayed, performed, and exhibited his works and beliefs in galleries and institutions, to groups who still relied on the spoken word of mouth and the live real-time experience. Others interested would visit his exhibitions to interact and experience his work for themselves. However as time has unfolded, the growth of globalisation and its trends have decreased personal interaction with human beings and real live experiences drastically - to the point where greeting grocery store staff is unnecessary thanks

to shopping online, and the adventure of experiencing overseas or the outdoors is lost by downloads available on screen at home for nothing more than the price of a phone call.
Beuys elucidated the passage (of his work) from a personal experience to a more fundamental and universal human experience that is paradigmatic of his work on the whole (Luckenbach 1997). The author of this essay believes that a similar description could be given to that of Bernhard's work across world media.
Today, Bernhard, through media hacking likes causing chaos by misusing the "pseudo" freedom of the net (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). Media hackers exploit weak spots within social, commercial, political and technical networks implementing disinformation via these subverted interfaces. Completely different to Beuys, media hackers, like Bernhard, have dealt with the effects of globalisation on human communications by forcing their work and beliefs on people via the systems (world wide web and media) that they depend on most (Design Indaba Magazine 2001).

In Joseph Beuys' discovery of performance art, he combined the theatrical elements of time and space with props and a directional score (Luckenbach 1997). His own function as the artist shifts into a new dimension as a 'performer-shaman'. Layering and manipulating "fragments", he acted out a ritual, which simultaneously is the creation of a new work of art (Luckenbach 1997). Beuys' goal was to erase the line separating art and life in the tradition of the radical modernists Marcel Duchamp and Bertold Brecht, whose evolutionary steps led to the erasure of this line. But Beuys' "gesamtkunstwerk" (total art work) was the creation of a symbiotic whole - art as a model for life (Luckenbach 1997).

For a period of four months in 1996, the Etoy gang legally hacked into five major search engines devising a trap for net travellers and technology tourists of the time (Bernhard 2002). With the twilight zone of the medium forming the place of action, search engines were transformed into a stage, designed as a merger between a Hollywood action movie script and a real life airplane hijacking (Bernhard 2002). This was a shocking experience and a violent attack on the innocent Internet user of the time. It became known as the digital hijack (Fig.4) - and the members of Etoy as the first street gang on the information super highway (Fig.5) (Etoy 2001). The role of a 'performance' remains very similar as it occurs here through time and space on the internet, only the stage has evolved and changed as a result of technology, into a stage on screen. Where Beuys used art to create a model for life, Bernhard and other Etoy operators used art (design and hacking) to insert some humane uncertainty of life

back into the inhuman, super reliable, information super highway (Etoy 2002).
Bernhard illustrated the 'performer-shaman' understanding of Beuys' in another work of his. During a presentation, at the Design Indaba 2002 in Cape Town, of a CNN exclusive video interview with Hans Bernhard on his Vote Auction project, Bernhard had arranged for two designers from very different institutions, namely Joshua Davies from Praystation and Tom Roope of Tomato, to assist him in shaving his head clean on stage in front of the audience (Bernhard 2002). The Ubermorgen group then approached the Museum of Modern Art with the shaved hair of Bernhards as a first ever collaboration artwork between Praystation and Tomato (Bernhard 2002).

In language, semantics are the vehicle by which sounds are given form and thoughts are given meaning, allowing communication to take place (Luckenbach 1997). Beuys equated the phenomenon of language with evolution, as a catalyst that moulds and propels human society (Luckenbach 1997). Believing that the concept of people is elementally coupled with its language, the looming horrors of World War II aided Beuys' choice of sculpture (as it starts with speaking and thinking), to provide for ideas to take shape through the forward looking images that present themselves through it as a result (Luckenbach 1997).
Bernhard again has a likeness to this line of thinking only his work has an extremely controversial (unpopular reaction) and deliberate motive behind it. However he develops it further, instead of just providing a vehicle for his ideas to generate on or take shape through, he set up a simulation of his work and let its trial in reality prove his controversial message correct. In spring 2000, an American art student invented a platform for American citizens to offer and sell their individual votes during the US presidential election that same year (Bernhard 2002). On November 7th companies, political parties, and individuals could then auction off these votes via the Vote-Auction website and buy whole states. But due to heavy government official pressure, James Baumgartner (the inventor) offered the then very small venture to the Ubermorgen group (Bernhard 2002). Ubermorgen, at the time, had no idea that this was the pay dirt that they had been looking for.
Ubermorgen then took control over Vote-Auction (Fig.6) and pushed the limits, in terms of shock marketing and public relations to a global mass media level never seen before - with the core message "bringing capitalism and democracy closer together!" (Bernhard 2002) American principles of capitalism and democracy were already tightly intertwined, like most democratic countries corruption of the election process was legal for large corporations but illegal for individuals (Bernhard 2002). 'Vote-Auction just wanted a perfect

market for votes, it would never be political, just purely business, art and market orientated, with no underlying ideology, just a strong belief in declaration' (Fig.7) (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). For liability reasons Ubermorgen immediately set up Vote-Auction LTD in Bulgaria even though most lawsuits were on Bernhard and Baumgartner alone (Bernhard 2002). During those four months temporary injunctions, court complaints and many other legal threats were received from thirteen state attorneys. Federal attorney Janet Reno, along with the Central Intelligence Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the National Security Agency investigated the case. Ubermorgen suspected a break and entry into their own servers and questioned why two domains were illegally shutdown by United States authorities (Bernhard 2002). The term Media hacking came about while Ubermorgen were developing the story in real-time and watching it later or the next morning on CNN world report (Bernhard 2002). During those four months an expected 500 million people were reached with the Vote-Auction brand and pervert commercial message (Design Indaba Magazine2001). All that amassed was an endless story without any proof of illegal activites, all Vote-Auction representatives were only named plaintiffs (Bernhard 2002). E-mails from veterans of World War II read about the aesthetics of the war for democracy and how Vote-Auction was destroying it. Amongst these came the occasional death threat, mainly because of the very painful visuals inserted by Ubermorgen into the initial website design which was not manipulated much in order to keep it authentic (Bernhard 2002). 'The global media, played the ultimate pop soundtrack to this techno-political-action-thriller (Bernhard 2002). Beuysian thought on Social Sculpture (Section 2 Page 5) seems far from a reality after an experiment like this proves itself successful. Vote-Auction becomes a digital sculptural vehicle upon which ideas can formulate for an answer to a polluted society.
After a project like this Bernhards view on corporate censorship remains senseless, saying that sometimes it makes no sense to talk about the ethical values of a semi-technical action as censorship, as the technical aspect overrules the ethical one - what he prefers, is the practical (or pragmatic) approach (Design Indaba Magazine 2001).

However, within Beuys' work, language and communication were often entirely discrete entities (Luckenbach 1997). Language was one possible vehicle for communication; it functioned as a catalyst, whereas communication was more profound, elemental, and universal - fundamentally biological (Luckenbach 1997).
Beuys' Multiples were devices of communication, vehicles for the distribution of ideas that could reach an even wider group of people than could a single work of art (Luckenbach 1997). Yet all of Beuys'

objects had meaning only in relation to his ideas; the objects, however widely distributed, always return to the maker. This created a circular motion consisting of Beuys' art, his persona, and the metaphors that weave in and out of his work (Luckenbach 1997). One vehicle for the distribution of ideas that supersedes all others is that of the Internet. Hans Bernhard continuously hijacks this vehicle for the very reason that it allows him to express himself, through his projects, and the concepts behind them. Characteristically of Bernhard, his use of a 'Beuys like multiples' approach also had a subversive tilt. Running as an experiment on the rate of viral distribution on the net, a staged conspiracy on the biggest PC software manufacturer was used to attract attention to a website and project of the Ubermorgen group. Bernhard explains (Design Indaba Magazine 2001): Media hackers cannot be afraid of playing with information and information distribution, but rather have to be able to witfully play with these mechanisms.

In 1999 a press release was issued in the name of the jury of the ARS Electronica in Linz. Being the most important new media art festival and new media art award, Ubermorgen's initial press release was headlined "Linux wins pris ars electronica due to Microsoft intervention". Sent out in the name of the head of the Jury to journalists, media and cultural people in the global tech-community, the e-mail was very detailed and in-depth and described the potential bribery of the net capital jury. Six hours after the release the first stories claiming this e-mail to be a fake appeared in international media-art and technology publications, but this was even to late, the virus had been spread. On the opening Monday morning of the festival over 250 journalists requested information concerning this press release. Multiplication of the e-mail had gone into the two digit million figure by viral distribution. Not even the obvious fake character of this message could stop hundreds of articles being published about it worldwide. Representatives of the Etoy-corporation were questioned aggressively of any responsibility for this act. This was just a teaser action to show off Ubermorgens capabilities in terms of communications and perversion. In fact, the use of these guerrilla marketing tactics was merely just to soft launch the brand Etxtreme.ru and co-brand it with Linux. Etxtreme (Fig.8) was one of the early content creations of the Ubermorgen group.

Section 5: Conclusion

Time seems to be all that stands between these two individuals, however, what has happened and changed in the world during that time seems to make the short distance between them seem a little further than it really is. Beuys came across to the world with greater ease and less tension, never 'attacking' anyone and therefore was always seen as a fairly passive artist with potentially revolutionary beliefs - but never as a serious threat to any governments or institutions. Where presently, Bernhard is seen entirely as a threat as he lashes out and attacks those government institutions with his potentially revolutionary actions. Beuys and Bernhard have very similar long-term goals and motivations but their places in time/history don't allow for that likeness to be seen easily.

Realistically designers are fundamentally different to artists in some ways, for example: designers and architects are normally more constructive and/or goal orientated with what they do, often demanding or needing feedback and some response to work that they have completed, as they do have responsibilities as designers to sell or make immediate contact/impact. Whereas an artist, is more concerned with the message that they leave from themselves within their artwork, and not necessarily with what they get out of it.

Beuys' dream of a singular social structure has arrived, only at a very heavy price. People in general have lost their individuality and freedoms - as political and capitalist ventures control and regulate almost everything. Though those individuals that have not lost their will to embrace those freedoms (Bernhard) are seen as going against the grain, in effect being labelled troublemakers. Bernhard ideally, if not intentionally through his work, is only searching for the freedom that Beuys once had dressed as a Shepard boy in his youth wandering the hillsides. Old popularity of gallery exhibitions moved online into the world-wide-web as mankind continues to surround and engross him self with such technologies. This can explain why Bernhard continuously looks for the loopholes within the globalisation-trend-bubble and then exploits them. Though globalisation has not only made the current world smaller and faster but it has also blurred the distance between the past and present.

Beuys placed so much importance on language and communication that it could be understood as a growing interest in the history of graphic design (these two being the main aspects of graphic design history). Globalisation might not have been as active as it is today but this interest of Beuys' suggests that the conceptual barrier between art and design was being broken down even then.

In a world where physically coming closer together is actually driving us personally further apart, communication of any sort becomes increasingly important - whether you are a designer, artist or just someone asking for directions on a street corner.

Ultimately, the quest for communicating effectively with ourselves, and the world around us might be the cataclysmic goal that designers and artists must reach together, in order for any such barriers between art and design to ever be cleared for good.

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THE_WHITE_WEBISTE by ubermorgen

On the Iconoclasm of Modern Art

by HANS-ULRICH OBRIST

The crisis of representation began at the historical moment when painting lost-under the pressure of photography and the praise of its unprecedented, truthful representation-its interest in presenting reality and took instead-from paint to brush, from canvas to frame-the means of expressing representation as the subject of representation. With Van Gogh the color began no longer to be bound to the object. With his pure, absolute suprematist color painting, Malevich banished the object from the picture. At the same time the represented object vanished by being replaced through a real object: the ready-made of Marcel Duchamp. In 1921 Rodchenko painted three monochromes as the "last paintings" and in 2003 ubermorgen "painted" [coded] 2 monochromes online.

HTTP://WWW.UBERMORGEN.COM/THE_WHITE_WEBSITE/
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The self-dissolution of painting or any visual surface can be explained in three steps: first, by a shift of accent the color is analyzed as the medium of painting and becomes the main element, above form, i.e. in Impressionism and Expressionism. Second, color becomes independent, leaves behind the laws of local colors and receives its own absolute status, see, for example, Suprematism and monochromes. Third, paint is replaced by other materials, such as white by aluminum. Surface design without painted color allowed for the making of "unpainted" paintings, allowed mere surfaces of wood, metal, marble, or cardboard to hang or lean on the wall as paintings. In this dialectics of liberation, which consists of declaring progressively historical elements of easel painting independent (from color and canvas up to the frame) and making them absolute, not only were objects repressed from the abstract image but finally the picture itself became repressed and destroyed (empty canvases, empty frames), in the end leading to the departure from the picture.

The paint-less or monochrome easel painting could be-as was shown by artists from Lucio Fontana to Yves Klein-cut or drilled or torn,

attacked by fire or acid. Finally only the empty frames of paintings or just the backs of paintings, were shown. Even the surface of the canvas could be replaced by the surface of the skin. Naked bodies covered with paint became the instruments for color application or became the canvas itself. Painting as the arena of action (Action Painting) became a bodily action on the canvas and finally a painting on the body, an action without canvas. Centered on the artist's body, even the products of this body [like feces] could find the social consensus to be accepted as an artwork.

From the empty image to the empty gallery, from the white painting to the »white cube« (O'Doherty), we see the iconoclastic gesture of modern art. In this iconoclastic tradition we also see the substitution of painted images with texts. The material-bound, object-like paradigm was replaced by insight into the linguistic nature of all artistic expressions.

Yet by leaving the picture and the mediation, modern art has also produced a way out of the crisis of representation. Especially the Neo-Avantgarde after World War II and movements like Kinetics, Fluxus, Happening, Actionism, Body Art, Process Art, Land Art, Arte Povera, Concept Art, net.art, corporate art and above all the development of Media Art-from Expanded Cinema to Virtual Reality, from closed circuit video installations to interactive computer installations-prepared social practices as open art forms, by making the pure spectator a participating and interacting user.

Thus began the farewell to the idea of modernism (T. J. Clark), that was determined by the iconoclastic gesture. These practices, in forms of intervention, interaction, institutional critique and contextualization took art beyond the White Cube, where questions of gender, race, class, power, colonialism had not been asked. With the end of the epoch of modern art, which announced the end of art, new practices beyond the crisis of representation began in the form of corporate representation [etoy, ubermorgen] or social networks and activists [rtmark.com].

From mathematics to medicine, from computer-supported proof methods to computer tomography, we see a triumphant return of the image to the natural sciences. While modern art turned more and more into an iconoclastic strategy, in a critique of representation, we see the

advent of an iconophilic science trusting the representative power of the image.

We live in a period where art, as the former monopolist of the representative image, has abandoned this representative obligation. Yet science, in contrast, fully embraces the options which technical machine-based images offer for the representation of reality. Therefore, it could be the case that mankind will find the images of science more necessary than the images of art. To be able to maintain its significance up against the sciences and their picture-producing procedures, art must look for a position beyond the crisis of representation and beyond the image wars straight into the blind spaces of the black black and the white [ubermorgen/THE_WHITE_WEBSITE] and the non-existing twilight zone [HTTP://WWW.HANSBERNHARD.COM] in our space.

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absolutely a waste of surface and attention, the taggerZ

must be very young and unexperienced. better tag "random system" or
"random pop-star".

as i usually call LIZVLX;

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(Plus 46 anonymous users)

REFRESH

>M.Bowra typed in his Memoirs [women are at their absolute best when
>reading + `reading` think you not]

i dont know about that, my-beeing-a-woman experience lacks massive
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that is so LOGIC;

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>He abandoned this idea [men are at their absolute best writing + abandoning]
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>0. i'm damned if i know what we see
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>... since women are at their absolute best when reading + `reading`
>I puzzle on further ...
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>Vision is the dominant human sense [friendly semi.divagation - why
>is the art industry
>populated so with ugly + destitute western + eastern male + female losers]

the wanting-to-be-an-artist and the beeing-an-artist are addresses to the
mind you might not want to carry on further than from 18-20 and again from

30-32 and then from 45-47, and from 70-72. all other times in the human
life should be occupied with strong urges towards "FORSCHUNG" und
"NEUGIERDE"

und "KOMMUNIKATIONSBEDUERFNIS".

but i dont know, i dont usually go to art events because i dont like
to hang out
with losers and ugly idiots i dont know.. i prefer to hang out with losers and

ugly idiots i know [i.e. my family and my friends].

>Vision as NN + touch is fully duplex - ie. it informs what takes place at our
>v.private boundaries + in the exported world.

i follow NN and the cult around NN for many years. i dont read a lot
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called time-deficency-ABHAENGIGKEIT], more 8h per day tv,

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"Gesamtkunstwerk"

by

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Section 1: Introduction

My argument is that the barrier that once stood between fine art conceptual thought and design conceptual thinking is being broken down as a result of globalisation.
"The main historical thrust of neoliberal economic globalisation is to bring about a situation in which private capital and 'the market' alone determine the restructuring of economic, political and cultural life, making alternative values or institutions subordinate. Rather than capital and 'the economy' being embedded in society and harnessed to serve social ends, 'the economy' becomes the master of society and of all within it, and society exists to serve the ends of capital and its need for self-expansion. It is a necessary aspect of this process that 'politics' itself, and 'democracy' in particular, should become increasingly formalistic, stripped of substantive radical, revolutionary, or even reformist content, any of which might challenge the consolidation of the hegemony of capital over society".
What does this mean? It means instead of society running the economy, the economy runs society. This affects us in terms of people having to pay for everything; the doctor, the hospital, etc. The government no longer pays in other words we become a user pays society. Social values are not as important as money. This means that money is valued more than people (Gills 2002).
I intend to study this by comparing the conceptual thoughts and theories of an internationally recognised fine art master (Joseph Beuys) with the work of a modern day multimedia designer, artist, hacker, performer and genius (Hans Bernhard). Joseph Beuys said this (De Domizio 1997:51):
"Democratic Creativity is increasingly compromised by the progress made on the part of bureaucracy, coupled with the savage proliferation of an international mass culture. Political creativity continues to be reduced to the simple delegation of decisions and power. The imposition of a cultural and economic dictatorship throughout the whole world, thanks to the economic trusts, which are in continuous expansion, leads to loss of articulation, ability to learn, and verbal expression".

De Domizio (1997:115) believes that Beuys' thought was humanist thought and that it will continue to grow, because today we have concentrated too much on science and technology, neglecting true human relationships.
The Internet has unquestionably been a major catalyst of globalisation and its wide spread reach to the four corners of society. Hans Bernhard was asked if the Internet has made the world a better place? To which he replied:
"No, just a faster and smaller place...[Design Indaba Magazine 2001]"

Section 2: A Master

Joseph Beuys (Fig.1) was born in Krefeld on 12 May 1921 (Stachelhaus 1991:9). He grew up in a strongly catholic petit bourgeois environment near Kleve - where he spent the first years of his life.

Throughout history, this region has been torn by countless wars, from Roman times up to the world wars of the twentieth century (Stachelhaus 1991:9). Numerous historical figures are bound up with this territory, and some of them cast powerful spells upon Beuys' imagination. Among them (Stachelhaus 1991:9), Johann Moritz von Nassau, of the House of Orange in the 17th Century, attempted building an ideal city of the soul in Kleve. Another was Anacharsis Cloots, an ardent intellectual and revolutionary guillotined for his efforts defending the ideas of the French Revolution in Europe. This region at the time, was predominantly Dutch and Catholic, and placed little if any importance on borders (De Domizio 1997:17).

According to Heiner Stachelhaus (1991:9), Beuys did not have a close relationship with his parents and took care of himself from an early age. Beuys, remembered (De Domizio 1997:18) that for years he acted the part of a Shepard walking around with a sort of 'Eurasian staff' and a flock gathered around him exploring everything in the vicinity. At 17 he set up a well-equipped laboratory at home and engaged in scientific experiments. Together with his innate talent for natural sciences, Beuys showed a passion for sculpture (De Domizio 1997:19). Announcing only a few days before his own death on 23 January 1986, Beuys honoured and thanked the man he considered his "Master" (De Domizio 1997:77), the late Wilhelm Lehmbruck, and then told of his first introduction to Lehmbruck and Lehmbruck's work. Beuys (as quoted in De Domizio 1997:77) continued that one day by mere chance, he laid his hands on a publication lying on a table with many others. Opening it he saw a sculpture by Lehmbruck, and an idea flashed through his mind, the idea that everything was a sculpture. He saw a flaming torch and heard a voice telling him to protect it. This event accompanied him through World War II and eventually spurred him on to pursue it (De Domizio 1997:77). His favourite topics in literature were philosophy, enthropology, folklore, Nordic Mythology (De Domizio 1997:19; Stachelhaus 1991:11-14) and other subjects that were forbidden by the Nazis.

He remained a detached spectator of the Nazi years, and as a sideline his love of music took him to cello and piano lessons (Stachelhaus 1991:12). Despite his love of art, he took his diploma and became a paediatrician in 1940. From there, his strong interest in science

and technology lead him to join the German air force in 1941. After being shot down, badly wounded five times, and captured once, he returned to Kleve in 1946. Sitting in a lecture one day he recognised the limitations of science, and decided to dedicate the rest of his life to art, leaving his grim experiences of war behind him (De Domizio 1997:20-22).

At this time Jack Moffit (1997) believes Beuys discovered, explored and transformed Austrian philosopher Rudolph Steiner's anthroposophy theory into his own theory of art. Robert Allan (2000:55) defines Anthroposophy as a system of belief, which holds that there is a spiritual world that can be perceived by faculties latent in human beings and that these latent faculties can be developed by systematic training. According to Alan Bullock & Stephen Trombley (1999:37), Steiner claimed to derive his teachings "from 'spiritual research' based on an exact 'scientific' mode of supersensible perception".

Beuys (as quoted in De Domizio 1997:24) reveals later that in 1951, in a state of depression, he literally began questioning everything including his own life. Seeking the most profound elements in life, art and science, he began seeking a completely different theory of art, science, life, democracy, capital, economics, culture and freedom. During this time he managed to establish the outlines of a larger theory of art that involved social structures as a whole, the revolution and evolution of all human development, and an anthropological idea of human creativity.

Between 1962 and 1965 (De Domizio 1997:28), Beuys was part of the Fluxus movement, which based itself on a connection between art and life and was directed towards a new order of human society. Often working with the concept of chaos Beuys awoke to the idea that a new situation could be created from it. Another idea of Beuys' by which art is available to everyone and useable anywhere and everywhere came from this period (De Domizio 1997:28), namely vehicle art.

Beuys, according to De Domizio (1997:34) never demanded a specific knowledge or particular reaction from the public to his work, but instead seeked out the energy points within the field of human power and understanding - with the belief that man must complete himself through his own efforts (De Domizio 1997:81).

In a certain sense, Beuys was an anarchist (Stachelhaus 1991:106). He had no time for the mind-set of democratic compromise, but was rather interested in breaking through the limitations that had been

imposed on democracy. Beuys meant very seriously when he said (Stachelhaus 1991:106) that he had nothing to do with politics but that he only knew art, this keeping within the principles of his expanded concept of art, the idea that art is the primary factor governing our existence and our actions.

In 1964 right-wing students accused Beuys of pursuing revolutionary goals, while in 1969 a group of left-wing students interrupted an action of his in Berlin and instead accused him of being a reactionary (De Domizio 1997:38). But despite these accusations, Beuys (De Domizio 1997:38) felt that belonging to the left, right or center no longer meant much because the so-called parliamentarian democracy was being questioned as a whole. Beuys had defined his objectives as early as 1967 with the formation of the German Student Party [DSP] (Stachelhaus 1991:107). The DSP emerged from the great public debates that Beuys regularly held in his class at the Dusseldorf Academy. Commenting on the DSP's establishment, according to Stachelhaus (1991:107), Beuys simply stated: "I want into parliament!".
To broaden the horizons of the German Student Party, Beuys founded the 'Organisation for Non-Voters and Free Referendum' in 1970. Beuys explains (De Domizio 1997:42):
"The educational concept refers to the fact that man is a creative being. It is important to be aware of this: to create an awareness of the fact that he is a creative being and a free being and that for these reasons he must inevitably behave in an anti-authoritarian fashion. The concept of perception theory confirms that only the creative man can change history, can use his creativity in a revolutionary way. To go back to my educational concept, this would mean the following: Art = creativity = freedom of man [freedom being one of his main motivations]".
Beuys goes on explaining that a revolution is within ourselves, and that the only possible revolution lies in our ideas, therefore 'We are the revolution' and only in our behaviour is there evolution (De Domizio 1997:47).

From here on his work revolved around many interesting and different points of view, with subject titles that were not directly a reflection of what we see, but asked the question of what there was to see (De Domizio 1997:43).

According to De Domizio (1997:7) as early as the 70's, Beuys warned - in "Aufruf zur Alternative" (Appeal for the Alternative) and "Aktion Dritter Weg - Aufbauninitiative" (Third Way Action - Promotional Initiative) - that the human race was condemned to sink even deeper

into ecological crisis; to be defencelessly exposed to a wild growing threat of war: to stand by impotently as the rift between rich and poor nations continues to grow; to be persistently tormented by racial hate, religious struggle, and nationalism, by exploitation and oppression, by humiliation and violence, by the dictates of political and economic power, and by biological and social manipulation. Beuys (De Domizio 1997:8) was the artist who, more than any other, wanted and was capable of going beyond art by directing all his efforts towards the utopian territories of natural energy and spiritual communication: reality as a phenomenological specter of human possibilities.

In 1974 Beuys (De Domizio 1997:49), together with the Nobel Prize Winner Heinrich Boll, established what could be considered the artist's most important creation, aimed at a real form of progress with respect to existing educational institutions: the 'Free International University', (Luckenbach 1997) which admitted all students and function outside of the existing academic system. Often using the blackboard as a demonstrative tool, his actions became lectures in which he directly addressed his audiences.

Joseph Beuys' two most singular aspects of thought were reappropriation and free creativity (De Domizio 1997:9), the former consisting of a rare attitude with regards to reconstruction rather than conquest, towards discovery rather than invention and therapeutic improvement as opposed to substitution, in this sense the need to speak and necessity of communication. The second aspect is characterised by that famous free human creativity that he preached and taught. Beuys (De Domizio 1997:67) versed his free creativity theory in Bolognano 1984:
"...The only thing that each one of us can do is to begin with the study of his or her own anthropological powers...[for] the development of human beings on this planet [it] is a question of freeing ourselves from all dependencies of the past. We now must face the realization that it is no longer possible simply to follow a leader [or] a political ideology...and that the time has come for us to begin to make full use of the most important of all our powers: the power of creativity (Creativity is a matter of the possibility of thinking...or thinking power and the level of the creativity of the feelings)...[and it's] most authentic part...freedom...It is our duty to show what we have produced with our freedom...[since] Freedom mostly means the freedom of others. When we know that we are cooperating together as free individuals, then we are also much closer to the creation of a real and concrete democracy [as] democracy structures have to be a result of freethinking and of our

equality as thinking individuals...the basis upon which we can then establish a constitution".

Another large part of Beuysian thought was the concept of 'Social Sculpture' (De Domizio 1997:83), whereby art is a daily act, a broadened and dilated action, not localised, not univocal, not limited to the relative content of the art object but art as the creative commitment of living, entirely incarnated in behaviour. A way of transforming the world into 'Social Sculpture', in which no man needs to acknowledge himself, but rather is and acts as an 'artist', the demiurge of every moment of his life (De Domizio 1997:83).

Being considered as an avant-garde artist probably meant nothing to Beuys explains De Domizio (1997:82), though he became a media icon partly of his own making (Luckenbach 1997). Constantly being photographed and videotaped, he promoted the ideological causes that made his art a vehicle to bring about discourse (Luckenbach 1997). Others called him a charlatan, a diseased preacher, and even a crafty buffoon, yet some would place Beuys on an artistic altar (De Domizio 1997:81). In truth however, he was a tireless agitator, who provoked and challenged continuously for what he so strongly believed in, crossing the traditional frontiers of art to open the doors of the ghetto in which it had been impounded (De Domizio 1997:82).

Well remembered for a popular image of being the man with 'the felt hat' he explained its significance(De Domizio 1997:2): "A rabbit isn't a rabbit without ears...[so] Beuys isn't Beuys without the hat".

Section 3: An Apprentice

Hans Bernhard (Fig.2) was born in New Haven Connecticut in 1973 (Bernhard 2002) and studied Visual Media Art at the University of Applied Arts in Vienna with a professor Peter Weibel (MFA Degree 1999). He is currently working on his PHD in 'Media Hacking' (Bernhard 2002).

Bernhard found himself on the Internet for the very first time in 1993 (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). Sitting in front of three shells (telnet-sessions) he asked himself where he was, where he was physically, and where he was mentally? Not knowing if he was on a server in Tokyo, in Vienna or on a machine in Cape Town, he got nervous and began to sweat heavily. Sparks were exploding in his

brain and immediately he knew that this was it, that this was his future now, and that this was the future (Design Indaba Magazine 2001).
That same year, funded by Japanese venture capital, in a Swiss mountain training facility, Bernhard and six other hackers (Fig.3) distributed across Europe founded the multi award winning and much talked about "Etoy.com" (Bernhard 2002). Etoy's goals were to smash the boring style of electronic traffic channels; to stretch reality by leaving it behind; and to play the game between business, art, and entertainment, by kidnapping web-crawling humans and injecting a little uncertainty into life on the web (Etoy 2002). Knowing that the highlighting of corporate abuse would cause such controversy, they began the Etoy tanksystem in 1994 with the very symptomatic slogan: "Etoy: the pop-star is the pilot is the coder is the designer is the architect is the manager is the system is Etoy (Bernhard 2002). The corporate identity and panic management strategies were central to their high-pressure explorations. They used the web as a stage to disrupt the data flow, abuse technology, and promote pop-music (Bernhard 2002). It ran from 1993 to 1996, a time when the world-wide-web was unknown to the general public (Bernhard 2002), yet Etoy was awarded the Golden Nica first prize of the ARS Electronica festival for new media in 1996 (Bernhard 2002). In 1996, pop star singer Bjork from Iceland said the following (Bernhard 2002): "...and all our children will be playing in the garden of joy surrounded by glamour and perverted disco tunes...etoy, immature digital priests from another world". Etoy operated until 1999, when due to personal conflicts, the board split into two parts (Design Indaba Magazine 2001).

Today Bernhard and three other founding members are running the Etoy-holdings company which holds major and minor stakes in all other Etoy companies (Bernhard 2002). Bernhard's involvement is purely profit orientated since Etoy-holdings deals with financial, legal, trademark, buying and strategic planning (Bernhard 2002).

In 1999, together with his partner Maria Haas, he founded a network holding of companies in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and Bulgaria called Ubermorgen (Bernhard 2002). These are heavily involved in software development, licensing deals, fine art, applied design and even high-end consulting services for global multinationals such as the Allianz Insurance Corporation. Bernhard's intentions at the time were to research and investigate global corporations ["...monsters of the universe..."] just like it (Bernhard 2002). Hosting their server farm from their bedroom, Ubermogen has completed an amazing amount of legal articles, projects, lawsuits, and publications using global mass media as an art form, as a fine art, and as a business strategy

(Bernhard 2002).

Hans Bernhard has often been called subversive because of the things that he says he likes doing and the way that he goes about doing them (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). Bernhard explains (Design Indaba Magazine 2001) that he loves the thrill, the style, and the aesthetics of action. Going directly to prison or being immediately killed are the dangers associated with the supposedly illegal measures that he takes. But it is this reality (Design Indaba Magazine 2001) that he feeds off of and craves - not the threat of dying or a prison sentence - but that he can show people that certain things [like attacking corporations and governments] thought illegal, can actually be done or opposed legally, and most of all, extremely effectively. This draws relevance from Joseph Beuys' theory of free creativity, how freedoms should be shared and displayed as a duty to mankind, as freedom more often than not means the freedom of others and not just the individual (Section 2 page 5). Yet Bernhard claims only to be as anti-establishment as anybody else is (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). He does not regard his 'anti-motives' as a result of his work, but merely as a natural motivation for an individual surviving (Design Indaba Magazine 2001).

Money, as much as it might appear at first glance, is not Bernhard's real motivation (Bernhard 2002). He needs it to live and finance his research and art ventures but otherwise sees it as a distraction (Bernhard 2002). Bernhard explains (Bernhard 2002):
"My true motivations are freedom. [T]he freedom to research what and how and when and where I want. [T]o publish where and what I want, to say what I want, where and how I want it. [T]hat is my pure and true motivation".

Beuys shared a similar thought to creative freedom (Section 2 Page 5).

What Bernhard believes drives him into the right topics, pictures, words and content is his honesty with himself in constantly thinking about getting more money and fame (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). Bernhard intentionally does not only focus on visual aspects, but on what he calls gesamtkunstwerk, which means the overall art concept (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). This acts as a meta-level (similar anthroposophy theory of Beuys) that brings all his legal, corporate, and aesthetic art forms and activities together (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). In general his core focus is on global structures but also on the production and maintenance of them. Firstly looked at from a business, financial and profit driven angle and secondly

from a purely artistic one (Bernhard 2002).

Bernhard has been called a maverick businessman, the Etoy promotions hammer and even the "nasty shock marketing maniac" by media platforms such as Wired magazine, the Washington Post, underground Italian magazines and German theoretical publications (Ubermorgen 2002). Old-school corporations willing to pay their excessive fees have gotten some of Ubermorgens communications strategies better known as a character marketing, drama marketing and most effective - shock marketing - by which you shock the user, and due to this shock the users channels are wide open so any information can be fed into the users brain (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). The Internet today is structured in such a way, that shock marketing can be used by artists; activists; terrorists; and by any of the other millions of naïve users that surf it each day (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). Ubermorgens approach and projects are so dangerous and radical that possible areas of attack by enemy companies or governments need to be distributed for liability reasons, so a series of Ubermorgen holding companies were established in Vienna, Austria; and in Sofia, Bulgaria (Bernhard 2002).
French philosopher Jean Buadrillad said in Cannes 2000 that (Bernhard 2002): "Ubermorgen means the day after tomorrow, a slight tip towards their aesthetic and activist vision and prejudice, they are hardcore and radical in their actions and they are extremely strange and highly intelligent people".

Bernhard however prefers the term uniqueness, unique not because of what Ubermorgen does but because how, when and where they do it (Bernhard 2002).
Ubermorgen's uber-slogan originates from a CNN interview questioning the **Vote Auction** simulations that Bernhard pursued: "its different because its fundamentally different" (Design Indaba Magazine 2001).

Section 4: The Workplace

The author of this essay believes that these two individuals can only be likened and compared in context. The state of the world and its politics; the degree of globalisation development; and the combined cost of the above to humanity and human relationships at the same time, are the three most pivotal factors that need understanding. Beuys' vision of the future from back in the 70's (Section 2 page 4) can still be seen as impressively intuitive, but Bernhard's is far more accurate and/or up to date. Bernhard believes that mankind is

looking at and living in a highly political decade (Bernhard 2002) where global wars will only get worse. Military conflicts between the police [USA] and resisting forces [nations, institutions, networks] will heat up, while conflicts between Europe and the US will arise (Bernhard 2002).

Beuys was an artist who displayed, performed, and exhibited his works and beliefs in galleries and institutions, to groups who still relied on the spoken word of mouth and the live real-time experience. Others interested would visit his exhibitions to interact and experience his work for themselves. However as time has unfolded, the growth of globalisation and its trends have decreased personal interaction with human beings and real live experiences drastically - to the point where greeting grocery store staff is unnecessary thanks to shopping online, and the adventure of experiencing overseas or the outdoors is lost by downloads available on screen at home for nothing more than the price of a phone call.
Beuys elucidated the passage (of his work) from a personal experience to a more fundamental and universal human experience that is paradigmatic of his work on the whole (Luckenbach 1997). The author of this essay believes that a similar description could be given to that of Bernhard's work across world media.
Today, Bernhard, through media hacking likes causing chaos by misusing the "pseudo" freedom of the net (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). Media hackers exploit weak spots within social, commercial, political and technical networks implementing disinformation via these subverted interfaces. Completely different to Beuys, media hackers, like Bernhard, have dealt with the effects of globalisation on human communications by forcing their work and beliefs on people via the systems (world wide web and media) that they depend on most (Design Indaba Magazine 2001).

In Joseph Beuys' discovery of performance art, he combined the theatrical elements of time and space with props and a directional score (Luckenbach 1997). His own function as the artist shifts into a new dimension as a 'performer-shaman'. Layering and manipulating "fragments", he acted out a ritual, which simultaneously is the creation of a new work of art (Luckenbach 1997). Beuys' goal was to erase the line separating art and life in the tradition of the radical modernists Marcel Duchamp and Bertold Brecht, whose evolutionary steps led to the erasure of this line. But Beuys' "gesamtkunstwerk" (total art work) was the creation of a symbiotic whole - art as a model for life (Luckenbach 1997).

For a period of four months in 1996, the Etoy gang legally hacked

into five major search engines devising a trap for net travellers and technology tourists of the time (Bernhard 2002). With the twilight zone of the medium forming the place of action, search engines were transformed into a stage, designed as a merger between a Hollywood action movie script and a real life airplane hijacking (Bernhard 2002). This was a shocking experience and a violent attack on the innocent Internet user of the time. It became known as the digital hijack (Fig.4) - and the members of Etoy as the first street gang on the information super highway (Fig.5) (Etoy 2001). The role of a 'performance' remains very similar as it occurs here through time and space on the internet, only the stage has evolved and changed as a result of technology, into a stage on screen. Where Beuys used art to create a model for life, Bernhard and other Etoy operators used art (design and hacking) to insert some humane uncertainty of life back into the inhuman, super reliable, information super highway (Etoy 2002).
Bernhard illustrated the 'performer-shaman' understanding of Beuys' in another work of his. During a presentation, at the Design Indaba 2002 in Cape Town, of a CNN exclusive video interview with Hans Bernhard on his **Vote Auction** project, Bernhard had arranged for two designers from very different institutions, namely Joshua Davies from Praystation and Tom Roope of Tomato, to assist him in shaving his head clean on stage in front of the audience (Bernhard 2002). The Ubermorgen group then approached the Museum of Modern Art with the shaved hair of Bernhards as a first ever collaboration artwork between Praystation and Tomato (Bernhard 2002).

In language, semantics are the vehicle by which sounds are given form and thoughts are given meaning, allowing communication to take place (Luckenbach 1997). Beuys equated the phenomenon of language with evolution, as a catalyst that moulds and propels human society (Luckenbach 1997). Believing that the concept of people is elementally coupled with its language, the looming horrors of World War II aided Beuys' choice of sculpture (as it starts with speaking and thinking), to provide for ideas to take shape through the forward looking images that present themselves through it as a result (Luckenbach 1997).
Bernhard again has a likeness to this line of thinking only his work has an extremely controversial (unpopular reaction) and deliberate motive behind it. However he develops it further, instead of just providing a vehicle for his ideas to generate on or take shape through, he set up a simulation of his work and let its trial in reality prove his controversial message correct. In spring 2000, an American art student invented a platform for American citizens to offer and sell their individual votes during the US presidential

election that same year (Bernhard 2002). On November 7th companies, political parties, and individuals could then auction off these votes via the **Vote-Auction** website and buy whole states. But due to heavy government official pressure, James Baumgartner (the inventor) offered the then very small venture to the Ubermorgen group (Bernhard 2002). Ubermorgen, at the time, had no idea that this was the pay dirt that they had been looking for.
Ubermorgen then took control over **Vote-Auction** (Fig.6) and pushed the limits, in terms of shock marketing and public relations to a global mass media level never seen before - with the core message "bringing capitalism and democracy closer together!" (Bernhard 2002) American principles of capitalism and democracy were already tightly intertwined, like most democratic countries corruption of the election process was legal for large corporations but illegal for individuals (Bernhard 2002). '**Vote-Auction** just wanted a perfect market for votes, it would never be political, just purely business, art and market orientated, with no underlying ideology, just a strong belief in declaration' (Fig.7) (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). For liability reasons Ubermorgen immediately set up **Vote-Auction** LTD in Bulgaria even though most lawsuits were on Bernhard and Baumgartner alone (Bernhard 2002). During those four months temporary injunctions, court complaints and many other legal threats were received from thirteen state attorneys. Federal attorney Janet Reno, along with the Central Intelligence Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the National Security Agency investigated the case. Ubermorgen suspected a break and entry into their own servers and questioned why two domains were illegally shutdown by United States authorities (Bernhard 2002). The term Media hacking came about while Ubermorgen were developing the story in real-time and watching it later or the next morning on CNN world report (Bernhard 2002). During those four months an expected 500 million people were reached with the **Vote-Auction** brand and pervert commercial message (Design Indaba Magazine2001). All that amassed was an endless story without any proof of illegal activites, all **Vote-Auction** representatives were only named plaintiffs (Bernhard 2002). E-mails from veterans of World War II read about the aesthetics of the war for democracy and how **Vote-Auction** was destroying it. Amongst these came the occasional death threat, mainly because of the very painful visuals inserted by Ubermorgen into the initial website design which was not manipulated much in order to keep it authentic (Bernhard 2002). 'The global media, played the ultimate pop soundtrack to this techno-political-action-thriller (Bernhard 2002). Beuysian thought on Social Sculpture (Section 2 Page 5) seems far from a reality after an experiment like this proves itself successful. **Vote-Auction** becomes a digital sculptural vehicle upon which ideas can formulate for an answer to a polluted society.

After a project like this Bernhards view on corporate censorship remains senseless, saying that sometimes it makes no sense to talk about the ethical values of a semi-technical action as censorship, as the technical aspect overrules the ethical one - what he prefers, is the practical (or pragmatic) approach (Design Indaba Magazine 2001).

However, within Beuys' work, language and communication were often entirely discrete entities (Luckenbach 1997). Language was one possible vehicle for communication; it functioned as a catalyst, whereas communication was more profound, elemental, and universal - fundamentally biological (Luckenbach 1997).
Beuys' Multiples were devices of communication, vehicles for the distribution of ideas that could reach an even wider group of people than could a single work of art (Luckenbach 1997). Yet all of Beuys' objects had meaning only in relation to his ideas; the objects, however widely distributed, always return to the maker. This created a circular motion consisting of Beuys' art, his persona, and the metaphors that weave in and out of his work (Luckenbach 1997).
One vehicle for the distribution of ideas that supersedes all others is that of the Internet. Hans Bernhard continuously hijacks this vehicle for the very reason that it allows him to express himself, through his projects, and the concepts behind them.
Characteristically of Bernhard, his use of a 'Beuys like multiples' approach also had a subversive tilt. Running as an experiment on the rate of viral distribution on the net, a staged conspiracy on the biggest PC software manufacturer was used to attract attention to a website and project of the Ubermorgen group. Bernhard explains (Design Indaba Magazine 2001): Media hackers cannot be afraid of playing with information and information distribution, but rather have to be able to witfully play with these mechanisms.

In 1999 a press release was issued in the name of the jury of the ARS Electronica in Linz. Being the most important new media art festival and new media art award, Ubermorgen's initial press release was headlined "Linux wins pris ars electronica due to Microsoft intervention". Sent out in the name of the head of the Jury to journalists, media and cultural people in the global tech-community, the e-mail was very detailed and in-depth and described the potential bribery of the net capital jury. Six hours after the release the first stories claiming this e-mail to be a fake appeared in international media-art and technology publications, but this was even to late, the virus had been spread. On the opening Monday morning of the festival over 250 journalists requested information concerning this press release. Multiplication of the e-mail had gone into the two digit million figure by viral distribution. Not even

the obvious fake character of this message could stop hundreds of articles being published about it worldwide. Representatives of the Etoy-corporation were questioned aggressively of any responsibility for this act. This was just a teaser action to show off Ubermorgens capabilities in terms of communications and perversion. In fact, the use of these guerrilla marketing tactics was merely just to soft launch the brand Etxtreme.ru and co-brand it with Linux. Etxtreme (Fig.8) was one of the early content creations of the Ubermorgen group.

Section 5: Conclusion

Time seems to be all that stands between these two individuals, however, what has happened and changed in the world during that time seems to make the short distance between them seem a little further than it really is. Beuys came across to the world with greater ease and less tension, never 'attacking' anyone and therefore was always seen as a fairly passive artist with potentially revolutionary beliefs - but never as a serious threat to any governments or institutions. Where presently, Bernhard is seen entirely as a threat as he lashes out and attacks those government institutions with his potentially revolutionary actions. Beuys and Bernhard have very similar long-term goals and motivations but their places in time/history don't allow for that likeness to be seen easily.

Realistically designers are fundamentally different to artists in some ways, for example: designers and architects are normally more constructive and/or goal orientated with what they do, often demanding or needing feedback and some response to work that they have completed, as they do have responsibilities as designers to sell or make immediate contact/impact. Whereas an artist, is more concerned with the message that they leave from themselves within their artwork, and not necessarily with what they get out of it.

Beuys' dream of a singular social structure has arrived, only at a very heavy price. People in general have lost their individuality and freedoms - as political and capitalist ventures control and regulate almost everything. Though those individuals that have not lost their will to embrace those freedoms (Bernhard) are seen as going against the grain, in effect being labelled troublemakers. Bernhard ideally, if not intentionally through his work, is only searching for the freedom that Beuys once had dressed as a Shepard

boy in his youth wandering the hillsides. Old popularity of gallery exhibitions moved online into the world-wide-web as mankind continues to surround and engross him self with such technologies. This can explain why Bernhard continuously looks for the loopholes within the globalisation-trend-bubble and then exploits them. Though globalisation has not only made the current world smaller and faster but it has also blurred the distance between the past and present.

Beuys placed so much importance on language and communication that it could be understood as a growing interest in the history of graphic design (these two being the main aspects of graphic design history). Globalisation might not have been as active as it is today but this interest of Beuys' suggests that the conceptual barrier between art and design was being broken down even then.

In a world where physically coming closer together is actually driving us personally further apart, communication of any sort becomes increasingly important - whether you are a designer, artist or just someone asking for directions on a street corner.

Ultimately, the quest for communicating effectively with ourselves, and the world around us might be the cataclysmic goal that designers and artists must reach together, in order for any such barriers between art and design to ever be cleared for good.

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THE_WHITE_WEBISTE by ubermorgen

On the Iconoclasm of Modern Art

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The crisis of representation began at the historical moment when painting lost-under the pressure of photography and the praise of its unprecedented, truthful representation-its interest in presenting reality and took instead-from paint to brush, from canvas to frame-the means of expressing representation as the subject of representation. With Van Gogh the color began no longer to be bound to the object. With his pure, absolute suprematist color painting, Malevich banished the object from the picture. At the same time the represented object vanished by being replaced through a real object: the ready-made of Marcel Duchamp. In 1921 Rodchenko painted three monochromes as the "last paintings" and in 2003 ubermorgen "painted" [coded] 2 monochromes online.

HTTP://WWW.UBERMORGEN.COM/THE_WHITE_WEBSITE/
HTTP://WWW.UBERMORGEN.COM/THE_BLACK_WEBSITE/

The self-dissolution of painting or any visual surface can be explained in three steps: first, by a shift of accent the color is analyzed as the medium of painting and becomes the main element, above form, i.e. in Impressionism and Expressionism. Second, color

becomes independent, leaves behind the laws of local colors and receives its own absolute status, see, for example, Suprematism and monochromes. Third, paint is replaced by other materials, such as white by aluminum. Surface design without painted color allowed for the making of "unpainted" paintings, allowed mere surfaces of wood, metal, marble, or cardboard to hang or lean on the wall as paintings. In this dialectics of liberation, which consists of declaring progressively historical elements of easel painting independent (from color and canvas up to the frame) and making them absolute, not only were objects repressed from the abstract image but finally the picture itself became repressed and destroyed (empty canvases, empty frames), in the end leading to the departure from the picture.

The paint-less or monochrome easel painting could be-as was shown by artists from Lucio Fontana to Yves Klein-cut or drilled or torn, attacked by fire or acid. Finally only the empty frames of paintings or just the backs of paintings, were shown. Even the surface of the canvas could be replaced by the surface of the skin. Naked bodies covered with paint became the instruments for color application or became the canvas itself. Painting as the arena of action (Action Painting) became a bodily action on the canvas and finally a painting on the body, an action without canvas. Centered on the artist's body, even the products of this body [like feces] could find the social consensus to be accepted as an artwork.

From the empty image to the empty gallery, from the white painting to the »white cube« (O'Doherty), we see the iconoclastic gesture of modern art. In this iconoclastic tradition we also see the substitution of painted images with texts. The material-bound, object-like paradigm was replaced by insight into the linguistic nature of all artistic expressions.

Yet by leaving the picture and the mediation, modern art has also produced a way out of the crisis of representation. Especially the Neo-Avantgarde after World War II and movements like Kinetics, Fluxus, Happening, Actionism, Body Art, Process Art, Land Art, Arte Povera, Concept Art, net.art, corporate art and above all the development of Media Art-from Expanded Cinema to Virtual Reality, from closed circuit video installations to interactive computer installations-prepared social practices as open art forms, by making the pure spectator a participating and interacting user.

Thus began the farewell to the idea of modernism (T. J. Clark), that was determined by the iconoclastic gesture. These practices, in forms of intervention, interaction, institutional critique and contextualization took art beyond the White Cube, where questions of gender, race, class, power, colonialism had not been asked. With the end of the epoch of modern art, which announced the end of art, new practices beyond the crisis of representation began in the form of corporate representation [etoy, ubermorgen] or social networks and activists [rtmark.com].

From mathematics to medicine, from computer-supported proof methods to computer tomography, we see a triumphant return of the image to the natural sciences. While modern art turned more and more into an iconoclastic strategy, in a critique of representation, we see the advent of an iconophilic science trusting the representative power of the image.

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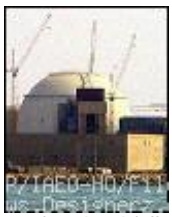

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capitol punishment: does voteauction.com subvert democracy?

by Alex Burns (alex@disinfo.com) - May 20, 2001

"We were both doing this as a political satire or media intervention kind of thing."
~~ Voteauction.com founder James Baumgartner.

"We're not running projects like that to make hoaxes. We're running businesses."
~~ Maverick Austrian entrepreneur Hans Bernhard.

"If it's true it's just been a hoax, then the only way they can prove that is to open their site to FBI technologists. Otherwise, we have no way of verifying."
~~ Voting Integrity Project president Deborah Phillips.

"These people are just 50 years ahead of their time in seeing that the ultimate destination of the current [electoral] process is that everything will be for sale."
~~ James Raskin, American University law professor.

"[If this is bribery then so is] a lot of what goes on in the halls of Congress and in the White House."
~~ National Voting Rights Institute executive director John Bonifaz.

The 2000 presidential campaign signalled a sea-change in American politics, from D2KLA and challenges to the corporate-owned debates commission that disallowed three-way debates, to Ralph Nader's creative idealism versus Gore and Shrub. To see this legitimacy shift in microcosm, just study the Voteauction.com controversy.

Founded by New York electronic arts student James Baumgartner (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute), Voteauction.com billed itself as "the only election platform channelling 'soft money' directly to the democratic consumer."

Baumbartner's satire about campaign financing and free-market economics set off a scandal after a *Wired News* article (August 17, 2000) discovered the site. After lawsuit threats by the New York State Board of Elections and Chicago Board of Elections officials (and heavy-handed comparisons to treason), Baumgartner sold the site on August 18th, 2000, to maverick Austrian entrepreneur Hans Bernhard, who re-opened it. The deal was brokered by legendary culture jammers ®TMark.

On October 21, 2000, the company Domain Bank illegally froze the Voteauction.com domain, capitulating to authorities. Bernhard immediately registered the site as Vote-Auction.com with a non-U.S. company. On November 1st, 2000, Network Solutions (the for-profit company that administers .com, .net, and .org domains) violated international law by removing Vote-Auction.com from its root servers.

U.S. media used double-binding 'closed logic' to define Voteauction.com: either it was parody gone too far (Baumgartner) or shameless commercialism (Bernhard). Any other interpretations (such as a site that was both parody and political forum) were mooted. Past initiatives such as R.U. Sirius' Revolution party were unmentioned, consigned by unspoken consensus to the historical dustbin.

Soundbite-worthy sources such as an increasingly shrill Deborah Phillips (Voting Integrity Project) won out over the chorus of law academics and critics who pointed to current campaign financing practices. The Chicago Board of Elections officials, who filed an election fraud lawsuit against Voteauction.com, and California Secretary of State Bill Jones, received prominent coverage for their comments.

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Jones went as far as to challenge Constitutional free speech provisions when he stated on CNN's *Burden of Proof* program (October 24, 2000) that "whether this is a parody . . . makes absolutely no difference whatsoever in California . . . because you are talking about the corruption of the voting process."

®TMark and the American Civil Liberties Union had entered the fray by November 5, 2000. RTMark questioned Network Solution's actions, and quoted new ICANN director Andy Mueller-Maguhn: "I guess we will have to do something about this." The ACLU stressed freedom of speech provisions are protected.

A further spin-off were the many vote-swapping sites targeting Gore and Nader voters which sprang up in Voteauction.com's wake. Hopefully, the Voteauction.com debacle made some people pause to question why they were voting for two corporate pawns.

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Domain Bank Inc
The company that registered Voteauction.com's domain name didn't hesitate to cooperate with authorities once the media frenzy was underway. Did they do the right thing?

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Despite at least four separate attempts to shut the site down, Voteaction lives! Log in and see what all the controversy is about.

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Close Vote? You Can Bid On It
This *Wired News* article (August 17, 2000) by Mark K. Anderson covers initial reactions from legal specialists about the Voteauction.com site. Survey the calm before the storm hit.

Wanna Buy My Vote? Fuhgeddaboutit
This *Independent Standard* article (August 21, 2000) by Ronna Abramson announces the death of Voteauction.com, and goes to Douglas Kellner, a a New York City Board of Elections commissioner, for comments. Kellner is outshined by James Baumgartner: "I thought it'd be more direct and more democratic to have these voters make money from their vote."

VIP Report
Voting Integrity Project president Deborah M. Phillips gets vitriolic in this missive (August 23, 2000) about the Voteauction.com site: "Imagine if there were widespread unfettered participation in this site -- then the presidential race truly would go to the highest bidder! This website is an INSULT to every American who has ever fought to protect our freedom or for the right to vote in America!" Huh, you don't *already* believe the elections go to the highest bidder?

Voteauction Bids The Dust
This *Wired News* article (August 22, 2000) by Mark K. Anderson announces the death of Voteauction.com. Founder James Baumgartner is unrepentant and witty: "I think that that along with what was going on with eBay and Yahoo auctions shows that this is something people are really concerned about: If the politicians are selling their votes -- and they clearly are -- then the people should be allowed to as well."

Personal (Campaign) Finance
This *ABC News* article (August 20th, 2000) by Sascha Segan shows that the mainstream press conglomerates can be slow to catch on. Features some interesting 1996 campaign funding statistics.

Web Site Offers To Sell U.S. Presidential Votes
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~~ Voteauction.com founder James Baumgartner.

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The 2000 presidential campaign signalled a sea-change in American politics, from D2KLA and challenges to the corporate-owned debates commission that disallowed three-way debates, to Ralph Nader's creative idealism versus Gore and Shrub. To see this legitimacy shift in microcosm, just study the Voteauction.com controversy.

Founded by New York electronic arts student James Baumgartner (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute), Voteauction.com billed itself as "the only election platform channelling 'soft money' directly to the democratic consumer."

Baumbartner's satire about campaign financing and free-market economics set off a scandal after a *Wired News* article (August 17, 2000) discovered the site. After lawsuit threats by the New York State Board of Elections and Chicago Board of Elections officials (and heavy-handed comparisons to treason), Baumgartner sold the site on August 18th, 2000, to maverick Austrian entrepreneur Hans Bernhard, who re-opened it. The deal was brokered by legendary culture jammers ®TMark.

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U.S. media used double-binding 'closed logic' to define Voteauction.com: either it was parody gone too far (Baumgartner) or shameless commercialism (Bernhard). Any other interpretations (such as a site that was both parody and political forum) were mooted. Past initiatives such as R.U. Sirius' Revolution party were unmentioned, consigned by unspoken consensus to the historical dustbin.

Soundbite-worthy sources such as an increasingly shrill Deborah Phillips (Voting Integrity Project) won out over the chorus of law academics and critics who pointed to current campaign financing practices. The Chicago Board of Elections officials, who filed an election fraud lawsuit against Voteauction.com, and California Secretary of State Bill Jones, received prominent coverage for their comments.

Jones went as far as to challenge Constitutional free speech provisions when he stated on CNN's *Burden of Proof* program (October 24, 2000) that "whether this is a parody . . . makes absolutely no difference whatsoever in California . . . because you are talking about the corruption of the voting process."

®TMark and the American Civil Liberties Union had entered the fray by November 5, 2000. RTMark questioned Network Solution's actions, and quoted new ICANN director Andy Mueller-Maguhn: "I guess we will have to do something about this." The ACLU stressed freedom of speech provisions are protected.

A further spin-off were the many vote-swapping sites targeting Gore and Nader voters which sprang up in Voteauction.com's wake. Hopefully, the Voteauction.com debacle made some people pause to question why they were voting for two corporate pawns.

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Is a vote-selling Web site parody or threat?

Web site's auction premise brings reprisals.

By William Matthews

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Wicked political satire, or just wicked? A Web site, Vote-auction.com, is generating grins and chagrin with its brazen offer to buy and sell votes via the Internet.

"Sell your vote online," the site urges. "Voteauction.com is devoted to combining the American principles of democracy and capitalism by bringing the big money of campaigns directly to the voting public."

The site promises candidates "a greater return on your campaign investment" by buying votes outright rather than paying millions of dollars to consultants and advertisers to influence voters.

To voters, Voteauction says, "profit from your election capital by selling your vote to the highest bidder."

The month-old Web site has been praised as pointed parody and condemned as a detriment to

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Amid warnings that buying and selling votes is a felony, Baumgartner sold the site to an Austrian businessman, who has said he plans to operate the site through the November presidential election to judge its potential for profit.

The idea that the Internet could turn votes into a marketable commodity troubles many. About a week after Vote-auction went online, California Secretary of State Bill Jones threatened to prosecute "any individual who attempts to buy or sell votes, whether through an Internet auction site or personal communication."

California election fraud investigators "will be monitoring Web sites for suspicious election activity," Jones said.

"There is no question in my mind that this could be used to influence the outcome of elections," said Deborah Phillips, president of The Voting Integrity Project, a voter rights organization. "It's cynical."

Others see only keen satire. "It's a joke," insisted Ari Schwartz, a policy analyst at the Center for Democracy and Technology, a research organization that promotes improving democracy via information technology.

New York election officials were less certain. "It's hard to place in my mind if it's over-the-line political satire, or if there is money being transacted," said Lee Daghlian, public information director for the New York Board of Elections.

Ultimately, state election officials warned Baumgartner that selling and buying votes "is thoroughly illegal," Daghlian said. However, the state took no action against Baumgartner after he posted "Not Valid in New York" on the site. "As far as we're concerned, since it says that, it

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Is a vote-selling Web site parody or threat?

Web site's auction premise brings reprisals.

By William Matthews

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Wicked political satire, or just wicked? A Web site, **Vote-auction**.com, is generating grins and chagrin with its brazen offer to buy and sell votes via the Internet.

"Sell your vote online," the site urges. "Voteauction.com is devoted to combining the American

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The site promises candidates "a greater return on your campaign investment" by buying votes outright rather than paying millions of dollars to consultants and advertisers to influence voters.

To voters, Voteauction says, "profit from your election capital by selling your vote to the highest bidder."

The month-old Web site has been praised as pointed parody and condemned as a detriment to democracy.

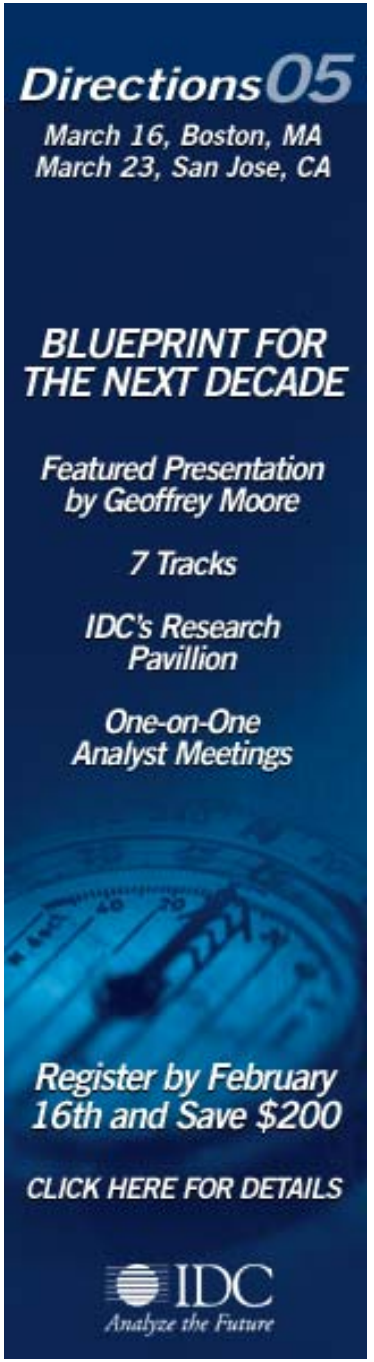
Created by James Baumgartner, a 26-year-old graduate student at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., the site has generated hundreds of responses from voters as well as a prompt cease-and-desist order from the New York Board of Elections.

Amid warnings that buying and selling votes is a felony, Baumgartner sold the site to an Austrian businessman, who has said he plans to operate the site through the November presidential election to judge its potential for profit.

The idea that the Internet could turn votes into a marketable commodity troubles many. About a week after **Vote-auction** went online, California Secretary of State Bill Jones threatened to prosecute "any individual who attempts to buy or sell votes, whether through an Internet auction site or personal communication."

California election fraud investigators "will be monitoring Web sites for suspicious election activity," Jones said.

"There is no question in my mind that this could be used to influence the outcome of elections," said Deborah Phillips, president of The Voting Integrity Project, a voter rights organization. "It's cynical."



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Others see only keen satire. "It's a joke," insisted Ari Schwartz, a policy analyst at the Center for Democracy and Technology, a research organization that promotes improving democracy via information technology.

New York election officials were less certain. "It's hard to place in my mind if it's over-the-line political satire, or if there is money being transacted," said Lee Daghlian, public information director for the New York Board of Elections.

Ultimately, state election officials warned Baumgartner that selling and buying votes "is thoroughly illegal," Daghlian said. However, the state took no action against Baumgartner after he posted "Not Valid in New York" on the site. "As far as we're concerned, since it says that, it doesn't apply in New York, - it's out of our hands," Daghlian said.

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Say "vote buying" to your average political scientist, and he or she will probably respond with "Bangladesh", "Zimbabwe" or "Indonesia". That is, unless they've been watching the US election campaign closely, because that's exactly what's happening at the moment.

If you are a registered US voter, the process is as simple as logging onto Vote-auction.com, and checking the going price. Anonymous bidders state their price, depending on which state the voter is from. For example, this week a vote in the safe state of Texas is worth just $4.19, but one in marginal Michigan will garner $22.73. If a majority of voters were willing to sell their votes, winning the Presidency would cost between $200 million and $1.1 billion (based on 1996 turnout figures). Given the power of the Presidency, many interest groups would consider that a steal.

For budding vote-sellers, though, there's a small catch. Due to a recent court ruling, they won't actually see the proceeds of their sale. Instead, the money will be donated to a charity of their choice. The amounts on offer appear substantial – with the site's owner claiming to have been offered over $260 000 by various bidders. This claim is unproven, though we can be certain about something else – officials in at least four states of the US are preparing to take legal action against Vote-auction.com.

Presumably the practice of vote-buying will be quickly stamped out by legislation, but it will much trickier for officials to tackle the other practice that has emerged over the past few weeks: vote swapping. This arises from a simple problem. Gore needs to obtain a majority of electoral college votes (in most states, the candidate who wins the most votes gets all the electoral college votes from that state). Nader needs to win 5 percent of the popular vote, entitling him to Federal matching funds for the 2004 election, but most Nader supporters don't want Bush to win.

When you think about it, the surprise is that it took until October for someone to come up with a solution that benefits both parties. Gore voters in safe seats agree to vote for Nader in return for Nader voters in marginal seats agreeing to vote for Gore. At least five websites are now dedicated to just this purpose – winwincampaign.org, nadertrader.org, votematch.westsidebeta.com, voteexchange.com and nadergore.org.

The legality of these sites is unlikely to be tested until well after polling day. In the meantime, those using them argue that what they're doing is no different from what politicians do every day – you do me a favour, I do you a favour, and we're both better off. In a country where electors can only tick one box, advocates of vote-swapping contend that it provides the same benefits as preferential voting.

Interestingly, whilst it could provide substantial benefits to both Gore and Nader, vote-swapping has emerged as a purely grassroots movement. Gore is probably glad of it, but for obvious reasons, can't lend his support. Nader, on the other hand, seems quite happy with the prospect that he might deliver the election to Bush – and perhaps even a little miffed at the emergence of vote-trading.

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Vote buying in America: who benefits?

By Andrew Leigh - posted Thursday, November 30, 2000

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Say "vote buying" to your average political scientist, and he or she will probably respond with "Bangladesh", "Zimbabwe" or "Indonesia". That is, unless they've been watching the US election campaign closely, because that's exactly what's happening at the moment.

If you are a registered US voter, the process is as simple as logging onto **Vote-auction**.com, and checking the going price. Anonymous bidders state their price, depending on which state the voter is from. For example, this week a vote in the safe state of Texas is worth just $4.19, but one in marginal Michigan will garner $22.73. If a majority of voters were willing to sell their votes, winning the Presidency would cost between $200 million and $1.1 billion (based on 1996 turnout figures). Given the power of the Presidency, many interest groups would consider that a steal.

For budding vote-sellers, though, there's a small catch. Due to a recent court ruling, they won't actually see the proceeds of their sale. Instead, the money will be donated to a charity of their choice. The amounts on offer appear substantial – with the site's owner claiming to have been offered over $260 000 by various bidders. This claim is unproven, though we can be certain about something else – officials in at least four states of the US are preparing to take legal action against **Vote-auction**.com.

Presumably the practice of vote-buying will be quickly stamped out by legislation, but it will much trickier for officials to tackle the other practice that has emerged over the past few weeks: vote swapping. This arises from a simple problem. Gore needs to obtain a majority of electoral college votes (in most states, the candidate who wins the most votes gets all the electoral college votes from that state). Nader needs to win 5 percent of the popular vote, entitling him to Federal matching funds for the 2004 election, but most Nader supporters don't want Bush to win.

When you think about it, the surprise is that it took until October for someone to come up with a solution that benefits both parties. Gore voters in safe seats agree to vote for Nader in return for Nader voters in marginal seats agreeing to vote for Gore. At least five websites are now dedicated to just this purpose – winwincampaign.org, nadertrader.org, votematch.westsidebeta.com, voteexchange.com and nadergore.org.

The legality of these sites is unlikely to be tested until well after polling day. In the meantime, those using them argue that what they're doing is no different from what politicians do every day – you do me a favour, I do you a favour, and we're both

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Interestingly, whilst it could provide substantial benefits to both Gore and Nader, vote-swapping has emerged as a purely grassroots movement. Gore is probably glad of it, but for obvious reasons, can't lend his support. Nader, on the other hand, seems quite happy with the prospect that he might deliver the election to Bush – and perhaps even a little miffed at the emergence of vote-trading.

Whether the next President is Bush or Gore, my guess is that 2001 will see a heated debate over whether or not to wipe out vote-buying and vote-trading. But until then, the United States has once again shown itself to be the country where the market rules supreme.

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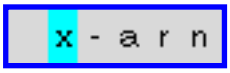

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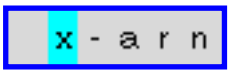

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Dot com ruled by US law? (Politics)

By titus-g
Fri Nov 3rd, 2000 at 04:19:35 PM EST

Internic have deleted the entry for vote-auction.com.

Regardless of whether you belive the site itself to be right or wrong this raises a lot of questions.

A lot of things that are legal in one country are illegal in others, should for example smokedot.org be pulled as such things are frowned upon in some S.E. Asian countries?

Or should the right to pull entries out of **g**TLDs be reserved for the US?
(not trying to start an anti US flamewar here btw, can't think offhand of any country that wouldn't do this given half a chance)

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Here's the full mail from Declan McCullaghs Politech mailing list anyway...

As a bit of an experiment, I created a discussion thread on cluebot.com for this topic. Instead of me collecting and forwarding responses by hand, I suggest politech subscribers post them at the below URL instead. It's faster and easier than me doing it manually, and perhaps more democratic. The link: http://www.cluebot.com/article.pl?sid=00/11/03/1852255&mode=nested

You can post anonymously or sign up to get an account: http://www.cluebot.com/users.pl

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Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 15:45:39 +0100 (MET)
From: Iliya Nickelt-Czycykowski <iczycykowski@aip.de>
To: Declan McCullagh <declan@well.com>
Subject: vote-auction.com deleted from DNS

Dear Declan,

The conflict with vote-auction.com has reached a new level. Internic deleted its DNS entry on November 1st, after the domain was registered and hosted by an European registry service and was out of reach for US law. You can still reach it at http://62.116.31.68/, and you can read their press release there. A number of other domains (www.voteauction.at, www.voteauction.de, www.voteauction.

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cu, www.voteauction.ru, www.vote-auction.net, www.vote-auction.org) should be up soon. No matter what you think about it, wether you see it as an political satire or take it seriously (the makers don't), it is interesting to see that .com is obviously ruled by US law. Maybe .eu is a better idea than I originally thought.

Regards,

Iliya Nickelt

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Distributed DNS (2.66 / 3) (#53)
by andrewmuck on Sun Nov 5th, 2000 at 09:26:49 PM EST
(andrewm@opendesign.cx) http://www.opendesign.cx

There are a few projects for protecting agains government interference, but in need of getting implemented.
Please see the advogato article

Request for Hack (3.66 / 3) (#52)
by loosenut on Sun Nov 5th, 2000 at 09:21:13 PM EST

I just received an email from RTmark describing voteauction's shutdown. The end of the email said this:

> RTMark has secured a $500 investment, of which $300 will be offered to the first person who can redirect the domain of a major US political candidate (for federal or state office) to http://62.116.31.68 [voteauction's working IP address]. The remaining $200 will be offered to the first person to re-route the domain of a major media outlet covering the elections to the Voteauction IP.

Go for it!

Are the threats against Voteauction real? (4.80 / 5) (#38)
by TuxNugget on Sat Nov 4th, 2000 at 12:11:37 PM EST (linuxfutures@ureach.com) http://www.linuxfutures.com

Voteauction.com strikes me as a satirical comedy and a massive troll.

At one time, the registration screens for voteauction.com included a "user agreement" that linked to a broken page. There was no way to buy and sell votes -- that part was clearly a facade for making a political statement.

Going back after the "shutdown", I noticed that the court documents listed on the site are undated. This also strikes me as a bit odd.

Also, CNN says that the case will be heard in a Federal Court after the ACLU fought to change the venue , whereas the undated documents on voteauction are supposedly from a county court.

So, what should we believe? They could have pulled their own plug just to get back in the news around election day.

- Its a Troll (Or a satire) (Vague ramblings) by squigly, 11/04/2000 03:32:13 PM EST (**3.00 / 3**)

Al Gore invented voting! (1.00 / 8) (#37)
by alacrityfitzhugh on Sat Nov 4th, 2000 at 08:52:45 AM EST

Right after he invented the new economy

ehem (2.25 / 4) (#35)
by boxed on Sat Nov 4th, 2000 at 06:56:00 AM EST
http://boxed.killingar.net

> Or should the right to pull entries out of gTLDs be reserved for the US? (not trying to start an anti US flamewar here btw, can't think offhand of any country that wouldn't do this given half a chance)

I can think of a number of countries who wouldn't abuse the top level domain as much as the US. (Observe of course that no civilized country would let anything stand up if they could stop it.) Holland, Sweden and Norway are some of the few countries I know who would definetely be less violent in their administration if they could get this than the US currently is (carnivore and echelon comes to mind). Holland because they are (imho) overly "liberal". Sweden because we have strict laws for freedom of speech and press *that are actually followed strictly*. Same with Norway but they also have a strong national conciousness against bullying countries (after being occuppied by Sweden and/or Denmark for hundreds of years to and fro and most recently by Nazi-germany). To tell you the truth I'd trust Norway way more than Sweden or any other country when handling internet issues like this.

"I don't hate you, I just find you in general to be prudish, ignorant, arrogant, overly-religious, introspective, unsubtle, friendly, cheerfull, prone to going over the top." - FeersumAsura

For once, NSI may be in the clear (4.87 / 8)
(#34)
by byte on Sat Nov 4th, 2000 at 06:07:56 AM EST
(rmckeeth@home.com)

Of course, the obligatory IANAL...

But from what I can see Network Solutions looks to be in the clear here. After reading the legal briefs on Vote Auction's site it appears as if they are in violation of laws in many US states as well as US Federal law. From the Complaint posted at Vote Auction:

> Title 18, Section 597 of the United States Code (18 U.S.C. §597) provides, “Whoever makes or offers to make an expenditure to any person, either to vote or withhold his vote, or to vote for or against any candidate; and whoever solicits, accepts, or receives any such expenditure in consideration of his vote or the withholding of his vote shall be fined not more than $1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year or both; and if the violation was willful, shall be fined not more than $10,000 or imprisoned not more than two years, or both.”

Vote Auction seems to be in clear violation of this statute. While again, IANAL, I certainly think NSI would have cause for concern about any link to a corporation or organization utilizing NSI resources to commit a federal crime. And regardless of wether we like it or not NSI's resources are definately being used here:

From http://www.icann.org/committees/dns-root/y2k-statement.htm

> "The root of the Internet namespace consists of a single file, the root zone

> file, which describes the delegations of the top level domains and the associated records necessitated by the DNS protocol to implement those delegations. Currently, this file is maintained by Network Solutions Incorporated of Herndon, Virginia, USA and is made available to the 12 secondary servers from the primary a.root-server.net. Change control of this file is held by the IANA with changes, typically modifications of the name servers for top level domains, being made approximately once or twice a week."

It's also crucial to note that both NSI and IANA are under contract from the US Government (specifically the US Department of Commerce) to manage the .com TLD. Further, note that the Circuit Court in Cook County, Illinois has granted a preliminary injunction against Vote Auction that states:

1. Defendants and ***all those acting in concert with them*** are enjoined from:

A. Using or operating any Internet web site that encourages or allows residents of Illinois to sell their votes to be cast at the November 7, 2000 General Election.

I think it's reasonable that providing RRs (Resource Records for the DNS deficient, the DNS entries that make domain names possible) could be seen as 'acting in concert' with the defendants. Therefore I don't see that it's unreasonable for NSI ***in this case*** to remove all RRs for Vote Auction pending further hearings.

I don't know about anyone else but if I were calling the shots at NSI, IANA, ICANN, etc. I would have done pretty much the same as they did. Not because I think it should be illegal to buy/sell votes but simply because there appears to be a large conflict of interest in a company under charter from a government organization assisting in violations of the law.

Personally, I'm undecided on the Vote Auction issue and I'm waiting to see how this all shakes out in the end. What I do think is that this points out the need for either international control of the DNS root servers or extra-national (i.e. no nation or governmental organization) control. If nothing else the Internat has been and I hope will continue to be a very powerful force world-wide for free speach and I'm very ambivilent about any nation, the US included, dictating the shape and content of it.

To those who say the US controls .com (3.25 / 8) (#32)
by Chakotay on Sat Nov 4th, 2000 at 03:17:14 AM EST
(a-dot-arendsen-at-gee-mail-dot-com) http://eaglestorm.net

Fact is, the US should be using the existing but virtually unused TLD .us (yes, and Great Britain should be using .gb instead of .uk, and Burkina Faso should be using .uv, though ofcourse their decision to use .bf is understandable). .com, .org, .edu, .gov and .mil are international TLDs, though they're being hogged by ICANN, and thus by the US. The US should actually be using domains like .com.us, .org.us, etc.

But what I find most appalling here is that a non-US organisation created the domain name, and subsequently ICANN, a US organisation, removed it again. Whence do they reserve the right to do so?

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Smokedot.org! (2.00 / 3) (#28)
by DJBongHit on Fri Nov 3rd, 2000 at 09:19:03 PM EST
(smokedot@smokedot.org)

Ack! It's not Smokedot.com, it's Smokedot.org! Speaking of which, I should get around to registering Smokedot.com at some point too... I'll go do that now.

~DJBongHit

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GNU GPL: Free as in herpes.

- Foiled Again by DJBongHit, 11/03/2000 10:51:56 PM EST (**2.00 / 3**)
  - Trusted users, only rate spam to 0! by Broco, 11/07/2000 07:45:43 PM EST (**none / 0**)

Relevent MLP (3.00 / 3) (#19)
by interiot on Fri Nov 3rd, 2000 at 05:15:32 PM EST
(kuro5hin.org at paperlined dot org) http://paperlined.org/

The Debate Over Internet Governance: A Snapshot in the Year 2000

Harvard Law School has interviewed 12 people about governing the internet, with a particular focus on ICANN. Mike Roberts, the president of ICANN is one of the interviewees.

There's a TON of comments on that site, I'll quote just a few here. Sorry they're so long.

> Jay Fenello: [re WTO & ICANN] What I noticed is that the model is exactly the same. You had a process whereby the WTO was set up by multi-nationals for multi-nationals and discredited and eliminated all of the minority voices from their process. You have no representation for people within the WTO. *Decisions are made behind closed doors.* The WTO also has a uniform dispute resolution policy. How about that? They call it almost exactly the same name. ... *The fact that the media doesn't cover any of them allows each of is to be marginalized* and made a minority and silenced because we don't realize that each other exists. But the internet potentially has the ability to get the word out. I don't know if we will be successful. The way I see it is we are in a race right now. The race is for all the people who want to see legitimate governance, not decisions behind closed doors in smoke filled rooms, but legitimate governance...
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> Mike Roberts (ICANN CEO): There was a lot of comment about that in the summer of 98 in constructing our by-laws. As among by-laws for non-profit technology oriented companies,... these by-laws have very extensive checks

> and balances in them for looking at the judgment of the directors. *There's the reconsideration provision in which any decision can be challenged by anyone and the board is required to specifically review such a challenge. Beyond that, there's the independent review provision which we're almost done with and which will create an external body to deliberate on whether in any given situation the board violated its own by-laws. There are very few, if any, - in fact I've never seen or heard of another American non-profit corporation - that has those structures associated with double checking the judgment of the directors.*
>
> **Eric Menge**: I think there are three main components that really need to be put into any sort of internet governance. One would be representation. Next would be a clearly defined duty, a clearly defined scope of authority... And three some sort of review mechanism to keep a check. ...well, *ICANN was suffering from a major problem - lack of funding. ... They had to create a large global scale organization with little staff, no money and a lot of disadvantages.* Regarding representation, they are slowly moving in that direction. Hopefully, the at-large membership will help a lot in creating more representation and getting the board to be fully elected. We believe that an elected board is absolutely necessary to have accountability. ...[second,] Whenever *you're dealing with something that is not exactly a government entity but a non-profit corporation*, the ability of everyone to have a say, to have input is crucial. That's where procedure comes in. That way no one can walk away saying it was unfair, I didn't have a chance to have my say, they were bought and sold by big companies, or they're only supporting the United States over the rest of the world. ... Finally, the third party is important because they act as an outside check. ... John Locke who believed that no government could ever be trusted.

Also, there's a Memorandum of Understanding that lays out the transition from US government control to ICANN control:

> 2. Neither Party, either in the DNS Project or in any act related to the DNS Project, shall act unjustifiably or arbitrarily to injure particular persons or entities or particular categories of persons or entities.

Dot com ruled by US law. (3.00 / 8) (#12)
by Forum on Fri Nov 3rd, 2000 at 04:35:30 PM EST
(forum@disinfo.net)

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-forum

-- "When I walk down the street and only 3 or 4 shots are fired at me, I find it hard to stay awake." -HC

- Two issues.. by Miniluv, 11/04/2000 02:42:53 AM EST (**4.00 / 2**)

Hmm. (3.88 / 9) (#11)
by pb on Fri Nov 3rd, 2000 at 04:26:37 PM EST
(pbaylies@gmail.com)

Since you don't know *why* it was deleted, this is all just idle speculation. I doubt it was Bill Clinton, the "Vast Right-Wing Conspiracy", or the Supreme Court. More likely, some bozo complained, and it got pulled, but we don't know.

Complain to your provider, or to INTERNIC, and FIND OUT why it was pulled. While you're at it, try to register it again, preferably not through NSI.

Once you find out, or have some more information, THEN post this to K5. I don't like my news to be entirely one-sided, no matter which side it is.

"*See what the drooling, ravening, flesh-eating hordes^W^W^W^WKuro5hin.org readers have to say.*"
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- Hi pb by titus-g, 11/03/2000 04:56:48 PM EST (**3.00 / 2**)
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    - Thanks... by pb, 11/03/2000 05:30:55 PM EST (**3.00 / 2**)
- One sided information. by Forum, 11/03/2000 04:37:00 PM EST (**2.25 / 4**)
  - I did. by pb, 11/03/2000 04:46:25 PM EST (**4.00 / 2**)

Discussion board spanners (3.71 / 7) (#10)
by interiot on Fri Nov 3rd, 2000 at 04:23:49 PM EST
(kuro5hin.org at paperlined dot org) http://paperlined.org/

Instead of me collecting and forwarding responses by hand, I suggest politech subscribers post them at the below URL instead. It's faster and easier than me doing it manually, and perhaps more democratic.

This situation (same discussion, multiple sites) exists a lot, but few people mirror or otherwise try to connect discussions between Slashdot, Kuro5hin, etc... Or, if they do, they don't mention their source so they can take credit for the ideas. :)

Metcalfe's Law states that the value of a network grows by the square of the size of the network. A network that is twice as large will be four times as valuable because there are four times as many things that can be done due to the larger number of interconnections.

So if online discussions followed Metcalfe's law, there should be some pressure to interconnect, but they haven't. We've moved away from Usenet, IRC, and FTP; and moved towards web-based discussion trees, web/java-based chatrooms, and Napster/Gnutella/Freenet, all with different implementations that would be hard/impossible to combine.

Why? Perhaps there's a variant of Metcalfe's law that says the S/N ratio decreases by the square of the size of the network. Or perhaps common implementations give greater motivation to write spamming/harvesting/monitoring bots. Or maybe we just find Gibson/Walled-City situations romantic because it differentiates us from the next guy.

Or maybe I'm discussing things at such an abstract level that the arguments are essentially meaningless, just like JonKatz's articles.

- Discussion board S/N against Size by codemonkey_uk, 11/06/2000 07:47:44 AM EST (**4.00 / 1**)
  - Defending Metcalfe's Law by interiot, 11/06/2000 02:06:54 PM EST (**4.00 / 2**)
- Signal:Noise - Size or Quality of the Community? by weathervane, 11/03/2000 10:32:07 PM EST (**4.00 / 2**)

.com/.net/.org are US (3.16 / 6) (#9)
by Delirium on Fri Nov 3rd, 2000 at 04:15:06 PM EST
(delirium-k5@hackish.org)

Of course .com is ruled by US law - since the .com TLD was created by the US Government, I don't see why this comes as a surprise. Sure, they've made some show of giving up a bit of control in favor of some international arbitration panels, but it's still pretty much US-controlled due to its being a US creation.

Read my diary.

ICANN (2.60 / 5) (#7)
by reshippie on Fri Nov 3rd, 2000 at 04:10:27 PM EST
(billy (at) reshippie (dot) net)

Is still tied to the US government. I think it's the Dept of Commerce, or the FTC.

Therefore, the US government still has a great deal of "influence" (read: control) over it's actions. By proxy, then, they get to cotrol DNS.

Those who don't know me, probably shouldn't trust me. Those who do DEFINITELY shouldn't trust me. :-)

.com arbiter (3.77 / 9) (#4)
by dreamfish on Fri Nov 3rd, 2000 at 03:07:59 PM EST
(dreamfish@dreamfish.org.uk) http://www.dreamfish.org.uk

Which country takes jurisdiction over a .com? The country in which the server is based or the country in which the domain was registered?

It's further complicated by trying to determine where ICANN and WIPO come into it. We've all heard about people complaining to Network Solutions about use/abuse of a .com and them pulling it without warning or investigating the matter further, especially if that complaint came through the US courts but the domain is operated in another country.

- Reciprocal treaties by aphrael, 11/03/2000 03:21:33 PM EST (**4.25 / 4**)
  - Reciprocal? by holdfast, 11/03/2000 04:39:30 PM EST (**4.00 / 3**)
    - Berne Convention by aphrael, 11/03/2000 05:24:32 PM EST (**4.00 / 3**)

Would you expect anything less... (2.78 / 14) (#3)
by h0tr0d on Fri Nov 3rd, 2000 at 03:01:37 PM EST

from the US? I certainly wouldn't. There are a few things that I've learned over the years and one of those is that not only is the US government run by big business but big business is in return run by the US government. It's one of those you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours scenarios.

Politician (prior to election): Thanks for the 40 bzillion dollar donation to my campaign.
Big Business (prior to election): No problem. We really believe in supporting good (read, easily pocketed) candidates.
Big Business (post election): Hey, you remember that small donation we made, well, we need a small favor now.
Politician (post election): Sure, anything for the people(read, I can claim that this will either save jobs or protect the innocent, right?).

Politician: Say, we're having a bit of a national security problem, could you help out (while my thugs quietly remind you of that tax break we just gave you)?
Big Business: Sure, anything to stand up for the freedoms(read, lobbying and bribery) that we believe in.

I figure this is probably pretty common conversation at the fund raisers and dinner parties of the politically elite.

-- It appears that my spleeing chucker isn't working again.

- Yeah, I'm sure by Matt Hall, 11/03/2000 07:02:03 PM EST (**3.00 / 1**)
  - You missed the point. by h0tr0d, 11/04/2000 03:32:20 AM EST (**4.50 / 2**)
    - Vast and Murky Conspiracies... by Miniluv, 11/04/2000 03:59:11 PM EST (**3.50 / 2**)

Legality (3.45 / 11) (#2)
by aphrael on Fri Nov 3rd, 2000 at 02:59:36 PM EST (aphrael@NOSPAM.misanthrope.MAPSON.discontent.com) http://www.discontent.com//blogs/index.php?blog=2

While I don't think the DNS entry should have been yanked, I *do* believe it's perfectly legitimate for a state government to go after the people running a site located in the state which is being used to do something illegal in that state. It shouldn't be allowed to go after people running a site located in *another* state, or country, but that isn't what happened here.

Further proof (2.79 / 24) (#1)
by Signal 11 on Fri Nov 3rd, 2000 at 02:45:18 PM EST
(signal11@attbi.com?Subject=kuro5hin comment)

Further proof that the authoritarian elite in this country have taken over the critical framework of the internet.

My advice remains unchanged: Snub them by either setting up an alternate DNS system and updating your root.hints file, or by distributing new zone files that override root server defaults.

The DNS system is easily compromised via viral RR records... perhaps now would be a good time to revisit the alter.net idea, or impliment a kind of blackhole similar to the MAPS RBL, but that it acts in reverse - keeping censored sites alive and accessible. It would be the first step towards neutralizing the US-centric internet policies.

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Society needs therapy. It's having
trouble accepting itself.

- 2 be honest by titus-g, 11/03/2000 09:06:58 PM EST (**2.50 / 2**)
- OpenNIC by Arkady, 11/03/2000 06:43:45 PM EST (**2.50 / 2**)
- "Walled City" by sugarman, 11/03/2000 03:18:12 PM EST (**4.50 / 4**)

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Dot com ruled by US law? (Politics)

By titus-g
Fri Nov 3rd, 2000 at 04:19:35 PM EST

Internic have deleted the entry for **vote-auction**.com.

Regardless of whether you belive the site itself to be right or wrong this raises a lot of questions.

A lot of things that are legal in one country are illegal in others, should for example smokedot.org be pulled as such things are frowned upon in some S.E. Asian countries?

Or should the right to pull entries out of **g**TLDs be reserved for the US?
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here btw, can't think offhand of any country that wouldn't do this given half a chance)

Here's the full mail from Declan McCullaghs Politech mailing list anyway...

As a bit of an experiment, I created a discussion thread on cluebot.com for this topic. Instead of me collecting and forwarding responses by hand, I suggest politech subscribers post them at the below URL instead. It's faster and easier than me doing it manually, and perhaps more democratic. The link: http://www.cluebot.com/article.pl?sid=00/11/03/1852255&mode=nested

You can post anonymously or sign up to get an account: http://www.cluebot.com/users.pl

-Declan

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Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 15:45:39 +0100 (MET)
From: Iliya Nickelt-Czycykowski <iczycykowski@aip.de>
To: Declan McCullagh <declan@well.com>
Subject: **vote-auction**.com deleted from DNS

Dear Declan,

The conflict with **vote-auction**.com has reached a new level. Internic deleted its DNS entry on November 1st, after the

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- More on Freedom
- Also by titus-g

domain was registered and hosted by an European registry service and was out of reach for US law. You can still reach it at http://62.116.31.68/, and you can read their press release there. A number of other domains (www.voteauction.at, www.voteauction.de, www.voteauction.cu, www.voteauction.ru, www.**vote-auction**.net, www.**vote-auction**.org) should be up soon. No matter what you think about it, wether you see it as an political satire or take it seriously (the makers don't), it is interesting to see that .com is obviously ruled by US law. Maybe .eu is a better idea than I originally thought.

Regards,

Iliya Nickelt

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Distributed DNS (2.66 / 3) (#53)
by andrewmuck on Sun Nov 5th, 2000 at 09:26:49 PM EST
(andrewm@opendesign.cx) http://www.opendesign.cx

There are a few projects for protecting agains government interference, but in need of getting implemented.
Please see the advogato article

Request for Hack (3.66 / 3) (#52)
by loosenut on Sun Nov 5th, 2000 at 09:21:13 PM EST

I just received an email from RTmark describing voteauction's shutdown. The end of the email said this:

> RTMark has secured a $500 investment, of which $300 will be offered to the first person who can redirect the domain of a major US political candidate (for federal or state office) to http://62.116.31.68 [voteauction's working IP address]. The remaining $200 will be offered to the first person to re-route the domain of a major media outlet covering the elections to the Voteauction IP.

Go for it!

Are the threats against Voteauction real? (4.80 / 5) (#38)
by TuxNugget on Sat Nov 4th, 2000 at 12:11:37 PM EST (linuxfutures@ureach.com) http://www.linuxfutures.com

Voteauction.com strikes me as a satirical comedy and a massive troll.

At one time, the registration screens for voteauction.com included a "user agreement" that linked to a broken page. There was no way to buy and sell votes -- that part was clearly a facade for making a political statement.

Going back after the "shutdown", I noticed that the court documents listed on the site are undated. This also strikes me as a bit odd.

Also, CNN says that the case will be heard in a Federal Court after the ACLU fought to change the venue , whereas the undated documents on voteauction are supposedly from a county court.

So, what should we believe? They could have pulled their own plug just to get back in the news around election day.

- Its a Troll (Or a satire) (Vague ramblings) by squigly, 11/04/2000 03:32:13 PM EST (**3.00 / 3**)

Al Gore invented voting! (1.00 / 8) (#37)
by alacrityfitzhugh on Sat Nov 4th, 2000 at 08:52:45 AM EST

Right after he invented the new economy

ehem (2.25 / 4) (#35)
by boxed on Sat Nov 4th, 2000 at 06:56:00 AM EST
http://boxed.killingar.net

> Or should the right to pull entries out of gTLDs be reserved for the US? (not trying to start an anti US flamewar here btw, can't think offhand of any country that wouldn't do this given half a chance)

I can think of a number of countries who wouldn't abuse the top level domain as much as the US. (Observe of course that no civilized country would let anything stand up if they could stop it.) Holland, Sweden and Norway are some of the few countries I know who would definetely be less violent in their administration if they could get this than the US currently is (carnivore and echelon comes to mind). Holland because they are (imho) overly "liberal". Sweden because we have strict laws for freedom of speech and press *that are actually followed strictly*. Same with Norway but they also have a strong national conciousness against bullying countries (after being occuppied by Sweden and/or Denmark for hundreds of years to and fro and most recently by Nazi-germany). To tell you the truth I'd trust Norway way more than Sweden or any other country when handling internet issues like this.

"I don't hate you, I just find you in general to be prudish, ignorant, arrogant, overly-religious, introspective, unsubtle, friendly, cheerfull, prone to going over the top." - FeersumAsura

For once, NSI may be in the clear (4.87 / 8) (#34)
by byte on Sat Nov 4th, 2000 at 06:07:56 AM EST
(rmckeeth@home.com)

Of course, the obligatory IANAL...

But from what I can see Network Solutions looks to be in the clear here. After reading the legal briefs on **Vote Auction's** site it appears as if they are in violation of laws in many US states as well as US Federal law. From the Complaint posted at **Vote Auction**:

> Title 18, Section 597 of the United States Code (18 U.S.C. §597) provides, “Whoever makes or offers to make an expenditure to any person, either to vote or withhold his vote, or to vote for or against any candidate; and whoever solicits, accepts, or receives any such expenditure in consideration of his vote or the withholding of his vote shall be fined not more than $1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year or both; and if the violation was willful, shall be fined not more than $10,000 or imprisoned not more than two years, or both.”

Vote Auction seems to be in clear violation of this statute. While again, IANAL, I certainly think NSI would have cause for concern about any link to a corporation or organization utilizing NSI resources to commit a federal crime. And regardless of

wether we like it or not NSI's resources are definately being used here:

From http://www.icann.org/committees/dns-root/y2k-statement.htm

> "The root of the Internet namespace consists of a single file, the root zone file, which describes the delegations of the top level domains and the associated records necessitated by the DNS protocol to implement those delegations. Currently, this file is maintained by Network Solutions Incorporated of Herndon, Virginia, USA and is made available to the 12 secondary servers from the primary a.root-server.net. Change control of this file is held by the IANA with changes, typically modifications of the name servers for top level domains, being made approximately once or twice a week."

It's also crucial to note that both NSI and IANA are under contract from the US Government (specifically the US Department of Commerce) to manage the .com TLD. Further, note that the Circuit Court in Cook County, Illinois has granted a preliminary injunction against **Vote Auction** that states:

1. Defendants and ***all those acting in concert with them*** are enjoined from:

A. Using or operating any Internet web site that encourages or allows residents of Illinois to sell their votes to be cast at the November 7, 2000 General Election.

I think it's reasonable that providing RRs (Resource Records for the DNS deficient, the DNS entries that make domain names possible) could be seen as 'acting in concert' with the defendants. Therefore I don't see that it's unreasonable for NSI ***in this case*** to remove all RRs for **Vote Auction** pending further hearings.

I don't know about anyone else but if I were calling the shots at NSI, IANA, ICANN, etc. I would have done pretty much the same as they did. Not because I think it should be illegal to buy/sell votes but simply because there appears to be a large conflict of interest in a company under charter from a government organization assisting in violations of the law.

Personally, I'm undecided on the **Vote Auction** issue and I'm waiting to see how this all shakes out in the end. What I do think is that this points out the need for either international control of the DNS root servers or extra-national (i.e. no nation or governmental organization) control. If nothing else the Internat has been and I hope will continue to be a very powerful force world-wide for free speach and I'm very ambivilent about any nation, the US included, dictating the shape and content of it.

To those who say the US controls .com (3.25 / 8) (#32)
by Chakotay on Sat Nov 4th, 2000 at 03:17:14 AM EST
(a-dot-arendsen-at-gee-mail-dot-com) http://eaglestorm.net

Fact is, the US should be using the existing but virtually unused TLD .us (yes, and Great Britain should be using .gb instead of .uk, and Burkina Faso should be using .uv, though ofcourse their decision to use .bf is understandable). .com, .org, .edu, .gov and .mil are international TLDs, though they're being hogged by ICANN, and thus by the US. The US should actually be using domains like .com.us, .org.us, etc.

But what I find most appalling here is that a non-US organisation created the domain name, and subsequently ICANN, a US organisation, removed it again. Whence do they reserve the right to do so?

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Linux like wigwam. No windows, no gates, Apache inside.

- .com has had the fewest restrictions by swr, 11/04/2000 10:45:05 PM EST (**4.50 / 2**)
  - You've just strengthened my point by Chakotay, 11/05/2000 07:18:42 AM EST (**3.00 / 1**)
- Lies, damned lies, and the .us TLD by Inoshiro, 11/04/2000 01:38:51 PM EST (**4.75 / 4**)
  - Re: Lies, damned lies, and the .us TLD by dreamfish, 11/04/2000 04:42:50 PM EST (**5.00 / 1**)
- Question [OT] by OAB, 11/04/2000 07:30:07 AM EST (**3.00 / 1**)
  - Chakotay by Chakotay, 11/04/2000 02:32:41 PM EST (**3.00 / 2**)
    - Unfortunately... by Giant Space Hamster, 11/04/2000 06:23:27 PM EST (**4.00 / 1**)
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Smokedot.org! (2.00 / 3) (#28)
by DJBongHit on Fri Nov 3rd, 2000 at 09:19:03 PM EST
(smokedot@smokedot.org)

Ack! It's not Smokedot.com, it's Smokedot.org! Speaking of which, I should get around to registering Smokedot.com at some point too... I'll go do that now.

~DJBongHit

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GNU GPL: Free as in herpes.

- Foiled Again by DJBongHit, 11/03/2000 10:51:56 PM EST (**2.00 / 3**)
  - Trusted users, only rate spam to 0! by Broco, 11/07/2000 07:45:43 PM EST (**none / 0**)

Relevent MLP (3.00 / 3) (#19)
by interiot on Fri Nov 3rd, 2000 at 05:15:32 PM EST
(kuro5hin.org at paperlined dot org) http://paperlined.org/

The Debate Over Internet Governance: A Snapshot in the Year 2000

Harvard Law School has interviewed 12 people about governing the internet, with a particular focus on ICANN. Mike Roberts, the president of ICANN is one of the interviewees.

There's a TON of comments on that site, I'll quote just a few here. Sorry they're so long.

> Jay Fenello: [re WTO & ICANN] What I noticed is that the model is exactly the same. You had a process whereby the WTO was set up by multi-nationals for multi-nationals and discredited and eliminated all of the minority voices from their process. You have no representation for people within the WTO. *Decisions are made behind closed doors.* The WTO also has a uniform dispute resolution policy. How about that? They call it almost exactly the same name. ... *The fact that the media doesn't cover any of them allows each of is to be marginalized* and made a minority and silenced because we don't realize that each other exists. But the internet potentially has the ability to get the word out. I don't know if we will be successful. The way I see it is we are in a race right now. The race is for all the people who want to see legitimate governance, not decisions behind closed doors in smoke filled rooms, but legitimate governance...
>
> Mike Roberts (ICANN CEO): There was a lot of comment about that in the summer of 98 in constructing our by-laws. As among by-laws for non-profit technology oriented companies,... these by-laws have very extensive checks

> and balances in them for looking at the judgment of the directors. *There's the reconsideration provision in which any decision can be challenged by anyone and the board is required to specifically review such a challenge. Beyond that, there's the independent review provision which we're almost done with and which will create an external body to deliberate on whether in any given situation the board violated its own by-laws. There are very few, if any, - in fact I've never seen or heard of another American non-profit corporation - that has those structures associated with double checking the judgment of the directors.*
>
> **Eric Menge**: I think there are three main components that really need to be put into any sort of internet governance. One would be representation. Next would be a clearly defined duty, a clearly defined scope of authority... And three some sort of review mechanism to keep a check. ...well, *ICANN was suffering from a major problem - lack of funding. ... They had to create a large global scale organization with little staff, no money and a lot of disadvantages.* Regarding representation, they are slowly moving in that direction. Hopefully, the at-large membership will help a lot in creating more representation and getting the board to be fully elected. We believe that an elected board is absolutely necessary to have accountability. ...[second,] Whenever *you're dealing with something that is not exactly a government entity but a non-profit corporation*, the ability of everyone to have a say, to have input is crucial. That's where procedure comes in. That way no one can walk away saying it was unfair, I didn't have a chance to have my say, they were bought and sold by big companies, or they're only supporting the United States over the rest of the world. ... Finally, the third party is important because they act as an outside check. ... John Locke who believed that no government could ever be trusted.

Also, there's a Memorandum of Understanding that lays out the transition from US government control to ICANN control:

> 2. Neither Party, either in the DNS Project or in any act related to the DNS Project, shall act unjustifiably or arbitrarily to injure particular persons or entities or particular categories of persons or entities.

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  - Hi, titus-g! by pb, 11/03/2000 05:36:26 PM EST (**3.00 / 1**)
    - Oops... by pb, 11/03/2000 05:42:03 PM EST (**3.00 / 1**)
      - eeek by titus-g, 11/03/2000 06:49:03 PM EST (**3.00 / 1**)
- Go Here by greyrat, 11/03/2000 04:49:47 PM EST (**3.50 / 2**)
  - And again by greyrat, 11/03/2000 04:54:22 PM EST (**4.00 / 4**)
    - Thanks... by pb, 11/03/2000 05:30:55 PM EST (**3.00 / 2**)
- One sided information. by Forum, 11/03/2000 04:37:00 PM EST (**2.25 / 4**)
  - I did. by pb, 11/03/2000 04:46:25 PM EST (**4.00 / 2**)

Discussion board spanners (3.71 / 7) (#10)
by interiot on Fri Nov 3rd, 2000 at 04:23:49 PM EST
(kuro5hin.org at paperlined dot org) http://paperlined.org/

Instead of me collecting and forwarding responses by hand, I suggest politech subscribers post them at the below URL instead. It's faster and easier than me doing it manually, and perhaps more democratic.

This situation (same discussion, multiple sites) exists a lot, but few people mirror or otherwise try to connect discussions between Slashdot, Kuro5hin, etc... Or, if they do, they don't mention their source so they can take credit for the ideas. :)

Metcalfe's Law states that the value of a network grows by the square of the size of the network. A network that is twice as large will be four times as valuable because there are four times as many things that can be done due to the larger number of interconnections.

So if online discussions followed Metcalfe's law, there should be some pressure to interconnect, but they haven't. We've moved away from Usenet, IRC, and FTP; and moved towards web-based discussion trees, web/java-based chatrooms, and Napster/Gnutella/Freenet, all with different implementations that would be hard/impossible to combine.

Why? Perhaps there's a variant of Metcalfe's law that says the S/N ratio decreases by the square of the size of the network. Or perhaps common implementations give greater motivation to write spamming/harvesting/monitoring bots. Or maybe we just find Gibson/Walled-City situations romantic because it differentiates us from the next guy.

Or maybe I'm discussing things at such an abstract level that the arguments are essentially meaningless, just like JonKatz's articles.

- Discussion board S/N against Size by codemonkey_uk, 11/06/2000 07:47:44 AM EST (**4.00 / 1**)
    - Defending Metcalfe's Law by interiot, 11/06/2000 02:06:54 PM EST (**4.00 / 2**)
- Signal:Noise - Size or Quality of the Community? by weathervane, 11/03/2000 10:32:07 PM EST (**4.00 / 2**)

.com/.net/.org are US (3.16 / 6) (#9)
by Delirium on Fri Nov 3rd, 2000 at 04:15:06 PM EST
(delirium-k5@hackish.org)

Of course .com is ruled by US law - since the .com TLD was created by the US Government, I don't see why this comes as a surprise. Sure, they've made some show of giving up a bit of control in favor of some international arbitration panels, but it's still pretty much US-controlled due to its being a US creation.

Read my diary.

ICANN (2.60 / 5) (#7)
by reshippie on Fri Nov 3rd, 2000 at 04:10:27 PM EST
(billy (at) reshippie (dot) net)

Is still tied to the US government. I think it's the Dept of Commerce, or the FTC.

Therefore, the US government still has a great deal of "influence" (read: control) over it's actions. By proxy, then, they get to cotrol DNS.

Those who don't know me, probably shouldn't trust me. Those who do DEFINITELY shouldn't trust me. :-)

.com arbiter (3.77 / 9) (#4)
by dreamfish on Fri Nov 3rd, 2000 at 03:07:59 PM EST
(dreamfish@dreamfish.org.uk) http://www.dreamfish.org.uk

Which country takes jurisdiction over a .com? The country in which the server is based or the country in which the domain was registered?

It's further complicated by trying to determine where ICANN and WIPO come into it. We've all heard about people complaining to Network Solutions about use/abuse of a .com and them pulling it without warning or investigating the matter further, especially if that complaint came through the US courts but the domain is operated in another country.

- Reciprocal treaties by aphrael, 11/03/2000 03:21:33 PM EST (**4.25 / 4**)
  - Reciprocal? by holdfast, 11/03/2000 04:39:30 PM EST (**4.00 / 3**)
    - Berne Convention by aphrael, 11/03/2000 05:24:32 PM EST (**4.00 / 3**)

Would you expect anything less... (2.78 / 14) (#3)
by h0tr0d on Fri Nov 3rd, 2000 at 03:01:37 PM EST

from the US? I certainly wouldn't. There are a few things that I've learned over the years and one of those is that not only is the US government run by big business but big business is in return run by the US government. It's one of those you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours scenarios.

Politician (prior to election): Thanks for the 40 bzillion dollar donation to my campaign.
Big Business (prior to election): No problem. We really believe in supporting good (read, easily pocketed) candidates.
Big Business (post election): Hey, you remember that small donation we made, well, we need a small favor now.
Politician (post election): Sure, anything for the people(read, I can claim that this will either save jobs or protect the innocent, right?).

Politician: Say, we're having a bit of a national security problem, could you help out (while my thugs quietly remind you of that tax break we just gave you)?
Big Business: Sure, anything to stand up for the freedoms(read, lobbying and bribery) that we believe in.

I figure this is probably pretty common conversation at the fund raisers and dinner parties of the politically elite.

-- It appears that my spleeing chucker isn't working again.

- Yeah, I'm sure by Matt Hall, 11/03/2000 07:02:03 PM EST (**3.00 / 1**)
  - You missed the point. by h0tr0d, 11/04/2000 03:32:20 AM EST (**4.50 / 2**)
    - Vast and Murky Conspiracies... by Miniluv, 11/04/2000 03:59:11 PM EST (**3.50 / 2**)

Legality (3.45 / 11) (#2)
by aphrael on Fri Nov 3rd, 2000 at 02:59:36 PM EST (aphrael@NOSPAM.misanthrope.MAPSON.discontent.com) http://www.discontent.com//blogs/index.php?blog=2

While I don't think the DNS entry should have been yanked, I *do* believe it's perfectly legitimate for a state government to go after the people running a site located in the state which is being used to do something illegal in that state. It shouldn't be allowed to go after people running a site located in *another* state, or country, but that isn't what happened here.

Further proof (2.79 / 24) (#1)
by Signal 11 on Fri Nov 3rd, 2000 at 02:45:18 PM EST
(signal11@attbi.com?Subject=kuro5hin comment)

Further proof that the authoritarian elite in this country have taken over the critical framework of the internet.

My advice remains unchanged: Snub them by either setting up an alternate DNS system and updating your root.hints file, or by distributing new zone files that override root server defaults.

The DNS system is easily compromised via viral RR records... perhaps now would be a good time to revisit the alter.net idea, or impliment a kind of blackhole similar to the MAPS RBL, but that it acts in reverse - keeping censored sites alive and accessible. It would be the first step towards neutralizing the US-centric internet policies.

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Society needs therapy. It's having
trouble accepting itself.

- 2 be honest by titus-g, 11/03/2000 09:06:58 PM EST (**2.50 / 2**)
- OpenNIC by Arkady, 11/03/2000 06:43:45 PM EST (**2.50 / 2**)
- "Walled City" by sugarman, 11/03/2000 03:18:12 PM EST (**4.50 / 4**)

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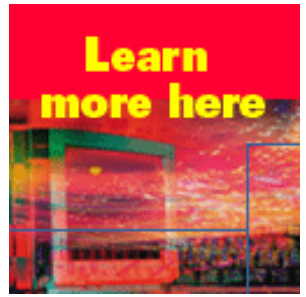

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Nixon sues website

November 2, 2000
By: Michelle Wirth
State Capital Bureau

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The Austrian based web site allowed US citizens to sell their vote to the highest bidder. Attorney General spokesman Scott Holste says hundreds of Missouri voters promised to sell their votes.

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court on Wednesday and received a temporary restraining order.

A hearing will be held later this month to determine whether the site will be shut down permanently. Wisconsin, Illinois, and Massachusetts have also taken legal action against **vote-auction**.com. From Jefferson City, I'm Michelle Wirth.

Missouri Attorney General Jay Nixon temporarily shuts down a web site selling Missouri votes.

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Website offers auction 2000 presidential votes

October 26, 2000
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Once a bidder -- a corporation or an individual -- wins the vote block, they contact each voter with instructions for who to vote for in the election.

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How much each person gets will depend on the size of the highest bid for each state's block of votes.

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Federal law and Missouri state law both prohibit the sale of votes in an election. Nixon said he would "use the full power of the office" to investigate the site and shut it down if there is any evidence that votes in Missouri have been sold or bought -- an action already in the works in Illinois.

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Bringing Capitalism and Democracy Closer Together
HANS BERNHARD / Ubermorgen
Interviewed by Olga Goriunova and Alexei Shulgin

OG and AS: *Software is used in many of your projects, but is usually hidden. Nevertheless it enables the creation of social spaces where the artistic action takes place ([V]ote-auction, etoy actions, IPNIC are especially noteable examples of this). In a way software can be regarded as your artistic instrument, albeit in a non-demonstrative manner. Software as back-end is also the usual technique of IT-solutions. In this respect, your projects exploit corporate rhetoric and aesthetics by injecting some bug in generally recognized patterns. What is the ideology behind such a strategy?*

ubermorgen: there is no ideology. there is no political or social idealism, there is absolutely no concept, there are no goals! i don't even have ideas.
standard software is behind all my activities, it is the underlying layer of my work and my working process. it is the underlying layer of all our contemporary social spaces and our actions happening
within these spaces. i do not consider this software as my artistic instrument, it is just part of the infrastructure [like the streets or electricity]. the important question is, how specific software or
software ideas can be communicated and visualized.
with etoy, we exploited surfaces just as smoothly, cleanly and easygoing as global players like novartis, hp, coca-cola, boeing, eToys, oracle and elf/totalfina have been practicing it, some of them since the 1980s. we experimented with the depths of huge organisms [global corporations] by simulating and living several levels of reality.
most of the technical instruments were non-existent at that time. so we had to invent them and we did code some of them [special intranet solutions, databases, spam-tools, bots, etc.]. but mainly we used the concepts as mere thoughts and we talked about them, spreading the memes of a technical revolution [from the 1994 point of view!]. this was the right moment to leave reality behind.

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take "the digital hijack" for example, a highly complex system of bots, timing and frequency engines collaborating in order to precisely insert results into major search-engines and therefore hack into the reality of web-surfers. 95% of the action, the communication [marketing] of the hijack, was about telling a story, about media hacking and social engineering. we even got accused and attacked by the self-proclaimed hacking community for skimming off the benefits of their underground-work with our public action.

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the ubermorgen group has perfected the exploitation of corporate rhetoric and aesthetics in a extremely innovative way. by cutting out all the bullshit [i.e. corporate web-sites, large accounting
systems, etc.] and becoming a totally fluid enterprise with machine-men-network-nodes all over the world and hardcore experience in terms of legal, technical, economic, artistic and aesthetic
practice. all this has allowed us to use lo-tech and lo-budget and extremely limited human resources for huge media-hits with estimated target audiences of 500 million people and more:

http://www.ubermorgen.com

the ubermorgen feature action 2000, [V]ote-auction, used very little hardware and software. with the smarts of the experienced execution-team, the story was designed to "look and feel" like a huge
technical and business project. the goal was to sell and then auction off votes during the U.S. presidential election 2000, g.w. bush vs. al gore. U.S. state and federal attorneys, technical task forces and secret services had not been able to determine whether [V]ote-auction actually did pose a real threat to the integrity of the U.S. elections or not [for paranoid and inexperienced staff it is
difficult to differentiate between a simple .php document and real 500k usd auctioning-software].

http://www.vote-auction.net

ipnic.org and etxtreme.ru are different. they use complex technology developed over years by our software company esof ltd., sofia / bulgaria [ubermorgen holds 20% of the shares]. such long term
projects are financially intense and very similar to normal corporate software productions. in february 2003, the ubermorgen group has decided to cut down on complexity and to focus on quick & dirty solutions for the benefit of flexibility and cost-effectiveness.

http://www.ipnic.org
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my personal approach towards technology is more abstract. i do not code

hardcore stuff. my understanding of programmers and the way they work, my abstract understanding of networks and their underlying technology is what i am really proud of.
to maintain personal integrity and independence, i do some server side stuff, straight html and ascii-texting and design [my style of publication].

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elegance is a matter of terror in these days.
one of my dreams for many years [1999, etxtreme.ru] has been to bring the hidden code to the frontpage. i consider programming-languages as "normal" languages, i see programmers talk with each other and with machines in these languages. this is why use binary, dna-sequences
and math-functions for my very abstract and stupid poetry, although i don't understand them and myself. 2002 sample:

http://www.runme.org/project/+geneticbinarymathpoetry/

OG and AS: *Software and Internet technologies took political activism to a new level. Projects such as [V]oteauction.com [http://www.vote-auction.net] could be realized and covered widely in mass media only due to the new technologies that were introduced and made accessible for a wider audience. Do you see any further directions for the development of political activism through and with software?*

ubermorgen: yes and no. [V]ote-auction was primarily communicated through conventional mass media channels [TV, radio, newspapers, magazines]. new technology enabled channels such as email, mailing lists, online publications were clearly less important. from the production viewpoint, to execute and push such a MEDIA HACK to the top would have been impossible without the new digital tools and experiences [email, web-sites, global thinking, irresponsible journalists, high-speed publications, user-feedback, etc.].
to the second part of your question: yes, mobile devices and applications, peer to peer tech, etc. are strong futures in the global market of attention. but first, our generation has to actually work on the technology and the ideas that have now been available for over 20 years. only 0.1% of the potential is really in use. new generations are already crawling up our backs with totally new angles

on hard, soft and mixed tech, so let them speed by and watch 'em crash into the next apple-tree.
and, to not be mizundastood, ubermorgen and HANS BERNHARD have never been and will never be political. [V]ote-auction was a business stunt, an attack on democrazy, a pervert media hack, shock marketing sequences and a fearless series of questions posed to the mass. an experiment carried out on CNN and in the world press, designed by a highly intelligent student [james baumgartner] and braindeveloped and sharply executed by media hacking pros ubermorgen [lizvlx and hans_extrem, technically supported by tilman singer and aaron kaplan / lo-res.org]. there is no ideology, no political task, we simply followed the slogan:

"bringing capitalism and democracy closer together"

and later on we developed our own ubermorgen truth:

"it's different because it's fundamentally different"
http://www.ubermorgen.com/2256/

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HANS BERNHARD / Ubermorgen
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OG and AS: *Software is used in many of your projects, but is usually hidden. Nevertheless it enables the creation of social spaces where the artistic action takes place ([V]ote-auction, etoy actions, IPNIC are especially noteable examples of this). In a way software can be regarded as your artistic instrument, albeit in a non-demonstrative manner. Software as back-end is also the usual technique of IT-solutions. In this respect, your projects exploit corporate rhetoric and aesthetics by injecting some bug in generally recognized patterns. What is the ideology behind such a strategy?*

ubermorgen: there is no ideology. there is no political or social idealism, there is absolutely no concept, there are no goals! i don't even have ideas.
standard software is behind all my activities, it is the underlying layer of my work and my working process. it is the underlying layer of all our contemporary social spaces and our actions happening
within these spaces. i do not consider this software as my artistic instrument, it is just part of the infrastructure [like the streets or electricity]. the important question is, how specific software or
software ideas can be communicated and visualized.
with etoy, we exploited surfaces just as smoothly, cleanly and easygoing as global players like novartis, hp, coca-cola, boeing, eToys, oracle and elf/totalfina have been practicing it, some of them since the 1980s. we experimented with the depths of huge organisms [global corporations] by simulating and living several levels of reality.

most of the technical instruments were non-existent at that time. so we had to invent them and we did code some of them [special intranet solutions, databases, spam-tools, bots, etc.]. but mainly we used the concepts as mere thoughts and we talked about them, spreading the memes of a technical revolution [from the 1994 point of view!]. this was the right moment to leave reality behind.

http://fanclub.etoy.c3.hu/tanksystem/index.html

take "the digital hijack" for example, a highly complex system of bots, timing and frequency engines collaborating in order to precisely insert results into major search-engines and therefore hack into the reality of web-surfers. 95% of the action, the communication [marketing] of the hijack, was about telling a story, about media hacking and social engineering. we even got accused and attacked by the self-proclaimed hacking community for skimming off the benefits of their underground-work with our public action.

http://www.digitalhijack.org
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the ubermorgen group has perfected the exploitation of corporate rhetoric and aesthetics in a extremely innovative way. by cutting out all the bullshit [i.e. corporate web-sites, large accounting
systems, etc.] and becoming a totally fluid enterprise with machine-men-network-nodes all over the world and hardcore experience in terms of legal, technical, economic, artistic and aesthetic
practice. all this has allowed us to use lo-tech and lo-budget and extremely limited human resources for huge media-hits with estimated target audiences of 500 million people and more:

http://www.ubermorgen.com

the ubermorgen feature action 2000, [V]ote-auction, used very little hardware and software. with the smarts of the experienced execution-team, the story was designed to "look and feel" like a huge
technical and business project. the goal was to sell and then auction off votes during the U.S. presidential election 2000, g.w. bush vs. al gore. U.S. state and federal attorneys, technical task forces and secret services had not been able to determine whether [V]ote-auction actually did pose a real threat to the integrity of the U.S. elections or not [for paranoid and inexperienced staff it is difficult to differentiate between a simple .php document and real 500k usd auctioning-software].

http://www.**vote-auction**.net

ipnic.org and etxtreme.ru are different. they use complex technology developed over years by our software company esof ltd., sofia / bulgaria [ubermorgen holds 20% of the shares]. such long term
projects are financially intense and very similar to normal corporate software productions. in february 2003, the ubermorgen group has decided to cut down on complexity and to focus on quick & dirty solutions for the benefit of flexibility and cost-effectiveness.

http://www.ipnic.org
http://www.ubermorgen.com/etxtreme/home.html

http://www.esof.net

my personal approach towards technology is more abstract. i do not code hardcore stuff. my understanding of programmers and the way they work, my abstract understanding of networks and their underlying technology is what i am really proud of.
to maintain personal integrity and independence, i do some server side stuff, straight html and ascii-texting and design [my style of publication].

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for thrills and fat money, we are currently working on concepts for a global online lottery system. we use lo-tech instead of high-tech, old tech instead of new tech, brainw[e]ar[e] instead of hardware, legal experience instead of lawyers, distributed responsibility instead of consultants.
elegance is a matter of terror in these days.
one of my dreams for many years [1999, etxtreme.ru] has been to bring the hidden code to the frontpage. i consider programming-languages as "normal" languages, i see programmers talk with each other and with machines in these languages. this is why use binary, dna-sequences
and math-functions for my very abstract and stupid poetry, although i don't understand them and myself. 2002 sample:

http://www.runme.org/project/+geneticbinarymathpoetry/

OG and AS: *Software and Internet technologies took political activism to a new level. Projects such as [V]oteauction.com [http://www.**vote-auction**.net] could be realized and covered widely in mass media only due to the new technologies that were introduced and made accessible for a wider audience. Do you see any*

further directions for the development of political activism through and with software?

ubermorgen: yes and no. [V]ote-auction was primarily communicated through conventional mass media channels [TV, radio, newspapers, magazines]. new technology enabled channels such as email, mailing lists, online publications were clearly less important. from the production viewpoint, to execute and push such a MEDIA HACK to the top would have been impossible without the new digital tools and experiences [email, web-sites, global thinking, irresponsible journalists, high-speed publications, user-feedback, etc.].
to the second part of your question: yes, mobile devices and applications, peer to peer tech, etc. are strong futures in the global market of attention. but first, our generation has to actually work on the technology and the ideas that have now been available for over 20 years. only 0.1% of the potential is really in use. new generations are already crawling up our backs with totally new angles
on hard, soft and mixed tech, so let them speed by and watch 'em crash into the next apple-tree.
and, to not be mizundastood, ubermorgen and HANS BERNHARD have never been and will never be political. [V]ote-auction was a business stunt, an attack on democrazy, a pervert media hack, shock marketing sequences and a fearless series of questions posed to the mass. an experiment carried out on CNN and in the world press, designed by a highly intelligent student [james baumgartner] and braindeveloped and sharply executed by media hacking pros ubermorgen [lizvlx and hans_extrem, technically supported by tilman singer and aaron kaplan / lo-res.org]. there is no ideology, no political task, we simply followed the slogan:

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Vote Auction News: http://www.**vote-auction**.com/pr.htm

Land's End Virtual Model

"You step into a scanning room to the tune of upbeat music. In seconds, bursts of white light have recorded 200,000 points of measuring data - enough to determine your size and dimensions more accurately than ever." And presumably creating yet another database entry to be matched against your credit records. No matter, the idea by clothing retailer Land's End is science fiction come true and would be even cooler if you could actually get clothes cut to your scanned dimensions. Alas, for now you can only use your model to "try on clothes, create outfits, be surer than ever what size you should buy". The company is sponsoring a tour of the system through various cities to give people a chance to create their own virtual model. Oddly, the tour apparently overlooks Silicon Valley, where we know for a fact people are panting for the chance to have themselves digitized. A reasonably promising technology marred by upbeat music.
http://www.landsend.com/spawn.cgi?target=SCANTOUR1000

Internet Stock Manipulation Works

To the tune of almost $1 million, if this article is to be believed. A teenager has apparently run a typical pump-and-dump scheme. He bought stock in some companies, hyped them on financial message boards, and sold when the stock rose. The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) caught on and investigated, resulting in a settlement without admission of guilt and a fine of $285,000.

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According to 60 Minutes, the kid made about $800,000 from his trades, leaving him way ahead even after paying off the Feds. John Lebed, the teen in question, told 60 Minutes, "I wasn't posting any kind of false information. I didn't make up any facts or do anything like that." He was even kind enough to include a disclaimer in his posts telling people to do their own research. Was this a crime? If so, why isn't the SEC arresting all financial advisors on Wall Street? Wired has the story, and 60 Minutes has the interview transcript.
Wired: http://www.wired.com/news/politics/0,1283,39583,00.html
60 Minutes: http://cbsnews.cbs.com/now/story/0,1597,242489-412,00.shtml

First Instance of Media Subversion of Information Attack

This appears to be the first well documented instance of a type of threat which has been discussed for years. The Orange County Register wrote three stories about a man charged with cracking into a NASA site. About a week later, the Register found that the text of all three archived stories had been altered, mostly with juvenile stunt scribbling. While in the past, a number of newspapers have had their Web pages defaced, this appears to be the first time that archived news stories were changed. In this case, the blatant nature of the alterations led to a quick discovery, but the possibility of subtly altering history by changing the public record has come to light. Inside e-zine has the story.
http://www.inside.com/story/Story_Cached/0,2770,10757_7_4_1,00.html

More SDMI Digital Watermark Cracking News

Salon has been following the SDMI watermark cracking challenge in detail. Its latest story reports on a set of university researchers who claim to have successfully defeated the SDMI system. The group decided to participate in Phase 1 of the cracking contest because there was some scientific merit in doing so. The members declined to participate in Phase 2, opting instead to make their work public. This development comes on the heels of an investigative Salon piece that seems to confirm that all SDMI watermarks have been broken in the contest, something which has not yet been officially acknowledged. The SDMI section in Salon has all the related stories including these latest developments.
http://www.salon.com/directory/topics/sdmi/index.html

Online Pravda

Reading Pravda never was a truthful experience, despite the name, but the new online Pravda, in English, may be a step in the right direction - isn't everything on the Net true? Actually, the only link between this Pravda and the now-defunct official Communist Party propaganda tool is that Viktor Linnik, this one's founder, used to be an editor for the original. With banner ads in Russian and in English that is at times stilted and sorta quaint, the electronic newspaper sports major headings which give some insight into how Russians feel, think, and talk. A recent issue featured Caspian Sea pollution, trade with Japan, lots of US bashing, and discussions about budgets. The articles - even in detailed view - don't qualify as much more than short summaries, so don't expect depth. As Wired reports, this isn't the only Pravda around these days. Several print versions carry on a financially perilous existence, often supported by political parties.

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Pravda: http://english.pravda.ru/
Wired: http://www.wired.com/news/culture/0,1284,39433,00.html

Readers Pay for King's Plant

Stephen King had promised to keep his self-published e-novel "The Plant" going if more than 75% of downloaders paid $1 per chapter. Anyone can download chapters but they must agree to, at some point, pay the $1. If fewer than 75% of downloaders pay, King stops writing. So far, he's kept typing - 75.6% of downloaders have paid for the first three chapters. The fourth chapter has now been released. "The Plant", about a vampire plant that takes over a publishing company, is set in pre-Internet times: the early 1980s. King still hasn't decided if he'll actually finish the novel and that, for dedicated fans, is the scariest part.
The Plant: http://www.stephenking.com/download.html
King: http://www.salon.com/books/feature/2000/08/11/guide_king/index.html

Have You Lived up to Your Info Quota This Year?

Approximately two exabytes - a billion times a billion bytes - is the amount of unique information produced globally each year. A group of researchers from the School for Information Systems and Management at the University of California-Berkeley attempted to convert the annual global production of films, pictures, x-rays, and many other forms of information into megabytes and came up with the two-exabyte total, or 250 MB per person. The researchers have kindly posted suggestions as to what to read in their study, depending on the amount of information overload you suffer from. Us, we're just happy to be contributing our 250 MB a year.
http://www.sims.berkeley.edu/how-much-info/

How Low Would You Sink for Publicity?

We cheerfully admit that this story is mostly a fun morsel for media insiders, but it's so funny that we just had to bring it to you. Just how low will public relations people go to promote their clients? Gene Weingarten of the Washington Post decided to find out. Given that we ourselves are buried in press releases and other PR detritus, this story hit very close to home and left us ROTFL.
Story: http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A7115-2000Oct14.html
ROTFL: http://foldoc.doc.ic.ac.uk/foldoc/foldoc.cgi?ROTFL

RealNetworks Releases New Audio Standard

RealNetworks has unleashed a new standard called RealAudio 8, jointly developed with Sony. It claims the standard provides CD-quality music in smaller file sizes than MP3s, and that audio can now stream using two-thirds less bandwidth than the current RealPlayer G2 technology. The company also released a new version of its RealProducer software, which can create content in the new format. RealNetworks will only further its virtual lock on the online broadcast industry.
http://www.realnetworks.com/company/pressroom/pr/2000/realaudio8.html

eBay Cleans up

eBay is cleaning house, moving the steamier, sexier, and more pornographic items into a red light district. In what the company is calling a tough call, content that it deems pornographic or unsuitable for minors will be moved out of the open area of the site and into a Mature Audiences section. As eBay gets deeper and deeper in bed with Disney on a number of deals, some have wondered if the new sheriff in town might not be wearing mouse ears. CNet has more.
CNet: http://news.cnet.com/news/0-1007-200-3248714.html
eBay: http://www.ebay.com/

New Handspring Devices

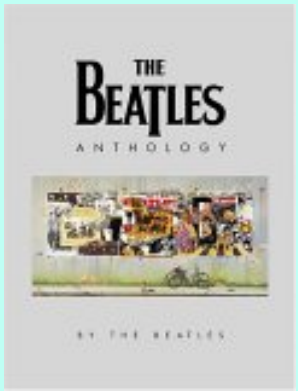
Handspring has just released a couple of new models of their wildly popular handheld computers. The Visor Prism is its version of a color PDA, with 65K color support and excellent photo reproduction. As part of the launch, Handspring demonstrated a movie-playing capability on the device. The other PDA is the Visor Platinum, which runs a faster CPU than most Handspring and Palm units - 50% faster, according to the company. Prices for the Prism and the Platinum are $449 and $299 respectively.
http://www.handspring.com/

Security Trends for 2001

This brief document from online security organization SANS pulls together some predictions about security trends in the upcoming year. Brief paragraphs from luminaries involved with security in industry, government, and law envorcement outline what they see as threats and trends in the coming year. The first third of the document contains the predictions, while the rest is mostly ads for SANS security courses and books. It's in PDF format, but possibly of casual interest to security types.
http://www.sans.org/SANSSecAlert2_102000.pdf

Netsurfer Recommendations

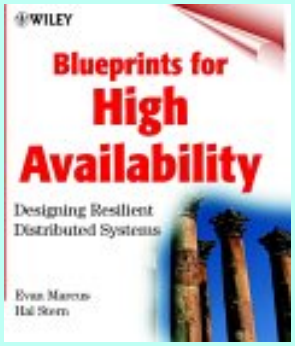
Items our staff likes and you might too. Click on the image or title to order at a hefty discount from our affiliate Amazon.com, and send a few pennies our way as well.



The Beatles Anthology
The Beatles
Chronicle Books; ISBN: 0811826848

This scrapbook chronicles a band which defined a decade, a band whose work has stood the test of time and influenced many subsequent musicians. This physically large book is the definitive story of the Beatles, in their own words. For once the final product actually does live up to the hype. The

material is fresh, spontaneous, and, until now, not available elsewhere. John Lennon's words are contextually intertwined with interviews and writing of the surviving members. Paul thinks they were "a kick-ass little band". It's safe to say they were the biggest and best kick-ass little band in history.



Blueprints for High Availability: Designing Resilient Distributed Systems
Evan Marcus, Hal Stern
John Wiley & Sons; ISBN: 0471356018

This fine high-level guide to creating highly available systems from imperfect components covers such topics as redundant network design, data replication, redundant servers, disaster recovery, and ongoing operations of your setup. While not as detailed as you may want, this is a good starting place for anybody who needs to design and maintain a reliable computer installation.

The Essential Groucho: Writings By, For, and About Groucho Marx
Groucho Marx, Stefan Kanfer (Editor)
Vintage Books; ISBN: 037570213X

This tasty morsel of a book is a perfect introduction to the staggering wit of Groucho Marx. The slim volume somehow manages to cover the breadth of Groucho's work. You get his magazine writings, book excerpts, bits from his movie scripts, TV show ad-libs, articles about Groucho written by others, and hilarious letters written by him to famous and not-so-famous people. The exchange with Warner Brothers lawyers who feared people would confuse Casablanca with A Night in Casablanca alone makes the book a good buy - and makes you wish Groucho were around today to wield his rapier wit in the Napster wars. Serious Marxists will want to read his definitive recent biography Groucho: The Life and Times of Julius Henry Marx.

ONLINE CULTURE

The Demise of Email

This week, Wired, the online e-zine, decided to spell "e-mail" with a dash. Ordinarily, this rates right up there with watching paint dry in excitement, but there

is reason to note the event. In explaining the decision, Tony Long, copy chief of the e-zine, wrote that "no editor worth the name can justify looking on benignly while the English language is butchered in the name of some tin-pot revolution, regardless of its narcotic effect at the time", and more. Wired once forged ahead as the flag bearer of the digital revolution, trumpeting individuality, decentralization, and the power of technology to empower the individual. With this explanation Tony seems to have managed to insult everyone who worked to make it so and who appreciated that work. One man's tin-pot butchery is another man's freedom from convention and sublime evolution. The issue stirred up a hornet's nest of reader reactions, chronicled in a follow-up article. For what it's worth, we've used "e-mail" since 1994 and for some reason now feel compelled to apologize for that.
E-mail: http://www.wired.com/news/culture/0,1284,39450,00.html
Reaction: http://www.wired.com/news/culture/0,1284,39651,00.html

The Gospel of Tux (v1.0)

Yea verily, in the beginning, Turing created the Machine. After years of strife, turmoil, and countless begats, the great and mighty Penguin, whose name was Tux, bestrode the Earth in digital splendor. So goes the story - heavily edited down to the two sentances above - in the wonderfully written Gospel of Tux (v1.0). This literary treat showed up on Slashdot last week, and chronicles in Biblical splendor the story of computing, culminating in the birth of Linux and the Fourth Age of Open Source. The cool story was written by someone called Lennier, obviously a person with some not inconsiderable literary talent. An instant and entertaining classic.
http://slashdot.org/comments.pl?sid=00/10/19/1555251&threshold=1&commentsort=0&mode=thread&cid=71

SURFING SITES

How to Not Leverage Scaleable Mission-Critical Buzzwords

The Buzz Saw is dedicated to stamping out that particular form of technobabble known as the buzzword. Buzzwords have taken over the public relations industry and many other forms of communication. The four brave souls who created and maintain this site list the most egregious current examples and rail cogently against their use. The creators also have very excellent opinions of themselves and the site is very edgy and trendy, without relying on much multimedia flash. Eliminating buzzwords and similar "in" language is a superb goal. If anything, the Buzz Saw is too limited and too mild, trading edge for content. Still, all revolutions need to start somewhere and if the Buzz Saw gets a good anti-buzzword trend going (the jury is out on that call), it's more than done its job.
http://www.buzzkiller.net/

Slaves to Money: Slaves on Confederate Currency

Paper currency was once art as well as legal tender, and not the uniform, boring stuff governments print today. In the 19th century, individual banks, companies, government units, and even people could and did issue their own paper money. Most notes featured elaborate artwork as a defense against counterfeiting. Beyond Face Value is a project created by historians at LSU and funded by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities. Its subject is Southern paper currency from the Civil War to Reconstruction that contains images of slaves and slavery. The art is nicely reproduced and the accompanying narrative places it in historical and economic context. This site is a paradigm of a virtual museum exhibit: engaging, attractive, effective, and easy to use.
http://www.cwc.lsu.edu/cwc/BeyondFaceValue/index.htm

Recondite Monday Night Recreation Remarks

When Dennis Miller joined the Monday Night Football staff this season, he was quite up-front in admitting he was not first-and-foremost a sports announcer, and he seems determined to point it out with a variety of obscure cultural and historical references every game. That's what the Annotated Dennis Miller at Britannica.com is for - to assist those who are actually watching for the football and for whom Miller is incidental. From Dante's "Inferno" to oil well fire expert Paul "Red" Adair, Miller's references run the gamut of intellectual intimidation. Locke Peterseim, the Britannica.com staffer with the unenviable job of tackling the dense references, cuts him down to size with his marvelously sarcastic "What Miller might have meant" commentary. If you'd like to have the references translated while you're watching the game, try Dennis Miller Demystified, which broadcasts an abbreviated version of the same sort of commentary live. Annotated:
http://www.britannica.com/bcom/original/article/0,5744,12332+1,00.html
Demystified: http://www.dmdmyst.com/

A Gallery of Museums

The embarrassing fact is that even though we can use the MuseumSpot portal to view online collections housed at the Louvre, the Smithsonian, and other monuments to high culture, the exhibit our vulgar- minded reviewer first clicked was "When Nixon Met Elvis" at the National Archives and Records Administration. Read Elvis's weird, strung-out, handwritten letter asking the President if he could be a federal drug enforcement agent. Aside from organizing exhaustive links to the high and the low, MuseumSpot also lets you search huge graphic databases of art, shop the gift sites, and send some of the best art e-mail postcards you can find on the Net.
http://www.museumspot.com/

A Remote Robot with a Green Thumb

Telerobotic surgery give you the creeps? Try something else as experimental, yet more pedestrian: remote gardening at the Telegarden, a Net project started in 1995 at the University of Southern California and now on display at Ars Electronica Center in Austria. Don't get thrown by the old dates; this prject is still active. As a guest, you can view the indoor garden by clicking images to move the lens of an industrial robot. As a member, you can tend the garden by planting seeds or squirting water, and you can chat with fellow plant lovers. Try the multipage simulation tour before you sign up for the real thing - at modem speed, you may feel slow as a slug as you click your way toward a greater communal technohorticultural collaboration of root, robot, and router.
http://telegarden.aec.at/

Urban Gardening

We know your fondest wish is to converse about hedge-mazes, farmer's markets, and window-box gardens, and now you have a place to go. RealGarden City is for folks who grow tomatoes in flowerpots and harvest herbs from the city park - more as hobbyist than urban survivalist - and is an offshoot of Real Garden Magazine, a French publication (which explains the French page titles). The site is a community of bulletin boards on subjects like the ecosystems of cities or bird identification, and one strange thread about the Richard Gere/gerbil thing - we don't know why. You can also attend free online classes: the class on photographing nature in the city is full; the one on improving your nature-writing skills has already started, so get in line for the next round. This smorgasbord of online urban farming is available through an e-mail and password registration. We're hoping that Martha Stewart doesn't get a copy of the mailing list.
http://community.realgarden.com/

He Put a Spell on Them

The whole concept of Jayskids.com is so outrageous that at first we really thought it was a joke. But the claim that Screamin' Jay Hawkins ("I Put A Spell On You") fathered as many as 75 children came from the rock legend himself, and erstwhile biographer Maral Nigolian took it upon herself to track down all those screamin' children after Hawkins died last February. She never imagined she'd get more than 1,200 hopeful responses, but from that harvest, she has winnowed at least 33 confirmed progeny and several more "gray" submissions. Details are still being sorted out for a proposed gathering at Cleveland's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, but it's bound to raise the roof.
http://www.jayskids.com/

Stay-at-Home Dads

You're a stay-at-home father, and like it or not, you face solitude, caregiving responsibilities, maybe part-time work, and, for some, lowered self-esteem. In your spare moments, check out Slowlane.com, a support site for stay-at-home dads, fathers in general, and their families. It has a lot of practical information such as how to run a home business, start a playgroup, and find other stay-at-home dads, and it covers issues such as divorce, custody, homosexuality, and social acceptance. A variety of resources beckons: articles and personal essays ("Tips on

Taking a Toddler to Disney World", "The Realities of Working at Home", "Networking Hints"); a monthly newsletter; e-mail loops; Web rings. Some dads may consider the discussion and bulletin boards the most useful resource here, but if you don't have time for those, at least take a look at the excellent collection of links to sites of relevant organizations, sites for dads, and sites for mothers and grandparents. You'll also find a glossary called Term Browser and a modest gift shop.
http://www.slowlane.com/

Testing, Testing...

You can never take enough tests. That's the guiding principle of AllTheTests.com, a search directory of online tests that measure IQ, EQ ("the social equivalent of IQ"), infotech comprehension, and more. We never realized there could be so many kinds of tests online till we got here. We dabbled in the fun category, which links to the lipstick personality test, Find Your Star Wars Twin, "Are You A Spammer?", and many other self-assessment challenges you'd likely never find without this site. Relationship tests also abound, including the Relationship Auto-Blender, the Two-Partner Match-o-Matic, and Can You Survive a Long Distance Relationship? The Knowledge category covers learning styles, plant and animal trivia, and more - even the AA9PW Commercial Radio Exam. The site rates each test with icons to indicate whether results are sent by e-mail, whether the test requires paper and pencil, and whether you can take it offline. As you might guess, this site has much to offer both occasional and obsessive visitors.
http://www.allthetests.com/

Test Your Personality

Yeah, here's another test. You know you will always be a very special snowflake in NSD's eyes, but that does not mean your personality cannot be slotted into one of 16 categories. The social scientists at the Spark Personality site spent weeks in bars talking to strangers, perfecting their test. Do you relate to life better orally or anally? Aren't babies incredibly special? Do you prefer Shakespeare or Einstein? Answers will describe you as dominant or submissive, introverted or extroverted, abstract or concrete, and some other stuff. Put it all together and you learn whether you're an Artist, a Mastermind (like our editor, by the way), a Businessman, or a something else. Forget the tired old "What sign are you?" drill. Make 'em take the test before you take 'em home.
http://test2.thespark.com/person/

Anagrams, Crosswords, and Wordplay

Here's a verbal mixmaster: the Anagram Engine has generated over 100 million anagrams during its three-year existence. Obviously, puzzle addicts and others really like the engine, and with good reason, since anagrams are only one facet of the site. Got most of the letters for your crossword's 2-down, but still can't think of the word? No worries - there's a crossword solver plopped right there on the opening screen. This page is actually constructed as a sort of mini-portal for puzzler or information hounds. In addition to the above, you get links to Google, an acronym finder, a dictionary and thesaurus, and to the puzzlemaker at

DiscoverySchool.com that offers a dozen or so customizable puzzles for your pleasure. A nod of approbation goes to this site. The tools it provides, together with those that it links to, make it a joy to visit for those who love wordplay.
http://www.easypeasy.com/anagrams/

Beanie Is Murder

Forget worrying about fur coats. The fashion industry is switching to novelties on a smaller scale. For a small price, you too can participate in the latest rage with a full complement of Beanie Baby attire. Sell off the heirloom necklace from your great-grandmother - it's nothing compared to a necklace made of authentic Beanie Baby necks. Your wrist can be complemented by wearing a ring of Beanie Baby heads on a distinctive scrunchy. The real spender, however, will certainly opt for a hard-to-find Beany Baby-hide coat for a mere $35,000! Perfect to keep away the winter chills.
http://www.bostonharbor.com/beaniebabybodyparts.html

Norse Source

Did Leif Ericson beat Christopher Columbus to the New World? Some Viking did. If you seek proof, the Leif Ericson Vikingship site can lead you to the historical or community site you're looking for. The mission statement on the home page gives you a quick introduction to the site and its sponsor, a nonprofit organization in Philadelphia firm in its belief "that Leif Ericson was the first European to discover and explore the North American Continent." The centerpiece here is Ravnen, a Viking ship replica that has sailed the Atlantic - mostly, it seems, from parade to parade of celebratory ships - in the care of folk who cherish the Norse way of life. You'll find more meat in the Norseman Newsletters section than in the scrawny Historical Background or bibliographic Library. Curiously, even the FAQ has little information about Leif Ericson. If you like what you do find, you'll probably want to follow some of the site's external links (those that work, anyway) for more background.
http://www.libertynet.org/viking/

Computer Tools Resource

Freesearchers presents a page chock-full of links to some good Net tools. A lot of these places have been around for a good long time, like Zonelabs, Gibson Research, Anonymizer, PGP, and more. Essentially, the site brings together links to a solid constellation of top-rated toolkit programs and services for PC users. Listings are sparse (we didn't say it was a big constellation...), but the content that's included is as good as it gets. The main emphasis seems to be on privacy links here, but you can find surfing and e-mail tools, cleaning utilities, and even a few tools for multimedia or linguistics (such as the venerable standby, BabelFish). We like it; the clean pages load quickly and each entry briefly describes what you can expect. It's a reasonable place to begin your search for useful tools, even if you don't use Windows.
http://www.freesearchers.f2s.com/

ONLINE TRAVEL

Trek through Nepal

Some folks decide they'd like to see the world, and they just up and do it. For the rest of us, there are sites like Mark Burvill's Virtual Annapurna Trek, which he hopes will turn some of the latter into some of the former. His site records a three-week trek he took last year through the Nepalese Himalayas. The account is compelling, witty, and highly worth the read. In order to best experience this site, you'll need Flash. We'll let Mark give you the disclaimer himself: "Please note that I wanted to present an honest, no-holds-barred-warts-and-all account, and so if swearwords, poo, vomit and the (ahem) occasional joint are things which offend you, this site probably isn't your cup of mint tea." This reviewer has to admit, however, that she's never laughed so hard reading an account of vomiting before.
http://www.bov.clara.net/

Urban Photo Gallery

Dunno if you've noticed, but it's actually cool to live downtown again. If you're still stuck in the 'burbs, a trip to the Urban Photo Page might be a breath of gridlocked air. The photos take a treasures-within-the-city approach, and it really is rather refreshing to see pictures of New York City parks, Trinity Church in Boston, or a sunset view of the New Orleans skyline as artistic urban experiences. Originally the Calgary Photo Page, Urban Photo has spread out to encompass articles about the urb experience, Urbanite Magazine, discussion boards, and photos from many other cities. Several receive full treatment (Boston, Calgary, Montreal, Halifax) including street, neighborhood and subway maps, and even the miscellaneous cities like Phoenix and Salt Lake City have ample pictures - maybe even of your neighborhood.
http://www.urbanphoto.org/

FLOTSAM & JETSAM

Barn-Raising Grammar

If you consider an exciting afternoon one where you sit around waiting to painstakingly split infinitives, the Language Fun Farm is right up your alley. The information architecture isn't the greatest, but the language news is top-notch if you can get past the annoying rainbow interface.
http://www.teflfarm.com/

Faces of the Past

There's finally a genealogical tool for those of us better with faces than with names. Ancient Faces lets users search photographs by surname, location, and more. Searching is free, as is uploading, as long as you submit to the lengthy (and probably not worthwhile for some folks) legal agreement.
http://www.ancientfaces.com/

SOFTWARE

Apache 1.3.14 Released

Apache 1.3.14 has been released. This features security fixes in the mod_rewrite module (previously reported), as well as two security bugs related to the mod_vhost_alias and virtual hosting. The virtual hosting bugs could allow a remote attacker to access the source to CGI applications or even access any file on the system.
Announcement: http://www.apache.org/dist/Announcement.html
Download: http://www.apache.org/dist/

Make Your PC Your E-VCR

At work, you often see people typing at their desks, their lips moving not to the words they're writing but rather to the song they're listening to with their headphones. Or perhaps they're actually watching their favorite TV show, streamed from home using SnapStream. Users can download the beta copy of the Personal Video Station (PVS) and watch, manage, and record television and video on their PC. Alas, it is only for Windows platforms.
http://www.snapstream.com/

Hypercosm 3-D Player

Are you into 3-D simulation? If so, your first stop at Hypercosm will probably be the download page, because you need to install the Hypercosm 3D Player to appreciate the interactive content of the site's Showcase, the highlight of these corporate pages. Hypercosm applets can be used for interactive audiovisual demos (as in the "Dremel Multipro online owner's manual"), presentations, and games. The instructional applets here include "Shuttle Docking with ISS" and "Mars Polar Lander". Games include air hockey, Demolition, and Meteor. We found the gene-splicing applet cool but sluggish on a Pentium 166. A slow processor or skimpy memory may frustrate you as you wait for one segment of an applet to play and the next to load. But as long as you have sufficient hardware, you can appreciate the niftiness of some of these samples.
http://www.hypercosm.com/

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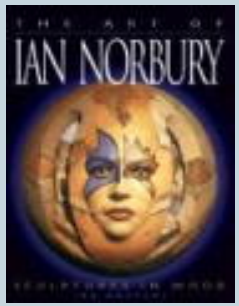

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From the distance one had to take already surprised to the knowledge, why a Website, which was furnished by the American student James Baumgartner in the summer, but since the longer Austrian and ex T Oy net artist Hans Bernhard is heard and by this operated and allegedly on a server in Bulgaria was, due to American laws at all the net to be taken must. Behind Bernhard the agency by the way stands ubermorgen.comalso Voteauction.com in the fight for the attention reached exactly, what wanted to reach it: with drastic means something admits to make to excite attention. "shock marketing" and "Viral marketing" with "close-to-reality" Hoaxes are the specialities of this agency from the surrounding field of the group of net arts, operated by two Austrians, etoy.com (Shock marketing from the net UndergroundAbout the taste in this case can be argued, but surely just that is the purpose of the enterprise, with which probably the question, whether it concerns thereby around an ironical criticism or a serious commercial enterprise, is secondary.

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However the Domainbank had already on 17 October kundgetan that one had requested the operator to remove within 30 days the Website. Scott Hemphill, legal adviser of the Domain bank, justified this in such a way: "we believe to elsewhere promote that it is very disturbing, the sales of voices for commercial purposes in the InterNet or and that this the free elections undermined, which our political system differentiates from the corrupt systems, which the democracy in other parts of the world weaken. We are obligated in this case to work with the court together."

Hans's Bernhard, whether a Internetregistrar or a Internetprovider can be responsible for contents at all, the customers doubt into the net place: "regards Vote auction.com this as illegal practice in total injury of the standards set of ICANN." Domainbank.com want anyhow safe go and ask alleged Hans Bernhard around, 100000 dollar for possible cost in law case to order place. That rejected thanking and asked obviously for his part in vain to overwrite the Domain to another Provider. But Domainbank had already made the agreement with the court, as Bernhard of a coworker wants to have experienced that the Domain will not transfer.

Allegedly the court in Chicago also required that all humans, who registered themselves with Voteauction.com and offered their voice, which authorities must be called, in order to then accuse it individually of fraud. However Bernhard really understands the enterprise of an auction for votes, then he wants to keep not only the data concerning the users of the Website confidential, but also to further continue the auction, which works "for and not against the democracy".

With a simple trick Bernhard could bring the Website back in running: over another Registrar, this mark CSL from Germany, he announced the Domain easily changed again under the still free name www.vote auction.com/ on. The Austrian Provider Silver server continues to stand behind the enterprise. And one day, after the old Domainname from the DNS was delivered, went Vote auction.com fully functionally, but without American participation again to the net. Thus first of all the auction is settled outside of the scope of responsibility of the American courts. The operators want to offer the "auction service" for the presidency election fight until 7 November and to realize after a Redesign the publicised approximation of democracy and capitalism to approximation also with other elections world-wide, everywhere, where "choice donations are used for the influence of elections".

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Instead of Voteauction.com there are Vote Auction.com now

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The Website, which was created by the American student James Baumgartner in the summer, but since the longer Austrian and ex T Oy net artist Hans Bernhard is heard and operated by this, over a Austrian Provider on a Bulgarian server was platziert. Since however the Domain in the summer was registered with the American Domain bank, the court had the possibility of making at least the Registrar liable then also the names from the DNS removed, whereby however the Website was attainable still a few days over the IP address.

With a simple trick Bernhard the court could go around and bring the Website back in running: Over another Registrar, this mark CSL from Germany, he announced the Domain easily changed again under the still free name www.vote auction.com on. One day, after the old Domainname from the DNS was delivered, went vote auction.com fully functionally, but without American participation again to the net. Thus the auction side is outside of the scope of responsibility of the American courts. The operators want to offer first of all the "auction service" for the presidency election fight until 7 November and to introduce after a Redesign the publicised approximation of democracy and capitalism to approximation also with other elections world-wide.

Behind Bernhard the agency by the way stands ubermorgen.com, which reached exactly with voteauction.com in the fight for the attention, what it to reach wanted: with drastic means - "shock marketing" -, something admits to make.

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Kaum hatte das Gericht in Chicago, Illinois, einen vorläufigen Bescheid ausgesprochen, dass die Website voteauction.com, weil sie illegal mit Wählerstimmen für den Präsidentschaftswahlkampf handelt, vom Netz genommen werden muss, tauchte sie wieder unter einem anderen Namen auf.

Die Website, die von dem amerikanischen Studenten James Baumgartner im Sommer geschaffen wurde, aber seit längerem dem Österreicher und Ex-ETOY Netzkünstler Hans Bernhard gehört und von diesem betrieben wird, wurde über einen österreichischen Provider auf einem bulgarischen Server platziert. Da aber die Domain im Sommer bei der amerikanischen Domain Bank registriert wurde, hatte das Gericht die Möglichkeit, zumindest den Registrar haftbar zu machen, der dann auch den Namen aus dem DNS entfernte, wobei allerdings die Website noch ein paar Tage über die IP-Adresse erreichbar war.

Mit einem einfachen Trick konnte Bernhard das Gericht umgehen und die Website wieder ins Laufen bringen: Über einen anderen Registrar, dieses Mal CSL aus Deutschland, meldete er die Domain leicht verändert wieder unter dem noch freien Namen www.**vote-auction**.com an. Einen Tag, nachdem der alte Domainname aus dem DNS ausgetragen wurde, ging **vote-auction**.com voll funktionsfähig, aber ohne amerikanische Beteiligung wieder ans Netz. Damit ist die Auktionsseite außerhalb des Zuständigkeitsbereichs der amerikanischen Gerichte. Die Betreiber wollen zunächst einmal den "Auktionsdienst" für den Präsidentschaftswahlkampf bis 7. November anbieten und nach einem Redesign die propagierte Annäherung von Demokratie und Kapitalismus Annäherung auch bei anderen Wahlen weltweit einführen.

Hinter Bernhard steht übrigens die Agentur ubermorgen.com, die mit voteauction.com im Kampf um die Aufmerksamkeit genau das erreicht hat, was sie erreichen wollte: mit drastischen Mitteln - "Schock-Marketing" -, etwas bekannt zu machen.

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Le site de vente de votes *Vote-auction.com* persiste et signe

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Après le chassé-croisé légal lors de sa création en août dernier, le site *Vote-auction.com* vient d'ajuster sa stratégie et changer son nom de domaine afin de rester ouvert jusqu'aux élections américaines, le 7 novembre prochain.

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La commission électorale du district de Chicago avait obtenu une injonction provisoire mercredi dernier pour forcer le fondateur du site James Baumgartner ainsi que le propriétaire Hans Bernard de Vienne en Autriche à fermer *Voteauction.com*. Le site proposait aux électeurs d'offrir leurs votes aux candidats électoraux grâce à un système de vente aux enchères (voir notre article).

Voir le reportage en RealVideo

Vendredi, *Voteauction.com* a été fermé pour de bon. Baumgartner se défendait d'ailleurs au cybermédia *Wired.com* en disant que tout l'idée n'était qu'une hyperbole pour démontrer le ridicule et les incongruités du système électoral américain. «Je n'ai jamais voulu vendre les votes, a dit Baumgartner à *Wired*. C'était clair dans mon esprit que moi et Hans avions les mêmes principes en tête quant à la mise en oeuvre du site. Nous ne faisions cela qu'en tant que satire politique ou intervention médiatique.»

Une explication qui n'a pas suffi aux commissaires électoraux de Chicago. «Nous disons depuis le début qu'il croient peut-être que c'est une parodie, a dit à *Wired* Tom Leach, commissaire aux élections de Chicago. Nous pensons cependant que ce n'est pas drôle. Si je crie "Au feu!" à bord d'un avion et qu'il n'y a pas de feu, c'est tout de même un crime.» Les poursuites contre Baumgartner et Bernard tiennent donc toujours.

Coup de théâtre samedi alors que le site revient en ligne sous le nom de domaine *Vote-auction.com* (vous aviez remarqué le trait d'union?). Cette fois, au lieu de mettre les votes aux enchères, les protagonistes utilisent une technique plus raffinée. Les usagers désirant mettre leurs votes aux enchères ne le vendent pas mais demandent un don aux gens qui ont à cœur la victoire d'un candidat. Un long communiqué explique la position de *Vote-auction.com*, qui soutient ne pas se laisser intimider par les poursuites des fonctionnaires de Chicago.

Cependant, il devient difficile de juger si cette affaire est réelle ou si ce n'est qu'une blague. Si M. Baumgartner plaidait le canular dans les pages de *Wired* en avouant qu'il n'y avait jamais eu d'offres pour les votes, la nouvelle incarnation de son site continue de dire que dans bon nombre d'États, les enchères vont bon train pour rémunérer les électeurs. De toute façon, que ce soit vrai ou non, *Vote-auction.com* a fait surgir des questions sur le processus électoral et les avantages que peuvent en tirer les individus.

Avec les élections fédérales canadiennes qui ont été déclenchées hier, il ne faudrait pas se surprendre qu'un petit comique ne vienne ici aussi tester la patience du Directeur général des élections...

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The site of sale of votes *Vote-auction.com* persists and signs

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After thecross legal one during its creation last August, the site *Vote-auction.com* comes to adjust its strategy and to change its domain name in order to remain open until the American elections, next 7 November.

The electoral commission of the district of Chicago had obtained a provisional injunction last Wednesday to force the founder of the site James Baumgartner as well as the owner Hans Bernard of Vienna in Austria to close *Voteauction.com* . The site proposed to the voters to offer their votes to the electoral candidates thanks to a system of auction sale (see our article).

See the report in RealVideo

Friday, *Voteauction.com* was closed for good. Baumgartner was defended besides with the cybermédia *Wired.com* by saying that all the idea was only one hyperbole to show the ridiculous one and incongruities of the American electoral system. "I never wanted to sell the votes, said Baumgartner to *Wired* . It was clear in my spirit that me and Hans had the same principles at the head as for the implementation of the site. We did that only as a political satire or a media intervention."

An explanation which was not enough for the electoral police chiefs to Chicago. "We say since the beginning perhaps that it believe that it is a parody, said to *Wired* Tom Leach, police chief with the elections of Chicago. We think however that it is not funny. If I shout "With fire!" on plane board and that there is no fire, it is a crime all the same." The continuations against Baumgartner and Bernard thus hold always.

Blow of theatre Saturday whereas the site returns on line under the name of Vote-auction.com *field* (you had noticed the feature of union?). This time, instead of putting the votes at the biddings, the protagonists use more refined technique. The users wishing to put their votes at the biddings do not sell it but request a gift from people who have in heart the victory of a candidate. A long official statement explains the position of *Vote-auction.com* , which supports not to be let intimidate by the continuations of the civils servant of Chicago.

However, it becomes difficult to judge if this business is real or if it is only one joke. If Mr. Baumgartner pled the hoax in the pages of *Wired* while acknowledging that there had never been offers for the votes, the new incarnation of its site continuous of saying that in considerable States, the biddings go good train to remunerate the voters. In any event, that it is true or not, *Vote-auction.com* made emerge from the questions about the electoral process and the advantages which the individuals can draw.

With the Canadian federal elections which were started yesterday, one would not have to be surprised that small comic does not come here also to test the patience of the General manager of the elections...

Dominic Fugère

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Le site de vente de votes *Vote-auction.com* persiste et signe

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Après le chassé-croisé légal lors de sa création en août dernier, le site ***Vote-auction***.com vient d'ajuster sa stratégie et changer son nom de domaine afin de rester ouvert jusqu'aux élections américaines, le 7 novembre prochain.

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La commission électorale du district de Chicago avait obtenu une injonction provisoire mercredi dernier pour forcer le fondateur du site James Baumgartner ainsi que le propriétaire Hans Bernard de Vienne en Autriche à fermer *Voteauction.com*. Le site proposait aux électeurs d'offrir leurs votes aux candidats électoraux grâce à un système de vente aux enchères (voir notre article).

Vendredi, *Voteauction.com* a été fermé pour de bon. Baumgartner se défendait d'ailleurs au cybermédia *Wired.com* en disant que tout l'idée n'était qu'une hyperbole pour démontrer le ridicule et les incongruités du système électoral américain. «Je n'ai jamais voulu vendre les votes, a dit Baumgartner à *Wired*. C'était clair dans mon esprit que moi et Hans avions les mêmes principes en tête quant à la mise en oeuvre du site. Nous ne faisions cela qu'en tant que satire politique ou intervention médiatique.»

Une explication qui n'a pas suffi aux commissaires électoraux de Chicago. «Nous disons depuis le début qu'il croient peut-être que c'est une parodie, a dit à *Wired* Tom Leach, commissaire aux élections de Chicago. Nous pensons cependant que ce n'est pas drôle. Si je crie "Au feu!" à bord d'un avion et qu'il n'y a pas de feu, c'est tout de même un crime.» Les poursuites contre Baumgartner et Bernard tiennent donc toujours.

Coup de théâtre samedi alors que le site revient en ligne sous le nom de domaine ***Vote-auction***.com (vous aviez remarqué le trait d'union?). Cette fois, au lieu de

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mettre les votes aux enchères, les protagonistes utilisent une technique plus raffinée. Les usagers désirant mettre leurs votes aux enchères ne le vendent pas mais demandent un don aux gens qui ont à cœur la victoire d'un candidat. Un long communiqué explique la position de ***Vote-auction****.com*, qui soutient ne pas se laisser intimider par les poursuites des fonctionnaires de Chicago.

Cependant, il devient difficile de juger si cette affaire est réelle ou si ce n'est qu'une blague. Si M. Baumgartner plaidait le canular dans les pages de *Wired* en avouant qu'il n'y avait jamais eu d'offres pour les votes, la nouvelle incarnation de son site continue de dire que dans bon nombre d'États, les enchères vont bon train pour rémunérer les électeurs. De toute façon, que ce soit vrai ou non, ***Vote-auction****.com* a fait surgir des questions sur le processus électoral et les avantages que peuvent en tirer les individus.

Avec les élections fédérales canadiennes qui ont été déclenchées hier, il ne faudrait pas se surprendre qu'un petit comique ne vienne ici aussi tester la patience du Directeur général des élections...

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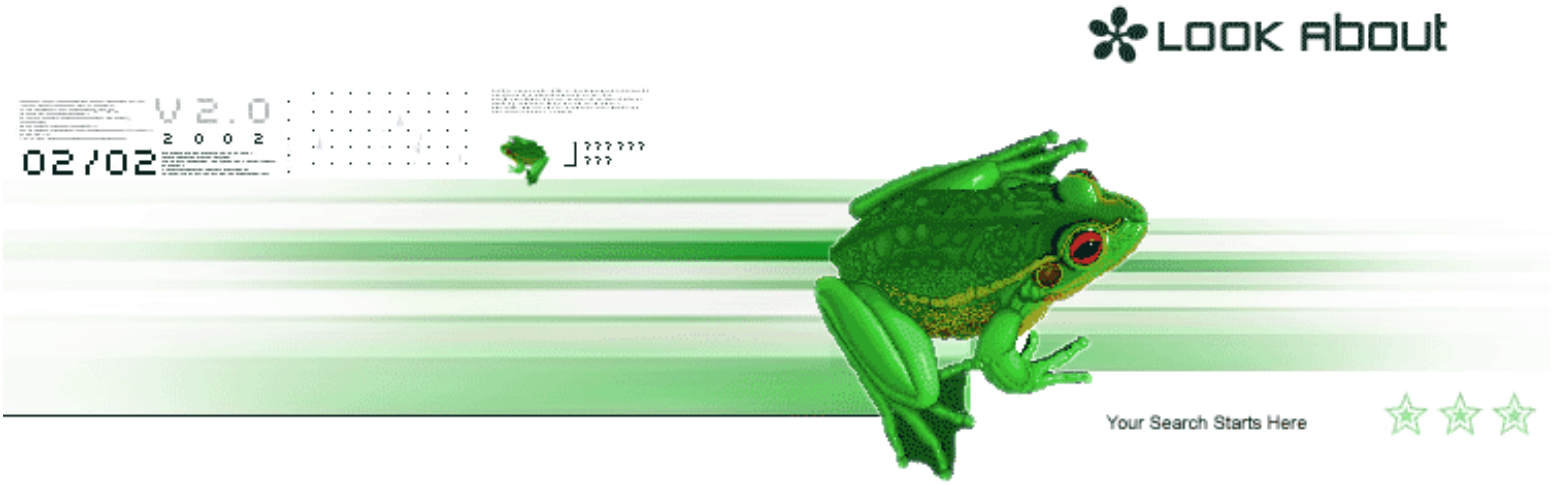

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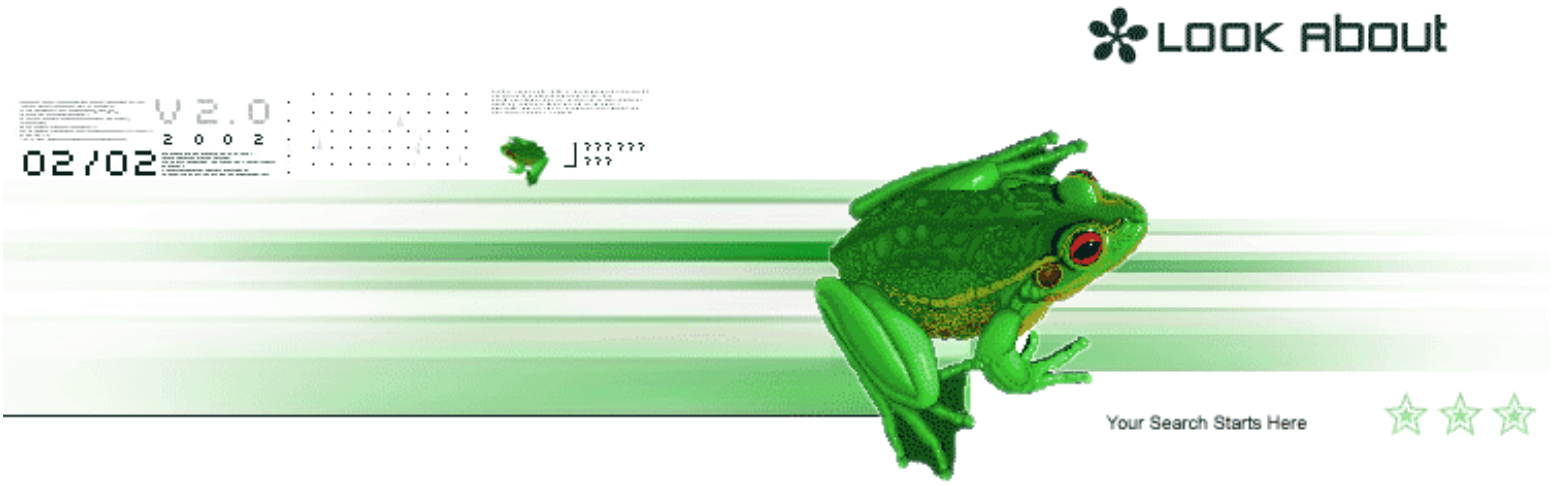

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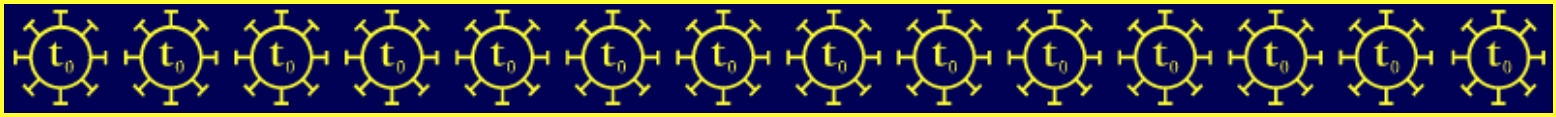

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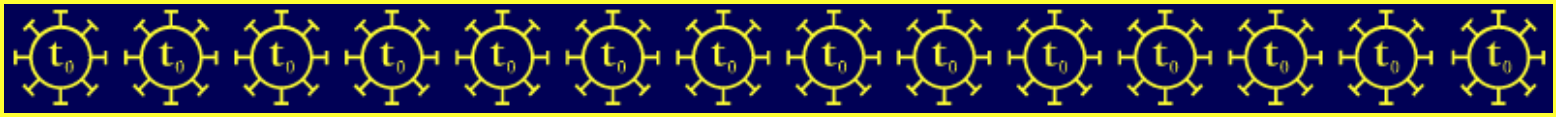

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01.**"AARON "**
1973
Harold Cohen
AARON is the oldest and famous artificial artist. First launched in 1973, it has developed into a sophisticated piece of software that also exists as a screen saver. AARON creates countless figurative drawings algorithmically, without any pre-drawn samples. ItÕs hard to believe "he" is not a human.
http://www.kurzweilcyberart.com/

02.**"actionist respoke"**
2001
Michael Janoschek & R□diger Schloemer
This Shockwave-based interactive sound-toy introduces you to the world of Mouse on Mars music band. By dragging and overlapping visual elements you will be able to create your own sound compositions in the style of the band.
http://www.stromgasse.de/actionist/

03.**"AMEN"**
2002
Neil Gavigan
Sound toy with intuitive interface. You can create drum-and-bass patterns by manipulating visual elements in a browser. The project refers to the history of drum-and-bass music style as well as to the genre of interactive computer art.
http://www.trouble07.com/amen/main.htm

04.**"Auto-Illustrator"**
2001
Adrian Ward
This vector graphics editor is commercially available and can be used for creating nice layouts and designs, similar to what Adobe Illustrator does. The difference is in algorithms that stand behind the effects the software produces. Auto-Illustrator parodies the mainstream approach to software writing.
http://www.auto-illustrator.com/

05.**"bildschirmgymnastik"**
2002
joreg
bildschirmgymnastik is an artist-made screen saver which will drive your computer crazy. If you leave your PC unattended, it will start stretching and moving all windows and icons on your desktop. Author recommends to use it three times a day for a healthy desktop.
http://joreg.ath.cx/gymnastik.html

06.**"BitmapSequencer"**
2002
Tom Betts
BitmapSequencer is a sound-making tool, a program that generates sounds through algorithmic analysis of bitmap images. Each image produces a different sound. Users are able to control sound parameters as well as supply the program with their own images for generating more sounds.
http://www.nullpointer.co.uk/-/bmpseq.htm

07.**"Carnivore"**
2001
RSG(Radical Software Group)
Named after the data-sniffing software developed by FBI, Carnivore consisted of the ÒCarnivore PEÓ application to sense LAN data traffic and a number of "clients" by artists and programmers to visualize the detected data in various forms. Client creators include next to RSG the likes of Cory Arcangel, Golan Levin, and others.
http://www.rhizome.org/carnivore/

08.**"Dasher"**
1997-2004
David MacKay, Inference Group, Cavendish Laboratory
Dasher is a piece of utilitarian software for text input without using a keyboard. This software is mainly meant for palmtop computers or for disabled PC users. Nevertheless, the process of this software usage can be seen as an artistic performance as well, due to very colorful and dynamic animations it produces.
http://www.inference.phy.cam.ac.uk/dasher/

09.**"Dictionaraoke"**
2001
Snoogles
You are supposed to pick a pop song, run its lyrics through an online dictionary equipped with a text-to-speech engine, record the result, and combine it with a midi file of the same song. As a result you will get a strange bastardized version of the song in which all the lyrics are sang (spoken) by "professional" artificial voices.
http://www.dictionaraoke.org/

10.**"Discomus"**
early 1990s
anonymous
Discomus is an old program for DOS that plays Russian folk tune "Chizik-pyzhik" karaoke style. Floppy drive acts here as a musical instrument, performing main melodic theme of the song, while motherboard speaker acts as a drum and bass section.
http://runme.org/project/+discomus/

11.**"FragMental Storm"**
2000
exonemo
Assembles in real-time collages of texts and images gathered from Web sites that come up as a result of a Web search the user starts by entering a random keyword. Fragmented and distorted data from different contexts mix in dynamic clashes that are also manifested in an installation form combined with radio, microphones and voice recognition software.
http://www.exonemo.com/FMS/

12.**"googlepoweredgogglebox"**
2003
Sam Woolf
A tool for creating generative videos. It uses text input as a starting point, then looks up for the image and sound files on the internet and finally mixes up a complete film out of them.
http://www.blip.alturl.com/googlepoweredgogglebox.html

13.**"Homeland Security Threat Monitor"**
2002
Greg Hewgill
Making fun out of the US paranoia about terrorist threat, this software proposes a "high-tech" way to monitor the threat current level. The program keeps contacting the US Department of Homeland Security and displays its recommendations in a small icon on your desktop.
http://hewgill.com/threat/

14.**"I/O/D: The Web Stalker"**
1997
I/O/D
Experimental web browser. Instead of showing the contents of web pages, it uncovers the structure of a website, maps internal and external hyperlinks, streams the html-code of a page. Another words, the Web Stalker shows all kind of information which ÒnormalÓ browsers read, but do not show to users.
http://bak.spc.org/iod/iod4.html

15.**"Lexikon-Sonate"**
1992
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http://www.kurzweilcyberart.com/

02.**"actionist respoke"**
2001
Michael Janoschek & Rüdiger Schloemer
This Shockwave-based interactive sound-toy introduces you to the world of Mouse on Mars music band. By dragging and overlapping visual elements you will be able to create your own sound compositions in the style of the band.
http://www.stromgasse.de/actionist/

03.**"AMEN"**
2002
Neil Gavigan
Sound toy with intuitive interface. You can create drum-and-bass patterns by manipulating visual elements in a browser. The project refers to the history of drum-and-bass music style as well as to the genre of interactive computer art.
http://www.trouble07.com/amen/main.htm

04.**"Auto-Illustrator"**
2001
Adrian Ward
This vector graphics editor is commercially available and can be used for creating nice layouts and designs, similar to what Adobe Illustrator does. The difference is in algorithms that stand behind the effects the software produces. Auto-Illustrator parodies the mainstream approach to software writing.
http://www.auto-illustrator.com/

05.**"bildschirmgymnastik"**
2002
joreg
bildschirmgymnastik is an artist-made screen saver which will drive your computer crazy. If you leave your PC unattended, it will start stretching and moving all windows and icons on your desktop. Author recommends to use it three times a day for a healthy desktop.
http://joreg.ath.cx/gymnastik.html

06.**"BitmapSequencer"**
2002
Tom Betts
BitmapSequencer is a sound-making tool, a program that generates sounds through algorithmic analysis of bitmap images. Each image produces a different sound. Users are able to control sound parameters as well as supply the program with their own images for generating more sounds.
http://www.nullpointer.co.uk/-/bmpseq.htm

07.**"Carnivore"**
2001
RSG(Radical Software Group)
Named after the data-sniffing software developed by FBI, Carnivore consisted of the ›Carnivore PE‹ application to sense LAN data traffic and a number of "clients" by artists and programmers to visualize the detected data in various forms. Client creators include next to RSG the likes of Cory Arcangel, Golan Levin, and others.
http://www.rhizome.org/carnivore/

08.**"Dasher"**
1997-2004
David MacKay, Inference Group, Cavendish Laboratory
Dasher is a piece of utilitarian software for text input without using a keyboard. This software is mainly meant for palmtop computers or for disabled PC users. Nevertheless, the process of this software usage can be seen as an artistic performance as well, due to very colorful and dynamic animations it produces.
http://www.inference.phy.cam.ac.uk/dasher/

09.**"Dictionaraoke"**
2001
Snoogles
You are supposed to pick a pop song, run its lyrics through an online dictionary equipped with a text-to-speech engine, record the result, and combine it with a midi file of the same song. As a result you will get a strange bastardized version of the song in which all the lyrics are sang (spoken) by "professional" artificial voices.
http://www.dictionaraoke.org/

10.**"Discomus"**
early 1990s
anonymous
Discomus is an old program for DOS that plays Russian folk tune "Chizik-pyzhik" karaoke style. Floppy drive acts here as a musical instrument, performing main melodic theme of the song, while motherboard speaker acts as a drum and bass section.
http://runme.org/project/+discomus/

11.**"FragMental Storm"**
2000
exonemo
Assembles in real-time collages of texts and images gathered from Web sites that come up as a result of a Web search the user starts by entering a random keyword. Fragmented and distorted data from different contexts mix in dynamic clashes that are also manifested in an installation form combined with radio, microphones and voice recognition software.
http://www.exonemo.com/FMS/

12.**"googlepoweredgogglebox"**
2003
Sam Woolf
A tool for creating generative videos. It uses text input as a starting point, then looks up for the image and sound files on the internet and finally mixes up a complete film out of them.
http://www.blip.alturl.com/googlepoweredgogglebox.html

13.**"Homeland Security Threat Monitor"**
2002
Greg Hewgill
Making fun out of the US paranoia about terrorist threat, this software proposes a "high-tech" way to monitor the threat current level. The program keeps contacting the US Department of Homeland Security and displays its recommendations in a small icon on your desktop.
http://hewgill.com/threat/

14.**"I/O/D: The Web Stalker"**
1997
I/O/D
Experimental web browser. Instead of showing the contents of web pages, it uncovers the structure of a website, maps internal and external hyperlinks, streams the html-code of a page. Another words, the Web Stalker shows all kind of information which ›normal‹ browsers read, but do not show to users.
http://bak.spc.org/iod/iod4.html

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kop art projects 2002

low level all stars

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Video game culture has long relied on 'crackers', the fearless geeks who remove a game's copy protection through brute force. Crackers often leave behind modified start-up screens as evidence of their conquest. This special cracker graffiti both documents the intrusion and provides a platform to showcase the cracker's skills.

'Low Level All Stars' showcases the best cracker tags selected from over 1000 games available for the Commodore64 computer. All cracker tags have been re-cracked by Beige and RSG and extracted as stand-alone Commodore animations. You may watch a video clip documenting each piece, or view still images. ROMs will be available soon from the website. All documentation was made directly from the C64 with no computer emulation.

global village health manual v.1

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Work in the Age of Virtual Reproduction

This work wants you to suspend conventional notions of authorship while you interact with it. Just as the artisans of the popular prints of the last two centuries often used images and motifs from the visual universe around them, so too we have gathered materials from the World Wide Web to constitute the different layers of this work.

This is as much to bring to attention the inherent extensibility and reproducible nature of art work in the digital domain, as it is to reclaim the knowledge-sharing imperative of early popular printmaking. This is why we have chosen the cover of a manual, a primer of public health, as our point of reference.

In the late nineteenth century, printmaking entered the public imagination as a cheap, accessible ,and popular means of producing and circulating pictures, stories, information and rumours. This was a culture that eluded censors and skirted copyright. Today, a hundred years later, a cluster of technologies centred on the computer and the Internet has made possible the birth of a new folklore of images and ideas. Which, like its print ancestor, is also busy eluding censors and skirting copyright.

This work wants you to bridge the distance between the data stream of the present and the fading imprint of the recent past. It asks that you look through yesterday's web of images at the bitmap of where you are today.

stealth waltz

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The stealth waltz cloaks its waltz nature using a tiny piece of freeware called paranoid (for macintosh).

Hidden inside one simple rhythm loop (in time signature of 4/4) is another loop. When the two loops are played together, a waltz is heard. In order to do this, the listener needs to know (1) that there is a hidden sound file (2) how to get the file and (3) what to do with it once they have it.

The user must take a step forward into a website(*) that hints at the hidden file; a step to the side, to decipher the puzzle on the site that holds the key to the file; and step with feet together, using this information (along with the original sound file) to unlock the hidden file.

(*)website: the stare channel
Using afterimage and subsequent complementary color field to generate information in the interstices between frames, information on the site is only present for a blink of an eye. In order to see it, the user must stare at the unmoving screen. This information helps to unlock the hidden file.

injunction generator

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In 2000, ubermorgen produced the Internet classic [V]ote Auction ('Bringing capitalism and democracy closer together'), featuring James Baumgartner. [V]ote Auction was a platform to sell and buy votes during the 2000 US presidential election. [http://www.vote-auction.net]

In the course of this massive action [over 2500 news clippings, including a CNN 30 min. exclusive - THIS IS POP!], two domains were shut down illegally [voteauction.com and vote-auction.com] due to court orders that had been emailed to the dubious meta-registrar CORENIC in Geneva, Switzerland. ubermorgen is currently sueing CORENIC for losses of over 40K Euro.

The Injunction Generator adapts this technique and offers all internet users a platform to generate court orders and automatically send them to registrars, domain-name holders and journalists. You can issue as many court orders as you wish, and bring down as many domains as you want. The platform will constantly monitor the targeted URLs and, send out alerts to all involved parties as soon as the target-site DNS is down.

The result is chaos in all cases - it does not matter whether the registrar actually decides to take the domain down or not. (Not to mention, web-server outages are hardly uncommon, and these alerts will draw some attention to this fact.) We wish you a pleasant 'ZEITGEISTschiffeversenken' game with this non-territorial digital legal art.

the file that wouldn't leave

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Satanism, Pedophilia, Cyber Inquisition and Cultural Terrorism
in the amazing story of
The File That Wouldn't Leave
You won't believe it!

On 4 March 2002, 0100101110101101.ORG is forced to immediately erase from its server the file containing Luther Blissett's book 'Lasciate che i bimbi' ('Let The Children. Pedophilia as a pretext for a witch hunt'). The imposition comes from the international Internet provider PSInet, along with the threat of cutting 0100101110101101.ORG's connectivity. Their excuse is that the content of the book is 'illegal and defamatory and relating to paedophilia'.

The aforementioned book analyses instead how the creation of emergencies becomes a way to establish more restrictive laws and censorship, both in the real world and on the Internet. The book comes to the conclusion that the pedophilia phenomenon has been amplified and magnified, resulting in a repressive crusade against all individual liberties. 'The File That Wouldn't Leave' is the story of one such case of subtle censorship, implemented through the server's Net Abuse Policies which calls for the removal from a website of any material deemed defamatory, obscene, pornographic, pedophilic or simply inconvenient. The pyramid-like Internet connectivity system allows any server, by simply sending an email message, to start a chain reaction of removal requests that starts from the upper-level server and filters downwards, capable of reaching any single website that hosts the named material. Whereas no server is required to verify the truth of the accusation, any server has the right of calling for the removal of any of the lower ones.

'The File That Wouldn't Leave' is a case study which shows how censorship develops and where it can lead.

resourceHanger+

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'RH+' makes objects of websites from inputted keywords or URLs, and offers the interface which creates the hybrid. It supports basic cycles of all creative acts such as: copy->improvement-> copy.... The code by JAVA of 'RH+' itself is also open for improvement.

i love you, world

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I wanted to make piece of 'poetry' for a change - lost in the net; open, modular project in progress - with sudden cuts, minimal and cold, baroque and lonely, mixing CNN with flowers, inviting Christiane Amanpour to write a few sentences, code and information, from heaven to earth. The World Data is hacked and accessible, why should we lose time discussing Entertainment Data Piracy? I wanted to explore a sense of precise solitude in the Kingdom.

Dedicated to p.RT.

explorer 98 game

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explorer 98 is net game that is based on two inseparable parts of today's industry of fun: corporations that make computer games; and platforms, operating systems, on which games are played. explorer 98 game is a perverse convergence of the largest software corporation, Microsoft, and one of the biggest studios for real time strategy (RTS) games, Westwood studio.

explorer 98 uses as its game-map snapshots from the Windows Explorer 98 browser that is a standard part of the Windows 98 operative system. Units in the game are units from Westwood's Command & Conquer Series: Tiberian Sun. Symbolically, this game is played inside the very core of the Microsoft empire; inside Windows Explorer, the ultimate search engine of the Windows Operating System.

There is only one campaign. The player is always on the side of Microsoft; he/she must choose to be a hero of the Microsoft Windows empire against the evil enemies. There is no alternative.

high ball

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Exonemo writes Gnutella software with automatic data-remixing functions to be downloaded from the KOP site. The user can type out any keywords and send them to the GNET, where several files can be automatically downloaded. The GC software proceeds to mix them into one file, showing the mixing process through sound and images. The new file will have a keyword name, and be accessible on the GNET.

For example, when the user uses Gnutella to search for the keyword 'madonna', various kinds of images are available. This GC software produces new images by mixing them . The combinant new image is shown on the GNET with a name such as 'madonna.jpg.'

Original and mixed/remixed images and sound files co-exist in the network. The users might not recognize whether the file is original or remixed. What is 'the work' here? What is 'original'? Here 'the work' is a rendering agent. It exists like a ghost, haunting around and mixing endlessly.

i_biology patent engine: (i-bpe)

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The i_Biology Patent Engine (iPE) maps the circuit between Venture Capital, Biotechnological Patenting, and DNA mining. It has three components: 1. A dynamically-driven database housed on KOP's server. 2. A networked Internet agent which harvests daily bio-economic patterns and patents from across the globe. 3. An interface through which the end user can pirate existing biotech patents.

iPE archived and remixed current global patents granted for gene processing in the Biotech market throughout the exhibition dates of KOP. The dataset gathered was a result of networked Internet Agent returns. The iPE Agent documented and performed harvesting gestures off the Internet, gathering patents and creating a data repository offered to the end user. The interface acts as a simple tool for users to mix-and-match their own patents, editing currently existing copies in iPE's data repository. The iPE patent can then be downloaded as a .pdf file. The .pdf file is designed to mimic existing regional and global patenting forms.

The user interface for iPE also includes a daily monitor of the economic behavior of publicly-traded Biotech companies that are attempting to corner Research & Development for an economic market.

warriors of perception: search and manifest.

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These search terms have been highlighted: **vote auction**

kop art projects 2002

low level all stars

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Video game culture has long relied on 'crackers', the fearless geeks who remove a game's copy protection through brute force. Crackers often leave behind modified start-up screens as evidence of their conquest. This special cracker graffiti both documents the intrusion and provides a platform to showcase the cracker's skills.

'Low Level All Stars' showcases the best cracker tags selected from over 1000 games available for the Commodore64 computer. All cracker tags have been re-cracked by Beige and RSG and extracted as stand-alone Commodore animations. You may watch a video clip documenting each piece, or view still images. ROMs will be available soon from the website. All documentation was made directly from the C64 with no computer emulation.

global village health manual v.1

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Work in the Age of Virtual Reproduction

This work wants you to suspend conventional notions of authorship while you interact with it. Just as the artisans of the popular prints of the last two centuries often used images and motifs from the visual universe around them, so too we have gathered materials from the World Wide Web to constitute the different layers of this work.

This is as much to bring to attention the inherent extensibility and reproducible nature of art work in the digital domain, as it is to reclaim the knowledge-sharing imperative of early popular printmaking. This is why we have chosen the cover of a manual, a primer of public health, as our point of reference.

In the late nineteenth century, printmaking entered the public imagination as a cheap, accessible ,and popular means of producing and circulating pictures, stories, information and rumours. This was a culture that eluded censors and skirted copyright. Today, a hundred years later, a cluster of technologies centred on the computer and the Internet has made possible the birth of a new folklore of images and ideas. Which, like its print ancestor, is also busy eluding censors and skirting copyright.

This work wants you to bridge the distance between the data stream of the present and the fading imprint of the recent past. It asks that you look through yesterday's web of images at the bitmap of where you are today.

stealth waltz

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The stealth waltz cloaks its waltz nature using a tiny piece of freeware called paranoid (for macintosh).

Hidden inside one simple rhythm loop (in time signature of 4/4) is another loop. When the two loops are played together, a waltz is heard. In order to do this, the listener needs to know (1) that there is a hidden sound file (2) how to get the file and (3) what to do with it once they have it.

The user must take a step forward into a website(*) that hints at the hidden file; a step to the side, to decipher the puzzle on the site that holds the key to the file; and step with feet together, using this information (along with the original sound file) to unlock the hidden file.

(*)website: the stare channel
Using afterimage and subsequent complementary color field to generate information in the interstices between frames, information on the site is only present for a blink of an eye. In order to see it, the user must stare at the unmoving screen. This information helps to unlock the hidden file.

injunction generator

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In 2000, ubermorgen produced the Internet classic [V]ote Auction ('Bringing capitalism and democracy closer together'), featuring James Baumgartner. [V]ote Auction was a platform to sell and buy votes during the 2000 US presidential election. [http://www.vote-auction.net]

In the course of this massive action [over 2500 news clippings, including a CNN 30 min. exclusive - THIS IS POP!], two domains were shut down illegally [voteauction.com and vote-auction.com] due to court orders that had been emailed to the dubious meta-registrar CORENIC in Geneva, Switzerland. ubermorgen is currently sueing CORENIC for losses of over 40K Euro.

The Injunction Generator adapts this technique and offers all internet users a platform to generate court orders and automatically send them to registrars, domain-name holders and journalists. You can issue as many court orders as you wish, and bring down as many domains as you want. The platform will constantly monitor the targeted URLs and, send out alerts to all involved parties as soon as the target-site DNS is down.

The result is chaos in all cases - it does not matter whether the registrar actually decides to take the domain down or not. (Not to mention, web-server outages are hardly uncommon, and these alerts will draw some attention to this fact.) We wish you a pleasant 'ZEITGEISTschiffeversenken' game with this non-territorial digital legal art.

the file that wouldn't leave

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Satanism, Pedophilia, Cyber Inquisition and Cultural Terrorism
in the amazing story of
The File That Wouldn't Leave
You won't believe it!

On 4 March 2002, 0100101110101101.ORG is forced to immediately erase from its server the file containing Luther Blissett's book 'Lasciate che i bimbi' ('Let The Children. Pedophilia as a pretext for a witch hunt'). The imposition comes from the international Internet provider PSInet, along with the threat of cutting 0100101110101101.ORG's connectivity. Their excuse is that the content of the book is 'illegal and defamatory and relating to paedophilia'.

The aforementioned book analyses instead how the creation of emergencies becomes a way to establish more restrictive laws and censorship, both in the real world and on the Internet. The book comes to the conclusion that the pedophilia phenomenon has been amplified and magnified, resulting in a repressive crusade against all individual liberties. 'The File That Wouldn't Leave' is the story of one such case of subtle censorship, implemented through the server's Net Abuse Policies which calls for the removal from a website of any material deemed defamatory, obscene, pornographic, pedophilic or simply inconvenient. The pyramid-like Internet connectivity system allows any server, by simply sending an email message, to start a chain reaction of removal requests that starts from the upper-level server and filters downwards, capable of reaching any single website that hosts the named material. Whereas no server is required to verify the truth of the accusation, any server has the right of calling for the removal of any of the lower ones.

'The File That Wouldn't Leave' is a case study which shows how censorship develops and where it can lead.

resourceHanger+

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'RH+' makes objects of websites from inputted keywords or URLs, and offers the interface which creates the hybrid. It supports basic cycles of all creative acts such as: copy->improvement-> copy.... The code by JAVA of 'RH+' itself is also open for improvement.

i love you, world

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I wanted to make piece of 'poetry' for a change - lost in the net; open, modular project in progress - with sudden cuts, minimal and cold, baroque and lonely, mixing CNN with flowers, inviting Christiane Amanpour to write a few sentences, code and information, from heaven to earth. The World Data is hacked and accessible, why should we lose time discussing Entertainment Data Piracy? I wanted to explore a sense of precise solitude in the Kingdom.

Dedicated to p.RT.

explorer 98 game

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explorer 98 is net game that is based on two inseparable parts of today's industry of fun: corporations that make computer games; and platforms, operating systems, on which games are played. explorer 98 game is a perverse convergence of the largest software corporation, Microsoft, and one of the biggest studios for real time strategy (RTS) games, Westwood studio.

explorer 98 uses as its game-map snapshots from the Windows Explorer 98 browser that is a standard part of the Windows 98 operative system. Units in the game are units from Westwood's Command & Conquer Series: Tiberian Sun. Symbolically, this game is played inside the very core of the Microsoft empire; inside Windows Explorer, the ultimate search engine of the Windows Operating System.

There is only one campaign. The player is always on the side of Microsoft; he/she must choose to be a hero of the Microsoft Windows empire against the evil enemies. There is no alternative.

high ball

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Exonemo writes Gnutella software with automatic data-remixing functions to be downloaded from the KOP site. The user can type out any keywords and send them to the GNET, where several files can be automatically downloaded. The GC software proceeds to mix them into one file, showing the mixing process through sound and images. The new file will have a keyword name, and be accessible on the GNET.

For example, when the user uses Gnutella to search for the keyword 'madonna', various kinds of images are available. This GC software produces new images by mixing them . The combinant new image is shown on the GNET with a name such as 'madonna.jpg.'

Original and mixed/remixed images and sound files co-exist in the network. The users might not recognize whether the file is original or remixed. What is 'the work' here? What is 'original'? Here 'the work' is a rendering agent. It exists like a ghost, haunting around and mixing endlessly.

i_biology patent engine: (i-bpe)

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The i_Biology Patent Engine (iPE) maps the circuit between Venture Capital, Biotechnological Patenting, and DNA mining. It has three components: 1. A dynamically-driven database housed on KOP's server. 2. A networked Internet agent which harvests daily bio-economic patterns and patents from across the globe. 3. An interface through which the end user can pirate existing biotech patents.

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warriors of perception: search and manifest.

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SELLtheVOTE.COM DOES IT THE AMERICAN WAY - THE DEMOCRATIC WAY

Online die Wahlstimme verkaufen? Das war noch 2000 zur US-Wahl Bush/ Gore ein Thema, dem sich die österreichische Media-Hack-Gruppe ubermorgen.com damals angenommen hat. Mit dem Projekt voteauction.com wurde eine Online Plattform zur Versteigerung der Wahlstimmen gegründet, als Geschäftsidee präsentiert und von US-Medien als Frechheit und Wahlbetrug abgestempelt.
Dass es aber eigentlich um eine Sichtbarmachung des verkorksten Wahlsystems geht und anscheinend die Grenzen der Demokratie erreicht worden sind, dass wird natürlich kein Thema in den Medien. So glauben die meisten US-Bürger trotz Wahlmänner-System nach wie vor an ihre Freiheit und der demokratische Form zu entscheiden, wer ihr Land führen soll.

Jetzt, 4 Jahre nach vote-auction zeichnet sich ein ähnliches Projekt mit global-impact ab: SELLtheVOTE.
Warum soll nicht jeder Erdenbewohner mitbestimmen dürfen wer US-Präsident werden soll, wo dieser doch wesentlich globale Themen definiert? SELLtheVOTE hat die Antwort: verkaufe deine Wahlstimme. Weltweit. Um den demokratischen, amerikanischen Weg zu gehen.

Alles hat anscheinend damit angefangen, dass einige Leute versucht haben ihre Stimme via eBay zu versteigern:

Six people offered to sell their vote for president on the Internet this week, fetching as much as $10,100 before online auctioneer eBay canceled the bidding. Meanwhile, another site is soliciting undecided voters to offer as a block to the highest bidder for each state.[..] (I-LIST)

Diese angesprochene Seite mit dem Namen voteauction.com wurde als Studie vom US-Studenten James Baumgartner konzeptioniert und an ubermorgen.com weiterverkauft. In weiterer Folge wurden das Thema von den US-Medien aufgegriffen, Reportagen gedreht, Expertenrunden eingeladen und live befragt. Illinois versuchte die ganze Zeit, eine einstweilige Verfügung zu erreichen und die Seite zu schliessen, waren dort ja immerhin die meisten "Spendewilligen" Wähler, die ihre Stimme Online zum Kauf angebiten hatten.
Die Betreiber der Seite, Hans Bernhard und Liz Haas wurden mit Klagen bombardiert, die Seite wurde geschlossen, die Domain entzogen, der Server gehackt. voteauction kam dann mit einem neuen Namen und geändertem wording wieder Online: vote-auction.com.
Die .com Domains gibt es mittlerweile auch nicht mehr, lediglich eine .net Adresse hat überlebt. Jetzt ist schon fast Gras über die Sache gewachsen, die meisten Klagen sind obsolet - doch die Thematik nach wie vor aktuell: zur aktuellen US-Wahl 2004.

Hier die offizielle Aussendung von *THE*AGENCY*, die von sich selber behaupten, keiner Nationalität zuzuordnen zu sein.

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Voice from SELLtheVOTE.COM user Linda, 25, NY: My vote goes to a Puerto Rican, Puerto Ricans living in Puerto Rico pay federal taxes, fight in the US army, and have US passports - but are entirely denied
a right to vote in the presidential elections. ... Puerto Rico has been occupied and used as a military training base by the US ... for

decades. I offer my vote to a Puerto Rican living in Puerto Rico ... I will sell you my vote.

In 2000, CNN asked the makers of [V]ote-auction: "Why on earth are you europeans intervening in a U.S. election?", Voteauction replied: "Because the U.S. President has the power and the means to change the face of the world, so the world should have the democratic power to elect the U.S. President."

In 2004, this proposition has become real with the web-site http://SELLtheVOTE.COM : U.S. voters are now able to sell their electoral vote to citizens of any country of the world wanting to democratically influence the U.S. presidential elections 2004, Kerry vs Bush.

During the last 4 years, the United States of America, their illegitimate president and the U.S. corporate fascists have terrorized the world with acts of war, cultural and political terrorism and disasterous mismanagement.

Al Qaeda is fighting back with bombs, media hacks and evil networks, but SELLtheVOTE.COM wants to get the job done the american way - the democratic way:

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The on-line vote sell? That was still 2000 to the US choice Bush/Gore a topic, which the Austrian Media chop group took care of at that time ubermorgen.com. With the project voteauction.com an on-line platform was created for the auction of the votes, presented as business idea and stamped of US media as insolence and electoral fraud.
The fact that it however actually can apparent around a sichtbarmachung of the botched choice system and the borders of the democracy were reached that becomes naturally no topic in the media. Thus most US citizens believe to still decide despite elector system to their liberty and the democratic form, who is to lead their country.

Now, after year vote auction draws 4 a similar project with global impact off: SELLtheVOTE.
Why isn't each ground connection inhabitant to contribute to be allowed who US president become is, where this defines nevertheless substantially global topics? SELLtheVOTE has the answer: sell your vote. World-wide. In order to go the democratic, American way.

Everything began apparent with the fact that some people tried their voice via eBay to auctions:

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This addressed side with the name voteauction.com was konzeptioniert as study by the US student James Baumgartner and resold on ubermorgen.com. In further consequence the topic taken up by the US media, reports were turned, invited expert rounds and asked live. Illinois tried the whole time to achieve a provisional order and close the side, was there nevertheless most "donation-willing" voters, who angebiten its voice on-line one to the purchase had.
The operators of the side, Hans's Bernhard and Liz Haas with complaints bombarded, which became side closed, the Domain extracted, the server chopped voteauction came then with a new name and a changed wording again on-line one: vote auction.com.
The com Domains gives it meanwhile also not more, only a net to address survived. Now already nearly grass grew over the thing, which is most complaints obsolet - nevertheless the topic still up-to-date: to the current US choice 2004.

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Dass es aber eigentlich um eine Sichtbarmachung des verkorksten Wahlsystems geht und anscheinend die Grenzen der Demokratie erreicht worden sind, dass wird natürlich kein Thema in den Medien. So glauben die meisten US-Bürger trotz Wahlmänner-System nach wie vor an ihre Freiheit und der demokratische Form zu entscheiden, wer ihr Land führen soll.

Jetzt, 4 Jahre nach **vote-auction** zeichnet sich ein ähnliches Projekt mit global-impact ab: SELLtheVOTE.
Warum soll nicht jeder Erdenbewohner mitbestimmen dürfen wer US-Präsident werden soll, wo dieser doch wesentlich globale Themen definiert? SELLtheVOTE hat die Antwort: verkaufe deine Wahlstimme. Weltweit. Um den demokratischen, amerikanischen Weg zu gehen.

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ACM Committee on Computers and Public Policy, Peter G. Neumann, moderator

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Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 14:15:47 -0500
From: Steve Bellovin <smb@research.att.com>
Subject: Did a human factors problem affect the U.S. presidential election?

The outcome of the U.S. Presidential election may have been determined by
poor human factors in a computerized vote-casting system.

As of this writing (early afternoon on Wednesday), Bush and Gore are

separated by less than 1800 votes (.03%) in Florida. Due to the arcana of U.S. election law, whoever carries Florida at this point will win the overall election. And there's a problem in one county that may have resulted in ~3000 votes that were intended for Gore in fact being cast for Buchanan, a minor party candidate.

Palm Beach County uses a punch-card voting system. Because of the layout of the names relative to the holes and the buttons to punch those holes, it was apparently easy to get confused about how to vote for Gore. Apart from all the calls to the election board by confused voters, there is circumstantial evidence from the actual tally: Buchanan drew 3407 votes in this county, more than anywhere else in the state, and considerably at variance with both the usual demographics (this county is heavily Democratic, and would be expected to vote for Gore) and with the number of votes Buchanan received in similar, neighboring, larger counties (789 in Broward; 561 in Miami-Dade County).

The director of the state Department of Elections doesn't think there's a problem -- but he was appointed by Jeb Bush, governor of Florida and brother of the Republican presidential candidate...

--Steve Bellovin

Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 16:17:09 PST
From: "Peter G. Neumann" <Neumann@CSL.sri.com>
Subject: More on Florida in this and previous elections

In addition to the Palm Beach County curiosity noted by Steve Bellovin, a heavily loaded ballot lock box was found today in a heavily Democratic precinct. I don't think this is what Al Gore meant by a "Lock Box on (Social) Security."

For some historical perspective, we might recall the 1988 election in Florida, in which there were 200,000 fewer votes for the Senate race than for the presidential candidates, and the remarkable anomaly was mostly only in four counties administered by a particular computer system vendor. The declared winner was Connie Mack, who has just retired, 12 years later. See *The New York Times*, 12 Nov 1988, and RISKS-7.78.

And then there was the St Petersburg city election in March 1993 in which 1429 votes were recorded for the incumbent mayor tabulated under an industrial precinct that had ZERO voters, where the mayor won the election by 1425 votes. Fuzzy math strikes again? See Rebecca Mercuri, Corrupted Polling, Inside Risks, *Communications of the ACM*, vol 36 no 11, Nov 1993,

p.122, on her Web site at
http://www.seas.upenn.edu/~mercuri/mynewhome/Papers/corrpoll.html

I would not trust a computerized voting system even if I had written it myself, because of the many ways in which such systems can be subverted. (Last night's events will undoubtedly slow down the final wrapup of Rebecca's PhD thesis noted in RISKS-21.10, because there is more potential grist for her mill -- not just in Florida, but in other states as well.)
PGN]

Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 15:28:02 -0500
From: "Jeremy Epstein" <jepstein@webmethods.com>
Subject: E-voting as a panacea for Florida count?

http://www.cnn.com/2000/TECH/computing/11/08/e.voting.no.gamble.idg/index.html
An article on CNN.com quotes "experts" as saying that the problems getting an accurate vote could have been avoided if everyone used electronic vote counting technology. [Note: not online voting... just electronic voting machines.]

The article says in part "'Of course you would have 100 percent accuracy with electronic voting. That would prevent the necessity of a recount,' said Hans van Wijk, who markets electronic voting systems for Groenlo, Netherlands-based Nedap. In the Netherlands, some 80 percent of precincts use e-voting, he said."

As has been discussed numerous times in RISKS (including yesterday in RISKS-21.10), electronic counting is certainly not 100% accurate. But if this is what the public thinks of electronic counting, will there be the same naive expectations about accuracy of online voting? The article talks about that too (quoting someone from Baltimore Technologies as saying "Online voting would not only dramatically reduce the count time but also ensure a more reliable initial result"). There is an acknowledgement that online voting has its own dangers, noting the risks of accurate identification of users, denial of service, and malicious attacks. No recognition though of the risks of just plain malfunctioning software, though.

Gotta go. All this gore-y discussion of a recount in Florida has me bush-ed.

--Jeremy

[For those of you who have not seen it, PLEASE read the

People For Internet Responsibility Statement on Internet Voting:
http://www.pfir.org/statements/voting
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Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 19:43:29 -0000
From: McLain Evan M CPT <mclaine@lewis.army.mil>
Subject: CNN: E-voting could have prevented U.S. election chaos

CNN's story about voting technology, on-line and otherwise:

http://www.cnn.com/2000/TECH/computing/11/08/e.voting.no.gamble.idg/index.html

An interesting quote from the article: "But Dublin-based electronic security company Baltimore Technologies said reliability is no problem. "Online voting would not only dramatically reduce the count time but also ensure a more reliable initial result," said a spokeswoman. She added that online voting would help older, ill, and disabled voters to take part in the polls."

RISKS readers will be happy to see there is also a discussion of potential fraud and security risks.

Evan McLain <evan.mclain@bigfoot.com>

Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 12:46:51 -0800 (PST)
From: reality@vortex.com ("Reality Reset")
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"Hacking the Vote" (November 8, 2000)

"If they'd been listening to me all along, all of this election confusion could have been avoided," said Paddy Mastoid.

Paddy is the president of trust-us-not-to-badly-screw-up-your-vote.com, a firm promoting Internet voting systems. I found 12 messages from him on my voicemail this morning, as the nation awoke to the bizarre aftermath of election day, with a historically close election still undecided and the U.S. population swinging slowly in the wind.

"Look at this mess," said Paddy. "Now they have to re-count all those votes in Florida, there are concerns over voting irregularities down there, and we might well end up with a President who didn't even win the popular vote! Talk about not having a mandate. And I could have prevented all of this hassle!"

"How so?" I asked.

"Basically, our plan is to eliminate all those long lines at those obsolete polling places. We want to toss the antiquated paper ballots, punch cards, and mechanical voting machines out the window. We'll let people vote online using the same home and office PCs that they already use for accessing offshore gambling sites and downloading porn."

"Hmmm. Sounds like a tempting goal, but aren't you worried about security, reliability, all that sort of stuff?" I asked.

"Hey, we didn't just fall off the turnip truck. We're using secure, redundant Web servers, so your vote will be just as safe as your credit card numbers during online purchases," said Paddy. "You're happy buying things online, aren't you?"

"Well, no, not really, not with all of the security breaches at sites that were supposed to be secure, and their compromising of personal information. I realize that things can go wrong with old-style voting systems, especially if they're set up badly, but at least with them it's usually possible to do various forms of meaningful re-counting when there's a question about an election's validity."

"But that's my whole point!" said Paddy. "Look at all the trouble being caused by even being *able* to do a physical re-count. Wouldn't it be better to have a nice, computerized system where all the votes are electronic and stored safely in computers where nobody but programmers, system administrators, and top election officials can screw around with them? You

don't think any of those guys would mess things up do you? When it's all in the computer, you don't have any *choice* but to trust the computer! You can't really re-count so there'd be no point to complaining. Problem solved!"

"Hmmm. What about hackers? If these systems are on the Internet, they'd seem just as vulnerable to attack and manipulation as any other so-called secure sites."

"Not to worry!" said Paddy. "We ran a contest and invited hackers to crack our demonstration system. Five people tried and the only guy who got in was a 12 year old kid in West Palm Beach, and he promised cross-his-heart not to tell anyone how after we gave him a DVD player! No problem there."

"But why would most hackers even want to tip their hands by playing with your demo sites? Wouldn't the real pros just wait until a real election and then flood your servers with garbage to block real voters out? Couldn't they plant surprises in unrelated downloads that could hide on people's PCs for months or years before being activated on election day to disrupt or manipulate the voting process? There's really no way to secure the typical operating systems that most people have on their home or office computers from those sorts of attacks," I said.

"Picky, picky, picky!" said Paddy. "I say let's just deploy these Internet voting systems now and keep the people happy. If these hypothetical hackers you're talking about are really that good, we probably wouldn't even realize that they'd been screwing around with the election anyway. Ignorance can be bliss. And that would sure be preferable to all the hassles they're having in Florida today!"

"I really don't think that's necessarily true ..."

"And at least we wouldn't have network TV anchors getting punchy from being up all night!" said Paddy.

"You do have a point about that," I said.

"I knew that I could convince you, Lauren."

--Lauren--
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Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 09:12:36 -0700
From: "NewsScan" <newsscan@newsscan.com>
Subject: Web sites report exit poll results before networks do

Whereas mainstream news organizations were bound by self-imposed rules preventing them from releasing state exit poll results before the polls closed, a number of politically oriented Web sites leaked the results as soon as they were available. Voter News Service (VNS), the consortium of news organizations that conducted the exit polls, is threatening to bring legal action against the sites that leaked early results, including DrudgeReport.com and Inside.com -- which, however, indicated that they obtained the information not from VNS but from unidentified sources. Inside.com editor Michael Hirschorn said that he had received e-mail leaks from dozens of mainstream journalists, and that the public have as much right to know that kind of information as journalists do. He added: "The genie is out of the bottle, and it's wishful thinking that you could put it back in. Once this information is out, thanks to e-mail and the Internet, it becomes incredibly easy to distribute." [AP/*San Jose Mercury News*, 7 Nov 2000 http://www.mercurycenter.com/svtech/news/breaking/ap/docs/606384l.htm; NewsScan Daily, 8 Nov 2000]

Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 09:12:36 -0700
From: "NewsScan" <newsscan@newsscan.com>
Subject: Political dirty tricks, cyber-style

In the closing hours of the election campaign the site of the Republican National Committee (RNC) was vandalized by hackers who urged visitors to vote for Gore. The Democratic National Committee (DNC) denied it had any connection to the act of vandalism, and said intruders had forced the shut-down of the DNC's external e-mail system. [AP/*USA Today*, 7 Nov 2000 http://www.usatoday.com/life/cyber/tech/cti782.htm; NewsScan Daily, 8 Nov 2000]

Date: Thu, 26 Oct 2000 09:44:02 -0700
From: "NewsScan" <newsscan@newsscan.com>
Subject: Vote auction Web site moves operations overseas

A Web site offering to sell 21,000 votes for President to the highest bidder has changed its domain name and transferred its registration to a company based in Germany. The www.vote-auction.com site asks visitors to fill out personal details and then offers to sell the votes in blocks broken down by state. The goal, according to the Web site, is to bring "the big money of campaigns directly to the voting public," but the owners, who are Austrian, say they still need to work out the details of how everyone would get paid, and how to verify that they cast the right ballot. The site has been criticized by election officials in Michigan, New York and other states, but as of its reopening this week, more than 2,500 California voters had offered their votes and the leading bid was $48,000, or $19.61 per vote. In August, six people offering to sell their votes for President drew bids as high as $10,000 on eBay before the online auctioneer shut them down. [AP 25 Oct 2000 http://news.excite.com/news/ap/001025/20/votes-for-sale ; NewsScan Daily, 26 Oct 2000]

Date: Sat, 04 Nov 2000 20:27:12
From: "Peter G. Neumann" <Neumann@CSL.sri.com>
Subject: UK air-traffic control problems

If you are interested in aviation safety, you might want to check out http://www.pprune.org, click on "Forums", and then "rumors and news", for a remarkable collection of computer problems related to ATC in the UK.

Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 23:45:58 -0500
From: Nathan Brindle <nbrindle@netdirect.net>
Subject: Indianapolis FAA route center running on generators for a week

A week later, the FAA route center at Indianapolis is still running on backup generator power ever since a 31 Oct 2000 power outage that "caused flight delays and at least two close encounters between airplanes". The cause of the original outage was still unknown. The route center has 6 diesel generators, three of which are used normally and the other three are for backup. However, after the outage, the diesels fired up, but the main radar could not be brought back up. The 70 controllers had to had planes off to other centers. Close calls were reported by a private jet and a USAir flight. Onboard collision avoidance was given credit for avoiding any tragedies. [Source: An article in the *Indianapolis Star*, 7 Nov 2000 (Generators used for flight routing as a precaution, by Terry Horne); PGN-ed]

Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2000 11:19:42 -0800 (PST)
From: Dan Ellis <ellisd@cs.ucsb.edu>
Subject: Raccoon power outage over the weekend

I received the following e-mail on a Monday afternoon (after the problems had been fixed). Several physical devices had been damaged (network hubs and switches) at UC Santa Barbara making for a very unproductive time for many employees and students and for a very stressful time for facility and system administrators.

The point: the weak link will be found and exploited by somebody or something, causing discomfort to us all. Malicious intent is not a prerequisite.

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> Date: Mon, 06 Nov 2000 08:33:55 -0800
> From: dragon@ece.ucsb.edu
> To: coe-notify@engineering.ucsb.edu, all-grad@engineering.ucsb.edu
> Subject: power outage over the weekend

> Information only --

> A bit after midnight Friday/Saturday, a raccoon strolled into the power
> substation that serves this end of campus and got across a transformer
> that takes the 16kV line down to 4160VAC. The raccoon paid the price for
> this, and he is now merely a warning example of how fragile our power
> infrastructure can be.

> However, various buildings on campus also paid a price, as all power on
> the "A" feeder was off line for nearly two hours.

> Some functions in some buildings had not been restored by this morning,
> however, including HVAC and equipment chilled water in Engineering 1.
> Almost all this equipment is now back in operation. You may wish to check
> computers and process controllers to determine if harm was done during
> this outage.

[A Rocky Raccoon gets added to the long list of Reubened Mammalians. Must have been Raccoonoitering. After all, it was noit toim, even if not Down Under! PGN]

Date: Tue, 24 Oct 2000 08:17:09 -0700

From: "NewsScan" <newsscan@newsscan.com>
Subject: Researchers able to defeat digital music security measures

A team of computer scientists at Princeton and Rice Universities and the Xerox Palo Alto Research Center (PARC) has been able to remove the invisible "watermarks" used by the 200-company Secure Digital Media Initiative (SDMI) to protect digital music files from pirates. SDMI had offered a prize [RISKS-21.05] to anyone who could defeat its various security measures, four out six of which make use of watermarks. SDMI's Tala Shamoon said, "I expected some would have fallen. This is part of an empirical process to get the best technology." [AP/MSNBC 24 Oct 2000; http://www.msnbc.com/news/480521.asp NewsScan Daily, 24 Oct 2000]

Date: Mon, 23 Oct 2000 13:04:59 -0700
From: Carl Byington <carl@five-ten-sg.com>
Subject: Verisign and MS authenticode

MS has an authenticode mechanism that allows publishers to digitally sign their code using certificates from Verisign. The code is signed via a MS program (signcode) with
"-t http://timestamp.verisign.com/scripts/timstamp.dll"
as an option.

The Verisign stuff is suppose to properly timestamp the signature, but their clock is very wrong!! I did the signature at 12:42, and the .exe now has a new modification timestamp of 12:42, but the certificate claims it was signed at 12:46. So we cannot really believe the times in any of these Verisign certificates.

http://www.five-ten-sg.com

Date: Fri, 27 Oct 2000 09:00:30 -0700
From: "NewsScan" <newsscan@newsscan.com>
Subject: Microsoft Web site vandalized

Microsoft's internal computer network was invaded by "trojan horse" software that caused company passwords to be sent to an e-mail address in St. Petersburg, Russia. Calling the act "a deplorable act of industrial espionage," Microsoft would not say whether or not the hackers may have gotten hold of any Microsoft source code. [AP/*The New York Times*, 27 Oct 2000 http://partners.nytimes.com/2000/10/27/technology/27WIRE-MSHACK.html; NewsScan Daily, 27 October 2000]

[The following issue of NewsScan on 31 Oct 2000 (Hallowe'en!) noted Microsoft says the attack lasted only 12 days instead of the 5 weeks reported earlier, and no major corporate secrets were stolen. PGN]

Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2000 08:27:47 -0800
From: "Greg C" <gmc333@my-deja.com>
Subject: The latest in anti-spam technology

This morning I received a spam item that originated in a yahoo account. Yahoo seems to be pretty good at responding to spam, so I forwarded a report to them. I noticed in the body of the email that there was the quasi-traditional "to unsubscribe send your email address" to an account at myrealmailbox.

So I did the obvious and forwarded the spam again to myrealmailbox (after first browsing their Web site trying in vain to find a policy towards spam.) In return I received this reply:

>From: abuse@myrealbox.com
>To: gmc333@my-deja.com
>Subject: Automatic reply
>Date: Mon, 06 Nov 2000 09:09:05 +119303947 (MDT)
>
>Novell and myrealbox.com are not responsible for this
>mailing, it has not used our network or e-mail system. Novell
>Internet Message System (NIMS) employs some of the most
>sophisticated anti-spamming technology in the industry.
>The sender fraudulently used myrealbox.com
>IDs for replies or opt-out mails. These accounts
>never existed or have been terminated. We are committed
>to helping to eliminate this type of mail system
>abuse.

The RISKS? Apparently the technology is so advanced it's learned the art of plausible deniability. There is also the RISK that a human will never find out what I originally complained about and modify the system appropriately.

Greg Compestine http://homestead.deja.com/user.gmc333/index.html

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Date: Mon, 16 Oct 2000 22:46:01 +0100 (BST)
From: Pete Mellor <pm@csr.city.ac.uk>

Subject: Re: EMI, etc. (Ladkin, RISKS-21.08)

Regarding the enormous convoluted problem of how much EMI is required to cause a spark and hence an explosion in a fuel tank (Re: EMI, TWA 800 and Swissair 111, from Peter B. Ladkin, RISKS-21.08), Andy Weir, in his book "The Tombstone Imperative" made a very simple suggestion:

> Fill the vacant space above the fuel in the tanks with nitrogen,
> and any spark, however caused, cannot lead to an explosion.

Should not engineers welcome the most simple solution to a problem?

Should we not listen to people who are not engineers?

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Subject: 2001 USENIX Annual Technical Conference - Call For Papers

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Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 14:15:47 -0500
From: Steve Bellovin <smb@research.att.com>
Subject: Did a human factors problem affect the U.S. presidential election?

The outcome of the U.S. Presidential election may have been determined by
poor human factors in a computerized vote-casting system.

As of this writing (early afternoon on Wednesday), Bush and Gore are separated by less than 1800 votes (.03%) in Florida. Due to the arcana of
U.S. election law, whoever carries Florida at this point will win the overall election. And there's a problem in one county that may have resulted in ~3000 votes that were intended for Gore in fact being cast for
Buchanan, a minor party candidate.

Palm Beach County uses a punch-card voting system. Because of the layout of
the names relative to the holes and the buttons to punch those holes, it was
apparently easy to get confused about how to vote for Gore. Apart from all
the calls to the election board by confused voters, there is circumstantial
evidence from the actual tally: Buchanan drew 3407 votes in this county,
more than anywhere else in the state, and considerably at variance with both
the usual demographics (this county is heavily Democratic, and would

be
expected to vote for Gore) and with the number of votes Buchanan received in
similar, neighboring, larger counties (789 in Broward; 561 in Miami-Dade
County).

The director of the state Department of Elections doesn't think there's a
problem -- but he was appointed by Jeb Bush, governor of Florida and brother
of the Republican presidential candidate...

--Steve Bellovin

Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 16:17:09 PST
From: "Peter G. Neumann" <Neumann@CSL.sri.com>
Subject: More on Florida in this and previous elections

In addition to the Palm Beach County curiosity noted by Steve Bellovin, a
heavily loaded ballot lock box was found today in a heavily Democratic
precinct. I don't think this is what Al Gore meant by a "Lock Box on (Social)
Security."

For some historical perspective, we might recall the 1988 election in
Florida, in which there were 200,000 fewer votes for the Senate race than
for the presidential candidates, and the remarkable anomaly was mostly only
in four counties administered by a particular computer system vendor. The
declared winner was Connie Mack, who has just retired, 12 years later. See
The New York Times, 12 Nov 1988, and RISKS-7.78.

And then there was the St Petersburg city election in March 1993 in which
1429 votes were recorded for the incumbent mayor tabulated under an
industrial precinct that had ZERO voters, where the mayor won the election
by 1425 votes. Fuzzy math strikes again? See Rebecca Mercuri, Corrupted
Polling, Inside Risks, *Communications of the ACM*, vol 36 no 11, Nov

1993,
p.122, on her Web site at
  http://www.seas.upenn.edu/~mercuri/mynewhome/Papers/corrpoll.html

I would not trust a computerized voting system even if I had written it
myself, because of the many ways in which such systems can be subverted.
(Last night's events will undoubtedly slow down the final wrapup of
Rebecca's PhD thesis noted in RISKS-21.10, because there is more potential
grist for her mill -- not just in Florida, but in other states as well.)
PGN]

Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 15:28:02 -0500
From: "Jeremy Epstein" <jepstein@webmethods.com>
Subject: E-voting as a panacea for Florida count?

http://www.cnn.com/2000/TECH/computing/11/08/e.voting.no.gamble.idg/index.html
An article on CNN.com quotes "experts" as saying that the problems getting
an accurate vote could have been avoided if everyone used electronic vote
counting technology. [Note: not online voting... just electronic voting
machines.]

The article says in part "'Of course you would have 100 percent accuracy
with electronic voting. That would prevent the necessity of a recount,' said
Hans van Wijk, who markets electronic voting systems for Groenlo,
Netherlands-based Nedap. In the Netherlands, some 80 percent of precincts

use e-voting, he said."

As has been discussed numerous times in RISKS (including yesterday in RISKS-21.10), electronic counting is certainly not 100% accurate. But if this is what the public thinks of electronic counting, will there be the same naive expectations about accuracy of online voting? The article talks about that too (quoting someone from Baltimore Technologies as saying "Online voting would not only dramatically reduce the count time but also ensure a more reliable initial result"). There is an acknowledgement that online voting has its own dangers, noting the risks of accurate identification of users, denial of service, and malicious attacks. No recognition though of the risks of just plain malfunctioning software, though.

Gotta go. All this gore-y discussion of a recount in Florida has me bush-ed.

--Jeremy

[For those of you who have not seen it, PLEASE read the People For Internet Responsibility Statement on Internet Voting: http://www.pfir.org/statements/voting
PGN]

Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 19:43:29 -0000
From: McLain Evan M CPT <mclaine@lewis.army.mil>
Subject: CNN: E-voting could have prevented U.S. election chaos

CNN's story about voting technology, on-line and otherwise:

http://www.cnn.com/2000/TECH/computing/11/08/e.voting.no.gamble.idg/index.html

An interesting quote from the article: "But Dublin-based electronic security
company Baltimore Technologies said reliability is no problem. "Online voting would not only dramatically reduce the count time but also ensure a
more reliable initial result," said a spokeswoman. She added that online
voting would help older, ill, and disabled voters to take part in the polls."

RISKS readers will be happy to see there is also a discussion of potential
fraud and security risks.

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Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2000 12:46:51 -0800 (PST)
From: reality@vortex.com ("Reality Reset")
Subject: "REALITY RESET": "Hacking the Vote"

"REALITY RESET"
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"Hacking the Vote" (November 8, 2000)

"If they'd been listening to me all along, all of this election

confusion
could have been avoided," said Paddy Mastoid.

Paddy is the president of trust-us-not-to-badly-screw-up-your-vote.com, a
firm promoting Internet voting systems. I found 12 messages from him on my
voicemail this morning, as the nation awoke to the bizarre aftermath of
election day, with a historically close election still undecided and the
U.S. population swinging slowly in the wind.

"Look at this mess," said Paddy. "Now they have to re-count all those votes
in Florida, there are concerns over voting irregularities down there, and we
might well end up with a President who didn't even win the popular vote!
Talk about not having a mandate. And I could have prevented all of this
hassle!"

"How so?" I asked.

"Basically, our plan is to eliminate all those long lines at those obsolete
polling places. We want to toss the antiquated paper ballots, punch cards,
and mechanical voting machines out the window. We'll let people vote online
using the same home and office PCs that they already use for accessing
offshore gambling sites and downloading porn."

"Hmmm. Sounds like a tempting goal, but aren't you worried about security,
reliability, all that sort of stuff?" I asked.

"Hey, we didn't just fall off the turnip truck. We're using secure,
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the computer, you don't have any *choice* but to trust the computer! You
can't really re-count so there'd be no point to complaining. Problem solved!"

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"You do have a point about that," I said.

"I knew that I could convince you, Lauren."

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Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 09:12:36 -0700

From: "NewsScan" <newsscan@newsscan.com>
Subject: Web sites report exit poll results before networks do

Whereas mainstream news organizations were bound by self-imposed rules preventing them from releasing state exit poll results before the polls closed, a number of politically oriented Web sites leaked the results as soon as they were available. Voter News Service (VNS), the consortium of news organizations that conducted the exit polls, is threatening to bring legal action against the sites that leaked early results, including DrudgeReport.com and Inside.com -- which, however, indicated that they obtained the information not from VNS but from unidentified sources. Inside.com editor Michael Hirschorn said that he had received e-mail leaks from dozens of mainstream journalists, and that the public have as much right to know that kind of information as journalists do. He added: "The genie is out of the bottle, and it's wishful thinking that you could put it back in. Once this information is out, thanks to e-mail and the Internet, it becomes incredibly easy to distribute." [AP/*San Jose Mercury News*, 7 Nov 2000 http://www.mercurycenter.com/svtech/news/breaking/ap/docs/606384l.htm;
NewsScan Daily, 8 Nov 2000]

Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2000 09:12:36 -0700
From: "NewsScan" <newsscan@newsscan.com>
Subject: Political dirty tricks, cyber-style

In the closing hours of the election campaign the site of the Republican National Committee (RNC) was vandalized by hackers who urged visitors to vote for Gore. The Democratic National Committee (DNC) denied it had

any
connection to the act of vandalism, and said intruders had forced the shut-down of the DNC's external e-mail system. [AP/*USA Today*, 7 Nov 2000
http://www.usatoday.com/life/cyber/tech/cti782.htm; NewsScan Daily, 8 Nov 2000]

Date: Thu, 26 Oct 2000 09:44:02 -0700
From: "NewsScan" <newsscan@newsscan.com>
Subject: **Vote auction** Web site moves operations overseas

A Web site offering to sell 21,000 votes for President to the highest bidder has changed its domain name and transferred its registration to a
company based in Germany. The www.**vote-auction**.com site asks visitors to fill out personal details and then offers to sell the votes in blocks broken down by state. The goal, according to the Web site, is to bring "the
big money of campaigns directly to the voting public," but the owners, who
are Austrian, say they still need to work out the details of how everyone
would get paid, and how to verify that they cast the right ballot. The site
has been criticized by election officials in Michigan, New York and other
states, but as of its reopening this week, more than 2,500 California voters had offered their votes and the leading bid was $48,000, or $19.61
per vote. In August, six people offering to sell their votes for President
drew bids as high as $10,000 on eBay before the online auctioneer shut them
down. [AP 25 Oct 2000 http://news.excite.com/news/ap/001025/20/votes-for-sale
; NewsScan Daily, 26 Oct 2000]

Date: Sat, 04 Nov 2000 20:27:12
From: "Peter G. Neumann" <Neumann@CSL.sri.com>
Subject: UK air-traffic control problems

If you are interested in aviation safety, you might want to check out http://www.pprune.org, click on "Forums", and then "rumors and news", for a remarkable collection of computer problems related to ATC in the UK.

Date: Tue, 07 Nov 2000 23:45:58 -0500
From: Nathan Brindle <nbrindle@netdirect.net>
Subject: Indianapolis FAA route center running on generators for a week

A week later, the FAA route center at Indianapolis is still running on backup generator power ever since a 31 Oct 2000 power outage that "caused flight delays and at least two close encounters between airplanes". The cause of the original outage was still unknown. The route center has 6 diesel generators, three of which are used normally and the other three are for backup. However, after the outage, the diesels fired up, but the main radar could not be brought back up. The 70 controllers had to had planes off to other centers. Close calls were reported by a private jet and a USAir flight. Onboard collision avoidance was given credit for avoiding any tragedies. [Source: An article in the *Indianapolis Star*, 7 Nov 2000 (Generators used for flight routing as a precaution, by Terry Horne); PGN-ed]

Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2000 11:19:42 -0800 (PST)
From: Dan Ellis <ellisd@cs.ucsb.edu>
Subject: Raccoon power outage over the weekend

I received the following e-mail on a Monday afternoon (after the problems
had been fixed). Several physical devices had been damaged (network hubs
and switches) at UC Santa Barbara making for a very unproductive time for
many employees and students and for a very stressful time for facility and
system administrators.

The point: the weak link will be found and exploited by somebody or something, causing discomfort to us all. Malicious intent is not a prerequisite.

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> Date: Mon, 06 Nov 2000 08:33:55 -0800
> From: dragon@ece.ucsb.edu
> To: coe-notify@engineering.ucsb.edu, all-grad@engineering.ucsb.edu
> Subject: power outage over the weekend

> Information only --

> A bit after midnight Friday/Saturday, a raccoon strolled into the power
> substation that serves this end of campus and got across a transformer
> that takes the 16kV line down to 4160VAC. The raccoon paid the price for
> this, and he is now merely a warning example of how fragile our power
> infrastructure can be.

> However, various buildings on campus also paid a price, as all power on
> the "A" feeder was off line for nearly two hours.

> Some functions in some buildings had not been restored by this morning,
> however, including HVAC and equipment chilled water in Engineering 1.
> Almost all this equipment is now back in operation. You may wish to check
> computers and process controllers to determine if harm was done during
> this outage.

[A Rocky Raccoon gets added to the long list of Reubened Mammalians.
Must have been Raccoonoitering. After all, it was noit toim, even if not Down Under! PGN]

Date: Tue, 24 Oct 2000 08:17:09 -0700
From: "NewsScan" <newsscan@newsscan.com>
Subject: Researchers able to defeat digital music security measures

A team of computer scientists at Princeton and Rice Universities and the Xerox Palo Alto Research Center (PARC) has been able to remove the invisible "watermarks" used by the 200-company Secure Digital Media Initiative (SDMI) to protect digital music files from pirates. SDMI had offered a prize [RISKS-21.05] to anyone who could defeat its various security measures, four out six of which make use of watermarks. SDMI's Tala Shamoon said, "I expected some would have fallen. This is part of an empirical process to get the best technology." [AP/MSNBC 24 Oct 2000; http://www.msnbc.com/news/480521.asp
NewsScan Daily, 24 Oct 2000]

Date: Mon, 23 Oct 2000 13:04:59 -0700
From: Carl Byington <carl@five-ten-sg.com>
Subject: Verisign and MS authenticode

MS has an authenticode mechanism that allows publishers to digitally sign their code using certificates from Verisign. The code is signed via a MS program (signcode) with
"-t http://timestamp.verisign.com/scripts/timstamp.dll"
as an option.

The Verisign stuff is suppose to properly timestamp the signature, but their clock is very wrong!! I did the signature at 12:42, and the .exe now
has a new modification timestamp of 12:42, but the certificate claims it
was signed at 12:46. So we cannot really believe the times in any of these
Verisign certificates.

http://www.five-ten-sg.com

Date: Fri, 27 Oct 2000 09:00:30 -0700
From: "NewsScan" <newsscan@newsscan.com>
Subject: Microsoft Web site vandalized

Microsoft's internal computer network was invaded by "trojan horse" software
that caused company passwords to be sent to an e-mail address in St. Petersburg, Russia. Calling the act "a deplorable act of industrial
espionage," Microsoft would not say whether or not the hackers may have
gotten hold of any Microsoft source code. [AP/*The New York Times*, 27 Oct
2000 http://partners.nytimes.com/2000/10/27/technology/27WIRE-MSHACK.html;
NewsScan Daily, 27 October 2000]

  [The following issue of NewsScan on 31 Oct 2000 (Hallowe'en!) noted Microsoft says the attack lasted only 12 days instead of the 5 weeks reported earlier, and no major corporate secrets were stolen. PGN]

Date: Mon, 6 Nov 2000 08:27:47 -0800
From: "Greg C" <gmc333@my-deja.com>
Subject: The latest in anti-spam technology

This morning I received a spam item that originated in a yahoo account. Yahoo seems to be pretty good at responding to spam, so I forwarded
a report to them. I noticed in the body of the email that there was the
quasi-traditional "to unsubscribe send your email address" to an account at
myrealmailbox.

So I did the obvious and forwarded the spam again to myrealmailbox (after
first browsing their Web site trying in vain to find a policy towards spam.)
In return I received this reply:

>From: abuse@myrealbox.com
>To: gmc333@my-deja.com
>Subject: Automatic reply
>Date: Mon, 06 Nov 2000 09:09:05 +119303947 (MDT)
>
>Novell and myrealbox.com are not responsible for this
>mailing, it has not used our network or e-mail system. Novell
>Internet Message System (NIMS) employs some of the most
>sophisticated anti-spamming technology in the industry.
>The sender fraudulently used myrealbox.com
>IDs for replies or opt-out mails. These accounts
>never existed or have been terminated. We are committed
>to helping to eliminate this type of mail system
>abuse.

The RISKS? Apparently the technology is so advanced it's learned the art of
plausible deniability. There is also the RISK that a human will never find
out what I originally complained about and modify the system appropriately.

Greg Compestine http://homestead.deja.com/user.gmc333/index.html

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Date: Mon, 16 Oct 2000 22:46:01 +0100 (BST)
From: Pete Mellor <pm@csr.city.ac.uk>
Subject: Re: EMI, etc. (Ladkin, RISKS-21.08)

Regarding the enormous convoluted problem of how much EMI is required to
cause a spark and hence an explosion in a fuel tank (Re: EMI, TWA 800 and
Swissair 111, from Peter B. Ladkin, RISKS-21.08), Andy Weir, in his book
"The Tombstone Imperative" made a very simple suggestion:

  Fill the vacant space above the fuel in the tanks with nitrogen,
  and any spark, however caused, cannot lead to an explosion.

Should not engineers welcome the most simple solution to a problem?

Should we not listen to people who are not engineers?

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Date: Thu, 26 Oct 2000 17:28:02 -0700
From: Andrea Galleni <andrea+nospam@usenix.org>
Subject: 2001 USENIX Annual Technical Conference - Call For Papers

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Date: 15 Aug 2000 (LAST-MODIFIED)
From: RISKS-request@csl.sri.com
Subject: Abridged info on RISKS (comp.risks)

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Posted by michael on Thu Aug 17, '00 10:39 AM
from the retail-goods-at-wholesale-prices dept.

GMontag writes: *"Actually, this idea came up on the H2K mailing list a few months ago. A Wired story covers James Baumgartner's idea of the same thing. James is an MFA student at Albany, N.Y.'s Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Basic idea, auction off write-in ballots to the highest bidding special interest group (not politician, read the article). The voters fill everything out themselves and they go through a service to check if the vote was cast "properly". Pretty nifty idea and keeps with the tradition of George Washington of Va., The Hon. Richard J. Daley of Chicago and Cas Walker of Knoxville, Tenn. Research of the last 2 men is an exercise left to the reader. If you were planning on skipping your vote this year, perhaps you can pocket a few bucks instead."*

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by Hairy_Potter (219096) on Thursday August 17, @05:43AM
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- Re:RPI by cnj (Score:2) Thursday August 17, @06:05AM

Illegal... but should it be? (Score:4)
by lordsutch (14777) <chris@lordsutch.com> on Thursday August 17, @06:05AM (#849050)
(http://www.linux-m68k.org/)

This practice is almost certainly *highly illegal* in most states (and probably in many countries). However, it probably shouldn't be.

Under rational choice theories of political behavior (see, for example, Downs' *An Economic Theory of Democracy*), it is irrational to vote if the expected benefit of voting is negative. Since the universe is highly uncertain, and there are tens of thousands of voters in most democratic elections, the *gross* expected benefit of voting is damn close to zero already, and the *net* benefit rapidly turns negative when you incorporate the hour it takes to go and vote, the gas for your car, the forgone income or quality time with your family, etc. (Ego satisfaction may have some positive impact, but that's usually offset in most people by the other factors.) It is particularly irrational to vote in the United States, since Democrats and Republicans basically do the same thing once they are elected (take your money/freedom and spend it on their favored groups, without making any real societal changes).

Exchanging money for a vote changes the equation. People who don't otherwise care will vote because the net benefit of voting will be positive. Smaller groups in society benefit from this arrangement because they can "buy" support from apathetic (or even slightly opposed) voters, if they can translate their passion into money.

Imagine the following scenario: homosexuals in Colorado want to defeat an "anti-gay" state referendum (this actually happened). Under "non-vote-buying conditions", you get something like:

- 10% - Adamantly support gay rights
- 10% - Adamantly oppose gay rights
- 10% - Somewhat oppose gay rights
- 70% - Ambivilent; they probably split 35-35

In this situation, the gay rights people lose (the proposal wins 60-40). (The real vote was somewhat closer, 52-48, but the principle is the same.) Now imagine if the gay rights people gave $10 to anyone who voted against the anti-gay proposal (maybe they get the money from Liz Taylor or something; it's not important):

- 10% - Adamantly support gay rights
- 10% - Adamantly oppose gay rights
- 10% - Somewhat oppose gay rights
- 70% - Ambivilent; maybe split 50-20 since they get $10 for supporting gay rights (but $0 for opposing them).

In this situation, the outcome is a 60-40 vote against the proposal, and the gay rights people win by converting ambivilent voters. Of course, the anti-gay-rights people could do the same, but if you accept "passion = $$" (admittedly, an imperfect relationship, but well-evidenced by the Israel lobby and other groups) it makes for more equitable outcomes to groups that genuinely care about the issues.

- Re:Perhaps you should read the article? by generic-man (Score:1) Thursday August 17, @06:05AM
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Deeply disturbing. (Score:5)
by BaronM (122102) on Thursday August 17, @06:16AM (#849096)

This notion of selling votes deeply disturbs me.

Politicians of all stripes make campaign promises, including tax cuts or entitlement increases to influence voters to vote for them, which could be construed as logically equivalent to buying votes, but I don't really think it is. Selling a vote would entail voting for a politician for direct personal gain, but voting in favor of a politician who promises a tax cut is a statement on *public policy*; I doubt many voters calculate out "If I vote for X, I will get 1/280,000th of a 10,000,000 tax cut over 7 years, whereas a vote for Y only gets me 1/280,000 of 5,000,000 over 3 years", and then votes for the politician who is offering to "pay" more.

I live in Washington, DC, and have watched Congress at work many times. I really believe that most Congressmen are honorable and doing their best at a staggeringly hard job.

I'm starting to wonder about some of the citizens, though.

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by Jason Earl (1894) on Thursday August 17, @07:59AM (#849113)

I used to live in Lima, Peru, where they *force* everyone to vote by fining non-voters. And my naive former self used to think that this was a good idea, but I don't think so anymore.

You see, in Peru everyone voted, but not everyone took the time to become educated about the issues. Because of this they were easily taken in by the most transparent of lies. After all, the average Peruvian doesn't have the education necessary to make complex economic value judgements. And the average American doesn't either. That's why factors like how tall the candidate is actually matter.

The secret of the US system is that the fanatics don't have more votes than you do, they simply are more likely to vote. That's why the senior citizen vote is so important. Senior citizens have been around long enough to know that their vote is worth casting. They read up on the issues, and they go out to the polls en masse. Educated people also tend to vote.

The rest of the populace assumes that their voice can't be heard, and so they whine and complain, but don't vote.

As for the fact that the person who raises the most money often wins. Well, with our current fund raising laws, this shouldn't surprise anyone. After all, with a cap on the amount an individual can give the politician with the most money generally has the most supporters.

My personal observation is that Americans that get involved in politics generally realize that they do have a voice, and the people that complain generally don't take the time to vote. The few exceptions to this rule are those that hold opinions that are so unpopular that we all should be glad that they don't win. Even the far out loonies have an influence that is *far* greater on politics than those that don't vote.

So vote before you complain.

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Posted by michael on Thu Aug 17, '00 10:39 AM
from the retail-goods-at-wholesale-prices dept.

GMontag writes: *"Actually, this idea came up on the H2K mailing list a few months ago. A Wired story covers James Baumgartner's idea of the same thing. James is an MFA student at Albany, N.Y.'s Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Basic idea, auction off write-in ballots to the highest bidding special interest group (not politician, read the article). The voters fill everything out themselves and they go through a service to check if the vote was cast "properly". Pretty nifty idea and keeps with the tradition of George Washington of Va., The Hon. Richard J. Daley of Chicago and Cas Walker of Knoxville, Tenn. Research of the last 2 men is an exercise left to the reader. If you were planning on skipping your vote this year, perhaps you can pocket a few bucks instead."*

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Illegal... but should it be? (Score:4)
by lordsutch (14777) <chris@lordsutch.com> on Thursday August 17, @06:05AM (#849050)
(http://www.linux-m68k.org/)

This practice is almost certainly *highly illegal* in most states (and probably in many countries). However, it probably shouldn't be.

Under rational choice theories of political behavior (see, for example, Downs' *An Economic Theory of Democracy*), it is irrational to vote if the expected benefit of voting is negative. Since the universe is highly uncertain, and there are tens of thousands of voters in most democratic elections, the *gross* expected benefit of voting is damn close to zero already, and the *net* benefit rapidly turns negative when you incorporate the hour it takes to go and vote, the gas for your car, the forgone income or quality time with your family, etc. (Ego satisfaction may have some positive impact, but that's usually offset in most people by the other factors.) It is particularly irrational to vote in the United States, since Democrats and Republicans basically do the same thing once they are elected (take your money/freedom and spend it on their favored groups, without making any real societal changes).

Exchanging money for a vote changes the equation. People who don't otherwise care will vote because the net benefit of voting will be positive. Smaller groups in society benefit from this arrangement because they can "buy" support from apathetic (or even slightly opposed) voters, if they can translate their passion into money.

Imagine the following scenario: homosexuals in Colorado want to defeat an "anti-gay" state referendum (this actually happened). Under "non-vote-buying conditions", you get something like:

- 10% - Adamantly support gay rights
- 10% - Adamantly oppose gay rights
- 10% - Somewhat oppose gay rights
- 70% - Ambivilent; they probably split 35-35

In this situation, the gay rights people lose (the proposal wins 60-40). (The real vote was somewhat closer, 52-48, but the principle is the same.) Now imagine if the gay rights people gave $10 to anyone who voted against the anti-gay proposal (maybe they get the money from Liz Taylor or something; it's not important):

- 10% - Adamantly support gay rights
- 10% - Adamantly oppose gay rights
- 10% - Somewhat oppose gay rights
- 70% - Ambivilent; maybe split 50-20 since they get $10 for supporting gay rights (but $0 for opposing them).

In this situation, the outcome is a 60-40 vote against the proposal, and the gay rights people win by converting ambivilent voters. Of course, the anti-gay-rights people could do the same, but if you accept "passion = $$" (admittedly, an imperfect relationship, but well-evidenced by the Israel lobby and other groups) it makes for more equitable outcomes to groups that genuinely care about the issues.

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by BaronM (122102) on Thursday August 17, @06:16AM (#849096)

This notion of selling votes deeply disturbs me.

Politicians of all stripes make campaign promises, including tax cuts or entitlement increases to influence voters to vote for them, which could be construed as logically equivalent to buying votes, but I don't really think it is. Selling a vote would entail voting for a politician for direct personal gain, but voting in favor of a politician who promises a tax cut is a statement on *public policy*; I doubt many voters calculate out "If I vote for X, I will get 1/280,000th of a 10,000,000 tax cut over 7 years, whereas a vote for Y only gets me 1/280,000 of 5,000,000 over 3 years", and then votes for the politician who is offering to "pay" more.

I live in Washington, DC, and have watched Congress at work many times. I really believe that most Congressmen are honorable and doing their best at a staggeringly hard job.

I'm starting to wonder about some of the citizens, though.

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Re:Illegal... but should it be? (Score:4)
by Jason Earl (1894) on Thursday August 17, @07:59AM (#849113)

I used to live in Lima, Peru, where they *force* everyone to vote by fining non-voters. And my naive former self used to think that this was a good idea, but I don't think so anymore.

You see, in Peru everyone voted, but not everyone took the time to become educated about the issues. Because of this they were easily taken in by the most transparent of lies. After all, the average Peruvian doesn't have the education necessary to make complex economic value judgements. And the average American doesn't either. That's why factors like how tall the candidate is actually matter.

The secret of the US system is that the fanatics don't have more votes than you do, they simply are more likely to vote. That's why the senior citizen vote is so important. Senior citizens have been around long enough to know that their vote is worth casting. They read up on the issues, and they go out to the polls en masse. Educated people also tend to vote.

The rest of the populace assumes that their voice can't be heard, and so they whine and complain, but don't vote.

As for the fact that the person who raises the most money often wins. Well, with our current fund raising laws, this shouldn't surprise anyone. After all, with a cap on the amount an individual can give the politician with the most money generally has the most supporters.

My personal observation is that Americans that get involved in politics generally realize that they do have a voice, and the people that complain generally don't take the time to vote. The few exceptions to this rule are those that hold opinions that are so unpopular that we all should be glad that they don't win. Even the far out loonies have an influence that is *far* greater on politics than those that don't vote.

So vote before you complain.

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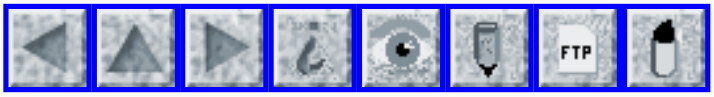

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Did a human factors problem affect the U.S. presidential election?

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The outcome of the U.S. Presidential election may have been
determined by
poor human factors in a computerized vote-casting system.

As of this writing (early afternoon on Wednesday), Bush and Gore
are
separated by less than 1800 votes (.03%) in Florida.  Due to the
arcana of
U.S. election law, whoever carries Florida at this point will
win the
overall election.  And there's a problem in one county that may
have
resulted in ~3000 votes that were intended for Gore in fact
being cast for
Buchanan, a minor party candidate.

Palm Beach County uses a punch-card voting system.  Because of
the layout of
the names relative to the holes and the buttons to punch those
holes, it was
apparently easy to get confused about how to vote for Gore.
Apart from all
the calls to the election board by confused voters, there is
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circumstantial
evidence from the actual tally: Buchanan drew 3407 votes in this county,
more than anywhere else in the state, and considerably at variance with both
the usual demographics (this county is heavily Democratic, and would be
expected to vote for Gore) and with the number of votes Buchanan received in
similar, neighboring, larger counties (789 in Broward; 561 in Miami-Dade
County).

The director of the state Department of Elections doesn't think there's a
problem -- but he was appointed by Jeb Bush, governor of Florida and brother
of the Republican presidential candidate...

--Steve Bellovin

More on Florida in this and previous elections

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In addition to the Palm Beach County curiosity noted by Steve Bellovin, a
heavily loaded ballot lock box was found today in a heavily Democratic
precinct. I don't think this is what Al Gore meant by a "Lock Box on (Social)
Security."

[CORRECTION ADDED IN ARCHIVE COPY: Apparently this box contained
supplies, not ballots. But *The NY Times* 10 Nov noted various
precincts in which ballot boxes and a bag of cards had not been
included in the original count.]

For some historical perspective, we might recall the 1988 election in
Florida, in which there were 200,000 fewer votes for the Senate

race than
for the presidential candidates, and the remarkable anomaly was mostly only
in four counties administered by a particular computer system vendor. The
declared winner was Connie Mack, who has just retired, 12 years later. See
The New York Times, 12 Nov 1988, and RISKS-7.78.

And then there was the St Petersburg city election in March 1993 in which
1429 votes were recorded for the incumbent mayor tabulated under an
industrial precinct that had ZERO voters, where the mayor won the election
by 1425 votes. Fuzzy math strikes again? See Rebecca Mercuri, Corrupted
Polling, Inside Risks, *Communications of the ACM*, vol 36 no 11, Nov 1993,
p.122, on her Web site at
http://www.seas.upenn.edu/~mercuri/mynewhome/Papers/corrpoll.html

I would not trust a computerized voting system even if I had written it
myself, because of the many ways in which such systems can be subverted.
(Last night's events will undoubtedly slow down the final wrapup of
Rebecca's PhD thesis noted in RISKS-21.10, because there is more potential
grist for her mill -- not just in Florida, but in other states as well.)
PGN]

E-voting as a panacea for Florida count?

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http://www.cnn.com/2000/TECH/computing/11/08/e.voting.no.gamble.idg/index.html

An article on CNN.com quotes "experts" as saying that the problems getting an accurate vote could have been avoided if everyone used electronic vote counting technology. [Note: not online voting... just electronic voting machines.]

The article says in part "'Of course you would have 100 percent accuracy with electronic voting. That would prevent the necessity of a recount,' said Hans van Wijk, who markets electronic voting systems for Groenlo, Netherlands-based Nedap. In the Netherlands, some 80 percent of precincts use e-voting, he said."

As has been discussed numerous times in RISKS (including yesterday in RISKS-21.10), electronic counting is certainly not 100% accurate. But if this is what the public thinks of electronic counting, will there be the same naive expectations about accuracy of online voting? The article talks about that too (quoting someone from Baltimore Technologies as saying "Online voting would not only dramatically reduce the count time but also ensure a more reliable initial result"). There is an acknowledgement that online voting has its own dangers, noting the risks of accurate identification of users, denial of service, and malicious attacks. No recognition though of the risks of just plain malfunctioning software, though.

Gotta go. All this gore-y discussion of a recount in Florida has me bush-ed.

--Jeremy

[For those of you who have not seen it, PLEASE read the People For Internet Responsibility Statement on Internet Voting:

http://www.pfir.org/statements/voting
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CNN: E-voting could have prevented U.S. election chaos

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CNN's story about voting technology, on-line and otherwise:

http://www.cnn.com/2000/TECH/computing/11/08/e.voting.no.gamble.idg/index.html

An interesting quote from the article: "But Dublin-based electronic security company Baltimore Technologies said reliability is no problem. "Online voting would not only dramatically reduce the count time but also ensure a more reliable initial result," said a spokeswoman. She added that online voting would help older, ill, and disabled voters to take part in the polls."

RISKS readers will be happy to see there is also a discussion of potential fraud and security risks.

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"REALITY RESET": "Hacking the Vote"

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"Hacking the Vote" (November 8, 2000)

"If they'd been listening to me all along, all of this election confusion could have been avoided," said Paddy Mastoid.

Paddy is the president of trust-us-not-to-badly-screw-up-your-vote.com, a firm promoting Internet voting systems. I found 12 messages from him on my voicemail this morning, as the nation awoke to the bizarre aftermath of election day, with a historically close election still undecided and the U.S. population swinging slowly in the wind.

"Look at this mess," said Paddy. "Now they have to re-count all those votes in Florida, there are concerns over voting irregularities down there, and we might well end up with a President who didn't even win the popular vote! Talk about not having a mandate. And I could have prevented all of this hassle!"

"How so?" I asked.

"Basically, our plan is to eliminate all those long lines at those obsolete polling places. We want to toss the antiquated paper ballots,

punch cards,
and mechanical voting machines out the window. We'll let people vote online
using the same home and office PCs that they already use for accessing
offshore gambling sites and downloading porn."

"Hmmm. Sounds like a tempting goal, but aren't you worried about security,
reliability, all that sort of stuff?" I asked.

"Hey, we didn't just fall off the turnip truck. We're using secure,
redundant Web servers, so your vote will be just as safe as your credit card
numbers during online purchases," said Paddy. "You're happy buying things
online, aren't you?"

"Well, no, not really, not with all of the security breaches at sites that
were supposed to be secure, and their compromising of personal information.
I realize that things can go wrong with old-style voting systems, especially
if they're set up badly, but at least with them it's usually possible to do
various forms of meaningful re-counting when there's a question about an
election's validity."

"But that's my whole point!" said Paddy. "Look at all the trouble being
caused by even being *able* to do a physical re-count. Wouldn't it be better
to have a nice, computerized system where all the votes are electronic and
stored safely in computers where nobody but programmers, system
administrators, and top election officials can screw around with them? You
don't think any of those guys would mess things up do you? When it's all in
the computer, you don't have any *choice* but to trust the computer! You
can't really re-count so there'd be no point to complaining. Problem
solved!"

"Hmmm. What about hackers? If these systems are on the Internet, they'd seem just as vulnerable to attack and manipulation as any other so-called secure sites."

"Not to worry!" said Paddy. "We ran a contest and invited hackers to crack our demonstration system. Five people tried and the only guy who got in was a 12 year old kid in West Palm Beach, and he promised cross-his-heart not to tell anyone how after we gave him a DVD player! No problem there."

"But why would most hackers even want to tip their hands by playing with your demo sites? Wouldn't the real pros just wait until a real election and then flood your servers with garbage to block real voters out? Couldn't they plant surprises in unrelated downloads that could hide on people's PCs for months or years before being activated on election day to disrupt or manipulate the voting process? There's really no way to secure the typical operating systems that most people have on their home or office computers from those sorts of attacks," I said.

"Picky, picky, picky!" said Paddy. "I say let's just deploy these Internet voting systems now and keep the people happy. If these hypothetical hackers you're talking about are really that good, we probably wouldn't even realize that they'd been screwing around with the election anyway. Ignorance can be bliss. And that would sure be preferable to all the hassles they're having in Florida today!"

"I really don't think that's necessarily true ..."

"And at least we wouldn't have network TV anchors getting punchy

from being
up all night!" said Paddy.

"You do have a point about that," I said.

"I knew that I could convince you, Lauren."

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Web sites report exit poll results before networks do

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Whereas mainstream news organizations were bound by self-imposed rules
preventing them from releasing state exit poll results before the polls
closed, a number of politically oriented Web sites leaked the results as
soon as they were available. Voter News Service (VNS), the consortium of
news organizations that conducted the exit polls, is threatening to bring
legal action against the sites that leaked early results, including
DrudgeReport.com and Inside.com -- which, however, indicated that they
obtained the information not from VNS but from unidentified sources.
Inside.com editor Michael Hirschorn said that he had received e-mail leaks
from dozens of mainstream journalists, and that the public have

as much
right to know that kind of information as journalists do. He added: "The
genie is out of the bottle, and it's wishful thinking that you could put it
back in. Once this information is out, thanks to e-mail and the Internet, it
becomes incredibly easy to distribute." [AP/*San Jose Mercury News*, 7 Nov
2000 http://www.mercurycenter.com/svtech/news/breaking/ap/docs/606384l.htm;
NewsScan Daily, 8 Nov 2000]

Political dirty tricks, cyber-style

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In the closing hours of the election campaign the site of the Republican
National Committee (RNC) was vandalized by hackers who urged visitors to
vote for Gore. The Democratic National Committee (DNC) denied it had any
connection to the act of vandalism, and said intruders had forced the
shut-down of the DNC's external e-mail system. [AP/*USA Today*, 7 Nov 2000
http://www.usatoday.com/life/cyber/tech/cti782.htm; NewsScan Daily, 8 Nov
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Vote auction Web site moves operations overseas

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A Web site offering to sell 21,000 votes for President to the

highest
bidder has changed its domain name and transferred its
registration to a
company based in Germany. The www.vote-auction.com site asks
visitors to
fill out personal details and then offers to sell the votes in
blocks
broken down by state. The goal, according to the Web site, is to
bring "the
big money of campaigns directly to the voting public," but the
owners, who
are Austrian, say they still need to work out the details of how
everyone
would get paid, and how to verify that they cast the right
ballot. The site
has been criticized by election officials in Michigan, New York
and other
states, but as of its reopening this week, more than 2,500
California
voters had offered their votes and the leading bid was $48,000,
or $19.61
per vote. In August, six people offering to sell their votes for
President
drew bids as high as $10,000 on eBay before the online
auctioneer shut them
down. [AP 25 Oct 2000 http://news.excite.com/news/ap/001025/20/votes-for-sale
; NewsScan Daily, 26 Oct 2000]

UK air-traffic control problems

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Sat, 04 Nov 2000 20:27:12

If you are interested in aviation safety, you might want to
check out
http://www.pprune.org, click on "Forums", and then "rumors and
news", for a
remarkable collection of computer problems related to ATC in the
UK.

Indianapolis FAA route center running on generators for a week

Nathan Brindle <nbrindle@netdirect.net>
Tue, 07 Nov 2000 23:45:58 -0500

A week later, the FAA route center at Indianapolis is still running on backup generator power ever since a 31 Oct 2000 power outage that "caused flight delays and at least two close encounters between airplanes". The cause of the original outage was still unknown. The route center has 6 diesel generators, three of which are used normally and the other three are for backup. However, after the outage, the diesels fired up, but the main radar could not be brought back up. The 70 controllers had to had planes off to other centers. Close calls were reported by a private jet and a USAir flight. Onboard collision avoidance was given credit for avoiding any tragedies. [Source: An article in the *Indianapolis Star*, 7 Nov 2000 (Generators used for flight routing as a precaution, by Terry Horne); PGN-ed]

Raccoon power outage over the weekend

Dan Ellis <ellisd@cs.ucsb.edu>
Mon, 6 Nov 2000 11:19:42 -0800 (PST)

I received the following e-mail on a Monday afternoon (after the problems had been fixed). Several physical devices had been damaged (network hubs and switches) at UC Santa Barbara making for a very unproductive

time for
many employees and students and for a very stressful time for facility and
system administrators.

The point: the weak link will be found and exploited by somebody or
something, causing discomfort to us all. Malicious intent is not a
prerequisite.

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> Date: Mon, 06 Nov 2000 08:33:55 -0800
> From: dragon@ece.ucsb.edu
> To: coe-notify@engineering.ucsb.edu, all-grad@engineering.ucsb.edu
> Subject: power outage over the weekend

> Information only --

> A bit after midnight Friday/Saturday, a raccoon strolled into the power
> substation that serves this end of campus and got across a transformer
> that takes the 16kV line down to 4160VAC. The raccoon paid the price for
> this, and he is now merely a warning example of how fragile our power
> infrastructure can be.

> However, various buildings on campus also paid a price, as all power on
> the "A" feeder was off line for nearly two hours.

> Some functions in some buildings had not been restored by this morning,
> however, including HVAC and equipment chilled water in Engineering 1.
> Almost all this equipment is now back in operation. You may wish to check
> computers and process controllers to determine if harm was done during
> this outage.

    [A Rocky Raccoon gets added to the long list of Reubened Mammalians.

Must have been Raccoonoitering. After all, it was noit toim, even
if not Down Under! PGN]

Researchers able to defeat digital music security measures

"NewsScan" <newsscan@newsscan.com>
Tue, 24 Oct 2000 08:17:09 -0700

A team of computer scientists at Princeton and Rice Universities and the
Xerox Palo Alto Research Center (PARC) has been able to remove the invisible
"watermarks" used by the 200-company Secure Digital Media Initiative (SDMI)
to protect digital music files from pirates. SDMI had offered a prize
[RISKS-21.05] to anyone who could defeat its various security measures, four
out six of which make use of watermarks. SDMI's Tala Shamoon said, "I
expected some would have fallen. This is part of an empirical process to get
the best technology." [AP/MSNBC 24 Oct 2000;
http://www.msnbc.com/news/480521.asp NewsScan Daily, 24 Oct 2000]

Verisign and MS authenticode

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Mon, 23 Oct 2000 13:04:59 -0700

MS has an authenticode mechanism that allows publishers to digitally sign
their code using certificates from Verisign. The code is signed via a MS
program (signcode) with
"-t http://timestamp.verisign.com/scripts/timstamp.dll";
as an option.

The Verisign stuff is suppose to properly timestamp the signature, but
their clock is very wrong!! I did the signature at 12:42, and the .exe now
has a new modification timestamp of 12:42, but the certificate claims it
was signed at 12:46. So we cannot really believe the times in any of these
Verisign certificates.

http://www.five-ten-sg.com

Microsoft Web site vandalized

"NewsScan" <newsscan@newsscan.com>
Fri, 27 Oct 2000 09:00:30 -0700

Microsoft's internal computer network was invaded by "trojan horse" software
that caused company passwords to be sent to an e-mail address in St. Petersburg, Russia. Calling the act "a deplorable act of industrial
espionage," Microsoft would not say whether or not the hackers may have
gotten hold of any Microsoft source code. [AP/*The New York Times*, 27 Oct
2000 http://partners.nytimes.com/2000/10/27/technology/27WIRE-MSHACK.html;
NewsScan Daily, 27 October 2000]

[The following issue of NewsScan on 31 Oct 2000 (Hallowe'en!) noted
Microsoft says the attack lasted only 12 days instead of the 5 weeks
reported earlier, and no major corporate secrets were stolen. PGN]

The latest in anti-spam technology

"Greg C" <gmc333@my-deja.com>
Mon, 6 Nov 2000 08:27:47 -0800

This morning I received a spam item that originated in a yahoo account. Yahoo seems to be pretty good at responding to spam, so I forwarded
a report to them. I noticed in the body of the email that there was the
quasi-traditional "to unsubscribe send your email address" to an account at
myrealmailbox.

So I did the obvious and forwarded the spam again to myrealmailbox (after
first browsing their Web site trying in vain to find a policy towards spam.)
In return I received this reply:

>From: abuse@myrealbox.com
>To: gmc333@my-deja.com
>Subject: Automatic reply
>Date: Mon, 06 Nov 2000 09:09:05 +119303947 (MDT)
>
>Novell and myrealbox.com are not responsible for this
>mailing, it has not used our network or e-mail system. Novell
>Internet Message System (NIMS) employs some of the most
>sophisticated anti-spamming technology in the industry.
>The sender fraudulently used myrealbox.com
>IDs for replies or opt-out mails. These accounts
>never existed or have been terminated. We are committed
>to helping to eliminate this type of mail system
>abuse.

The RISKS? Apparently the technology is so advanced it's learned the art of
plausible deniability. There is also the RISK that a human will never find
out what I originally complained about and modify the system appropriately.

Greg Compestine http://homestead.deja.com/user.gmc333/index.html

Re: EMI, etc. (Ladkin, RISKS-21.08)

Pete Mellor <pm@csr.city.ac.uk>
Mon, 16 Oct 2000 22:46:01 +0100 (BST)

Regarding the enormous convoluted problem of how much EMI is required to
cause a spark and hence an explosion in a fuel tank (Re: EMI, TWA 800 and
Swissair 111, from Peter B. Ladkin, RISKS-21.08), Andy Weir, in his book
"The Tombstone Imperative" made a very simple suggestion:

  Fill the vacant space above the fuel in the tanks with nitrogen,
  and any spark, however caused, cannot lead to an explosion.

Should not engineers welcome the most simple solution to a problem?

Should we not listen to people who are not engineers?

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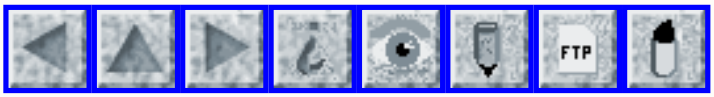

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NETZWERK DEMOKRATIE - Die politische Partizipation im Internet

Das Internet ist auch eine offene Plattform für Ansichten und Meinungen. In Webforen wird in aller Freiheit und ohne Zensur über gesellschaftliche und politische Fragen diskutiert. Diese Freiheit nährt die Hoffnung, dass das Internet in Zukunft mehr sein kann als dies. Auf der einen Seite sind es staatliche Stellen, die Kommunikationskanäle zwischen der Bevölkerung und der Verwaltung aufbauen und Dienstleistungen auf elektonischem Weg anbieten. Weiterführende Pläne sehen vor, dass auf diesem Weg dereinst auch gewählt und abgestimmt werden kann. Auf der anderen Seite erkennen soziale Bewegungen und Bürgeraktionen im Internet eine neue Möglichkeit der horizontalen politischen Organisation. Ohne hohe Eintrittshürden sollen sich alle politisch engagieren und äussern können. Sind wir somit auf dem Weg zu einer neuen, die von unterschiedlichen Netzwerken ausgeht? „Pilgern und Surfen 11“ sucht die Diskussion über die Zukunft der politischen Partizipation im Informationszeitalter. Es geht dabei um Chancen und Gefahren der elektronischen, also anonymisierten Demokratie sowie um die Auswirkungen auf die digitalen Medien, denen zwei widersprüchliche Strömungen einbeschrieben sind: Öffnung und Abschliessung - Freiheit und Sicherheit.

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NETWORK DEMOCRACY - the political participation in the InterNet

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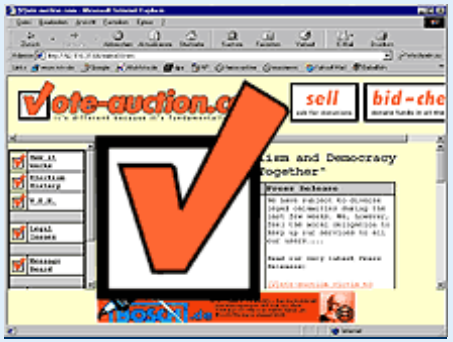

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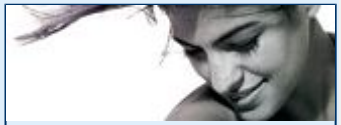

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MEDIUM DIARY ■ *The InterNet does not know borders, the right already*

Understand yourselves, you operate as German one in Germany registered web page. On it you argue satirisch with the American election campaign, without they offend thereby against German right. Since you give, on your platform votes at the highest bidders to mediate (in allusion on the central role, which donations in the American election campaign play), offend them however against American right. So far so well. But now somewhat ever Dagewesenes does not happen: Without you or your German registration place are informed of it, its web page no more is attainable over their announced names. It became not victim of a hacker attack, but on arrangement of an American court from the central name data base (root zone file) was painted.

This case, which actually course-carried in such a way last year with the website www.vote auction.com has, provided for some attention. With this censorship the national right of a state was expanded for the first time since the whole InterNet. Urgent than before arises the question, which is to apply for right in the new on-line world. Thus did approximately 250 lawyers appear themselves past weekend in the Friedrichshainer conference center Pallisade, over over *new right for new media?* to discuss.

The question mark points thereupon that the discussion moves between Poland, whether the new technology InterNet makes a change of the existing laws necessary or whether the existing equipment is after the slogan, *which* off-line is punishable also *on-line* illegaly, be continued using can.

Although lawyers are inclined to generate their world view on basis of the existence makes clear the example *of* vote auction that it does not concern letzendlich the question, whether we a new right, but which new right we in things InterNet get: One, in which we participated or one, which others made. The global net places for the first time the national legislators before the almost unsolvable task to harmonize nearly all ranges from the mark and copyright over the personality rights up to the pressing and laws of communication media internationally. Already now a clear increase of the procedures with foreign contact is to be registered. "foreign right played in former times with us only within the parts per thousand range of all legal proceedings a role, is it between 10 and 20 per cent," now already supports Patrick Mayer, attorney from Stuttgart, the legal relevance of the Internets.

The on-line world seems boundless, but legally seen it is many closer than the off-line company. If it was in former times no problem the fact that there

was *a city* to Heidelberg, a company, several private people and books of same name is sued the courts today with complaints, with which they must decide, who now the right has to operate *the name* Heidelberg as Internetdomain.

In the center thereby questions of the trademark protection, copyright and the data security are located. Even if in the InterNet hardly money can be made up to now, the distribution fights were inflamed fully. On the side stand the large enterprises, which want to protect their marks and expand their markets. On the other side stand the national legislators, that are afraid for their past sovereignty. To forgotten are not also the Strafvervolgungsbehoerden and secret service, which want to participate as priviligiert as possible at data flow. The user have in this Cybermonopoly so far still no lobby. Five of the 17 directors of the ICANN (*InterNet corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers*) were only selected from the net municipality.

The European representative of the five is the speaker of the chaos computer club Andy Mueller Maguhn. In its paper it describes the ICANN existing since 1998 as a first attempt to create a kind InterNet government. "the problem thereby is that it is subject as a company of American right of control US Ministry of Economic Affairs.

Although it is responsible officially only for the completion of technical questions, its position of power results from the administration of the central roots zone file. This file contains all addresses and names of the Internets and determines thereby all traffic streams of the net." It is not technical a problem, not only a certain side (see *vote auction*) to separate for example all sides with a certain land identification from the net to exclude. War guidance in the InterNet is already long no more term only from Science Fiction novels.

Since most laws are only in preparation, it is still open whether itself the net to an on-line democracy developed or whether it will be coined/shaped by interests of lobby. At least up to then it resembles large playground for technically experienced ones still another. After the name *was painted* vote auction.com from the net, the Macher announced immediately the name *voterauction.com* . There one finds now the reflected official side of the election campaign of George Bush. Irony at least functions in the new on-line world at least just as well as off-lines.

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(IDG) -- Outraged Democrats have been excoriating Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader and his followers for siphoning off enough votes from Vice President Al Gore in Florida to potentially throw the presidency to Texas Gov. George W. Bush. Nearly 97,000 Floridians voted for Nader in last week's election.

Yet so-called "Nader Traders" -- Green Party backers who agreed online to vote for Gore in swing states in exchange for Gore supporters voting Green in safe states -- may have helped the Democratic nominee in Florida.

With the margin of victory in the Sunshine State slipping to a few hundred votes in a recount last week, vote-swappers may have cast the deciding ballots. The "vote exchange" Web sites that appeared in the campaign's final weeks recorded nearly 1,400 formal pledges from Florida Nader supporters who said they would instead vote for Gore. They were paired with likely Gore supporters in Democratic and Republican strongholds who had agreed to vote for Nader.

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Votetrader.org, an enterprise that assembled data from 10 large exchanges, found that more than 35,000 people had registered nationwide, producing about 15,000 trades that increased Gore's totals in several critical battleground states. The idea was to raise the Green Party's share of the popular vote to 5 percent, the threshold required for federal matching campaign funds in 2004. But only 3 percent of voters went Green.

Those vote-swapping numbers are fungible, proponents acknowledge, because so-called strategic voting is based on an honor system and vulnerable to manipulation and dirty tricks. And some nervous Nader fans acknowledge they would have probably voted for Gore anyway; those swaps, then, served to decrease Gore's popular vote total. But total participation could also be higher. The raw data from the exchanges doesn't include citizens who embraced the strategy by trading with family and friends -- the

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approach recommended on several sites, including NaderTrader.org. In a two-week period, that Wisconsin-based site saw its traffic soar to more than 650,000 visits, according to creator Jeff Cardille.

And the movement flourished despite a crackdown by California Secretary of State Bill Jones, who accused a Los Angeles-based site of violating state election laws, resulting in the closure of two California sites. American Civil Liberties Union lawyers lost a bid for a temporary restraining order against Jones but say they will continue the fight.

Although traffic may have simply moved to other exchanges, Brent Emerson of Voteswap.org suggests Jones' actions might have dissuaded some voters from participating. A Florida-based exchange, PresidentGore.com, warned Californians not to vote-swap.

Neither the Democratic nor the Green parties officially sanctioned the strategy that was independently conceived to help both groups. "I call them Nader traitors. You should vote your conscience," says Green activist Robert Smith of Tallahassee, Fla.

Nader himself rejected vote-trading, warning of the potential for fraud.

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(IDG) -- Outraged Democrats have been excoriating Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader and his followers for siphoning off enough votes from Vice President Al Gore in Florida to potentially throw the presidency to Texas Gov. George W. Bush. Nearly 97,000 Floridians voted for Nader in last week's election.

Yet so-called "Nader Traders" -- Green Party backers who agreed online to vote for Gore in swing states in exchange for Gore supporters voting Green in safe states -- may have helped the Democratic nominee in Florida.

With the margin of victory in the Sunshine State slipping to a few hundred votes in a recount last week, vote-swappers may have cast the deciding ballots. The "vote exchange" Web sites that appeared in the campaign's final weeks recorded nearly 1,400 formal pledges from Florida Nader supporters who said they would instead vote for Gore. They were paired with likely Gore supporters in Democratic and Republican strongholds who had agreed to vote for Nader.

Votetrader.org, an enterprise that assembled data from 10 large exchanges, found that more than 35,000 people had registered nationwide, producing about 15,000 trades that increased

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Gore's totals in several critical battleground states. The idea was to raise the Green Party's share of the popular vote to 5 percent, the threshold required for federal matching campaign funds in 2004. But only 3 percent of voters went Green.

Those vote-swapping numbers are fungible, proponents acknowledge, because so-called strategic voting is based on an honor system and vulnerable to manipulation and dirty tricks. And some nervous Nader fans acknowledge they would have probably voted for Gore anyway; those swaps, then, served to decrease Gore's popular vote total. But total participation could also be higher. The raw data from the exchanges doesn't include citizens who embraced the strategy by trading with family and friends -- the approach recommended on several sites, including NaderTrader.org. In a two-week period, that Wisconsin-based site saw its traffic soar to more than 650,000 visits, according to creator Jeff Cardille.

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And the movement flourished despite a crackdown by California Secretary of State Bill Jones, who accused a Los Angeles-based site of violating state election laws, resulting in the closure of two California sites. American Civil Liberties Union lawyers lost a bid for a temporary restraining order against Jones but say they will continue the fight.

Although traffic may have simply moved to other exchanges, Brent Emerson of Voteswap.org suggests Jones' actions might have dissuaded some voters from participating. A Florida-based exchange, PresidentGore.com, warned Californians not to vote-swap.

Neither the Democratic nor the Green parties officially sanctioned the strategy that was independently conceived to help both groups. "I call them Nader traitors. You should vote your conscience," says Green activist Robert Smith of Tallahassee, Fla.

Nader himself rejected vote-trading, warning of the potential for fraud.

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The auction of votes by Internet clouds the North American electoral process

' webs' which they parodian to the candidates grows as it approaches the 7 of November

In case outside small the protagonism of the network in these American elections, the electronic auctions of votes have put the sour cherry. The page Web Voteauction.com allowed until the last week the voters to sell its vote to the best postor. They were registered up to 15,000 people, to about 10 dollars by vote. The authorities of Chicago forced to close the site that has taken hours in arranging dominion again: vote-aution.com. Yet, this pioneering and-campaign continues. The official pages face arduous rivals, those that parodian to the candidates. With images of Bush, bottle in hand, or documents on Gore and their assumption marijuana consumption.

50% of the North American population with right to vote remain in house the day of the elections, according to explains the Vote-auction.com page. If there is to choose between A Gore and George Bush, why not to become of passage with pesetillas, when Internet facilitates it? The site, that has been forced to close and to change the name dominion, remembers the tradition that exists in the United States of purchase of votes from the times of George Washington.

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Political Sciences of called New York James Baumgartner. Its objective era to criticize the American electoral system, in which the companies donate money to the candidates.

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Votes separate, the network and both candidates to the presidential ones of the United States of 2000, the republican George Bush and the democrat To Gore, have become inseparable companions. For good and the bad thing. First it was to mount the page. Later to incorporate entrances in Spanish to the sites to gain to the 25 million hispanohablantes voters who already live in EE UU.Ahora all the candidates they can be in a new political sand, the one of the cyberspace, and participate in a virtual electoral forum. An initiative without precedents. A collaboration between the 17 sites with greater traffic, like Cnn or Yahoo, follows the activity daily of the electoral campaign. And Blue *is Web White 2000 Cyber Debate* , of the Markle Foundation, that gathers the message of the day and a question of an internaut which supposedly they must respond the candidates.

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The dance of the candidates

The presidential candidates also arise in Internet with other less intellectual tasks. In Olsommer.com, Bush and the Gores dance to the rate of music. Hillary Clinton does not escape either of I wag. From www.gargaro.com/algore.html it is possible to be traveled to other connections, many, that parodian some characteristics of the personality of A Gore.

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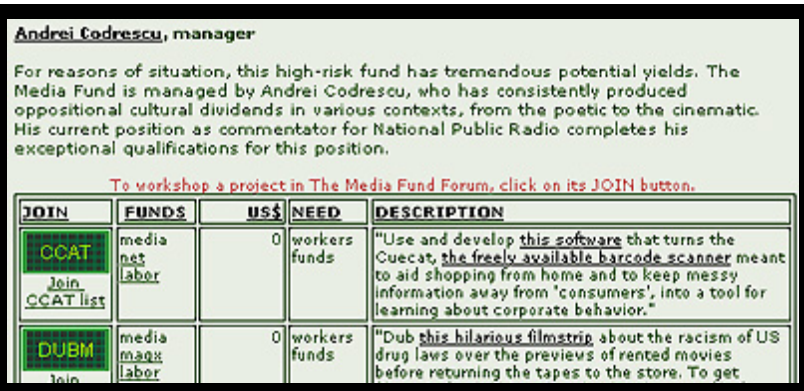

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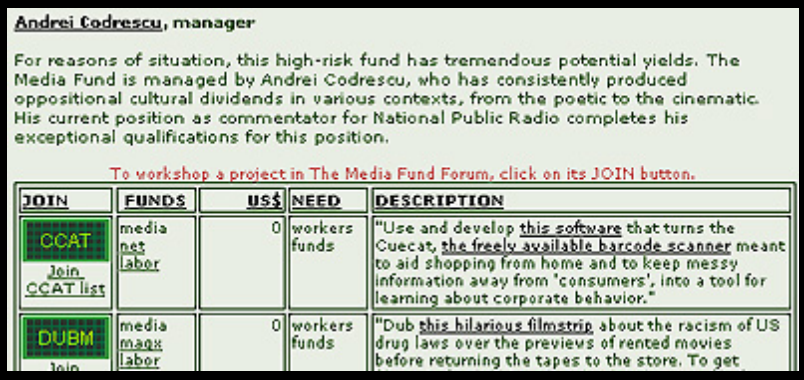

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The site invites voters in each state to offer their votes for sale on the site through a bidding process.

The highest bid for votes in each state will then be given to a presidential candidate of the winning bidder's choice.

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The website was designed by James Baumgartner, a graduate student at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York.

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New Resources on the Open Studio Web site - Streaming Media on Music Web sites
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Are you a musician interested in streaming your work to the Web? Are you an arts organization that would like to post your performances to your site? New to the Innovative Uses of Technology Section of the Digital Canvas Magazine are examples of Web sites that use streaming technologies to enhance their for-profit and nonprofit initiatives. These sites can provide inspiration to nonprofit arts groups and artists interested in using these technologies to promote their work. Visit these resources at: (http://www.benton.org/openstudio/innovativeuses/streamingmedia-music.html).

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"Lawyers Are Cheap at **Vote Auction**"
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"It seems that we are witnessing the birth of a new subgenre of action-art: Digital Legal Art," says artist and founder of etoy.com, Hans Bernhard. Bernhard has found himself in the center of several law suits from US States several law suits for his newest venture VoteAuction.com. VoteAuction.com, an Austria-based satirical Web site that claims to buy and sell votes, has been shut down by The Internet Council of Registrars (CORE). In response, Bernhard plans to begin his own legal challenge to the Nov. 1 shutdown of his site. Read this article at: (http://www.wired.com/news/politics/0,1283,40092,00.html).

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"ICANN: The Winners Are ..."
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Organizations will no longer feel restricted by the domain names dot.org, dot.com and dot.net. As of November 16, 2000, seven new top level domains were approved by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers. An important addition is the dot.museum which will be available in early spring for certified museums to use. The other six new domain names are: dot-biz, dot-info, dot-name, dot-pro, dot-aero and dot-coop. Read this article at: (http://www.wired.com/news/politics/0,1283,40228,00.html).

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"The Jukebox Manifesto"
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This Salon article outlines the recent advances and current challenges of the Digital Music Industry in trying to control the trading of digital music on the Web. Because 58.5% of Napster users would be willing to pay for their service, the author states that the music industry could develop a higher quality item, probably resulting in an even more popular product. Read this article at: (http://www.salon.com/tech/feature/2000/11/13/jukebox/index.html).

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"Web Connection Supports Asian Arts Community for Third Year"
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For the third year in a row, Web Connection, a subsidiary of the

chinadotcom Corporation, has developed the online presence for the Hong Kong Arts Festival. The Web site for this month long festival will allow visitors to research their favorite programs, reserve tickets and experience the festival in an interactive multimedia format. This online presence will help promote the festival locally, regionally and internationally. Read this article at [Long URL will wrap]: (http://asia.biz.yahoo.com/news/asian_markets/asiapulse/article.html?s=asiafinance/news/001114/asian_markets/asiapulse/Web_Connection_ Supports_Asian_Arts_Community_for_Third_Year.html).

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"NEA Chairman Upbeat Over Agency's Future Role"
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In this article in the Pittsburgh-Post Gazette, Bill Ivey, Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, discusses the recent budget increase for the Endowment as well as next steps for the agency under a new administration. Read this article at: (http://www.post-gazette.com/magazine/20001118people3.asp).

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"Adapting Business Principles to Help Nonprofit Organizations Make Sound Economic Decisions"
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This Philanthropy News Network column features Dennis Young, CEO of the National Center on Nonprofit Enterprise, explaining possibilities for nonprofit organizations to adopt forprofit models and practices. The article outlines two case studies of nonprofits using for-profit practices, but warns that "nonprofits cannot blindly apply business methods without appropriate adaptation." Nonprofits interested in using ecommerce might be interested in Young's suggestions for partnerships with forprofit companies. Read this article at: (http://pnnonline.org/innovations/young1117.adp).

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Center for Arts and Culture Listserve
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The Center for Arts and Culture, an independent organization that examines the role of creativity in all areas of national public policymaking, has announced a new listserve for those interested in US cultural policy. The listserve will begin as a biweekly update about the Center's activities and new Web content. Eventually, the listserve will evolve into online discussions. Sign up for this resource at: (http://www.culturalpolicy.org).

Users might also be interested in this speech transcript, published by the

Center for Arts and Culture, by Ellen McCulloch-Lovell, Deputy Assistant to the President and Advisor to the First Lady on the Millennium. McCulloch-Lovell spoke these words at the Center for Arts and Culture conference titled "Social Theory, Politics and the Arts Annual Conference." Visit this resource at: (http://www.culturalpolicy.org/whatsnew/lovell.htm).

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Museum Computer Network's Spectra Millennial Digest
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The Museum Computer Network's SPECTRA Millennial Digest contains short essays from over 70 well-known technologists, artists, educators, administrators on the ways in which technology will impact the future of museums. Users can purchase hard copies of the digest through the MCN Web site (located at: http://wwwmcn.edu) or read the essays online at: (http://www.artsconnected.org/millennialmuseum). Each essay is also available as an electronic postcard, allowing you to email articles of particular interest to friends and colleagues.

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Published by Free Pint, this article informs musicians about important online music issues, such as music piracy, copyright infringement and licensing. Visit this resource at [Note: Long URL will wrap]: (http://www.freepint.co.uk/issues/161100.htm?FreePint_Session=8283f1646d6c5dfe63f956623e8e0693#tips).

Conference- Digital Independence 2001

Digital Independence 2001 will bring innovative artists, technology visionaries and business leaders to San Francisco to address how independent mediamakers can cope with and exploit the digital revolution. From January 28-30, 2001, conference participants will be able to learn more about the new technologies-- from video games to digital cinema, broadcast and cable TV to streaming media. Read about this conference at: (http://www.digitalindies.com).

Example of Online Exhibitions:

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One Stop Warhol Shop
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A "unique Web project" developed by the Andy Warhol Museum in collaboration with ArtMuseum.net, this site serves as an excellent

introduction to all things Warhol. The site is structured around Warhol's premise that a museum is like a supermarket -- especially, of course, if you fill museums with images of the mass produced -- offering visitors three different sections to "shop": the supermarket, the factory, and Warhol himself. In addition, the Web site's menus offer voice-overs of Warhol and his associates. Unlike many museum sites devoted to contemporary artists, this one doesn't skimp on its materials, though it would have been nice if the images came in more than one size. Overall, we found the site informative and very much in the spirit of the man who almost single-handedly invented pop art. Visit this exhibition at: (http://osws.artmuseum.net/enter.html). [Copyright Internet Scout Project, 1994-2000. http://scout.cs.wisc.edu/].

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Brooklyn Academy of Music's "Before & After Geography"
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Brooklyn Academy of Music's "Before & After Geography" is based on choreographer Ralph Lemon's travel journals, rehearsal notes, documentation videos, and photographs surrounding the creation and performance of "Tree: Part 2 of the Geography Trilogy" during the Brooklyn Academy of Music's 2000 Next Wave Festival. Developed by Vivian Selbo and Carl Skelton, the complex assemblage of images, video, sound, animation and text suggest a model for how the offline stage and Internet might dialogue with one another; offering up alternative themes and questions the performance does not or can not address. Visit this exhibition at: (http://www.bam.org/tree/).

Resources for Technology Trainers:

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Open Studio trainers can use this online resource to find a variety of technology-related and not-so-technology related tutorials. Trainers can find the latest tutorials on Web development, computer basics, the Internet, and multimedia technology. Although many of the technology resources link to popular Web resources such as CNET and Web Monkey, there are some unique finds as well. Trainers can also submit their online tutorials to reach a broader audience. Visit this resource at: (http://www.tutorialfind.com).

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DSL vs. Cable Modem Comparison
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This About.com article compares the technical differences between the

broadband connections of DSL (digital subscriber lines) and cable modems. As more arts organizations add streaming videos of performances to their Web sites, these organizations will be exploring what type of broadband connection to choose. Read this article at: (http://compnetworking.about.com/library/weekly/aa111200a.htm?PM=n101120d).

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The Chronicle of Philanthropy's Building Nonprofit Web Sites
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Chronicle of Philanthropy has compiled a variety of resources to help nonprofits build Web sites. Some of the resources will be familiar to Open Studio trainers, but this online resource does provide a nice compact handout to give trainees during Open Studio trainings. Visit this resource at: (http://philanthropy.com/free/resources/technology/websites.htm)

New Benton Foundation Resources:

This past week, Benton's Communications Policy and Practice (CPP) published one article online. CPP promotes public interest values and noncommercial services for the evolving Information Infrastructure through research, policy analysis, print and online publishing, and outreach to nonprofits and foundations.

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America Waits... For Low-Power radio
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As America waits for a new president to be chosen, the country continues to face other less talked about political ambiguities. In late October, with several important appropriations bills still in limbo, Congress passed a continuing resolution which allowed the government to operate while members of the Senate and the House went home to campaign for re-election. Many community groups around the country have been closely following the fate of one of the contested bills, which, if approved, would all but destroy the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) proposed low-power radio program (LPFM), meant to diversify radio ownership and give communities greater access to the airwaves. Visit this resource at: (http://www.benton.org/DigitalBeat/db111500.html).

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Open Studio: The Arts Online, a joint program of the Benton Foundation (http://www.benton.org) and National Endowment for the Arts (http://arts.endow.gov), provides Internet access and training to artists and nonprofit arts organizations to ensure that the communications environment of the 21st century thrives as a source of creative excellence and diversity.

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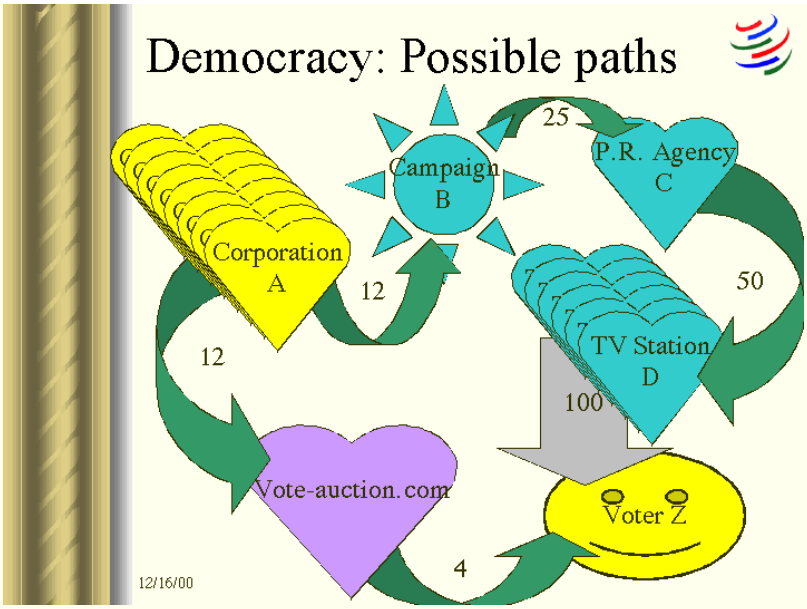

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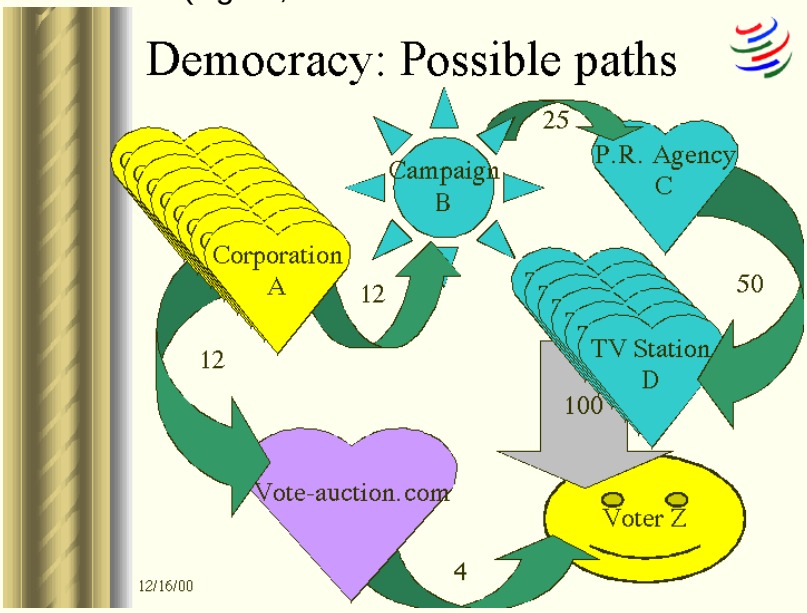

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By Jeff Miles with additional writing by Michael Vazquez

Mr. World Finance AKA The Fat Cat crosses his legs, checks his watch; his itinerary finds him at this moment attending yet another conference for other Fat Cats of International Business, pretending to listen to yet another speech.

But what he's hearing from the speaker at the podium isn't the usual yadda yadda and Fat Cat likes what he's hearing: a plan outlining the seemingly limitless free-trade benefits that an international vote auction would bring to his shareholders. The vote-auction concept as outlined by the speaker is so beguilingly simple, Fat Cat wonders why someone hasn't dreamt it up before: simply put, votes in national elections would be auctioned off to the highest bidding corporation, cutting right to the chase and eliminating all those messy campaign finance laws and their endless back doors.

Fat Cat finds himself joining his peers in a hearty applause for the visionary at the podium.

Visionary is certainly one way to describe the man at the podium, who unbeknownst to the room full of CEO's is in fact a total fraud, engaged in a brazen feat of satire that is so on point, that the objects of ridicule – who are so caught up in the globalization rat race – aren't even aware that what's actually occurring is a biting political attack against the logical extension of global corporations run amok.

The perpetrator is Mike Bonanno, one half of social engineers extraordinaire known as The Yes Men. Not unlike Billionaires for Bush, these agitproppers represent a new kind of in your face artivism that is actually rooted in a classic tradition of satire; remember reading "A Modest Proposal" when you were in grade school? Well, The Yes men are kinda like that.

In addition to their hijinks at WTO affairs, they've impersonated DOW-Chemical representatives and are currently engaged in an inspired Bush-bashing subterfuge, driving a bus emblazoned with Bush-Cheney '04 across the country, meeting and

greeting Republican supporters. (Check back at this space in a few days for some fresh DV from their road trip).

URB managed to locate a phone number for The Yes Men AKA Andy Bichlbaum and Mike Bonanno, at their top-secret headquarters somewhere on the western coast of North America. Of course, we can't be sure we were actually speaking to The Yes Men or a Warholian stand-in, but with the movie opening last week (see trailer) we were happy to speak to whomever we got on the phone. We're presuming that this is a Yes Men interview.

First, a little background info: The Yes Men first met in 1997 through mutual friends while working for various underground causes. Andy was doing some video game reverse-engineering, replacing prototypical macho shoot 'em up action characters with elegantly appointed gay men, while Mike was busy switching talking Barbies' voice boxes with talking G.I. Joes' voice boxes, creating G.I. Joe dolls which asked about a new pair of shoes, and Barbie dolls yelling about hand grenades. It's easy to see why their friends would suggest that they team up.

In conversation, it is Mike who emerges as the more politically-minded of the duo, but when I put the question to him he says, in character: "Neither of us is more political or more entertainment. How's that for a political answer?" Dubya himself couldna' said it better, or more bewilderingly.

When asked about the animus behind his actions, Mike bluntly states: "I have nothing better to do. We really feel like we have absolutely nothing better to do – other than to do mischief which points out the inequity in the world."

A pretty modest assessment for a duo with a popular book and a new film playing in ten major U.S. cities.

Seeking another entry point into their psyche, I ask Andy who his political heroes are. "[I have] lots of 'em. My political heroes are different from other people's; its not like I'm going to say 'I model myself after Ghandi.' – that's not what we're doing. We're trying to make it entertaining. The people that are trying to be the new Martin Luther Kings and Gandhis, those are the people you should ask who their political heroes are. We admire Charlie Chaplin"

Now, I'm beginning to get it: Like Chaplin, these guys are making a bit of a farce out of their form of protest, but that doesn't make it any less serious, especially to the powers that be. Charlie Chaplin never seemed to take himself too seriously either but he certainly took on Adolf Hitler in a way which remains relevant.

But their humor is not without a major edge when the subject requires a little extra pointed satire. During a recent speaking engagement at the State University of NY at Plattsburgh, they introduced the next generation of industry captains to the concept of a re-burger: a burger, re-purposed from human waste. Gross, definitely. But also not so far off the mark from where the logical conclusion of industrial cattle farming is leading us (e.g. cattle farts are a great contributor to global trending and industrial cattle farming is ruining mass acreage and rivers.

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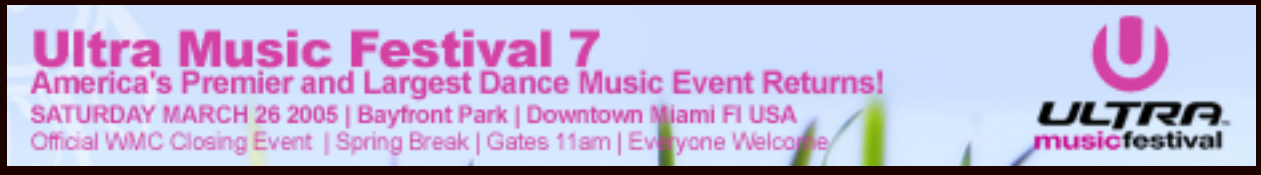

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By Jeff Miles with additional writing by Michael Vazquez

Mr. World Finance AKA The Fat Cat crosses his legs, checks his watch; his itinerary finds him at this moment attending yet another conference for other Fat Cats of International Business, pretending to listen to yet another speech.

But what he's hearing from the speaker at the podium isn't the usual yadda yadda and Fat Cat likes what he's hearing: a plan outlining the seemingly limitless free-trade benefits that an international **vote auction** would bring to his shareholders. The **vote-auction** concept as outlined by the speaker is so beguilingly simple, Fat Cat wonders why someone hasn't dreamt it up before: simply put, votes in national elections would be auctioned off to the highest bidding corporation, cutting right to the chase and eliminating all those messy campaign finance laws and their endless back doors.

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Visionary is certainly one way to describe the man at the podium, who unbeknownst to the room full of CEO's is in fact a total fraud, engaged in a brazen feat of satire that is so on point, that the objects of ridicule – who are so caught up in the globalization rat race – aren't even aware that what's actually occurring is a biting political attack against the logical extension of global corporations run amok.

The perpetrator is Mike Bonanno, one half of social engineers extraordinaire known as The Yes Men. Not unlike Billionaires for Bush, these agitproppers represent a new kind

of in your face artivism that is actually rooted in a classic tradition of satire; remember reading "A Modest Proposal" when you were in grade school? Well, The Yes men are kinda like that.

In addition to their hijinks at WTO affairs, they've impersonated DOW-Chemical representatives and are currently engaged in an inspired Bush-bashing subterfuge, driving a bus emblazoned with Bush-Cheney '04 across the country, meeting and greeting Republican supporters. (Check back at this space in a few days for some fresh DV from their road trip).

URB managed to locate a phone number for The Yes Men AKA Andy Bichlbaum and Mike Bonanno, at their top-secret headquarters somewhere on the western coast of North America. Of course, we can't be sure we were actually speaking to The Yes Men or a Warholian stand-in, but with the movie opening last week (see trailer) we were happy to speak to whomever we got on the phone. We're presuming that this is a Yes Men interview.

First, a little background info: The Yes Men first met in 1997 through mutual friends while working for various underground causes. Andy was doing some video game reverse-engineering, replacing prototypical macho shoot 'em up action characters with elegantly appointed gay men, while Mike was busy switching talking Barbies' voice boxes with talking G.I. Joes' voice boxes, creating G.I. Joe dolls which asked about a new pair of shoes, and Barbie dolls yelling about hand grenades. It's easy to see why their friends would suggest that they team up.

In conversation, it is Mike who emerges as the more politically-minded of the duo, but when I put the question to him he says, in character: "Neither of us is more political or more entertainment. How's that for a political answer?" Dubya himself couldna' said it better, or more bewilderingly.

When asked about the animus behind his actions, Mike bluntly states: "I have nothing better to do. We really feel like we have absolutely nothing better to do – other than to do mischief which points out the inequity in the world."

A pretty modest assessment for a duo with a popular book and a new film playing in ten major U.S. cities.

Seeking another entry point into their psyche, I ask Andy who his political heroes are. "[I have] lots of 'em. My political heroes are different from other people's; its not like I'm going to say 'I model myself after Ghandi.' – that's not what we're doing. We're trying to make it entertaining. The people that are trying to be the new Martin Luther Kings and Gandhis, those are the people you should ask who their political heroes are. We admire Charlie Chaplin"

Now, I'm beginning to get it: Like Chaplin, these guys are making a bit of a farce out of their form of protest, but that doesn't make it any less serious, especially to the powers that be. Charlie Chaplin never seemed to take himself too seriously either but he certainly took on Adolf Hitler in a way which remains relevant.

But their humor is not without a major edge when the subject requires a little extra pointed satire. During a recent speaking engagement at the State University of NY at

Plattsburgh, they introduced the next generation of industry captains to the concept of a re-burger: a burger, re-purposed from human waste. Gross, definitely. But also not so far off the mark from where the logical conclusion of industrial cattle farming is leading us (e.g. cattle farts are a great contributor to global trending and industrial cattle farming is ruining mass acreage and rivers.

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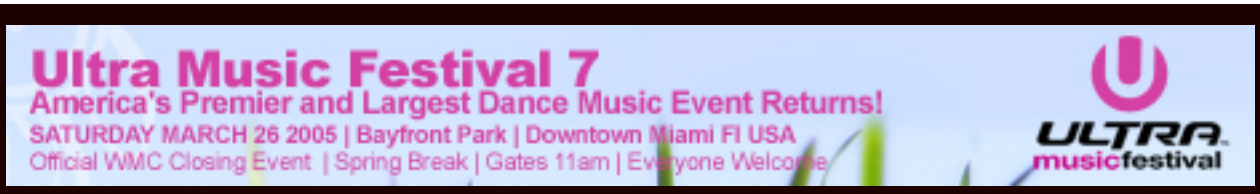

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So, the Election Commissioners thought about practicable enforcement measures that might be taken against property located in the jurisdiction, or at least in the United States. One possibility was to target the domain name, "voteauction.com." Such an approach had been suggested by the author of this article in "Will the Judgment Proof Own Cyberspace." [3] The offending domain name was present in Illinois—and hundreds or thousands of domain name servers supporting hundreds or thousands of Internet service providers in the vicinity of Chicago. But litigating against all those ISPs quickly was ruled out. Instead, voteauction.com's domain name registrar, Domain Bank, was named as a defendant in the lawsuit, and the draft injunction attached to the complaint included a paragraph ordering that the domain name be withdrawn or cancelled. In October, Judge Murphy of the Circuit Court of Cook County Illinois signed the injunction after a hearing.

Domain Bank had been notified of the lawsuit, and had engaged in extensive telephonic discussions with counsel for the Election Commissioners. Domain Bank had, in its standard domain name registration agreement, a provision prohibiting the use of domain names for "illegal purposes." After the injunction was issued, signifying a judicial determination that the domain name was being used illegally, Domain Bank cancelled the voteauction.com domain name, shutting down voteauction.com all over the world.

But celebrations of victory in Chicago were tentative, and sure enough, about a week later voteauction.com opened up under a new domain name, "vote-auction.com," and this domain name was registered in Switzerland with CORE. But CORE had a similar prohibition against illegal use in its standard domain name registration agreement. After extensive telephonic and email discussions between counsel for the Election Commissioners and counsel for CORE, CORE also cancelled the vote-auction.com domain name, once again shutting the site down. Subsequently, voteauction.com sought to publicize its IP address, the use of which would avoid the domain name system all together, but by then, the election had been held.

In some theoretical sense, it would have been better to have enforced the injunction against domain name translation in or near Chicago. That would have kept the enforcement action within the sovereign whose laws were being enforced. It also would have comported more comfortably with geographic limits on the jurisdiction of the court issuing the injunction. But doing that was impracticable, given the large number of ISPs and uncertain patterns of use. It was much easier under tight time deadlines imposed by the proximity of the election, to focus enforcement efforts on a single intermediary, the first located in another state but within the United States, and the second located in a foreign country. The theoretical jurisdictional grounds were shakier, but enforcement at this level was practicable.

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MICROSOFT AND DOJ: SKIRMISHES CONTINUE, SCHEDULE SET

On October 3rd, the government submitted its proposed briefing schedule and on October 5th, Microsoft replied. Microsoft held fast to its originally proposed schedule of October 2nd, which would defer arguments until next spring instead of holding them in January, as the government wanted. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit settled the matter on October 11th, splitting the difference between the parties and giving Microsoft until November 27th to file its primary brief and requiring the federal government to file its brief by January 12th, with Microsoft's reply brief due by January 29th. Final briefs must be submitted by February 9th and oral arguments are slated for February 26th and 27th.

Meanwhile, legal experts have suggested that U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson, who delivered the initial decision against Microsoft, may have scotched his ability to rehear the case if it is returned to his court by making repeated statements about the case to lecture audiences and the media. It is thought likely that Microsoft will ask that Judge Jackson be disqualified on the grounds that his comments indicate bias. Jackson has also recently indicated that he may remove himself if the appeals court does not appear to repose much faith in his findings and conclusions.

At the end of October, the appeals court backed off a proposed briefing on computer basics after both sides expressed concerns. The briefing was to be conducted by Illinois Institute of Technology official Michael H. Hites covering "basic concepts underlying the fundamentals of automation." Microsoft expressed concern that the briefing would touch on issues involved in the case and pointed out that Hites had performed research on behalf of rival Sun Microsystems. The DOJ, which expressed no objection in principle to the briefing, also expressed concern that the session would involve discussions of issues in

the case and suggested that the court would learn a great deal about computer basics simply by reviewing the trial transcripts. On October 26th, after considering the parties' concerns, the Court announced that it had canceled the briefing. On October 25th, AOL asked the appeals court for permission to file an amicus brief in support of the government's case. Three other trade associations, the Project to Promote Competition & Innovation in the Digital Age (ProComp), the Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA) and the Computer and Communications Industry Association (CCIA) also requested permission to file amicus briefs in support of the government. The Association for Competitive Technology (ACT) and the Computing Technology Industry Association (CTIA) asked to file amicus briefs on behalf of Microsoft. The court has said it is encouraging friends of the court supporting the same side to file a single joint brief to make the process more efficient. The Court has set up a portion of its site dedicated to the case, which may be found at http://www.cadc.uscourts.gov

HACKING BRINGS MICROSOFT AND G-MEN TOGETHER

After discovering that its computers had been hacked, Microsoft called in the federal government in the form of the FBI, which is now investigating a hacking incident "heard round the world." The incident was revealed on October 26th and apparently targeted a single future product of Microsoft's and did not involve the loss of Windows or Office source code, as had originally been reported. On the other hand, as we go to press, Microsoft has changed its story on multiple fronts, including what damage was done, how long the incident lasted, and even whether Microsoft was aware of the hacking while it was going on. Hackers infiltrated Microsoft's internal networks with QAZ Trojan, a virus that first appeared in July. The break-in is being treated as a probable act of industrial espionage, and was discovered by Microsoft employees after they detected passwords being sent to an e-mail account in St. Petersburg, Russia. Microsoft's statement regarding the break-in may be found at http://www.microsoft.com/presspass/features/2000/oct00/10-27security.asp

SEX SITE BILLING SCAM RESULTS IN TRO

On October 2nd, U.S. District Judge Lewis Kaplan of the Southern District of New York issued a temporary restraining order halting the conduct of Verity International Ltd. and two individuals from Britain as well as freezing their assets. The FTC had charged the defendants with billing thousands of U. S. consumers for videotext services that they did not know had been accessed through their phone lines. In order to use Verity's system, consumers downloaded special dialing software from "teaser" sites. Once activated, the program would disconnect from the normal ISP, dial a Madagascar number and direct the browser to an explicit sex site from a U.S. server. The remote link cost $2.99 per minute. In a consumer alert issued on October 5th, the FTC warned Net users to beware of scams that reconnect computers to remote spots, at rates as high as $7 a minute. The FTC's press release regarding the case and a link to the complaint may be found at http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2000/10/verity.htm

BUSINESS METHODS PATENT BILL INTRODUCED

On October 3rd, Reps. Rich Boucher and Howard Berman introduced a bill, the Business Method Patent Improvement Act of 2000, which examines the granting of patents on Internet business methods, such as Amazon's "one-click" shopping and Priceline's "name your price" methodology. Though no action is expected in this session of Congress, the bill marks the first effort to determine whether Net business methods patents afford protection to real innovation or inappropriately offer protection to offline business methods that are simply assisted by technology. Boucher said the bill would "create the presumption that the computer-assisted implementation of an analog-world business method is obvious and thus is not patentable." The text of the Act may be found at http://www.house.gov/boucher/docs/bmpiapage.htm

CHINA CRACKS DOWN ON NET

On October 2nd, China published broad new regulations on Internet firms which limit foreign investment, require firms to strictly guard against "subversive" content, and would close down any unlicensed firms. The new rules are likely to deal a severe blow to China's nascent Internet industry that is heavily reliant on foreign capital. The regulations ban any content that is "subversive," that supports cults, that "harms the reputation" of China, or that hurts reunification efforts with Taiwan. Internet content and service providers must keep records of all content on their sites and of all users who dial into their servers for 60 days. These records must be given to police on demand. Current commercial Internet sites have 60 days from October 1st to provide detailed information for their businesses to the Ministry of Information Industry in order to obtain licenses. Companies without licenses or exceeding their stated business scopes will be fined or shut down. The rules also state that Internet content providers must have the approval of the Ministry of Information Industry before receiving foreign capital, cooperating with foreign businesses, or attempting domestic or overseas stock offerings. Further information may be found at http://www.techweb.com/wire/story/reuters/REU20001002S0002

PROFESSORS SETTLE TEACHER REVIEW WEB SITE CASE

On October 2nd, two California professors settled their suit against the Teacher Review web site, which called them "insane," "drugged out" and sex maniacs. Conceding that they are now afraid of being bankrupted by the case, plaintiffs Daniel Curzon Brown and Jesse David Wall, had filed their suit in 1999 alleging that the web site, which allows students to post anonymous critiques, contained vicious and false comments. In their suit, the teachers said the site had become a clearinghouse for lies, slander and personal attacks. Under the settlement agreement, the professors will pay the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) $10,000 in attorney's fees and will stop posting anonymous reviews of themselves, a step they took to balance the commentary of the anonymous posters. Further information may be found at http://www.wired.com/news/politics/0,1283,39258,00.html. The site itself may be found at http://www.teacherreview.com

ACLU CHARGES BIAS IN CARNIVORE REVIEW

On October 4th, the American Civil Liberties Union accused the Justice Department of bias in its choice of a university team to review its Carnivore e-mail surveillance system. The DOJ had announced its selection of the Illinois Institute of Technology Research Institute (IITRI), but the ACLU alleged that members of the IITRI are too close to law enforcement agencies and the current administration to be impartial. The team includes a former Clinton administration policy advisor and a former Justice Department official. Also included on the team are members who have backgrounds with the National Security Agency and the Department of Defense. Additionally, IITRI has for more than 30 years operated the Defense Department's Information Analysis Centers. The DOJ's site, at http://www.usdoj.gov/jmd/pss/iitritechnicalproposal.pdf, shows the names of team members blacked out in the PDF file. ACLU's site includes a link to http://cryptome.org, which contains a page that essentially fills in the blacked-out names in the DOJ's page. The ACLU's press release regarding the latest development on Carnivore may be found at http://www.aclu.org/news/2000/n100400.html

ICANN VOTE SELECTS FIVE NEW BOARD MEMBERS

On October 11th, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) announced that its global online election resulted in the selection of five at-large board members. The new members are Karl Auerbach, a member of the Internet Engineering Task Force and a network architect at Cisco

Systems Inc., Ivan Moura Campos, from Brazil and CEO of Akwan Information Technologies, Masanobu Katoh, a Japanese citizen who works for Fujitsu in the United States, Andy Mueller-Maguhn, a member of the Chaos Computer Club, a German computer activist group and Nii Quaynor, from Ghana and on staff at Network Computer Systems. The new board members will assume their seats November 16th at ICANN's annual meeting. The results of the voting and further information may be found at http://www.icann.org

TEEN PUMP AND DUMPER SETTLES WITH SEC

On September 20th, the SEC settled with teenage stock trader Jonathan G. Lebed, who had been accused of operating a pump and dump scheme in which he bought low-priced stocks, hyped them on various Internet bulletin boards, and then sold them at a large profit. To settle the case, Lebed paid $285,000, though he did not admit or deny the allegations. However, it appears that his profit was more like $800,000, as reported on "60 Minutes," leaving many observers to wonder what sort of lesson the SEC hoped to teach. Jonathan's family is now driving a Mercedes SUV, admittedly purchased with his stock proceeds. The consent order in the case may be found at http://www.sec.gov/enforce/adminact/33-7891.htm

TOBACCO COMPANY SUES N.Y. OVER NET SALES

Brown & Williamson Tobacco announced on October 16th that it had filed suit in federal district court in New York to overturn a state law banning cigarette sales via mail, telephone, and the Internet. Brown & Williamson, the U.S. division of British tobacco company British American Tobacco, wants to combat the increasingly competitive retail market by offering catalog sales. B&W calls the law an "unconstitutional interference with commerce." The company wants smokers to be able to order cigarettes by mail, fax, telephone and, in the future, the Internet. Named as defendants in the lawsuit are Governor Pataki, Eliot Spitzer, the New York Attorney General and Antonia C. Novello, M.D., New York's Commissioner of Health. Further information may be found at http://www.thestandard.com/article/display/0,1151,19424,00.html

ISPS ORDERED TO REVEAL USERS' IDENTITIES

On October 12th, a Florida appeals court ruled that Internet service providers must disclose the identity of eight individuals who posted anonymous messages in a Yahoo financial chat room. The messages contained material allegedly defamatory to Erik Hvide, the former CEO of Hvide Marine. The American Civil Liberties Union had fought the disclosures, and obtained a stay freezing subpoenas for the records of Yahoo and America Online. The ACLU had asked the court to rule on whether Hvide had been defamed before identifying the defendants. The court did not explain its ruling and the defendants are considering whether to appeal. Further information may be found at http://www.wired.com/news/politics/0,1283,39485,00.html

TEAM CLAIMS VICTORY IN SDMI MUSIC HACKING CHALLENGE

Researchers from two U.S. universities and Xerox' Palo Alto Research Center (PARC) are claiming that they beat the music security schemes proffered by the Secure Digital Music Initiative and therefore qualify for the cash prizes offered for anyone who could defeat the four watermarking and two encryption schemes put forward by SDMI to protect music. The SDMI, which is seeking secure methods to distribute music online and via digital music devices, received 447 submissions. The team from Princeton University, Rice University and Xerox's PARC said they were apparently successful in breaking all four watermarking schemes. The SDMI says it is still evaluating submissions. Further

information may be found at http://abcnews.go.com/sections/tech/DailyNews/sdmi001024.html Information about the efforts of the university/PARC team may be found at http://www.cs.princeton.edu/sip/sdmi

CYBERCRIME TREATY STIRS CONTROVERSY

The United States and a group of European nations have been negotiating the terms of a cybercrime treaty that is generating controversy among computer security experts. The Council of Europe's Draft Cybercrime Treaty, authorized by the 41 nation body in consultation with the U.S. Department of Justice, reportedly might be signed as early as December. The treaty makes it illegal to write or possess hacking software, both of which are legal in the U.S. The treaty also includes aiding and abetting rules which would make the publication of software vulnerabilities illegal. At a gathering of experts on computer security issues in Amsterdam in late October, experts warned that stealing information is not the same as deliberately defeating security measures, which is often done by those who want to enhance computer security and improve products. The Council of Europe has promised to provide a list of exceptions to the treaty, and professional network administrators are expected to be exempt. The treaty also includes extradition agreements and other controversial elements, such as requirements for Internet service providers and Network administrators to help police by maintaining detailed logs of all network activity. Further information may be found at http://www.wired.com/news/politics/0,1283,39519,00.html

SUPREME COURT REFUSES TO REVIEW AOL SUBSCRIBER SUIT

On October 2nd, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to review a lower court opinion which held that AOL is not a "common carrier" that can be regulated by the Federal Communications Commission. Four AOL subscribers had filed a class action lawsuit, Howard v. America Online, alleging that AOL set improper charges and failed to protect subscribers' privacy rights and copyrights in violation of the 1934 Communications Act. The trial court dismissed the suit, ruling that Internet Service Providers are not common carriers and therefore not covered by the law. This decision was also upheld by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. The basis of the holding is that Internet companies are not common carriers because they provide "enhanced" services rather than basic communication services. The appeals court also said that the 1996 Telecommunications Act specified that it was not designating interactive computer services as common carriers. Further information may be found at http://www.techserver.com/noframes/story/0,2294,500264747-500410488-502507401-0, 00.html

ILLINOIS CLOSES VOTE AUCTION SITE

On October 18th, a Cook County, Illinois Circuit Court judge issued an order prohibiting a website (voteauction.com) from auctioning off votes for the Presidential election. The preliminary injunction was issued by Judge Michael J. Murphy after the Chicago Board of Election Commission filed suit against the web site operators. Under Illinois law, selling or buying votes or attempting to sell or buy votes or conspiring or soliciting to buy or sell votes is a Class 4 felony. The web site is owned by a group of Austrians. After their domain name had been placed on hold, the group opened a second **vote auction** web site with a slightly different name. The new site may be found at http://www.**vote-auction**.com and further information is available at http://www.apbnews.com/newscenter/breakingnews/2000/10/26/votes1026_01.html

FEDERAL AGENCIES USING COOKIES IN SPITE OF BAN

Despite a White House order forbidding the use of cookies on government web sites, 13 government agencies are still using them according to the General Accounting Office. The agencies range from the

Federal Aviation Administration to the federal offices that provide disaster relief and administer Medicare. Cookies, small text files that record information about a person's browsing habits when surfing the Net, were forbidden by the White House Office of Management and Budget in June unless approved by the head of the agency and with clear notice about the use of cookies being given on the site. The U.S. Forest Service's International Programs site was even found to be using third-party cookies, which transmit visitors' activities to a private company hired to compile reports for the agency. Other agencies found to be using the cookie software were the U.S. Customs Service, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Bureau of Land Management, Central Federal Lands Highway Division, the Energy Department's Ames Laboratory, National Park Service, Office of Personnel Management, the U.S. Trade and Development Agency, and the Health Care Financing Administration. Further information may be found at http://www0.mercurycenter.com/svtech/news/breaking/ap/docs/543482l.htm

NEW ENCRYPTION STANDARD CHOSEN

Following the conclusion of a three year worldwide competition, the Commerce Department announced on October 2nd that the Belgian Rijndael encryption algorithm had been selected as the nation's new Advanced Encryption Standard. The AES is intended to protect information in federal computer systems, but it is also expected to be widely utilized in the private sector, particularly in the financial services industry. The competition, which involved some of the world's leading cryptographers from 12 countries, was organized by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), an agency of the Commerce Department's Technology Administration. Each candidate algorithm was required to support key sizes of 128, 192 and 256 bits. They were evaluated for the strength of their security as well as for their speed and versatility across a variety of computer platforms. Rijndael was selected because it had the best combination of security, performance, efficiency, ease of implementation and flexibility. A technical analysis of the AES candidates is posted on NIST's Web site, along with a wealth of other information about AES. The site may be found at http://www.nist.gov/public_affairs/releases/g00-176.htm

EUROPE APPROVES AOL-TIME WARNER MERGER

The European Commission announced on October 11th that it had approved America Online Inc.'s $135 billion acquisition of media company Time Warner Inc. After a four month investigation, the Commission said it had approved the merger after AOL agreed to sever all structural links with the German media group Bertelsmann AG. "The proposed undertakings will prevent AOL from having access to Europe's leading source of music publishing rights, thereby eliminating the risk of dominance in the emerging markets for online delivery of music over the Internet and software-based music players," the Commission said in a statement. The acquisition has not yet received approval from the Federal Trade Commission. Further information about the status of the talks with the FTC may be found at http://news.excite.com/news/r/001024/16/media-timewarner

FLORIDA: HOT GOODS AND WANTED LIST ONLINE

Florida recently launched an online record system to allow users to enter identification numbers for everything from appliances to cars to see if they have been reported as stolen. If an item turns up in the database, users can click on it and e-mail a tip to police, potentially receiving a tipper's reward of up to $1,000. Beginning in December, the web site will let the public check to see if someone they know has been reported missing or is wanted by law enforcement agencies. Further information may be found at http://www.computeruser.com/news/00/10/13/news12.html

NAPSTER DECISION ON HOLD

The long-awaited Napster decision has been postponed as the three member panel of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals retired without a decision on October 2nd after a 50 minute hearing. Attorneys for the Recording Industry Association of America and the music-swapping service Napster fielded questions from the judges, who will shortly rule on the RIAA's request to reinstate the July 26th decision by a lower court prohibiting Napster from continuing to engage in its music swapping enterprise. Napster has been probing the possibility of making payment to major recording companies to compensate artists for the use of their music, but thus far all proposals have been rejected. Under one reported offer, Napster would pay $500 million per year to the recording industry, with the funds coming from a $4.95 monthly fee charged to Napster users. Further information may be found at http://www.thestandard.com/article/display/0,1151,19760,00.html

WEB TV SETTLES WITH FTC

WebTV Networks, Inc (WNI), a marketer of Internet access devices and a subsidiary of Microsoft, has agreed to settle Federal Trade Commission charges that advertising for the WebTV system was deceptive and violated federal law. The settlement will bar WNI from making deceptive advertising claims about the performance capabilities of the WebTV system, require clear and conspicuous disclosure of long distance telephone toll charges that some consumers may incur while using WebTV, and require reimbursement to certain former WebTV Internet service subscribers for long distance charges they incurred in the past. It also calls for a consumer education campaign to inform consumers about how to determine the advantages and disadvantages of using Internet access devices as compared to computers. A full list of all the deceptive claims and a link to the complaint and order in the case may be found at http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2000/10/webtv.htm

LIBRARIANS PROTEST LOC DIGITAL COPYRIGHT RULING

Library associations are concerned that a recent Library of Congress ruling endangers the "fair use" principles that govern published materials. In issuing a ruling on the implementation of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, the Library of Congress effectively left owners of copyrighted digital content in control of how that information is accessed. Library associations maintain that fair use exceptions should be made. Librarians are concerned that the ruling will severely limit the public's ability to quote from digital materials, especially those that are not published in nondigital formats. The ruling prevents them from circumventing technological protection measures in seeking to refer to copyrighted material. Librarian of Congress James Billington noted in a public statement that the ruling addresses access to copyrighted materials, not use of content. Further information may be found at http://www.techweb.com/wire/story/TWB20001030S0006

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From: Ralf Hildebrandt (*hildeb@innominate.de*)
Date: Fri Nov 03 2000 - 08:48:25 CST

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 Out: 220 ns.pop-berlin.com ESMTP Postfix
 In: Received: from mail.listserv.gmd.de (192.88.97.5) by mail.listserv.gmd.de
    (LSMTP for OpenVMS v1.1a) with SMTP id <6.E9C31770@mail.listserv.gmd.de>;
    Fri, 3 Nov 2000 13:53:30 +0100
 Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
 In: Received: from LISTSERV.GMD.DE by LISTSERV.GMD.DE (LISTSERV-TCP/IP
    release
 Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
 In: 1.8d) with spool id 27866081 for TKRNEWS-L@LISTSERV.GMD.DE;
    Fri, 3
 Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
 In: Nov 2000 13:53:20 +0200
 Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
 In: Received: from mx1.globe.de (194.162.30.68) by mail.listserv.gmd.de
    (LSMTP for
 Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
 In: OpenVMS v1.1a) with SMTP id <13.E250DCA3@mail.listserv.gmd.de>;
    Fri,
 Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
 In: 3 Nov 2000 13:53:18 +0100
 Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
 In: Received: (qmail 20072 invoked from network); 3 Nov 2000 12:53:11 -0000
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Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: Received: from acb1b4e0.ipt.aol.com (HELO digital-law.net)
(172.177.180.224) by
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: mail.digital-law.net with SMTP; 3 Nov 2000 12:53:11 -0000
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: X-Mailer: Mozilla 4.7 [de] (Win98; U)
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: X-Accept-Language: de,en-US
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: MIME-Version: 1.0
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: Content-Type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: Approved-By: Andreas =?iso-8859-1?Q?Gr=FCnwald?=
<gruenwald@DIGITAL-LAW.NET>
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: Message-ID: <3A02B581.1DE08BAE@digital-law.net>
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 13:54:25 +0100
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: Reply-To: Andreas =?iso-8859-1?Q?Gr=FCnwald?=
<gruenwald@digital-law.net>
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: Sender: International Communications Law and Policy
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: <TKRNEWS-L@LISTSERV.GMD.DE>
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: From: Andreas =?iso-8859-1?Q?Gr=FCnwald?=
<gruenwald@digital-law.net>
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: Organization: Digital Law Net GbR
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: Subject: [TKRNEWS-L] Communications News 11/03/2000
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: To: TKRNEWS-L@LISTSERV.GMD.DE
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In:
Out: 500 Error: bad syntax
In: Communications News: 11/03/2000
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: ----------
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: Created for TKRNEWS-L (International Communications Law and Policy)
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: ---Forward-this-message-and-inform-your-colleagues---
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented

In: To subscribe to TKRNEWS-L, send mail to LISTSERV@LISTSERV.GMD.DE with
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: the command SUBSCRIBE TKRNEWS-L
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: ----------
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In:
Out: 500 Error: bad syntax
In: [BROADCASTING] 11/03/00
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: Private Rundfunkanbieter fordern rasche Erneuerung der Medienpolitik
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In:
Out: 500 Error: bad syntax
In: Eine rasche Erneuerung der Medienpolitik hat der Pr?sident des Verbandes
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: Privater Rundfunk und Telekommunikation (VPRT), J?rgen Doetz, angemahnt.
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: Derzeit sei ein erlahmender Reformeifer auf diesem Feld festzustellen,
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: sagte er am Freitag zum Abschluss der Jahreshauptversammlung in Berlin.
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: Die Politik sei dabei, dieses wichtige Thema auf die lange Bank zu
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: schieben. Deshalb habe der VPRT den Entwurf f?r einen
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: Medienstaatsvertrag erarbeitet, der m?glichst rasch in konkrete
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: Ergebnisse umgesetzt werden soll. Dieses erste Konzept f?r eine
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: umfassende Neuordnung soll alle bestehende gesetzlichen Regelungen
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: abl?sen. Ziel sei es, sagte Doetz, "bestehende Schieflagen zu
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: beseitigen". Ein zentraler Punkt des Entwurfes ist die Gew?hrleistung
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: des freien Zugangs der Rundfunkveranstalter zu den Kabelnetzen und
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: digitalen Plattformen. Ein derzeit akutes Problem bestehe in der
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: Auseinandersetzung mit den privaten Erwerbern der liberalisierten
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: Kabelnetze. Die Investitionen zum Ausbau der Netze machten neue
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: Gesch?ftsmodelle notwendig. Doetz sagte, der private Rundfunk sehe mit
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: Sorge, wie dabei versucht werde, das Rundfunkangebot zu Gunsten anderer
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: Felder auszud?nnen. "Das ist aber der falsche Weg", sagte Doetz. "Ohne
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented

In: uns sollte das Angebot nicht neu geordnet werden." Der VPRT fordert,
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: dass ein Drittel des ausgebauten Kabelnetzes f?r den Rundfunk und seine
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: Angebote reserviert bleiben muss. Diese Forderung schlie?e ausdr?cklich
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: auch die ?ffentlich-rechtlichen Anbieter ein, denn der Vorsto? der
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: privaten Kabelnetzbetreiber richte sich gegen den Rundfunk insgesamt.
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: Full story at: http://www.newsroom.de/
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In: ------------------------------
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In: [3G/UMTS] 11/02/00
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: Dutch authority mulls wireless phone auction probe
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
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Out: 500 Error: bad syntax
In: The Dutch competition authority NMa is considering making an
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: investigation into the nation's third-generation mobile phone licence
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: auction after a preliminary hearing was told two contenders had talked
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: to each other at the beginning of the auction, it said on Thursday. A
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: transport ministry hearing held on Wednesday in The Hague was told that
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: Versatel and British Telecom-owned mobile operator Telfort had held a
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: conversation on July 6 -- the first day of the auction, the ministry
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: said, and it has passed this information to the NMa. Auction rules
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: barred contenders from having any contact during the auction. A
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: transport ministry spokesman declined to say whether the finding meant
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: Telfort was at risk of losing its UMTS licence or whether the auction
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: could be nullified. Dutch broadband network firm Versatel has lodged
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: objections with the transport ministry about the way it handled the
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: auction, which ended in July when Versatel abruptly withdrew.
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented

In: Full story at: http://www.newsroom.de/
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: ----------
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: [ENCRYPTION] 10/20/00
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: ["E-DEMOCRACY"] 11/02/00
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: 'Vote-Buying' Internet Site Closes
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In:
Out: 500 Error: bad syntax
In: A Europe-based Web site claiming to buy and sell votes for the U.S.
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: presidential election, apparently closed Wednesday under pressure from
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: Chicago election officials. But the American Civil Liberties Union said
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: it would fight to keep vote-auction.com on the Internet, saying the Web
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: site was constitutionally protected under the First Amendment. "We think
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: political parody and satire is protected whether on the written page or
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: the Internet," ACLU legal director Harvey Grossman said. The Chicago
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: Board of Election Commissioners, which sued to shut down the site, said
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: it was assured by the site's Swiss registrar, CORE Internet Council of
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: Registrar, that vote-auction.com would be taken off the Web. The Swiss
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: group sent the board email saying it was acting "since it does
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: effectively appear that this domain name is used in connection with
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: unlawful activity." The message referred to an order that Cook County
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: Circuit Judge Michael Murphy issued at the request of Chicago election
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: officials, requiring a similar-sounding site, voteauction.com, or any
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
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(LSMTP for OpenVMS v1.1a) with SMTP id <6.E9C31770@mail.listserv.gmd.de>;
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Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: Received: from LISTSERV.GMD.DE by LISTSERV.GMD.DE (LISTSERV-TCP/IP
release
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: 1.8d) with spool id 27866081 for TKRNEWS-L@LISTSERV.GMD.DE;
Fri, 3
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: Nov 2000 13:53:20 +0200
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In: Received: from mx1.globe.de (194.162.30.68) by mail.listserv.gmd.de
(LSMTP for
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: OpenVMS v1.1a) with SMTP id <13.E250DCA3@mail.listserv.gmd.de>;
Fri,
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: 3 Nov 2000 13:53:18 +0100
Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
In: Received: (qmail 20072 invoked from network); 3 Nov 2000 12:53:11 -0000
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In: Received: from acb1b4e0.ipt.aol.com (HELO digital-law.net)
(172.177.180.224) by
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In: mail.digital-law.net with SMTP; 3 Nov 2000 12:53:11 -0000
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In: X-Accept-Language: de,en-US
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In: MIME-Version: 1.0
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From: Wietse Venema (*wietse@porcupine.org*)
Date: Fri Nov 03 2000 - 10:30:30 CST

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Shortly before the release of Postfix, one of the alpha testers (Elon Gishri) received lots of SMTP protocol error notifications from Postfix, and they all looked like sessions that began with mail body material (in his case, lots of HTML-formatted mail).

The listserv at gmd.de was one of the few sending machines involved. Tcpdump recordings showed that the SMTP client indeed began a session with mail content instead of HELO. The problem was never resolved, whether is was due to a BANDWIZ bandwidth management system or due to LSMTP mixing up data streams.

If this happens more often, it's worthwhile to capture the SMTP sessions with tcpdump.

Wietse

Ralf Hildebrandt:
> What kind of mailer software is THAT broken?
> (mail.listserv.gmd.de[192.88.97.5]) -- shouldn't a SMTP dialog start with
> HELO, then MAIL FROM: and RCPT TO: ??
>
> Transcript of session follows.
>
> Out: 220 ns.pop-berlin.com ESMTP Postfix
> In: Received: from mail.listserv.gmd.de (192.88.97.5) by mail.listserv.gmd.de
> (LSMTP for OpenVMS v1.1a) with SMTP id <6.E9C31770@mail.listserv.gmd.de>;

> Fri, 3 Nov 2000 13:53:30 +0100
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: Received: from LISTSERV.GMD.DE by LISTSERV.GMD.DE (LISTSERV-TCP/IP
> release
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: 1.8d) with spool id 27866081 for TKRNEWS-L@LISTSERV.GMD.DE;
> Fri, 3
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: Nov 2000 13:53:20 +0200
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- **Reply:** Wietse Venema: "Re: Fwd: errors from mail.listserv.gmd.de[192.88.97.5]"
- **Messages sorted by:** [date] [thread] [subject] [author]

Shortly before the release of Postfix, one of the alpha testers (Elon Gishri) received lots of SMTP protocol error notifications from Postfix, and they all looked like sessions that began with mail body material (in his case, lots of HTML-formatted mail).

The listserv at gmd.de was one of the few sending machines involved. Tcpdump recordings showed that the SMTP client indeed began a session with mail content instead of HELO. The problem was never resolved, whether is was due to a BANDWIZ bandwidth management

system or due to LSMTP mixing up data streams.

If this happens more often, it's worthwhile to capture the SMTP sessions with tcpdump.

Wietse

Ralf Hildebrandt:
> What kind of mailer software is THAT broken?
> (mail.listserv.gmd.de[192.88.97.5]) -- shouldn't a SMTP dialog start with
> HELO, then MAIL FROM: and RCPT TO: ??
>
> Transcript of session follows.
>
> Out: 220 ns.pop-berlin.com ESMTP Postfix
> In: Received: from mail.listserv.gmd.de (192.88.97.5) by mail.listserv.gmd.de
> (LSMTP for OpenVMS v1.1a) with SMTP id <6.E9C31770@mail.listserv.gmd.de>;
> Fri, 3 Nov 2000 13:53:30 +0100
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: Received: from LISTSERV.GMD.DE by LISTSERV.GMD.DE (LISTSERV-TCP/IP
> release
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: 1.8d) with spool id 27866081 for TKRNEWS-L@LISTSERV.GMD.DE;
> Fri, 3
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: Nov 2000 13:53:20 +0200
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: Received: from mx1.globe.de (194.162.30.68) by mail.listserv.gmd.de
> (LSMTP for
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: OpenVMS v1.1a) with SMTP id <13.E250DCA3@mail.listserv.gmd.de>;
> Fri,
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: 3 Nov 2000 13:53:18 +0100
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: Received: (qmail 20072 invoked from network); 3 Nov 2000 12:53:11 -0000
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: Received: from acb1b4e0.ipt.aol.com (HELO digital-law.net)
> (172.177.180.224) by
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: mail.digital-law.net with SMTP; 3 Nov 2000 12:53:11 -0000
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: X-Mailer: Mozilla 4.7 [de] (Win98; U)
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: X-Accept-Language: de,en-US
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: MIME-Version: 1.0
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: Content-Type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1

> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: Approved-By: Andreas =?iso-8859-1?Q?Gr=FCnwald?=
> <gruenwald@DIGITAL-LAW.NET>
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: Message-ID: <3A02B581.1DE08BAE@digital-law.net>
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2000 13:54:25 +0100
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: Reply-To: Andreas =?iso-8859-1?Q?Gr=FCnwald?=
> <gruenwald@digital-law.net>
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: Sender: International Communications Law and Policy
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: <TKRNEWS-L@LISTSERV.GMD.DE>
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: From: Andreas =?iso-8859-1?Q?Gr=FCnwald?=
> <gruenwald@digital-law.net>
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: Organization: Digital Law Net GbR
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: Subject: [TKRNEWS-L] Communications News 11/03/2000
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: To: TKRNEWS-L@LISTSERV.GMD.DE
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In:
> Out: 500 Error: bad syntax
> In: Communications News: 11/03/2000
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: ----------
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: Created for TKRNEWS-L (International Communications Law and Policy)
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: ---Forward-this-message-and-inform-your-colleagues---
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: To subscribe to TKRNEWS-L, send mail to LISTSERV@LISTSERV.GMD.DE with
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: the command SUBSCRIBE TKRNEWS-L
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: ----------
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In:
> Out: 500 Error: bad syntax
> In: [BROADCASTING] 11/03/00
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: Private Rundfunkanbieter fordern rasche Erneuerung der Medienpolitik
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In:

> Out: 500 Error: bad syntax
> In: Eine rasche Erneuerung der Medienpolitik hat der Pr?sident des Verbandes
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: Privater Rundfunk und Telekommunikation (VPRT), J?rgen Doetz, angemahnt.
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: Derzeit sei ein erlahmender Reformeifer auf diesem Feld festzustellen,
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: sagte er am Freitag zum Abschluss der Jahreshauptversammlung in Berlin.
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: Die Politik sei dabei, dieses wichtige Thema auf die lange Bank zu
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: schieben. Deshalb habe der VPRT den Entwurf f?r einen
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: Medienstaatsvertrag erarbeitet, der m?glichst rasch in konkrete
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: Ergebnisse umgesetzt werden soll. Dieses erste Konzept f?r eine
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: umfassende Neuordnung soll alle bestehende gesetzlichen Regelungen
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: abl?sen. Ziel sei es, sagte Doetz, "bestehende Schieflagen zu
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: beseitigen". Ein zentraler Punkt des Entwurfes ist die Gew?hrleistung
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: des freien Zugangs der Rundfunkveranstalter zu den Kabelnetzen und
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: digitalen Plattformen. Ein derzeit akutes Problem bestehe in der
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: Auseinandersetzung mit den privaten Erwerbern der liberalisierten
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: Kabelnetze. Die Investitionen zum Ausbau der Netze machten neue
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: Gesch?ftsmodelle notwendig. Doetz sagte, der private Rundfunk sehe mit
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: Sorge, wie dabei versucht werde, das Rundfunkangebot zu Gunsten anderer
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: Felder auszud?nnen. "Das ist aber der falsche Weg", sagte Doetz. "Ohne
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: uns sollte das Angebot nicht neu geordnet werden." Der VPRT fordert,
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: dass ein Drittel des ausgebauten Kabelnetzes f?r den Rundfunk und seine
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: Angebote reserviert bleiben muss. Diese Forderung schlie?e ausdr?cklich
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: auch die ?ffentlich-rechtlichen Anbieter ein, denn der Vorsto? der
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: privaten Kabelnetzbetreiber richte sich gegen den Rundfunk insgesamt.
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: Full story at: http://www.newsroom.de/
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> In: ----------

> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In:
> Out: 500 Error: bad syntax
> In: [3G/UMTS] 11/02/00
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: Dutch authority mulls wireless phone auction probe
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> In: The Dutch competition authority NMa is considering making an
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> In: investigation into the nation's third-generation mobile phone licence
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> In: auction after a preliminary hearing was told two contenders had talked
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> In: to each other at the beginning of the auction, it said on Thursday. A
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> In: transport ministry hearing held on Wednesday in The Hague was told that
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> In: Versatel and British Telecom-owned mobile operator Telfort had held a
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> In: conversation on July 6 -- the first day of the auction, the ministry
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> In: said, and it has passed this information to the NMa. Auction rules
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> In: barred contenders from having any contact during the auction. A
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> In: transport ministry spokesman declined to say whether the finding meant
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> In: Telfort was at risk of losing its UMTS licence or whether the auction
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> In: could be nullified. Dutch broadband network firm Versatel has lodged
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> In: objections with the transport ministry about the way it handled the
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> In: auction, which ended in July when Versatel abruptly withdrew.
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> In: Full story at: http://www.newsroom.de/
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> In: ----------
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: [ENCRYPTION] 10/20/00
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: ["E-DEMOCRACY"] 11/02/00
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: 'Vote-Buying' Internet Site Closes
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> In: A Europe-based Web site claiming to buy and sell votes for the U.S.

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> In: presidential election, apparently closed Wednesday under pressure from
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> In: Chicago election officials. But the American Civil Liberties Union said
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: it would fight to keep ***vote-auction***.com on the Internet, saying the Web
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: site was constitutionally protected under the First Amendment. "We think
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: political parody and satire is protected whether on the written page or
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> In: the Internet," ACLU legal director Harvey Grossman said. The Chicago
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: Board of Election Commissioners, which sued to shut down the site, said
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: it was assured by the site's Swiss registrar, CORE Internet Council of
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: Registrar, that ***vote-auction***.com would be taken off the Web. The Swiss
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: group sent the board email saying it was acting "since it does
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: effectively appear that this domain name is used in connection with
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: unlawful activity." The message referred to an order that Cook County
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: Circuit Judge Michael Murphy issued at the request of Chicago election
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> In: officials, requiring a similar-sounding site, voteauction.com, or any
> Out: 502 Error: command not implemented
> Out: 421 Error: too many errors
>
> Session aborted, reason: too many errors
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Section 1. Introduction

My argument is that the barrier that once stood between fine art conceptual thought and design conceptual thinking is being broken down as a result of globalisation.

> *"The main historical thrust of neoliberal economic globalisation is to bring about a situation in which private capital and 'the market' alone determine the restructuring of economic, political and cultural life, making alternative values or institutions subordinate. Rather than capital and 'the economy' being embedded in society and harnessed to serve social ends, 'the economy' becomes the master of society and of all within it, and society exists to serve the ends of capital and its need for self-expansion. It is a necessary aspect of this process that 'politics' itself, and 'democracy' in particular, should become increasingly formalistic, stripped of substantive radical, revolutionary, or even reformist content, any of which might challenge the consolidation of the hegemony of capital over society". What does this mean? It means instead of society running the economy, the economy runs society. This affects us in terms of people having to pay for everything; the doctor, the hospital, etc. The government no longer pays in*

> *other words we become a user pays society. Social values are not as important as money. This means that money is valued more than people"* (Gills 2002).

I intend to study this by comparing the conceptual thoughts and theories of an internationally recognised fine art master (Joseph Beuys) with the work of a modern day multimedia designer, artist, hacker, performer and genius (Hans Bernhard). Joseph Beuys said this (De Domizio 1997:51):

> *"Democratic Creativity is increasingly compromised by the progress made on the part of bureaucracy, coupled with the savage proliferation of an international mass culture. Political creativity continues to be reduced to the simple delegation of decisions and power. The imposition of a cultural and economic dictatorship throughout the whole world, thanks to the economic trusts, which are in continuous expansion, leads to loss of articulation, ability to learn, and verbal expression".*

De Domizio (1997:115) believes that Beuys' thought was humanist thought and that it will continue to grow, because today we have concentrated too much on science and technology, neglecting true human relationships.
The Internet has unquestionably been a major catalyst of globalisation and its wide spread reach to the four corners of society. Hans Bernhard was asked if the Internet has made the world a better place? To which he replied:
"No, just a faster and smaller place…[Design Indaba Magazine 2001]".

Section 2. A Master

Joseph Beuys was born in Krefeld on 12 May 1921 (Stachelhaus 1991:9). He grew up in a strongly catholic petit bourgeois environment near Kleve – where he spent the first years of his life.

Throughout history, this region has been torn by countless wars, from Roman times up to the world wars of the twentieth century (Stachelhaus 1991:9). Numerous historical figures are bound up with this territory, and some of them cast powerful spells upon Beuys' imagination. Among them (Stachelhaus 1991:9), Johann Moritz von Nassau, of the House of Orange in the 17th Century, attempted building an ideal city of the soul in Kleve. Another was Anacharsis Cloots, an ardent intellectual and revolutionary guillotined for his efforts defending the ideas of the French Revolution in Europe. This region at the time, was predominantly Dutch and Catholic, and placed little if any importance on borders (De Domizio 1997:17).

According to Heiner Stachelhaus (1991:9), Beuys did not have a close relationship with his parents and took care of himself from an early age. Beuys, remembered (De Domizio 1997:18) that for years he acted the part of a Shepard walking around with a sort of 'Eurasian staff' and a flock gathered around him exploring everything in the vicinity. At 17 he set up a well-equipped laboratory at home and engaged in scientific

experiments. Together with his innate talent for natural sciences, Beuys showed a passion for sculpture (De Domizio 1997:19). Announcing only a few days before his own death on 23 January 1986, Beuys honoured and thanked the man he considered his “Master” (De Domizio 1997:77), the late Wilhelm Lehmbruck, and then told of his first introduction to Lehmbruck and Lehmbruck’s work. Beuys (as quoted in De Domizio 1997:77) continued that one day by mere chance, he laid his hands on a publication lying on a table with many others. Opening it he saw a sculpture by Lehmbruck, and an idea flashed through his mind, the idea that everything was a sculpture. He saw a flaming torch and heard a voice telling him to protect it. This event accompanied him through World War II and eventually spurred him on to pursue it (De Domizio 1997:77). His favourite topics in literature were philosophy, enthropology, folklore, Nordic Mythology (De Domizio 1997:19; Stachelhaus 1991:11-14) and other subjects that were forbidden by the Nazis.

He remained a detached spectator of the Nazi years, and as a sideline his love of music took him to cello and piano lessons (Stachelhaus 1991:12). Despite his love of art, he took his diploma and became a paediatrician in 1940. From there, his strong interest in science and technology lead him to join the German air force in 1941.
After being shot down, badly wounded five times, and captured once, he returned to Kleve in 1946. Sitting in a lecture one day he recognised the limitations of science, and decided to dedicate the rest of his life to art, leaving his grim experiences of war behind him (De Domizio 1997:20-22).

At this time Jack Moffit (1997) believes Beuys discovered, explored and transformed Austrian philosopher Rudolph Steiner’s anthroposophy theory into his own theory of art. Robert Allan (2000:55) defines Anthroposophy as a system of belief, which holds that there is a spiritual world that can be perceived by faculties latent in human beings and that these latent faculties can be developed by systematic training. According to Alan Bullock & Stephen Trombley (1999:37), Steiner claimed to derive his teachings “from ‘spiritual research’ based on an exact ‘scientific’ mode of supersensible perception”.

Beuys (as quoted in De Domizio 1997:24) reveals later that in 1951, in a state of depression, he literally began questioning everything including his own life. Seeking the most profound elements in life, art and science, he began seeking a completely different theory of art, science, life, democracy, capital, economics, culture and freedom. During this time he managed to establish the outlines of a larger theory of art that involved social structures as a whole, the revolution and evolution of all human development, and an anthropological idea of human creativity.

Between 1962 and 1965 (De Domizio 1997:28), Beuys was part of the Fluxus movement, which based itself on a connection between art and life and was directed towards a new order of human society. Often working with the concept of chaos Beuys awoke to the idea that a new situation could be created from it. Another idea of Beuys’ by which art is available to everyone and useable anywhere and everywhere came from this period (De Domizio 1997:28), namely vehicle art.

Beuys, according to De Domizio (1997:34) never demanded a specific knowledge or particular reaction from the public to his work, but instead

seeked out the energy points within the field of human power and understanding – with the belief that man must complete himself through his own efforts (De Domizio 1997:81).

In a certain sense, Beuys was an anarchist (Stachelhaus 1991:106). He had no time for the mind-set of democratic compromise, but was rather interested in breaking through the limitations that had been imposed on democracy. Beuys meant very seriously when he said (Stachelhaus 1991:106) that he had nothing to do with politics but that he only knew art, this keeping within the principles of his expanded concept of art, the idea that art is the primary factor governing our existence and our actions.

In 1964 right-wing students accused Beuys of pursuing revolutionary goals, while in 1969 a group of left-wing students interrupted an action of his in Berlin and instead accused him of being a reactionary (De Domizio 1997:38). But despite these accusations, Beuys (De Domizio 1997:38) felt that belonging to the left, right or center no longer meant much because the so-called parliamentarian democracy was being questioned as a whole. Beuys had defined his objectives as early as 1967 with the formation of the German Student Party [DSP] (Stachelhaus 1991:107). The DSP emerged from the great public debates that Beuys regularly held in his class at the Dusseldorf Academy. Commenting on the DSP's establishment, according to Stachelhaus (1991:107), Beuys simply stated: "I want into parliament!". To broaden the horizons of the German Student Party, Beuys founded the 'Organisation for Non-Voters and Free Referendum' in 1970. Beuys explains (De Domizio 1997:42):

> *"The educational concept refers to the fact that man is a creative being. It is important to be aware of this: to create an awareness of the fact that he is a creative being and a free being and that for these reasons he must inevitably behave in an anti-authoritarian fashion. The concept of perception theory confirms that only the creative man can change history, can use his creativity in a revolutionary way. To go back to my educational concept, this would mean the following: Art = creativity = freedom of man* [freedom being one of his main motivations]*".*

Beuys goes on explaining that a revolution is within ourselves, and that the only possible revolution lies in our ideas, therefore 'We are the revolution' and only in our behaviour is there evolution (De Domizio 1997:47).

From here on his work revolved around many interesting and different points of view, with subject titles that were not directly a reflection of what we see, but asked the question of what there was to see (De Domizio 1997:43).

According to De Domizio (1997:7) as early as the 70's, Beuys warned – in "Aufruf zur Alternative" (Appeal for the Alternative) and "Aktion Dritter Weg – Aufbauninitiative" (Third Way Action – Promotional Initiative) – that the human race was condemned to sink even deeper into ecological crisis; to be defencelessly exposed to a wild growing threat of war: to stand by impotently as the rift between rich and poor

nations continues to grow; to be persistently tormented by racial hate, religious struggle, and nationalism, by exploitation and oppression, by humiliation and violence, by the dictates of political and economic power, and by biological and social manipulation. Beuys (De Domizio 1997:8) was the artist who, more than any other, wanted and was capable of going beyond art by directing all his efforts towards the utopian territories of natural energy and spiritual communication: reality as a phenomenological specter of human possibilities.

In 1974 Beuys (De Domizio 1997:49), together with the Nobel Prize Winner Heinrich Boll, established what could be considered the artist's most important creation, aimed at a real form of progress with respect to existing educational institutions: the 'Free International University', (Luckenbach 1997) which admitted all students and function outside of the existing academic system. Often using the blackboard as a demonstrative tool, his actions became lectures in which he directly addressed his audiences.

Joseph Beuys' two most singular aspects of thought were reappropriation and free creativity (De Domizio 1997:9), the former consisting of a rare attitude with regards to reconstruction rather than conquest, towards discovery rather than invention and therapeutic improvement as opposed to substitution, in this sense the need to speak and necessity of communication. The second aspect is characterised by that famous free human creativity that he preached and taught. Beuys (De Domizio 1997:67) versed his free creativity theory in Bolognano 1984:

> *"…The only thing that each one of us can do is to begin with the study of his or her own anthropological powers… [for] the development of human beings on this planet [it] is a question of freeing ourselves from all dependencies of the past. We now must face the realization that it is no longer possible simply to follow a leader [or] a political ideology…and that the time has come for us to begin to make full use of the most important of all our powers: the power of creativity (Creativity is a matter of the possibility of thinking…or thinking power and the level of the creativity of the feelings)…[and it's] most authentic part… freedom… It is our duty to show what we have produced with our freedom… [since] Freedom mostly means the freedom of others. When we know that we are cooperating together as free individuals, then we are also much closer to the creation of a real and concrete democracy [as] democracy structures have to be a result of freethinking and of our equality as thinking individuals…the basis upon which we can then establish a constitution".*

Another large part of Beuysian thought was the concept of 'Social Sculpture' (De Domizio 1997:83), whereby art is a daily act, a broadened and dilated action, not localised, not univocal, not limited to the relative content of the art object but art as the creative commitment of living, entirely incarnated in behaviour. A way of transforming the world into 'Social Sculpture', in which no man needs to acknowledge himself, but rather is and acts as an 'artist', the demiurge of every moment of his life (De Domizio 1997:83).

Being considered as an avant-garde artist probably meant nothing to Beuys explains De Domizio (1997:82), though he became a media icon

partly of his own making (Luckenbach 1997). Constantly being photographed and videotaped, he promoted the ideological causes that made his art a vehicle to bring about discourse (Luckenbach 1997). Others called him a charlatan, a diseased preacher, and even a crafty buffoon, yet some would place Beuys on an artistic altar (De Domizio 1997:81). In truth however, he was a tireless agitator, who provoked and challenged continuously for what he so strongly believed in, crossing the traditional frontiers of art to open the doors of the ghetto in which it had been impounded (De Domizio 1997:82).

Well remembered for a popular image of being the man with 'the felt hat' he explained its significance(De Domizio 1997:2): *"A rabbit isn't a rabbit without ears…[so] Beuys isn't Beuys without the hat".*

Section 3. An Apprentice

Hans Bernhard was born in New Haven Connecticut in 1973 (Bernhard 2002) and studied Visual Media Art at the University of Applied Arts in Vienna with a professor Peter Weibel (MFA Degree 1999). He is currently working on his PHD in 'Media Hacking' (Bernhard 2002).

Bernhard found himself on the Internet for the very first time in 1993 (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). Sitting in front of three shells (telnet-sessions) he asked himself where he was, where he was physically, and where he was mentally? Not knowing if he was on a server in Tokyo, in Vienna or on a machine in Cape Town, he got nervous and began to sweat heavily. Sparks were exploding in his brain and immediately he knew that this was it, that this was his future now, and that this was the future (Design Indaba Magazine 2001).
That same year, funded by Japanese venture capital, in a Swiss mountain training facility, Bernhard and six other hackers distributed across Europe founded the multi award winning and much talked about "Etoy.com" (Bernhard 2002). Etoy's goals were to smash the boring style of electronic traffic channels; to stretch reality by leaving it behind; and to play the game between business, art, and entertainment, by kidnapping web-crawling humans and injecting a little uncertainty into life on the web (Etoy 2002). Knowing that the highlighting of corporate abuse would cause such controversy, they began the Etoy tanksystem in 1994 with the very symptomatic slogan: "Etoy: the pop-star is the pilot is the coder is the designer is the architect is the manager is the system is Etoy (Bernhard 2002). The corporate identity and panic management strategies were central to their high-pressure explorations. They used the web as a stage to disrupt the data flow, abuse technology, and promote pop-music (Bernhard 2002). It ran from 1993 to 1996, a time when the world-wide-web was unknown to the general public (Bernhard 2002), yet Etoy was awarded the Golden Nica first prize of the ARS Electronica festival for new media in 1996 (Bernhard 2002). In 1996, pop star singer Bjork from Iceland said the following (Bernhard 2002): *"…and all our children will be playing in the garden of joy surrounded by glamour and perverted disco tunes…etoy, immature digital priests from another world".* Etoy operated until 1999, when due to personal conflicts, the board split into two parts (Design Indaba Magazine 2001).

Today Bernhard and three other founding members are running the Etoy-

holdings company which holds major and minor stakes in all other Etoy companies (Bernhard 2002). Bernhard's involvement is purely profit orientated since Etoy-holdings deals with financial, legal, trademark, buying and strategic planning (Bernhard 2002).

In 1999, together with his partner Maria Haas, he founded a network holding of companies in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and Bulgaria called Ubermorgen (Bernhard 2002). These are heavily involved in software development, licensing deals, fine art, applied design and even high-end consulting services for global multinationals such as the Allianz Insurance Corporation. Bernhard's intentions at the time were to research and investigate global corporations ["…monsters of the universe…"] just like it (Bernhard 2002). Hosting their server farm from their bedroom, Ubermogen has completed an amazing amount of legal articles, projects, lawsuits, and publications using global mass media as an art form, as a fine art, and as a business strategy (Bernhard 2002).

Hans Bernhard has often been called subversive because of the things that he says he likes doing and the way that he goes about doing them (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). Bernhard explains (Design Indaba Magazine 2001) that he loves the thrill, the style, and the aesthetics of action. Going directly to prison or being immediately killed are the dangers associated with the supposedly illegal measures that he takes. But it is this reality (Design Indaba Magazine 2001) that he feeds off of and craves – not the threat of dying or a prison sentence – but that he can show people that certain things [like attacking corporations and governments] thought illegal, can actually be done or opposed legally, and most of all, extremely effectively. This draws relevance from Joseph Beuys' theory of free creativity, how freedoms should be shared and displayed as a duty to mankind, as freedom more often than not means the freedom of others and not just the individual (Section 2). Yet Bernhard claims only to be as anti-establishment as anybody else is (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). He does not regard his 'anti-motives' as a result of his work, but merely as a natural motivation for an individual surviving (Design Indaba Magazine 2001).

Money, as much as it might appear at first glance, is not Bernhard's real motivation (Bernhard 2002). He needs it to live and finance his research and art ventures but otherwise sees it as a distraction (Bernhard 2002). Bernhard explains (Bernhard 2002):

> *"My true motivations are freedom. [T]he freedom to research what and how and when and where I want. [T]o publish where and what I want, to say what I want, where and how I want it. [T]hat is my pure and true motivation".*

Beuys shared a similar thought to creative freedom (Section 2).

What Bernhard believes drives him into the right topics, pictures, words and content is his honesty with himself in constantly thinking about getting more money and fame (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). Bernhard intentionally does not only focus on visual aspects, but on what he calls *gesamtkunstwerk,* which means the overall art concept (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). This acts as a meta-level (similar anthroposophy theory of Beuys) that brings all his legal, corporate, and aesthetic art forms and activities together (Design Indaba Magazine

2001). In general his core focus is on global structures but also on the production and maintenance of them. Firstly looked at from a business, financial and profit driven angle and secondly from a purely artistic one (Bernhard 2002).

Bernhard has been called a maverick businessman, the Etoy promotions hammer and even the “nasty shock marketing maniac” by media platforms such as Wired magazine, the Washington Post, underground Italian magazines and German theoretical publications (Ubermorgen 2002). Old-school corporations willing to pay their excessive fees have gotten some of Ubermorgens communications strategies better known as a character marketing, drama marketing and most effective – shock marketing – by which you shock the user, and due to this shock the users channels are wide open so any information can be fed into the users brain (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). The Internet today is structured in such a way, that shock marketing can be used by artists; activists; terrorists; and by any of the other millions of naïve users that surf it each day (Design Indaba Magazine 2001).
Ubermorgens approach and projects are so dangerous and radical that possible areas of attack by enemy companies or governments need to be distributed for liability reasons, so a series of Ubermorgen holding companies were established in Vienna, Austria; and in Sofia, Bulgaria (Bernhard 2002).
French philosopher Jean Buadrillad said in Cannes 2000 that (Bernhard 2002):

> *“Ubermorgen means the day after tomorrow, a slight tip towards their aesthetic and activist vision and prejudice, they are hardcore and radical in their actions and they are extremely strange and highly intelligent people”.*

Bernhard however prefers the term uniqueness, unique not because of what Ubermorgen does but because how, when and where they do it (Bernhard 2002).
Ubermorgen’s uber-slogan originates from a CNN interview questioning the Vote Auction simulations that Bernhard pursued: “its different because its fundamentally different” (Design Indaba Magazine 2001).

Section 4. The Workplace

The author of this essay believes that these two individuals can only be likened and compared in context. The state of the world and its politics; the degree of globalisation development; and the combined cost of the above to humanity and human relationships at the same time, are the three most pivotal factors that need understanding.
Beuys’ vision of the future from back in the 70’s (Section 2) can still be seen as impressively intuitive, but Bernhard’s is far more accurate and/ or up to date. Bernhard believes that mankind is looking at and living in a highly political decade (Bernhard 2002) where global wars will only get worse. Military conflicts between the police [USA] and resisting forces [nations, institutions, networks] will heat up, while conflicts between Europe and the US will arise (Bernhard 2002).

Beuys was an artist who displayed, performed, and exhibited his works

and beliefs in galleries and institutions, to groups who still relied on the spoken word of mouth and the live real-time experience. Others interested would visit his exhibitions to interact and experience his work for themselves. However as time has unfolded, the growth of globalisation and its trends have decreased personal interaction with human beings and real live experiences drastically - to the point where greeting grocery store staff is unnecessary thanks to shopping online, and the adventure of experiencing overseas or the outdoors is lost by downloads available on screen at home for nothing more than the price of a phone call.
Beuys elucidated the passage (of his work) from a personal experience to a more fundamental and universal human experience that is paradigmatic of his work on the whole (Luckenbach 1997). The author of this essay believes that a similar description could be given to that of Bernhard's work across world media.
Today, Bernhard, through media hacking likes causing chaos by misusing the "pseudo" freedom of the net (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). Media hackers exploit weak spots within social, commercial, political and technical networks implementing disinformation via these subverted interfaces. Completely different to Beuys, media hackers, like Bernhard, have dealt with the effects of globalisation on human communications by forcing their work and beliefs on people via the systems (world wide web and media) that they depend on most (Design Indaba Magazine 2001).

In Joseph Beuys' discovery of performance art, he combined the theatrical elements of time and space with props and a directional score (Luckenbach 1997). His own function as the artist shifts into a new dimension as a 'performer-shaman'. Layering and manipulating "fragments", he acted out a ritual, which simultaneously is the creation of a new work of art (Luckenbach 1997). Beuys' goal was to erase the line separating art and life in the tradition of the radical modernists Marcel Duchamp and Bertold Brecht, whose evolutionary steps led to the erasure of this line. But Beuys' "gesamtkunstwerk" (total art work) was the creation of a symbiotic whole – art as a model for life (Luckenbach 1997).

For a period of four months in 1996, the Etoy gang legally hacked into five major search engines devising a trap for net travellers and technology tourists of the time (Bernhard 2002). With the twilight zone of the medium forming the place of action, search engines were transformed into a stage, designed as a merger between a Hollywood action movie script and a real life airplane hijacking (Bernhard 2002). This was a shocking experience and a violent attack on the innocent Internet user of the time. It became known as the digital hijack – and the members of Etoy as the first street gang on the information super highway (Etoy 2001). The role of a 'performance' remains very similar as it occurs here through time and space on the internet, only the stage has evolved and changed as a result of technology, into a stage on screen. Where Beuys used art to create a model for life, Bernhard and other Etoy operators used art (design and hacking) to insert some humane uncertainty of life back into the inhuman, super reliable, information super highway (Etoy 2002).
Bernhard illustrated the 'performer-shaman' understanding of Beuys' in another work of his. During a presentation, at the Design Indaba 2002 in Cape Town, of a CNN exclusive video interview with Hans Bernhard on his Vote Auction project, Bernhard had arranged for two designers from very different institutions, namely Joshua Davies from Praystation and

Tom Roope of Tomato, to assist him in shaving his head clean on stage in front of the audience (Bernhard 2002). The Ubermorgen group then approached the Museum of Modern Art with the shaved hair of Bernhards as a first ever collaboration artwork between Praystation and Tomato (Bernhard 2002).

In language, semantics are the vehicle by which sounds are given form and thoughts are given meaning, allowing communication to take place (Luckenbach 1997). Beuys equated the phenomenon of language with evolution, as a catalyst that moulds and propels human society (Luckenbach 1997). Believing that the concept of people is elementally coupled with its language, the looming horrors of World War II aided Beuys' choice of sculpture (as it starts with speaking and thinking), to provide for ideas to take shape through the forward looking images that present themselves through it as a result (Luckenbach 1997). Bernhard again has a likeness to this line of thinking only his work has an extremely controversial (unpopular reaction) and deliberate motive behind it. However he develops it further, instead of just providing a vehicle for his ideas to generate on or take shape through, he set up a simulation of his work and let its trial in reality prove his controversial message correct. In spring 2000, an American art student invented a platform for American citizens to offer and sell their individual votes during the US presidential election that same year (Bernhard 2002). On November 7th companies, political parties, and individuals could then auction off these votes via the Vote-Auction website and buy whole states. But due to heavy government official pressure, James Baumgartner (the inventor) offered the then very small venture to the Ubermorgen group (Bernhard 2002). Ubermorgen, at the time, had no idea that this was the pay dirt that they had been looking for. Ubermorgen then took control over Vote-Auction and pushed the limits, in terms of shock marketing and public relations to a global mass media level never seen before – with the core message "bringing capitalism and democracy closer together!" (Bernhard 2002) American principles of capitalism and democracy were already tightly intertwined, like most democratic countries corruption of the election process was legal for large corporations but illegal for individuals (Bernhard 2002). 'Vote-Auction just wanted a perfect market for votes, it would never be political, just purely business, art and market orientated, with no underlying ideology, just a strong belief in declaration' (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). For liability reasons Ubermorgen immediately set up Vote-Auction LTD in Bulgaria even though most lawsuits were on Bernhard and Baumgartner alone (Bernhard 2002). During those four months temporary injunctions, court complaints and many other legal threats were received from thirteen state attorneys. Federal attorney Janet Reno, along with the Central Intelligence Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the National Security Agency investigated the case. Ubermorgen suspected a break and entry into their own servers and questioned why two domains were illegally shutdown by United States authorities (Bernhard 2002). The term Media hacking came about while Ubermorgen were developing the story in real-time and watching it later or the next morning on CNN world report (Bernhard 2002). During those four months an expected 500 million people were reached with the Vote-Auction brand and pervert commercial message (Design Indaba Magazine2001). All that amassed was an endless story without any proof of illegal activites, all Vote-Auction representatives were only named plaintiffs (Bernhard 2002). E-mails from veterans of World War II read about the aesthetics of the war for democracy and how Vote-Auction was destroying it. Amongst these came the occasional

death threat, mainly because of the very painful visuals inserted by Ubermorgen into the initial website design which was not manipulated much in order to keep it authentic (Bernhard 2002). 'The global media, played the ultimate pop soundtrack to this techno-political-action-thriller (Bernhard 2002). Beuysian thought on Social Sculpture (Section 2) seems far from a reality after an experiment like this proves itself successful. Vote-Auction becomes a digital sculptural vehicle upon which ideas can formulate for an answer to a polluted society.
After a project like this Bernhards view on corporate censorship remains senseless, saying that sometimes it makes no sense to talk about the ethical values of a semi-technical action as censorship, as the technical aspect overrules the ethical one – what he prefers, is the practical (or pragmatic) approach (Design Indaba Magazine 2001).

However, within Beuys' work, language and communication were often entirely discrete entities (Luckenbach 1997). Language was one possible vehicle for communication; it functioned as a catalyst, whereas communication was more profound, elemental, and universal – fundamentally biological (Luckenbach 1997).
Beuys' Multiples were devices of communication, vehicles for the distribution of ideas that could reach an even wider group of people than could a single work of art (Luckenbach 1997). Yet all of Beuys' objects had meaning only in relation to his ideas; the objects, however widely distributed, always return to the maker. This created a circular motion consisting of Beuys' art, his persona, and the metaphors that weave in and out of his work (Luckenbach 1997).
One vehicle for the distribution of ideas that supersedes all others is that of the Internet. Hans Bernhard continuously hijacks this vehicle for the very reason that it allows him to express himself, through his projects, and the concepts behind them.
Characteristically of Bernhard, his use of a 'Beuys like multiples' approach also had a subversive tilt. Running as an experiment on the rate of viral distribution on the net, a staged conspiracy on the biggest PC software manufacturer was used to attract attention to a website and project of the Ubermorgen group. Bernhard explains (Design Indaba Magazine 2001): Media hackers cannot be afraid of playing with information and information distribution, but rather have to be able to witfully play with these mechanisms.

In 1999 a press release was issued in the name of the jury of the ARS Electronica in Linz. Being the most important new media art festival and new media art award, Ubermorgen's initial press release was headlined "Linux wins pris ars electronica due to Microsoft intervention". Sent out in the name of the head of the Jury to journalists, media and cultural people in the global tech-community, the e-mail was very detailed and in-depth and described the potential bribery of the net capital jury. Six hours after the release the first stories claiming this e-mail to be a fake appeared in international media-art and technology publications, but this was even to late, the virus had been spread. On the opening Monday morning of the festival over 250 journalists requested information concerning this press release. Multiplication of the e-mail had gone into the two digit million figure by viral distribution. Not even the obvious fake character of this message could stop hundreds of articles being published about it worldwide. Representatives of the Etoy-corporation were questioned aggressively of any responsibility for this act. This was just a teaser action to show off Ubermorgens capabilities in terms of communications and perversion. In fact, the use of these guerrilla marketing tactics was merely just to soft launch the brand Etxtreme.ru

and co-brand it with Linux. Etxtreme was one of the early content creations of the Ubermorgen group.

Section 5. Conclusion

Time seems to be all that stands between these two individuals, however, what has happened and changed in the world during that time seems to make the short distance between them seem a little further than it really is. Beuys came across to the world with greater ease and less tension, never 'attacking' anyone and therefore was always seen as a fairly passive artist with potentially revolutionary beliefs - but never as a serious threat to any governments or institutions. Where presently, Bernhard is seen entirely as a threat as he lashes out and attacks those government institutions with his potentially revolutionary actions. Beuys and Bernhard have very similar long-term goals and motivations but their places in time/history don't allow for that likeness to be seen easily.

Realistically designers are fundamentally different to artists in some ways, for example: designers and architects are normally more constructive and/or goal orientated with what they do, often demanding or needing feedback and some response to work that they have completed, as they do have responsibilities as designers to sell or make immediate contact/impact. Whereas an artist, is more concerned with the message that they leave from themselves within their artwork, and not necessarily with what they get out of it.

Beuys' dream of a singular social structure has arrived, only at a very heavy price. People in general have lost their individuality and freedoms – as political and capitalist ventures control and regulate almost everything. Though those individuals that have not lost their will to embrace those freedoms (Bernhard) are seen as going against the grain, in effect being labelled troublemakers. Bernhard ideally, if not intentionally through his work, is only searching for the freedom that Beuys once had dressed as a Shepard boy in his youth wandering the hillsides. Old popularity of gallery exhibitions moved online into the world-wide-web as mankind continues to surround and engross him self with such technologies. This can explain why Bernhard continuously looks for the loopholes within the globalisation-trend-bubble and then exploits them. Though globalisation has not only made the current world smaller and faster but it has also blurred the distance between the past and present.

Beuys placed so much importance on language and communication that it could be understood as a growing interest in the history of graphic design (these two being the main aspects of graphic design history). Globalisation might not have been as active as it is today but this interest of Beuys' suggests that the conceptual barrier between art and design was being broken down even then.
In a world where physically coming closer together is actually driving us personally further apart, communication of any sort becomes increasingly important – whether you are a designer, artist or just someone asking for directions on a street corner.

Ultimately, the quest for communicating effectively with ourselves, and the world around us might be the cataclysmic goal that designers and artists must reach together, in order for any such barriers between art and design to ever be cleared for good.

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Section 1. Introduction

My argument is that the barrier that once stood between fine art conceptual thought and design conceptual thinking is being broken down as a result of globalisation.

> *"The main historical thrust of neoliberal economic globalisation is to bring about a situation in which private capital and 'the market' alone determine the restructuring of economic, political and cultural life, making alternative values or institutions subordinate. Rather than capital and 'the economy' being embedded in society and harnessed to serve social ends, 'the economy' becomes the master of society and of all within it, and society exists to serve the ends of capital and its need for self-expansion. It is a necessary aspect of this process that 'politics' itself, and 'democracy' in particular, should become increasingly formalistic, stripped of substantive radical, revolutionary, or even reformist content, any of which might challenge the consolidation of the hegemony of capital over society". What does this mean? It means instead of society running the economy, the economy runs society. This affects us in terms of people having to pay for everything; the doctor, the hospital, etc. The government no longer pays in other words we become a user pays society. Social values are not as important as money. This means that money is valued more than people"* (Gills 2002).

I intend to study this by comparing the conceptual thoughts and theories of an internationally recognised fine art master (Joseph Beuys) with the work of a modern day multimedia designer, artist, hacker, performer and genius (Hans Bernhard). Joseph Beuys said this (De Domizio 1997:51):

> *"Democratic Creativity is increasingly compromised by the progress made on the part of bureaucracy, coupled with the savage proliferation of an international mass culture. Political creativity continues to be reduced to the simple delegation of decisions and power. The imposition of a cultural and economic dictatorship throughout the whole world, thanks to the economic trusts, which are in continuous expansion, leads to loss of articulation, ability to learn, and verbal expression".*

De Domizio (1997:115) believes that Beuys' thought was humanist thought and that it will continue to grow, because today we have concentrated too much on science and technology, neglecting true human relationships.
The Internet has unquestionably been a major catalyst of globalisation and its wide spread reach to the four corners of society. Hans Bernhard was asked if the Internet has made the world a better place? To which he replied:
"No, just a faster and smaller place…[Design Indaba Magazine 2001]".

Section 2. A Master

Joseph Beuys was born in Krefeld on 12 May 1921 (Stachelhaus 1991:9). He grew up in a strongly catholic petit bourgeois environment near Kleve – where he spent the first years of his life.

Throughout history, this region has been torn by countless wars, from Roman times up to the world wars of the twentieth century (Stachelhaus 1991:9). Numerous historical figures are bound up with this territory, and some of them cast powerful spells upon Beuys' imagination. Among them (Stachelhaus 1991:9), Johann Moritz von Nassau, of the House of Orange in the 17th Century, attempted building an ideal city of the soul in Kleve. Another was Anacharsis Cloots, an ardent intellectual and revolutionary guillotined for his efforts defending the ideas of the French Revolution in Europe. This region at the time, was predominantly Dutch and Catholic, and placed little if any importance on borders (De Domizio 1997:17).

According to Heiner Stachelhaus (1991:9), Beuys did not have a close relationship with his parents and took care of himself from an early age. Beuys, remembered (De Domizio 1997:18) that for years he acted the part of a Shepard walking around with a sort of 'Eurasian staff' and a flock gathered around him exploring everything in the vicinity. At 17 he set up a well-equipped laboratory at home and engaged in scientific experiments. Together with his innate talent for natural sciences, Beuys showed a passion for sculpture (De Domizio 1997:19). Announcing only a few days before his own death on 23 January 1986, Beuys honoured and thanked the man he considered his "Master" (De Domizio 1997:77), the late Wilhelm Lehmbruck, and then told of his first introduction to Lehmbruck and Lehmbruck's work. Beuys (as quoted in De Domizio 1997:77) continued that one day by mere chance, he laid his hands on a publication lying on a table with many others. Opening it he saw a sculpture by Lehmbruck, and an idea flashed through his mind, the idea that everything was a sculpture. He saw a flaming torch and heard a voice telling him to protect it. This event accompanied him through World War II and eventually spurred him on to pursue it (De Domizio 1997:77). His favourite topics in literature were philosophy, enthropology, folklore, Nordic Mythology (De Domizio 1997:19; Stachelhaus 1991:11-14) and other subjects that were forbidden by the Nazis.

He remained a detached spectator of the Nazi years, and as a sideline his love of music took him to cello and piano lessons (Stachelhaus 1991:12). Despite his love of art, he took his diploma and became a paediatrician in 1940. From there, his strong interest in science and technology lead him to join the German air force in 1941.
After being shot down, badly wounded five times, and captured once, he returned to Kleve in 1946. Sitting in a lecture one day he recognised the limitations of science, and decided to dedicate the rest of his life to art, leaving his grim experiences of war behind him (De Domizio 1997:20-22).

At this time Jack Moffit (1997) believes Beuys discovered, explored and transformed Austrian philosopher Rudolph Steiner's anthroposophy theory into his own theory of art. Robert Allan (2000:55) defines Anthroposophy as a system of belief, which holds that there is a spiritual world that can be perceived by faculties latent in human beings and that these latent faculties can be developed by systematic training. According to Alan Bullock & Stephen Trombley (1999:37), Steiner claimed to derive his teachings "from 'spiritual research' based on an exact 'scientific' mode of supersensible perception".

Beuys (as quoted in De Domizio 1997:24) reveals later that in 1951, in a state of depression, he literally began questioning everything including his own life. Seeking the most profound elements in life, art and science, he began seeking a completely different theory of art, science, life, democracy, capital, economics, culture and freedom. During this time he managed to establish the outlines of a larger theory of art that involved social structures as a whole, the revolution and evolution of all human development, and an anthropological idea of human creativity.

Between 1962 and 1965 (De Domizio 1997:28), Beuys was part of the Fluxus movement, which based itself on a connection between art and life and was directed towards a new order of human society. Often working with the concept of chaos Beuys awoke to the idea that a new situation could be created from it. Another idea of Beuys' by which art is available to everyone and useable anywhere and everywhere came from this period (De Domizio 1997:28), namely vehicle art.

Beuys, according to De Domizio (1997:34) never demanded a specific knowledge or particular reaction from the public to his work, but instead seeked out the energy points within the field of human power and understanding – with the belief that man must complete himself through his own efforts (De Domizio 1997:81).

In a certain sense, Beuys was an anarchist (Stachelhaus 1991:106). He had no time for the mind-set of democratic compromise, but was rather interested in breaking through the limitations that had been imposed on democracy. Beuys meant very seriously when he said (Stachelhaus 1991:106) that he had nothing to do with politics but that he only knew art, this keeping within the principles of his expanded concept of art, the idea that art is the primary factor governing our existence and our actions.

In 1964 right-wing students accused Beuys of pursuing revolutionary goals, while in 1969 a group of left-wing students interrupted an action of his in Berlin and instead accused him of being a reactionary (De Domizio 1997:38). But despite these accusations, Beuys (De Domizio 1997:38) felt that belonging to the left, right or center no longer meant much because the so-called parliamentarian democracy was being questioned as a whole. Beuys had defined his objectives as early as 1967 with the formation of the German Student Party [DSP] (Stachelhaus 1991:107). The DSP emerged from the great public debates that Beuys regularly held in his class at the Dusseldorf Academy. Commenting on the DSP's establishment, according to Stachelhaus (1991:107), Beuys simply stated: "I want into parliament!". To broaden the horizons of the German Student Party, Beuys founded the 'Organisation for Non-Voters and Free Referendum' in 1970. Beuys explains (De Domizio 1997:42):

> *"The educational concept refers to the fact that man is a creative being. It is important to be aware of this: to create an awareness of the fact that he is a creative being and a free being and that for these reasons he must inevitably behave in an anti-authoritarian fashion. The concept of perception theory confirms that only the creative man can change history, can use his creativity in a revolutionary way. To go back to my educational concept, this would mean the following: Art = creativity = freedom of man* [freedom being one of his main motivations]*".*

Beuys goes on explaining that a revolution is within ourselves, and that the only possible revolution lies in our ideas, therefore 'We are the revolution' and only in our behaviour is there evolution (De Domizio 1997:47).

From here on his work revolved around many interesting and different points of view, with subject titles that were not directly a reflection of what we see, but asked the question of what there was to see (De Domizio 1997:43).

According to De Domizio (1997:7) as early as the 70's, Beuys warned – in "Aufruf zur Alternative" (Appeal for the Alternative) and "Aktion Dritter Weg – Aufbauninitiative" (Third Way Action – Promotional Initiative) – that the human race was condemned to sink even deeper into ecological crisis; to be defencelessly exposed to a wild growing threat of war: to stand by impotently as the rift between rich and poor nations continues to grow; to be persistently tormented by racial hate, religious struggle, and nationalism, by exploitation and oppression, by humiliation and violence, by the dictates of political and economic power, and by biological and social manipulation. Beuys (De Domizio 1997:8) was the artist who, more than any other, wanted and was capable of going beyond art by directing all his efforts towards the utopian territories of natural energy and spiritual communication: reality as a phenomenological specter of human possibilities.

In 1974 Beuys (De Domizio 1997:49), together with the Nobel Prize Winner Heinrich Boll, established what could be considered the artist's most important creation, aimed at a real form of progress with respect to existing educational institutions: the 'Free International University', (Luckenbach 1997) which admitted all students and function outside of the existing academic system. Often using the blackboard as a demonstrative tool, his actions became lectures in which he directly addressed his audiences.

Joseph Beuys' two most singular aspects of thought were reappropriation and free creativity (De Domizio 1997:9), the former consisting of a rare attitude with regards to reconstruction rather than conquest, towards discovery rather than invention and therapeutic improvement as opposed to substitution, in this sense the need to speak and necessity of communication. The second aspect is characterised by that famous free human creativity that he preached and taught. Beuys (De Domizio 1997:67) versed his free creativity theory in Bolognano 1984:

> *"…The only thing that each one of us can do is to begin with the study of his or her own anthropological powers… [for] the development of human beings on this planet [it] is a question of freeing ourselves from all dependencies of the past. We now must face the realization that it is no longer possible simply to follow a leader [or] a political ideology…and that the time has come for us to begin to make full use of the most important of all our powers: the power of creativity (Creativity is a matter of the possibility of thinking…or thinking power and the level of the creativity of the feelings)…[and it's] most authentic part… freedom… It is our duty to show what we have produced with our freedom… [since] Freedom mostly means the freedom of others. When we know that we are cooperating together as free individuals, then we are also much closer to the creation of a real and concrete democracy [as] democracy structures have to be a result of freethinking and of our equality as thinking individuals…the basis upon which we can then establish a constitution".*

Another large part of Beuysian thought was the concept of 'Social Sculpture' (De Domizio 1997:83), whereby art is a daily act, a broadened and dilated action, not localised, not univocal, not limited to the relative content of the art object but art as the creative commitment of living, entirely incarnated in behaviour. A way of transforming the world into 'Social Sculpture', in which no man needs to acknowledge himself, but rather is and acts as an 'artist', the demiurge of every moment of his life (De Domizio 1997:83).

Being considered as an avant-garde artist probably meant nothing to Beuys explains De Domizio (1997:82), though he became a media icon partly of his own making (Luckenbach 1997). Constantly being photographed and videotaped, he promoted the ideological causes that made his art a vehicle to bring about discourse (Luckenbach 1997). Others called him a charlatan, a diseased preacher, and even a crafty buffoon, yet some would place Beuys on an artistic altar (De Domizio 1997:81). In truth however, he was a tireless agitator, who provoked and challenged continuously for what he so strongly believed in, crossing the traditional frontiers of art to open the doors of the ghetto in which it had been impounded (De Domizio 1997:82).

Well remembered for a popular image of being the man with 'the felt hat' he explained its significance(De Domizio 1997:2): *"A rabbit isn't a rabbit without ears…[so] Beuys isn't Beuys without the hat".*

Section 3. An Apprentice

Hans Bernhard was born in New Haven Connecticut in 1973 (Bernhard 2002) and studied Visual Media Art at the University of Applied Arts in Vienna with a professor Peter Weibel (MFA Degree 1999). He is currently working on his PHD in 'Media Hacking' (Bernhard 2002).

Bernhard found himself on the Internet for the very first time in 1993 (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). Sitting in front of three shells (telnet-sessions) he asked himself where he was, where he was physically, and where he was mentally? Not knowing if he was on a server in Tokyo, in

Vienna or on a machine in Cape Town, he got nervous and began to sweat heavily. Sparks were exploding in his brain and immediately he knew that this was it, that this was his future now, and that this was the future (Design Indaba Magazine 2001).
That same year, funded by Japanese venture capital, in a Swiss mountain training facility, Bernhard and six other hackers distributed across Europe founded the multi award winning and much talked about "Etoy.com" (Bernhard 2002). Etoy's goals were to smash the boring style of electronic traffic channels; to stretch reality by leaving it behind; and to play the game between business, art, and entertainment, by kidnapping web-crawling humans and injecting a little uncertainty into life on the web (Etoy 2002). Knowing that the highlighting of corporate abuse would cause such controversy, they began the Etoy tanksystem in 1994 with the very symptomatic slogan: "Etoy: the pop-star is the pilot is the coder is the designer is the architect is the manager is the system is Etoy (Bernhard 2002). The corporate identity and panic management strategies were central to their high-pressure explorations. They used the web as a stage to disrupt the data flow, abuse technology, and promote pop-music (Bernhard 2002). It ran from 1993 to 1996, a time when the world-wide-web was unknown to the general public (Bernhard 2002), yet Etoy was awarded the Golden Nica first prize of the ARS Electronica festival for new media in 1996 (Bernhard 2002). In 1996, pop star singer Bjork from Iceland said the following (Bernhard 2002): *"…and all our children will be playing in the garden of joy surrounded by glamour and perverted disco tunes…etoy, immature digital priests from another world".* Etoy operated until 1999, when due to personal conflicts, the board split into two parts (Design Indaba Magazine 2001).

Today Bernhard and three other founding members are running the Etoy-holdings company which holds major and minor stakes in all other Etoy companies (Bernhard 2002). Bernhard's involvement is purely profit orientated since Etoy-holdings deals with financial, legal, trademark, buying and strategic planning (Bernhard 2002).

In 1999, together with his partner Maria Haas, he founded a network holding of companies in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and Bulgaria called Ubermorgen (Bernhard 2002). These are heavily involved in software development, licensing deals, fine art, applied design and even high-end consulting services for global multinationals such as the Allianz Insurance Corporation. Bernhard's intentions at the time were to research and investigate global corporations ["…monsters of the universe…"] just like it (Bernhard 2002). Hosting their server farm from their bedroom, Ubermogen has completed an amazing amount of legal articles, projects, lawsuits, and publications using global mass media as an art form, as a fine art, and as a business strategy (Bernhard 2002).

Hans Bernhard has often been called subversive because of the things that he says he likes doing and the way that he goes about doing them (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). Bernhard explains (Design Indaba Magazine 2001) that he loves the thrill, the style, and the aesthetics of action. Going directly to prison or being immediately killed are the dangers associated with the supposedly illegal measures that he takes. But it is this reality (Design Indaba Magazine 2001) that he feeds off of and craves – not the threat of dying or a prison sentence – but that he can show people that certain things [like attacking corporations and governments] thought illegal, can actually be done or opposed legally, and most of all, extremely effectively. This draws relevance from Joseph

Beuys' theory of free creativity, how freedoms should be shared and displayed as a duty to mankind, as freedom more often than not means the freedom of others and not just the individual (Section 2). Yet Bernhard claims only to be as anti-establishment as anybody else is (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). He does not regard his 'anti-motives' as a result of his work, but merely as a natural motivation for an individual surviving (Design Indaba Magazine 2001).

Money, as much as it might appear at first glance, is not Bernhard's real motivation (Bernhard 2002). He needs it to live and finance his research and art ventures but otherwise sees it as a distraction (Bernhard 2002). Bernhard explains (Bernhard 2002):

> *"My true motivations are freedom. [T]he freedom to research what and how and when and where I want. [T]o publish where and what I want, to say what I want, where and how I want it. [T]hat is my pure and true motivation".*

Beuys shared a similar thought to creative freedom (Section 2).

What Bernhard believes drives him into the right topics, pictures, words and content is his honesty with himself in constantly thinking about getting more money and fame (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). Bernhard intentionally does not only focus on visual aspects, but on what he calls *gesamtkunstwerk,* which means the overall art concept (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). This acts as a meta-level (similar anthroposophy theory of Beuys) that brings all his legal, corporate, and aesthetic art forms and activities together (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). In general his core focus is on global structures but also on the production and maintenance of them. Firstly looked at from a business, financial and profit driven angle and secondly from a purely artistic one (Bernhard 2002).

Bernhard has been called a maverick businessman, the Etoy promotions hammer and even the "nasty shock marketing maniac" by media platforms such as Wired magazine, the Washington Post, underground Italian magazines and German theoretical publications (Ubermorgen 2002). Old-school corporations willing to pay their excessive fees have gotten some of Ubermorgens communications strategies better known as a character marketing, drama marketing and most effective – shock marketing – by which you shock the user, and due to this shock the users channels are wide open so any information can be fed into the users brain (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). The Internet today is structured in such a way, that shock marketing can be used by artists; activists; terrorists; and by any of the other millions of naïve users that surf it each day (Design Indaba Magazine 2001).
Ubermorgens approach and projects are so dangerous and radical that possible areas of attack by enemy companies or governments need to be distributed for liability reasons, so a series of Ubermorgen holding companies were established in Vienna, Austria; and in Sofia, Bulgaria (Bernhard 2002).
French philosopher Jean Buadrillad said in Cannes 2000 that (Bernhard 2002):

> *"Ubermorgen means the day after tomorrow, a slight tip towards their aesthetic and activist vision and prejudice, they are hardcore and radical in their actions and they are extremely strange and highly intelligent people".*

Bernhard however prefers the term uniqueness, unique not because of what Ubermorgen does but because how, when and where they do it (Bernhard 2002).
Ubermorgen's uber-slogan originates from a CNN interview questioning the **Vote Auction** simulations that Bernhard pursued: "its different because its fundamentally different" (Design Indaba Magazine 2001).

Section 4. The Workplace

The author of this essay believes that these two individuals can only be likened and compared in context. The state of the world and its politics; the degree of globalisation development; and the combined cost of the above to humanity and human relationships at the same time, are the three most pivotal factors that need understanding.
Beuys' vision of the future from back in the 70's (Section 2) can still be seen as impressively intuitive, but Bernhard's is far more accurate and/ or up to date. Bernhard believes that mankind is looking at and living in a highly political decade (Bernhard 2002) where global wars will only get worse. Military conflicts between the police [USA] and resisting forces [nations, institutions, networks] will heat up, while conflicts between Europe and the US will arise (Bernhard 2002).

Beuys was an artist who displayed, performed, and exhibited his works and beliefs in galleries and institutions, to groups who still relied on the spoken word of mouth and the live real-time experience. Others interested would visit his exhibitions to interact and experience his work for themselves. However as time has unfolded, the growth of globalisation and its trends have decreased personal interaction with human beings and real live experiences drastically - to the point where greeting grocery store staff is unnecessary thanks to shopping online, and the adventure of experiencing overseas or the outdoors is lost by downloads available on screen at home for nothing more than the price of a phone call.
Beuys elucidated the passage (of his work) from a personal experience to a more fundamental and universal human experience that is paradigmatic of his work on the whole (Luckenbach 1997). The author of this essay believes that a similar description could be given to that of Bernhard's work across world media.
Today, Bernhard, through media hacking likes causing chaos by misusing the "pseudo" freedom of the net (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). Media hackers exploit weak spots within social, commercial, political and technical networks implementing disinformation via these subverted interfaces. Completely different to Beuys, media hackers, like Bernhard, have dealt with the effects of globalisation on human communications by forcing their work and beliefs on people via the systems (world wide web and media) that they depend on most (Design Indaba Magazine 2001).

In Joseph Beuys' discovery of performance art, he combined the

theatrical elements of time and space with props and a directional score (Luckenbach 1997). His own function as the artist shifts into a new dimension as a 'performer-shaman'. Layering and manipulating "fragments", he acted out a ritual, which simultaneously is the creation of a new work of art (Luckenbach 1997). Beuys' goal was to erase the line separating art and life in the tradition of the radical modernists Marcel Duchamp and Bertold Brecht, whose evolutionary steps led to the erasure of this line. But Beuys' "gesamtkunstwerk" (total art work) was the creation of a symbiotic whole – art as a model for life (Luckenbach 1997).

For a period of four months in 1996, the Etoy gang legally hacked into five major search engines devising a trap for net travellers and technology tourists of the time (Bernhard 2002). With the twilight zone of the medium forming the place of action, search engines were transformed into a stage, designed as a merger between a Hollywood action movie script and a real life airplane hijacking (Bernhard 2002). This was a shocking experience and a violent attack on the innocent Internet user of the time. It became known as the digital hijack – and the members of Etoy as the first street gang on the information super highway (Etoy 2001). The role of a 'performance' remains very similar as it occurs here through time and space on the internet, only the stage has evolved and changed as a result of technology, into a stage on screen. Where Beuys used art to create a model for life, Bernhard and other Etoy operators used art (design and hacking) to insert some humane uncertainty of life back into the inhuman, super reliable, information super highway (Etoy 2002).
Bernhard illustrated the 'performer-shaman' understanding of Beuys' in another work of his. During a presentation, at the Design Indaba 2002 in Cape Town, of a CNN exclusive video interview with Hans Bernhard on his **Vote Auction** project, Bernhard had arranged for two designers from very different institutions, namely Joshua Davies from Praystation and Tom Roope of Tomato, to assist him in shaving his head clean on stage in front of the audience (Bernhard 2002). The Ubermorgen group then approached the Museum of Modern Art with the shaved hair of Bernhards as a first ever collaboration artwork between Praystation and Tomato (Bernhard 2002).

In language, semantics are the vehicle by which sounds are given form and thoughts are given meaning, allowing communication to take place (Luckenbach 1997). Beuys equated the phenomenon of language with evolution, as a catalyst that moulds and propels human society (Luckenbach 1997). Believing that the concept of people is elementally coupled with its language, the looming horrors of World War II aided Beuys' choice of sculpture (as it starts with speaking and thinking), to provide for ideas to take shape through the forward looking images that present themselves through it as a result (Luckenbach 1997).
Bernhard again has a likeness to this line of thinking only his work has an extremely controversial (unpopular reaction) and deliberate motive behind it. However he develops it further, instead of just providing a vehicle for his ideas to generate on or take shape through, he set up a simulation of his work and let its trial in reality prove his controversial message correct. In spring 2000, an American art student invented a platform for American citizens to offer and sell their individual votes during the US presidential election that same year (Bernhard 2002). On November 7th companies, political parties, and individuals could then auction off these votes via the **Vote-Auction** website and buy whole states. But due to heavy government official pressure, James

Baumgartner (the inventor) offered the then very small venture to the Ubermorgen group (Bernhard 2002). Ubermorgen, at the time, had no idea that this was the pay dirt that they had been looking for. Ubermorgen then took control over **Vote-Auction** and pushed the limits, in terms of shock marketing and public relations to a global mass media level never seen before – with the core message "bringing capitalism and democracy closer together!" (Bernhard 2002) American principles of capitalism and democracy were already tightly intertwined, like most democratic countries corruption of the election process was legal for large corporations but illegal for individuals (Bernhard 2002). '**Vote-Auction** just wanted a perfect market for votes, it would never be political, just purely business, art and market orientated, with no underlying ideology, just a strong belief in declaration' (Design Indaba Magazine 2001). For liability reasons Ubermorgen immediately set up **Vote-Auction** LTD in Bulgaria even though most lawsuits were on Bernhard and Baumgartner alone (Bernhard 2002). During those four months temporary injunctions, court complaints and many other legal threats were received from thirteen state attorneys. Federal attorney Janet Reno, along with the Central Intelligence Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the National Security Agency investigated the case. Ubermorgen suspected a break and entry into their own servers and questioned why two domains were illegally shutdown by United States authorities (Bernhard 2002). The term Media hacking came about while Ubermorgen were developing the story in real-time and watching it later or the next morning on CNN world report (Bernhard 2002). During those four months an expected 500 million people were reached with the **Vote-Auction** brand and pervert commercial message (Design Indaba Magazine2001). All that amassed was an endless story without any proof of illegal activites, all **Vote-Auction** representatives were only named plaintiffs (Bernhard 2002). E-mails from veterans of World War II read about the aesthetics of the war for democracy and how **Vote-Auction** was destroying it. Amongst these came the occasional death threat, mainly because of the very painful visuals inserted by Ubermorgen into the initial website design which was not manipulated much in order to keep it authentic (Bernhard 2002). 'The global media, played the ultimate pop soundtrack to this techno-political-action-thriller (Bernhard 2002). Beuysian thought on Social Sculpture (Section 2) seems far from a reality after an experiment like this proves itself successful. **Vote-Auction** becomes a digital sculptural vehicle upon which ideas can formulate for an answer to a polluted society. After a project like this Bernhards view on corporate censorship remains senseless, saying that sometimes it makes no sense to talk about the ethical values of a semi-technical action as censorship, as the technical aspect overrules the ethical one – what he prefers, is the practical (or pragmatic) approach (Design Indaba Magazine 2001).

However, within Beuys' work, language and communication were often entirely discrete entities (Luckenbach 1997). Language was one possible vehicle for communication; it functioned as a catalyst, whereas communication was more profound, elemental, and universal – fundamentally biological (Luckenbach 1997).
Beuys' Multiples were devices of communication, vehicles for the distribution of ideas that could reach an even wider group of people than could a single work of art (Luckenbach 1997). Yet all of Beuys' objects had meaning only in relation to his ideas; the objects, however widely distributed, always return to the maker. This created a circular motion consisting of Beuys' art, his persona, and the metaphors that weave in and out of his work (Luckenbach 1997).

One vehicle for the distribution of ideas that supersedes all others is that of the Internet. Hans Bernhard continuously hijacks this vehicle for the very reason that it allows him to express himself, through his projects, and the concepts behind them.
Characteristically of Bernhard, his use of a 'Beuys like multiples' approach also had a subversive tilt. Running as an experiment on the rate of viral distribution on the net, a staged conspiracy on the biggest PC software manufacturer was used to attract attention to a website and project of the Ubermorgen group. Bernhard explains (Design Indaba Magazine 2001): Media hackers cannot be afraid of playing with information and information distribution, but rather have to be able to witfully play with these mechanisms.

In 1999 a press release was issued in the name of the jury of the ARS Electronica in Linz. Being the most important new media art festival and new media art award, Ubermorgen's initial press release was headlined "Linux wins pris ars electronica due to Microsoft intervention". Sent out in the name of the head of the Jury to journalists, media and cultural people in the global tech-community, the e-mail was very detailed and in-depth and described the potential bribery of the net capital jury. Six hours after the release the first stories claiming this e-mail to be a fake appeared in international media-art and technology publications, but this was even to late, the virus had been spread. On the opening Monday morning of the festival over 250 journalists requested information concerning this press release. Multiplication of the e-mail had gone into the two digit million figure by viral distribution. Not even the obvious fake character of this message could stop hundreds of articles being published about it worldwide. Representatives of the Etoy-corporation were questioned aggressively of any responsibility for this act. This was just a teaser action to show off Ubermorgens capabilities in terms of communications and perversion. In fact, the use of these guerrilla marketing tactics was merely just to soft launch the brand Etxtreme.ru and co-brand it with Linux. Etxtreme was one of the early content creations of the Ubermorgen group.

Section 5. Conclusion

Time seems to be all that stands between these two individuals, however, what has happened and changed in the world during that time seems to make the short distance between them seem a little further than it really is. Beuys came across to the world with greater ease and less tension, never 'attacking' anyone and therefore was always seen as a fairly passive artist with potentially revolutionary beliefs - but never as a serious threat to any governments or institutions. Where presently, Bernhard is seen entirely as a threat as he lashes out and attacks those government institutions with his potentially revolutionary actions. Beuys and Bernhard have very similar long-term goals and motivations but their places in time/history don't allow for that likeness to be seen easily.

Realistically designers are fundamentally different to artists in some ways, for example: designers and architects are normally more constructive and/or goal orientated with what they do, often demanding or needing feedback and some response to work that they have completed, as they do have responsibilities as designers to sell or make

immediate contact/impact. Whereas an artist, is more concerned with the message that they leave from themselves within their artwork, and not necessarily with what they get out of it.

Beuys' dream of a singular social structure has arrived, only at a very heavy price. People in general have lost their individuality and freedoms – as political and capitalist ventures control and regulate almost everything. Though those individuals that have not lost their will to embrace those freedoms (Bernhard) are seen as going against the grain, in effect being labelled troublemakers. Bernhard ideally, if not intentionally through his work, is only searching for the freedom that Beuys once had dressed as a Shepard boy in his youth wandering the hillsides. Old popularity of gallery exhibitions moved online into the world-wide-web as mankind continues to surround and engross him self with such technologies. This can explain why Bernhard continuously looks for the loopholes within the globalisation-trend-bubble and then exploits them. Though globalisation has not only made the current world smaller and faster but it has also blurred the distance between the past and present.

Beuys placed so much importance on language and communication that it could be understood as a growing interest in the history of graphic design (these two being the main aspects of graphic design history). Globalisation might not have been as active as it is today but this interest of Beuys' suggests that the conceptual barrier between art and design was being broken down even then.
In a world where physically coming closer together is actually driving us personally further apart, communication of any sort becomes increasingly important – whether you are a designer, artist or just someone asking for directions on a street corner.

Ultimately, the quest for communicating effectively with ourselves, and the world around us might be the cataclysmic goal that designers and artists must reach together, in order for any such barriers between art and design to ever be cleared for good.

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Fuck You, Bill Jones, My Vote Is STILL For SALE!

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By Mr. Bad

I need some screwtop wine and an Algerian whore.
-- Mr. Bad

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Goddamnit! It's like, every time you turn around, THE MAN is coming down on the Internet. You know what I have to say about that? "Fuck you, 'THE MAN'!" I don't care if you're Bill Jones or the Chicago Board of Elections, if you squash freedom of expression and the press, you have a fiery shit burrito with your name on it waiting for you in Hell.

Gar gar gar! So here's the big hoo-haw: this guy made this perfectly funny and amusing Web site called Voteauction.com, linked to at the end of this page. The point of Voteauction.com is simple: there are thousands of folks out there who are making a HUGE business out of buying and selling YOUR vote. They do media spots, they do polls, they do campaigns, they do "walk-around money", they do whatever it takes to get your vote.

Now, how fair is -that-? I mean, it's YOUR VOTE, shouldn't you be seeing some of this

moolah? The deal with VoteAuction.com is that you could put your vote up for auction, and then you'd get paid and told just whom and what and where to vote for. VoteAuction.com cuts out the middle man, and pass the savings on to YOU!

HAW HAW HAW! It's a JOKE, get it? Selling votes is COMPLETE and UTTER BULLSHIT, whether it's done in NBC board rooms or on a crazy half-ass Web site. This is called POLITICAL SATIRE, and it's Constitutionally-protected free speech. The whole point of VoteAuction.com was to point out how egregious election-buying *is* in this country by taking the process to its logical conclusion.

Well, it seems some folks don't see it quite that way.

The original creator of VoteAuction.com, James Baumgartner, was visited by officials from New York State Board of Elections, who told him that they were going to press charges of TREASON against him. That's right, TREASON. As in, literally being subject to a FIRING SQUAD for a SATIRICAL WEB SITE. Yipes! The man backed down, which, like, I would, too.

Of course, there are folks on this here Innurnet who don't take that kind of shit lightly, such as RTMark, authors of the fantastic gwbush.com site. They managed to get VoteAuction.com moved off-shore to Austria, where it could continue to operate outside the clutches of the asswipes at the NY Board of Elections.

That's when the real evil shit began. Because, first Domain Bank, the original

registrar for voteauction.com, then Network Solutions, registrars for the altered "vote-auction.com," yanked the registrations and fixed up the root domain servers so they would NEVER, EVER work. This is not about court injunctions or subpoenas or trademarks or what have you -- the domain registrars pulled the plugs without informing the VoteAuction.com people, or giving any reason.

Meanwhile, our own wankbot Secretary of State here in CA, Bill Jones, as well as the Chicago Board of Elections, have both filed in court to get everyone involved in voteauction.com hung by their asses from the nearest flagpole. You've just got to wonder when the Chicago Board of Elections comes down on you for fixing votes, man. CHICAGO, this what we're talking about here. I mean, don't they have some OTHER work to be doing in cleaning up elections, nudge nudge fucking WINK WINK!?

There's a lot of angles about this story that can make you mad. Like, the fact that it's FUCKING CHILLING to think that a few spineless, venal bastards at various domain registrars have so much control over what gets published and what doesn't. No legal responses, no agreements, no nothing. Having your domain name hoisted is like having a newspaper and all of a sudden someone lets the air out of all the tires of your delivery trucks. It's effectively squelching the free press, and it's WRONG WRONG WRONG.

But what's even darker is that law enforcement is even putting pressure on the registrars in the first place. Like, when major Presidential candidates are spending

HUNDREDS of MILLIONS of dollars to buy elections, why the HELL is this system coming down on a small satirical Web site? Can we talk about taking the LOG out of your fucking EYE before you go after the splinter in your neighbor's? Thank you? Because this is a WARPED system we have here, folks, and if you can go to the WALL for even TALKING about that system's defects, man, we're farther along the road to destruction than you think.

Check out voteauction, do what you can to support them, send some mail to the running dog shit-suckers linked above. Don't let them keep us down, dammit.

Check it out yourself

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Liberty

In the future, as to not create any more controversy, I will limit my affection and genuine liking of people to a "High Five" or a head butt.
-- Amy

Goddamnit! It's like, every time you turn around, THE MAN is coming down on the Internet. You know what I have to say about that? "Fuck you, 'THE MAN'!" I don't care if you're Bill Jones or the Chicago Board of Elections, if you squash freedom of expression and the press, you have a fiery shit burrito with your name on it waiting for you in Hell.

Gar gar gar! So here's the big hoo-haw: this guy made this perfectly funny and amusing

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Web site called Voteauction.com, linked to at the end of this page. The point of Voteauction.com is simple: there are thousands of folks out there who are making a HUGE business out of buying and selling YOUR vote. They do media spots, they do polls, they do campaigns, they do "walk-around money", they do whatever it takes to get your vote.

Now, how fair is -that-? I mean, it's YOUR VOTE, shouldn't you be seeing some of this moolah? The deal with VoteAuction.com is that you could put your vote up for auction, and then you'd get paid and told just whom and what and where to vote for. VoteAuction.com cuts out the middle man, and pass the savings on to YOU!

HAW HAW HAW! It's a JOKE, get it? Selling votes is COMPLETE and UTTER BULLSHIT, whether it's done in NBC board rooms or on a crazy half-ass Web site. This is called POLITICAL SATIRE, and it's Constitutionally-protected free speech. The whole point of VoteAuction.com was to point out how egregious election-buying *is* in this country by taking the process to its logical conclusion.

Well, it seems some folks don't see it quite that way.

The original creator of VoteAuction.com, James Baumgartner, was visited by officials from New York State Board of Elections, who told him that they were going to press charges of TREASON against him. That's right, TREASON. As in, literally being subject to a FIRING SQUAD for a SATIRICAL WEB SITE. Yipes! The man backed down, which, like, I would, too.

Of course, there are folks on this here Innurnet who don't take that kind of shit lightly, such as RTMark, authors of the fantastic gwbush.com site. They managed to get VoteAuction.com

moved off-shore to Austria, where it could continue to operate outside the clutches of the asswipes at the NY Board of Elections.

That's when the real evil shit began. Because, first Domain Bank, the original registrar for voteauction.com, then Network Solutions, registrars for the altered "**vote-auction**.com," yanked the registrations and fixed up the root domain servers so they would NEVER, EVER work. This is not about court injunctions or subpoenas or trademarks or what have you -- the domain registrars pulled the plugs without informing the VoteAuction.com people, or giving any reason.

Meanwhile, our own wankbot Secretary of State here in CA, Bill Jones, as well as the Chicago Board of Elections, have both filed in court to get everyone involved in voteauction.com hung by their asses from the nearest flagpole. You've just got to wonder when the Chicago Board of Elections comes down on you for fixing votes, man. CHICAGO, this what we're talking about here. I mean, don't they have some OTHER work to be doing in cleaning up elections, nudge nudge fucking WINK WINK!?

There's a lot of angles about this story that can make you mad. Like, the fact that it's FUCKING CHILLING to think that a few spineless, venal bastards at various domain registrars have so much control over what gets published and what doesn't. No legal responses, no agreements, no nothing. Having your domain name hoisted is like having a newspaper and all of a sudden someone lets the air out of all the tires of your delivery trucks. It's effectively squelching the free press, and it's WRONG WRONG WRONG.

But what's even darker is that law enforcement is even putting pressure on the registrars in the first place. Like, when major Presidential

candidates are spending HUNDREDS of MILLIONS of dollars to buy elections, why the HELL is this system coming down on a small satirical Web site? Can we talk about taking the LOG out of your fucking EYE before you go after the splinter in your neighbor's? Thank you? Because this is a WARPED system we have here, folks, and if you can go to the WALL for even TALKING about that system's defects, man, we're farther along the road to destruction than you think.

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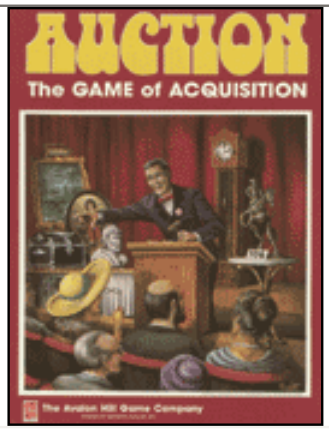

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Collecting by another name ...

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In the Wednesday mulligan round Jeff Mullet defeated last year's champ David Brooks on the strength of Queen Anne and Miniatures. Phil Yanov -- a first timer from the Greenville Mafia -- held on to the win as the cards were gone and the rich collector paid him a visit to collect his jewelry. Vassili Kyrkus used coins, figurines and cash to score the exact $7500 needed to win and advance. Perennial contender Andy Gardener, taking a break from his naval gaming activities, used Queen Anne Furniture, cash and the force to defeat another perennial contender Luke Koleszar and the long lost Luke Kratz. Welcome back to the Kratz clan! Former champ Arthur Field used figurines and a lot of cash to defeat another Kratz -- Cathy -- and the better third of the Bernard clan -- Beth. Beth was married the week before the WBC and told her new husband I'll see you in a week! Congratulations Beth and keep your priorities straight!!!! GM Bruce Reiff used Queen Anne and miniatures to defeat his nemesis "Little" Lisa Gutermuth and move on. And in the last heat of the day, Ray Stakenas II took out a pair of Cabbies for the price of one beating both former champ Bud Sauer and Natey Boy Hoam.

The regular 1st round on Wednesday brought back 11 mulligan round participants and 17 new contenders for seven boards. Keith Schoose used this to his best advantage to advance. Luke Koleszar was second with a high enough total to make the semis as well. Defending champ David Brooks also availed himself of the opportunity to advance. Jonathan Lockwood used his strong second place to make the semis also. Cabbie Mike Zehnal's week peaked early as he managed to win a game and make the semis. Sadly for Mike it was the last game he won during the week. Ben Shanks used the lessen he got on Wednesday night from three-time champ Reiff to good use and took Queen Anne furniture to advance to put Bud Sauer out of the tourney for good. Reiko Brooks, wife of the defending champ, had the highest score of the tournament - $10,800 -- while running roughshod over her board. Charles Davis won his board (but elected not to advance) while former champ Ken Gutermuth squeaked in on the strength of his second place finish. Alan Kaiser "Wilhelm", a first time CABS attendee managed the low score of the tournament - $960. Alan, how does one do so badly???? Finally young Alex Bell beat a loaded field of Davyd Field, Kevin Wojtaszczkk and Natey Boy Hoam. This would start the streak of Natey being defeated by minors. All of this set up the following semi finals:

The Suzy Q Board -- Ben Shanks, Alex Bell, Vassili Kyrkos and Ray Stakenas II. Ray used Glassware, Sterling and cash to make the final with Ben Shanks a close second.

The Cupcake Table -- Mike Zehnal, Luke Koleszar, Jon Lockwood and Andy Gardner. Andy dominated with Rare Miscellany and Tapestries. John Lockwood was a strong second and Luke third. Zehnal managed to make all of $70 for the game. Nice one Mike.

The Apple Pie Table -- Reiko Brooks, Keith Schoose, David Brooks and Jeff Mullet. Jeff dominated the cash early and had Books and Tapestry as well to run away with it. And the defending champ was out.

The Shark Tank, and Phil -- Poor Phil Yanov. He drew the short stick getting stuck with Reiff, Arthur Field and Ken Gutermuth. When the game looked like it would end by running out of cards, Ken made the first move and established a $5060 position. Reiff saw that and made his move but the bank unfortunately refused to pay for his rare miscellany and allowed Arthur to buy it. Reiff was left with $5520 and Arthur a set and the win. Phil cruised along in 4th with a total of $4470 and was just glad to not have lost any fingers or toes. Ken and Bruce were just disappointed that they had let Arthur advance.

The final was held early Saturday morning. Ray Stakenas II dominated with $8100, Jeff Mullet pulled a Mullet and finished second with $4650. Andy Gardener was third with $3200 and Arthur Field just looked confused with $3190. So we welcome Ray into the elite circle of *Auction* champions. The special gold key and directions to the champions lounge will be in the mail to you. See you all next year. And remember to vote *Auction* back in again next year!

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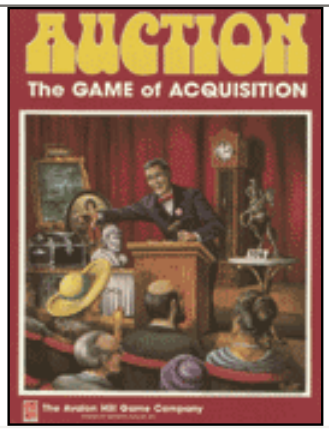

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Collecting by another name ...

Auction remains remarkably consistent year after year. It's becoming a regular subset club within the whole of the WBC club. It didn't disappoint again this year drawing it's customary low 40's. This is one Euro game that has survived the ravages of time. It does so well do to the quick play and highly interactive nature of the game. More than half of this year's participants were 'regulars'.

In the Wednesday mulligan round Jeff Mullet defeated last year's champ David Brooks on the strength of Queen Anne and Miniatures. Phil Yanov -- a first timer from the Greenville Mafia -- held on to the win as the cards were gone and the rich collector paid him a visit to collect his jewelry. Vassili Kyrkus used coins, figurines and cash to score the exact $7500 needed to win and advance. Perennial contender Andy Gardener, taking a break from his naval gaming activities, used Queen Anne Furniture, cash and the force to defeat another perennial contender Luke Koleszar and the long lost Luke Kratz. Welcome back to the Kratz clan! Former champ Arthur Field used figurines and a lot of cash to defeat another Kratz -- Cathy -- and the better third of the Bernard clan -- Beth. Beth was married the week before the WBC and told her new husband I'll see you in a week! Congratulations Beth and keep your priorities straight!!!! GM Bruce Reiff used Queen Anne and miniatures to defeat his nemesis "Little" Lisa Gutermuth and move on. And in the last heat of the day, Ray Stakenas II took out a pair of Cabbies for the price of one beating both former champ Bud Sauer and Natey Boy Hoam.

The regular 1st round on Wednesday brought back 11 mulligan round participants and 17 new contenders for seven boards. Keith Schoose used this to his best advantage to advance. Luke Koleszar was second with a high enough total to make the semis as well. Defending champ David Brooks also availed himself of the opportunity to advance. Jonathan Lockwood used his strong second place to make the semis also. Cabbie Mike Zehnal's week peaked early as he managed to win a game and make the semis. Sadly for Mike it was the last game he won during the week. Ben Shanks used the lessen he got on Wednesday night from three-time champ Reiff to good use and took Queen Anne furniture to advance to put Bud Sauer out of the tourney for good. Reiko Brooks, wife of the defending champ, had the highest score of the tournament - $10,800 -- while running roughshod over her board. Charles Davis won his board (but elected not to advance) while former champ Ken Gutermuth squeaked in on the strength of his second place finish. Alan Kaiser "Wilhelm", a first time CABS attendee managed the low score of the tournament - $960. Alan, how does one do so badly???? Finally young Alex Bell beat a loaded field of Davyd Field, Kevin Wojtaszczkk and Natey Boy Hoam. This would start the streak of Natey being defeated by minors. All of this set up the following semi finals:

The Suzy Q Board -- Ben Shanks, Alex Bell, Vassili Kyrkos and Ray Stakenas II. Ray used Glassware, Sterling and cash to make the final with Ben Shanks a close second.

The Cupcake Table -- Mike Zehnal, Luke Koleszar, Jon Lockwood and Andy Gardner. Andy dominated with Rare Miscellany and Tapestries. John Lockwood was a strong second and Luke third. Zehnal managed to make all of $70 for the game. Nice one Mike.

The Apple Pie Table -- Reiko Brooks, Keith Schoose, David Brooks and Jeff Mullet. Jeff dominated the cash early and had Books and Tapestry as well to run away with it. And the defending champ was out.

The Shark Tank, and Phil -- Poor Phil Yanov. He drew the short stick getting stuck with Reiff, Arthur Field and Ken Gutermuth. When the game looked like it would end by running out of cards, Ken made the first move and established a $5060 position. Reiff saw that and made his move but the bank unfortunately refused to pay for his rare miscellany and allowed Arthur to buy it. Reiff was left with $5520 and Arthur a set and the win. Phil cruised along in 4th with a total of $4470 and was just glad to not have lost any fingers or toes. Ken

and Bruce were just disappointed that they had let Arthur advance.

The final was held early Saturday morning. Ray Stakenas II dominated with $8100, Jeff Mullet pulled a Mullet and finished second with $4650. Andy Gardener was third with $3200 and Arthur Field just looked confused with $3190. So we welcome Ray into the elite circle of *Auction* champions. The special gold key and directions to the champions lounge will be in the mail to you. See you all next year. And remember to **vote *Auction*** back in again next year!

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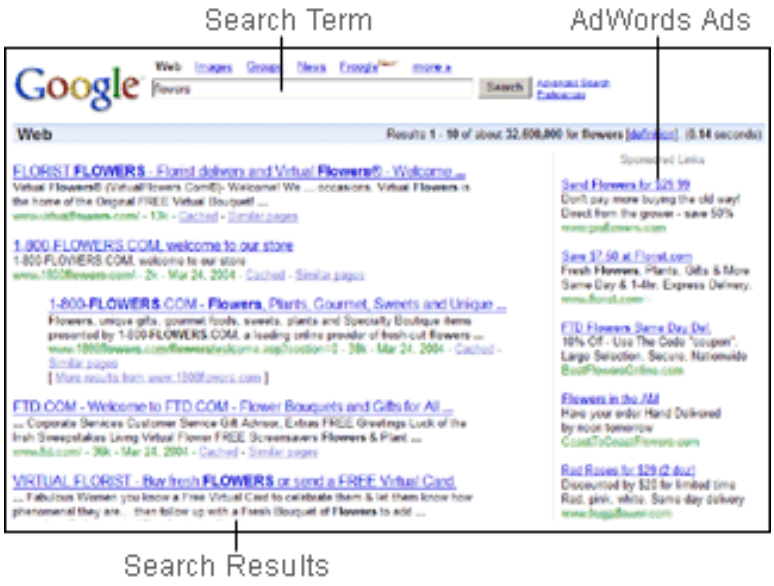

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