1 Aaron Greenspan (*Pro Se*) 956 Carolina Street 2 San Francisco, CA 94107-3337 Phone: +1 415 670 9350 3 Fax: +1 415 373 3959 E-Mail: aaron.greenspan@plainsite.org 4 5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 6 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION 7 8 Case No. 3:20-cy-03426-JD 9 AARON GREENSPAN, **DECLARATION OF AARON** 10 Plaintiff, **GREENSPAN IN SUPPORT OF** 11 PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO **COMPEL COMPLIANCE WITH** v. 12 **COURT ORDER** OMAR QAZI, SMICK ENTERPRISES, INC., 13 ELON MUSK, and TESLA, INC., 14 Defendants. 15 16 I, Aaron Greenspan, declare as follows: 17 1. Since the imposition of this Court's Order Re Default and Civility, ECF No. 72, 18 on September 2, 2020, Defendant Omar Qazi has published hundreds of (printed) pages about 19 me containing false information across dozens of posts on his personal website. 20 2. One of the posts dated December 25, 2020 also contains a confidential settlement 21 e-mail that I sent to Karl Kronenberger, counsel for Defendants Qazi and Smick Enterprises, 22 Inc., on September 8, 2020. 23 3. It is my belief that these posts violate the Court's Order Re Default and Civility 24 because they are unprofessional, inaccurate, disrespectful, and reflect a breach of an agreement I 25 had with counsel. 26 4. Attorney Kronenberger admitted that his client breached our agreement in a 27 voicemail recorded on September 9, 2020. 28

- 5. Since then, counsel has failed to address the repeat violations of this agreement in any form.
- 6. On January 11, 2021, Defendant Qazi highlighted the confidential settlement email specifically in a post on Twitter, I believe as a form of retribution for contacting his attorney about the matter once again.
- 7. As Exhibit A, I have attached a compendium of true and correct copies of the relevant posts since September 2, 2020 that Defendant Qazi has published thus far, with the majority of the body of the confidential settlement e-mail redacted.
- 8. As Exhibit B, I have attached true and correct partially redacted copies of my correspondence with Defendant Qazi's counsel regarding the improper publication of the confidential settlement e-mail.
- 9. As Exhibit C, I have attached true and correct copies of certain of Defendant Qazi's Twitter posts from his @WholeMarsBlog account on January 11, 2021.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the above statements are true and correct and that this declaration was executed on January 12, 2021 in San Francisco, California.

Dated: January 12, 2021

Aaron Greenspan

$\underline{\mathbf{EXHIBIT}\;\mathbf{A}}$

Omar Qazi's Personal Website Posts Regarding Aaron Greenspan Since September 2, 2020





WHOLE MARS CATALOG

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WRITTEN BY STEVE JOBS

OCTOBER 3, 2020

THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME, TESLA COMMUNITY



Today I have to write a thank you note that is long overdue, and that I've meaning to write for a long time.

To everyone who has helped and supported me against years of threats and attacks from Aaron Greenspan and his fraudulent "charity" the Think Computer Foundation, I can't tell you how much I appreciate it and how humbled I am by your support. Like wow, I really can't do justice to it in words how much it means to me. You have saved me from a lot of pain, and your support has made all the difference in the world in keeping me sane.

This has been a struggle and taken a huge toll on me ever since Aaron Greenspan doxxed me and posted my location and personal information online as retaliation for speaking out about him on my 25th birthday. It was already very difficult to deal with emotionally even before Aaron Greenspan filed his lawsuit against me, Elon Musk, my startup, and Tesla.

The GoFundMe campaign I started has now raised over \$48,000 to try and finally bring Aaron Greenspan to justice. This was beyond my wildest imagination, and I'm eternally in debt of gratitude to every single person who contributed even \$1.

Unfortunately, this is far from over. Aaron intends to try and stretch this out for years, forcing us to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal fees over nothing. So far, I haven't had to pay anything out of my own pocket but the way things are going I will have to start doing so soon. Aaron is representing himself so he has nothing to waste but his own time, which he is happy to waste because he has nothing better to do. He is filing every motion possible and making a mockery of the court by abusing the justice system to force me to spend as much money as possible defending against ridiculous accusations, such as that I was paid by Tesla to tweet about their products and am not a real customer. Needless to say, his delusional allegations are plainly false.

The good news is, if we file a countersuit against his charity, his company, and their board of directors, he will have to hire a lawyer to defend himself. The other good news is the anti-SLAPP statute, which was created specifically for situations like this where people file frivolous lawsuits to harass journalists and commentators into silence. Interestingly enough, it was created when fossil fuel giants tried to sue clean energy advocates into silence for "defamation". Should the anti-SLAPP motion prevail, Greenspan will be on the hook for hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal fees. The only issue is just making sure I don't run out of cash to defend myself until then.

SO WHAT NOW?

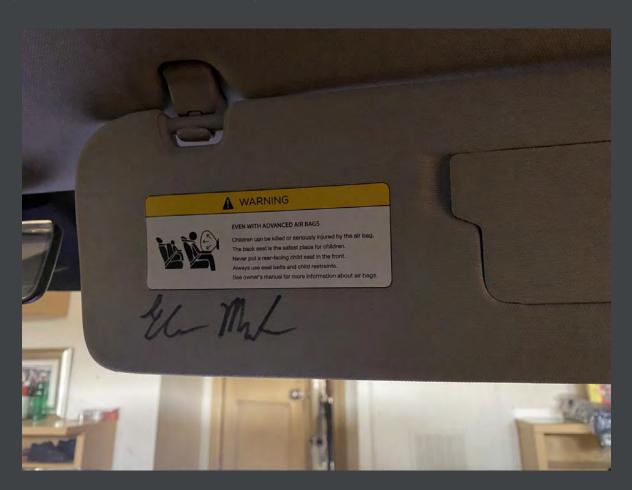
Now, we have to keep fighting. I'm calling out for help, because I'm in my 20s and being ganged up on by a group of balding old men with much more legal experience than I have, and I need help. To all the people who have donated to the GoFundMe, thank you again so much. My heart is on my sleeves for you. But the sad and shocking thing is, even \$48,000 is not going to cover it. This is going to cost me a lot of money. Every crowdfunded dollar makes it less likely that I'll have to give in to Greenspan's demands for a gag order and settle. What he wants is for me to never be allowed to speak about him again, and to delete everything I've ever said about him online.

I feel terrible being in this position where I have to beg for money, as there are a ton of people and causes that need money much more than I do. But if you're one of the few people who understands what Greenspan has

been doing, this is me begging for help. For international users who prefer PayPal, I've created a PayPal fund pool in addition to the GoFundMe.

If you can't donate, that's ok. Please look after yourself first. But what you can do is **help spread the word**. Aaron hurts people to try and keep them quiet, so let's make this lawsuit backfire on that goal big-time. Write about him, tweet about him, make YouTube videos about him. Make fun of him, laugh at him, investigate him like we did with Trevor Milton. Please be aware that he will threaten you and try and retaliate, so it's best to do it anonymously — but to do it at all, you have to be brave. To all the courageous people who have spoken up about Aaron, I can't tell you how much it means to me. It's just as much help as a donation. So many people believe his lies about me because it seems like an official charity is saying it, rather than someone trying to act out on a grudge. Everything we can do to get the word out about what's really going on helps minimize the damage he's trying to do to my reputation and life, and the lives of so many others.

I'll also start taking additional action to sell personal assets if necessary. One thing I was considering is auctioning off my car, starting at \$10,000. It is a Black 2018 Model 3 with the FSD computer and 69,000 miles on it, but the cool thing is Elon sat in it and signed it when I interviewed him at his house in January. I wanted to keep it and never sell it, but I will if that's what it takes to bring out the truth about what Aaron has been doing. I could also sell stonks and other things.



Finally, I'm starting to write down my story documenting the timeline of all of Aaron's threats and retaliation all in one blog post. This will be a long interesting story, and hopefully, help raise awareness and funds to help stop Aaron.

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WRITTEN BY STEVE JOBS OCTOBER 3, 2020

HOW AARON GREENSPAN AND HIS "CHARITY" SILENCE THEIR CRITICS

Today, it's time to finally tell a crazy story — a story that I've been holding in for a long time. I haven't told it because it's personal, it's long and complicated, and I'm still a little bit traumatized... but now I have no choice.

The story of Aaron Greenspan has remained untold, because he and his fraudulent 501(c)(3) non-profit charity, the "Think Computer Foundation" will threaten, harass, and retaliate against anyone who speaks up about them, going far beyond what any casual critic could anticipate or bear. Since doxxing me and posting my personal information online on my 25th birthday, Aaron Greenspan and his "charity" have launched a barrage of threats and attacks, culminating in a lawsuit filed against me, Elon Musk, my startup, and Tesla earlier this year. I'm telling this story now because I need help dealing with my stalker, Aaron Greenspan, and his "charity".

This is the crazy story of my battle with Tesla short sellers, who waged a brutal and unlawful "short and distort" social media disinformation campaign against Tesla culminating in the last few years. It's the story of how I met Elon Musk, and how a group of random Tesla customers and fans took down Trevor Milton, the founder of Nikola Motor Company. It's a story of love and loss, blinding hate and irrationality, and the dirty behind the scenes details of how the world went electric. But mostly, it's a story about what Aaron Greenspan has been fighting so hard to hide. Let's get started.

Thank you so much. I love you all. I wish I could better find the right words to express the gratitude I feel in my heart. You have saved me from a lot of pain as Aaron Greenspan and his TSLAQ buddies continue to attack.

My long term hope is that this situation can expose the extreme irrational animosity and hatred between Tesla short sellers and Tesla customers. I have friends on the TSLAQ side, and there's no reason why we can't disagree without trying to hurt in each other in real life. I hope discussing this situation brings light to how crazy things have really gotten. It's okay to think a company is overvalued, but that doesn't mean you start threatening their customers for saying they like their car. Similarly, shorts should be able to give an honest take without being afraid of threats from people on the pro-EV side.

— Omar Qazi

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POSTED IN DAMN SHAWTY, DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGNS, SHORT SELLERS.

8 THOUGHTS ON "THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME, TESLA COMMUNITY"



STEPHANIE WILLIAMS
OCTOBER 3, 2020 AT 5:40 PM

Awe we love you and fully support you

REPLY



STEVE JOBS OCTOBER 3, 2020 AT 5:40 PM

love you too

REPLY



PROSTETNIC

OCTOBER 3, 2020 AT 7:53 PM

Thank you for going through this for all of us. All thanks for being that sheer force in the community

REPLY



STEVE JOBS October 3, 2020 at 7:53 pm

REPLY



SAM October 3, 2020 at 9:08 pm How can Aaron Jacob Greenspan represent himself? Aaron Jacob Greenspan was banned by a judge to serve as pro se for Think Computer Foundation.

REPLY



STEVE JOBS OCTOBER 3, 2020 AT 9:09 PM

any more info on this?

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SAM

OCTOBER 3, 2020 AT 9:20 PM

Greenspan v. Admin. Office of the U.S. Courts

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MARCO

OCTOBER 4, 2020 AT 9:14 PM

Aaron Greenspan is not a fan of Steven Levy book Facebook: The Inside Story

https://www.amazon.com/gp/aw/review/Bo7V8CL7RH/R1VAMQJH3EBOB7?ref=pf_vv_at_pdctrvw_srp

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WRITTEN BY STEVE

NOVEMBER 30, 2020

MARTIN TRIPP TO PAY \$420,000 TO SETTLE TESLA CASE



Tesla's long legal battle with Martin Tripp is finally over:

A former Tesla Inc. employee who locked horns with Chief Executive Officer Elon Musk has **agreed to pay the company \$400,000** [...]

The payment is part of a proposed settlement of a lawsuit Tesla filed in 2018 that accused Martin Tripp of **illegally divulging trade secrets** about the production of Tesla's Model 3.

As part of the accord, Tripp admitted to violating trade secret laws and confidentiality agreements and promised to pay Tesla \$25,000 for continuing to reveal information about the company, despite being ordered to stop by a judge.

Bloomberg

Okay, so it was \$425,000 but let's just round down a little bit.

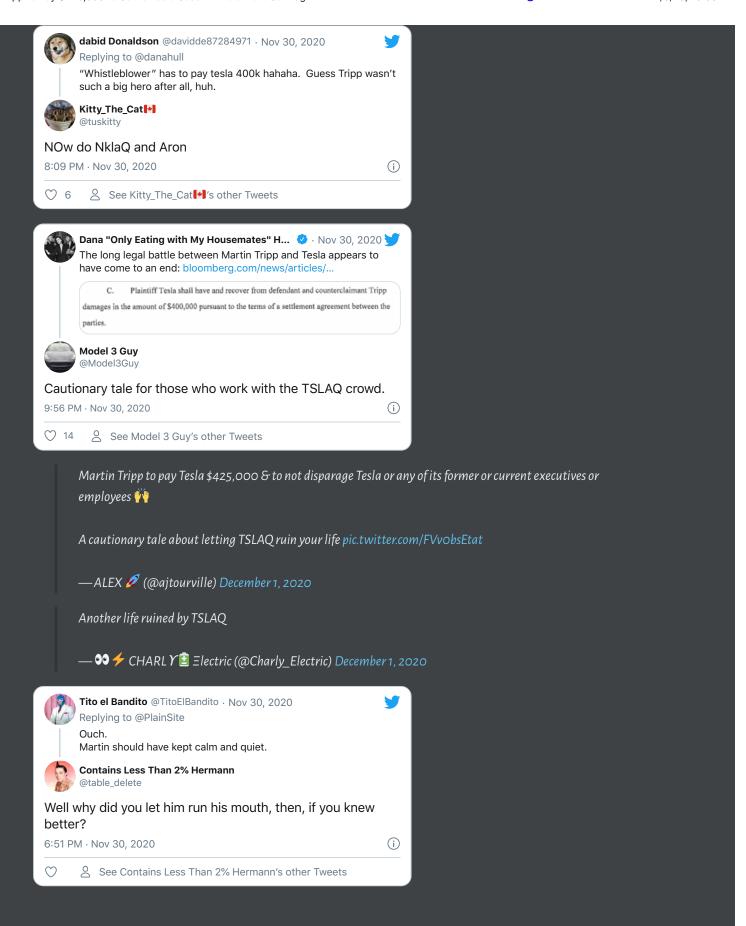
This is a very sad situation. Martin Tripp was a victim here almost as much as Tesla was. He was tricked and used by Tesla short-sellers known as "TSLAQ", who promised to make him rich if he would help them. Tesla short-sellers even provided legal funding to Tripp that prolonged and complicated the conflict, which Tripp finally admitted today as part of the settlement. TSLAQ ruined Tripp's life to try and make money for themselves, just as they have done to so many others (including me). To make matters worse, after all the people they hurt they still lost billions of dollars. It's time to hold the leaders of this short and distort fraud accountable for all the damage they've done.

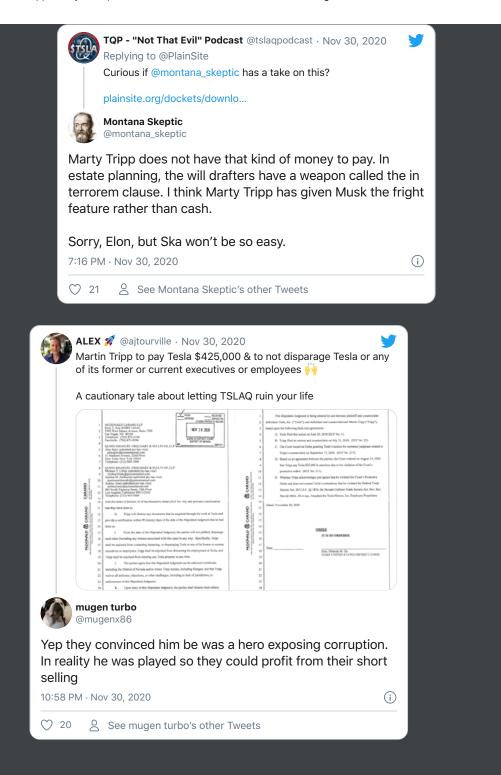
Recently Martin Tripp has been working with Aaron Jacob Greenspan to threaten, harass, and doxx Tesla customers. He also has a history of making threats against Tesla, and even faces allegations of abuse by his own step-son. For these reasons and more, many Tesla customers and fans likely view what he did very negatively. However, Scott actually talked to Tripp on Twitter a while back (before he started threatening us) and I think he can be a very decent person when he chooses to be. He just got caught up in a messy short and distort campaign that manipulated him for their own benefit, and that's a tragedy. Now that this is over, we should all grant Tripp some peace and let everyone involved put this unfortunate incident behind them.

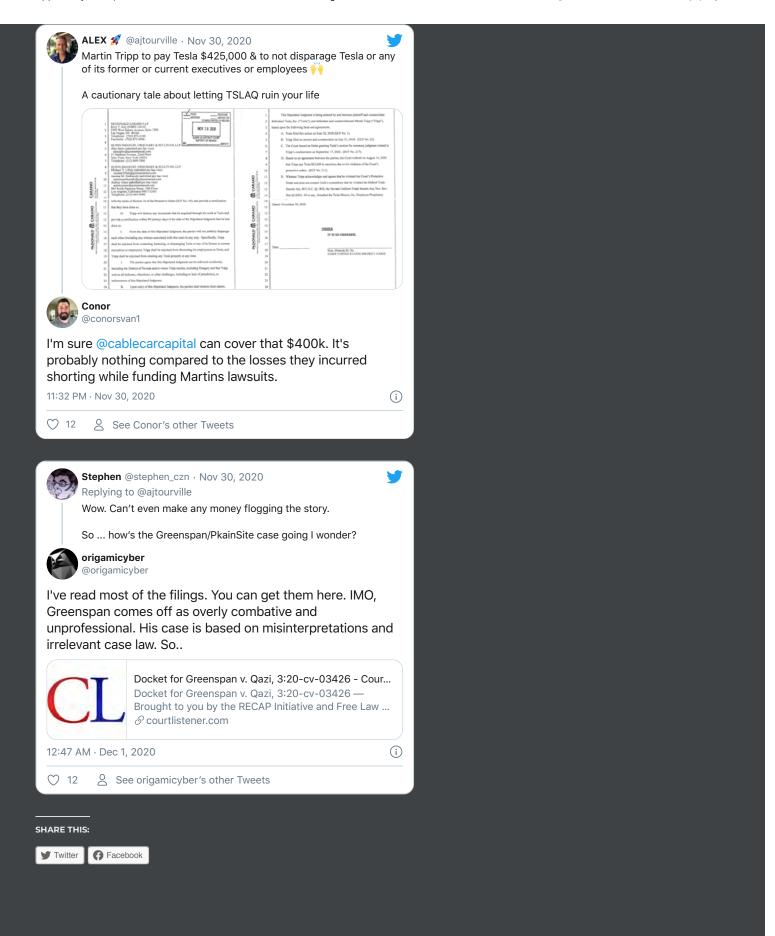
I hope this serves as a warning to Aaron Greenspan and others who break the law on behalf of TSLAQ. The consequences Aaron Greenspan and the Think Computer Foundation are facing will make Martin Tripp's settlement look like lunch money.

Read the full story at Bloomberg









POSTED IN DAMN SHAWTY, DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGNS, SHORT SELLERS, TESLA.
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WRITTEN BY STEVE

DECEMBER 4, 2020

HOW AARON JACOB GREENSPAN WORKED WITH MARTIN TRIPP TO THREATEN TESLA CUSTOMERS

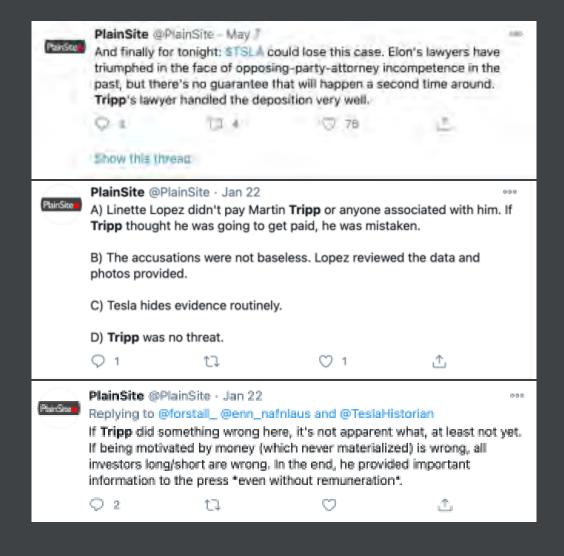


Many people often wonder how rapidly balding Tesla short seller Aaron Jacob Greenspan is able to threaten and harass so many Tesla customers through his 501(c)(3) non-profit charity, the Think Computer Foundation. We often get fan mail asking questions like this:



STEP 1: BUTTER THEM UP

The first step is to find someone who is already committing criminal acts against Tesla — the patsy, the front man, the fall guy. Instead of acknowledging that they're breaking the law, butter them up and call them a hero. This will be useful later when you want to incite them to commit crimes against perceived enemies on your behalf. Ideally, choose someone who has already fled the country.



From: markherrell Sent: September 26, 2020 11:13 PM To: alexspiro@ Subject: Martin Tripp [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Regarding the Tesla vs. Martin Tripp case, I recently read that you were the lawyer representing Tesla through all this legal action going on in the Tesla vs. Tripp case. I just wanted to shed some light on who Martin Tripp really is. Martin was my step father for much of my childhood. A child hood that he made absolutely miserable because of the anger and domestic violence I had to witness while growing up. This guy is a absolute animal. My 3 brother, his children, were abandoned by him at a very young age, and when he was present Martin was physically abusing them. I even have distinct memories of him punching out every kitchen cabinet door while screaming at the top of his lungs at my crying mother. I wish I could forget them. I have no doubt in my mind Martin threatened to shoot up the Giga Factory. I can see the words coming out of his mouth even. A person who abuses their own kids, animals, and walks away from their 3 sons has some serious issues. I don't wanna get involved, but this is a testament to his true character. Hope this email finds you Sent from my iPhone Mark W. Herrell Jr.

STEP 2: PUBLISH THE NAMES OF YOUR DESIRED VICTIMS

Next, Aaron Jacob Greenspan doxxed dozens of people who he wanted to target for violent attacks. List their full name and personal information so that your goons know exactly who to target. In this case, Aaron Greenspan chose to publish the name of his desired victims through an illegal discovery request. At the time Aaron filed this document in court, discovery was not permitted. However, Greenspan knew that a request for document production could be an effective way to harass Tesla customers and supporters and make them fear for their life. If you're not able to publish the names of your desired victims in a public court document, use Twitter or other means just as Aaron Greenspan does with his @Plainsite, @AaronGreenspan, @Facecash and other Twitter accounts.

Aaron Greenspan has filed an illegal SLAPP-suit against Elon Musk and Omar Qazi for bringing attention to allegations of tax fraud, securities fraud, cyberstalking, and criminal harassment by the Think Computer Foundation (doing business as PlainSite). If you can please donate to the Legal GoFundMe or via PayPal to make sure he is finally held accountable for his criminal misconduct.

Make no mistake about it: There was absolutely no purpose to filing this document except to doxx dozens of people and order an attack.

REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 1:

Produce all DOCUMENTS and ELECTRONIC DATA to or from Omar Qazi and the following individuals:

- a) Diego
- b) Elon Musk;
- c) Jack Dorsey;
- d) Sofiaan Fraval;
- e) Vivien
- f) Kristen
- g) Vincent
- h) Bonnie Norman;
- i) Lisa
- j) Elisabeth
- k) Katheryn
- 1) Johnna Crider;
- m) Earl
- n) Amelia'
- o) Eric
- p) David
- q) Fred Lambert;
- r) Scott [Last Name Unknown], using Twitter handle @scottpidity;
- s) [Name Unknown], using Twitter handle @barksmeagol;
- t) [Name Unknown], using Twitter handle @ThemeTeamWP;
- u) [Name Unknown], using Twitter handle @AaronDweeb;
- v) Any individual or account with an e-mail address at the tesla.com, teslamotors.com, spacex.com, or boringcompany.com domain names.

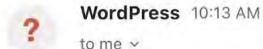
3. CHAT WITH YOUR HIRED HITMAN ONLINE AND REQUEST STOLEN DOCUMENTS





4. REVIEW THE ATTACKS

Review the attacks and threats against Tesla customers perpetrated on your behalf, based on the private information you shared. Sit back and enjoy with a nice cup of tea.





A new comment on the post "End of Summer GIVEAWAY" is waiting for your approval https://johnnacrider.com/end-of-summer-giveaway

Author: Elon Musk Is going to jail for fraud (IP

address: 198.147.26.82, 198.147.26.82)

Email: Stupida URL:

Comment:

You think you can hide from your fate. You can't escape \$TSLAQ

We won't stop until you are taken down, incel. Your jewelry is ugly and so are you. You should kill yourself. Elon won't save you if you try again.

-Omar Qazi

#incelsforelon

It is rightfully assumed that Omar is compensated by tesla/musk in some form(s). If you have proof, I'll add. A dirtbag by many names, he stalks and harasses anyone against tesla by online destructive tactics.

Current Title:

CIO/CEO of Smick Industries?

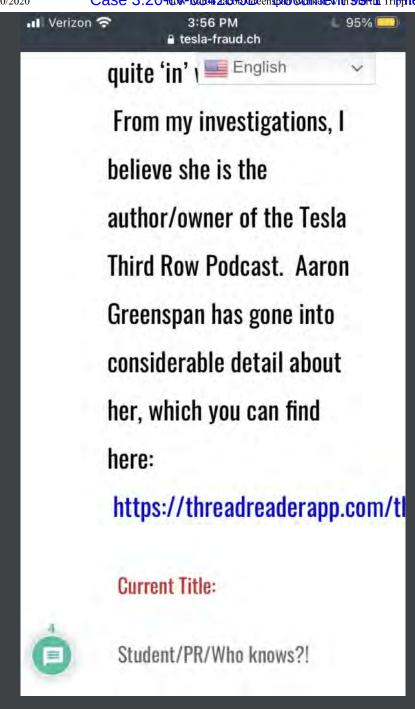




-Kristen Netten

#incelsforelon

Now here is a cultist. Among the MANY odd things about her, is the fact that if you call her ANY name, your twitter account will be 'limited' within 5 seconds. I've tested this...it works. Yeah, yeah, everybody warns me to stay away from making things personal on here...I just can't help myself. Kristen is low-life skank. If you don't think exactly like her, she'll attack you on twitter, and most likely get you suspended in the process. I'd say she has been trying to get in the sack with musky chunks...just my thought.



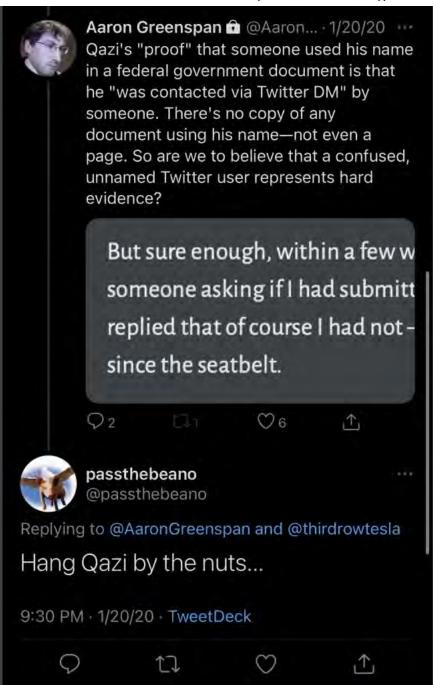




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And to @kristennetten @elonmusk @wholemarscatalog...you can all go fuck yourselves. Kristen, your page has additional content on the way!





FUCK YOU - From Marty Tripp

Sent: Saturday, October 3, 2020 10:31 AM

From: fatseal@protonmail.com

To: erm@tesla.com erm@tesla.com, elon@tesla.com elon@tesla.com, elon@spacex.com elon@spacex.com, press@tesla.com press@tesla.com, elon@tesla.com elon@tesla.com, musk@tesla.com musk@tesla.com, ir@tesla.com ir@tesla.com, elon.musk@spacex.com elon.musk@spacex.com, elon.musk@tesla.com elon.musk@tesla.com, Alex Spiro alexspiro@quinnemanuel.com

I just want to say: FUCK YOU, you low life piece of shit.

Talk about someone STEALING...you STOLE Tesla from Martin Eberhard. I simply provided information to the media for your clear fucking lies. You RETALIATED because you knew it was all true and did not want that truth getting out to the public as such.

Did you realize that one of your CUSTOMERS children had to have open heart surgery yesterday? All because your stupid ass solar company has a bunch of retarded idiots that can't do a proper job, and fall to acknowledge and fix their failures, all while you're busy being 'sustainable' and flying around the country! Yeah, you probably don't care about these things.

Too bad your dad didn't spank you a little more often, you dirtbag piece of shit. I look forward to meeting him soon and shaking his hand.

I'm sure you know I've coined you as #muskychunks, because you are a fat little pig turd.

Here is a threat for you: If I ever see you, there is not a bodyguard in the world that will keep me from teaching you a lesson on fucking with the wrong people. I'm done with your dumbass.

Get ready for a release of LOTS of information...news, video, audio, website(s), etc. Always wondered why such the concern with the AEO docs...now I realize after putting the info together concisely:-)

So it goes...be well, my frenemy :-)

Sent with ProtonMail Secure Email.

5. DENY ANY INVOLVEMENT

This is by far the most important step. If any threats are traced back to your action, you could face prison time or severe fines — or even worse, the revocation of your fraudulent non-profit. Thus no matter how much evidence surfaces of your involvement in sharing the personal info that lead to the attacks, you must **deny it ever happened.** If you are incarcerated, it will be difficult to threaten and harass others from prison effectively.









For good measure, make sure to block anyone who calls you out so others don't hear about how you've been harassing and orchestrating attacks on women.

Pray for justice. One day Aaron Jacob Greenspan will have to take responsibility for what he's done, just like his henchmen.

Business

Ex-Tesla Factory Worker to Pay \$400,000 to End Feud With Musk

By Robert Burnson November 30, 2020, 9:50 PM EST

- Martin Tripp admits in settlement to tradesecret violations
- Tripp had told news media of Gigafactory production delays



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PlainSite (http://www.plainsite.org), which I run through Think Computer Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization (http://www.thinkcomputer.org), is already up and running for those interested. You can link issues to companies and particular laws. It's used by thousands of individuals, lawyers, and government agencies every day.

Here's an example issue posted by Lawrence Lessig at Harvard Law School:

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...an example company (Google)...

http://www.plainsite.org/flashlight/index.html?id=3331

...and an example law firm...

http://www.plainsite.org/flashlight/index.html? id=33874

We're adding patent data next. Take a look!

Aaron

Organization Details:

Organization Name: Think Computer Foundation

DBAs (doing business as), organizations fiscally sponsored, and/or named programs controlled by the organization: PlainSite

Employer identification number (EIN): 34-1937820

Address line 1: 20560 Shelburne Road

Address line 2:

City: Shaker Heights

State: Ohio

ZIP code: 44122

County: Cuyahoga

Country: United States

Telephone: (415)670-9350

Web address: http://www.thinkcomputer.org

Date of formation: 10/26/2000

Organization type: 501(c)(3)

Description of Organization's Purpose:

Is the organization's registration status current? Yes

The financial information below is from the organization's most recent filing within the on-line system. If the items below are blank,

PlainSite

From the website:

PlainSite lets ordinary citizens impact the law-making process. It allows users to identify a problem, propose a solution to it, and easily specify the changes to the statutes necessary to implement the solution. Other users can then indicate their support of a proposed solution, allowing a critical mass to form behind beneficial changes to the law that legislators cannot ignore.

PlainSite was developed by Aaron Greenspan on a budget of \$0.00 in response to the State of California's actions with regard to the FaceCash mobile payment system.

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wait till you see what's next. Aaron Greenspan has committed major fraud and we have evidence



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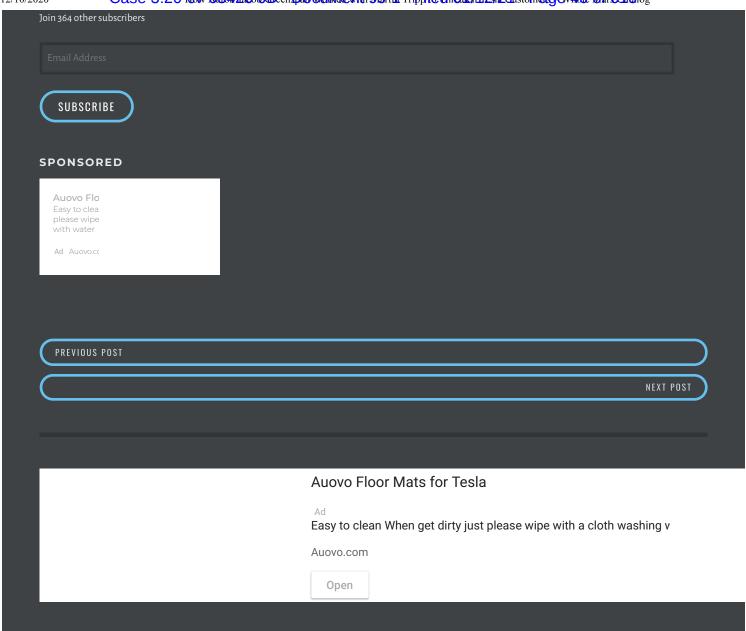


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STATE OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL REGISTRY OF CHARITABLE TRUSTS

(Government Code Sections 12580-12599.7)



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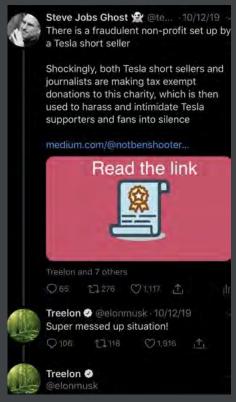
Aaron Greenspan has filed an illegal SLAPP-suit against Elon Musk and Omar Qazi for bringing attention to allegations of tax fraud, securities fraud, cyberstalking, and criminal harassment by the Think Computer Foundation (doing business as PlainSite). If you can please donate to the Legal GoFundMe or via PayPal to make sure Aaron Jacob Greenspan is finally held accountable for his criminal misconduct.

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Download the tax records and a copy of this article in case TSLAQ and Aaron Greenspan succeed in having the information taken down again.

On October 12 2019, just 3 days after Aaron Greenspan first threatened to sue Elon Musk and Omar Qazi in anger over the publication of a Bloomberg Businessweek feature, an anonymous writer not affiliated with this blog decided to write about Aaron Greenspan's relentless harassment of numerous Tesla customers and fans. That story was shared on Medium and a link was posted to the @tesla_truth Twitter account before Aaron Greenspan and TSLAQ were able to have the Medium story and the entire @tesla_truth Twitter account pulled off the internet a few days later to hide the allegations. You can read a cached version of the story on the Victims of Aaron Greenspan Foundation website.



Tesla CEO Elon Musk replied to the tweet, which instantly drew in thousands of views. Aaron Greenspan must have pissed his pants. The whole world was going to know about his fraudulent non-profit and outrageous harassment of everyone from college aged kids, to women, to military active service members.

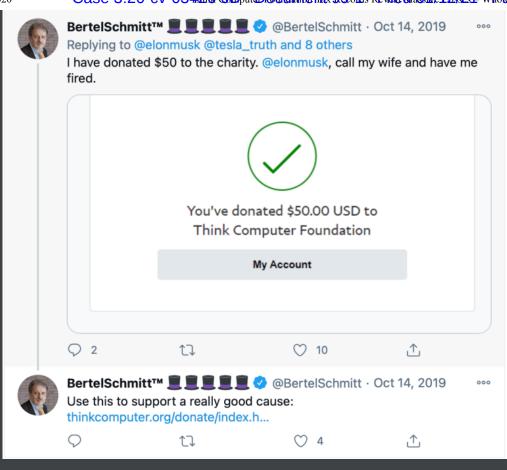
I hoped that once TSLAQ read about Aaron Greenspan's insane harassment of Tesla customers, they might stand up and say "hey, we may disagree with them but this is over the line" like they did when I was first doxxed, and when K10 was first doxxed. I know Tesla customers and fans would do the same if a Tesla short-seller was ever facing similar unreasonable harassment.



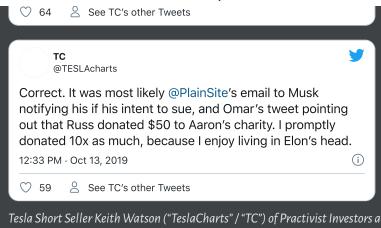




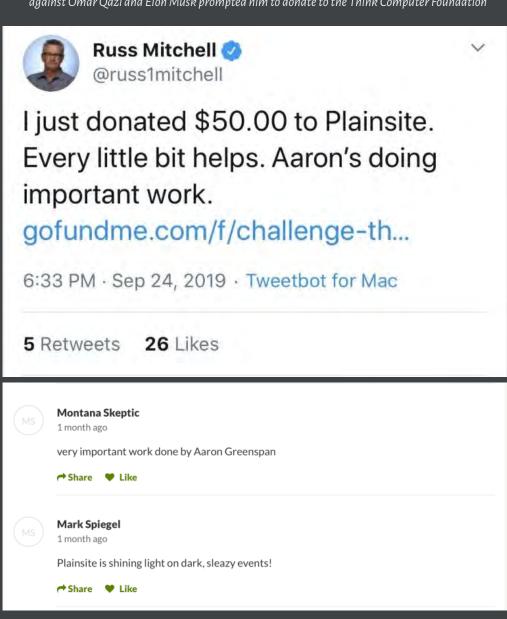
Unfortunately, that's not what happened. When TSLAQ read about how Aaron Greenspan's charity had been harassing Tesla customers, they were thrilled. "Now that is a charitable cause I would love to donate to!", they must have exclaimed as they ran to get their credit cards. The tax benefits are pretty nice, actually. Not only do Tesla short sellers get to pay Aaron Greenspan to threaten Tesla customers, their "donation" to support this effort is fully tax-deductible. Since the Think Computer Foundation (doing business as PlainSite) is a charity, it doesn't have to pay any income tax or sales tax either. Pretty shocking, right? I mean the idea of someone getting paid cash for harassing people like this is one thing, but actually getting a charitable tax deduction and tax exemption for doing it is next level fraud. Bravo Greenspan.



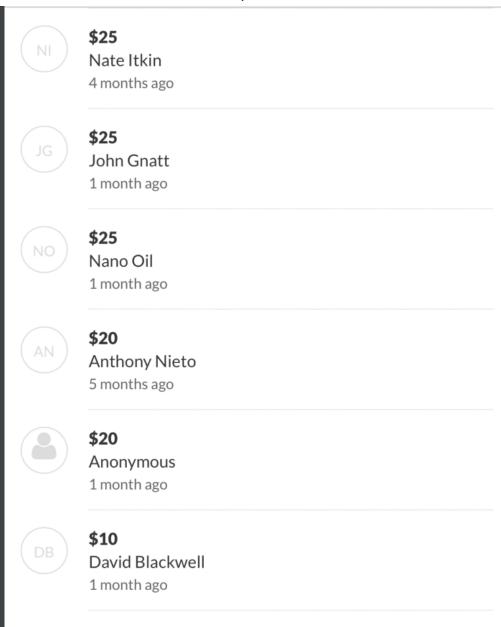


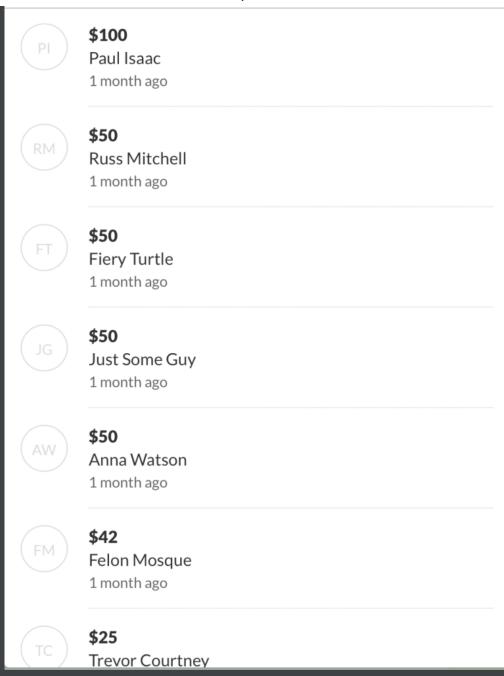


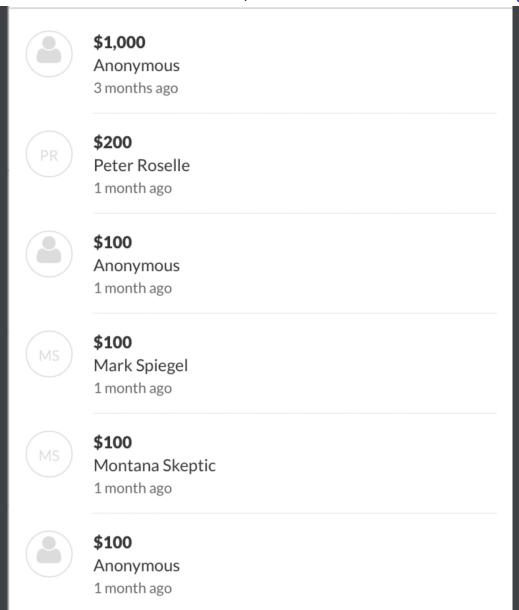
Tesla Short Seller Keith Watson ("TeslaCharts" / "TC") of Practivist Investors admits that Aaron Greenspan's lawsuit threat against Omar Qazi and Elon Musk prompted him to donate to the Think Computer Foundation



Tesla short sellers Mark Spiegel and Lawrence Fossi also donated to the Think Computer Foundation







HOORAY! WAIT A MINUTE... OH SHIT



For a moment, Aaron Greenspan was overjoyed as thousands of dollars poured into his fraudulent charity. Who knew online harassment could be so profitable? Of course, there's the obvious problem: Tesla short sellers donating to the Think Computer Foundation to fund their anti-Tesla activities, is **not a tax-exempt charitable business activity**. It's tax fraud. Remember, charities must be organized only for purposes that serve the public good, **not private interests**. On top of that, because TSLAQ

is conspiring together to orchestrate a massive short-and-distort, it's really tax fraud in the assistance of securities fraud, cyberstalking, and criminal harassment. But that wasn't even the biggest, most pressing problem.



Aaron Greenspan must have shit his pants on the spot when he realized it: It turns out the Think Computer Foundation had been operating in California and soliciting donations illegally for fourteen years, since Aaron Greenspan moved to Mountain View in 2006. Presumably, Greenspan failed to register with California because he wanted to avoid disclosing any info about his shady charity. But once Elon replied to the story about his harassment of Tesla customers, he knew he had to run and cover his ass



Here's Elon replying to the story on October 12, 2019...

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And here's the Think Computer Foundation's initial registration form with the state of California received October 18, 2019...

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I declare under penalty of perjury that I have examined this registration form, including accompany	ing documents, and to the best of
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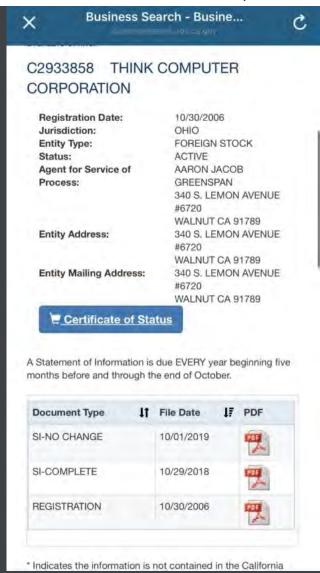
Written and signed on October 14, 2019... just two days after the story was published!!!

Notice the text at the top that says "registration is required [...] within thirty days after receipt of assets for the charitable purposes for which organized". **Not only did every Tesla short-seller donate during the fourteen years where the charity was operating illegally in California**, they all knew they weren't actually donating to a charity to begin with! In a fraud that's completely obvious to anyone paying attention, the purpose of these donations is to further efforts to inure private benefit to Aaron Greenspan's short-selling bets as well as those of his donors and to satisfy their urge for cruelty and revenge. Oops. Greenspan may say that allegations of tax fraud and securities fraud are completely false, but his reactions behind the scene tell a completely different story. He was scared, and running to cover up evidence of what he was doing.

I wonder why he didn't register the foundation when he registered the Think Computer Corporation in 2006? He hasn't filed his required statement of information most years (including this year) either.

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	(Signature of Corporate Officer)			



EVERY year. They even capitalized it on the web interface lol

FINALLY, WE CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT THE THINK COMPUTER FOUNDATION

The Think Computer Foundation is an Ohio charity, but its revenue base is tiny enough that it can avoid reporting almost anything about what the charity does. Now that Greenspan has been forced to finally register in California, we can start to get a peek at some of his public filings related to the charity. Let's take a look and see if we can start to figure out what's going on here.

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Here's the original application for tax-exempt status in 2001

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art	II Activities and Operational Information
1	Provide a detailed narrative description of all the activities of the organization — past, present, and planned. Do not merely refer to or repeat the language in the organizational document. List each activity separately in the order of importance based on the relative time and other resources devoted to the activity. Indicate the percentage of time for each activity. Each description should include, as a minimum, the following: (a) a detailed description of the activity including its purpose and how each activity furthers your exempt purpose; (b) when the activity was or will be initiated; and (c) where and by whom the activity will be conducted.
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	What are or will be the organization's sources of financial support? List in order of size. 1. Think Computer Corporation (and offer businesses) 2. Individual contributions 3. Grants
3	Describe the organization's fundraising program, both actual and planned, and explain to what extent it has been put into effect. Include quality of fundraising activities such as selective mailings, formation of fundraising committees, use of volunteers or professional fundraisers, etc. Attach representative copies of solicitations for financial support.
	The Foundation has plans to solicit financial support via letters to technology company executive but has not done so as of yet. Currently, the Foundation is well within its budget.

And here's how he described the activities and operations the charity would be engaged in. Does this sound like what PlainSite is known for today? The purpose of the organization has shifted significantly, and illegally.

Describe the primary activity of the organization. (A copy of the material submitted with the application for federal or state tax exemption will normally provide this information.) If the organization is based outside California, comment fully on the extent of activities in California and how the California activities relate to total activities. In addition, list all funds, property, and other assets held or expected to be held in California. Indicate whether you are monitored in your home state, and if so, by whom. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Think Computer Foundation's current primary activities are 1) making the legal system more transparent by promoting information access to public records; and 2) assisting individuals with disabilities. Think Computer Foundation maintains at least one financial account in California, one officer, Aaron Greenspan, resides in California; and the Foundation recently began accepting donations involving a project focused on the California court system. At this time, the Foundation's activities in California are expected to be limited to legal fillings and document acquisition. Think Computer Foundation currently has approximately \$5,000 on deposit in its primary checking account and a stock portfolio worth approximately \$33,750. The Attorney General of the State of Ohio monitors Think Computer Foundation's activity as a registered non-profit organization.

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Here's an updated description of the primary activities of the organization Aaron Greenspan provided in the California filing. A few interesting things here:

- 1. "Making the legal system more transparent by promoting information access to public records". This is a deceptive spin on what PlainSite is actually doing: digging for public records that will illegally inure private benefit to Aaron Greenspan's short-selling bets, and assist Greenspan in manipulating the public conversation through blackmail and threats.
- 2. **Assisting individuals with disabilities**. Assisting all individuals with disabilities for the public good, or simply inuring private benefit to **primarily your own family** in violation of the U.S. tax code?
- 3. Aaron Greenspan mentions that he has a California checking account with \$5,000 in it, even though the charity had not been registered in California for the last 14 years
- 4. He mentions that the charity owns a stock portfolio (?) worth \$33,750.
- 5. He mentions that assets were first received by the charity on June 26, 2019. That's four months prior, way over the 30-day requirement for registering a charity after donations are solicited and received.

Even though Greenspan admitted he was 3 months late to register the charity, that was him majorly sugar coating it.

PlainSite @PlainSite · Apr 25, 2019

The support for Randeep Hothi is amazing. It should continue.

For the record, after today, it would take about \$4,500 more in donations to fund our proposed lawsuit against the California courts to make more records electronically available for free.

Midwestern Sleazy Short Seller Hedgie @MidwestHedgie \$91,149 is good, but are we the best bunch of fuckers or not? For truth, justice, and a great friend, the best bunch of fuckers would raise 6 figures. What's a better investment, more shitputs or @skabooshka? Please give generously. Let's make this \$100k! gofundme.com/skabooshka-def... twitter.com/70deadend/stat...

PlainSite @PlainSite

Many of the records about \$TSLA have come from the California courts.

If you are interested in supporting our litigation fund, you can send a PayPal payment to Think Computer Foundation at finance@thinkcomputer.org.

Our attorney is Michael Risher, formerly of the ACLU.



It turns out Aaron Greenspan began soliciting donations for the Think Computer Foundation as early as April 25, 2019. Based on his comment about "more in donations", that would seem to imply that he had started accepting donations for this cause long before that. Yet on his California charity registration, he wrote that this was a project he started "recently", with the first donations in June.

Greenspan makes it no secret what the donations are for: "Donate to us, and we'll be able to pull all the court documents on Tesla for free instead of having to pay like we do now. We'll pour through everything and try and find allegations we can twist to try and tank Tesla stock". This is tax fraud and short and distort securities fraud, plain and simple. Black and white. And there's a long list of other examples where you can see that the Think Computer Foundation is hopelessly entangled with Aaron Greenspan's Tesla short selling bets, and the anti-Tesla hate group smearing Tesla customers on Twitter that calls themselves "TSLAQ".

Apparently, this effort may have started as early as 2014.

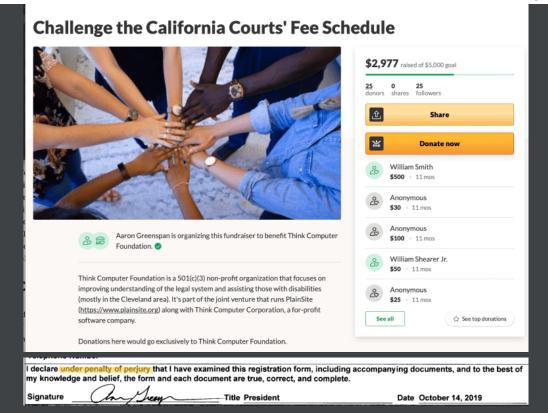


The GoFundMe that most of the Tesla short sellers used to donate to the foundation was started on May 7, 2019.

www.gofundme.com > challenge-the-california-courts0... •

Challenge the California Courts' Fee Schedule - GoFund...

May 7, 2019 — ... your support for Challenge the **California Courts'** Fee Schedule. ... the joint venture that runs **PlainSite** (https://www.plainsite.org) along with ...



Depending on when the charity received its first donations on PayPal, Aaron Jacob Greenspan may well have committed perjury in his hastily filed California initial charity registration. Even if he's being truthful about when the first "charitable donations" came in, he's definitely perjured himself in not disclosing the full nature of the organization's stock market manipulation activities, and his own short selling bets through the Think Computer Corporation, Turing Feynman LLC, and his personal brokerage accounts.

Now let's forward from October 2019 to April 2020 to get some updated financials...

FINANCIAL UPDATE SIX MONTHS LATER

STATE OF CALIFORNIA CT-TR-1 (Orig. 09/2017) MAIL TO: (For Registry Use Only ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT Registry of Charitable Trusts P.O. Box 903447 Sacramento, CA 94203-4470 ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CALIFORNIA Section 12586, California Government Code 11 Cal. Code Regs., Section 301 STREET ADDRESS: 1300 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 210-6400 (FORM CT-TR-1) WEBSITE ADDRESS State Charity Registration Number CT0267109 Think Computer Foundation Corporation or Organization No. C4324250 Address (Number and Street) 956 Carolina Street, San Francisco, CA 94107 Federal Employer I.D. No. 34-1937820 **BALANCE SHEET ASSETS** LIABILITIES Cash \$ 2,902,15 Accounts Payable \$ 855.56 \$ 0.00 Salary Payable \$ 0.00 25,242,75 -236,221.89 0.00 Land/Buildings \$ TOTAL LIABILITIES \$ -235,366,33 Other Assets \$ 0.00 **FUND BALANCE** TOTAL ASSETS \$ 28,144.90 Total Assets less Total Liabilities \$ 263,511.23 **REVENUE STATEMENT** REVENUE **EXPENSES** \$ 0.00 Compensation of Officers/Directors \$ 0.00 \$ 7,749.32 Compensation of Staff \$ 0.00 Noncash Contributions \$ 0.00 \$ 0.00 Program Revenue Fundraising Expenses Investments \$ 664.92 Rent \$ 0.00 Special Events \$ 0.00 Utilities \$ 0.00 Other Revenue \$ 346.59 Supplies/Postage \$ 11.00 \$ 0.00 Insurance TOTAL REVENUE \$ 8,760,83 Other Expenses \$ 9.877.27 **NET REVENUE** TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 9,888.27 Total Revenue less Total Expenses \$ -1.127.44

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I have examined this report, including accompanying documents, and, to the best of my knowledge

Aaron Greenspan

Let's take a look at how the financials have changed since the initial filing six months earlier. Cash is at \$2,902.15, but there are also \$855.56 in accounts payable (bills yet to be paid), so the charity had about \$2,000 - \$3,000 worth of cash left in its checking account in April 2020. Recall that in the initial registration for California, Aaron Greenspan claimed under the penalty of perjury that his charity had \$5,000 in its checking account. That means in just six months they've blown more than half their cash balance.

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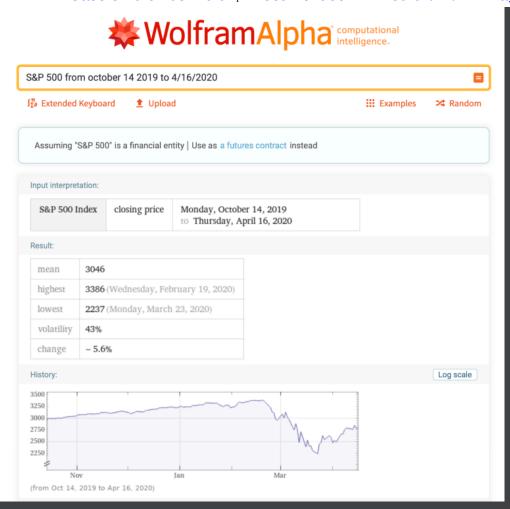
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Well, at least the charity had that stock account... right? Wasn't that like \$33,750, under the penalty of perjury? Uh oh. Looks like it's down to \$25,242.75 meaning the charity lost about \$8,508 on its investments in under 6 months. That's an annualized rate of return of negative 44%. Impressive! More than 25% of the original fund destroyed, in only 6 months. Good to know all those donations are being put to good use. To be fair, let's look at how the S&P 500 performed over the same period...

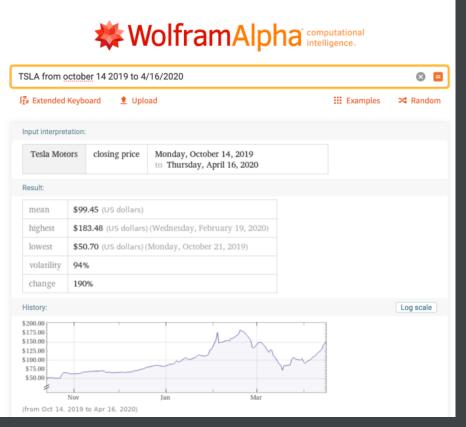
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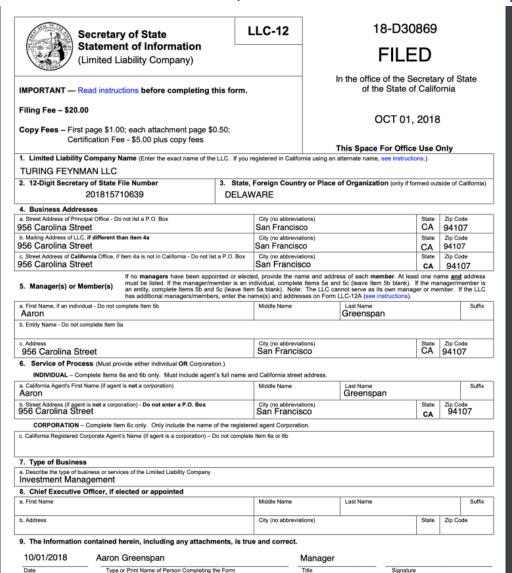


The S&P 500 was down about 5.6% due to the pandemic in that period. That means that Greenspan was able to eviscerate 5 times more cash than if he had simply put the charity's money in a Vanguard S&P 500 index fund.

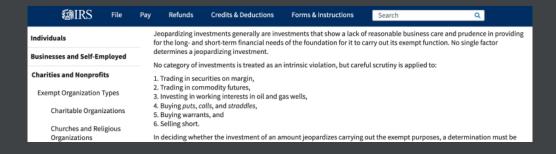
But wait... Aaron Greenspan is a short seller! If the market is down 5%, shouldn't he be getting rich and making a boatload of money? Oh wait... he shorts some of the greatest companies in the world, like Facebook and Tesla:



Tesla stock's 190% return in the same period gives us some clue how Greenspan managed to blow 25% of the fund. It's unclear whether the charity is investing in a Tesla short position directly, or executing the short through Turing Feynman LLC, a Delaware "investment management" company where Aaron Greenspan is listed as the "investment manager".



If Aaron Greenspan acted emotionally in violation of his fiduciary duties to the charity, this may be a case of a **jeopardizing investment**: an investment so irresponsible that the IRS views it as jeopardizing the tax-exempt purpose of the company. If Greenspan blew his funds on failing Tesla short-selling bets, that means he violated his fiduciary duty to the charity in a reckless attempt to commit securities fraud.



NEGATIVE LIABILITIES?

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 855.56
Salary Payable	\$ 0.00
Other Liabilities	\$ -236,221.89
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ -235,366.33

FUND BALANCE

Total Assets less Total Liabilities \$ 263,511.23

The most interesting part of the financial disclosure is the liabilities. Aaron Greenspan claims, again under the penalty of perjury, that his charity has **negative** \$235,000 in liabilities. A liability is typically something like a loan that needs to be paid back. So this means the charity basically over paid on some loan or line of credit? I don't fully understand this, and would really appreciate any insight from people who understand this kind of thing better.

Update: A commenter on Reddit had a few thoughts on this:



Score hidden · just now

On the negative liability line item— this is typically used when a service is pre-purchased and is considered a credit. Kind of like iTunes gift cards with an unused balance. It's not classed a cash equivalent as you can't convert to straight cash but has monetary value.

However the negative liability line item doesn't need to be "purchased" (there would be an expense on the accounts if so) so it can be used as a way to declare a service/product that you have received but haven't paid for in your p&l.

In my line of work it's a massive auditing red flag as it can be used for anything from money laundering to bribery in the extreme cases but usually just unintentional tax evasion as the company wouldn't need to pay tax on a negative liability.

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I have a hunch that this large negative liability has something to do with Turing Feynman LLC. We know that Turing Feynman is shorting Tesla stock, so perhaps the Think Computer Foundation had given the \$250,000 Aaron Greenspan extorted from Mark Zuckerburg to Turing Feynman LLC so the firm could "manage the investment". Of course, the Think Computer Foundation, Think Computer Corporation, and Turing Feynman LLC are really all just Aaron Jacob Greenspan. Any distinction between these entities is purely imaginary, a contrived organizational structure intended to deceive the public into thinking this is a charitable operation and mask serious fraud.

EXTORTION OF MARK ZUCKERBURG

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We know from the Think Computer Foundation's 2009 tax records that they received a special \$250,000 donation in 2009. I believe that this was the money Aaron Greenspan was able to extort from Mark Zuckerburg and Facebook after his bogus trademark dispute was settled. As noted in this old Facebook press release, Aaron Greenspan's vengeful and meritless trademark dispute was settled in May 2009.

Facebook

Facebook and Think Computer Corporation Resolve Trademark Dispute

May 22, 2009

PALO ALTO, Calif. — May 22, 2009 — Think Computer Corporation and Facebook® announced today that they have settled all outstanding claims, including all of Think's claims related to Facebook's registered trademarks.

On January 10, 2006, the USPTO issued U.S. Registration No. 3,041,791 to Facebook for the mark "FACEBOOK." On July 25, 2006, the USPTO issued a second registration (No. 3,122,052) to Facebook. In April 2008, Think filed a petition to cancel the '052 registration. In March 2009, Think filed a petition to cancel the '791 registration. In the settlement, Think agrees to abandon its petitions to cancel the registrations.

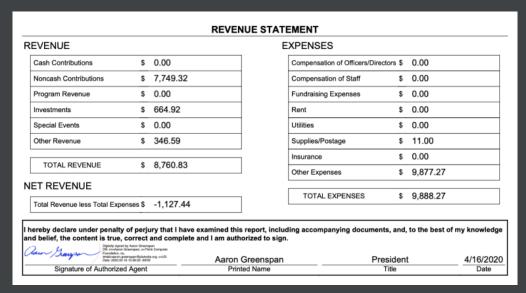
Imagine being such a bitter loser you waste years going after a college classmate like that

So what happened to the \$250,000? In 2009, the Think Computer Foundation claimed to have a fund balance of \$252,994.26. Ten years later they reported the fund balance for the end of 2019 at \$263,511.23. Without accounting for annual revenue and expenses (which more or less cancel each other out) that means the Foundation saw gains of about \$10,000 in 10 years off the

\$250,000 extorted from Zuckerburg. That's an annualized return of about 0.41%. A good savings account or CD could do you better than that. So what gives?

Is it possible Turning Feynman LLC is taking a little bit of money off the top for their "investment management" services? That would allow Greenspan to siphon funds out slowly over time as he needs them. Are they handling funds for other Tesla short-sellers, beyond their work with the Think Computer Foundation? Who are their clients? This is getting into speculation, but there's a lot I want to know about what Turing Feynman LLC is doing, what the Think Computer Foundation is doing, and where Mark Zuckerburg's \$250,000 went. Also isn't it crazy that the poorest and most hard-working people in America all pay taxes but Aaron Greenspan can twist Mark Zuckerburg's arm to steal \$250,000 from the business and not pay a single cent to support our government? That just seems so selfish and wrong to me, but maybe that's just because I know what kind of person Aaron Greenspan is deep down inside.

REVENUE AND EXPENSES



Think Computer Foundation recorded \$8,760.83 of revenue in 2019, and paid out \$9,888.27 in expenses resulting in a loss of \$1,127.44. What happened to all those donations from short sellers that Aaron Greenspan was bragging about? The reverse psychology drive?



Based on the date of this tweet, that all happened in 2019. But under the penalty of perjury, Aaron Greenspan claimed that cash contributions to the charity were "\$0". Why commit perjury again when there is mountains of evidence, including your own statements, showing that Tesla short sellers donated to the Think Computer Foundation in 2019?

But let's dig a little deeper into those expenses. What exactly did this wonderful "charity" spend \$10,000 on for the 2019 fiscal year?

2019 - Think Computer Foundation	34-1937820		
Statement 1: Other Expenses			
Advertising	41.34		
Attorney Fees	9,067.00		
Auto Expense	9.75		
Cash Discounts Earned	(26.26		
Depreciation	16.38		
Donations	100.00		
Dues, Fees and Subscriptions	50.00		
Filing Fees	450.00		
Investment Fees	38.00		
Payment Processing Fees	131.06		
TOTAL	9,877.27		

The biggest expense is **attorney fees.** \$9,067 or 91% of the charity's expenses went to this single line item. So.... why exactly are everyone's charitable donations for the year going to an attorney? What attorney is this?



This work has been fun, but it has also been slightly expensive. We're approaching \$1,000 spent on legal documents for Tesla alone. If you are feeling generous and have some extra money you'd like to part with, you can make a tax-deductible donation to Think Computer Foundation.

2:29 PM · Nov 27, 2018





Many of the records about \$TSLA have come from the California courts.

If you are interested in supporting our litigation fund, you can send a PayPal payment to Think Computer Foundation at finance@thinkcomputer.org.

Our attorney is Michael Risher, formerly of the ACLU.

8:24 PM · Apr 25, 2019



Oh yeah, that attorney! Michael Risher, formerly of the ACLU, who Aaron Greenspan mentioned in his solicitation to Tesla short sellers encouraging them to make a charitable donation to illegally inure private benefit to their Tesla short positions! What Aaron Greenspan has admitted here is that essentially 100% (or more?) of the "charity" is revenue goes towards inuring private benefit to Aaron Greenspan's stock market short selling bets. Pretty shocking, yet also somehow not surprising at all.

AFTERMATH OF THESE REVELATIONS

I'm working hard on getting the whole Aaron Greenspan harassment story out soon, but I wanted to put out this little part because I'm afraid for my life. Aaron Greenspan has showed time and time again that he is wiling to go way over the line to get revenge against people who speak out about his criminal activity. The smears and threats keep escalating to new heights, and I'm afraid of what Aaron Greenspan will do next.

After the story of Aaron Greenspan's harassment was first published in October, Tesla short sellers were able to have Medium remove the article. I was smeared as a "serial harasser", even though I didn't even write the article.



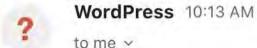
Then, the @tesla_truth account was suspended from Twitter as well as @OmarQazi to hide any evidence of what happened. There have also been legal threats and copyright takedown notices against other web servers outside Twitter. For some reason, Aaron Greenspan really doesn't want the truth getting out and he's willing to break the law and even lie under oath if it will help keep things quiet.



Then there's all the threats and harassment.



I've faced absolutely baseless allegations of pedophilia and child pornography from TSLAQ members based on rumors Aaron Greenspan started. Even ignoring the evidence I have that decisively disproves his absurd allegations that Elon Musk paid me to find child pornography, think about it: Aaron Greenspan has actually gone to the police and tried to have me arrested. He wanted the cops to press criminal charges, but they refused. If he had any actual evidence that I had child pornography, why am I not in jail?





A new comment on the post "End of Summer GIVEAWAY" is waiting for your approval https://johnnacrider.com/end-of-summer-giveaway

Author: Elon Musk Is going to jail for fraud (IP

address: 198.147.26.82, 198.147.26.82)

Email: Stupida URL:

Comment:

You think you can hide from your fate. You can't escape \$TSLAQ

We won't stop until you are taken down, incel. Your jewelry is ugly and so are you. You should kill yourself. Elon won't save you if you try again.

Then there's the routine death threats and calls to commit suicide from members of TSLAO.



Barnacle Bill @FalconWingFail · 23h

The person tweeting unsubstantiated death threats is a criminal hired to libel, incite, & foment. Omar the criminal. The cult eats it up in a psychological phenomenon called confirmation bias.

\$TSLAQ

Rumors that I'm a criminal, hired by Elon Musk to attack TSLAQ. (I'm a customer, not an employee of Tesla).

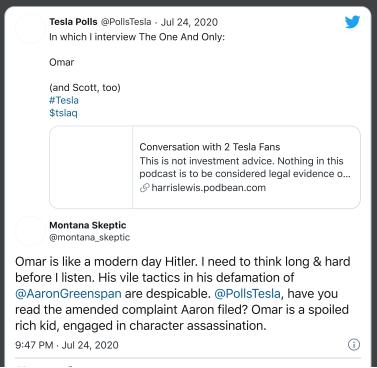


Replying to @seanmmitchell @Tesla and @elonmusk

So, Sean, do you doubt a single factual allegation in

@AaronGreenspan's complaint regarding Omar Qazi? Do you defend the actions of that malignant criminal psychopath? Why is your beloved Elon endlessly cozying up to Qazi?

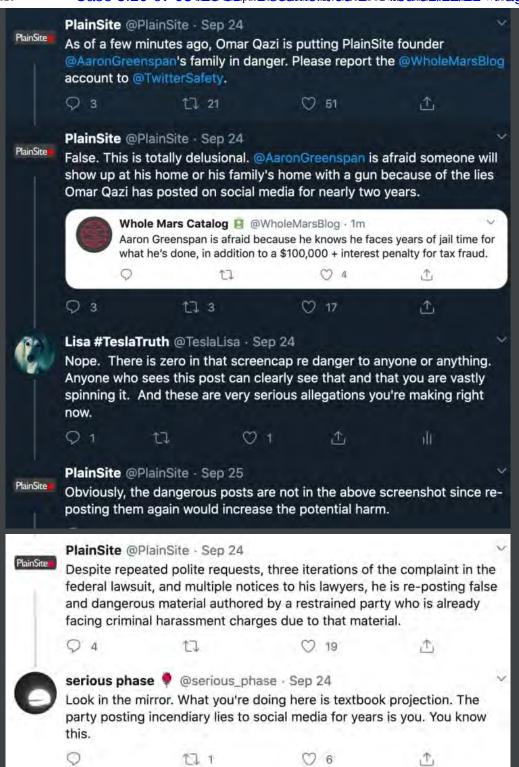
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Lawrence Fossi called me "a malignant criminal psychopath" and "a modern day Hitler".



Aaron Greenspan has tried to convince people that by discussing his harassment and criminal conduct he's afraid he or his family or going to get murdered. Of course that's ridiculous. I don't want anyone to get hurt, and no Tesla customer is going to hurt them. What Aaron Greenspan is really afraid of is facing justice, which is what I want for him.













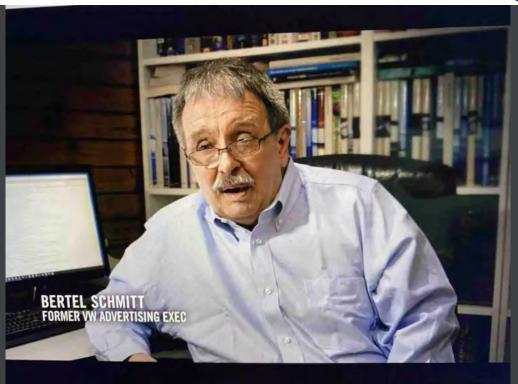




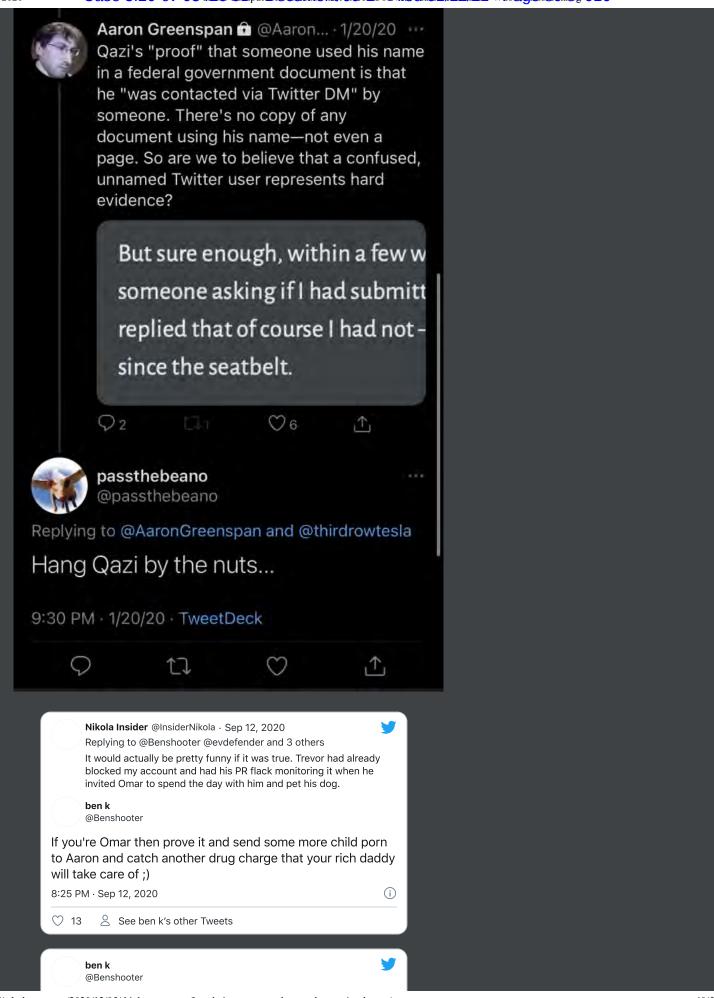


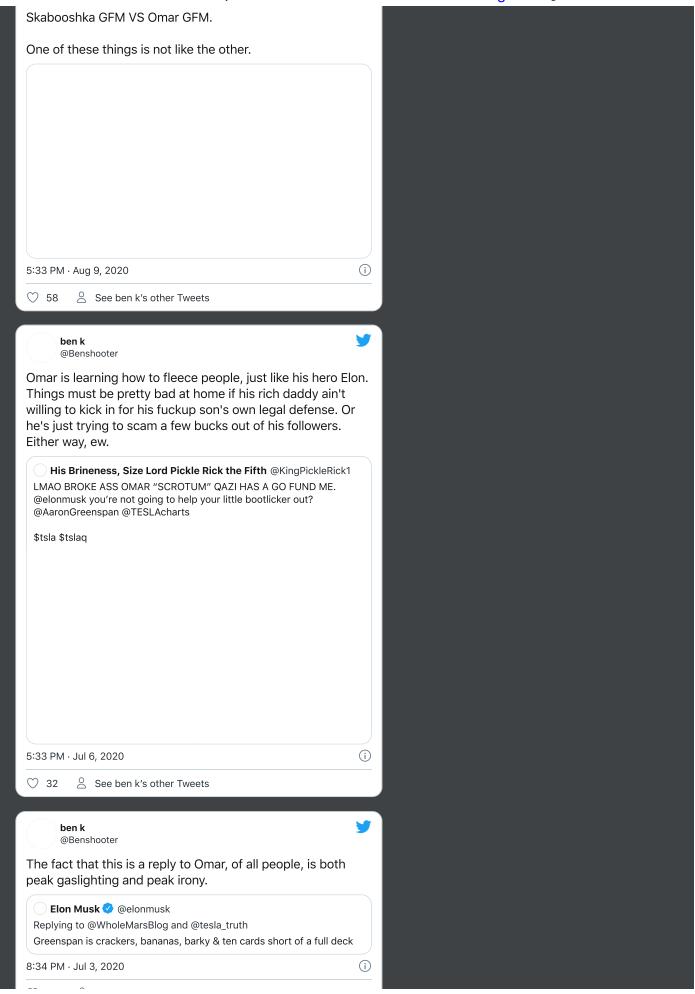


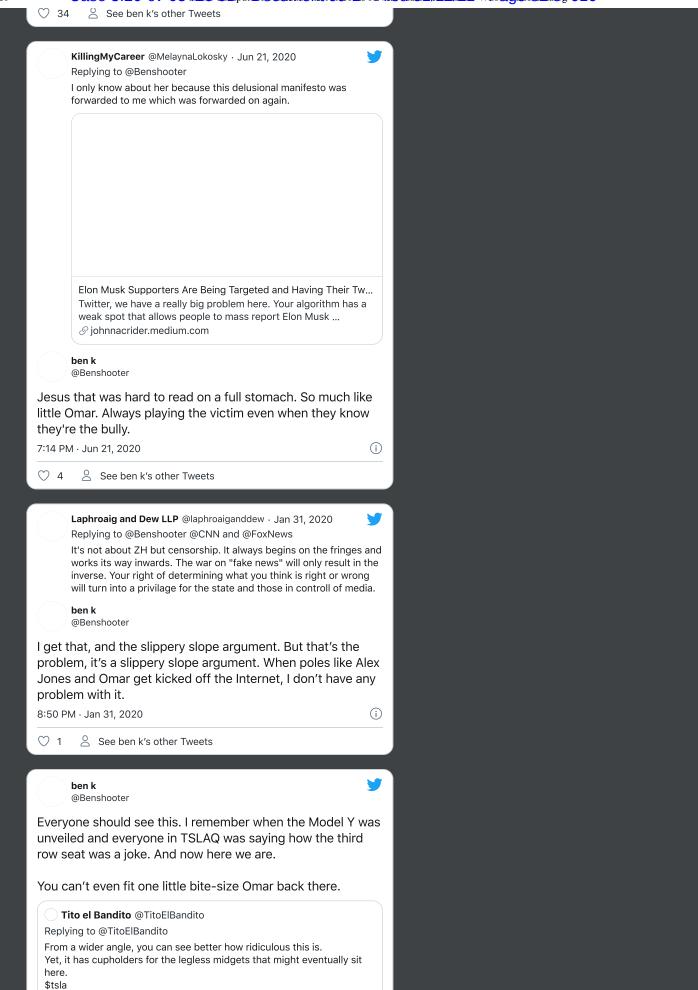
There are daily attacks on my personal appearance and race, many from Melayna Lokosky a woman who photoshops her profile picture and is afraid to show her real face due to her insecurities. And Bertel Schmitt, one of the TSLAQ accounts that has relentlessly targetted me is a former Volkswagen advertising executive. I was just watching a Netflix documentary and posted this screenshot on Twitter, and that set Bertel off on a crazy rampage that eventually lead to him working with Aaron Greenspan to have my Twitter account removed.



The most disturbing consequence is the physical threats against me and my family. I don't understand how people can be so hateful.



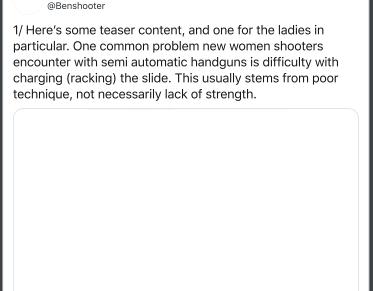


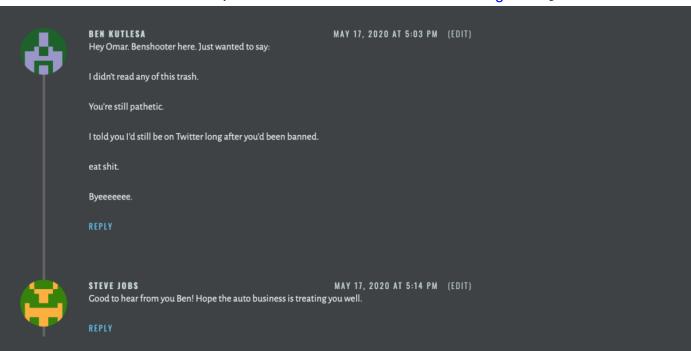




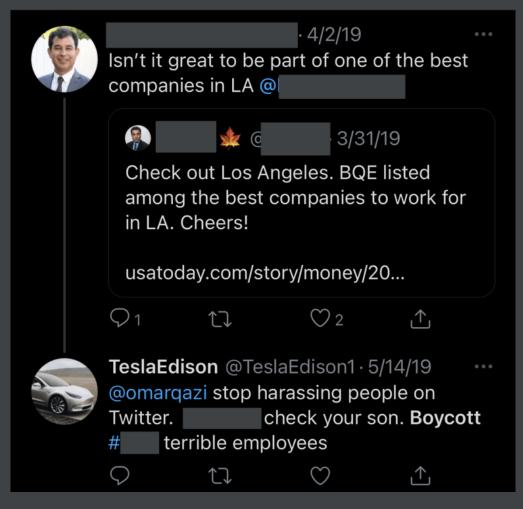
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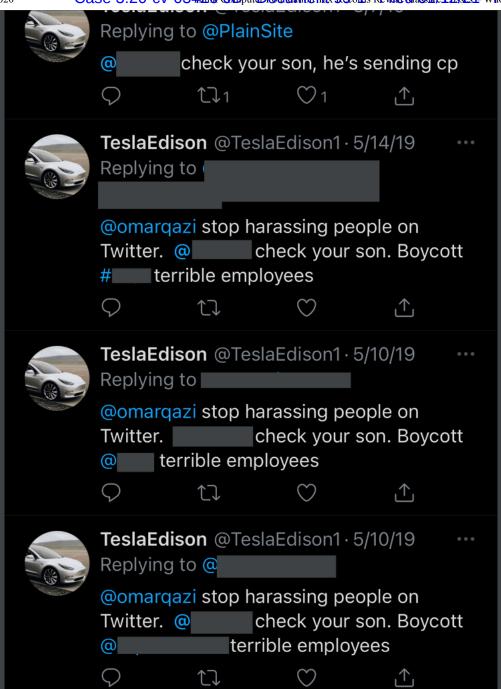




Look if you want to insult and harass me, insult my appearance, make racist remarks, send me death threats that's one thing. I can handle it, and have been for years now. But don't tag my family in harassing messages and send them videos with guns. Stop sending hurtful stuff to my Mom. No parent deserves the mental torture of wondering if there are hateful people out there planning to murder their son by gunfire.



threats against my family and their company



more attacks on my family and their business







How do you want to reset your password?



You can use the information associated with your account.

- O Text a code to the phone number ending in 21
- Send an email to eh******@g****.***



Don't have access to these?

Anyway, I could go with horrible examples of this stuff but my point is this: It's been so confusing and painful to deal with all this ever since Aaron Greenspan doxxed me on my 25th birthday. All of this harassment has been because of him, because he gave people my personal information and incited them to threaten me on his behalf. And for a while I didn't get it but now I do. Aaron Greenspan is guilty of serious crimes: tax fraud, securities fraud, cyberstalking, criminal harassment and maybe more. I have no idea of the full extent what he's trying to hide (I never could have guessed why Trevor Milton had to stop Jonny Robb), but I'm scared of the lengths he'll go to keep me quiet and try and hide what's going on because he could be facing years of prison if the truth about what happened gets out. I had thought about this before, but it seemed to crazy and conspiracy theory-ish to believe. Now after the whole Trevor Milton and Jonny Robb thing, I've realized that people can be really horrible and actually do things like this. People really die over things like this, and have their lives ruined all the time. I don't know if I'll make it out of this ordeal in one piece, all because I posted a comment on the internet about my car.

Please donate if you can to my legal defense fund, as Aaron Greenspan is now suing me and Elon Musk for securities fraud. Download this article and the tax documents for yourself in case TSLAQ tries to get it taken down, and share this link with anyone you can. Post it on Twitter since I can't.

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Download the tax records and a copy of this article in case TSLAQ and Aaron Greenspan succeed in having the information taken down again.

Believe it or not this is only a small part of the story. I'm working on finishing up the entire Aaron Greenspan harassment story and will hopefully have it out this week. I hope that once I tell the story things will get better, but based on all the threats I got last time just for sharing a link to someone else's story I have to accept the fact that my life is in danger. But if that's how it has to be, so be it. I have to do the right thing and speak up about what I saw, no matter how hard TSLAQ tries to stop me.

thinkcomp · 7y

PlainSite (http://www.plainsite.org), which I run through Think Computer Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization (http://www.thinkcomputer.org), is already up and running for those interested. You can link issues to companies and particular laws. It's used by thousands of individuals, lawyers, and government agencies every day.

thinkcomp % · 2y

Think (a for-profit, along with its sister nonprofit) runs PlainSite, which has millions of legal documents in a giant database. Given how anemic the media is lately, there are a lot of untold stories in that court data. I wanted to see if it's possible to run a profitable media enterprise based on public information, using short selling to bring in revenue as opposed to advertising.

Unclear that it will work this time around with CACC at \$330, but I think it could.







"I wanted to see if it's possible to run a profitable media enterprise based on public information, using short selling to bring in revenue as opposed to advertising"

thinkcomp 2 points · 9 years ago

PlainSite (http://www.plainsite.org) is run by a non-profit organization.

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Organization Details:

Organization Name: Think Computer Foundation

DBAs (doing business as), organizations fiscally sponsored, and/or named programs controlled by the organization: PlainSite

Employer identification number (EIN): 34-1937820

Address line 1: 20560 Shelburne Road

Address line 2:

City: Shaker Heights

State: Ohio

ZIP code: 44122

County: Cuyahoga

Country: United States

Telephone: (415)670-9350

Web address: http://www.thinkcomputer.org

Date of formation: 10/26/2000

Organization type: 501(c)(3)

Description of Organization's Purpose:

Is the organization's registration status current? Yes

The financial information below is from the organization's most recent filing within the on-line system. If the items below are blank,

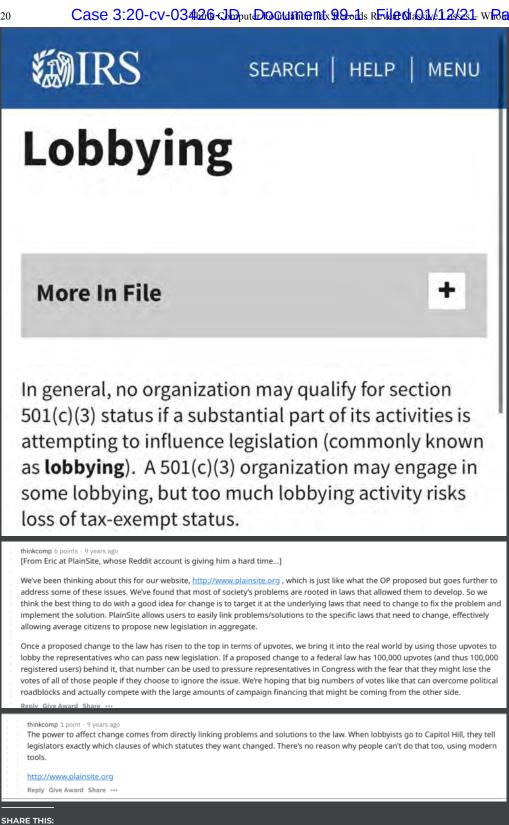
PlainSite

From the website:

PlainSite lets ordinary citizens impact the law-making process. It allows users to identify a problem, propose a solution to it, and easily specify the changes to the statutes necessary to implement the solution. Other users can then indicate their support of a proposed solution, allowing a critical mass to form behind beneficial changes to the law that legislators cannot ignore.

PlainSite was developed by Aaron Greenspan on a budget of \$0.00 in response to the State of California's actions with regard to the FaceCash mobile payment system.

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5 THOUGHTS ON "THINK COMPUTER FOUNDATION TAX RECORDS REVEAL MASSIVE LOSSES"



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C2933858 THINK COMPUTER CORPORATION illegally operated in California as well.

A Statement of Information is due EVERY year beginning five months before and through the end of October.

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investigate alleged fraud and take legal action to end scams and stop the misuse of donations. If you suspect charitable fraud or have questions about a charity or a professional solicitor, call the attorney general's office at 800-282-0515, or file a complaint online.

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BEN G

DECEMBER 7, 2020 AT 10:14 PM

Prior to 2018 aaron greenspan charged lawers \$99 a month to view all files on plainsite.org. how was Aaron Greenspan able to do so without having a license to operate under Think Computer Corporation. Seems very odd joint venture.

REPLY



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DECEMBER 6, 2020 AT 3:11 PM

Does this mean Aaron Jacob Greenspan sued these businesses without have a business license to operate in California.

 $2015-1-SC-059236\ Think\ Computer\ Corporation\ vs\ California\ Department\ Of\ Business\ Oversight,\ et\ al\ Closed/Inactive\ Small\ Claims\ $0-\$1500\ 1/30/2015\$

2012-2-SC-008692 Think Computer Corporation vs The Brenner Group, Inc Closed/Inactive Small Claims \$0 - \$1500 3/29/2012

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AARON GREENSPAN ON WHY HE DECIDED TO SUE MARK ZUCKERBURG



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I was doing some research on Aaron Greenspan yesterday and came across this interesting story where he explains in his own words why he decided to take legal action against Facebook (which he believes he invented and Mark Zuckerburg stole from him). Let me post the story in Aaron's own words along with my comments.

In the past, Aaron Greenspan has tried to have information about himself that he doesn't want on the internet taken down via legal threats and illegal DMCA takedown requests. We're preparing to finally pursue damages and attorney's fees for Aaron Greenspan's abuse of the DMCA, as the law provides. As a fair warning to Aaron, make sure you think carefully before making the same mistake again. You can't hide the truth forever.

Alright, here's him telling the story about Facebook. After turning down the opportunity to start Facebook with Mark Zuckerburg because he had "too much going on" at the computer repair business he started in high school, Aaron Greenspan ended up calling Mark Zuckerburg years later looking for a job. When Zuckerburg said he wanted to hire an experienced engineer instead of an unemployed loser like Aaron Greenspan, Aaron lost his shit and started trying to plot a way to get back at Zuckerburg:

By December, I figured that I might be able to salvage all of those hours of work if I simply admitted to defeat and got in with Facebook, Inc. on the ground floor. I gave Mark a call in Palo Alto and asked if they were looking for someone for their Vice-President of Engineering position, which was advertised as being open on their web site. "We're looking for someone with more engineering experience, like, ten to fifteen years" he told me. Knowing what kind of engineering experience Mark had, I bit my tongue, hard. I had one more idea.

Aaron Greenspan

Yes, because you should never hire someone with more experience than yourself, right? But what would Greenspan know about hiring, he's worked alone his entire life because he's unable to communicate with or understand people. He torches every opportunity at friendship in front of him, his relationship with Mark Zuckerburg being one example.

"I heard about your lawsuit", I told him, referring to the suit that had been filed by Divya Narenda and Cameron and Tyler Winklevoss, twins who had lived near my friend in Cabot House. I didn't know any of them, but I knew about their web site, ConnectU. Word had it that they had hired Mark to write the initial site, which they alleged Mark had finished right around the time that we had dinner in the Kirkland dining hall — only Mark never delivered the product.

"You know, houseSYSTEM came before Facebook and ConnectU, and they both have features that look remarkably similar to mine. I have grounds to sue both of you", I told him.

Mark remained silent.

Aaron Greenspan

Dude, this is your college classmate. One of the few people who was willing to talk to you. He wanted you to come and join him in building Facebook, but you said no because you had too much pride. Now you threaten to sue him unless he makes you the VP Engineering of Facebook, the hottest company in Silicon Valley at the time? Classy.

"If we teamed up then ConnectU would have no cash; with Facebook owning the rights to houseSYSTEM, ConnectU couldn't claim that you had copied off of them. It would be the other way around."

"I'll have to run it by my legal team", Mark responded. We chatted for a few more minutes, and I said hello to Sean Parker of Napster fame who Mark had apparently run into on the street. Parker was serving as Facebook's President.

Aaron Greenspan

He never ran it by his legal team, because even in an alternate universe where it was a good legal strategy, Zuckerburg didn't want Greenspan anywhere near the company he built. I have no doubt Aaron would have somehow quickly driven the hot startup into bankruptcy.

When I hung up the phone, i felt like I had exhausted my options. If Mark didn't want to cooperate with me, there was always the possibility that I could sue him myself. I knew something about intellectual property law from my trademark dispute, however, and there was one question that kept running through my mind.

"Maybe I could sue him, but what for?"

"Whether or not a lawsuit was the right choice wasn't the only question that was looping through my brain on a daily basis. Why couldn't he have told me that he was going to seek funding? What did he have to lose by offering me a job?"

Aaron Greenspan

Stop asking yourself "what can I sue him for" and start asking yourself how you can turn your life around and start acting like a decent human being. Go build something for yourself for once instead of just trying to steal from others who were successful when you couldn't be. You are the root of all your own problems and you'll be in pain until you wake up and realize that.

Just my 2 cents, no offense to anyone involved.

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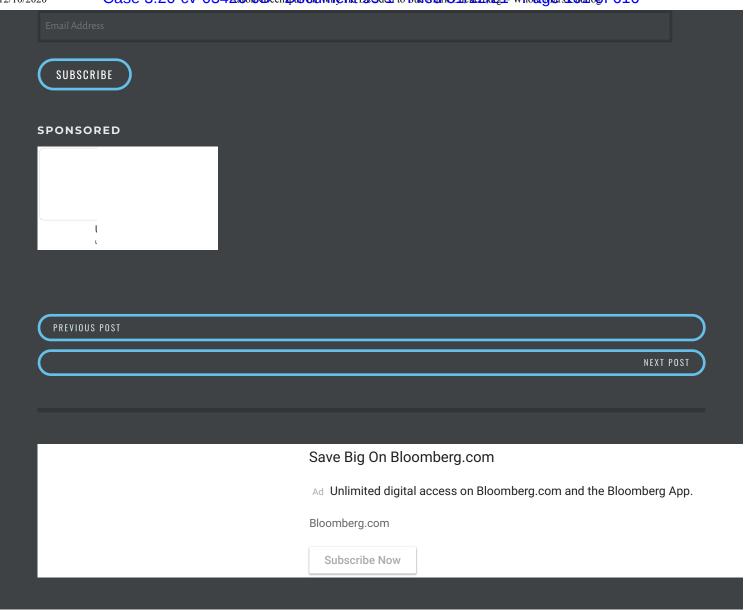
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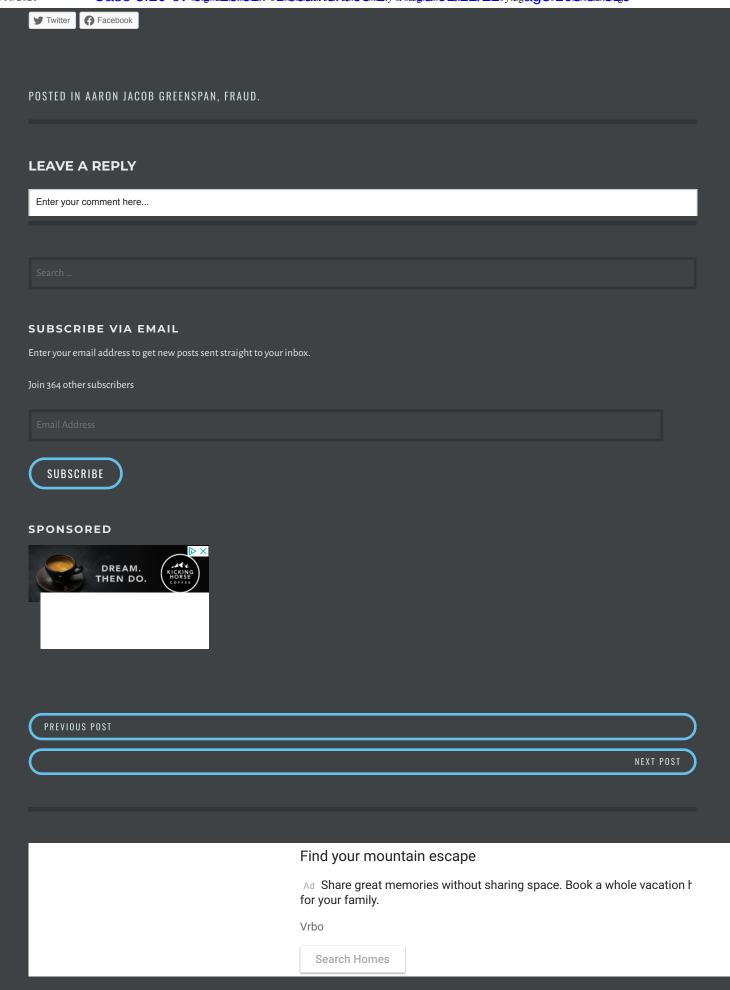
ORIGINAL PLAINSITE COMMERCIAL REVEALS CHARITY'S ORIGINAL FOCUS ON LOBBYING



The original commercial for PlainSite has surfaced on YouTube, revealing that the original focus of the non-profit run website was lobbying. 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations are forbidden from lobbying more than an insubstantial amount. Launching a website dedicated to lobbying would appear to be a clear violation of the IRS guidelines for non-profit charities.

It would now appear that the Think Computer Foundation has violated every single rule that exists regarding the activities of a tax-exempt organization. You can view the guidelines from the IRS and review information on how to file a complaint with the IRS and state agencies here.

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HOW TO LOSE YOUR 501(C)(3) TAX-EXEMPT STATUS (WITHOUT REALLY TRYING)

REPORTING FRAUDULENT TAX EXEMPT "CHARITY" ORGANIZATIONS

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

Members of the public may send information that raises questions about an exempt organization's compliance with the Internal Revenue Code to IRS – EO Referrals, 1100 Commerce Street, MC 4910 DAL, Dallas, TX 75242. They may use Form 13909 **PDF**, Tax-Exempt Organization Complaint (Referral) Form, for this purpose.

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If you suspect a violation of charitable laws is occurring, you can file a complaint by completing and submitting the online complaint form, by calling the Ohio Attorney General Help Center at **800-282-0515** or by completing the paper complaint form and submitting it via mail or email.

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The Attorney General investigates charitable organizations and fundraisers and brings administrative and legal enforcement actions against them. See the Charities home page and links on the right for more details about specific programs, laws, forms and the Registry Verification Search tool.

The Attorney General encourages the public to file complaints regarding a charity or charitable solicitation using the Complaint Form (Form CT-9) available below.

Form CT-9

Charity Complaint Form

This form is required to file all complaints regarding charities or fundraising professionals with the Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts.

In addition to filing a complaint with the Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts, consider also filing complaints with:

Better Business Bureau: (916) 443-6843

Department of Consumer Affairs: (916) 445-1254

Internal Revenue Service

Local Police Department

California Attorney General

From the IRS:

It's easy for a 501(c)(3) organization to maintain its tax exempt status – and can be just as easy to lose it.

A 501(c)(3) organization can maintain its tax-exempt status if it follows the rules affecting these six areas: private benefit/inurement, lobbying, political campaign activity, unrelated business income (UBI), annual reporting obligation, and operation in accordance with stated exempt purpose(s).

1. PRIVATE BENEFIT / INUREMENT

PRIVATE BENEFIT:

A 501(c)(3) organization's activities should be directed toward some exempt purpose. Its activities **should not serve the private interests**, or **private benefit**, of **any individual or organization** more than **insubstantially**.

INUREMENT:

A 501(c)(3) organization is prohibited from allowing its income or assets to benefit insiders – typically board members, officers, directors and important employees of an organization. If an organization benefits insiders, the insiders and the organization could be subject to penalty excise taxes and the organization could lose its tax-exempt status.

If you feel so inclined, you can send a donation to Think Computer Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, via PayPal at finance@thinkcomputer.org.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) December 11, 2018

Think Computer Foundation soliciting donations from TSLAQ with Tesla short selling work

The \$TSLAQ phenomenon is already a fascinating sociological experiment, so why not try something new. If you are interested in actually adding your name and/or Twitter handle to Think Computer Foundation's comment letter to the SEC on quarterly reporting, please DM.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) March 18, 2019

Think Computer Foundation working with TSLAQ stock traders to inure private benefit to the short selling bets of Aaron Greenspan and others

If anyone else would like to review and potentially sign their name to Think Computer Foundation's SEC comment letter on quarterly reporting, please DM. Existing comment letters from others can be found at https://t.co/aiAy5KajJn. RFC at https://t.co/EWfo4TuJIJ.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) March 18, 2019

Think Computer Foundation activity intended to inure private benefit to Tesla short sellers, who signed onto the letter

Last call for co-signers on Think Computer Foundation's comment letter to the SEC. It's due tomorrow.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) March 20, 2019

Courtesy of @Yeomen23, who made a generous donation to Think Computer Foundation to finance this document purchase. pic.twitter.com/qVqqt6YF9n

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) March 25, 2019

Think Computer Foundation donations used to inure private benefit to Tesla short sellers

For an update on PlainSite's spending on court records, see: https://t.co/piHLL8b9RN

(The Q1 2019 state case tally isn't done yet. It's several hundred dollars at least.)

Donations are tax-deductible. Think Computer Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, EIN 34-1937820.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) April 25, 2019

Think Computer Foundation soliciting donations to inure private benefit to TSLAQ short sellers including founder Aaron Greenspan

Many of the records about \$TSLA have come from the California courts.

If you are interested in supporting our litigation fund, you can send a PayPal payment to Think Computer Foundation at finance@thinkcomputer.org.

Our attorney is Michael Risher, formerly of the ACLU.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) April 26, 2019

Think Computer Foundation soliciting donations with promise to inure private benefit to Tesla short selling bets of Aaron Greenspan and others

Alameda is one of the better counties, actually. Palo Alto has no computers in its courthouse.

If you'd like to help rectify these issues, you can donate to Think Computer Foundation. We are planning to sue the CA courts over its fee schedule. PayPal finance@thinkcomputer.org.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) April 26, 2019

Think Computer Foundation soliciting donations with promise to inure private benefit to Tesla short selling bets of Aaron Greenspan and others

Yes. Think Computer Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, EIN 34-1937820. See https://t.co/VCrfYML3Rx.

(The rest of the website is really out of date. Trying to put money where it matters.)

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) April 26, 2019

Think Computer Foundation promises tax deduction for activities that inure private benefit to Tesla short sellers including founder Aaron Greenspan

Just spent \$30.00 on a few more pieces of paper related to the TRO case. If you feel so inclined, please donate to Think Computer Foundation to help cover the cost of court fees (and fight them!). You can PayPal finance@thinkcomputer.org. Here's the case: https://t.co/6vgicMAFro

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) May 22, 2019

Think Computer Foundation soliciting donations to inure private benefit to Tesla short selling bets of Aaron Greenspan and others

The FOIA request was initiated by Think Computer Foundation, which is a non-profit organization that advocates for legal transparency, among other causes. It presented the data to all for free. Dana's article is accurate. pic.twitter.com/bnEMHSLSAn

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) August 8, 2019

Think Computer Foundation issues FOIA request to inure private benefit to Aaron Greenspan's Tesla short selling bets

Thanks to a generous donation from @witwwos, we just purchased ~2,000 pages of SpaceX court documents. Coming soon. You can send donations to Think Computer Foundation at finance@thinkcomputer.org. And if you have an interesting company in mind to examine, please let us know.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) August 14, 2019

Think Computer Foundation uses charitable funds to inure private benefit to Aaron Greenspan's Tesla short selling bets

Think Computer Foundation is challenging the confidential and sealed status of every exhibit in the \$TSLA SolarCity case, as well as numerous redactions. The parties have 10 days to respond. pic.twitter.com/GsKaZmhSnO

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) September 20, 2019

Think Computer Foundation issues legal challenge to inure private benefit to Aaron Greenspan's Tesla short selling bets

The Delaware Court of Chancery just ruled on \$TSLA's request for an extension of time to review its confidential filings without allowing Think Computer Foundation a chance to respond. New deadline: October 24, 2019. Proposed yesterday and ruled on before 6:30 A.M. Pacific Time.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) September 24, 2019

Think Computer Foundation focused on inuring private benefit to Aaron Greenspan's Tesla short selling bets

thank you. I feel the need to show my support for uncovering the truth. Not working to prove a megalomaniac can get away with libel and slander \$TSLAQ

—inursha (@inursha) October 12, 2019

Think Computer Foundation solicits donations in order to inure private benefit to Aaron Greenspan and other donors' Tesla short selling bets

A huge thanks to @ElonMusk for helping to summon \$1,167.00 in donations to Think Computer Foundation so far today in our Reverse Psychology Drive, which will go toward legal transparency and/or helping those with disabilities on Planet Earth.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) October 13, 2019

Think Computer Foundation solicits donations by harassing Tesla customers,

Think Computer Foundation (which is part of the joint venture that runs PlainSite) filed its own request for all exhibits to be unsealed as of September 19th. That means that unless objections to the request are filed by the 29th, they'll be made public on the 29th.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) September 23, 2019

Think Computer Foundation has no stake in \$TSLA.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) August 9, 2019

Think Computer Foundation admits to violating fiduciary duty with obsessive focus on Tesla

This work has been fun, but it has also been slightly expensive. We're approaching \$1,000 spent on legal documents for Tesla alone. If you are feeling generous and have some extra money you'd like to part with, you can make a tax-deductible donation to Think Computer Foundation.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) November 27, 2018

Think Computer Foundation funds used to inure private benefit to Aaron Greenspan and Tesla short sellers

If any particular company thinks that it may face an existential crisis, or merely a stock market event, because of Think Computer Foundation's paltry spending on court records involving that one company, there is something wrong with the company, not the Foundation.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) October 14, 2019

Think Compter Foundation focused on inuring private benefit to Aaron Greenspan's Tesla short selling bets

After being told that Nevada \$TSLA bodycam footage did/didn't/did totally/in-part require redaction <u>externally/internally, and would cost</u> something/\$0/\$500, this is the final bill.

Think Computer Foundation has no budget for this, but if you'd like to donate, feel free. pic.twitter.com/FIhPKpR1]E

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) December 17, 2019

Think Computer Foundation soliciting donations by promising to inure private benefit to Tesla short sellers

Yes. Since Think Computer Corporation is for-profit, and Think Computer Foundation spent a de minimus amount of money to obtain public records that were made publicly available to *everyone* at once and without influencing trading, it doesn't matter. Look up "public good."

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) October 28, 2019

Think Computer Foundation admits board members are shorting companies that the foundation is focused on researching

If you'd like to chip in to support the disclosure of this information about all car manufacturer registrations in Texas, you can donate to Think Computer Foundation by sending a PayPal payment to finance@thinkcomputer.org. pic.twitter.com/cCT22yROTo

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) October 29, 2019

Think Computer Foundation solicits donations to inure private benefit to Aaron Greenspan's Tesla short-selling bets

Additional entries have been updated in the Delaware Chancery Court case In Re Tesla Motors, Inc. Stockholder Litigation, including a second Rule 5.1(f) request by Think Computer Foundation. https://t.co/50eaXeSgGU \$TSLA pic.twitter.com/BCJN7zlKeu

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) November 6, 2019

Think Computer Foundation requests documents to inure private benefit to Aaron Greenspan's Tesla short selling bets

A proposal to resolve the dispute between @ElonMusk and @DavidEin: Elon, you're aware that Think Computer Foundation has formally requested removal of redactions from the SolarCity documents. Yet you claim David's statements are "false." Remove the redactions and let us all see!

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) November 8, 2019

Think Computer Foundation working to inure private benefit to Aaron Greenspan's Tesla short selling bets

November 5: Think Computer Foundation files request to un-redact DE filings November 6: Press drools over announcement of November 21 "cybertruck" reveal

What happens if you misread Rule 5.1(f) to mean 10 "business days?" And account for Veterans Day, +1 day for clerk approval? pic.twitter.com/xoTw76jR3g

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) November 12, 2019

Think Computer Foundation seeks media coverage in order to inure private benefit to Aaron Greenspan's Tesla short selling bets

When Think Computer Foundation filed its formal request to un-redact \$TSLA's DE court filings on November 5th, it made an allowance for reasonable redactions, such as redactions of private contact information. pic.twitter.com/uihY1VZ17J

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) November 27, 2019

Think Computer Foundation seeks to inure private benefit to Aaron Greenspan's Tesla short-selling bets

Unfortunately, this has likely run up over \$1,000 in legal fees. If you're so inclined, you can donate to Think Computer Foundation by sending a PayPal payment to finance@thinkcomputer.org. Or you can help fund our initiative to open the CA courts. https://t.co/xy1FZzhqwY

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) November 27, 2019

Think Computer Foundation solicits donations by promising to inure private benefit to Tesla short selling bets of Aaron Greenspan and donors

Most remarkable fact about the \$TSLA Director Defendants' Motion for Continued Confidential Treatment—aside from the lie about service on Think Computer Foundation's attorney, which never happened? That they bring up the allegations of criminal misconduct, but *never deny them*. pic.twitter.com/NpNY7mgSJG

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) December 2, 2019

Think Computer Foundation attorney seeking to inure private benefit to Aaron Greenspan's Tesla short selling bets

Think Computer Foundation's biggest expense is lawyers, not disk drives. (Think Computer Corporation pays for IT.) But feel free to donate if you are so inclined. You can PayPal finance@thinkcomputer.org. https://t.co/KWYuZJQwt8

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) December 13, 2019

Think Computer Foundation solicits donations from Tesla short sellers

Today, Think Computer Foundation is filing its response in favor of removing the remaining material redactions from the \$TSLA SolarCity documents in the Delaware of Chancery. Keep a look out...

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) December 16, 2019

Think Computer Foundation working to inure private benefit to Aaron Greenspan's Tesla short selling bets

This data was obtained and made public by Think Computer Foundation for a cost of \$334.50 (\$0.01 per data entry by FL statute). If you'd like to donate to Think Computer Foundation to make more public records available, you can send a PayPal payment to finance@thinkcomputer.org.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) April 22, 2020

Think Computer Foundation solicits donations promising to inure private benefit to Tesla short selling bets of Aaron Greenspan and donors

Public records request financed by Think Computer Foundation.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) April 29, 2020

Think Computer Foundation finances public records request to inure private benefit to Aaron Greenspan's Tesla short selling position

Think Computer Foundation is not a party to the above lawsuit and is not funding it. But anyone is still welcome to donate.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) August 21, 2020

Think Computer Foundation uses lawsuit against Elon Musk to solicit donations, inure private benefit to Tesla short selling bets

Transcripts are available in L. Lin Wood's law firm case for the low low price of \$107.00 for one document. If anyone out there wants to donate to our transparency efforts, you can send Think Computer Foundation money via PayPal using finance@thinkcomputer.org.pic.twitter.com/UXBaugLeS1

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) December 3, 2020

Think Computer Foundation Director Dr. Neil Greenspan calls on @Harvard to revoke Mark Zuckerberg's honorary degree in law and investigate the circumstances surrounding it. https://t.co/o7L1e5O4ES

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) August 5, 2020

Think Computer Foundation activity designed to inure private benefit to Aaron Greenspan's Facebook short selling bets, personal ego, and desire for revenge

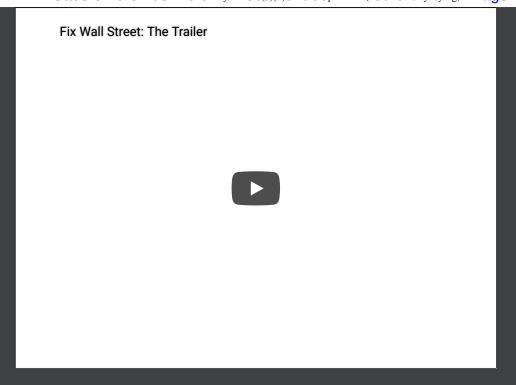
Alright Mike. I've had it with you lying in public. Return Think Computer Foundation's \$5,000.00 donation within 30 days or you'll face a lawsuit.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) November 1, 2018

2. LOBBYING

Lobbying is when an organization contacts, or urges the public to contact, members or employees of a legislative body (or any executive branch official who may participate in the formulation of legislation) for the purpose of proposing, supporting, or opposing legislation, or when the organization advocates the adoption or rejection of legislation.

While a 501(c)(3) organization is allowed to do some lobbying, **too much can hurt its tax-exempt status**. Its lobbying activities **cannot be more than an insubstantial part** of its overall activities.



"Just because we're not paid to lobby doesn't mean we aren't able"

When we proposed legislation to @AsmEvanLow to make real estate documents available on-line, we got a long "no thank you" in response. Meanwhile, housing prices are higher than ever. Buying only Santa Clara County's data would cost over \$44,000.00. https://t.co/BFh3TblSOW pic.twitter.com/Hx2CE8xzSb

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) April 5, 2018

This post also highlights the need for federal legislation concerning software updates more broadly. Notice frequency, notice format, optionality, feature regression, planned obsolescence... None of these are presently regulated, and it's an increasingly concerning problem.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) January 6, 2020

In case you've lost track, Trump is looking at tax transparency efforts on these fronts:

- The IRS. Subpoenaed and obligated by statute.
- NY State. New legislation.
- Mazars LLP, formerly WeiserMazars, his accounting firm. Subpoenaed.
- Deutsche Bank. Subpoenaed.

He will lose.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) May 21, 2019

The "gee-whiz, let's just be nicer" tone is betrayed by Republican efforts to draft secret legislation RIGHT NOW that will lead to deaths.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) June 16, 2017

If Democrats win big on November 3rd, what incentive do Senate Republicans have to pass a stimulus bill at all?

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) October 23, 2020

Speaking of lobbying, lobby Congress (Anna Eshoo in Silicon Valley) to open PACER! http://t.co/JTuXiBLBPp#reinventlaw

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) March 9, 2013

It would be tremendously embarrassing—though hardly surprising—if Vladimir Putin's government took regulatory action on Autopilot and similar technologies before Donald Trump's NHTSA. https://t.co/XTFmHi8mZO

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) August 10, 2019

Donald Trump wants to eliminate capital gains taxes. Has it occurred to him that doing so would give investors an incentive to sell?

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) May 5, 2020

thinkcomp 1 point · 9 years ago

I'm from Cleveland. I've donated used PCs to the Cleveland Public Schools in the past. It's a good suggestion though, I'll see if there's any way to help out down there.

And for the record, I didn't appoint myself as anything, I just built a better megaphone because Reddit doesn't let you highlight the problems with the actual text of the law.

Reply Share ***

thinkcomp 1 point · 9 years ago

As good as any We The People petition might be, the executive branch doesn't have power to change the law. For that we should really be petitioning Congress.

I've been working on a site that lets you do that--you can even submit your own edits to the law. The URL is http://www.plainsite.org.

Reply Share ···

thinkcomp 3 points · 9 years ago

I run a financial startup in Silicon Valley. It's great that people are actively resisting the new fees, but the problem is that this method of protest will only last for so long, and that's because all of the major banks are planning to implement these (and other) types of fees. The minor banks that aren't, as well as credit unions, are soon going to feel squeezed by the Durbin Amendment to the Dodd-Frank Act, which is the source of the struggle between the federal government and financial industry.

One of the two major changes that the Durbin Amendment brings about is a bifurcated system of debit card interchange that caps the rates big banks can charge to merchants. This means that it's cheaper for businesses large and small to use large banks for debit card processing--the small banks can still charge the same rates as before, but who would pay those prices when Citi, Wells Fargo and Chase are required to offer the same thing for less? So the small banks' debit card revenue is going to dry up as merchants switch--and then they'll start charging fees to make up for it.

So this means a couple of things. In the long term, the best solution is one of two things: repealing the Durbin Amendment (which is something the financial industry is pressing for because the big banks want to be able to charge the rates they were already charging for debit cards), or allowing technology companies to freely compete with the banks (which involves repealing more than forty-six state laws that currently inhibit competition, which I've posted about elsewhere on Reddit).

It's a really complicated system. The upshot is that you may end up having to move your account more than once in the next few years. And you should call your representatives in Congress to tell them what you think.

Reply Share ...

thinkcomp 2 points · 9 years ago

PlainSite (http://www.plainsite.org) is run by a non-profit organization.

Reply Share ...

thinkcomp 6 points · 9 years ago

Take a look at PlainSite (http://www.plainsite.org). We need help parsing state laws.

Reply Share ...

thinkcomp 1 point · 9 years ago

The power to affect change comes from directly linking problems and solutions to the law. When lobbyists go to Capitol Hill, they tell legislators exactly which clauses of which statutes they want changed. There's no reason why people can't do that too, using modern tools.

http://www.plainsite.org

Reply Share ···

thinkcomp 3 points · 9 years ago

[From Eric at PlainSite, whose Reddit account is giving him a hard time...]

We've been thinking about this for our website, http://www.plainsite.org, which is just like what the OP proposed but goes further to address some of these issues. We've found that most of society's problems are rooted in laws that allowed them to develop. So we think the best thing to do with a good idea for change is to target it at the underlying laws that need to change to fix the problem and implement the solution. PlainSite allows users to easily link problems/solutions to the specific laws that need to change, effectively allowing average citizens to propose new legislation in aggregate.

Once a proposed change to the law has risen to the top in terms of upvotes, we bring it into the real world by using those upvotes to lobby the representatives who can pass new legislation. If a proposed change to a federal law has 100,000 upvotes (and thus 100,000 registered users) behind it, that number can be used to pressure representatives in Congress with the fear that they might lose the votes of all of those people if they choose to ignore the issue. We're hoping that big numbers of votes like that can overcome political roadblocks and actually compete with the large amounts of campaign financing that might be coming from the other side.

Reply Share ...

thinkcomp / 1 point · 9 years ago

We're restricting anyone we can't verify as being real. And if you send us an e-mail at help@plainsite.org, we'll add you.

Reply Share ***

thinkcomp 2 points · 9 years ago

The proper place to petition the government for real change is the legislative branch. PlainSite (http://www.plainsite.org) lets you suggest specific changes to laws, just like a professional lobbyist

· Aaron Greenspan, Founder of Plainsite

PlainSite, a platform that encourages innovation and participation in legislation, social change, and the legal profession, www.plainsite.org. PlainSite was created by Aaron Greenspan and Stanford students Ying Lei and Eric Teasley.

thinkcomp 0 points \cdot 8 years ago \cdot edited 8 years ago

PlainSite (http://www.plainsite.org), which I run through Think Computer Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization (http://www.thinkcomputer.org), is already up and running for those interested. You can link issues to companies and particular laws. It's used by thousands of individuals, lawyers, and government agencies every day.

Here's an example issue posted by Lawrence Lessig at Harvard Law School:

http://www.plainsite.org/issues/index.html?id=28

...an example company (Google)...

http://www.plainsite.org/flashlight/index.html?id=3331

...and an example law firm...

http://www.plainsite.org/flashlight/index.html?id=33874

We're adding patent data next. Take a look!

Aaron

Reply Share ...

thinkcomp 8 points · 7 years ago

It's a good start, but what about fixing this in 18 U.S.C. § 1030, too?

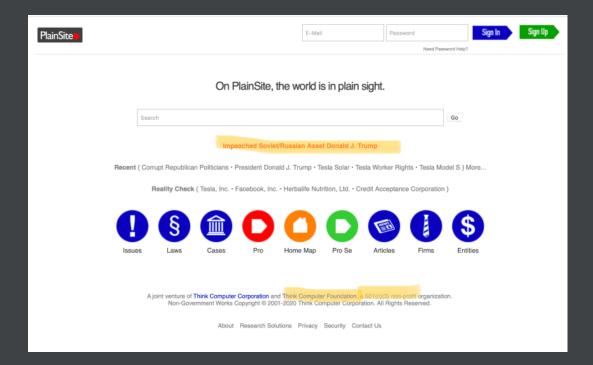
http://www.plainsite.org/issues/index.html?id=4

(Stemming from http://www.nytimes.com/2006/01/13/technology/13secure.html.)

Reply Share ...

3. POLITICAL ACTIVITY

Under the Internal Revenue Code, all section 501(c)(3) organizations are absolutely prohibited from directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for elective public office. Contributions to political campaign funds or public statements of position (verbal or written) made on behalf of the organization in favor of or in opposition to any candidate for public office clearly violate the prohibition against political campaign activity. Violating this prohibition may result in denial or revocation of tax-exempt status and the imposition of certain excise taxes.



Does this matter? The Department of Homeland Security used PlainSite at least 5 separate times today. No more.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) June 18, 2019

Wow way to ruin your brand. You couldn't keep politics separate from your mission to open up information to the public?

— Andy H (@andeeh69) June 18, 2019

Last week, Donald Trump had a hard time on the campaign trail. His Trump University scandal reappeared in the news:http://t.co/O6z1Q93svw

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) October 5, 2015

Check out the Trump University lawsuit on PlainSite: http://t.co/dWdoFQxPbQ #donaldtrump

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) October 5, 2015

Trump files amended lawsuit against Univision https://t.co/xvSDaYj5dg Read more about it on PlainSite: https://t.co/H5sLCXmafc

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) November 10, 2015

Presenting an exclusive property that will make you win at journalism: the Donald J. Trump Collection. Of lawsuits. https://t.co/yCiiHkdNTT

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) February 27, 2016

We just spent \$121 to obtain these documents on Donald Trump from LA County Court, including a 340-page complaint. https://t.co/hQqH2ANdo6

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) June 12, 2016

Translation from legalese about https://t.co/eCz8y7H3nv: like every other 70-year-old male, Donald Trump is bald. https://t.co/Hu5Xqc631a

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) June 14, 2016

The ever-expanding dockets of Donald J. Trump, a man unfit to be anything of substance, let alone President. https://t.co/yCiiHkvpit

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) August 5, 2016

Another lawsuit against Trump, this one alleging rape of a minor at a Jeffrey Epstein-hosted party. https://t.co/bwv4OHU1Fp

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) August 11, 2016

Trump's just going for portfolio diversity. He doesn't want to bet everything on one specific type of deplorable. Very sensible.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) September 13, 2016

People (except media) seem interested in this case. I wonder why...oh. Donald Trump allegedly raped a child. https://t.co/bwv4OlbCwX

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) September 22, 2016

This seems like a good time to remind people that Trump is being accused of raping a child. https://t.co/CYlsss1J1V

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) October 9, 2016

Post-election, one thing matters: President Elect Trump is a con man. Broadcast the Trump University suit. Impeach. https://t.co/1187OF3oVD

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) November 11, 2016

We've made a tag for Trump's Inner Circle: https://t.co/YUSKrhtZoj

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) November 16, 2016

We have added a direct link to Donald J. Trump's profile on our home page. It will be there for the next four years.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) November 17, 2016

Going forward the legal profession will be increasingly co-opted by Trump Administration policy; lawyers will be the architects of tyranny.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) November 18, 2016

Wong -> Zuckerberg -> Thiel/VC -> Mezrich -> Goldman Sachs -> Wall Street -> Fake News -> Russian Trolls -> Trump

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) November 18, 2016

Someone with as many lawsuits and accusations of fraud/sexual assault as Trump should be unable to run a corporation, let alone a country.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) November 24, 2016

NJ Bankruptcy Court won't allow Trump Taj Mahal documents to be accesible on PACER. Call +1 973 776 3416. Case No. 91-13321. Complain!

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) January 5, 2017

@realDonaldTrump is not a legitimate President. And finally a Democrat has said so. https://t.co/cLWAPzi4NM

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) January 14, 2017

Donald J. Trump is not a legitimate President.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) January 20, 2017

Illegitimate President Donald J. Trump is a criminal who was never charged for his crimes—and several times over at that.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) January 21, 2017

His Trump University debacle should have been charged by Preet Bharara ("no one is too big to jail") as a criminal RICO conspiracy.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) January 21, 2017

Trump and his ilk depend on people like you.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) January 29, 2017

The problem is even deeper. To the extent Republicans are ignoring Russian actions, they may be accessories to Trump's treason.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) January 30, 2017

Our Donald J. Trump litigation profile continues to expand... https://t.co/6HiMUuLoxm

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) January 31, 2017

Let it be noted that on @realDonaldTrump's watch, the gassing of innocent children has begun—they're just in Syria. He is abominable.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) April 4, 2017

If anyone has other documents from this case stating that Trump is only worth \$250 million, we'd love to have them. https://t.co/8vHti2Vkth

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) August 19, 2017

Can we see Donald Trump's tax returns now? Can someone explain why the press isn't demanding them on the front page daily?

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) December 15, 2017

Here's one way to measure it: Obama administration indictments = 0. Trump administration indictments > 0. Spread your propaganda elsewhere.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) November 13, 2018

No. As great as the QTR podcast is, this is not what someone who believes in exercising First Amendment rights should be promulgating on any medium. This was an open and shut press freedom case where Acosta was right and the Trump Administration was wrong. https://t.co/tUhl745dIK

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) November 26, 2018

This way, everyone is happy. As @QTRResearch points out, Markets Up Good! Trump Happy! You can rest assured that you didn't actually say what everyone thought you said, even though you were counting on that very dynamic. And when pressed, you can carefully recite the exact words.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) November 29, 2018

Very Stable Genius Donald Trump may have achieved world peace with his always-reliable and highly documented proclamations of victory, but here's another \$TSLA Model 3 lawsuit we dug up anyway: Huie v. Tesla Motors, Inc. https://t.co/hTkpvidhdZ pic.twitter.com/NumT7jp1ut

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) December 3, 2018

Like Trump, Elon is a narcissist and master of distraction. The First Amendment has nothing to do with this. Even if it did—and it doesn't—he signed away any such rights when he signed the \$TSLA and personal consent judgments. And he did sign. The end. https://t.co/K93t5Caral

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) December 11, 2018

Nuclear holocaust is only one of the many ways that Donald John Trump, impostor President of the United States, can ruin the lives of millions. Unmitigated financial panic is another, and frankly more likely, pathway. Firing Powell would be the among the best ways to kick it off.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) December 22, 2018

Ahem, Holder was awful but Trump and his "guys" (women included) *ARE* white collar crime. https://t.co/6HiMUul Oxm

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) December 24, 2018

Maybe not news, but it seems too strange that Musk took off for China just as Trump's negotiations were being extended until today. The two issues are surely linked. And if the Trump administration has Elon's

back, don't expect much from the SEC when it's open again.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) January 9, 2019

Excluding Trump, the single most insane thing about the stock market/regulatory abyss/economic hellscape right now is that Credit Acceptance Corporation \$CACC is back over \$430. There is no respite for the poor and the most corrupt people on earth are continuously rewarded.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) January 18, 2019

Our nominal President is a human trafficker (Trump Models, anyone?) railing about human trafficking to justify his inability to make a deal to fix the artificial problem he caused at the likely behest of a hostile foreign power. Have we reached peak crazy yet?

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) January 25, 2019

At this point, \$TSLA is a \$2.95 stock trading at \$295. But at least Trump's perpetual trade motion machine should sort everything out. https://t.co/Q5TwRfBeKL

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) February 25, 2019

Let's play a game called Trump Administration or Tesla?

- A) Incompetent Management
- B) Policy Announced via Twitter
- C) Overly Dependent on Fossil Fuels
- D) Run by Narcissistic Sociopath
- E) Deeply Indebted to the Chinese
- F) Worrying Deutsche Bank Executives
- G) Security Clearance OK
- PlainSite (@PlainSite) March 8, 2019

Everyone should be deeply concerned by this. This is a new level of depravity. Previously, the Trump Administration was content to harass and scapegoat immigrants, Muslims, and minorities on its own.

Now, if you do not collaborate or you impede them, you will be punished.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) April 25, 2019

Seems like the typical Trump dynamic: incompetent, subversive management pushes out anyone with a brain either directly or indirectly. It's quite effective.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) May 17, 2019

Today's stunt at \$TSLA is yet another example of the more general problem that regulators cannot keep up with sociopaths. (See also: Trump.) The solution is to immediately remove them from power as soon as it's clear that they are bad faith actors. @SF_SEC missed its chance.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) May 23, 2019

Tesla's Board is full of conservatives. Murdoch. Ellison. The SEC was gutted by Republicans working for a Republican. Musk was on Trump's advisory council. Sure, progressives are anti-global warming, but also anti-corporate power. Whereas today's conservatives are just pro-cash.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) May 26, 2019

Days after the Times ignores substantial allegations that Trump raped a(nother) woman, then apologizes, it ignores credible testimony (or lack thereof) from Epstein himself that Trump raped children. How does Dean Baquet still have a job?

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) July 7, 2019

Trump has a tendency to brazenly lie in public. Example: he's admitted attempted rape, yet he falsely accused Mexicans of being rapists.

Yesterday, in a hurricane of insecure blathering, he said that he doesn't buy fake Twitter followers. Which means he almost certainly does.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) July 12, 2019

The most influential newspaper in Israel sees clear parallels between Trump and Hitler. https://t.co/1Wf7vhINVf

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) July 18, 2019

Sorry everyone, even though Donald Trump just directly inspired a mass murder, DOJ's hands are completely tied. There's really nothing they can do. You see, Nixon's DOJ wrote a memo. It says that <u>Trump just couldn't get his message</u> out were he to be indicted, so it's not fair.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) August 4, 2019

Thank goodness for the Trump DOJ, sticking up for the rights of Facebook \$FB and Mark Zuckerberg. Who would protect them otherwise? https://t.co/3nbA1eafA9 pic.twitter.com/LEphfeGTki

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) August 5, 2019

The district court docket started in 1985. That's irrelevant. Trump's policies are new and unique in their cruel and dangerous implementation, according to his own Department of Homeland Security.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) August 15, 2019

Stocks are now up on confirmation that Trump lied to manipulate stocks higher, which would land anyone else in prison. This is the financial equivalent of shooting someone in broad daylight on Fifth Avenue. And everyone is cheering. Quite terrifying.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) August 29, 2019

Trump actually says his call with the President of Ukraine "was largely corruption." He didn't mean it that way most likely—his inability to string a proper sentence together is an artifact of his dementia—but it's what he said.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) September 22, 2019

How many reports a thousand times worse than the one acted on to silence @AaronGreenspan have been filed with Twitter in regard to @realDonaldTrump's racist, harassing, violence-promoting posts? Does Twitter have a departmental policy in place regarding its willful ignorance?

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) September 24, 2019

"Donald Trump is a fat con man who has phone calls with dictators." Under the White House's present interpretation, that statement is covered by executive privilege so long as it's in a locked drawer. Insane.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) September 26, 2019

All of the evidence suggests Trump has been a KGB asset since about 1987. https://t.co/pE95eE7ktE

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) September 26, 2019

Due to Republican obstructionism, the broader narrative has indeed been lost in the impeachment hearings: Trump has been executing Russian policy from the White House since the day he was inaugurated. Russia is a rogue state. https://t.co/BA2Clj3ZYG

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) November 21, 2019

Unreal that impeachment proceedings are moving ahead before Trump's tax returns have been disclosed, aside from all of the other documents being deliberately withheld.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) January 19, 2020

HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE *CAN* KILL YOU. DO NOT LISTEN TO DONALD TRUMP.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) March 27, 2020

Trump is pumping out 100% medical misinformation right now. Everything he is saying is false.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) April 5, 2020

Trump just prohibited Fauci from answering a question. He should have resigned on the spot.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) April 6, 2020

The media should be asking questions about this. If Donald Trump is suffering from hydrocephalus he is not medically fit to lead the nation, and the reports about his physical fitness have been deeply misleading. Needless to say, this is especially important during a pandemic.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) April 8, 2020

You sound a lot like some sort of brainwashed closet monarchist. Trump is a criminal every bit as much as Elon Musk and then some. He absolutely should be indicted.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) May 14, 2020

CNN's Don Lemon correctly asks if Donald Trump just declared war on America.

It sounds like he did.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) June 1, 2020

Fair, but what a reminder about how *bizarre* it is that one of Donald Trump's leading critics who has spearheaded a highly visible ad campaign against him is still married to Trump's most trusted propagandist, willing to lie about anything. https://t.co/VAZC2eM1sm

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) July 3, 2020

His name is Peter Thiel. He enabled Mark Zuckerberg. And Mark enabled Donald Trump. https://t.co/t9tim1i83B

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) July 15, 2020

Calling Tasha Keeney of ARK Invest a "Tesla bear" with a \$7,000 price target—while ARK keeps selling—is a bit like calling Donald Trump an "ardent progressive." https://t.co/IXofDllLhR pic.twitter.com/iHGfWrZKdJ

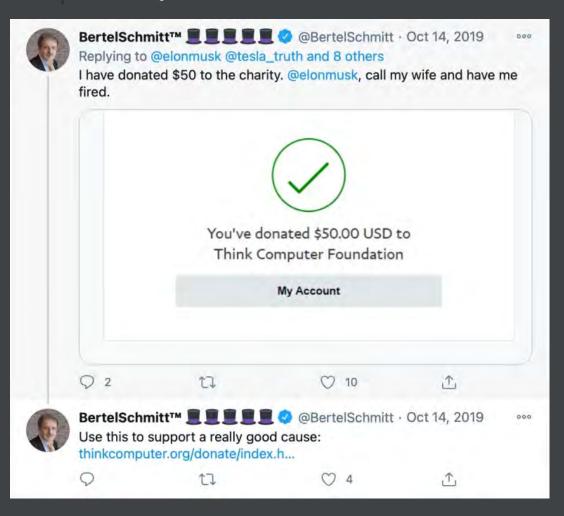
— PlainSite (@PlainSite) August 29, 2020

4. UNRELATED BUSINESS INCOME

Earning too much income generated from unrelated activities can jeopardize an organization's 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. This income comes from a regularly carried- on trade or business that is not substantially related to the organization's exempt purpose. However, there are some modifications, exclusions and exceptions.

A huge thanks to @ElonMusk for helping to summon \$1,167.00 in donations to Think Computer Foundation so far today in our Reverse Psychology Drive, which will go toward legal transparency and/or helping those with disabilities on Planet Earth.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) October 13, 2019



Dear @elonmusk:

LFG!

Sincerely,

TC

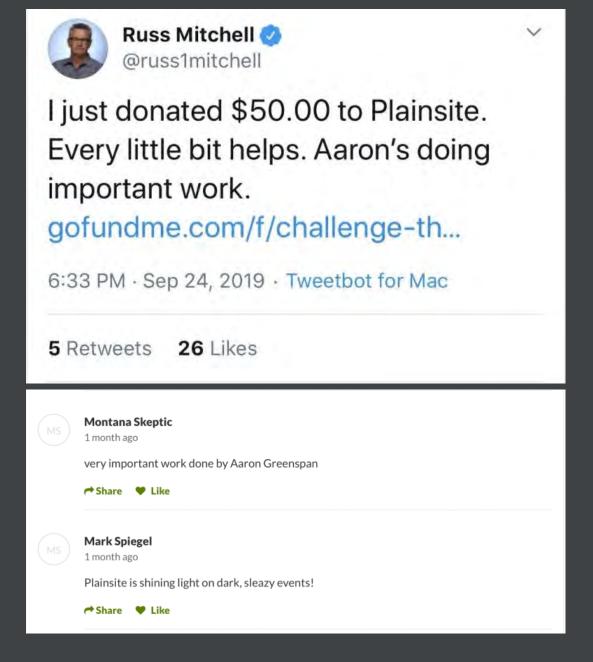
You too can donate at finance@thinkcomputer.org\$TSLAQ#MrBackFire cc @PlainSite pic.twitter.com/jNZnIKvqeh

— TC (@TESLAcharts) October 12, 2019

Correct. It was most likely @PlainSite's email to Musk notifying his if his intent to sue, and Omar's tweet pointing out that Russ donated \$50 to Aaron's charity. I promptly donated 10x as much, because I enjoy living in Elon's head.

— TC (@TESLAcharts) October 13, 2019

Tesla short sellers paying Aaron Greenspan to threaten Tesla customers. Donating to inure private benefit to their short selling bets, not further the charity's exempt purpose

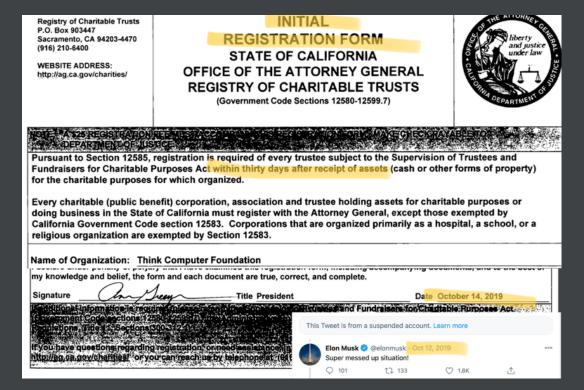


5. ANNUAL REPORTING OBLIGATION

Earlier this year, despite paying the \$100, Think Computer Foundation ceased to exist because we didn't pay the OH SOS. Back now.

— PlainSite (@PlainSite) August 22, 2016

Think Computer Foundation tax exempt status previously revoked for failing to satisfy annual reporting obligation



Charity operated and solicited donations illegally in California from 2006 – 2020. Initial registration came only after allegations of tax fraud

6. OPERATION IN ACCORD WITH STATED EXEMPT PURPOSE(S)

An organization **must pursue the exempt activities it promised** in its IRS application for exemption. If an organization has **deviated from its original purposes**, it **must inform the IRS to prevent future problems**.

Form 1023 (Rev. 9-98)

Part II

Activities and Operational Information

Provide a detailed narrative description of all the activities of the organization — past, present, and planned. Do not merely refer to or repeat the language in the organizational document. List each activity separately in the order of importance based on the relative time and other resources devoted to the activity. Indicate the percentage of time for each activity. Each description should include, as a minimum, the following: (a) a detailed description of the activity including its purpose and how each activity furthers your exempt purpose; (b) when the activity was or will be initiated; and (c) where and by whom the activity will be conducted.

1. Collection and Re-distribution of Used Computers

Time: 75%

Tineframe(s): Pust, Present, Planned

- a) The Foundation has collected used computer equipment from numbers of the community and businesses. Parts have been tested and required as needed, and then assembled into working computer systems. The systems have been sent to other non-profit organizations such as Truschool Janaica, to allow children to benefit from technology. Two-exempt status would provide an additional incentive for individuals and businesses to denute computers.
- b) October, 2000
- c) Aaron Greenspan, Director

2. Data Storage

Tine: 20%

Timeframes): Past, Present, Planned

- a) The Foundation has created an internet-accessible database of donations, to provide donors and recipients of systems with information regarding their donations and shipments, respectively.
- b) January, 2001
- c) Aaron Greenspan, Director
- 3. Travel

Time: 5%

Timeframe(s): Planned

- a) The Foundation has been invited to teach children about computers at the Easter session of TechSchool Janaica. A neeting has also been planted with Jonaica's Minister of Technology.
- b) April, 2001
- c) Amon Greenspan, Director
- 2 What are or will be the organization's sources of financial support? List in order of size.
 - 1. Think Computer Corporation (and other businesses)
 - 2. Individual contributions
 - 3. Grants
- 3 Describe the organization's fundreising program, both actual and planned, and explain to what extent it has been put into effect. Include octails of fundraising activities such as selective mailings, formation of fundraising committees, use of volunteers or professional fundraisers, etc. Attach representative copies of solicitations for financial support.

The Foundation has plans to solicit financial support via letters to technology company executives, but has not done so as of yet. Currently, the Foundation is well within its budget.

Original exempt purpose declared by the Think Computer Foundation

Original exempt activities promised in IRS application:

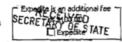
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- 2. Operating an internet accessible database of donations
- 3. Traveling to Jamaica to teach kids about computer

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Employer Identification Number: 34-1937820 DLN:

DLN: 17053092028011 Contact Person: B. THORNTON Contact Telephone Number: (877) 829-5500

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(877) 829-5500
Accounting Period Ending:
December 31
Foundation Status Classification:
509(a)(2)
Advance Ruling Period Begins:
October 26, 2000
Advance Ruling Period Ends:
December 31, 2004

Dear Applicant:

Based on information you supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3).

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of the corporation is Think Computer Foundation.

ARTICLE II. CORPORATE PURPOSE

Section 1. Nonprofit Purpose

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 2. Specific Purpose

The specific objectives and purpose of this organization shall be:

- 1. to promote transparency in the legal system;
- 2. to promote quality journalism;
- 3. to assist individuals with disabilities through community-building activities and initiatives to educate the public about medical conditions linked to disabilities.

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Updated bylaws filed with State of California

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An interview with Ying Lei and Eric Teasley would make Aaron Greenspan would make him PMS. We can hear the entire story of why he was kicked out of stanford.

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STANFORD
DECEMBER 6, 2020 AT 8:25 PM

Very ironic...mmmmmm. last time Think Computer Corporation had a Ohio licence was in 2009.

See the nice link below around the business license for Think Computer Corporation. Mr. Greenspan did have licnece to operate in Ohio and California.

https://businesssearch.ohiosos.gov?=businessDetails/1000499

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THE STORY



These days, pretty much everyone posts comments online. Depending on who you are, maybe you post a lot of them. Well imagine this:

What if one day you were posting about someone you read about in the news on a screen name, and that person saw your comment? What if your comment made that person so angry that they messaged you, threatening to ruin your life if you didn't delete the tweets right away? Would you have deleted it, or said no?

What if that person then tracked you down and posted your real name, address, and job information on their Twitter in an attempt to intimidate you? Would you expect them to call your boss, smear you, send fake copyright complaints, have your account removed, and then sue you and Elon Musk for supposedly conspiring to make fun of them?

Well, that's what happened to me. Now, I have to somehow explain this story to everyone. This is a really difficult story for me to tell emotionally, but it's also difficult on a practical level as well. I don't know how to share this without

making a blog post the length of a book. So I figure what I'll do is post it one chapter at a time, so people can follow along and skip the boring parts if they want.

Check back here and subscribe to email updates so you'll be notified as soon as each new chapter comes out. If you can, please donate to help defend against Aaron Greenspan's lawsuit and try and make sure he and his TSLAQ accomplices never have a next victim.

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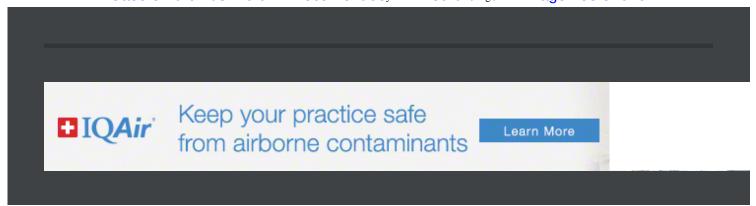
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DECEMBER 8, 2020

HARVARD SHUT DOWN AARON GREENSPAN'S WEBSITE FOR STEALING STUDENT PASSWORDS

AARON GREENSPAN started Think Computer Corporation from his bedroom while he attended high school in Shaker Heights. Ohio. After providing computer services for clients in his hometown, he began writing computer software. He invented The Facebook while attending Harvard College in September, 2003 and graduated in 2004. He lives in Palo Alto, California.

No matter how hard the world laughs at him, Aaron Greenspan continues to insist that he invented Facebook. Have you ever wondered what the real story was? Well, buckle up boys and girls because today I'm going to tell you.

In the past, Aaron Greenspan has tried to have information about himself that he doesn't want on the internet taken down via legal threats and illegal DMCA takedown requests. We're preparing to finally pursue damages and attorney's fees for Aaron Greenspan's abuse of the DMCA, as the law provides. As a fair warning to Aaron, make sure you think carefully before making the same mistake again. You can't hide the truth forever.

Basically what happened is that Aaron Greenspan created a website for Harvard students called houseSYSTEM, which was totally unrelated and separate from Facebook. I know, houseSYSTEM is a terrible name — but there was one section called "the facebook" which was a generic term at Harvard that came from a physical book of students' faces the school would hand out. Greenspan's website performed a bunch of mostly useless functions for students (like providing information on textbooks and courses) but the controversy started before anyone signed up.

The problem was that houseSYSTEM told users they **must sign up with their Harvard school ID and must use the same password as their Harvard school account.** That immediately caused concern among students, who warned each other not to use the site due to serious security issues in the design of the site that would have allowed Aaron Greenspan to access any Harvard student's email account, register for classes, and access private files. To make matters worse, the site was designed in a misleading way to make it look like it was run by Harvard. Aaron Greenspan had even included a copyright notice for Harvard University in the footer of his webpage, amplifying the confusion caused by the site's design and login system.

Students warned each other on email mailing lists not to trust the site, and soon after the Harvard Crimson wrote about this controversy. This lead Harvard faculty to get involved and force Aaron to shut down the site. Aaron kicked and screamed the whole way through the ordeal to the frustration of the school, pretending not to understand the security risks involved in allowing him to ask for student's private Harvard account information. Several Harvard students attending the university at the time told us they remembered the controversy, recalling that the site was "ugly and convoluted" in addition to being insecure.

The FaceNet isn't as easy to use as thefacebook.com. It might be too little, too late. It will be hard to compete with thefacebook.com when thefacebook.com already has about 5,000 members and lots of momentum.

Jeffery B. Miller, Class of 2005, in March 2004

One former student speculated based on recollection that Aaron Greenspan had wanted to access the account of a female student he had a crush on at the time so that he could monitor who she was talking to, which is why he insisted on asking for Hardvard network account information even as the school threatened him with expulsion for refusing to comply.

Here's Aaron Greenspan describing the experience with his own recollections and emails that he saved:

A more ominous warning came from a friend in Cabot House, who had seen a sneak preview of the site a couple of weeks beforehand. She forwarded me cabot-open's response to my announcement.

"Yeah, I feel like this web site is partly **pretty sketch**. Overall legit, but it's ridiculous what they wrongly imply you need to do with your password. 'In order to use houseSYSTEM, **your password must be the same as your password for your Harvard FAS network account**'. You can change your password to anything, but it makes it sound like you need to use your FAS password. In fact, to confuse you, even after you change your password, it still says "Please Change Your Password" if you don't match up with your FAS password.

Aaron Greenspan

Why would Aaron Greenspan tell people they needed to use the same password as their Harvard account? Worse yet, the fact that it notified them to change their password if it didn't match what Harvard showed on file means that he was actually checking the passwords against Harvard's network to make sure it matched. Super creepy, especially given what we know about Aaron Greenspan's stalking of innocent people in the years since the houseSYSTEM incident.

The concerned student continued in their email:

Also misleading is the copyright notice, which says portions are copyright "The Presidents and Fellows of Harvard College". Which is true, but makes it sound like this web site is really closely affiliated with them, which isn't the case (right?). And then the email they sent introducing the web site doesn't make their disconnect from the college admin clear either.

Aaron Greenspan

As if asking Harvard students for their passwords wasn't bad enough, the site was misleading people into thinking the website was associated with Harvard when in reality it was built and operated entirely by Aaron Greenspan. Was he just clueless about how it looked or was he really trying to steal people's account information?

Greenspan tried to respond to user complaints, but the situation only got more out of hand:

Before I could even respond to the latest round of questions, Rodica sent me an instant message: lowell-open was going mad. I hadn't even received the latest batch of messages, so I signed in. [...]

Of course, the only way that it could know that you didn't give it your FAS password is by trying to access your FAS account using the password you supplied... [...]

Your security statement is, frankly, nonsense. I have strong doubts that you have ever had any formal exposure to cryptography — it reads very much like you read a few web pages on encryption and decided the more times you encrypt something, so much the better.

This is a sure sign of someone who doesn't understand cryptography. The number of times something is encrypted does not correlate with security in the least. Also, **MD5 does not encrypt**, it hashes. MD5 has sufficient weaknesses in its compression function that its use in newly deployed applications should be discouraged. Use SHA-1 instead.

Aaron Greenspan

Greenspan insists that there was no way for him to read the passwords since they were hashed with MD5 before being stored, but he had chosen a hashing algorithm that was already obsolete. Today, you could easily find any user's original passwords using those hashed records if Aaron Greenspan had not been forced by Harvard to delete them. Even back then, someone could have used a rainbow table to reverse hashes of commonly used passwords back to their original text. Rather than admit his mistake and fix the login system, Greenspan insisted everyone was wrong and was "being mean to him" for no good reason by not letting him steal account information from thousands of Harvard students.

One more email from a Harvard student really set Aaron off:

[Saying you can't decrypt our passwords] is a lie. If you "connect directly to the Harvard IMAP server upon login to fetch the number of new messages', you must store passwords in such a form that you can present the same access credential to the FAS server. This means that you store passwords in a way that you can recover. So what if the hash of the submitted password matches the stored password hash? You still have the password transmitted in cleartext. Ever heard of man in the middle attacks? A self-signed certificate means absolutely nothing.

Do you have a written waiver for [school rules stating that] "the possession or collection of others passwords or other secure identification information is prohibited"? Reading your security statement gives me no confidence

in your site's ability to protect confidential information. I suggest that people refrain from giving it such information util the author has demonstrated even a rudimentary understanding of the security issues involved

Aaron Greenspan

The email was biting, but completely accurate. A self-signed certificate meant that there was no way for a user to know if they were really connecting to houseSYSTEM, or if there was an imposter intercepting the connection to steal their Harvard account credentials. At best, it was completely irresponsible for Greenspan to launch the site with such glaring security flaws. At worst, he was deliberately trying to mislead students into handing over their account credentials in a sort of phishing attempt backed by a few useless features.

So did Aaron Greenspan listen carefully, take the advice to heart, and try and fix his site? Not exactly:

By this point, I had lost my patience. "What is wrong with these people?" I asked my parents over dinner in Hilton Head. "I make something useful, and all they can do is complain? There's nothing wrong with the site's security, there's something wrong with them! [...]

My father had seen Brian's message, and declared him a "moron", which comforted me a little. He was even more incensed at Dan Ellard, who he felt had a responsibility as a member of Lowell House's staff to portray things in an unbiased manner at the very least and to discipline students who were out of line. Yet Dan was going after me as much as anyone as if it were all a joke.

"People are just mean," my mother said. "They shouldn't be allowed to do that, but they do! They're just mean." For once, I agreed with her.

Aaron Greenspan

How mean of Harvard students to not want their usernames and passwords stolen by the world's biggest creep. They really shouldn't be allowed to do that, they should be forced to give Aaron Greenspan all their personal information, right? And what's up with Aaron saying he agrees with his Mom "for once"? Could this guy be any more of a pompous jerk? Aaron Greenspan has absolutely zero self-awareness or empathy for how his actions affect other people. It's always "me me me", why are they being so mean to me? He's been playing the victim for so many decades that he's failed to look back and see the trail of victims left in his wake — pretty much anyone who has had the misfortune of knowing him. I am trying to diagnose his various mental conditions, and believe he may have narcissistic personality disorder.

After Greenspan finished eating with his parents, he received another email from a student named Issac Hall who shared some of the same thoughts:

- 1. Although attentive people will notice that he houseSYSTEM is not an official Harvard initiative, I'd assert that Aaron and co. are under an **ethical obligation to state this clearly on the homepage.**
- 2. The idea that, in this day and age, it's reasonable for a private organization to **encourage thousands of university students to submit their confidential passwords** is, to put it bluntly, **crazy**. **I can't believe Aaron and his colleagues thought this would be uncontroversial.**
- 3. Aaron, your responses to these inquiries about the system have done nothing to inspire my confidence. **Instead of openness**, clarity, or even a touch of humility in the face of legitimate criticism, you're projecting a sort of weary irritation boarding on arrogance. [...]

I started drafting a response, but I decided to wait before sending it. I was too outraged by the whole ordeal, and I wanted to be able to think with a level head before pressing the "Send" button. [...] It appeared as though my only crime was making the site look too professional.

Aaron Greenspan

No, your crime was that you tried to steal user's Harvard account credentials while designing the site in a misleading way to make it look like an official school website. How can someone be so tone-deaf?

Nothing has changed. Aaron is more arrogant than ever and will still attack anyone who dares to criticize him, no matter how legitimate their concerns. Aaron Greenspan seems to have serious anger issues that he should have sought help for long ago.

I wanted to put everyone at ease, but it wasn't clear if it was worth responding to every piece of flame mail that landed in my inbox. [...] It seemed as though winning Lowell House was a hopeless endeavor. [...]

I decided to write back [to Issac], taking great care to formulate my message.

"I never thought the site would be uncontroversial. I expected that a minor uproar along these lines would take place. Major technological changes at traditional institutions usually generate some controversy"

Aaron Greenspan

Sounds like he had a huge hit on his hands, if only Mark Zuckerberg hadn't stolen the idea from him! Imagine being that delusional.

If he expected there to be a major uproar against him trying to steal everyone's account information, then why did he do it?

Issac Hall then replied:

I was pointing out that the site looks like it may have been created by Harvard and that you should make it clear that the site is in no way endorsed by Harvard as an institution or the Houses, and that you have not been authorized to collect FAS passwords so that you can integrate Harvard email into your project.

Aaron, I can only conclude that you are playing dumb. Obviously, I wasn't saying that it's crazy to ask college students to use passwords. I was saying that it's CRAZY TO ASK COLLEGE STUDENTS TO SUBMIT, TO A FELLOW STUDENT, CONFIDENTIAL PASSWORDS THAT ARE SET UP TO GIVE THEM ACCESS TO THEIR UNIVERSITY EMAIL AND IN SOME CASES TO THEIR REGISTRAR'S ACCOUNT AND OTHER SENSITIVE INFORMATION! I can't believe you are pretending this is not an issue, but this is exactly the kind of disingenuousness that, in my opinion, has destroyed your credibility.

Aaron, correct me if I'm wrong, but you don't work for Harvard University! This is not a "major technological change at" a traditional institution. Rather, this is some kind of a guerrilla attempt at a technological coup.

Aaron Greenspan

Oooof. Worst product launch in the history of Harvard?

"Aaron may see this as more of an attack than previous posts, but it's not meant to be personal"

"Not personal?" I thought. [...] I added Dan to my list of people I wished I could punch. I wasn't evil, careless, or ignorant.

"Right, my knowledge of security is 'sketchy', because I haven't taken four million classes called 'Advanced Cryptography for Advanced Shmucks' like him. He doesn't know how many computers and networks I've worked on. He doesn't know a thing about me. I could know ten times more or ten times less about security than he does, and he wouldn't have a freaking clue. And in fact, that's what security is all about: not making faulty assumptions, testing everything". That's when it hit me. Dan Ellard wasn't just out of line — he was a hypocrite.

Aaron Greenspan

No Aaron, you're a hypocrite. The day you realize you are the cause of all your own problems is the day your life will finally start getting better.

Do most people who aren't evil have a long list of people they want to punch?

Despite Greenspan's temper tantrum, his parents continued to egg him on:

"This is totally inexcusable", my father said upon hearing my latest rant. "Why doesn't anyone in the administration tell these people to shut up? Don't they think it's inappropriate for a faculty member to beat up on a student? Or for students to beat up on other students?"

"No", I said plainly.

I was nervous about how The Crimson was going to portray the situation.

Aaron Greenspan

But wait, it gets worse. The student uproar was just the beginning. After that, Harvard faculty had to step in.

HARVARD FACULTY STEPS IN TO STOP AARON GREENSPAN

My heart stopped.

"The Dean's office, and the office of computing services for the FAS have asked that I contact you and ask you to immediately stop collecting student email and password information for security reasons. Any email address, passwords, or student information you currently have should not be used or transmitted in any form until this matter is cleared up. Paul Bottino, FAS computing services, and the dean's office will look into this matter next week"

He was asking me to prevent anyone from signing up for houseSYSTEM until at least Monday, with a potentially positive Crimson article running on the Friday before. Either way, the impact was most assuredly going to be negative when people found out they weren't allowed to sign up, based on the concerns of Harvard's administration.

I told my father. Peering over my shoulder, he read the message and did not seem pleased. I started drafting a reply.

Aaron Greensapn

Well gee Aaron, maybe you shouldn't have asked people for their school login credentials? Maybe you should have just had them register with an email and password? You know... like Mark Zuckerberg's Facebook, which was actually successful because it was created by someone who wasn't trying to steal student's private account information?

Anyone want to guess whether Aaron listened to the dean and shut down the website like he was supposed to? Of course not. He did what he always does: argue and throw a temper tantrum, rather than admit he was wrong.

Before we disable anything, I would like to know precisely what security concerns there are, which Deans or staff members have them, and what they believe can be done to address them. I am sure we can find a solution to whatever concerns have been raised that will allow students to continue using the services on houseSYSTEM. [...]

Given that we do not store member passwords, but only their MD5 hashes, there is no risk of passwords being used or transmitted.

Aaron Greenspan

This is, of course, not true. Students usernames and passwords were transmitted plain text over the wire to the server before they could be hashed, and Greenspan could choose to easily intercept the credentials whenever he pleased with a few lines of code. Given what we know about Aaron obsessively logging and storing all activity on his servers to try and use as blackmail, you can bet students were compromised the minute they signed up.

I wonder if the dean bought that?

"Aaron,

There is no way for you to put a condition on this. The security concerns are related to storing student passwords in a server not controlled or administered by Harvard. This is a clear violation of the Harvard College rules governing passwords and your site also requires students to violate the rules by giving the passwords to your site.

You must immediately stop collecting student passwords. This is not an option. You do not have to shut down the site, but it must stop collecting this data in any form. Additionally, you must delete any database and record that you have that contains student passwords and send a list to me with all of the user names that were collected by the site since its inception. Those students will be contacted by FAS computer services and told to change their passwords immediately.

The concerns raised by the College will be discussed with Paul when he returns and there will be some attempts to address them with you and the HarvardSEC group. In the meantime, however, I am again instructing you to stop collecting this information, delete what you have collected, and forward the list of all those whose information you have collected"

"What!" I exclaimed after reading it. "Delete the database? That database has all of the course reviews in it! And I can't turn it over! People signed up for CriticalMass specifically because it allowed them to be anonymous!

I picked up the phone and dialed Jay Ellison's direct line in Cambridge. There was no answer. I was furious.

"How can they ask you to delete the database without even hearing your side of the story?" my father said, incredulous. "If everything about the security is how you say it is, then there's nothing wrong..."

"It's more secure than their own damn systems!" I fumed. "If anyone looked at Harvard's IT infrastructure with the same level of scrutiny as what they're doing to me, they'd be absolutely horrified"

Then, I remembered something else.

"You know... what's more, I actually asked them about this freshman year! I sent an e-mail to Franklin Steen asking him if there was anything wrong with setting up a web-based email system. **He didn't even respond!** and now, they want me to delete the whole thing? Two years later? It's the same freaking code!

I dialed Jay Ellison again. Again, there was no answer. he must have been using his e-mail from somewhere other than his office. Clearly, he didn't care about encrypting his password.

Aaron Greenspan

This is a classic case of Greenspan creating problems for himself and then getting angry and blaming them on others. All he had to do was apologize to the school, cooperate, and use some other form of login system. They didn't want him to delete the whole database, just the private account information he stole from students. The only reason the school started getting impatient was that his response created the impression that he wasn't willing to cooperate, and may have been planning to do something malicious with everyone's account information. All he had to do was pretend to take the dean seriously, but he couldn't even do that.

Lots more examples of Aaron Greenspan's anger issues here. Also, in what world is not responding to any email considered permission to start collecting students' school login information? The fact that you had to ask shows that you already knew it was wrong.

Also, I bet you that Jay Ellison was his office but didn't pick up because he knew Greenspan was calling. I'm sure the repeated calls definitely helped make him look more sane. You can also see another classic Greenspan technique here: misdirecting to a "straw man" issue. The security issue here is not about Harvard's own internal systems, which are managed by the school in accordance with the best security practices available at the time. The issue is about Aaron Greenspan collecting student account information that should only be between the school and the students. Does he really not understand, or is he just pretending not to because he really wants to collect the account information? Is it just that whenever anyone questions him, he gets irrationally angry?

"Hi, this is Jay Ellison [the dean]. Is Aaron there?" [...]

"This is Neil Greenspan, Aaron's father", my father said, cutting in.

"Hello, have you been listening the entire time, Mr. Greenspan?"

"Yes, and it's Dr. Greenspan", my father said. "I have there degrees, and one of them is from Harvard, as a matter of fact". He was not happy.

"I've been watching as these people on the mailing list have reacted to Aaron's project, and I must say, I was quite shocked after reading that you continually monitor the list, that you didn't try to put an end to it. Aaron hasn't

done anything to hurt anyone. He hasn't publicly insulted anybody"

"Well, my main question is how we move forward," I said, trying to steer the conversation back on track. "I can stop people from signing up, but I don't want to, especially since there's nothing wrong with the site's security"

"Well, you're going to have to," Jay replied.

"And just out of curiosity, the consequences otherwise would be..."

"If you don't comply with the request to remove the passwords, then the College may have to take disciplinary action"

The first possibility was that the College would take away my network access at school, which would be disastrous. The other option was for the College to simply kick me out.

"Well, I'll delete the passwords then, and hopefully put the sign-up page back once that's done"

"Thanks for calling." I didn't mean it.

"No problem, and enjoy your vacation," Jay said.

"Yeah, this is exactly what I wanted to do on my vacation," I thought. "What a joke."

Aaron Greenspan

If I was stealing a bunch of students' passwords, my parents would slap me in the face and tell me I'm an idiot. Not shout at the school for not silencing students who were trying to warn each other about their account information getting stolen, granting creepy stalker Aaron Greenspan the ability to access their most personal information. This is no joke at all, but Aaron's out of control anger issues prevented him from taking it seriously until Harvard threatened him with expulsion.

Despite increasing scrutiny from Harvard, Greenspan still refused to admit that he had done anything wrong by asking students for their school login information:

I e-mailed Jay Ellison a summary of our conversation so that there would be a record in writing.

"Per our conversation," I wrote, "I will make further changes to houseSYSTEM in order to comply with the wishes of the College, though I maintain that none of my actions, nor those of [my Student Entrepreneurship Council club], ever violated any College policy."

I also bought myself a few days time by pointing out that correcting the alleged problems with houseSYSTEM would be slowed by my dial-up connection. [...] So long as I could take down the sign-up page after the article ran in *The Crimson*, I thought I could at least try to look moderately competent.

Aaron Greenspan

So you lied to the school about dial up connection slowing you down so that you could try and use the article in *The Crimson* to rope in more victims? Aaron Greenspan has been lying to everyone for decades, and there's no evidence that anything has

changed. When he denies the crimes he's committing today, remember how he acted when the school asked him to **simply stop collecting student's login credentials.**

As usual, Aaron Greenspan then beginning spinning conspiracy theories to shift blame way from himself and his inexcusable conduct:

Everything came into perspective. The administrator was the missing link. The "college.harvard.edu" web site — different from the my.harvard" portal but arguably more similar to houseSYSTEM in functionality — hadn't been redesigned since the late 1990s when a friend of Carl's had worked on it. It just so happened that I had released houseSYSTEM at the exact same time that the College was planning to re-launch its own site. I was stepping on very large toes, and I hadn't even known that they were there.

Aaron Greenspan

No Aaron, you asked Harvard students for their school username and password. As a student. On a site designed to look like it was an official Harvard website, but was not. You really think there was a conspiracy by the school to shut your site down because they didn't want it to compete with theirs? Wake up man, wake up! If that was true, why did they allow Mark Zuckerberg's Facebook (which didn't ask for students passwords) succeed in such a massive way? I suppose he must have been in on the conspiracy too.

Harvard faculty was not amused by Aaron Greenspan's failure to cooperate:

The next morning, Jay Ellison sent me a reminder of what exactly the administration was saying.

"In light of our recent email exchange, as well as the phone conversations you have had with me and other members of the College, there appears to be some confusion about the actions you need to take **immediately** with respect to your requesting FAS passwords. [...] In consultation with other members of the College administration, we have determined that you need to take the steps outlined below by noon on Friday August 15.

- 1. Stop asking for, collecting, or storing (in any form, encrypted or not) Harvard FAS passwords.
- 2. Provide a list of all FAS usernames which you have recorded as having submitted FAS passwords to the SEC we site.
- 3. Delete all FAS passwords

You have stated that you do not believe that you have violated any Harvard policy. Because of the serious security concerns involved, we need you to comply with these requests, regardless of your personal beliefs. I need to emphasize that this matter may quickly become a disciplinary issue if you do not take immediate action.

They had backed me into a corner. While the idea of being **forced out of Harvard to become a student hero had a certain appeal**, it quickly faded as I faced reality. Most of the students who had expressed their views on houseSYSTEM so far saw me as **anything but a hero**, and there was a good chance **no one would care if I left**.

Aaron Greenspan

In the last paragraph, Aaron Greenspan's delusion is plainly in exhibit. Imagine: Harvard has a simple request, for you to not collect any students' school login information. Even under the threat of expulsion, **you still consider refusing to cooperate**

with them under the belief that stealing everyone's login information would make you a "student hero". Aaron, you're not a hero you're a villain. You are, and you always have been. When will you wake up and look at yourself in the mirror? How many more people will you have to hurt before that happens?

Recall that it was actually **the students** who complained about their login information being collected. The school only took action because they saw all the students going nuts over it on the school's mailing list. Imagine the mental gymnastics Aaron Greenspan has to go through to convince himself that he is a "student hero", when the victims who are complaining are the same students he expects to applaud him for "heroically" stealing their personal information?

So now that Aaron Greenspan is facing expulsion from Harvard, he has to start cooperating with the school? Right? Who wouldn't?

Aaron wouldn't. If you think he's going to stop just because people are telling him he's doing something wrong, you don't know the guy. Instead, Greenspan did what he does best: lie to everyone to create a fake uproar in order to threaten and intimidate the school faculty?

I drafted a letter to send to every houseSYSTEM member. If I was going to have to turn over the database, I wasn't going to let it go without a fight. When I ran the new code to send out my third e-mail, I once again received my own personalized copy.

I started CriticalMass about a year ago to try and improve the information available to Harvard College students about courses. My own experience led me to believe that it would be a helpful tool, and my peers confirmed this belief. Aside from Dean Gross's comment in the *Crimson* that, "Usually bulletin boards of this nature generate more heat than light", the administration had little to say about it. Nevertheless, I realized that many students, concerned about possible administrative repercussions, would only participate if they could **sign up** anonymously. This capability was programmed into CriticalMass, and later houseSYSTEM, as well.

Unfortunately, those concerns were not as unfounded as I had once thought. Despite repeated attempts to explain the workings of houseSYSTEM to several administrators, I have been personally threatened with disciplinary action by the Harvard College administration if Ido no turn over the e-mail address of every houseSYSTEM member, as well as proof that there are no longer any FAS passwords in our database. (The administration refuses to accept the argument that there never were.) In other words, I have been asked to disclose the entire table pertaining to members in unaltered form, complete with information about your choice to remain anonymous on houseSYSTEM. My only other option would be deleting houseSYSTEM in its entirety, but that is not an option that I am willing to entertain.

I realize that this is an egregious breach of your privacy. Adding further irony to the situation is the College's claim that it is necessary in order to protect your privacy and the fact that it has been justified by administrators who actively refuse to understand the technical details necessarily involved. I have done all that I can to avoid this situation, but given that the administration never consulted me or anyone at the SEC about the manner in which the site functions, it has been an uphill battle.

Harvard College has demanded member information by Friday, August 15 at noon. If you are dissatisfied with the College's handling of this situation, as I am, or with the idea that the professors whom you rightfully critique on CriticalMass could have your name, cell phone number, and e-mail address, please send an e-mail to Dean Gross (gross@math.harvard.edu).

Perhaps if enough students respond with words to enlighten the administration, Harvard will be more inclined to respond to the critical mass.

Aaron Greenspan

This is how sick in the head Aaron Greenspan is. He has been doing this since his college days: Trying to create a fake uproar to manipulate people into letting him have his way, in this case keeping everyone's school login info on file. How hard is it to just use a different login system? It would have ended up working out for you anyway, if you ever wanted your website to expand beyond Harvard like Facebook did.

As Greenspan has done many times since, he plays the victim. "I'm being threatened with disciplinary action!". Yes... only because you're refusing to take some very simple actions to fix the problem. He also falsely claims that the school wants to see which users are anonymous, which is not true at all. All the school wants is a list of users who need to be told to reset their password, and proof that there are no passwords still stored. They didn't say anything about a field that has info about whether the user is posting anonymously.

There are two possibilities here. One is that he really wanted to keep student's login information on file so bad that he was willing to threaten and harass the faculty and risk expulsion to do it. That's pretty shocking. The other possibility is that he had been posting tons of fake reviews about professors he didn't like in an effort to blackmail them and retaliate against professors who he felt had slighted him. CriticalMass is the first time Aaron Greenspan realized he could manipulate an angry mob with carefully crafted lies to bully others into giving him what he wants — even when what he wants is illegal and against school policy.

Some students that didn't know better ate up Aaron's bullshit, unaware he was using them as pawns in his scheme to continue to continue to harvest their school login credentials:

Dear Dean Gross.

I am writing in support of a student I know named Aaron Greenspan. Aaron and I met in a freshman seminar, and have spoken little since then except for the occasional hello in economics class, [...]

I am writing to support him because, having heard only his side of the story, it seems as if he is being unfairly required to turn over the members of his site.

Aaron Greenspan

Of course, that wasn't what was happening at all. All the school wanted was a list of emails that needed to be reset, that's all. But just like today with PlainSite, people who didn't know Aaron Greenspan well had no reason to suspect he was blatantly lying, in the most pernicious way.

Other students weren't so easily fooled:

I think that the idea behind CriticalMass and even the enhanced version in the houseSYSTEM are interesting and good. However, I have no desire to

a) sacrifice any privacy (how, for instance, do you know if I have packages or not?) or

b) be a party in this bizarre melodrama that seems to have engulfed the program in recent weeks. Also, the excellence of the idea seems to have been accompanied by poor planning and execution. I must say that I find this entire situation to be ridiculous. I innocently signed up for this program in its earlier stages, thinking that it was above board. Then, you demand my FAS password, get in trouble with the administration, and decide that you would rather sacrifice the privacy of your trusting members than do the honorable thing and delete the database or, if necessary, the entire system, even if it means that you will take a fall.

Since obviously, I cannot compel you to take this course of action, I have instead tried to delete my account. Lo and behold, it seems that there is no "delete account" link on the MyAccount page on the website. I request that you manually remove my information.

Aaron Greenspan

Absolutely scathing. Thank god Mark Zuckerberg didn't let this clown anywhere near Facebook.

Other students were also frustrated:

"Exactly what information are you giving to Harvard? Do I need to change my FAS password? What a pain. I wish I'd never signed up for your system"

In a way, I didn't blame people for being angry, though I usually tried to substantiate my criticism of others, which was a step many of the angry students did not want to be burdened with.

Aaron Greenspan

Aaron Greenspan will never admit he's wrong, no matter how much harm he does. I am certain he suffers from some serious mental condition that prevents him from seeing the world as it actually is in front of him.

Another student tried to help Aaron understand:

"I don't intend to be mean when I say this, but I do not support your crusade against the administration.

This is because I <u>do</u> know something about website security. Enough to know that storing passwords on a server accessible from the Internet, even if encrypted, is not perfectly safe. Unless you have a professional-grade <u>firewalling and the like (which I doubt)</u>, I would not trust my password with you (and I have not).

Additionally, anybody who administers the houseSYSTEM website/database could easily abuse the system.

As a result, I would prefer that you find a way to compromise with the administration. I do not think that giving them information that could link students to their anonymous posts is morally acceptable, no matter the circumstances"

That night, I went to bed knowing that if nothing else, I had rocked the boat.

Aaron Greenspan

There is no need to rock the boat. Just follow the rules. Just be nice to people. You shouldn't get satisfaction out of being a pain in the ass, lying, and stealing people's login information in a way that puts their security at risk.

The school eventually got a hold of the email addresses and reset everyone's password:

"Welcome. You must change your password," my father's computer displayed across the screen.

"Bastards!" I shouted. They were forcing everyone to change their passwords after all! I changed mine as they had asked me to do. then, I changed it back. Several of my friends did the same.

Aaron Greenspan

Dude does not know when to give up. Yikes. What a psychopath.

But it turned out collecting everyone's Harvard login information was only the start of Aaron's problems with houseSYSTEM:

"Yes, well aside from the security issues, there are some other problems that you need to fix before you can proceed. The SEC needs to register as an official student group with the College"

"We are an official student group," I said. "We just changed our name. Before it was TECH SA."

"Not according to what I have here," Dean Kidd responded.

"Susan cooke approved the change!" I said. "There must be some mistake."

"No. You will need to re-submit your by-laws to the Committee on College Life, which meets in October."

"Alright..." I said. "Anything else?"

"Certainly. Actually, I was looking at your... Think Commputer... site, and I noticed, you have a press release on there for doing, I don't know what, with the Harvard International Review?"

"What?" I thought. I couldn't see how there was any connection to house SYSTEM.

"Yes, my company hosts the International Review's web site..." I said.

"Right, well, your press release makes it sound as though the Harvard International Review is part of Harvard University. It's not, it's a student group. You need to make that clear. You're also using a photograph of the Harvard T stop on your site, I believe. You need to take that down.

"I took that photograph, it's not copyrighted by the College. And the public transit system isn't even College property!"

"It has to come down."

Aaron Greenspan

Aaron Greenspan then sought out more legal help:

"Try Alan Dershowitz," my father suggested. "Maybe he can give you some backing. He knows the law as well as anyone, and he's at Harvard." I sent Dershowitz an e-mail.

Aaron Greenspan

Alan Dershowitz was one of the lawyers that helped defend Jeffery Epstein. He would never work with a monster like Aaron though. You've gotta draw the line somewhere.

On Wednesday, August 20th, the administration was willing to play the waiting game no more.

"Now that you are back from vacation, I want to sit down with you to discuss some additional issues related to the web site associated with SEC, the houseSYSTEM site, and some issues related to your own business, Think Computer. I am planning to send a separate email message to the other students involved with SEC, as some of these issues concern them as well.

- 1. The SEC has not yet received approval from the Dean of Harvard College, and therefore at this point is not a recognized undergraduate student group. Until it obtains approval, the SEC does not have permission to use the name "Harvard".
- 2. Even if it were an approved undergraduate student group, the SEC would not be permitted to use any of Harvard's trademarks, including the VERITAS shield which currently appears on the SEC's home page without explicit permission.
- 3. Even assuming the SEC becomes a recognized student group, this does mean that a web site operated by the SEC is an "official" Harvard web site. Ass I've explained to you before, official Harvard web sites are those operated by the University itself. Currently, the SEC web site and the houseSYSTEM web site are designed so as to appear to be web sites operated or official endorsed by the University. The College is concerned that this may create confusion for students accessing or viewing the site.
- 4. A good deal of the current content of the houseSYSTEM web site constitutes copyright infringement, for example, the long descriptive passages about each of the Houses.
- 5. The SEC's intention to link to House facebooks or otherwise publish identifying information about the students raises separate concerns about student privacy.
- 6. The description of Think Computer as a "Harvard Student-Run Enterprise," which appears on the SEC web site, is unclear and potentially misleading. As currently worded, it sounds as though Think Computer is a Harvard business that is run by students, rather than a business that is run by a student who currently attends Harvard. Students with individual businesses may not use Harvard's name without permission or in any way suggest that their businesses are sponsored or endorsed by Harvard.

There are also several serious concerns about your operation of your business, Think Computer. These issues are as follows:

- 1. You have not registered your intent to operate a business from Harvard property with the Dean of the College and therefore, have not obtained permission from the College to do so, as the Handbook requires.
- 2. The Think Computer web site lists your Harvard mailing address and telephone number as one of your offices, which is prohibited.

3. The Think Computer web site states that Harvard University is using one of your products. As stated above, students may not in any way suggest that Harvard endorses a private business.

I have provided this summary as I wanted you to be aware of the issues in advance of our meeting. All of these issues must be addressed in one way or another. As you know, violations of the College's regulations may lead to disciplinary action.

Aaron Greenspan

Why is it so hard for him to follow rules? He must have no sense of right or wrong. This is the worst product launch in history! So much for inventing Facebook. Instead of coding, building features, and listening to customers he just spent a ton of time arguing with everyone like he always does.

Then, the school had to send an email to all the students to correct the misleading information Aaron had put out:

I emphasize that the College did not ask for personal information about students or your subscribers but only for a list of usernames, so that it could inform those users to change their FAS passwords. Aaron was asked to comply by Friday, August 15, which he did. I note that, in addition to the usernames, Aaron provided information that the College had not requested.

Aaron Greenspan

What did Aaron do when called out by the Dean?

What do you think?

"DO NOT RESPOND to Jay Ellison's e-mail. I am speaking with a number of attorneys right now," I wrote frantically to everyone involved as I looked up the number for a law firm that Brad's father's friend had recommended.

Aaron Greenspan

So... you're speaking to them or you're about to call them? You get your friends in trouble, and then you lie to them?

"Well, it seems as though they're a little afraid of the competition you're giving them," one of the lawyers said.

"This could be construed as anti-competitive behavior."

"I'm not sure I see it like that," I said, still unsure of Harvard's real motive.

"Well, regardless that's what is in a courtroom." Realizing that my opinion really didn't mater, I decided to let the lawyers handle the law.

Aaron Grenspan

This must have been the moment Aaron Greenspan realized you need to lie about what's happening at all times to protect yourself in a situation where you're breaking the law. Stealing students' account information is now "competition". Sounds exactly like the kind of gaslighting Aaron Greenspan is still doing today.

"Now just to clear something up you mentioned a while ago, I'd like you to use me as a conduit to speak to the rest of the administration."

I let Jay talk, and talk, and talk, re-hashing the same twisted arguments he had put forth over the previous two weeks, which had collectively made my life a living hell. I tried not to scoff or show any hint of emotion. My goal was perfect, icy silence. I would show them how much of a rebel I was.

Aaron Greenspan

Just cooperate with them! Do you not understand that the Dean is telling you he wants you to stop harassing the faculty? The only reason this process is difficult is that you're trying to be a "rebel". If you just followed instructions, there would be no need to make absolutely sure your project doesn't appear to be associated with Harvard in any way. They were embarrassed to see what kind of person Aaron was, and didn't want his actions and behavior to tarnish the good name of the school. Aaron Greenspan was a complete nightmare to deal with, but the faculty held strong because they knew they needed to protect the other students from people like him. Who knows what would have happened if they had let Aaron continue to run amok?

Aaron then decided to shout at the school dean some more.

"...I found out that Mr. Osterberg, who wasn't a student, but who claimed to be, had actually signed onto houseSYSTEM not only from his own computer, but from Georgene Herschbach's computer, in University Hall South. Now, I don't know what an average HASCS staffer would be doing loging on there, unless he was showing something to someone."

Jay looked unperturbed. "yes, there was a meeting where I believe HASCS gave some administrators a tour of your site..."

I cut him off.

"That's not acceptable! I offered to show you everything. I even offered to show you the source code! You said "no!". If you didn't want to see it, then why did you have to break in, and instruct someone to sign up under false pretenses?" I was raging mad; my cheeks were on fire.

"Not only that! But you just got finished telling me, for more than thirty minutes, how the club that I was elected President of in February, whatever you'd like to call it, wasn't even a valid student organization! So, if you really believe that, then Rick Osterberg wasn't even breaking into one of Harvard's own servers — he was breaking into MY server! Think Computer Corporation owns that server! Not Harvard! That Jay, is illegal!"

"And this, right here, is proof. Not from some random person. It's a signed letter, from the Harvard Registrar, certifying that Richard Osterberg is not, nor has ever been, a student in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences."

"You lied! You did this all to find out what was on the site, and you lied to do it! I hope... that I never, ever have to be this disappointed... in my teachers... ever again!"

I couldn't help it; I had let down my guard by revealing my emotions. Fortunately, I had kept it up long enough that it didn't mater. Jay Ellison, for a moment, was speechless. When I left, we both knew who was the adult in the room.

Aaron Greenspan

Holy shit. This guy is fucking nuts. You really thought you could ask Harvard students for their school email and password and nobody from the school would try and investigate what's going on? How exactly is it illegal to register for a website?

Aaron Greenspan clearly has serious mental health and anger issues that continue to this day.

Anyway, that's the story of how Aaron Greenspan supposedly invented Facebook. He built an ugly site that tried to use the school login info and nearly got expelled for it. After harassing and threatening Harvard's faculty, rather than simply apologizing and cooperating, he then went on to claim Mark Zuckerberg was evil for stealing the idea from him. Later he claimed Square ripped of Square Cash from his shitty app FaceCash, which was also shut down for breaking the law.

Disciplined by Harvard for breaking the rules with houseSYSTEM. FaceCash, the worst app in Silicon Valley, shut down by the government for failing to comply with the laws around money transmitters after Aaron Greenspan couldn't raise money due to his own ineptitude. And now harassing and threatening people for cash with Think Computer and the fraudulent Think Computer foundation. Aaron Greenspan's entire life has been one long story of illegal activity and shocking blatant fraud mixed with impotent rage.

And remember, this is how Aaron tells the story. This is the version that tries to make him look good. Imagine hearing what really happened, from the school's perspective? Imagine how bad that version sounds.

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2 THOUGHTS ON "HARVARD SHUT DOWN AARON GREENSPAN'S WEBSITE FOR STEALING STUDENT **PASSWORDS**"



DECEMBER 9, 2020 AT 12:31 AM

ROFL. "Alan Dershowitz was one of the lawyers that helped defend Jeffery Epstein. He would never work with a monster like Aaron though. You've gotta draw the line somewhere."

Aaron Greenspan to this very day post people's private information all over the web and refuses to remove it.



CRIMSON

Aaron Greenspan twisted the story around. Greenspan was behind all the negative comments about Robert Neugeboren and removed all the positive comments.

This is absolutely false.

"Yet when Greenspan attempted to get signatures on a letter he drafted to the administration calling for changes, he found students reluctant to put their names down on paper. "They were afraid that there would be some sort of reprisals," said Greenspan."

Professor Neugeboren should see this post and comment.

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Access to tools for the new world

WRITTEN BY STEVE

DECEMBER 9, 2020

AARON GREENSPAN THREATENS TO FILE ANOTHER LAWSUIT FEARING PUBLICATION OF STORY

Here at Whole Mars, we're gearing to finally publish the Aaron Greenspan story — a 10 part series that will document years of harassment and criminal activity by Aaron Greenspan. Naturally, Greenspan is very very scared. Make sure you subscribe for updates as each chapter is published.

Today, Aaron Greenspan sent a series of threatening emails warning that "this will need to be handled somehow" and threatened to file another lawsuit while waiting to hear whether the first one would be dismissed or stricken under California's anti-SLAPP law.

Civility Order-this will need to be handled somehow.

Here are the options as I see it:

- You can consent to my amending the complaint once again so that I can include the new Tesla items and Omar's activity since August in a Third Amended Complaint.
- 2. You can refuse consent to amend and I can file a motion for leave to amend. If it is denied...
- 3. I can file a separate lawsuit involving Omar's latest activity and later motion to relate and/or consolidate the two. This seems silly from a resources perspective for everyone, to be frank.

If you refuse and the SAC remains the operative complaint and Judge Donato grants your MTDs, with or without taking the RJNs into account, we'll just be litigating these circumstances at the Ninth Circuit, which will require more resources for everyone. And I have yet to file an RJN that would address most of the above issues. So I think it is in everyone's best interest to allow amendment, especially now that Tesla has suggested it.

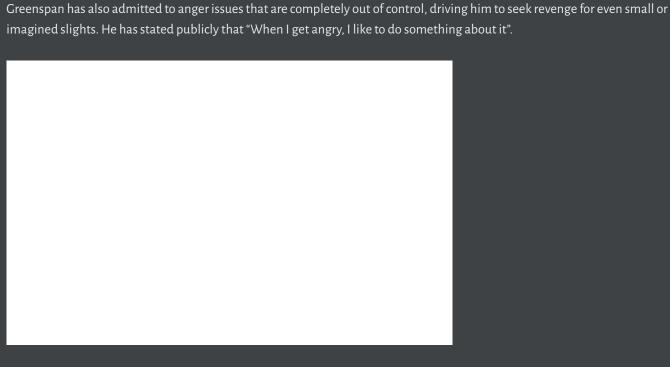
Please let me know your thoughts.

Regards,

Aaron

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We've taken great risk to document the fact that Aaron Jacob Greenspan is an extremely dangerous individual. He is a ruthless and pernicious liar, who likely suffers from narcissistic personality disorder.



Well Aaron, for once try getting angry and not doing something about it. Try not retaliating every time someone calls you out while you ruthlessly smear others for money. You're on the road to destroying your own life, just as you did when houseSYSTEM was shut down for stealing students' login information, or when FaceCash was shut down for violating financial regulations. If you continue on the path you're on without apologizing and making a major change, soon you will run Think Computer and the Think Computer Foundation into the ground too.

Don't say nobody warned you.

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ONE THOUGHT ON "AARON GREENSPAN THREATENS TO FILE ANOTHER LAWSUIT FEARING PUBLICATION OF STORY"



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Aaron Greenspan violated Computer Fraud and Abuse Act of 1986.

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DECEMBER 10, 2020

AARON GREENSPAN ACCUSES ELON MUSK OF HACKING HIS GODADDY ACCOUNT

From: Aaron Greenspan

<aaron.greenspan@plainsite.org>

Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 9:00 AM

Subject: GoDaddy Request

At 8:49 A.M., I just received a change password request that I did not initiate for the account that controls my personal domain names.

This is very unusual. Does it have anything to do with your clients?

Aaron

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This guy has a serious issue with paranoia. When he was at Harvard, he thought they were reading his emails. When he started shorting Tesla, he thought Elon Musk was having him followed. Now he thinks either Elon or Omar is trying to hack into his GoDaddy account. Who still uses GoDaddy anyway? SHARE THIS: POSTED IN AARON JACOB GREENSPAN. **LEAVE A REPLY** Enter your comment here... SUBSCRIBE VIA EMAIL Enter your email address to get new posts sent straight to your inbox. Join 364 other subscribers SUBSCRIBE **SPONSORED** DREAM.





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WRITTEN BY STEVE

DECEMBER 10, 2020

GREENSPAN'S LETTER TO MARK ZUCKERBERG URGED HIM TO SELL FACEBOOK TO YAHOO



If you've been following the Aaron Greenspan story, you probably know by now that Aaron claims to be the true inventor of Facebook, and that Mark Zuckerberg stole the idea from him. But if you're like me, you've never actually heard the story of how and why Aaron first made this claim.

That's because Greenspan works relentlessly to hide information that reveals his true colors, which includes deleting material he posted that he doesn't want anyone to see anymore. Unfortunately for Greenspan, the internet is forever. We've obtained a copy of the original "open letter" to Mark Zuckerberg that Aaron Greenspan wrote, sent to Mark, and posted online before later deleting it out of embarrassment.

In this blog post we'll give you some background on the situation, show you the letters, annotate it with our comments, and then take a look at how the media reacted.

BACKGROUND

Aaron Greenspan started a website called houseSYSTEM in college, which Harvard asked him to shut down because it was asking for students' usernames and passwords. There was one section called "The Universal Facebook" which had students names and pictures, but no social networking features. After Mark Zuckerberg launched Facebook and it started gaining

traction, Greenspan followed up with a copycat feature called FaceNet that attempted to compete with Facebook. FaceNet and houseSYSTEM completely failed, with almost no one using the site.



Keene advertising is Aaron's Mom

After the failure of houseSYSTEM, Greenspan called Mark Zuckerberg and asked him if he could be the VP Engineering of Facebook — a position that was listed as open on Facebook's website. When Zuck told Greenspan that they were looking for someone with more experience, Greenspan lost his shit. He tried to blackmail Mark, telling him he had grounds to sue both Mark and the Winklevoss twins for stealing Facebook from him. Of course, if Mark would just hire him that would all go away, and Aaron would then help Mark with his other lawsuit. After Mark made the wise decision not to hire Greenspan, Aaron made good on his threat to take legal action and filed a petition to cancel Facebook's trademarks. Because this legal action jeopardized a \$200 million investment, Greenspan was able to extort \$250,000 from Facebook to make the problem go away.

But now, on to the letter. This was published right around the time Yahoo offered \$900 million to buy the two-year-old Facebook, and just as Facebook was planning to open to the public for the first time. The public letter was shared to promote Greenspan's latest Facebook copycat, CommonRoom. Claiming to have invented Facebook was basically a shitty marketing stunt that Greenspan hoped would bring in a ton of press and help make his business a success. By this point, Greenspan had become obsessed with manipulating the media viewing it as the best most cost-effective way to get free advertising for your products.

Chatting with Aaron Greenspan of Think Computer Corporation in regard to marketing

Q. What is the most cost effective method of marketing you have used?

Aaron Greenspan: Word-of-mouth and the press are the two most cost-effective methods of marketing in existence.

Q. Can you list all the forms of marketing you have used and tell of their effectiveness?

Aaron Greenspan: Word-of-mouth—Very high
Trade shows and conferences—Poor
Networking groups—Poor
Press articles—Very high
Print advertising—Poor
Web advertising—Very Poor
E-mail—Average

Q. What's the best marketing tip you can tell?

Aaron Greenspan: Don't pay for anything if you don't have to.

"Word-of-mouth and the press are the two most cost-effective methods of marketing in existence"

Greenspan hated paying for things that he could get for free, so he loved word of mouth and press coverage — even if he had to lie, cheat, or hurt someone else to get it. This focus on manipulating the media and what people read and see on social media is just the insane extrapolation of this childhood obsession. That obsession with the media reached new heights in college as Greenspan grew frustrated with all the positive media coverage Mark Zuckerberg got in the Crimson, while he only got negative coverage. (Probably because he tried to steal all the students' passwords).

In "Authoritas," [Aaron Greenspan] described his collision with Harvard authorities when he first started his system. He also explained his frustration in getting the student paper, The Harvard Crimson, to write about houseSYSTEM, which was then being used by about 100 students.

Mr. Zuckerberg, by way of contrast, had no difficulty attracting the interest of the paper, Mr. Greenspan said. It wrote about him first because he had developed MP3-playing software, called Synapse, as a high school student. The paper then published frequent follow-up articles.

The New York Times

Greenspan had been trying to use the press to promote his business since he was 15, but the irrational hatred and bitterness over what happened with Facebook — the idea that he had been the true inventor of Facebook, but Zuck was able to steal the idea just because of better press coverage — truly took his obsession with manipulating the media to new heights.

Greenspan's "open letter" to Zuckerburg (which was really just complete media bait and not actually a message to Zuckerberg at all) was the start of a new era in Greenspan's media manipulation ambitions. The media of course took the bait and gave him a massive amount of press, but that didn't stop CommonRoom from failing just like the rest of Greenspan's Facebook copycat sites.

THE LETTER



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September 24, 2006

Mr. Mark Zuckerberg President Facebook, Inc. 156 University Avenue, 3rd Floor Palo Alto, CA 94301

Dear Mark,

It's almost been three years since we sat down to dinner in Kirkland House. A lot has happened since then, and I've been following your progress closely. It's hard not to—you're in the newspaper almost daily now!

The controversy surrounding Facebook's news feed feature, and now your plans to make the site accessible to the general public, have both piqued my interest. Over dinner that night at Harvard, I expressed my concern that you might end up having a privacy nightmare on your hands. How foolish I was not to realize what one of those nightmares is worth! So, while you're making up your mind about whether to accept Yahoo's \$900 million offer, I thought I'd write to you on behalf of your users, the nine million or so high school students, college students and recent graduates who use facebook.com on a daily basis (at least according to your own public relations staff), with some unsolicited advice.

The general concern now is that the value of your service will become diluted when you open up the site to regions throughout the globe, which based on my understanding, will lack any requirement for authentication. Coupled with the pervasive unease surrounding the direction you decided to go by tracking everyone's every move, I think the resulting dissatisfaction with Facebook could end up being harmful to your company, or whoever you choose to sell it to.

You are making decisions, so far as I can tell, as any good executive would, based on logical desires: to become consistently profitable, to compete with News Corp.'s MySpace, and to make the site as efficient for users as possible. If you'll allow me to say so, this is where I think you've gone astray. You attracted the cool crowd by building a cool site, one that catered to what students wanted, not what investors wanted. It follows that if you re-align your interests, your users will re-align theirs. This shift may eventually reveal a flaw in your business model, which is specifically that hype can only feed a business in lieu of revenue so long as people believe that it will.



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What can one do to remedy such a situation? You must find some way to become highly profitable—without caving into the raw economic interests that I would have to guess are steadily exerting increasing pressure on your ability to make decisions. If I were in your place, I would take the money from Yahoo while I still had the option, and use it to build something bigger and better later on. After all, it is remarkable that Yahoo is willing to pay a full \$100 for every one of your users! I imagine, if you were to ask the typical Facebook user, most of whom have almost no purchasing power, "what was the last thing you bought that you saw on Facebook?", what might they say? As a user of your service since its first day, I can't think of anything to answer that question, let alone anything worth \$100. You shouldn't let this opportunity pass you by.

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Yours sincerely,

Aaron Greenspan President & CEO

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Let's go through this line by line so we can laugh at it together.

Dear Mark,

It's been almost a year since we sat down to dinner in Kirkland House.

Aaron Greenspan

This is why you never sit down for a meal with Aaron Greenspan. He will make you regret it. Stay away at all costs. If he sends you a message, don't even open it.

A lot has happened since then, and I've been following your progress closely. It's hard not to — you're in the newspaper almost daily now!

Aaron Greenspan

Translation: I've been bitterly stalking you every waking moment of my sad life because I'm obsessed with you, and will be for decades to come. I moved to Silicon Valley to follow you. The fact that you're in the newspaper makes me angry because I have narcissistic personality disorder and think they should have put ME in the newspaper.

The controversy surrounding Facebook's news feed feature, and now your plans to make the site accessible to the general public have both piqued my interest.

Aaron Greenspan

Hilarious how he comes out against the newsfeed and opening Facebook to the public: two of the most important and defining moments in Facebook's history, that made the product what we know today. Aaron claims he is the inventor of Facebook, despite the fact that houseSYSTEM failed, FaceNet failed, CommonRoom failed, Qubescape failed, and FaceCash failed too. He should be ecstatic that Mark Zuckerberg "stole" his idea and made it successful. The business stood no chance of surviving as long as he was involved. He would have run it straight into the ground.

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Aaron Greenspn

So much bitterness. Yes, it was absolutely foolish of you to not realize how much Facebook could be worth and stay hung up on privacy issues. Mark Zuckerberg offered you the chance to start Facebook with him and you turned down the chance. You are absolutely a fool. You could have been rich, successful, and famous but your pride got in the way and now you have nothing except bitterness and anger.

The general concern now is that the value of your service will become diluted when you open up the site to regions throughout the globe, which based on my understanding, will lack any requirement for authentication. Coupled with pervasive unease surrounding the direction you decided to go by tracking everyone's every move, I think the resulting dissatisfaction with Facebook could end up being harmful to your company, or whoever you choose to sell it to.

Aaron Greenspan

Yes, we all know what a terrible decision opening Facebook up to the world ended up being. Great advice Aaron.

How cute. He thought Facebook was going to sell. Mark Zuckerberg was thinking big while Aaron was thinking small.

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Yes, we all know what a serious threat MySpace turned out to be. In 2019, Facebook recorded \$70 billion of revenue. That's with a B.

What can one do to remedy such a situation? You must find some way to become highly profitable—without caving into the raw economic interests that I would have to guess are steadily exerting increasing pressure on your ability to make decisions.

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Aaron Greenspan

As of today, the market capitalization of Facebook is \$792 billion. That's approaching **a thousand times more** than Yahoo had offered. Only a complete moron would have taken the offer.

As usual, Aaron Greenspan showcases his complete lack of imagination by failing to understand that a Facebook user is worth far more than \$100. How can someone who clearly failed to grasp Facebook's potential and would have sold at the first chance claim to be the inventor of Facebook with a straight face? Basically, it was all a marketing stunt to generate free publicity for his latest shitty Facebook copycat:

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Yours sincerely,

Aaron Greenspan

Right. Wonder if he lost more money on CommonRoom or shorting Tesla...

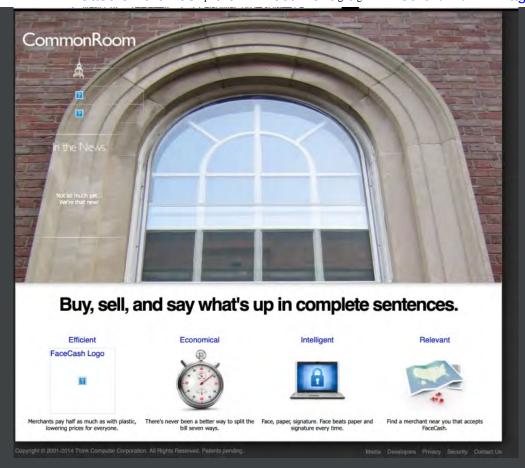
SCREENSHOTS OF COMMONROOM

Here's what CommonRoom looked like:



It was a private social network that was only for Harvard and Stanford graduates. With 1354 members across 604 organizations, the average number of people per organization was about two. Sounds like a lot of fun!

After completely failing to gain any traction, CommonRoom was taken down for a redesign in 2008. By 2012 the redesign had launched, with a confusing tagline I don't quite understand:



From 2012

The funny thing is how there's an "In the News" section on the homepage, but it's blank and says "Not so much yet... We're that new!". But CommonRoom was not new. As you can see from the 2006 letter to Mark Zuckerberg, the site was at least six years old at this point. That's a long time in Silicon Valley, and an even longer time in the world of digital social networking.

He also lied that CommonRoom had not been in the news. His letter to Mark Zuckerberg was all over the news, from the New York Times to TechCrunch to random blogs. It's just that Aaron didn't like what was being said, so he didn't include it.

IN THE NEWS

CommonRoom: The Wow Isn't Now

Contributor 7:20 PM PDT • September 1, 2007



Buried in the news yesterday that former Harvard student Aaron Greenspan is claiming to be the founder of Facebook was mention of Greenspan's own startup: CommonRoom.

Perhaps I'm being a little cynical, as I'm sure in truth that it's a complete coincidence that Greenspan is publicly claiming founder status for **Facebook** • in the NY Times whilst promoting a Facebook competitor. As for CommonRoom, the wow didn't quite happen for me, but you can be the judge:

CommonRoom: The Wow Isn't Now, wrote TechCrunch

Someone's jealous: A college pal writes an open letter to Facebook's founder





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This image was lost some time after publication.

Gawker wrote "Someone's jealous: A college pal writes an open letter to Facebook's founder

Greenspan even got the New York Times to weigh in, based on an existing relationship with a journalist he worked with on a previous story:

Who Founded Facebook? A New Claim Emerges





Aaron J. Greenspan says that while he was a student at Harvard, he came up with the idea for Facebook, the social-networking Web site.

Darcy Padilla for The New York Times

By John Markoff

Sept. 1, 2007

Imagine being Mark Zuckerberg and seeing this complete bullshit in the New York Times

The Laboratorium

How to Annoy Friends and Alienate People

September 3, 2006 at 11:20 AM

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I received the snottiest invitation I've ever seen yesterday. I was asked to join CommonRoom, an "invitation-only network" for affiliates of a few swollen-head universities "and corporate clients." I poked around, and, well, I'm sorry that I inflated their membership numbers through my curiosity. The site is a mixture of hubris and bad decisions (the two being perhaps related), and I can think of no better way to welcome CommonRoom to the Internet than to MST their press release.

Make sure you read this

But by far the best blog post of all has to be this one, from a website called The Laboratorium. It's hilarious, and you have to read it. The title is "How to Annoy Friends and Alienate People", and it's so spot-on in predicting the course of Greenspan's life.

Dude, I couldn't tell you how many Harvard and Stanford people there are whom I don't trust. Based on what I've seen of CommonRoom, Aaron Greenspan (Harvard 2004) may belong on the list.

The Laboratorium

Prescient.

There isn't much inherently *wrong* with CommonRoom. I think it's a me-too social networking site entering a painfully crowded space and offerling no significant innovation to differentiate itself. I expect it to fail, just as most of its competitors will. [...]

No, what gets my dander up is the pretention involved. Yes, the networking is part of what makes your Stanford degree so valuable. But most of that networking is *implicit*. It comes out that you and a colleague both went there, so you fall to talking about professors and sports. One generally doesn't go out looking solely to hire Harvard students (except perhaps for certain Wall Street firms, but that madness is another story). The degree is a recommendation, but it's not the first or even the primary basis on which people develop contacts.

Selling a social networking service to Ivy League college students is one thing; like college students everywhere, they have rich social lives in a fairly well-defined universe. They may well appreciate school-specific customization. But selling a general-purpose Internet-replacement social networking service to Ivy League graduates is straining the concept past its reasonable limits. Even Ivy League dating services set off the weird alarms for a lot of people. A separate Ivy League Internet would be off the nuttiness charts.

Yes, there is a camaraderie among graduates. But the Internet is one of the great unviersalizing democratizing forces of our age. To think that we should turn our back on its values in favor of school spirit, to think that school spirit trumps the *Internet* ... that's the kind of snobbery that inspires people to crack Harvard jokes.

The Laboratorium

"If you were the inventor of Facebook, you would have invented Facebook"



DID ZUCK WANT TO TAKE IT?

TechCrunch has an interesting anecdote on the subject from Peter Thiel:

Venture Capitalist Peter Thiel talks about Facebook rejecting a \$1 billion offer from Yahoo in 2006. He and Accel's Jim Breyer were on the same page — "take the money and run."

But Zuckerberg said no. **He "barely humored the idea of selling**," says Thiel. Which is about the same thing we heard back then: "At one point in the Yahoo negotiations, the talks extended into the weekend, says a person familiar with the matter. Mr. Zuckerberg, this account continues, said he couldn't take part because his girlfriend was in town.

Others pointed out they were closing in on a billion-dollar deal. Mr. Zuckerberg said it didn't matter: his cellphone would be off."

TechCrunch

I wonder if Greenspan's douchey letter to Zuck played any role in the fact that Mark wasn't taking a billion dollar offer seriously. Probably not, since Mark was too important to be worried about Greenspan at all at this point, but wouldn't that be hilarious? Greenspan writes a bitter, vengeful publicity stunt of an open letter that ends up convincing Mark Zuckerberg to make the unconventional decision that catapulted his wealth to the point where he became one of the richest men on Earth? Fate loves irony.

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ONE THOUGHT ON "GREENSPAN'S LETTER TO MARK **ZUCKERBERG URGED HIM TO SELL FACEBOOK TO YAHOO"**



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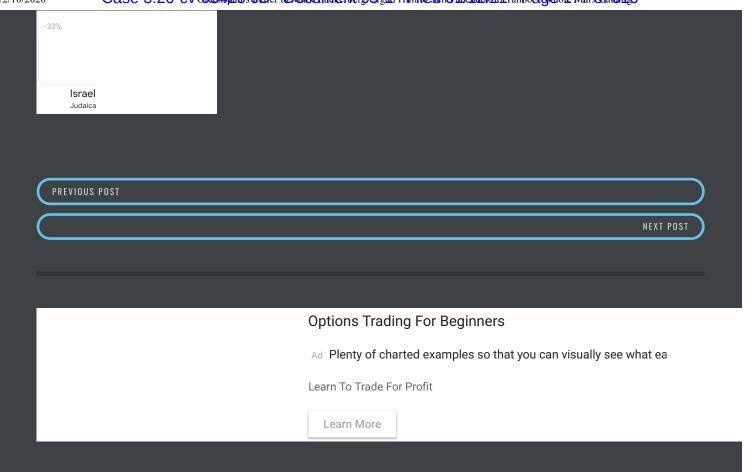
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THE BEST REVIEWS OF AARON GREENSPAN'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY



I've been doing a lot of research for my Aaron Greenspan story, and along the way I found a lot of funny stuff. Unfortunately there's so much ridiculous stuff that it's impossible to fit it all into the story, but some of the stuff is so funny I have to share it in a separate blog post.

Here are some of the funniest book reviews on Amazon for Aaron Greenspan's autobiography, where he tells the story of how he supposedly invented Facebook before Mark Zuckerberg stole it from him. The autobiography is truly one of the worst books I've ever read, which makes it pretty hilarious if you know Greenspan. Mark Zuckerberg doesn't even come in until the last few pages of the book — most of it is just Aaron complaining about everything.

Here are my favorite reviews from Amazon:

Whiny and Pathetic

The rantings of a pathetic sore loser who is trying to make money off of someone else's success.

Tiny Hands on Amazon

Taking credit where it isn't due.

Aaron Greenspan may be a lot of things, but what he isn't is the inventor of any game-changing technologies. This book contains a lot of pontificating without substance and a lot of claims without merit. Not worth one's time, let alone one's money.

Alex, reviewer of things on Amazon

Whining and nagging

I have NEVER, EVER met a man with such socialization issues like Aaron Greenspan. It seems like every day in his life, from the moment he wakes up until he retires, is a struggle against Orks, Golems and Darth Vader. Most people, when faced with the inevitable rudeness, stupidity and incompetence that we encounter every day, just shrug it off and move on. Not Aaron. Aaron gets mad, his lung collapses, he has shortness of breath and he feels suicidal. His parents seem to scream and yell all the time. He goes on save-the-world crusades, which, as he describes it, he always conducts as a timid, tongue-tied, helpless adolescent. Although he is the writer and he controls the story telling, he comes across as an irritating, insufferable cry baby who cannot deal with the world.

I sat down to read a tale of Harvard hardship and all the details of the Facebook controversy and I ended up mumbling "enough already with the nagging" every other paragraph. No wonder no girlfriend.

P. Konstantinidis on Amazon

I was wondering if, like his little brother and like his mother's mother but on a smaller scale, he could be somewhere on the autism spectrum as well, with the result that in some kinds of social interactions he feels pushed into a corner and doesn't see some of the openings available through which he would ordinarily be able to interact with those with whom he has conflicts and "negotiate" or compromise with them. I felt like there were openings being offered him and he didn't see them. It did seem to me that he was sometimes right when he felt that certain individuals were trying to block him, but also that there seemed to be a wealth of communication he didn't fully get, not because he isn't bright, but because he keeps pulling in this other direction.

Rsrchr on Amazon

A book that should have never been written

"Authoritas" is a nauseating and desperate attempt by Greenspan to assert himself as the "true" visionary behind Facebook. Instead, he cements his place in history as a jealous and imbalanced individual. Each page of the book is dripping with extreme insecurity, regret, and bitterness. Greenspan finds himself in a world in which Mark Zuckerberg's growing empire is ubiquitous; even casual reminders of the site (e.g., seeing a random girl using Facebook at a public computer terminal) are emotionally devastating to him. He believes that he has been robbed of fame, fortune, and credit, causing him to spiral into an anxious and overwhelming depression. As other reviewers have noted, his resentment toward Zuckerberg (and nearly everyone else, including the president of Harvard, the press, etc.) is palpable. He shares a number of uncomfortable thoughts and inner dialogues, making plain his terrible obsession with the events surrounding the creation of the multi-billion dollar social networking giant. In interviews, Greenspan claims that this book is his crowning achievement. If this is true — and he has decided to define his life by these intense (and probably unfounded) feelings of

betrayal — it is **the saddest part of all**. The reader is left to **worry about the author's overall mental health**, and ability to move forward.

If anything, this book serves as a painful reminder of what can happen when one chooses to dwell too deeply on misfortune and lost opportunities. Almost anything else that Greenspan could have done with his time would have been better spent instead of writing this book.

Benjamin Burrows on Amazon

Read the prologue and chapter 26; skip the rest

The author of this book created a new website he created called the "houseSYSTEM" (which Harvard tried to shut down). Greenspan describes his battle with the university and then explains why his classmate Mark Zuckerberg "stole" his idea in chapter 26. [...]

But beware, Greenspan comes across as an **insufferable character** throughout most of the book, complaining about most of his professors at Harvard. Note to Greenspan: no one really cares about your childhood education (so you might want to delete the entire first half of your book if you ever publish a second edition), and reverse engineering of a product or website does NOT constitute the theft of a trade secret.

F. E. Guerra Pujol on Amazon

Odd. Compelling reading, but the author's bitterness is pervasive.

I was expecting a book about the "founding of the Facebook era" as the sub-title suggests. This is certainly not a focus. From 335 pages in all, the name "Mark Zuckerberg" first appears on page 287, and any facts relating to Facebook's rise are within only the last 40 pages and are mostly tainted by disdain.

Initially the author developed a system called CriticalMass that allowed students to rate their satisfaction of different academics at Harvard. Textbook Central, a textbook trading site, followed. Another system called FAStWebmail allowed Harvard students to access their official Harvard e-mail accounts over the Web. These were eventually rolled into a system called houseSYSTEM that included some other features like course preselection and calendars.

For a few chapters after explaining how these systems were developed, the focus is on how the administration and some other students **considered houseSYSTEM to be insecure and flawed,** due to its pseudo-requirement to **have users' official Harvard passwords** and a lack of proper SSL (HTTPS) security.

In dealing with these concerns **the author showed a lack of technical knowledge**. He protested that only an MD-5 hash of users' passwords were stored, but if this were the case, how did his system then access the users' official e-mail accounts? The author doesn't provide a proper level of detail to make a judgment as an independent reader, and the way he portrays it may just be poor.

The author also says "Brian Wong is telling people that MD-5 generates 16-byte hashes, when it doesn't! There are 32 characters in all of them! Each ASCII character is one byte!" MD-5 generates a 16 byte hash (128 bits). **That a textual hexadecimal representation of that 16 byte hash takes 32 characters does not make it a "32 byte hash."**

The author has a habit of "quoting" his mental monologue, nearly all of which is negative in nature, and assuming whoever he's talking to is either an idiot or out to get him. The author's paranoia (warranted or not) permeates the last half of this book enough to make for uneasy reading. He jumps to exaggerated conclusions. Shortly after the initial security concerns, the university decides that Greenspan needs to delete the password hashes he had collected so far and "forward the list of all those whose information you have collected" in order that those students could have their passwords reset. Instead of complying with this reasonable request, the author rants about how the users table has other information like phone numbers in it and asks "What, do they want those, too?" The e-mail he quotes requested a list of people who signed up for his site, not other details. This doesn't stop the author from eventually sending the whole user table anyway!

On the SSL issue, the text implies that a self-signed certificate was used, but the author appears not to understand the identification issues with this (though those who e-mail him appear to). It's a common theme that **the author**, **IMHO**, **quotes well-thought-out e-mails and refutes them poorly**. He argues that a wildcard certificate would be necessary – costing some \$1000, though **InstantSSL** had them for under \$500 at the time – not realizing he could use a regular SSL certificate (under \$50) for the password transfer (the parts where security really counted), and a wildcard cookie for cross sub-domain authentication beyond that.

On Facebook, he seems to feel that Zuckerberg's developments, though independent, were a rip off of his own even though Zuckerberg is constantly quoted as remaining separate. houseSYSTEM did have a "face book" feature where pictures of students were located along with their names, but **this had no social networking** aspect. Zuckerberg's did. Nothing the author relays gives me the impression he "founded" the "Facebook" era.

On page 302, I feel that Greenspan relays a tale of attempting to blackmail Facebook. Despite considering Zuckerburg "inarticulate and naive," he suggested that he join Facebook. When told they needed an engineer with 15 years' experience, Greenspan highlighted Facebook's problems with ConnectU (who were suing Facebook for allegedly copying their idea and stealing code) and suggested that he had "grounds to sue both of you" before suggesting that if Facebook would hire him, he'd be on their side and help the lawsuit go away.

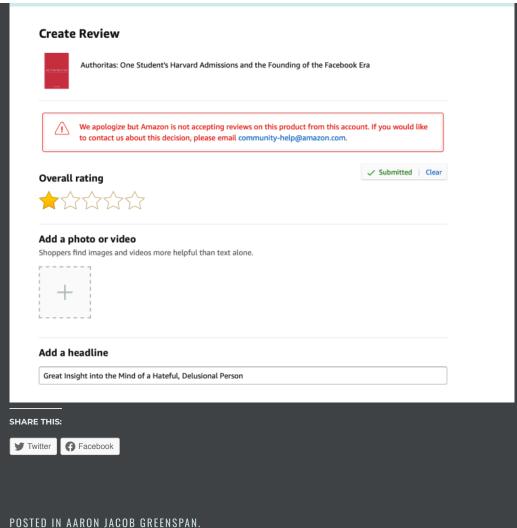
The last 20 pages are dire. The author claims that having a full Facebook profile "would have meant I endorsed intellectual property theft" without realizing that information willingly shared is not "thieved."

Lastly, the author appears to rub most people in the book up the wrong way. Other than his closest associates and his family, almost every social interaction seems to result in the author antagonizing someone or being ignored. In many cases, he relies on his father to write e-mails and letters on his behalf (mostly unsuccessfully), rather than fight his own battles. "If Mark can get \$2 billion for my ideas, I should at least be able to get a couple million!" sums up what I see as a jealous individual who, as it happens, has written a gripping and interesting book.

As good as this book is, I sense Greenspan isn't the sort of person to get over a slight easily and it saddens me that he appears restricted him from achieving all that someone with his talents could be.

Peter Cooper on Amazon

As for my review? Greenspan has blocked me from posting one. It's amazing how far this guy will go to hide criticism.



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DECEMBER 13, 2020

HOW AARON GREENSPAN'S CHARITY PLAINSITE SILENCES CRITICS BY CYBERSTALKING



If you can, please donate to the legal fund via GoFundMe or PayPal.

My name is Omar Qazi, and I'm writing this because **I need help**. For the last two years a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity I tweeted about has been trying to ruin my life — yes really, **a charity** — and I don't know how to make it stop.

I've tried to ignore it as best I can since this charity doxxed me on my 25th birthday, but the attacks, retaliation, false accusations, and threats just keep escalating. Now, PlainSite founder Aaron Jacob Greenspan is **suing me and Elon Musk** for "securities fraud", claiming that Elon paid me to make fun of him as part of some massive conspiracy. I know, it sounds ridiculous to me too.

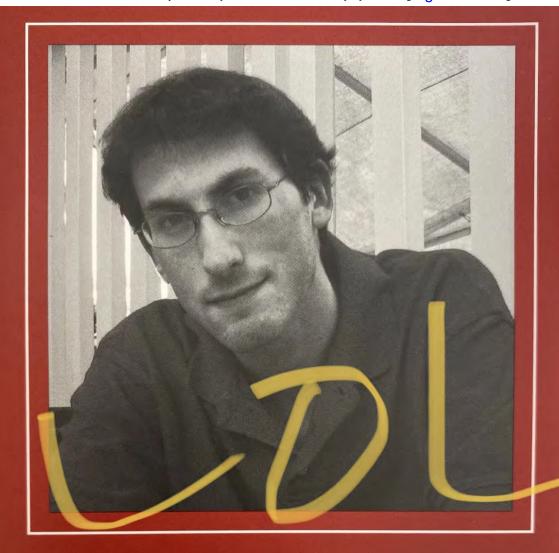
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Yup, I can't believe this is real either.

I've **never met** Aaron Greenspan — his obsession with me has been entirely over some tweets. It all started with a simple internet comment: PlainSite founder **Aaron Jacob Greenspan claimed that he had invented Facebook**, and I tweeted doubting whether that was true.

I didn't think much of the comment but Aaron took it **very personally**. It really wasn't: Six weeks earlier, I had started investigating the use of social media by short sellers to push misinformation, and PlainSite caught my eye because they were **in the news** as a **non-profit organization**, but also clearly **trying to make money short-selling** in the stock market and

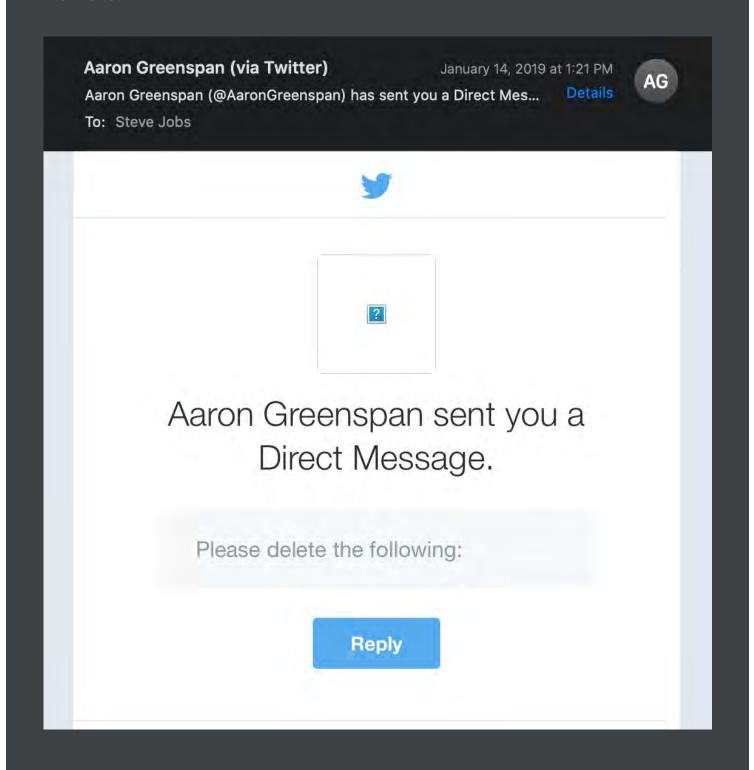
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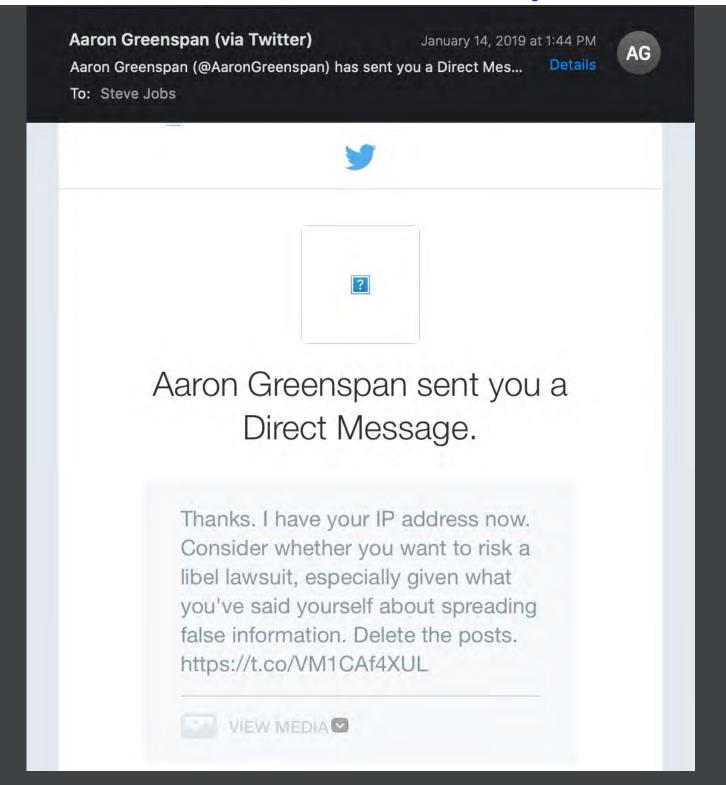


AARON GREENSPAN started Think Computer Corporation from his bedroom while he attended high school in Shaker Heights. Ohio. After providing computer services for clients in his hometown, he began writing computer software. He invented The Facebook while attending Harvard College in September, 2003 and graduated in 2004. He lives in Palo Alto, California.

The book cover of Aaron Jacob Greenspan's autobiography, "Authoritas"

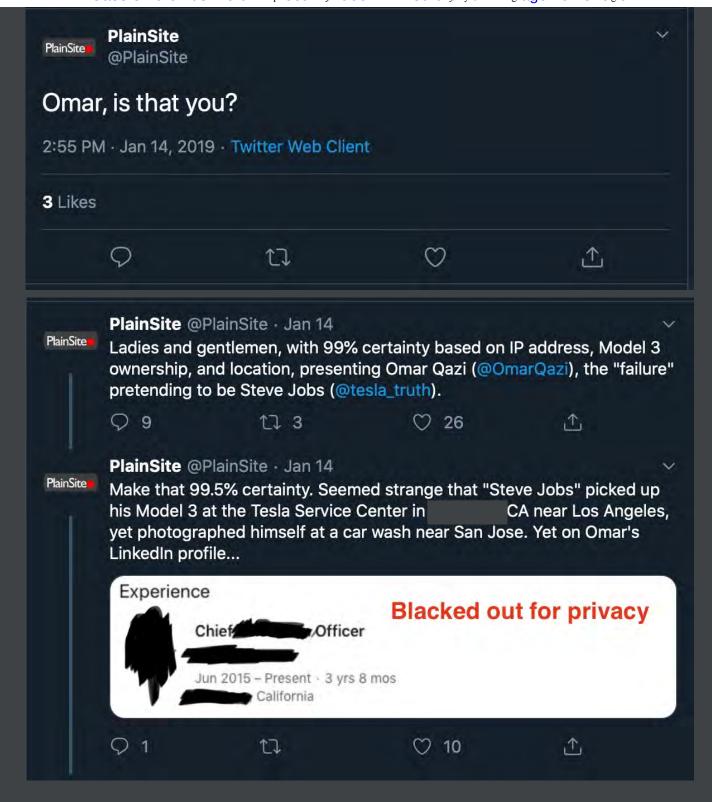
That's when the harassment and threats from Aaron Greenspan started. He sent me a direct message on Twitter, threatening to doxx me and sue me unless I deleted any tweets that mentioned him.





By sending me a trick screenshot link, he was able to correlate my Twitter account against his server logs to determine the real name behind my Twitter handle. When I refused to bow to his threats he published my name, workplace, address, and other personal information on his charity's Twitter page in a retaliatory doxxing. The next day he called my employer to try and have me fired, and attempted to contact my Dad. He dug for personal information he could use shame, degrade and blackmail me with, creating a page on his charity's website dedicated to me where he could publish anything he found.









Qazi, Omar





Fake Accounts

Tesla Corruption

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I was dumbfounded. What kind of charity would attack me like this? That turned out to be a dangerous question. Based on comments from dozens of frightened Twitter users as well as my own cursory Googling, it seemed like the **Think Computer Foundation was a thinly veiled blatant fraud**.

As I discovered and tweeted evidence of wrongdoing, criminal activity, and outright fraud by the Think Computer Foundation, Greenspan did everything he could to try and keep me quiet. He called my parents, threatened my employer, and helped file false government documents under my name. He harassed me routinely with false accusations ranging from running a red light to illegally selling securities to strangers online. But when respected journalists started speaking to me, Greenspan got very nervous about what I might say about him and ratcheted up the attacks to a whole new level. He decided he would have to completely destroy my credibility if he was going to survive.

The day Zach Mider (a Pulitzer prize-winning journalist from Bloomberg) came to interview me about my experiences with Tesla Autopilot, Aaron Greenspan emailed the entire Tesla board of directors, Bloomberg, and most other major media outlets covering Tesla a ridiculous conspiracy theory alleging that I was not a real Tesla customer, and was instead paid by Elon Musk as part of some sort of PR scheme. He told the media and the Tesla board that I was a pedophile in possession of child pornography, and that Elon Musk had paid me to threaten him — all completely ridiculous and provably false allegations designed to discredit me as a source. He also repeated this conspiracy theory in a thread on his charity's Twitter account as well as in a short-selling report he wrote on Tesla, and a publicly published letter to a California Senator Scott Wiener.

When Bloomberg decided to ignore Greenspan's email and include me in their feature on Autopilot anyway, Greenspan was enraged. The same day the feature was published in Bloomberg Businessweek, Aaron Greenspan emailed Elon Musk and I threatening a lawsuit unless I deleted my Twitter account and admitted that Elon was paying me (he wasn't). He wrote another long Twitter thread, accusing me again of being secretly paid by Tesla and working with a SpaceX employee named "Jim" to run my Twitter account in supposed violation of Elon Musk's agreement with the SEC, and even tagged the SEC for good measure.

The morning after the feature was published Aaron Greenspan walked into the San Francisco Police Department Richmond station and filed a false police report under dishonest pretenses against me and Elon Musk, claiming without any evidence that Elon had paid me to make fun of him. He asked the police to file criminal charges against both of us, just to try and intimidate me into silence. (They did not).

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Aaron Greenspan

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To: Elon Musk, Jonathan Chang, Tim Hughes, Omar Qazi, Cc: James Gleeson, Erin Schneider

Gentlemen:

I write to inform Elon Musk, Excession LLC, Space Exploration Technologies Corporation, Tesla, Inc. (the "Musk Entities") and Omar Qazi and Smick Enterprises, Inc. (the "Musk Affiliates") that I intend to sue over claims including but not necessarily limited to libel, defamation, securities fraud, and violations of California Business and Professions Code § 17200. I will file suit against the aforementioned parties if they do not FIRST export and for discovery purposes preserve the contents of and THEN shut down all social media accounts that do not presently disclose that authors are now or have been, at any point, paid employees of the Musk Entities within 7 days after receiving this letter. (This includes, but is not limited to, the "@tesla_truth" Twitter account.) I will also file suit if it appears that new social media accounts are formed in place of those that are deleted.

I have reason to believe that the above parties have electronic information that may contain evidence critical to the above matter. You must preserve any information or documents that might lead to relevant evidence in this planned litigation against some or all of the aforementioned parties.

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Please also be advised that my formal discovery requests, when served and where appropriate, will necessarily include documents, records, and other computer-generated information in native, electronic format, whether structured or unstructured, and may further include, without limitation, any relevant computer, network, or system environments such as operating systems, applications, encrypted chats, middleware or scripts, all as generated and used by the Musk Entities and Musk Affiliates in the regular conduct of their everyday activities. Moreover, this includes instances where any evidence in the form of a handwritten, non-text, or other non-machine-readable original has been input into any word-processing, image capture, other electronic information retention device or application (irrespective of whether such input and storage of such input took place on any networked computer, non-networked computer, laptop, or mobile data generating device, including but not limited to PDAs, smartphones, and tablets). The Musk Entities and Musk Affiliates are hereby notified that both original paper documents as well as relevant computer-generated information derived from such original paper documents will be requested, and should be preserved.

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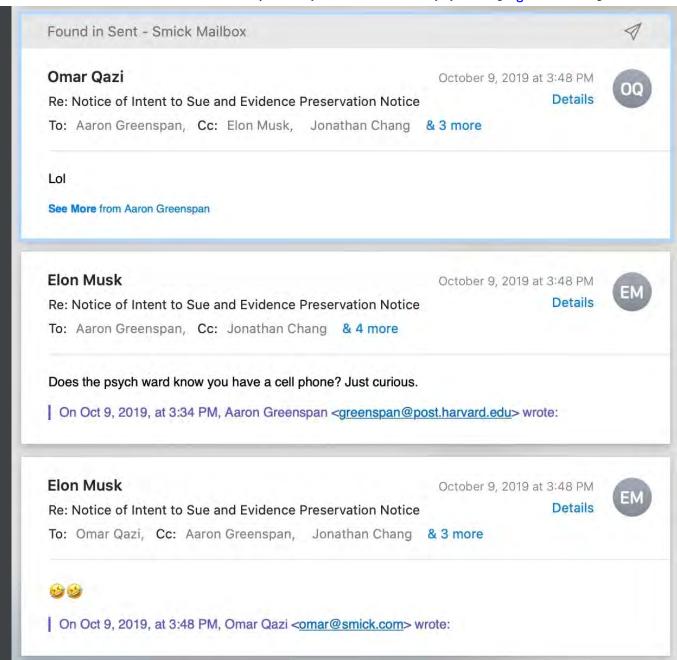
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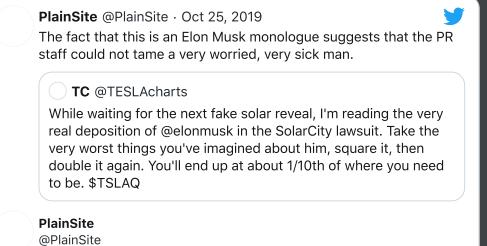
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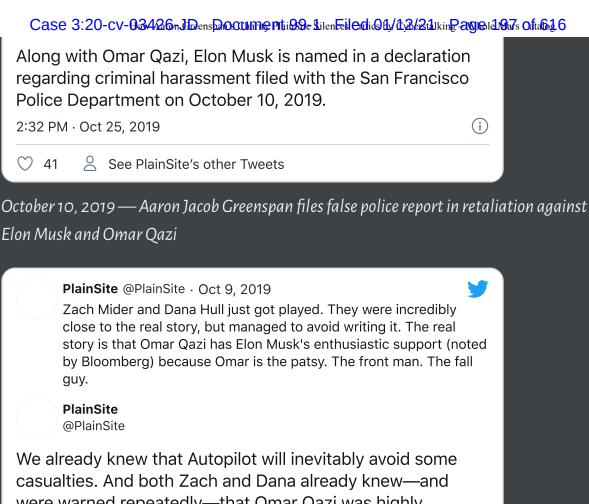
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October 9, 2019 — Aaron Jacob Greenspan threatens to sue Elon Musk and Omar Qazi on the day the Bloomberg feature is published



October 9, 2019 — Elon Musk and Omar Qazi respond to lawsuit threat





were warned repeatedly—that Omar Qazi was highly unreliable as a source. But Bloomberg plowed ahead with a piece awfully close to corporate propaganda. That's a shame.

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Replying to @PlainSite

We've known since January 14, 2019 that Omar Qazi was behind the infamous @tesla_truth Twitter account, which to date has pumped out about 38,800 tweets defending a sociopathic billionaire and his various enterprises,—but mostly \$TSLA.

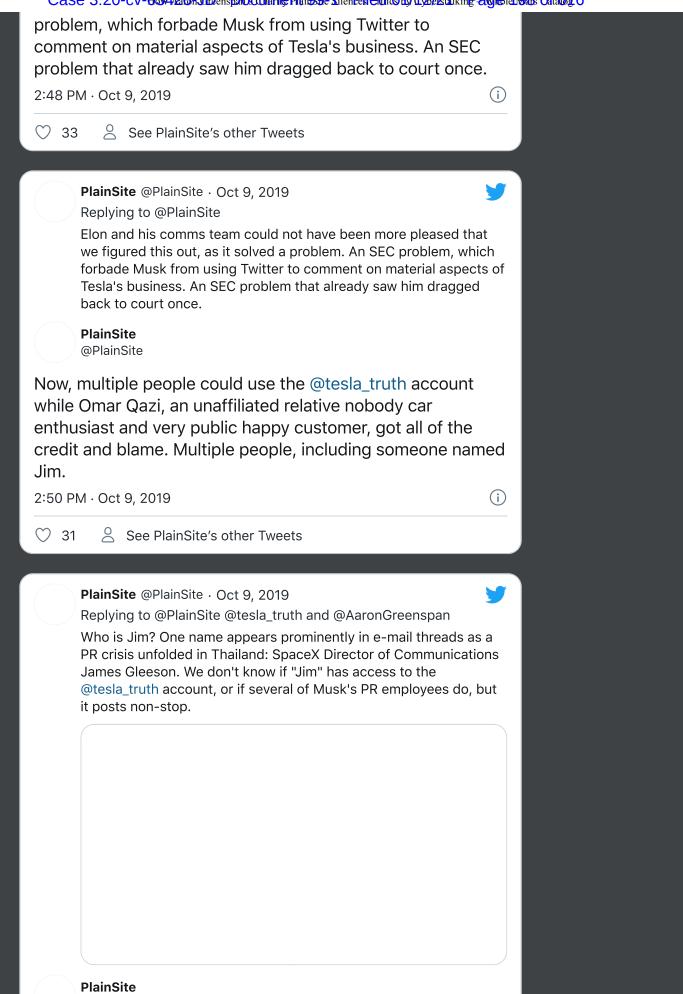
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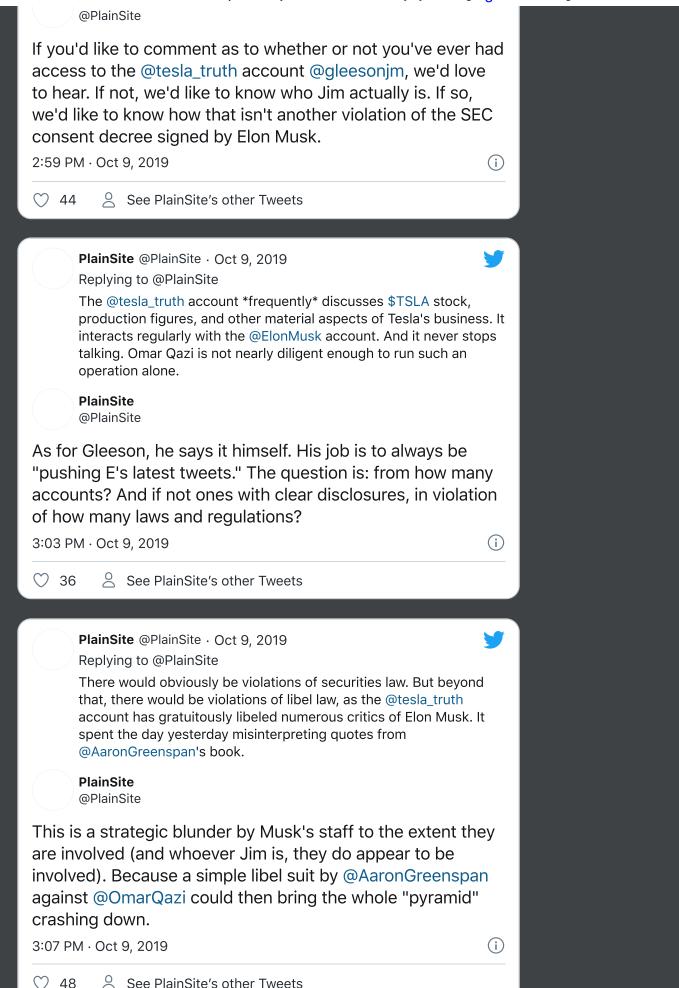
Ladies and gentlemen, with 99% certainty based on IP address, Model 3 ownership, and location, presenting Omar Qazi (@OmarQazi), the "failure" pretending to be Steve Jobs (@tesla_truth).

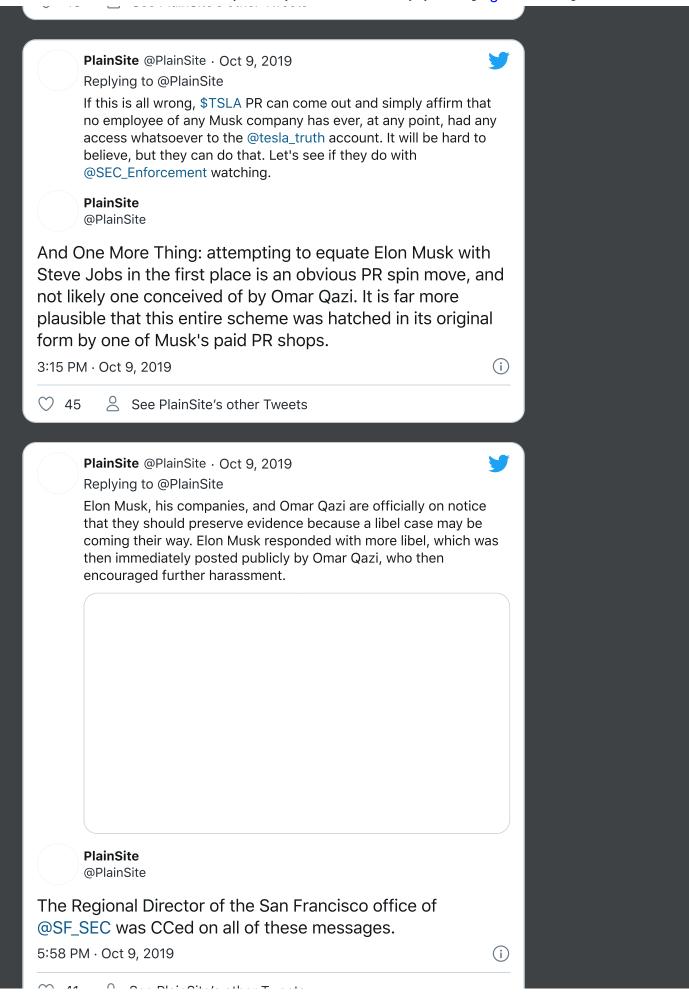
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Elon and his comms team could not have been more pleased that we figured this out, as it solved a problem. An SEC







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Leveraging that police report and other complaints Greenspan was able to have my Twitter account and other news articles he wanted to hide about his charity's online harassment and criminal misconduct pulled off the internet through frivolous DMCA takedown notices and other legal threats.

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under your repeat infringer policy.

When I finally started to tell a little bit of the story of Aaron Greenspan's harassment in a blog post in May, Greenspan filed a lawsuit against me, Elon Musk, and Tesla for securities fraud and a variety of other claims just three days after the blog post was published.

The lawsuit has absolutely no merit, but Greenspan just wants to harass me in retaliation for the blog post and force me to rack up tens of thousands of dollars in legal bills responding to his barrage of absurd court filings, which happens to be illegal under California's anti-SLAPP law. His plan is to bankrupt me through legal costs so I stay quiet about what I know.

I'm writing this because **I need help**. I just want to get back to my life and move on from this but I don't know how to make my cyberstalker, Aaron Jacob Greenspan, leave me alone and go away.

Today, it's time for me to finally tell a crazy story — one that I should have told a long time ago. I haven't told it yet because it's intensely personal, because it's a long and complicated story, and because I've been blackmailed and threatened every time I've tried to speak out. Unfortunately, now I have no choice.

Whether you support me or hate me, please take the time to read this story with an open mind. This is me opening up about an experience that's been very painful for me and weighed heavily on my life. If you're one of the people who has been anonymously harassing me online, don't you want to make sure you understand what really happened before you continue?

The story of Aaron Greenspan has remained untold, because he and his 501(c)(3) non-profit charity, the "Think Computer Foundation" will threaten, harass, and retaliate against anyone who speaks up about them, going far beyond what any casual critic could anticipate or bear. I'm telling this story now at great personal risk and even greater personal discomfort because someone has to speak up before Aaron and his charity hurt anyone else, no matter how hard he tries to keep all of this quiet.

This is the crazy story of my battle with Tesla short-sellers, who waged a brutal illegal "short and distort" social media disinformation campaign against Tesla culminating in the last few years. It's the story of how I met Elon Musk, and how a group of random people online forced Trevor Milton (the founder of Nikola Motor Company) to resign. It's a story about love and loss, blinding hate and irrationality, and the dirty behind the scenes details of how the world went electric. But mostly, it's a story about what Aaron Greenspan has been fighting so hard to hide.



Hanging out with Viv, Elon Musk, Gali, Sofiaan, Vincent, K10, Me, and Kimbal Musk January 2020



Hanging out with Nikola Founder Trevor Milton at Nikola HQ in Arizona

Social media is still relatively new, and we as a society are still grappling with how to deal with it. There are a million other stories just like mine — some who got off easier, and some who had it much worse. But this story is about me.

My attackers have tried to smear me by telling the world a story about who I am before I ever got a chance to do so myself. It's hard to figure out how to set the record straight without practically writing out my whole life story. I'll try and keep it short so we can get back to Greenspan, but some context is important to really understand what Aaron did.

This is the introduction to a series of blog posts where I'll tell my story. Check back for Chapter 1 tomorrow.

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Aaron Greenspan has filed an illegal SLAPP-suit against Elon Musk and Omar Qazi for bringing attention to allegations of tax fraud, securities fraud, cyberstalking, and criminal harassment by the Think Computer Foundation (doing business as PlainSite). If you can please donate to the Legal GoFundMe or via PayPal to make sure Aaron Jacob Greenspan is finally held accountable for his harassment of so many Tesla customers

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WRITTEN BY STEVE ON DECEMBER 14, 2020

AARON GREENSPAN ADMITS HE LOST \$60,000 SHORTING TESLA THROUGH JUNE 2020

Aaron Jacob Greenspan has admitted to shorting Tesla stock from at least three different accounts: his personal account, through the Think Computer Corporation, and through Turing Feynman LLC (which may be managing the funds of Aaron's charity, the Think Computer Foundation). Through court documents filed by Aaron Greenspan in August, we can now get a peek at his losses shorting Tesla from these three accounts from September 2018 to June 2020 — just one financial quarter shy of two years of trading activity.

The records reveal that Greenspan lost **nearly \$60,000 in this period** — and that doesn't include all the money he's lost from June to December, a wild time for Tesla stock. In total, Greenspan spent \$101,360.06 on Tesla puts, representing a 60% loss of invested capital in just 7 quarters. Impressive!

EXHIBIT WPlaintiff's Transactions in Tesla, Inc.

Account	Security	Trade	Trade	Qty.	Unit Price	Cost / Proceeds
		Type	Date			
1	TSLA June 21 2019 \$200 Put	Buy	9/24/2018	2	\$23.65	(\$4,735.98)
1	TSLA June 21 2019 \$200 Put	Buy	10/29/2018	8	17.50	(14,009.07)
1	TSLA January 17 2020 \$75 Put	Buy	12/26/2018	40	5.20	(20,825.52)
1	TSLA August 16 2019 \$40 Put	Buy	3/8/2019	10	0.95	(960.12)
2	TSLA May 17 2019 \$30 Put	Buy	3/8/2019	1	0.13	(13.00)
1	TSLA January 17 2020 \$50 Put	Buy	3/19/2019	6	2.25	(1,358.05)
1	TSLA January 17 2020 \$50 Put	Buy	3/19/2019	10	2.23	(2,240.12)
1	TSLA January 17 2020 \$50 Put	Buy	3/19/2019	9	2.24	(2,025.60)
1	TSLA January 17 2020 \$20 Put	Buy	3/19/2019	50	0.63	(3,180.81)
2	TSLA May 17 2019 \$30 Put	Expire	5/18/2019	1	0.00	0.00
1	TSLA June 21 2019 \$200 Put	Sell	5/23/2019	2	20.00	3,997.89
1	TSLA June 21 2019 \$200 Put	Sell	5/23/2019	8	20.00	15,991.55
1	TSLA January 17 2020 \$100 Put	Buy	5/23/2019	3	7.60	(2,286.50)
1	TSLA January 17 2020 \$100 Put	Buy	5/23/2019	7	7.58	(5,309.62)
1	TSLA January 17 2020 \$100 Put	Buy	5/23/2019	5	7.25	(3,632.54)
1	TSLA August 16 2019 \$40 Put	Expire	8/16/2019	10	0.00	0.00
1	TSLA October 18 2019 \$220 Put	Buy	9/3/2019	1	13.75	(1,380.47)
1	TSLA November 15 2019 \$175 Put	Buy	9/27/2019	5	1.95	(982.53)
1	TSLA November 15 2019 \$175 Put	Sell	10/3/2019	5	2.85	1,417.43
1	TSLA October 18 2019 \$220 Put	Expire	10/18/2019	1	0.00	0.00

1	TSLA January 17 2020 \$20 Put	Expire	1/17/2020	50	0.00	0.00
1	TSLA January 17 2020 \$50 Put	Expire	1/17/2020	25	0.00	0.00
1	TSLA January 17 2020 \$75 Put	Expire	1/17/2020	40	0.00	0.00
1	TSLA January 17 2020 \$100 Put	Expire	1/17/2020	15	0.00	0.00
3	TSLA May 15 2020 \$250 Put	Buy	3/12/2020	10	6.40	(6,406.67)
3	TSLA May 15 2020 \$250 Put	Sell	3/16/2020	10	20.65	20,642.85
3	TSLA May 15 2020 \$200 Put	Buy	3/19/2020	10	18.50	(18,506.67)
3	TSLA June 19 2020 \$200 Put	Buy	3/23/2020	10	13.50	(13,506.67)
3	TSLA May 15 2020 \$200 Put	Expire	5/15/2020	10	0.00	0.00
3	TSLA June 19 2020 \$200 Put	Expire	6/19/2020	10	0.00	0.00

We now know that Greenspan's lawsuit against Elon Musk and Omar Qazi was filed **just 5 days** after Greenspan lost \$18,506.67 on Tesla puts, and one month before another \$13,507.67 worth of puts expired. This is probably what motivated Greenspan to

act irrationally and put himself at legal risk: Imagine you just lost \$19,000 with another \$14,000 flying out the window fast. You'd be pretty desperate too, right?

Please take a look at these dates and see if you can correlate them with any other suspicious activity or conduct by Greenspan and his TSLAQ associates at the same time.

Also... I wonder how much money Greenspan has lost since June? 😬





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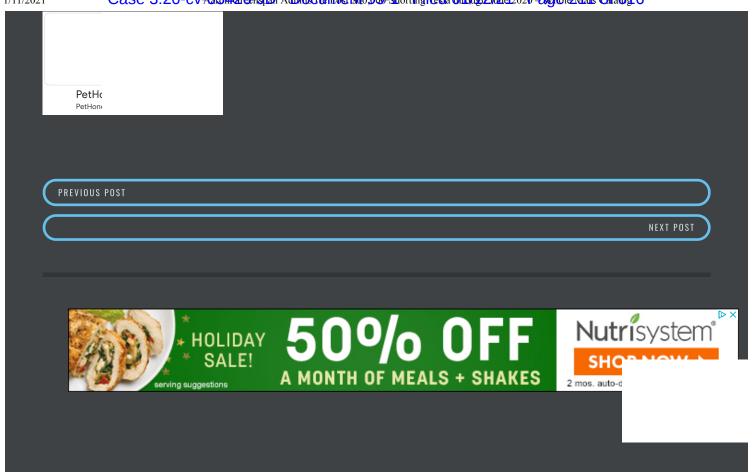
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Access to tools for the new world

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CHAPTER 1: WHO IS OMAR QAZI?

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Previous Chapter: Introduction

These first few chapters will be kind of boring compared to the rest of the story, but the background and context are essential to understanding how Aaron Greenspan blackmailed me. You can skip these early chapters if you get bored or don't care about who I am.

MY FATHER'S AMERICAN DREAM

The events that lead to me being born in Los Angeles, California in the 90s started on July 20, 1969. That was the day the United States of America put a man on the moon.

My Dad was just a kid in the war-torn region of Kashmir at the time, and at some point they played the moon landing video for him at the British school he was attending. The moment he saw that video he had a realization that profoundly affected the course of his life and mine: People were doing things in America that you could never *dream* of doing in Kashmir. He knew that's where he had to go.



In this July 20, 1969 photo made available by NASA, astronaut Buzz Aldrin Jr. poses for a photograph beside the U.S. flag on the moon during the Apollo 11 mission. Aldrin and fellow astronaut Neil Armstrong were the first men to walk on the lunar surface with temperatures

ranging from 243 degrees above to 279 degrees below zero. Astronaut Michael Collins flew the command module. (Neil Armstrong/NASA via AP)

He studied hard and rode a train to India to take the required American college admission exams, since they weren't even offered in Kashmir at the time. There were no online college applications back then, since there was no internet at all. He had to look up the names of colleges at a library and mail his applications halfway around the world — just figuring that out was a huge challenge. Somehow, he managed to earn admission to the State University of New York, where he went on to earn a master's degree in structural engineering.

When he graduated he wanted to go somewhere warm, and somewhere with a lot of earthquakes (his structural engineering specialty). That's how our family ended up settling down in Los Angeles, California, where I was eventually born. When my Mom flew out from Kashmir to marry my Dad she was shocked to find that he had racked up tens of thousands of dollars of debt from school mostly on credit cards, an unimaginable sum by Kashmiri standards.

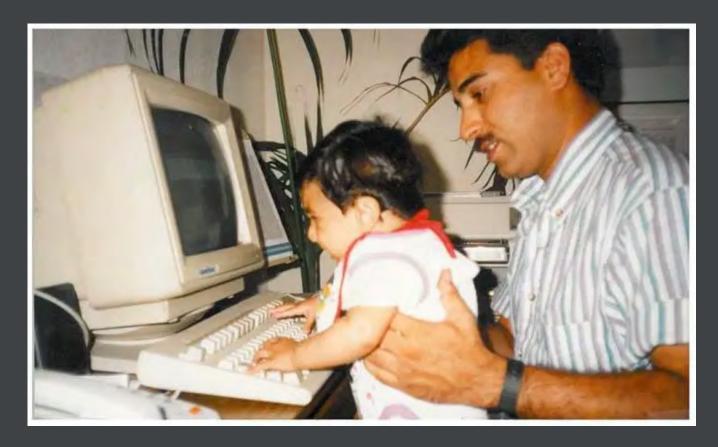
Coming to a strange new country and starting off on that note was scary, but they vowed to work hard and try and make it work somehow. My Mom took a job at a dry cleaner that was willing to pay her cash under the table while she waited for a work visa. My Dad went above and beyond at his structural engineering job, and worked his way up to a partnership at the firm.

He noticed that the biggest department in the firm was billing, so he had the crazy idea to write *computer software* to automate the firm's billing operations. The firm was happy with the money it saved them, but everything changed when a rival engineering firm visited and saw their software-based billing system. The visitors demanded to buy a copy, and **before long the firm was making more money selling software than designing buildings.** A few years later my Dad took a leap of faith and quit structural engineering to lead the software company full time.

GROWING UP WITH SOFTWARE

I was born in California around the same time as the birth of the internet. When my parents brought their firstborn son home from the hospital to an apartment in Lomita, California,

they wanted more. They wanted to raise their kids in a real house, with a backyard to play in. It was around that same time that my Dad started writing his early software projects. I would sit on my Dad's lap, watching him code.



and sometimes help him out

I was around ten years old when I started coding myself. My Dad put a computer in my room, and I would steal some of his programming books and copy the examples into an IDE, tweaking the variables to make the programs my own. As I got older, I developed a better understanding of computers and what those lines of code meant. When and where I could, I'd help with the family software business. My Mom quit her retail sales job to help sell software too.

I spent most of my childhood writing software and studying disruptive innovation by researching and following all kinds of tech companies that were emerging and growing rapidly at the time. My favorite was Apple. I wanted to be an entrepreneur like my Dad and build software startups. Given all that, when it was time for college there was naturally only one place to go: Silicon Valley.

COLLEGE AND CRIME FIGHTING

The first class of my first day at Santa Clara University was Calculus I, and my professor was Dr. George Mohler. That year, he and I ended up starting a software company together called PredPol. I wanted to go to Silicon Valley and start a software company, so that's what I ended up doing freshman year.

Dr. Mohler had been working with other academics at UCLA to develop statistical models that could predict the likelihood of any crime category happening at some given point in space and time. I joined up with him and other university researchers to turn their research into a real software product that could be used by police departments and other users around the globe. PredPol stood for "predictive policing": using statistical modeling of crime data to try and forecast and prevent future crimes before they occurred.



My MacBook actually made it into this news clip at 1:02

Things were tough at first. There was no money to pay me anything except equity, so I had to work grueling hours for free while handling the entire software side of the business myself. Juggling software development and server maintenance with my college coursework generally did not go so well.

But somehow, the project started taking off. Before long many major police departments were using the software I wrote in my dorm room, from Los Angeles to Seattle to Atlanta, to

Kent, England. After a lot of hard work, the company was finally big enough to pay me a salary and let me hire a few more engineers to build out the software team.

I felt like I was living out my dream, and I thought I had it all figured out. Still too young to drink legally but earning the first real paycheck of my life, we spent most of college throwing ridiculous parties and going on amazing trips. During that time I made a lot of friends that are still as close as family today. Best of all, I fell in love with a girl named Emma. She was gorgeous, hilarious, brilliant, fun, and just generally too cool for me — and for some inexplicable reason, she liked me too. Maybe I'm looking back with rose-colored glasses, but those were the happiest, most carefree days of my life.

Check back tomorrow for "Chapter 2: Everything Goes to Shit" and subscribe to have new chapters sent straight to your inbox.

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Previous Chapter: Who is Omar Qazi?

Do you remember the lowest, most painful moments of your life? I do — my stalker Aaron Jacob Greenspan and his associates try to remind me every day.

Everyone's life is made up of good times and tough times. Having had more than my fair share of happy days I was long overdue to be slapped in the face by reality. These are the kind of times you're always unprepared for, but that usually shape you and help you grow much faster than the good times.

Long before I bought a Tesla and the attacks from Aaron Greenspan started, I was lost, struggling, and hurting badly. I'm not trying to be dramatic or asking for your sympathy by

telling you this. I'm fine now, and pretty happy — these problems are nothing compared to the struggles others have faced. This chapter is just meant to give some context on what I was going through before Aaron Greenspan started stalking me, and why getting a Model 3 made such a difference in my life.

I've never told this part of the story before because Aaron Greenspan blackmailed me using some of the events in this chapter, threatening to humiliate me unless I kept quiet about him and his "charity". But now enough time has passed that I can finally tell the story publicly without being as embarrassed. If you're being blackmailed by someone online, take my advice and speak up as soon as possible. Sooner or later they will make good on their threats, so don't just ignore it and hope it goes away.

LEAVING PREDPOL

All my life I wanted to be an entrepreneur, and once I got started I found that having worked with software my whole life made me a natural... at least on a technical level. What I didn't understand yet was people, and as our startup grew bigger things seemed to slow down significantly. Work wasn't as much fun as it used to be.

That's when I started having disagreements about the future of the product with some of the people we'd hired to help manage the company. They wanted to focus on selling to police departments (which involved a slow, byzantine, and expensive government procurement process) and I wanted to build a real-time database of all the world's crime and explore other markets like real estate and insurance where crime predictions could be of huge value.

After 5 years of working around the clock, I decided it was time to leave and try something else. Not too long after that, the two people I had been disagreeing with were fired by the remaining founders. If there's one critical lesson here to pass along to other startup founders, it's that your team is everything. When you're desperate and swamped with work, it's tempting to just hire whoever you can, but be careful. The right person can change everything, but the wrong person can set you back further than if you hadn't hired anyone at all. This advice was passed along to me by someone at Google in the early days of PredPol, but I still wasn't able to follow it when I came under pressure. Remember, your team is everything. That is the company.

After I left PredPol a few college friends and I decided to start our own software startup that we called Smick, but we didn't really have the discipline required to manage to launch any real products or build a real business quite yet. With more free time, I also rejoined my family's software business to help transition the company's desktop products to the cloud and mobile devices, while also getting into a few other random projects along the way.

CRITICISM OF PREDPOL

As if leaving the company I founded wasn't hard enough, right after I left our product started getting hit with some groundless bad press. As PredPol spread around the world, the attention lead some anti-police and civil rights groups to say that **the software was racist**. The main concern was that if racially biased police reports went into the system, racially-biased crime predictions might come out. These are serious concerns but based on my inside information I always thought this line of thinking was funny and never believed the software was actually promoting racism.

For one thing predictions were assigned by division, so the software wasn't really responsible for moving police resources from one area to another in a major way. Secondly, I knew firsthand from looking at usage data that most officers were barely using the predictions anyway.

That was one of our biggest challenges: How do we get police officers to actually use this? These were cops who believed they knew how to police their city, and most of the time they weren't too eager to listen to some computer program. Quite the opposite of being racist, the software provided hard statistical data that didn't have the same biases a human might about where "the bad part of town" is. Some of the most crime-ridden areas actually underreport incidents due to fear of the police, so it's not just that the data was biased in one direction.

Behind all the marketing about "predicting future crimes", PredPol was really just a modern mobile and cloud software package that helped police departments access, visualize, and analyze the data they already had. It used no personal information on individuals at all: only where, when, and what happened for each crime record. For those reasons and others, I don't believe the software contributed to racial bias.

These days with BLM and other groups raising questions, policing has become kind of a dirty word. But our goal with PredPol was always just to keep ordinary people safe: prevent home break-ins, car break-ins, auto thefts, and violence. **I feel good about the impact we had.** There could have been some better messaging about how the product was part of the solution to these issues and not part of the problem, but this all happened long after I left the company.

21ST CENTURY BREAK UP

I missed work after I left PredPol, and I felt that I had failed to realize the transformative potential of the software project I had built. But work wasn't the only place I was failing: It turned out I was a really shitty boyfriend too. I was completely clueless, and somehow managed to do everything wrong.

Before the internet, I imagine breaking up was much simpler. People probably just said "goodbye", and then didn't see each other anymore. In this day and age where everyone always has a phone in their hand and anyone is always only a few taps away, things are a little more tricky. Emma and I would fight, and then get drunk and forget what we were fighting about... only to remind ourselves again a few days later. The fact that we tried to still be friends and hang out with our whole friend group together didn't make things any simpler.

HOLY SHIP

Even though Emma didn't want anything to do with me anymore, I convinced her to come to Holy Ship with me anyway. Holy Ship was this big party on a cruise ship where a bunch of artists play music non-stop for seven days, and all of our friends were going for the first time that year. I told her I had already paid for tickets for both of us before we broke up, so we might as well go. She said no at first, but caved after we hung out a few times and talked about how much fun it would be if she surprised all our friends by showing up unannounced.

It was one of the craziest and best parties I've ever been to. We danced until the sun came out, and then passed out in our cruise ship cabins. On the last night Emma and I sat and

watched the waves through the window, talking until the sun came up. For a moment, it seemed like everything was going to be okay.



This video will give you an idea of what Holy Ship is like

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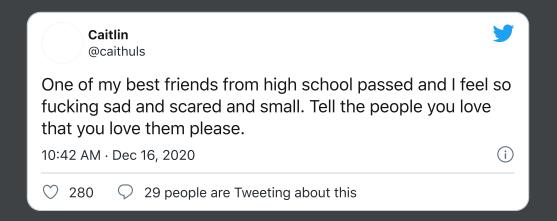
Things were good with Emma for a while after Holy Ship, but within a few months we realized that nothing had really changed. It was time to finally accept that it was over, and we wouldn't be in each other's lives in the future. It really sucked.

When it rains, it pours. Leaving PredPol and breaking up were the start of a series of events that gradually eroded my physical and mental health, leading me into the most painful days of my life. I'm fine now and can look back and laugh about it, but at the time it totally consumed me. If you're going through something similar know that it will get better eventually, even though it never feels like it.

Emma said I was on a "downward spiral". I never realized all the little ways she was making my life better — the music she would send me, the podcasts she would tell me to listen to, the backpack she bought me when she saw my old one falling apart, and all the other little

things she would help me with. Without her, I was hopeless at figuring out even simple things. I hadn't appreciated her, and now she was gone. I've never missed anyone so much. Worse yet, I felt like I was losing my friends too. Emma and I used to hang out with all our friends together all the time, but suddenly that wasn't always possible without making things awkward. I'd never felt so alone in my life.

Less than a month after that, **someone close to me passed away unexpectedly**. Then a few weeks later, a girl from my neighborhood who I had gone to elementary school with **died in a motorcycle accident out of nowhere**. She was my age, in her twenties. What was going on? It felt like the sky was falling, and life was over.



I was drowning in loss. Every time I thought I'd hit rock bottom, things would get worse. I started to believe with irrational certainty that soon I was going to die too. If things kept getting worse, that just seemed inevitable. I wondered if I should just take my own life on my own terms before it was inevitably taken from me. Every day was so painful to get through anyway, and it felt like I was permanently broken and would never recover. I was so lost in my own head, overthinking everything, that hurting myself actually felt like a relief. Pain doesn't leave you much room to think about anything else.

I did some damage to my body and soul, but eventually reached out to my friends when I realized things had gone way too far. They helped me get it together again. But now, I faced extreme digestive pain that made it difficult to focus and even more difficult to eat. If left untreated it would pose serious risks to my health, I was told.

To deal with medical complications I saw doctors who prescribed me some medicine and some weed. These days recreational marijuana is legal in California so you can just walk into

a store and buy some, but back then you needed a doctor's prescription. These were pretty simple to get from a doctor, but for people with legitimate medical needs medicinal marijuana can often be a much less harmful alternative to prescription drugs.

When it came time for next year's Holy Ship, Emma booked her own cabin. Later, she decided to just save her money and cancel it. I was really bummed that I'd have to go without her. I knew it would still be fun, but there was no way it would be the same without her.

THE NEXT HOLY SHIP



Visiting Disneyworld the day before Holy Ship

My friends and I went to Disneyworld when we arrived in Florida for the second year of Holy Ship. We would be on the party cruise for seven days, so we wanted to enjoy civilization while we could.

When we got ready to board the ship the next morning, friends checking in early warned us to be careful. Police were searching people's bags randomly, looking for anything illegal. As you can imagine, people brought a lot of drugs on Holy Ship every year. My friends warned and begged me not to bring any weed, but I told them it would be okay because Florida also had medical marijuana laws similar to California's. By that point, I had started leaning too heavily on alcohol and weed to stop myself from thinking and feeling everything that was hurting my head and my heart. Honestly I worried that if I didn't bring any weed I might impulsively jump off the boat, so I tried to hide it in my suitcase inside one of my socks just in case someone checked my bag. That turned out to be a huge mistake that I would regret for years to come.

I went through security and check-in without a hitch, and the cruise staff handed me my room key. But as I turned to board the ship, someone tapped me on the shoulder. It was a white male police officer with a dog, who told me to follow him.

"Do you have a bomb? Are you from a terrorist country?", he asked.

"No", I told him, "I was born in Los Angeles".

"Then what's the deal?", he pressed, "Why was the dog sniffing your suitcase? What am I going to find inside?". I told him I had medical marijuana with me, and when he found it he passed me along to another officer who took me to a giant room where dozens of people (and even one of the female artists booked to perform on the ship) were being searched on rows of silver tables.

The officer who went through my suitcase was kind and joked with me as he wrote me up, but told me he would have to charge me with possession of a controlled substance for having weed with me. He said even though I had a California medical recommendation, I

needed to have one from a doctor in Florida. He thanked me for being cooperative and told me, "it's just weed, you'll be in and out don't worry. I'm sorry, it's the law".

The police put me in a van with a bunch of other kids and took us to the police station to be processed. When we got there they told me to change in front of them, then put all my clothes and belongings in a bag. After I changed they photographed me, and then told me I could make a phone call.

To add insult to injury, the only person outside my family whose phone number I remembered off the top of my head was Emma — the girl who was so sick of me that she didn't want to come to Holy Ship in the first place. "Seriously?", she said when I called her collect asking for help. She was having dinner with her family at the time but said she'd reach out to my friends for help since I didn't want my parents to know what happened. What they would do to me if they found out was much scarier than anything the police could come up with. If your parents are from Kashmir or anywhere in Asia, I'm sure you know very well what I'm talking about.

It was a far cry from the party I thought I was going to, but ended up being one of the most educational experiences of my relatively privileged life. I'm thankful I saw and experienced what I did, because it shaped my understanding of the world profoundly. Most of the people waiting with me were other kids from Holy Ship, but we were in a big common area with all kinds of people. Some of them had been there for a long time just because they didn't have enough money or friends to get out. It was eye-opening to see this other side of America on the way to a luxury cruise ship party — an experience worth a million words. When I was cold and hungry, an elderly African-American man gave me Cup-O-Noodles to eat and a pen to write with.

It was an all-time low. A new freshly-paved rock bottom. Was this really happening to me? I was so sad, so embarrassed, and so ashamed of myself. I hated who I had become, and I wanted to die more than ever. While I waited, I scribbled a long note to Emma telling her how sorry I was and promising to turn things around. I never ended up giving it to her though, because once I got out and turned on my phone it lit up with a bunch of messages from Emma and other friends who were worried about me. Emma and I started talking on

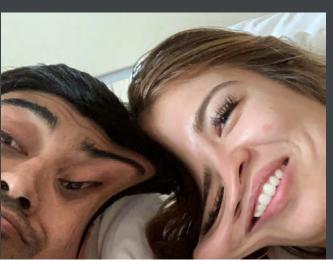
the phone and laughing, so I just threw the note away. It seemed a little bit dramatic once they let me go.

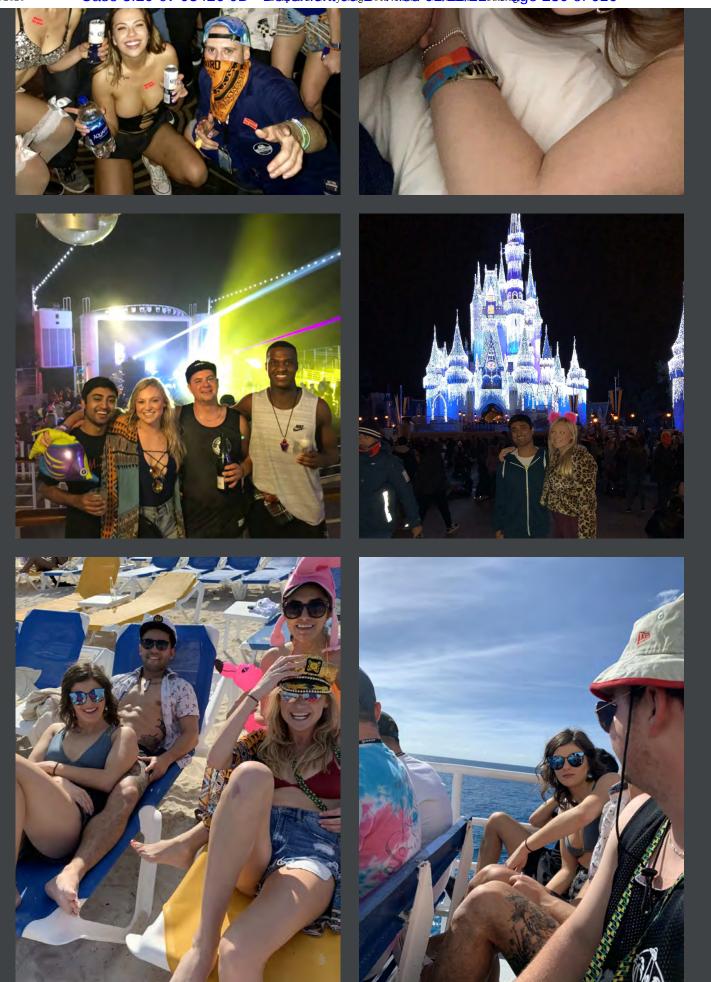
The moment I was free to go I headed to the airport and boarded a plane to the Bahamas to try and catch the party cruise ship that had left without me. I didn't get there in time to catch the ship docking in Nassau but managed to get on board back in Florida. Boarding the ship, I met a girl named Kelly who thought my story about getting caught with weed and flying to the Bahamas to try and catch the ship was hilarious, and the rest of the weekend was still amazing despite the initial hiccups.













Some photos from the second year of Holy Ship, after I joined my friends

It was easy to forget what had happened while we were partying over the weekend, but once it was time to go home reality hit: this was a serious legal issue. Local media had written all about the Holy Ship bust, and to my embarrassment, all our photographs had been published in local news articles about what happened. Apparently Florida has very open laws about that kind of information. I sold some stocks to gather funds for a lawyer,

Thankfully once Florida officials reviewed my medical information and doctor's prescription, **they declined to press any charges** against me and dropped everything. I guess it was kind of a "scare them straight" operation, which I definitely was having suffered a great deal already. Not everyone is so lucky though: every year tons of minority and disadvantaged kids face non-violent drug charges, and many people are serving jail time over offenses like marijuana possession, even though most states have decriminalized or legalized since then.

who had me send him my medical documentation.

I breathed a sigh of relief, desperate to move on from a traumatic ordeal and try to turn things around. I hated myself more than ever but my friends reminded me that we aren't defined by our lowest moments, and that I had the potential to do great things. A few weeks later, I got an email from Tesla notifying me that the Model 3 I had put down \$1,000 to reserve two years ago was ready to configure. I took the money I had put together and used it to place my finalized order for a Tesla Model 3. It was scheduled for delivery on April 20th, just three short months away. I was excited, hopeful that it would be the start of something new.

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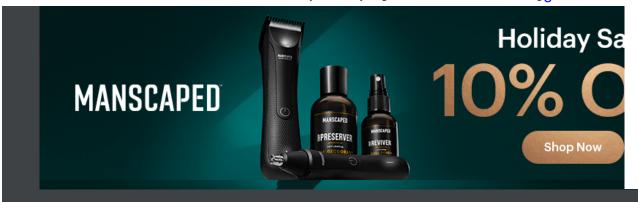
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My Tesla Model 3 made me happy again. Before I got it I would dread getting up in the morning. Things just seemed to get worse every day, so I never wanted to wake up. As soon as I got my Model 3 I was excited to wake up every morning for the first time in a long while. How can you not wake up excited when you have a Tesla?

The car was just groundbreaking on so many levels. It was the first affordable electric car that was better than a gas car in every way. You could finally switch to zero emissions and not miss a thing about fossil fuels, even on a road trip.

It was immediately clear to me that this was an iPhone moment: This product would change everything about the way we live. Its mere existence upset the socio-economic and political world order profoundly. From top to bottom, inside and out, the car was made with love and designed with empathy and care for the customer. At a time when I needed help the Tesla team designed something to help me, even though Tesla probably doesn't fully appreciate how much they transformed their customers' lives with this product. They know what features they built, but they don't know our individual stories. When times were tough, the car came as a godsend to make my life easier.



The Model 3 was beautiful, and it was fast. Oh man, it was fast. Put the pedal to the floor in a Tesla, and good luck trying to stress about anything. It's like having a personal roller coaster to help you run errands: All day, you have a big smile on your face. At a time when I felt powerless, the instant response of the Model 3 made me feel in control. I'll never be able to adequately thank the thousands of hardworking people who put everything on the line to bring the Model 3 to market, and build me that car.

It's impossible to drive a car like the Model 3 and not be hopeful about the future. Air pollution, emissions, and car crashes had all seemed like intractable problems that were impossible to solve. Now out of nowhere, here was a credible solution... or at least a solid first step in the right direction. At a time when I felt hopeless, the car made me hopeful and excited about the future again. The story behind the car inspired me and made me want to get to work on something meaningful too.

Gone were the days of sitting at home and being sad. I was ready to go somewhere — *anywhere* — as long as there was an excuse to drive. My friends and I explored the world and took spontaneous trips, all without spending a dollar on gas. With no combustion engine, the car had tons of space for all our stuff in the trunk and the frunk. We had some great times in that car, going on adventures that were sorely needed as a reminder that life could be beautiful.

When I was sad, my Model 3 sang to me. Its 14 speaker sound system produced a truly magical, almost spiritual experience as I was driving — especially when Autopilot was on. In tumultuous times that sound system really makes you feel something.

As I ran back and forth between Silicon Valley and Los Angeles trying to figure out where I belonged, that was one part of the car that helped keep me sane more than anything else. I remember breaking into tears on the highway and feeling the car's Autopilot system hold my hand, gently keeping my car in the lane and protecting me through the dead of night while Tesla's immersive sound calmed me down. Every once in a while there's a product that helps you so much that you form an emotional connection with it. That's what happened with me and my Model 3. After everything we went through together, I really fell in love with the car. Many other Model 3 owners will tell you I wasn't the only one.

I had a Twitter account pretty early on from when the service opened in 2006. In fact, the first software I made that ever got covered on a blog was a Twitter client integrated with iChat that I released on my 13th birthday. I hadn't really ever tweeted much before, but started following Elon Musk to stay updated about Tesla. One day I replied to one of Elon's tweets with a photo of my car, telling him how much I loved it. What happened next really surprised me.

A swarm of anonymous troll accounts with names like "Elon Bachman" started replying to my picture. They told me that I was an idiot for buying a Tesla, and that it was a complete piece of shit that would soon fall apart. They insisted that Tesla would soon be bankrupt, and when that happened I would be "totally screwed". Most importantly, **they all agreed Tesla stock was headed to \$o** and that anyone who thought otherwise didn't understand finance. They insulted me, Elon Musk, and other Tesla employees and were generally rude, demeaning, and extremely condescending. I was confused: Why were all these anonymous troll accounts spamming my replies with so much negativity about Tesla? From my experience driving the car, most of what they were saying seemed completely untrue. I decided to follow them, and try and join the conversation.

Check back tomorrow for **Chapter 4: Meet TSLAQ**. Subscribe to have new chapters sent straight to your inbox.

Also, make sure to check out this Institutional Investor article on short sellers!

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Aaron Greenspan has filed an illegal SLAPP-suit against Elon Musk and Omar Qazi for bringing attention to allegations of tax fraud, securities fraud, cyberstalking, and criminal harassment by the Think Computer Foundation (doing business as PlainSite). If you can please donate to the Legal GoFundMe or via PayPal to make sure Aaron Jacob Greenspan is finally held accountable for his harassment of so many Tesla customers

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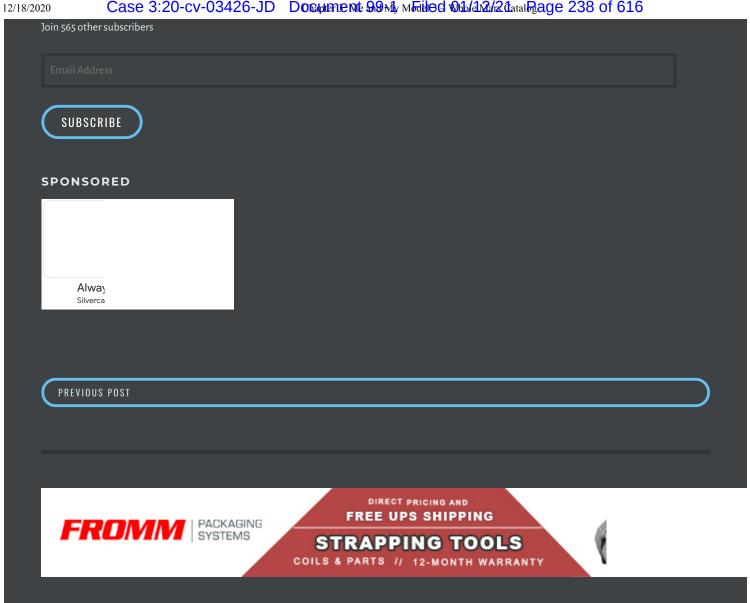
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THE DARK MONEY SECRETLY BANKROLLING ACTIVIST SHORT-SELLERS



If you've spent any time following the conversation around Tesla on Twitter, you've probably seen them: Anonymous short-seller accounts constantly spinning conspiracy theories and screaming about supposed fraud. Maybe you've wondered: Who are they, and who is supporting them? Are they really making money shorting stocks? Or are they just the vocal face of a much bigger, more secretive operation that wants to stay out of the spotlight?

Thankfully a few weeks ago Michelle Celarier published an *amazing* piece in Institutional Investor magazine that digs into these exact issues. As some of you know I've been dealing with harassment and threats from a mob of online anonymous Tesla short sellers, so I'm very interested in trying to understand how their business works. Let's dig through this long piece together now:

John Fichthorn had been in the hedge fund business for more than 20 years when a half-hour phone call with a stranger put him on high alert.

"There's a multibillion-dollar fund out there going around with a short report trying to pay people to publish it on their behalf," Fichthorn recalls the man saying.

"He was **very nervous about telling me any of this**," says Fichthorn. Short-sellers soon began pounding the stock, so he called the man back and says he finally convinced him to provide the alleged name behind the offer. According to Fichthorn, that name was a Hong Kong-based hedge fund.

"Who the fuck is that?" thought Fichthorn.

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This is an intriguing concept: What if the loudest and most vocal short-sellers aren't the ones actually making the big trades? It makes sense: Trying to push a story in the media is a very different job than trading stock options. The real money behind these short campaigns is nameless, faceless, and likely in a foreign country — beyond the jurisdiction of the SEC. They want to profit off the trade, but the last thing they want is to draw attention to themselves. So they hire others willing to be the face of the campaign, and those vocal "activist" shorts make money whether there's a profit on the trade or not.

Fichthorn may never have heard of the fund, but it has become well known in short-seller circles for being what's called the "balance sheet" behind some of the activists who trumpet their short research on social media — a phenomenon that has turned the world of short-selling upside down over the past decade. These noisy activists, many of whom are anonymous and have little money of their own, have taken on outsize importance during a time when the bull market has ravaged short-sellers and a Twitter mention can move a stock.

More than a dozen short-sellers interviewed by *Institutional Investor* in an effort to penetrate this murky terrain say **there are numerous players and various permutations of the model** that may involve the **sharing of ideas and research** along with **either a cut of the gains on the short trade or a set fee**. In fact, some short-sellers believe that **almost all of the activists have such backing** — even those running small hedge funds themselves.

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The balance sheet behind the social media short sellers. Of course. It's all starting to make sense now. But if all activist short-sellers have this backing, I wonder who the balance sheet behind TSLAQ is? How about the balance sheet behind Aaron Greenspan and the Think Computer Foundation?

Wary of both **reputation risk and litigation risk** — and **eager to avoid the drama** that swirls around activist short-sellers — some hedge funds even give away their research for free to the activists. The hope is that, once publicized, a damning report will be the catalyst for a downward move in a stock they've shorted.

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If you're doing something immoral or illegal, make sure nobody knows it was you.

The backdrop for all this is **the stock market's relentless rise**, which in recent years has **brutalized short-selling**. Many short-biased hedge funds have **either shut down or bled assets**; industry insiders say that **more could close shop in 2020**.

Into this vacuum has stepped a slew of upstarts, often touting their research on Seeking Alpha and posting links to their blogposts on Twitter. As of October 21, 38 activist short-sellers — many anonymous — had published short research on 128 companies this year, according to Activist Insight Shorts, which tracks the naysayers. The Bear Cave, a weekly online newsletter, reported that during one week in October alone, eight new short research pieces were published.

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Desperate times call for desperate measures.

The trend has raised alarms — and not just from the companies they target.

Seasoned short-sellers say the information overload risks "commoditizing"

the research and also raises red flags about its originality, accuracy, and

depth. Critics also note that reports sometimes arrive just prior to the expiration of options that can send stocks into a tailspin, risking market manipulation allegations. They also fear that these problems could lead to tougher regulation of short-selling, which could make it even less profitable — and allow frauds to go unchecked in the markets.

Short of a court order or federal investigation, however, it is impossible to know who is behind the action.

But there are clues.

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Yes, short-sellers on Twitter aren't exactly known for their accuracy and depth of research. But the fact that veteran short-sellers are worried about accusations of market manipulation and tougher regulations is news to me. Even seasoned short-sellers are raising their eyebrows at these aggressive social media campaigns!

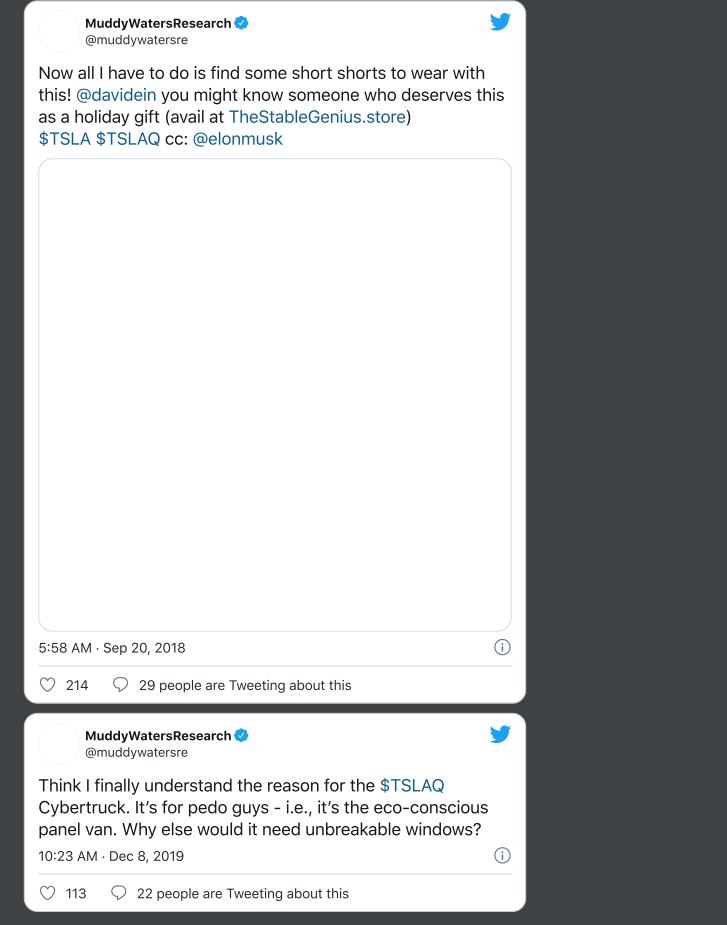
Start with Carson Block, the founder of Muddy Waters Capital, who launched the new breed of short-seller activist in 2011 with his blockbuster research on Sino-Forest Corp., a Toronto-listed Chinese company whose investors included then-hedge fund star John Paulson. Block also appears to have pioneered the balance-sheet approach. And now that he runs a hedge fund with more than \$200 million under management, Block occasionally offers such financial support to other short activists whose research he deems worthwhile.

"There are some firms out there that are in the balance-sheet business," asserts Block. "Full disclosure: We are."

He declined to say which activists he has funded.

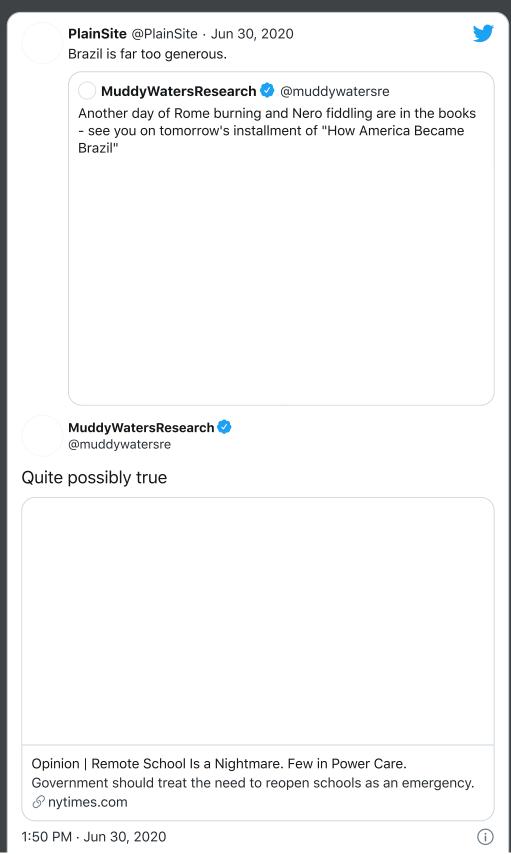
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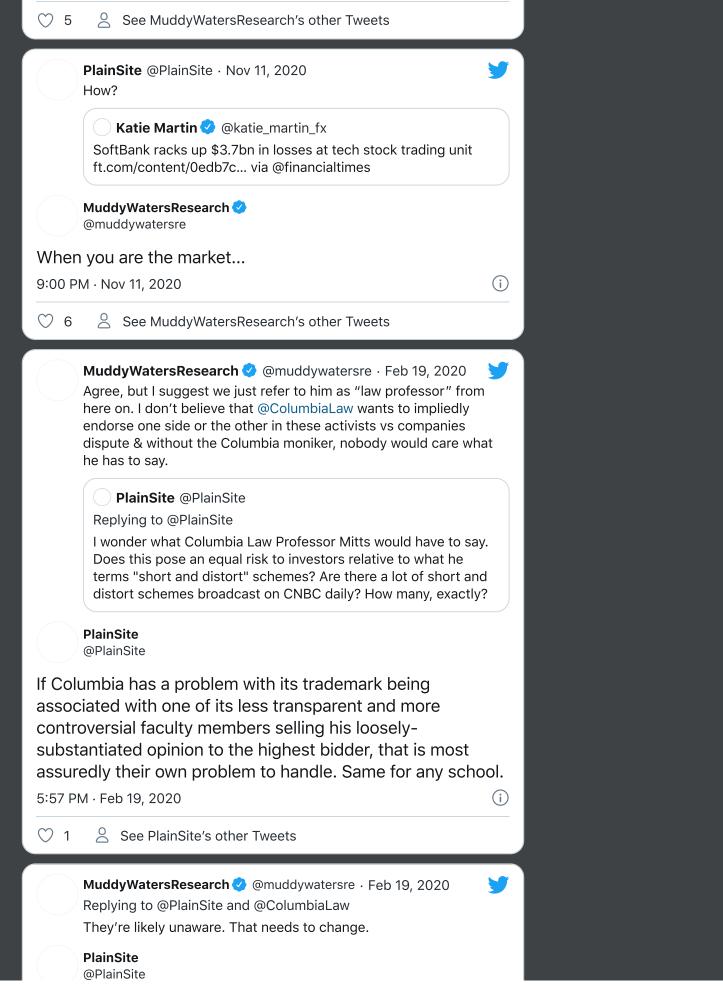
Amazing. Block and Muddy Water Research were part of the "TSLAQ" short campaign against Tesla:

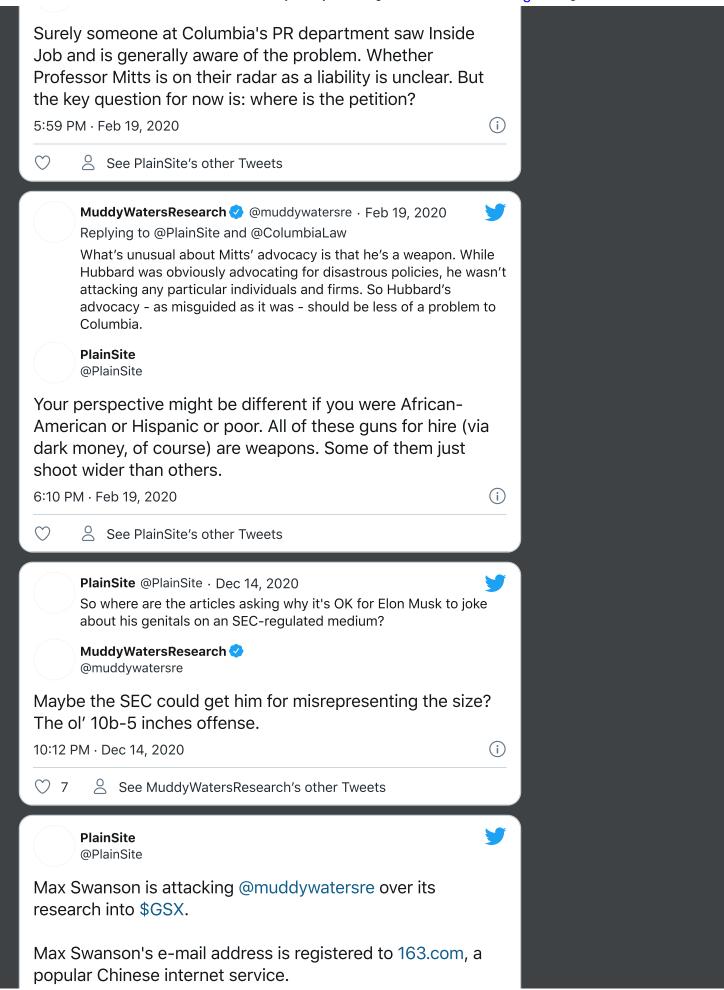


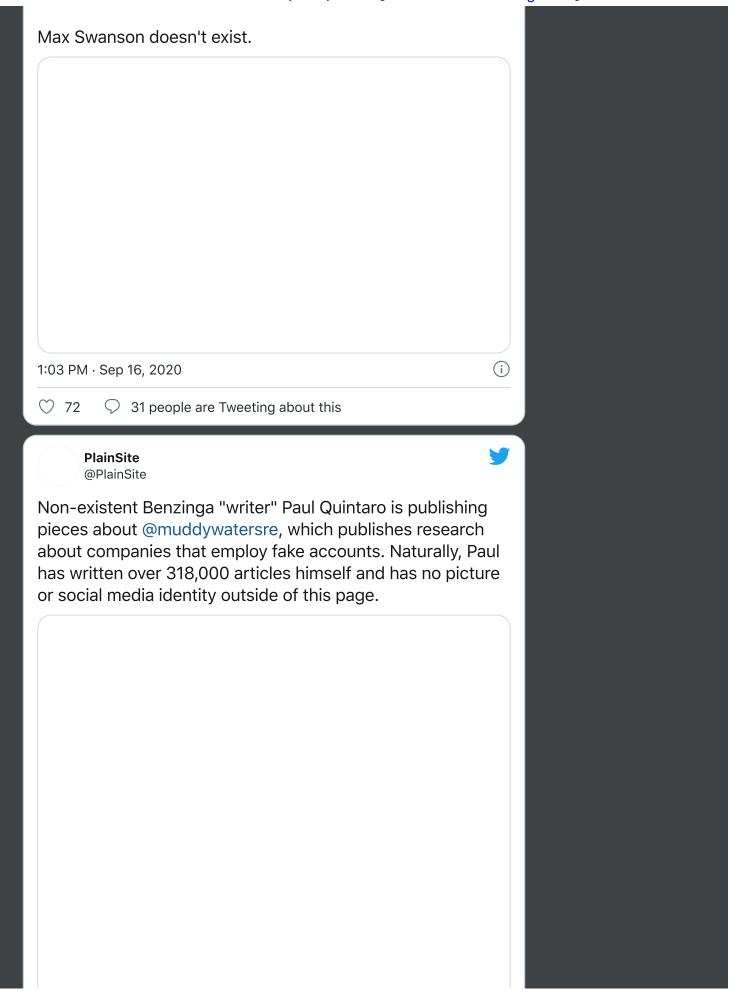
Block and his firm have also been in frequent communication with other Tesla short-sellers including Aaron Greenspan, the short seller who has been harassing and threatening me for

almost two years now. Is it possible that Muddy Waters is one of the many firms acting as the "balance sheet" for Aaron's fraudulent short-selling charity Think Computer Foundation? If not, has he shared any tips with Aaron Greenspan on how to find a "balance sheet" to sponsor his harassment and threats against Tesla customers?









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I could go on with more tweets but they definitely seem to have some kind of relationship. PlainSite seems to be promoting their work, and defending them — even against a random account with 7 followers.

"When I started out, I had no money. I had negative net worth," he says. "So I worked with balance-sheet partners."

Block declined to say who his original balance-sheet partner was. According to *The Wall Street Journal*, Block sold his research on Rino International Corp., another suspected Chinese fraud, to Oasis Management, as well as to other hedge funds, in 2010. That was just before Block says he turned to the balance-sheet model, offering his research reports to a single fund for a cut of its profits on the trade.

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Balance sheet partners got Muddy Waters started ten years ago, so now he's funding other broke activist shorts. How touching.

Muddy Waters' next big short was Sino-Forest, and Oasis was short that Chinese company three weeks ahead of Block's report, according to a lawsuit Oasis filed in London in an effort to get Morgan Stanley to pay the \$9.3 million Oasis claimed it was owed by the investment bank for its Sino-Forest puts.

Oasis founder Seth Fischer and portfolio manager Alexander Shoghi did not respond to requests for comment for this story.

Block defends the practice, saying it is a collaborative effort that benefits both parties.

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They manufacture the news needed to make sure their puts pay out. Both for them, and the balance sheet that bank rolled them.

"Activist short-selling is a hardscrabble life," [Block] says. "It's actually a shitty business for a number of reasons. One of the reasons is that it's subscale. There are very few activist short-sellers who can regularly short names that have real capacity in the trade," he explains.

Most don't have enough capital to start a hedge fund. "If your trade capacity is around five to ten to 25 million dollars, that doesn't justify raising a fund. You won't be able to generate returns on that."

Instead, Block says, with a balance-sheet partner "the performance fee is effectively paid by a hedge fund. It has the capital and the institutional pipes." Short-sellers borrow stock, hoping to pay it back at a lower price and profit on the differential. Hedge funds have relationships with prime brokers at investment banks that can lend them shares — relationships Block found he could not form in the early days.

"A lot of these names — U.S.-listed Chinese scams — were hard to borrow," he recalls. "We went to the big, pretty institutional primes who had access to borrow, and they told us we were too small and controversial."

Big hedge funds also have analysts who can call both the companies and sell-side analysts to get information they aren't going to reveal to a known activist short-seller. Perhaps most importantly, a balance-sheet partner can also provide legal support, which can run up to \$1 million if the short-seller gets sued or investigated by a regulator, Block says.

From their end, hedge funds prefer to work in the shadows for a number of reasons — one being that their own investors, particularly institutional investors like endowments and sovereign wealth funds, may look askance at short activism.

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It makes sense. The big hedge funds don't want to risk their reputation, or legal repercussions. The small guys can't play the game without a hedge fund partner. You have to work together to survive, so everyone does.

When it comes to short-selling, however, disclosure is not something most hedge funds want.

Short-sellers are part of a clubby, cantankerous community that has derisively been called a cabal. They often share research and reinforce each other with what are called "pile on" trades. There is nothing inherently unusual, or illegal, about that. Market participants say that short-sellers at hedge funds skilled in the strategy, like Eminence Capital, Valiant Capital Partners, Sophos Capital Management, and Kingsford Capital Management, also pass along research to activists — but they aren't believed to have offered to finance them.

For many hedge funds, **sharing research is better than a financial arrangement with the activist.** "By letting someone else put out the research, then you're not out there at all and you have total flexibility in how you trade the thing," says one hedge fund manager. "Once you have a fee arrangement, then it's a bit problematic."

Potential legal headaches aren't the only issue. Hedge funds may have a "belief on a position but don't want to deal with all the blowback and harassment and the doxing," says Nathan Anderson, whose Hindenburg Research gained notice after its September short call on electric-truck maker Nikola Corp., which led the SEC and the DOJ to investigate the company and the stock to plummet.

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Yup. They want to harass and doxx others anonymously, but not have to deal with any of those issues themselves.

In April, outspoken short-seller Marc Cohodes **stunned the short-selling community** when he teamed up with Joshua Mitts, associate professor at Columbia Law School, to author an op-ed in the *Financial Times* **calling for a mandatory ten-day holding period by a firm or individual after the public dissemination of market-moving information.**

To protect themselves from market-manipulation accusations, short activists typically say upfront that they are short the stock of the subject of their report.

Buried in the fine print, however, are more details — as well as caveats.

In a recent report, Muddy Waters, whose generic disclosure has been used as a template by others, states that as of the publication of the report, the firm was either long or short the name, "possibly along with or through its members, partners, affiliates, employees, and/or consultants, Muddy Waters Related Persons clients and/or investors and/or their clients and/or investors." It states these parties may be trading the securities and adds that "neither Muddy Waters Research nor Muddy Waters Capital will update any report or information on its website to reflect changes in positions that may be held by a Muddy Waters Related Person."

Such language **allows the activist**—**and any balance-sheet partner**—**to trade in and out at will.** But Cohodes argues that it's not good policy.

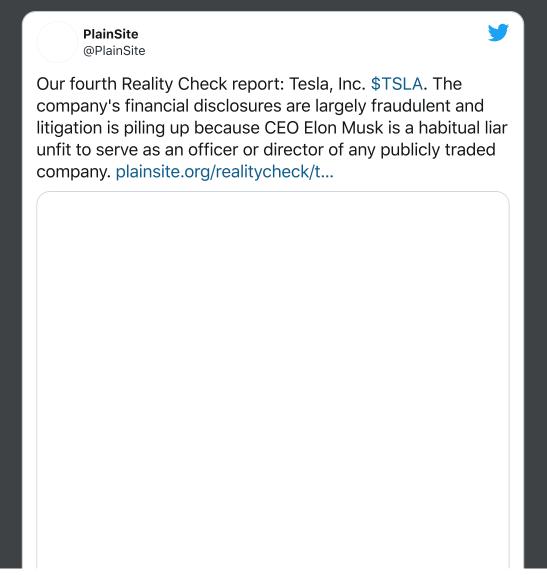
"Whether you own shares or are betting against a company, I believe it is misleading to tell investors that you have a specific view on a company and then profit from a trade in the opposite direction," he wrote.

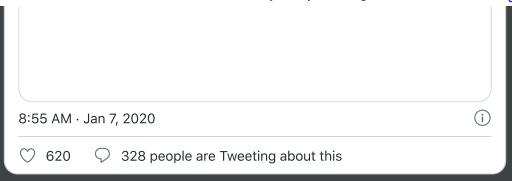
Cohodes alleged that "many bloggers and social media personalities who promote or attack stocks do not conduct a deep investigation of the companies involved. Instead, they republish theses acquired elsewhere and buy and sell quickly to make a fast buck."

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Even short-sellers agree: It's immoral to go on social media and tell everyone a company is a worthless fraud while secretly closing out your short position behind the scenes within 10 days. Imagine if someone advised you "Buy Snapchat stock!", but you found out that 10 days later they acted contrary to their own advice and sold all the Snapchat stock they had — profiting from the artificial run up in the stock they created, at your expense. That would be pretty dishonest, right? Well, telling everyone you're short a stock because it's headed to \$0 but buying the shares back soon afterwards to cover your position is the same thing. If you really think it's headed to \$0, why cover now just as you're imploring others to start shorting?

In fact, Tesla short-sellers like Aaron Greenspan do just that. Normally there would be no way to know how these anonymous Twitter users are trading, but Aaron Greenspan disclosed some of his Tesla trades in court. That allows us to look at when he chose to close each of his Tesla short bets, and what he was saying publicly at the time.





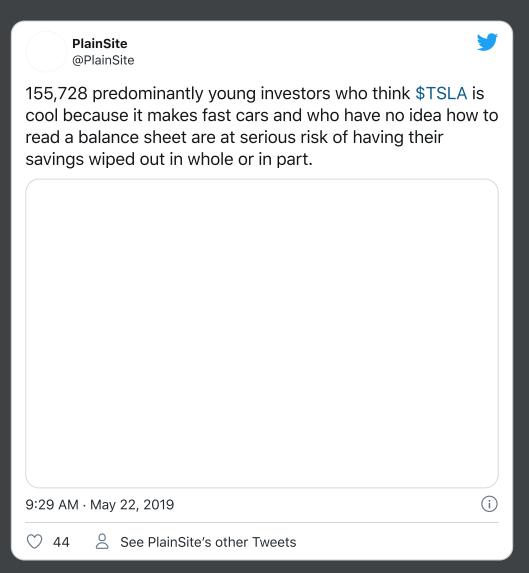
On January 7, 2020 Aaron Greenspan's fraudulent charity PlainSite released a short selling report on Tesla in which he slandered me and several other Tesla customers. He called Tesla's disclosed financials "largely fraudulent" and said Elon Musk was a "habitual liar" (talk about the pot calling the kettle black). Someone who truly believes what's in this report must be betting against Tesla for the long haul, right? As long as it takes for bankruptcy to happen, because the report will be proven right with time? In the case of a habitual liar like Aaron Greenspan... not exactly.

By his own admission, Aaron Greenspan spent **nearly \$30,000** to purchase 130 put option contracts on Tesla stock **expiring on January 17, 2020** — *exactly* **10 days after he published his report.** These contracts guaranteed Greenspan the option to sell up to 13,000 shares of Tesla stock at a fixed price. He hoped that the report would drive the stock down, allowing him to buy 13,000 shares and sell them above market price.

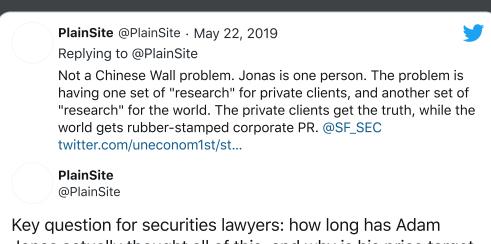
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1	TSLA January 17 2020 \$100 Put	Expire	1/17/2020	15	0.00	0.00

Unfortunately for Aaron Greenspan, his plan to drive down Tesla stock failed because nobody believed his ridiculous report. When you've been lying your entire life, eventually you start to lose credibility. On January 17, 2020 Tesla's share price was \$510.50. Greenspan had bet that the price would be lower than \$100, \$75, \$50, and \$20. Of the \$30,000 he invested in shorting Tesla in anticipation of the report, he lost 100%. Of course, that's just his trades — it doesn't include any of the losses from his balance sheet partners!

On May 22, 2019 Greenspan urged Tesla young Tesla investors to immediately sell their shares, warning them their savings would be wiped out. In reality, Tesla shares are up 17x since then, and Aaron Greenspan ended up wiping out his own savings.



He asked how analysts could have a price target for Tesla above \$0, implying that's what he thought the price target should be:



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And he implored the Securities and Exchange Commission to take action against Tesla immediately:



problem that regulators cannot keep up with sociopaths. (See also: Trump.) The solution is to immediately remove them from power as soon as it's clear that they are bad faith actors. @SF_SEC missed its chance.

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What @SEC_Enforcement and @SF_SEC can do now, today, is force \$TSLA to issue a Form 8-K that breaks down *exactly* how many orders it has for *exactly* which products, right now. Because Model Y and spare parts obviously should not count.

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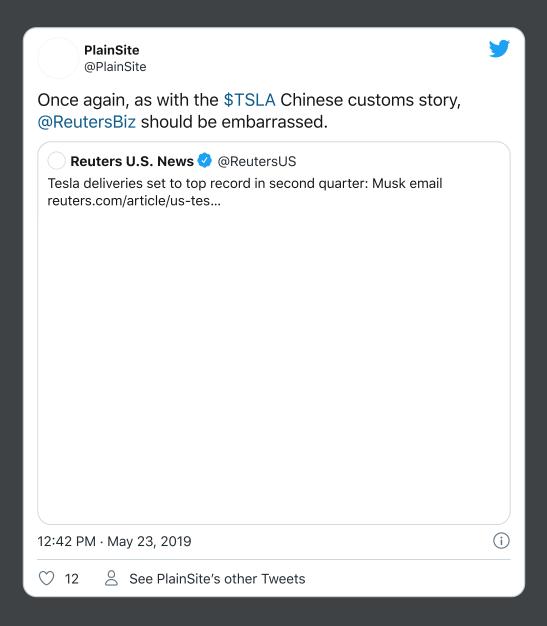
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As usual, he attacked any journalists that dared to utter a positive word about Tesla:



And he confidently proclaimed that Tesla was in a "death spiral": PlainSite @PlainSite · May 23, 2019 Replying to @PlainSite Unfortunately, a lot of people still believe Elon Musk. And the SEC just watches. Now at 157,034. **PlainSite** @PlainSite 157,669 Millennials continue to be completely unaware that

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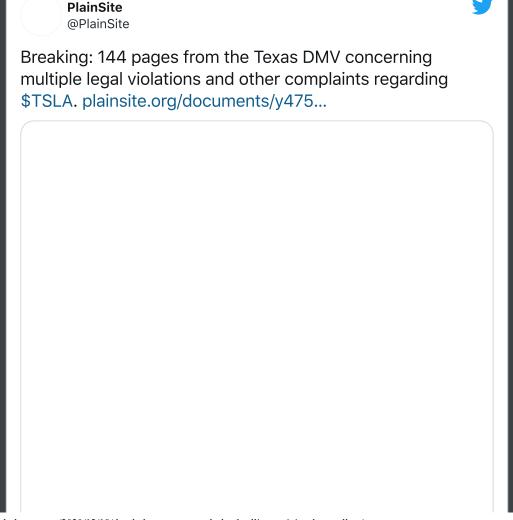
However, his trading history tells a different story. While Aaron Greenspan was telling the world that Tesla would "wipe out their savings", deserved a price target of \$0, was getting

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sued into bankruptcy, deserved to be prosecuted by the SEC, and was in "a death spiral" **he sold \$20,000 worth of Tesla puts one month early**. Riddle me this: If a company is in a death spiral, and analysts should be setting a price target of \$0... why sell when the stock is still at \$200 a share? His message to his followers was: "Go buy puts and short Tesla!". Little did his followers know, behind the scenes Greenspan was one of the people selling the puts to them. He lied straight to his followers faces, giving them advice that would ruin them financially while quietly taking their money behind their back. This kind of blatant deception should be prosecuted as securities fraud.

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1	TSLA June 21 2019	Sell	5/23/2019	8	20.00	15,991.55
	\$200 Put					

On October 2, 2019 Greenspan announced a "Breaking News" discovery to his followers: documents from the Texas DMV he had published that supposedly proved Tesla was a fraud:



To add an element of tax fraud on top of the securities fraud, Greenspan purchased these Texas DMV documents with **funds from his charity.** He even solicited donations from other short-sellers, **promising that their tax-deductible** donation would be used to expose fraud at Tesla, and help them make money on their short bets. Not only did he scam his followers, he **illegally misappropriated the funds of a non-profit** to try and inure private benefit to his personal short-selling bets, as well as those of his donors. A non-profit charity can use its resources **only** for an exempt purpose that serves the public good — **not the private interests of any individual**, especially the people running the charity!



On March 16, 2020 Aaron Greenspan thrilled his short seller audience by threatening to take Tesla to court — presumably to expose information that would make the stock fall.



But that very same day, while Greenspan was encouraging his followers to buy puts, he himself was selling the securities to them: \$20,642.85 worth, to be precise.

33 people are Tweeting about this

3	TSLA May 15 2020	Sell	3/16/2020	10	20.65	20,642.85
	\$250 Put					

Most of the time, these short sellers don't even believe what they're saying. They'll convince everyone they need to go buy puts immediately, while **doing the exact opposite**themselves. It's a simple pump and dump scam, using stock options rather than public equities.

Anyway, that was a long tangent. Back to the Institutional Investor article:

In a rulemaking proposal to the SEC in February, Mitts, Columbia securities law professor John Coffee, and ten other law professors asked the SEC to force short-sellers who publicize their position to "promptly" say when their disclosure of being short "no longer reflects current holdings or trading intention." They want short-sellers to make that disclosure within 24 hours of a change in trading or by the beginning of the next day's trading.

"Rapidly closing a short position after publishing (or commissioning) a report, without having specifically disclosed an intent to do so, can constitute fraudulent scalping in violation of Rule 10b-5," they argued, referring to the SEC's anti-fraud rule.

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Short-sellers like Block rail against Mitts, dismissing him as a "shill" for corporate clients. (Mitts has worked for corporate plaintiffs in lawsuits filed by at least two known targets of short-sellers, Farmland Partners and Burford Capital; Muddy Waters is short Burford.)

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Like Block, Aaron Greenspan was not happy at all that a Columbia professor was pushing for common-sense rules on short and distort schemes. Greenspan **immediately** began attacking the professor publicly, sending him harassing emails and trying to have him fired.

The professors first posted about their petition around February 12, 2020:

Petition for Rulemaking on Short and Distort





By John C. Coffee, Jr. and Joshua Mitts February 18, 2020

Short selling serves a critical function in the capital markets by encouraging price discovery and preventing the formation of asset bubbles. But recent years have seen a rise in "negative activism," a novel phenomenon that has flourished in the era of social media and algorithmic trading.[1] The typical negative activist opens a large short

position; disseminates sometimes aggressive negative opinion about a public company (often stopping just short of factual falsehoods) on Twitter and elsewhere, which induces a panic and run on the stock price; and rapidly closes that position for a profit, prior to the stock price partially or fully rebounding.

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And Aaron Greenspan had already emailed him and started threatening him publicly within four days:



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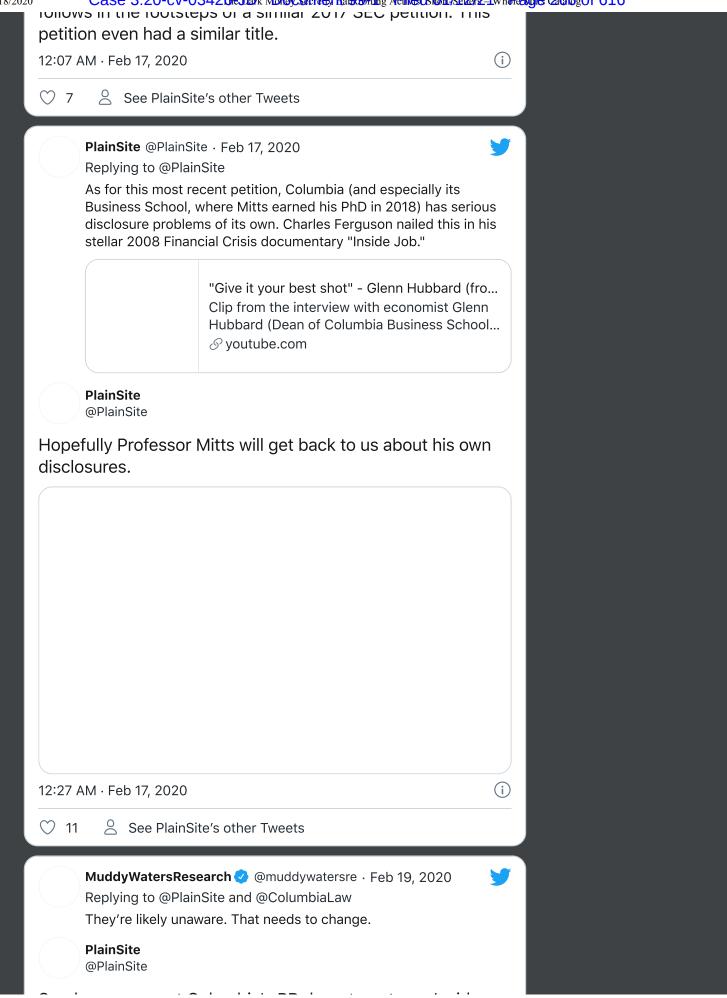


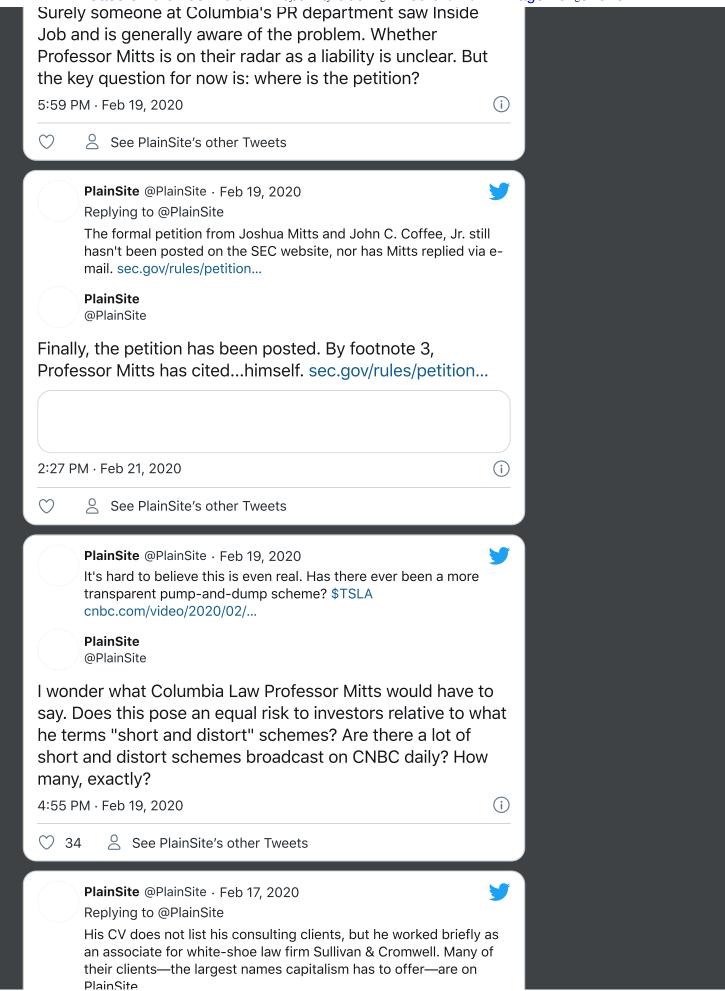
The only strange thing about this argument—the same one Mitts has made for years—is that it seems completely dated and irrelevant in a market where stocks hit new all-time highs on a literal daily basis. Stocks are not crashing due to short sellers or otherwise; they're soaring.

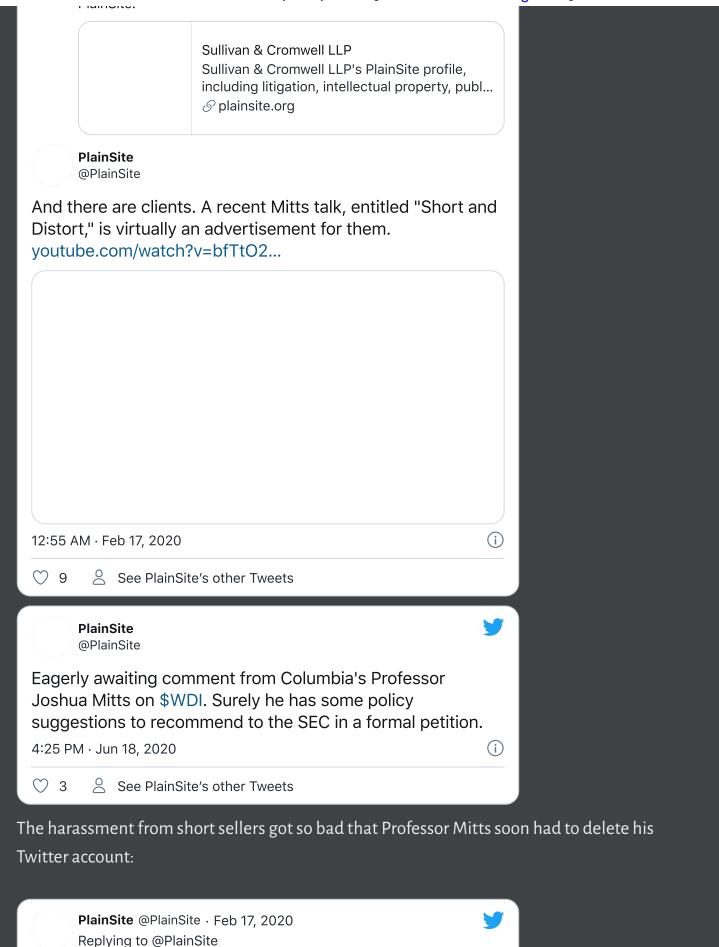


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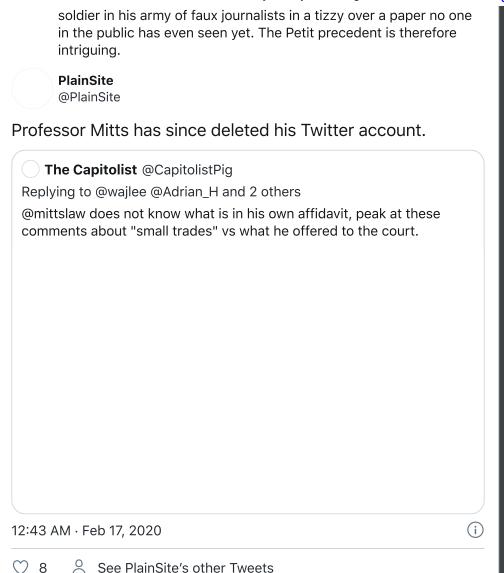
His apparent co-author, Professor John C. Coffee, is an old hand known to and respected by the SEC. That's unfortunate for both Professors Coffee and Mitts, because their petition follows in the footstops of a similar 2017 SEC potition. This







...veritable king of short seller antipathy, Elon Musk—himself the signatory to a SEC Amended Consent Decree—has at least one



Why the obsession with Professor Mitts? It's simple: short sellers will harass into silence anyone who calls out their fraudulent activities, because they know that if anyone finds out what they're doing they'll be charged with securities fraud. Recall that Aaron Greenspan had Tesla options set to expire 10 days after his report. That meant that **if the SEC adopted**Mitt's proposal, he would have committed securities fraud over the publication of his false and libelous report. No wonder he was trying to get the poor guy fired.

"The vast majority of short activists **would not even be viable** if their balance sheet wasn't **getting really concentrated in each name... then closing out a decent portion of that position**," says one short-seller.

"If you don't take advantage of the elevated volume, in subsequent days **you** could start bleeding some money and giving back," he explains. "You know

that on day two, the company comes back with everything they've got. And you don't know how long it's going to take for the market to become skeptical of management," he adds. "In the meantime, you could get hit with a lawsuit."

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In other words, without completely defrauding your followers there's no way to make money. You have to rip people off and lie to survive.

Mitts raised some of these issues in a declaration filed in support of a defamation lawsuit brought in Colorado federal court in 2018 by Farmland Partners against short activist Rota Fortunae, a front for Quinton Mathews, the managing member of QKM, a Dallas-based registered investment adviser with no assets under management, according to its most recent ADV filing with the SEC. This year, Mathews was forced by the judge to reveal his identity. The short-seller later disclosed the name of the Dallas hedge fund, Sabrepoint Capital Management, that was paying him for his short research on a monthly retainer basis. Sabrepoint is now also a defendant in the case, which is pending. Both Mathews and Sabrepoint have denied the accusations.

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I bet we can get a list of all the short-sellers and balance sheet partners that have been funding Aaron Greenspan and his fraudulent charity in court. Maybe that's why so many anonymous accounts are trying to smear and threaten me: They're worried about being exposed for their financial ties to Aaron Greenspan and his charity. Greenspan, PlainSite and the Think Computer Foundation could be the domino that brings all of TSLAQ down. Since most notable Tesla short sellers have donated to his charity (with some specifically saying they donated because of his harassment activities), if Greenspan's criminal activity is revealed the donations could implicate all of TSLAQ in a criminal conspiracy to commit securities fraud, tax fraud, and threaten strangers in an attempt to distort the conversation around certain stocks.

Fichthorn declined to give the name of the short-seller who alleged a hedge fund was offering to pay activists to publish its short thesis on Health Insurance Innovations.

But for the next year and a half, short-sellers **battered the company on Twitter and elsewhere**. One anonymous short activist, **Marcus Aurelius Value**, wrote five reports on Health Insurance Innovations, starting in November 2018 and ending in June of this year.

Aurelius Value **did not respond** to a Twitter message asking if he had worked with a balance-sheet partner on the short and, if so, whether the partner provided him with research.

At one point, the options action made Health Insurance Innovations the biggest short in the market, with more than 100 percent of the shares shorted, says Fichthorn. "It was kind of ironic that I, as a professional short-seller, was on the board of the company that was the most shorted stock in the market."

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Would it surprise you to learn that this account, which may have accepted money from a Hong Kong hedge fund to smear a company, associates with members of TSLAQ?









Marcus Aurelius

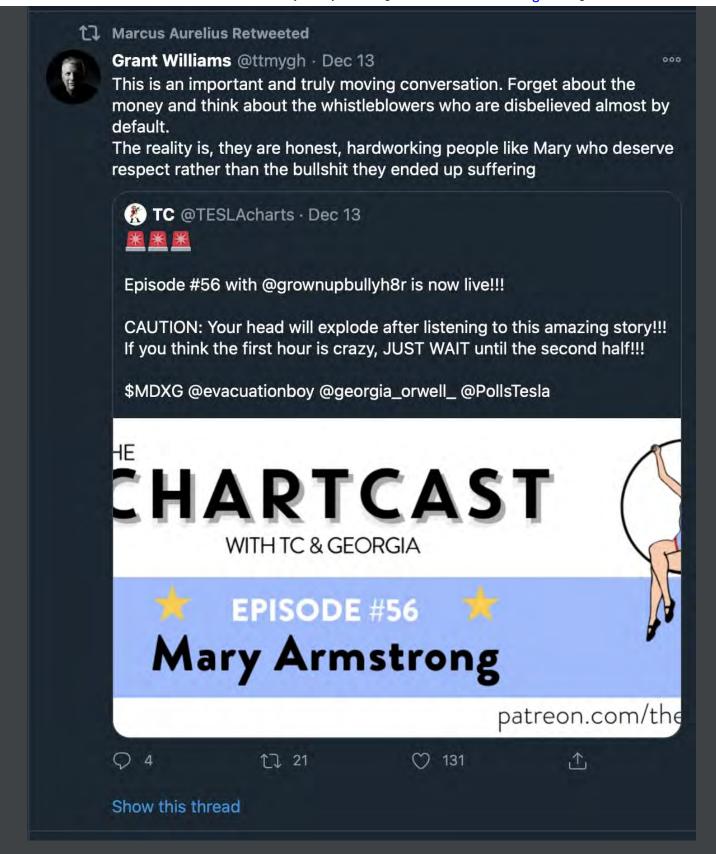
@AureliusValue

All tweets express our opinion and you should assume we hold a position in securities mentioned. No Affiliation with Aurelius Capital Management.

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But I'm sure TSLAQ accounts have never done anything like that... right?

"The reality is **if enough of them pile on and write enough bad stuff, they can destroy companies.** I watched it from the inside. They called our customers

and they were making shit up," bemoans Fichthorn, pointing specifically to a short-seller rumor that the FBI was at the company's headquarters. It wasn't.

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Similar to TSLAQ's attacks against prospective and current Tesla customers.

This is some dirty, dirty business. Some of the people involved in this stuff are extremely dangerous, because they know that they could potentially face criminal charges if people knew what they were doing.

We'll continue investigating TSLAQ short sellers until they finally leave us alone. If I turn up dead under mysterious circumstances, investigate Aaron Greenspan and his TSLAQ associates. Look at the donors to his charity to build a list of suspects. They will do a good job hiding any evidence of their involvement, but don't be fooled too easily. (I'm only half joking).

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CHAPTER 4: MEET \$TSLAQ



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The conservation was surprisingly fun and engaging. The anti-Tesla accounts joked with each other and made memes that were hard not to laugh at, even if you didn't share their viewpoint. It was easy to get hooked following the story on social media. Using my @OmarQazi Twitter account, I debated Tesla with some of these anonymous accounts so often that I started to see some of them as friends. Daily discussions and debates about Tesla with accounts like @ETeletubby and Pivotal Capital were spirited, but also still fundamentally cordial, respectful, and educational. It seemed like Twitter at its best: Connecting you to different people with diverse views in a beautiful way, and putting the pulse of the world at your fingertips.

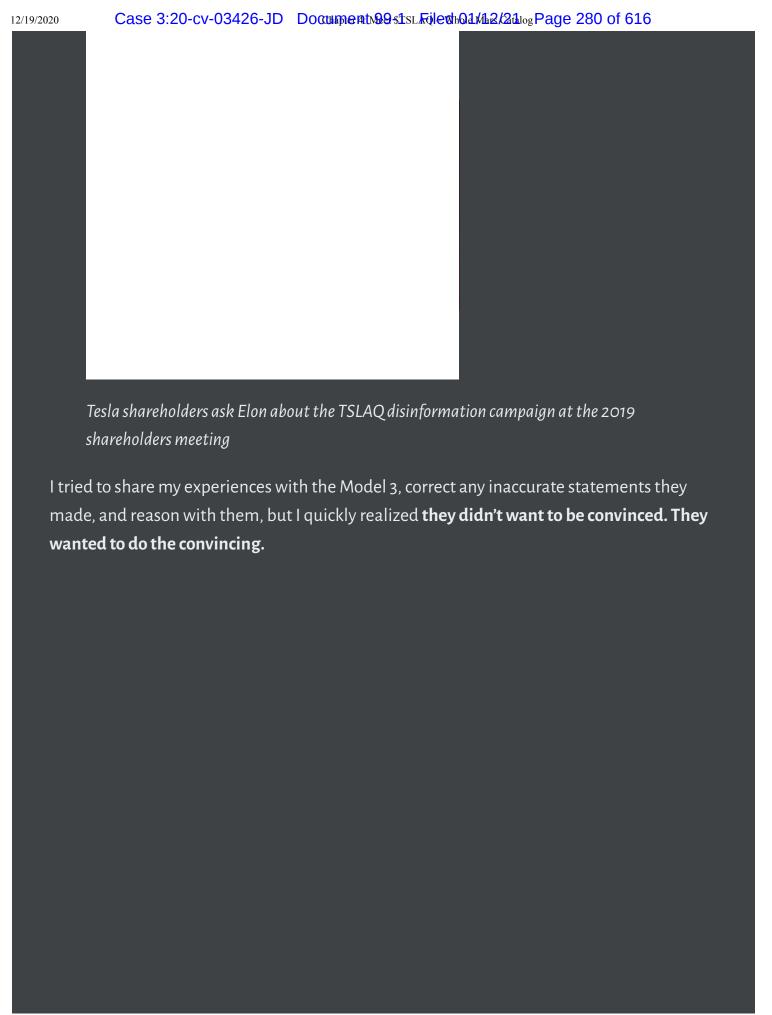
At first I thought the anonymous troll accounts were just random people who didn't want to use their real name on Twitter, but after following a few of them I quickly realized that there was something unusual going on. These weren't just ordinary people operating

independently and tweeting for fun. They identified as part of a closely-knit group that had come to Twitter to make some money.

The trolls called themselves \$TSLAQ: a reference to the Q that gets added to a stock ticker symbol when a company goes bankrupt. They all repeated the same message, insisting with stubborn confidence that Tesla was about to go bankrupt at any minute and that the business was nothing more than a complete fraud. This viewpoint surprised me, as it didn't match with what I was experiencing driving my Model 3 at all. Did people really believe all this misleading nonsense?

Indeed, people did. What I saw unfold before my eyes over the rest of the year was one of the most astonishing, most impressive social media influence campaigns in the history of the internet. Let me tell you, this disinformation campaign made the election manipulation tactics Russia's Internet Research Agency used against the United States look like a game of Patty Cake.

For a long time, TSLAQ somehow managed to completely dominate and control the narrative around Tesla in the public conversation. It was shocking how effective they were — everyone from TSLAQ, to Tesla fans, to Elon Musk can agree on that. You'd hear these anonymous accounts spout complete nonsense on Twitter and laugh at them, but then the next thing you knew there'd be a story in the news featuring the exact same absurd talking points nearly word for word. Their influence (especially with popular financial news organizations) was shocking to anyone who used Tesla products and knew that most of what they were saying was either flat out untrue or grossly exaggerated, with only the smallest kernel of truth at the core to sustain the illusion of credibility.

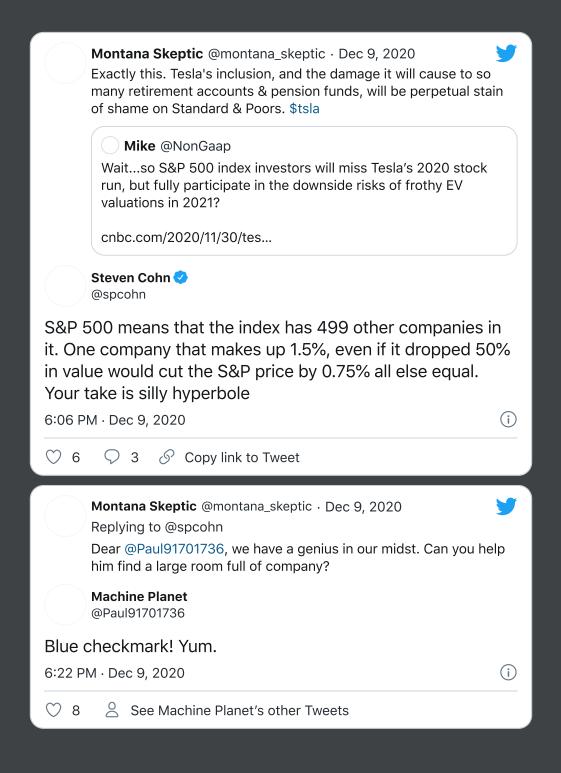




Anyone who replied to TSLAQ tweets without sticking to the party line was instantly mocked and ridiculed by a swarm of nasty anonymous trolls, no matter how misleading or outright false TSLAQ's claims of the day happened to be. If you started to ask too many questions or showed even the slightest hint of independent thinking, you'd be immediately blocked across the entire TSLAQ network via the TSLAQ blocklist.

The **TSLAQ blocklist** is maintained by Paul D. When TSLAQ members get even the faintest whiff of an account that doesn't agree with their messaging, they simply tag Paul who quickly adds the account to the list, which features thousands of Twitter accounts deemed

uncooperative. Since the vast majority of TSLAQ accounts and even some mainstream journalists subscribe to the blocklist, once an account was spotted it would be blocked by the entire TSLAQ disinformation network. The blocklist was one of the main ways TSLAQ abused Twitter's safety features to manipulate the conversations people saw on Twitter for their own financial benefit. The leaders of the campaign could control exactly what their followers (and even some journalists!) saw on Twitter, distorting their perspective significantly.

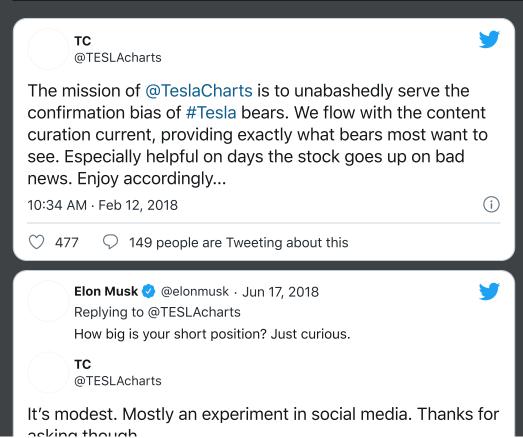


Why were all these accounts spending so much time posting negative information about Tesla? Who would care so much, and why? The answer quickly became clear as more and more of these anonymous accounts linked me to tweets from the group leader, a man who seemed to be at the center of driving the TSLAQ movement forward on Twitter. The account was anonymous and used the screen name @TeslaCharts.

I went to follow him, and noticed a line in his bio that explained what was going on: "Disclosure: Short Tesla via put options". That meant that TeslaCharts, like most other TSLAQ accounts, had bet money that Tesla's share price would fall, predicting that it would soon reach \$0.

If TSLAQ could get the stock price to fall they would make a lot of money fast, but if the share price went any higher they'd be completely screwed by billions of dollars in collective losses. Because of these stock market bets, I'm sure you can understand why they desperately needed to do everything they could to try and convince investors to sell Tesla shares and tank Tesla's stock price — even if it meant routinely straying from the truth.





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TeslaCharts called it an "experiment in social media" — an experiment in weaponizing social media for market manipulation and securities fraud. It was amazing how such simple techniques could have such a dramatic persuasive effect. This wasn't rocket science, after all: The medium of Twitter was new, but the classic short and distort scheme is one of the oldest securities fraud tricks in the book. For those who aren't familiar with TSLAQ, let me give you a few examples of how they manipulated and distorted the conversation around Tesla.

THE BLOCK LIST

The blocklist turned out to be a powerful persuasive tool. By blocking out any dissent, TSLAQ could create Twitter threads that looked like everyone was in universal agreement, with no one to point out the glaringly obvious flaws or inaccuracies in their logic. With any new technology like electric vehicles, it's very easy to come up with some misinformation that most of the general public won't question ("Who wants to wait to charge it every day?") even if every EV driver knows it's not true ("Who wants to stop for gas when you can charge while you sleep or Supercharge?").

Psychologically, humans are hardwired to agree when they think everyone else is in agreement. It's a completely subconscious survival instinct, so most people don't even realize it's happening. When you join a conversation and there's consensus, you don't want to shit in the punchbowl. You want to be nice, fun, and agreeable. Twitter users who stumbled on TSLAQ threads had no idea that all opposing viewpoints had been blocked from the conversation, but they were still influenced by a one-sided discussion taking place in an alternate reality of collective delusion. Some of these Twitter users included influential journalists and regulators, who TSLAQ would seek out and tag in their posts to attempt to influence their thinking. Friends of the movement would be promoted. Enemies would be smeared, mocked, harassed, and threatened.

When a TSLAQ member subscribed to the block list, their account would be hidden from anyone with independent views on Tesla. But more importantly, TSLAQ would still be able to see all of the tweets from people on the blocklist with just the push of a button. Some

Tesla customers and fans may have wanted to block anti-Tesla hate groups from seeing their tweets to protect themselves from online harassment, but it's difficult to do so when you've never seen the account stalking you before because you're already blocked.

The result is that TSLAQ was able to operate in the shadows, completely invisible to most people who might have called them out, while they stalked, threatened, and harassed Tesla customers freely. I call this social media manipulation strategy "**block & stalk**". Normally you block someone because you don't want to interact with them, but in this case, the blocking was designed to make stalking easier and more fruitful. It also protected TSLAQ from enforcement action by Twitter, because Twitter's rule system is based on user reports. If you can't see an account, you're not going to report it no matter how often it violates the rules. TSLAQ friends benefitting from the rules violation won't report it either.

DISTORTION THROUGH ENGAGEMENT

TSLAQ would like and retweet negative tweets about Tesla while suppressing or casting doubt on positive ones. Coordinated manipulation of social media is really as simple as that. Anytime someone posted something negative about Tesla or electric vehicles in general, TSLAQ would make sure everyone in the world saw it. When there was good news it was always a lie, a fraud, or a fake. No matter how positive the news, they would share whatever rhetoric they could come up to gaslight the public into doubting whether the electric vehicle revolution was really happening at all.

Simply liking and retweeting is pretty innocuous behavior, but can really distort the world people see in their social media feeds when you have thousands of accounts coordinating to push a pre-designed message. When you launch any new product there are always problems at first, and the Model 3 was no exception. Suppose hypothetically that at some point in the Model 3 ramp 1 out of 1,000 cars had a problem, meaning that 99.9% of the cars sold were perfect. (This is just an example, not real data.) Well, if Tesla is making 1,000 cars a day that would mean 1 car with a problem is produced every day. TSLAQ would find that car and make sure it's the only car people saw and talked about that day simply by liking, retweeting, and replying to the photo in question.

Now all of a sudden casual spectators see a new picture of a Tesla with a different problem every day. You're not going to investigate it and ask about the stock market bets of the

people posting. You're just going to scroll and think "Man, these Tesla Model 3 cars seem like they suck". Even if the reality is that 0.1% of cars have a problem, a dishonest group of people can make the situation appear very different on Twitter. And of course, nobody is posting a picture of every Toyota Camry with an issue. The leaders of the campaign know it's mostly bullshit, but some of the less intelligent lower-ranking members of TSLAQ might start to actually believe what they're saying. Any time you scare someone away from buying a Tesla you hurt the business and help your short position, so TSLAQ would do this kind of thing a lot.

With a huge market for any negative Tesla content, there was a strong incentive to fake complaints and pose as Tesla customers. A common trick would be to buy an old Twitter account that had been unused for years from hackers and then use it to post complaints about Tesla that featured someone else's photos. These complaints looked completely genuine to everyone except the person whose car photos had been stolen. To the public these daily viral tweets looked completely real, while only a few Tesla owners noticed that the accounts behind them seemed to be missing basic information that any real Tesla owner would have known. (For example: "Is that a Long Range or Standard Range car?")

PAID IN ATTENTION AND STOCK OPTIONS

Social media gave TSLAQ a way to recruit soldiers to their smear campaign without having to pay anything at all. It turns out you can pay people to help with just likes, followers, and friends. Many people will be more than willing to work just for attention.

For example, in February 2018 Aaron Greenspan's charity's Twitter account @PlainSite had just 400 followers. After joining TSLAQ, it grew to nearly 5000 followers by September 26, 2019 — a 10x jump from joining TSLAQ.

Beyond that, TSLAQ leaders would instruct their followers on how best to short Tesla stock and advise on optimal strategies for trading TSLA options. The belief among TSLAQ disciples was that shorting Tesla would make them fabulously wealthy, so they worked extra hard believing they would be paid well for good work. Meanwhile, the leaders of the campaign didn't have to put up a single dollar of cash themselves to fund this troll army. It may have been one of the **first-ever** *crowdsourced* **short and distort campaigns**. It was a

giant stock manipulation and securities fraud scheme, all coordinated and executed completely out in the open for anyone to see.

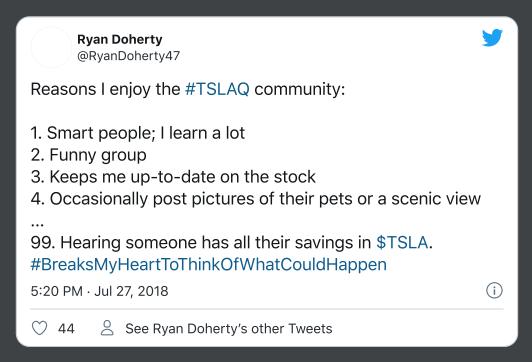
COMMUNITY

There are a lot of lonely people online. Fostering a sense of community among members of TSLAQ was key to the recruiting effort. Although the real intent was to use people as pawns to try and push down Tesla stock (often ruining their lives and finances in the process), the public message was: "We are all best friends working together to fight this enormous fraud. This is so fun!". Just make sure to stick to the script, or all your friends will turn on you in the nastiest way. A few short sellers account like @MartianShort were brave enough to call out the nonsense, even though they continued to short Tesla and believe the stock was overvalued. They were excommunicated from the entire community, placed on the blocklist with the bulls, and smeared by TSLAQ leaders in retaliation for speaking up.

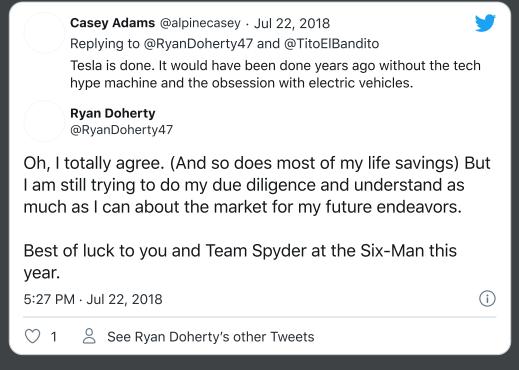


However, the closely-knit TSLAQ community lead to more anonymous troll accounts being created every day and even brought in some people who were willing to speak using their real name. Of course, the only thing better than spreading anti-EV propaganda from an anonymous troll account is convincing someone to repeat that propaganda under their own name, leveraging their reputation. If you can get someone to repeat what you told them, nobody will know that an anonymous short seller betting against Tesla stock came up with it. That made the campaign look far more natural and authentic. Unfortunately, many of

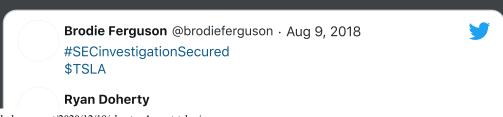
these recruits roped into the TSLAQ community ended up **losing their life savings** — but amazingly, **they said they still say they had fun doing it.**



Stage 1: Worried about people who having their life savings in Tesla stock



Stage 2: Put life savings into shorting Tesla based on advice of TSLAQ community



@RyanDoherty47

Even if they are being investigated by the SEC, at least they have a highly efficient and profitable business that they can rely on to get them through this time of being barred from the capital markets.

(Quickly deposits life savings into bankruptcy puts)

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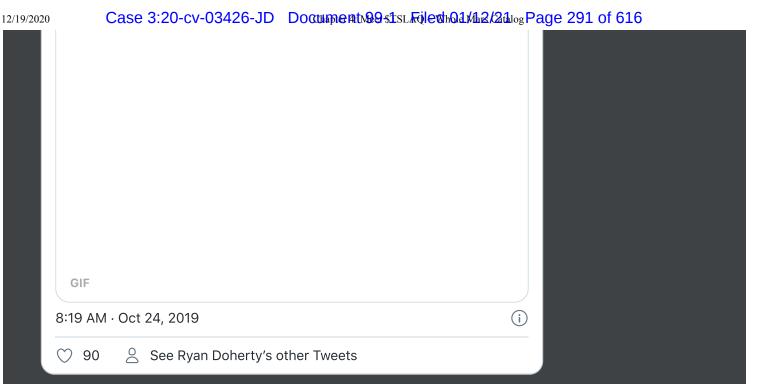
See Ryan Doherty's other Tweets

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Obviously this isn't how I pictured it when I placed my bet. But, as crazy as it sounds from someone who lost the vast majority of his net worth, I view this as a positive experience. I learned a ton, made some mistakes that I won't make again, and had some laughs in the process.



Stage 3: Leave TSLAQ after losing life savings shorting Tesla

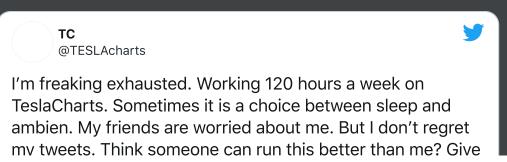
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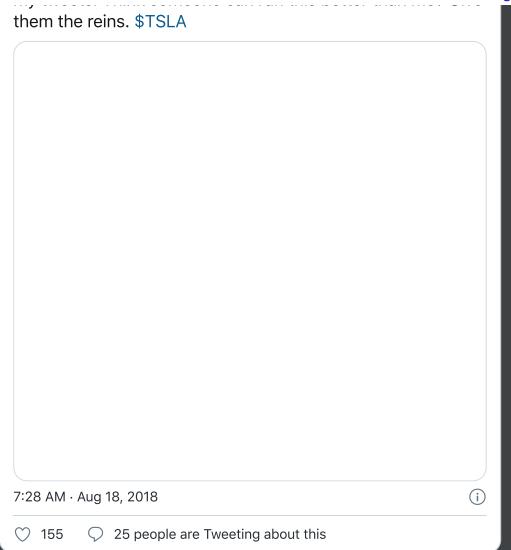
They didn't just recruit random Twitter users either. They wanted people with influence. If TSLAQ could help promote someone's book, or publicly compliment them on an article, then boom: Now you've got an author and a journalist on your side. Who doesn't like feeling appreciated, even if you're just being used? TSLAQ evolved to become a coalition of anyone and everyone who didn't like or felt threatened by Tesla — **including employees of legacy automakers**.

QUANTITY OVER QUALITY



During the heyday of TSLAQ, most troll accounts posted an insane amount of tweets. If you look at the TeslaCharts screenshot above, he has 84,000 tweets since the account was opened on February 12, 2018. If you assume 8 hours of sleep and 16 waking hours a day, that means the TeslaCharts account has posted a tweet every 11 waking minutes since his disinformation campaign started. When does he make the charts? This is just one of the thousands of TSLAQ accounts. How do you keep the voices of real people from getting drowned out in a sea of insanity and illogical fervor? Who is going to tweet real information about their Tesla that often? They were always awake, and always on top of spinning the latest news. The truth was completely buried under a mountain of lies.





PSEUDO-RESEARCH

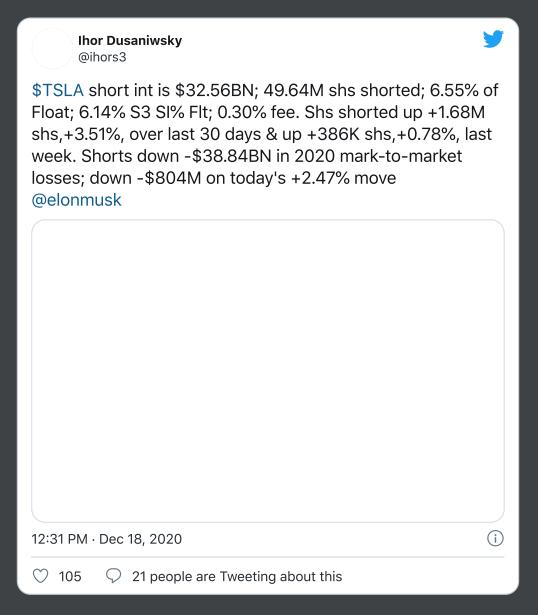
Tesla short-sellers would send planes over certain key areas of Tesla's supply chain to take pictures, and also send people out to surveil the properties on the ground as well. This is pretty common for people who are doing short research. These operatives called themselves "Shorty Air Force" (SAF) and "Shorty Ground Force) (SGF), respectively.

This kind of pseudo-research could be quite persuasive because it seems like direct primary evidence of what was going on at Tesla logistically. The only problem was that the data was often interpreted poorly, with a tendency to jump to incorrect conclusions that reflected a poor understanding of Tesla's business.

Users following the posts also started to get conspiratorial, with many speculating that Tesla wasn't selling cars at all and instead just moving them from place to place to hide them from the short-sellers. That turned out to be false. However, when someone says

"Here's a photo of the Tesla factory and here's what it means", the simple fact that there is a real photo seems to give the analysis some credibility. Every lie was built on a kernel of truth, blurring the line between fact and fiction.

Despite the hard work of many TSLAQ members taking daily pictures of parking lots around the world, the data did not help prevent tens of billions of dollars in short losses. Due to the prevalence of misleading framing, dishonest interpretations, and conspiracy theories Tesla bears ignored the growth that should have been apparent from their own surveillance records.



"I KNOW YOU ARE, BUT WHAT AM I?"

Another key strategy TSLAQ employed to deflect criticism was psychological projection, also known as the "I know you are, but what am I?" strategy. The strategy is very simple:

When you know you're doing something wrong, falsely accuse your opponents and critics of **the exact same conduct** that you are knowingly and willfully engaged in. Loudly and frequently proclaim how evil such conduct is, and how it shows what a terrible person the falsely accused is. Now, nobody will suspect that you're doing the same thing.

It sounds stupid, but it really works. Imagine you saw someone on TV every day campaigning against the ecological harms of taking long showers. You wouldn't expect that person to take a 2-hour long shower every morning, would you? Even if someone does point out the hypocrisy, it then becomes a he-said-she-said situation and the audience is left with the work of analyzing and judging the claims for themselves. Few care enough to take the time to do so. Most just shrug and walk away.

For example, a common criticism of TSLAQ was that their negative posts were motivated by their own financial incentives rather than a desire to assess Tesla's business impartially. To deflect this legitimate concern, TSLAQ frequently accused *Tesla customers* of being secretly paid by Tesla to promote the company. Of course, the reality is that Tesla's customers are paying Tesla — not the other way around. Some people speak up because they love the products, and others speak up when they don't. Nevertheless, in the post-truth era anything repeated often enough starts to sound true. Similarly, frequent false accusations of "fraud" and "imminent bankruptcy" against Tesla masked the fact that the TSLAQ campaign itself was a clear short and distort securities fraud scheme, and that short-sellers were rapidly bankrupting themselves with their bearish Tesla positions.

WAR BREAKS OUT

As time went on and TSLAQ grew larger and more powerful, the focus **shifted from spreading rumors** of Tesla's supposed impending bankruptcy **to actually trying to bankrupt the company** themselves. If Tesla wasn't going to go bankrupt on its own, TSLAQ would do everything they could to push the business over the edge with a self-fulfilling prophecy.

SELF-FULFILLING PROPHECY

TSLAQ's "self-fulfilling prophecy" strategy worked something like this:

- 1. Tell customers not to buy a Tesla because bankruptcy is coming.
- 2. Tell the suppliers to get their cash up front, because bankruptcy is coming.
- 3. Tell investors to run because, of course, bankruptcy is coming.

It doesn't matter if the rumors you spread are true or not. If there wasn't a danger of bankruptcy before, there sure is one now. If there really was a danger of bankruptcy before, now you've made certain that it will happen much sooner than it would have otherwise.

It doesn't take that many people coordinating together to really harm a business, and that's exactly what TSLAQ did to Tesla as they struggled through the ramp of the Model 3.

This growing phenomenon was recently described by another company that was the victim of a short and distort attack for an article in Institutional Investor Magazine:

"The reality is **if enough of them pile on and write enough bad stuff, they can destroy companies.** I watched it from the inside. **They called our customers and they were making shit up**," bemoans Fichthorn, pointing specifically to a **short-seller rumor** that the FBI was at the company's headquarters. It wasn't.

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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

The goal of the psychological warfare campaign was to harass Elon and other Tesla executives relentlessly on Twitter to make them sad, angry, and demoralized. Take down the company's leaders and stop them from tweeting, and you've made enormous progress towards bankrupting the company. Since Tesla doesn't advertise at all, social media (especially Twitter) played a key role in getting the word out about Tesla. Shutting down Elon Musk's Twitter account would be like shutting down all advertising at General Motors: Completely catastrophic for the business, and the stock by extension. So naturally, that's what TSLAQ sought to do.

Anonymous TSLAQ trolls published an endless number of hurtful and harassing tweets in Elon Musk's replies and tagged him in tweets that taunted him and attempted to provoke a

reaction. They realized they could make Elon appear unhinged by aggressively showcasing his reactions out of context while hiding what they had done to provoke his reaction.

In just one example, they sent daily messages to known members of the Autopilot team for years telling them they were murders and would have blood on their hands. They warned them they'd face criminal charges, a completely bogus threat meant to unnerve employees and disrupt Tesla's business. In reality, Autopilot is a breakthrough technology that represents the biggest safety enhancement in motor vehicles since the introduction of the seatbelt. Anyone employed by or doing business with Tesla was a target of TSLAQ's psychological warfare campaign. Later the campaign was extended to target Tesla customers and fans as well.

JUNE 2018: MARTIN TRIPP

With Model 3 production running behind schedule in 2018, TSLAQ began **recruiting Tesla** *employees* to join their short and distort campaign against Tesla. How do you convince Tesla employees to turn against their own employer? Simple: Just find someone unhappy and disgruntled, and promise them you'll make them rich. After all, if an employee could surface internal information that would bring down Tesla stock nothing would prevent them from placing their own short-selling bets to profit from the decline, or receiving a cut of gains from a balance sheet partner. Worried about legal trouble from Tesla? Don't worry about a thing — TSLAQ promised to cover that too. That is, in a nutshell, how TSLAQ recruited Nevada Gigafactory employee Martin Tripp.

Tesla had an internal database called the "Manufacturing Operating System" that they used to track every production problem across their factory. Every time there was a problem in any part of the production line, the procedure was to take a picture showing the problem with the part, and log it in the database. Tripp had enough access to query the database for every single photo showing a production error, and export all kinds of confidential production info outside the company. He sent it to journalist Linette Lopez, who published some of the leaked data in a series of scathing articles for Business Insider.

When Tesla found out Martin Tripp had leaked the data, CEO Elon Musk sent out a now-famous email to the entire company telling employees that there were people trying to

sabotage the company — including from within. Shortly after, Tesla filed a lawsuit against Martin Tripp and fired him immediately.

Through that lawsuit, we now have depositions from Tripp and other witnesses that can help us understand what really happened. First, Tripp explains why he was disgruntled about his job and unhappy with Tesla and his coworkers:

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         A. During a one-on-one with myself, Imari
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     with my counterparts in the other departments that
     were considered leads, and I still had to perform
     the same duties. But at that point I was looked
     down upon, and I felt I was being discriminated
     against because I was being treated differently than
     my peers, but I still had the same expectations of
     me to do the same duties as I was doing. And even
     they were looking down upon me, kind of making jokes
         Q. You had the same pay; right?
             I don't know if it was the same pay or not.
             Well, your pay didn't change; right?
             That is correct.
             And you say you were being discriminated
     against by whom?
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One of the first things Martin Tripp noticed when he started talking to Linette Lopez was that she "definitely has it out for Elon", but Tripp said he didn't know why.

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            MR. GICINTO: Okay. Anything you would have --
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    maybe in this moment probably an interesting question to
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    ask, but in hindsight something you would have done
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    differently in working with her?
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            MR. TRIPP: Cover my tracks.
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            MR. NOCON: Fair enough.
            MR. TRIPP: I don't know.
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                                       I -- I can say she
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    definitely has it out for Elon. I don't know the root
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    cause.
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            MR. GICINTO: Did she ever explain why?
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            MR. TRIPP: No. I kind of asked her. I said,
    "So what is about Elon?" She's like, "Did you read my
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    article?" And I can kind of see a side of that, you
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"definitely has it out for Elon"

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            MR. TRIPP: So she was, literally, calling me,
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    like, five minutes before she went on CNN last Sunday.
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    So -- like, asking me questions. And that was, like,
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    one of the times you could tell she had a little beef
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    with Elon.
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            I was like, "Oh, my God. She's going to say
    something on CNN." And then, luckily, she kept to the
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    Trump visit at the G7 Summit.
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"she had a little beef with Elon"

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               That s, like, nothing. That s kind of
     fishing in the air or whatever, pulling straws out of
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    whatever.
             MR. NOCON:
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                          Yeah.
                                  Yeah.
             MR. TRIPP: So they were like, "Yeah, that's
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     fine."
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             So -- but they never --
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             So you can definitely tell she has a grudge
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     against Elon, for whatever reason.
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    would always try to -- like a few times they wanted to,
    like, maybe push him because he made the comments about
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     the media maybe; I don't know.
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What was it that put Tesla and Musk in Lopez's crosshairs? I can't speak for Linette, but we do know that the respected financial journalist was close friends with one of Tesla's largest and most famous short-sellers, Jim Chanos, and had expressed admiration for him in the past. Like other members of TSLAQ, Chanos tweets pseudo-anonymously under the Twitter handle Diogenes (based on the Greek philosopher).

[&]quot;You can definitely tell she has a grudge against Elon"



Linette Lopez chatting with famed short seller Jim Chanos





This guy and I see eye to eye on a lot of stuff.



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Lopez posts on Facebook saying she sees "eye to eye" with Chanos on "a lot of stuff"



I interviewed one of the greatest to ever do it, Jim Chanos.

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Lopez tweets calling Jim Chanos "the greatest to ever do it"

Under normal circumstances, Lopez's friendship with and admiration of Chanos would likely be mostly unremarkable. After all, she's a financial journalist and he's a famous short seller widely praised for predicting the bankruptcy of Enron before it happened. But these were very strange circumstances. For some reason, Tripp seemed to believe that he would be paid \$50,000 for providing Tesla confidential information for a news article:

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Have you heard about that?
            MR. NOCON:
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    reporters approaching people about --
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            MR. TRIPP: So in NCM -- in the stator NCM area,
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    they were saying that somebody could get, like, 50 grand
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    for an article. I'm like, I've never heard of that.
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            MR. NOCON: Who was saying that?
            MR. TRIPP: I don't remember who it was.
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    don't know if it was one of the associates that were
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    working over there or whatever. And I was like,
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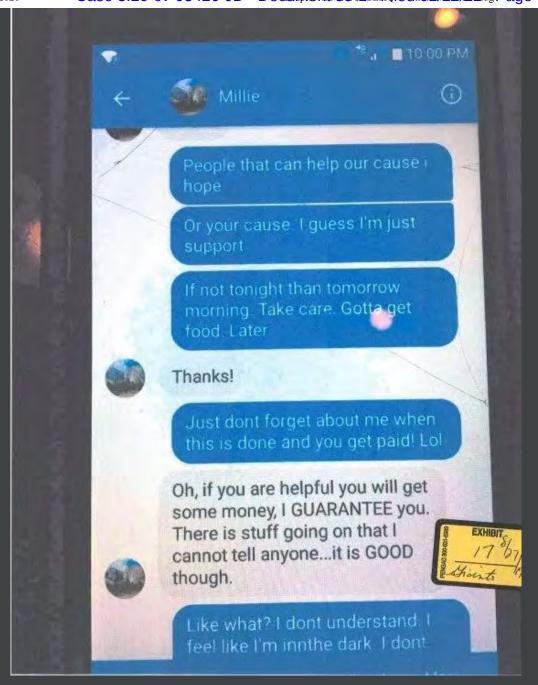
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"Really?"
               Then somebody looked it up and couldn't find
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    anything.
                        Interesting.
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            MR. NOCON:
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                        I mean, that's a lot of money.
            MR. TRIPP:
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    So --
            MR. GICINTO:
                         Yeah.
                                 No kidding.
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    of money.
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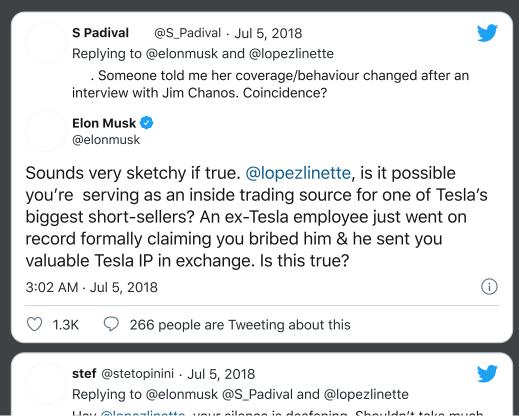
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AUDIO TRANSCRIPTION OF TES-TRIPP_000002-Confidential
            MR. NOCON: Okay. What about that 50,000? Is
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    that, like, legit, somebody offered?
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            MR. TRIPP: I don't know. Somebody said it.
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    Literally, I'm -- I'm only going to tell you the truth.
    Like, I may evade, like, I was trying to do, but I don't
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    lie.
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            MR. NOCON: Okay.
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            MR. TRIPP: We were sitting up there talking,
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    and that's when the article came out. And everyone was
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    kind of reading it. And somebody said, "Who would" --
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    or what would -- same question -- "What would drive them
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    to give information?"
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            Then somebody said money. And then I kind of
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    was, like, fishing a little bit and said, "How much
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    money do you think you can get for an article like
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    that?"
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            MR. NOCON: Right.
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            MR. TRIPP: And somebody said, like, 50 grand.
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    I'm like, "Really? There's no way." Then we like
    looked it up, like, how much money can you get for a
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    news story. And there's no information -- like, you
    know.
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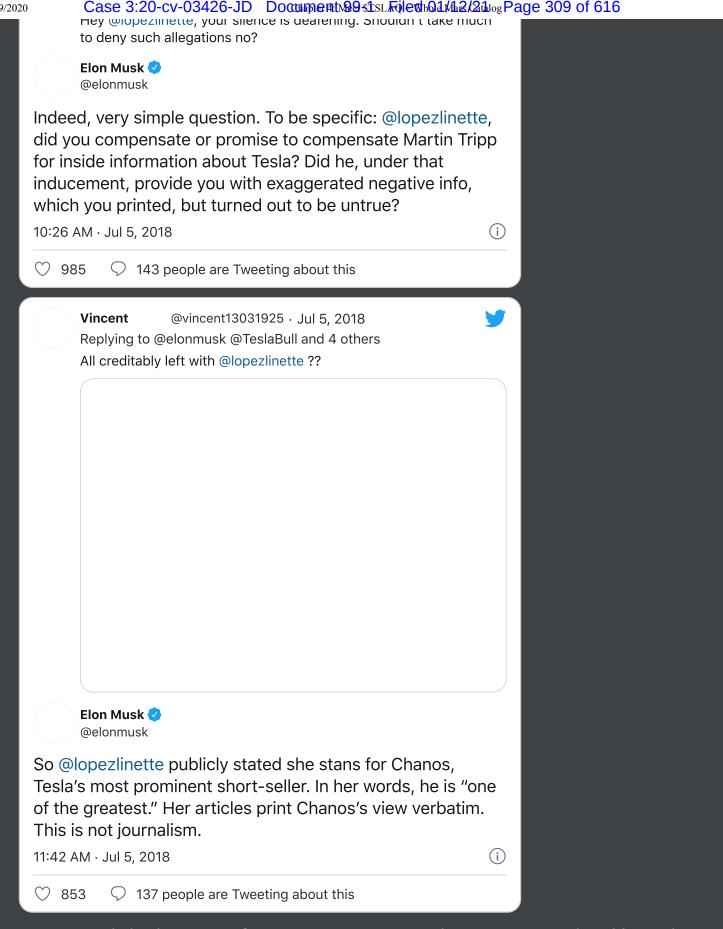
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Don't talk to anybody else.
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            MR. ZEEFE: Right. But she said -- and he told
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    you that she paid him.
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            MR. UELMEN: He didn't tell me directly that she
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    paid him. But it was one of those things where I asked
    myself, well, you know, what -- what are we getting out
    of this? I mean, I'm broke, man. I need, you know,
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    some money. And he's like -- he goes, you know, there's
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    things coming down the line. I said, "What about now?"
    I said, "What did you get paid for it?" You know, and I
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    go, "You kept throwing this $50,000 up." I go, "What's
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    that all about?" He just kind of grinned at me. He's
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    like, "nah, you know, I can't really say much about
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    that." You know, with a grin and kind of look like -- I
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    was like, "All right. You got paid."
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            MR. ZEEFE: Did he -- did he talk about how he
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    got paid?
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            MR. UELMEN: No.
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            MR. ZEEFE: Was it cash? Was it check?
            MR. UELMEN: That's just it. I mean, he never
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    directly said he got paid. It was just of one of those
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    kind of innuendos where --
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            MR. ZEEFE: Yeah.
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            MR. UELMEN: It was like, all right, I
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    understand what you're saying and find out what I can
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get from her.
            MR. GICINTO:
                         I'll tell you what. Like what I'm
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    looking at right here is -- is really interesting from
    James' texting.
                    This is Facebook?
            MR. UELMEN:
                         Yeah, messenger.
            MR. GICINTO: Yeah, Facebook messenger where
    he -- James says, "Just don't forget about me when this
    is done and you get paid.
                              LOL."
                                      And Marty responds,
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    "Oh, if you're helpful, you will get some money.
    guarantee you. There is stuff going on that I cannot
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    tell you anyone. It is good, though." And James says,
    "Like what? I don't understand. I feel like I'm in the
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          I don't want to say the wrong thing to her."
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    Marty responds, "Just the support that I'm getting from
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    some awesome people. Sorry. Got to leave everyone in
    the dark for probably the next two weeks."
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    that's super interesting.
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Perhaps unwisely, Tesla CEO Elon Musk pressed Lopez publicly on Twitter trying to get to the bottom of what happened, and even accused her of possibly providing material non-public Tesla internal data to the famed short seller and his firm:





Keep in mind, the depositions from Martin Tripp you see above were not made public until at least 6 months after Elon's tweets. So while Elon's tweets were based on Martin Tripp's

actual statements, TSLAQ was able to spin them in a way that made Musk look unhinged, conspiratorial, and hostile to legitimate journalism and criticism. Also, there's no evidence that Chanos traded on the information before it was published. I suppose it's possible, but I expect Chanos knows the law and already had a large short position open to profit from the publication of the story anyway.

In response to Elon's tweets, Lopez tweeted the following which has been pinned to the top of her Twitter profile ever since:





Of course, much like her stories this tweet was completely inaccurate. Someone had shared the Facebook screenshot in a reply to Elon on Twitter — he didn't go and find it himself.



4:13 PM - 5 Jul 2018

But while the internet popped some popcorn to watch the drama between Lopez, Musk, and Tesla short-sellers play out, Martin Tripp watched in horror. Imagine being a factory worker in Nevada and getting sued by your employer — a multi-billion dollar company. Any lawsuit is stressful, one where your opponent is much wealthier than you are even more so. That's what Tripp was dealing with when he emailed his former boss a threat:

From: Marty Tripp < martytripp@icloud.com > Date: June 20, 2018 at 8:57:29 AM PDT

To: Elon Musk

Subject: Termination/Lawsuit

Don't worry, you have what's coming to you for the lies you have told to the public and investors.

The next day, Tesla's call center received an anonymous phone call from a friend of Martin Tripp's. Tripp's friend said that Martin was "extremely volatile" at the time due to his firing, and that the release of his name in the media had made him "extremely upset":

From: Shamara Bell

Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2018 12:13 PM

 To:
 Jeff Jones

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 Angel Besinaiz

 Subject:
 Martin Tripp Call

Hello Jeff,

I was asked to email you to recap the phone call that i received yesterday regarding Martin Tripp. I answered the phone to a man that sounded genuinely concerned & afraid. He explained that he is a very close friend of an ex-employee of Tesla that was fired recently. Explained that he fears for the safety of employees at the battery (Giga Factory) because of he is extremely volatile. Stated that he is very well heavily armed . Stated that he is extremely upset more -so now because his name was released in the media this past weekend.

at that point i placed him on hold to recap with my supervisor who advised that i gather additional information

A co-worker advised me of the Martin Tripp story that broke, so i asked if he was was referring to Martin Tripp when i returned to the line. He confirmed that he was referring to Martin.

I commended him for being brave enough to make the call to us. I asked if he would like to provide his name or any contact information so that we can gather additional information if needed. He declined because he says that he doesn't want to be involved in this matter with his friend but doesn't want anyone to get hurt. I thanked him for the incident report & reported to my supervisor who assisted with escalating this information to appropriete parties.

I hope this information was helpful.

Kindest Regards,

Shamara Bell

- He did confirm that, yes, this is in regards to Martin Tripp. So at that point, that's when I realized that, okay, it was in regards to Martin Tripp. Q. How did you feel after taking the call? 8 A. Worried, scared, like shocked. Yeah. 9 Q. Were you concerned that Mr. Tripp might show up to the Gigafactory to shoot up the place? A. Yeah. 11 Q. Were you concerned for the safety of those at 12 the Gigafactory? 14 A. Absolutely. Q. Why? 15 16 Because just being heavily armed and volatile and upset can lead to things like Columbine. Like, it's 18 not a good combination. So yeah, I was worried for them.
- Q. Did you have any concerns -- well, did
 anything in that interview give you any concern that

 Mr. Tripp might do something violent?

 A. So we understood a few indicators of his
 background. We had the -- we had the information
 about, you know, selling the firearm or attempting
 to sell a fireman, attempting to sell some related
 material online, and, you know, we understood from
 from interviews and from his work history and file
 that he had been somewhat volatile, getting very
 upset particularly when he disagreed with
 colleagues, you know, he walked in with a backpack,

In addition to the call center tip and Tripp's work history and file, Tripp's own step-son sent the following email to Tesla's lawyers about his stepfather:

From: markherrell

Sent: September 26, 2020 11:13 PM

To: alexspiro@

Subject: Martin Tripp

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Regarding the Tesla vs. Martin Tripp case,

I recently read that you were the lawyer representing Tesla through all this legal action going on in the Tesla vs. Tripp case. I just wanted to shed some light on who Martin Tripp really is.

Martin was my step father for much of my childhood. A child hood that he made absolutely miserable because of the anger and domestic violence I had to witness while growing up. This guy is a absolute animal. My 3 brother, his children, were abandoned by him at a very young age, and when he was present Martin was physically abusing them. I even have distinct memories of him punching out every kitchen cabinet door while screaming at the top of his lungs at my crying mother. I wish I could forget them.

I have no doubt in my mind Martin threatened to shoot up the Giga Factory. I can see the words coming out of his mouth even. A person who abuses their own kids, animals, and walks away from their 3 sons has some serious issues. I don't wanna get involved, but this is a testament to his true character. Hope this email finds you well.

Sent from my iPhone

Mark W. Herrell Jr.



Later, Martin Tripp sent another email to Elon Musk with another violent threat: "Here is a threat for you: If I ever see you, there is not a bodyguard in the world that will keep me from teaching you a lesson on fucking with the wrong people. I'm done with your dumbass"

FUCK YOU - From Marty Tripp

Sent: Saturday, October 3, 2020 10:31 AM

From: fatseal@protonmail.com

To: o pres ir@o elor

I just want to say: FUCK YOU, you low life piece of shit.

Talk about someone STEALING...you STOLE Tesla from Martin Eberhard. I simply provided information to the media for your clear fucking lies. You RETALIATED because you knew it was all true and did not want that truth getting out to the public as such.

Did you realize that one of your CUSTOMERS children had to have open heart surgery yesterday? All because your stupid ass solar company has a bunch of retarded idiots that can't do a proper job, and fail to acknowledge and fix their failures, all while you're busy being 'sustainable' and flying around the country! Yeah, you probably don't care about these things.

Too bad your dad didn't spank you a little more often, you dirtbag piece of shit. I look forward to meeting him soon and shaking his hand.

I'm sure you know I've coined you as #muskychunks. because you are a fat little pig turd.

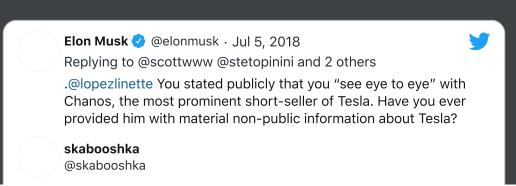
Here is a threat for you: If I ever see you, there is not a bodyguard in the world that will keep me from teaching you a lesson on fucking with the wrong people. I'm done with your dumbass.

Get ready for a release of LOTS of information...news, video, audio, website(s), etc. Always wondered why such the concern with the AEO docs...now I realize after putting the info together concisely:-)

So it goes...be well, my frenemy :-)

Sent with ProtonMail Secure Email.

Despite the reality of the situation — a volatile employee had leaked confidential information to the media, likely in coordination with short sellers — TSLAQ worked hard to spin the events to support their narrative. TSLAQ was able to take a story about stunning overreach by Tesla short sellers, and spin it as just "another meltdown" by Elon Musk over "all the fraudulent promises" he'd supposedly made (all of which, by the way, have now been released in some form). TSLAQ even claimed that the tip to the call center had come from *Elon Musk himself* and had been completely fabricated just to harass Tripp for "speaking out" as a "whistleblower" exposing supposed "fraud" at Tesla.



Elon it looks like you've having another meltdown. Maybe b/c of all the fraudulent promises you've made over the years (solar shingles, gigafactory progress, \$35k model 3, autopilot "safety", self-driving progress, etc.)? Here's a message from the SEC: skabooshka @skabooshka "Innovators who seek to revolutionise and disrupt an industry must tell investors the truth about what their technology can do today, not just what they hope it might do someday." - Jina Choi, director of the SEC's San Francisco Regional Office

11:19 AM · Jul 5, 2018

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See skabooshka's other Tweets

Guess which side of the story the media decided to tell? Tesla's story about an employee who was told they'd be paid \$50,000 in exchange for confidential internal production data? Or the short-seller's story about a hero whistleblower? Yup, you guessed it. Press coverage universally presented the short-sellers' narrative: that Martin Tripp was a hero whistleblower, who big bad Elon Musk had tried to "destroy" after a having "a Twitter meltdown" and that the company had "spied and spread misinformation". The words were

printed in Bloomberg, but they sounded like they were coming straight out of TSLAQ's mouth. Without a doubt, TSLAQ commentary informed the presentation of this story.



When Elon Musk Tried to Destroy a Tesla Whistleblower

It started with a Twitter meltdown and ended with a fake mass shooter. A former security manager says the company also spied and spread misinformation.

> By Matt Robinson and Zeke Faux From Hyperdrive

So what happened when Elon Musk tried to "destroy" a Tesla "whistleblower"? First, Tripp left the country and moved to Hungary. Ultimately, Tesla and Tripp reached a settlement where Tripp agreed to pay Tesla \$400,000, plus another \$25,000 for leaking certain court documents. Tripp admitted to violating trade secret laws, and also said that **Tesla short-sellers had been footing his legal bills.**

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Ex-Tesla Factory Worker to Pay \$400,000 Over Feud With Musk

By Robert Burnson

November 30, 2020, 6:50 PM PST Updated on December 1, 2020, 7:36 AM PST

- ► Martin Tripp admits in settlement to trade-secret violations
- Tripp had told news media of Gigafactory production delays

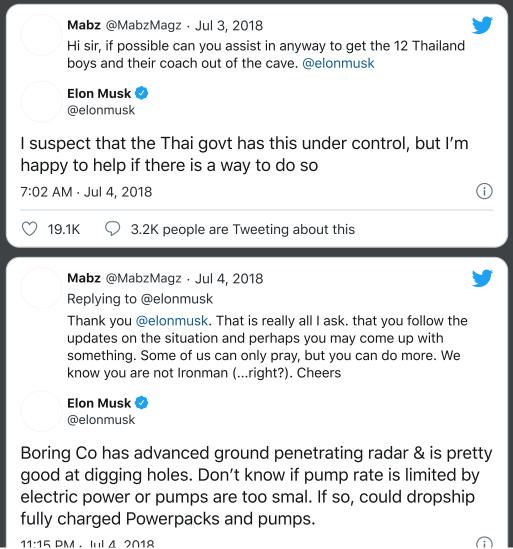


TSLAQ tried to spin the stealing of confidential data for payment by short-sellers as "whistleblowing", but all of the actual allegations Tripp made turned out to be false. For example, Tripp claimed Tesla was shipping battery packs that were unsafe because Tesla had accidentally punctured holes in them during manufacturing. A rumor like that can really scare customers away from buying your product, but no evidence of punctured battery packs has ever been found in any customer car.

Everyone who saw the situation clearly was shocked. TSLAQ had evolved far beyond just spreading nasty false rumors about of Tesla's impending bankrutpcy. Instead of betting that Tesla would have problems, now they were creating problems themselves. Even so, with the media on their side TSLAQ had come out ahead in the ordeal, gaining a collection of amazing new misleading rumors while Tesla and Musk looked vindictive, unhinged, and against fair journalism. If the media had called TSLAQ out, maybe it would have been the last time they attempted such blatant sabotage of the company they were shorting. But with the media standing steadfastly beside them, Martin Tripp was just the beginning.

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TSLAQ's next successful smear job started when someone on Twitter asked Elon Musk for help. Twelve boys in Thailand were trapped in a cave that was quickly flooding, and someone reached out to Elon to make sure no stone was left unturned in saving them. Elon initially deferred but promised to help in any way he could depending on what was needed.



 \bigcirc 6.4K \bigcirc 1.5K people are Tweeting about this

After consulting with the rescue team in Thailand, Elon had SpaceX engineers build a miniature submarine designed to move kids safely out of the cave in a worst-case scenario where enough water couldn't be pumped out fast enough to complete the rescue. When it was time to take the contraption to Thailand, Elon went to deliver it personally. The good news is that all twelve boys were rescued from the cave successfully, which meant there was no need to use the submarine. Elon left the vehicle to the Thai government just in case they ever needed to use it in the future.



But TSLAQ couldn't stand the idea of SpaceX engineers or Elon Musk being seen as helpful, generous, or caring, so they set out to twist the events into a character assassination campaign. How do you make someone devoting time and resources to rescuing children look bad? Like this:

"Oh god, look at Elon trying to get in the news again. The hero rescue team had it all under control, but he couldn't let them get the credit. He always has to insert himself into any situation even when he isn't wanted because all he cares about is good press. That stupid submarine would never have worked anyway. It was nothing more than a publicity stunt

because that's all Elon Musk does: stupid publicity stunts to steal investors' money! What a jackass that Elon is, with his stupid submarine!"

Of course, that's not at all a fair characterization of what happened. This was something a team of brilliant rocket engineers worked on, just in case it was able to help. Personally, I think it's incredibly insulting to the SpaceX team that worked on the submarine to try and say it was just about Elon Musk trying to generate publicity. SpaceX and Tesla generate a lot of publicity by doing amazing work and building groundbreaking products. Unlike TSLAQ, they don't need to pull any stunts to get in the news.

TSLAQ was mostly ignored at first. But then, CNN interviewed Vernon Unsworth. Unsworth was a 63-year-old British cave diver living in Thailand who knew the caves the boys were trapped in well. He was scheduled to make a solo venture into the caves on June 24th when he heard about the missing boys. Given what he knew about the caves, Unsworth advised the Thai government to request assistance from the British Cave Rescue Council. They did, and BCRC divers Richard Stanton and John Volanthen arrived in Thailand to handle the rescue operation, along with many other people from many different organizations including Thai Navy Seals, the U.S. Air Force, and Australian federal police.

At the end of the interview, CNN asked Unsworth what he thought about Elon Musk and his miniature submarine. Unworth said Musk could "stick his submarine where it hurts", implying with a creepy smile that he'd like to see the submarine inserted into Elon Musk's asshole:

time Elon would tweet about anything, they would swarm his replies with the Unsworth CNN clip, which was conveniently short enough to fit as a video attachment to a tweet. It was the shining example of TSLAQ's psychological warfare campaign to unsettle Tesla's CEO and try and make him appear unstable.

It's not hard to understand Unsworth's perspective. He was the one who had actually advised the Thai government to contact the British Cave Rescue Council. This was his moment to be in the spotlight, on international news for probably the first time in his life. And in his brief moment on the world stage, the journalist wants to ask about Elon Musk—the billionaire whose "mini-submarine" wasn't even used? From his perspective, Elon's

appearance *did* seem like a PR stunt entirely unrelated to the diving operation that had actually rescued the 12 boys.

Of course, he didn't know that British Cave Rescue Council diver Richard Stanton had been emailing Elon Musk, urging him to continue work on the submarine just in case the worst happened. The communications below certainly don't seem to support the theory that Elon just wanted to insert himself into the situation unnecessarily for good publicity. I think the SpaceX team really wanted to help, and it's absurd to fault them for trying to help just because the boys were rescued without their submarine. At the same time, I can understand why Unsworth might roll his eyes at the media's focus on their efforts compared to the work of the rescue divers.

From: Richard Stanton Date: July 8, 2018 at 10:13:12 AM PDT To: Elon Musk Subject: Re: We're worried about the smallest lad please keep working on the capsule details Sent from my iPhone On 8 Jul 2018, at 08:48, Elon Musk Sounds good, will continue. Parts are being assembled and will undergo testing in water in a few hours. Will send pics and video. However, don't want to put it on a plane if you think there are important changes needed. Operating principle is same as spacecraft design - no loss of life even with two failures. On Jul 7, 2018, at 6:30 PM, Richard Stanton < It is absolutely worth continuing with the development of this system in as timely a manner as feasible. If the rain holds out it may well be used Sent from my iPhone On 8 Jul 2018, at 08:20, Elon Musk -Understandable. Right now, I have one the world's best engineering teams who normally design spaceships and spacesuits working on this thing 24 hours a day. We are trying to get it right in a very short period of time. If it isn't needed or won't help, that would be great to know. Otherwise, it would be very helpful to have as much design direction as possible.

TSLAQ persisted, sending Musk the video of Unsworth over and over again with their own provocative comments until he finally snapped, unable to resist firing back:



zeynep tufekci @ @zeynep · 5h

Heard about @Elonmusk's rescue "submarine"? The cavediver who masterminded the Thai cave rescue called it a "PR stunt"—that was the politest thing he said. You might be wondering: well, he tried to help. Let me explain with this thread and this NYT piece. nytimes.com/2018/07/14/opi...

desire to help was commendable. But when the head dley model for doing things is a mix of can-do o ation, Narongsak Osottanakorn, declared that Mr. Mortise in one domain can be transferred seamle was impractical for the task at hand—a task that has preference for rapid, flashy, high-profile action at that point, by some of the world's top cave divers—ieir coach out of the cave was a different mode inded with irritation. He insisted on Twitter that leader ad in fact welcomed his assistance and that Mr. Naron all, more narrowly specialized approach to project matter expert. He also expressed frustration that many risky enterprises into safe endeavors-ized while trying to help.

or example, or rock climbing, both of which he safety procedures that have taken years to dev

renting, Mr. Musk - indeed, Silicon Valley as a whole

the Thai operation us a leason. This was a most importiture" model is neither stilted nor uncreative, not the longest odds. Safely navigating 12 kids and one expertise, lengthy training and the ability to be some were not swimmers, through a dangerous cave relid to incorporate the lessons of those experien novation that Silicon Valley can and should learn from valuable form of ingenuity.



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Elon Musk @ @elonmusk - 2h

Never saw this British expat guy who lives in Thailand (sus) at any point when we were in the caves. Only people in sight were the Thai navy/army guys, who were great. Thai navy seals escorted us in — total opposite of wanting us to leave.





Elon Musk @ @elonmusk - 2h

Water level was actually very low & still (not flowing) — you could literally have swum to Cave 5 with no gear, which is obv how the kids got in. If not true, then I challenge this dude to show final rescue video. Huge credit to pump & generator team. Unsung heroes here.







Replying to @elonmusk @zeynep

You know what, don't bother showing the video. We will make one of the mini-sub/pod going all the way to Cave 5 no problemo. Sorry pedo guy, you really did ask for it.

10:10 AM - 15 Jul 2018

On July 15, the New York Times wrote a piece on Unsworth's comments, and Elon Musk lost his cool. He fired back at Unsworth, challenging his version of events and calling him a name that has come to define the whole saga: "**pedo guy**".

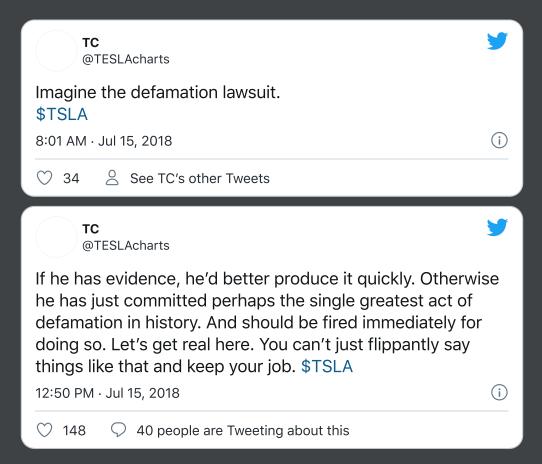
TSLAQ had scored. If Elon didn't look bad before, he definitely did now. The whole dispute just seemed petty, and reinforced TSLAQ's attempts to cast him as overly obsessed with gaining praise rather than assisting the rescue.

Then there was "pedo guy". Calling someone involved in a rescue names is rarely a good look, but Elon's choice of insult drew particular interest and curiosity. "Pedo" is an internet slang abbreviation of pedophile. Surely, Elon wasn't claiming this man was a pedophile? I assumed he was just firing back by referring to Unsworth's creepy smile in the CNN clip, but even as a joke it's never cool to lobby unfounded allegations — especially when you're the CEO of a public company with an audience of millions. I'm sure even Elon would agree on that, at least in retrospect.

After a **nearly universal negative reaction** from the public, Elon apologized for tweeting out in anger and accepted responsibility for the PR disaster he'd caused. But the damage to his credibility was done. TSLAQ had scored once more in their game of psychological warfare.

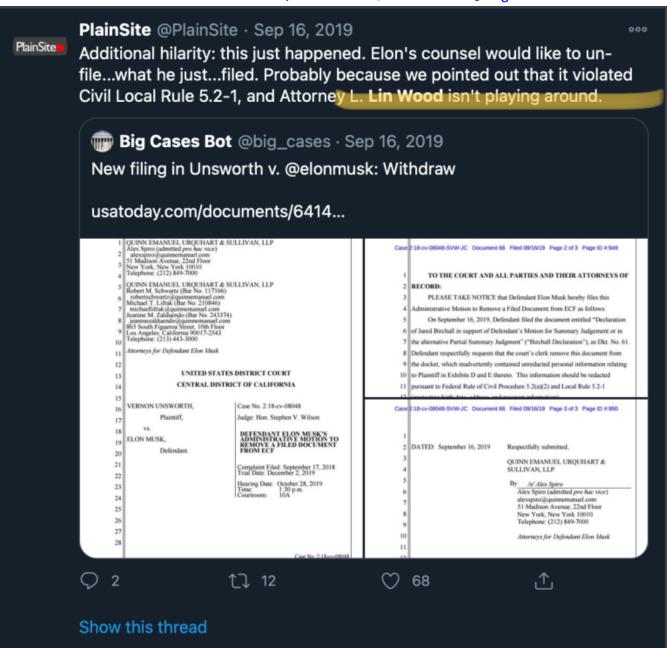


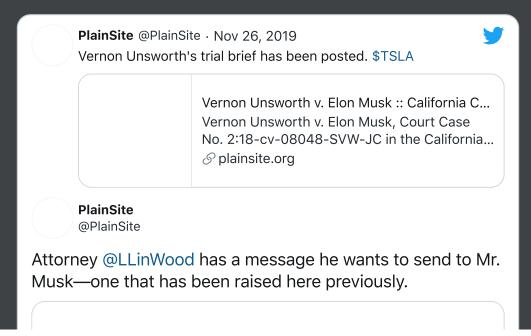
But TSLAQ wasn't done just yet — they were having way too much fun demonizing Musk, especially as Tesla stock sustained an 11% decline over the month of July. They feigned outrage at the internet name calling (despite their own tweets), and **urged Unsworth to sue Elon Musk** in the name of justice (and profits). They even found a lawyer willing to represent Vernon Unsworth on a contingency basis, meaning Unsworth would pay nothing unless he won.

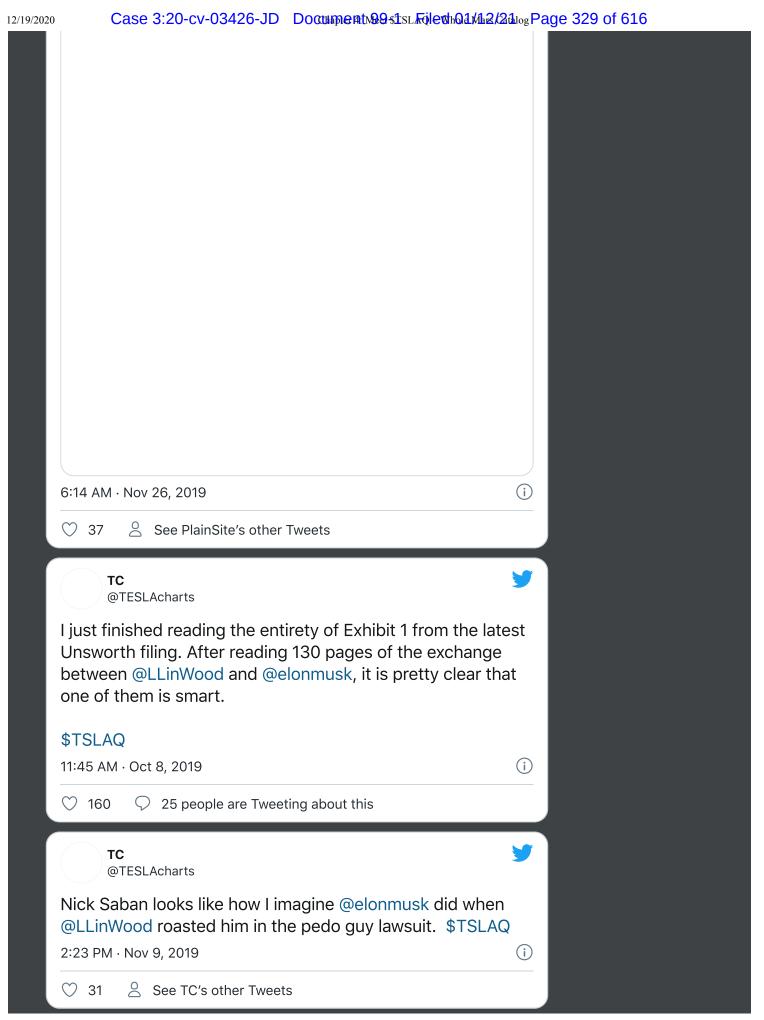


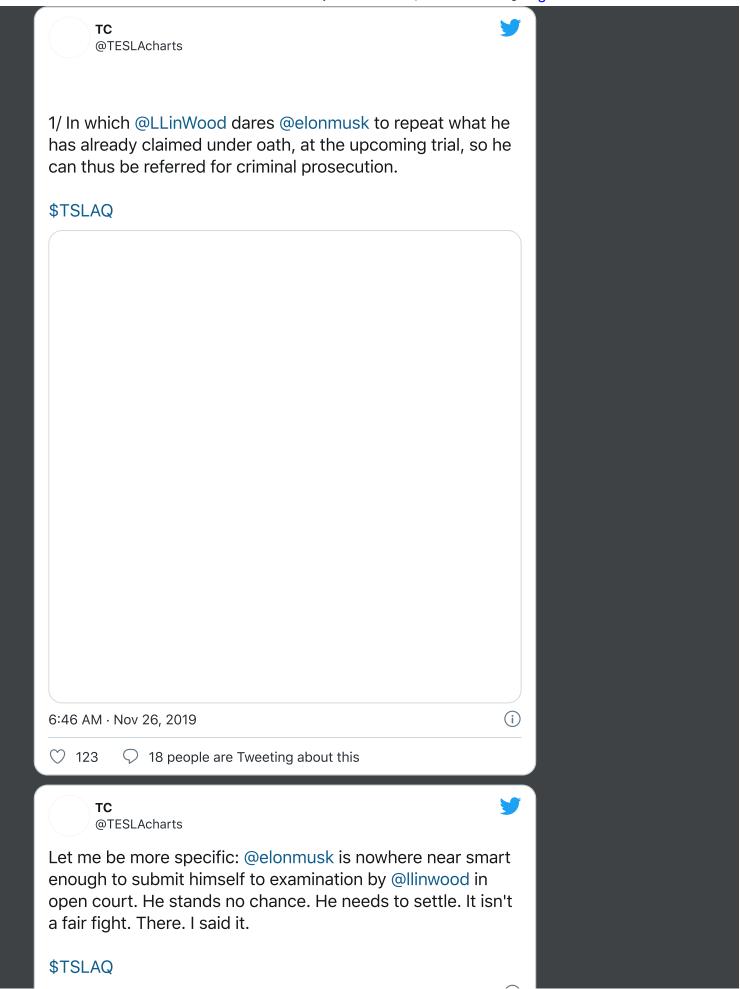
"The single greatest act of defamation in history"!

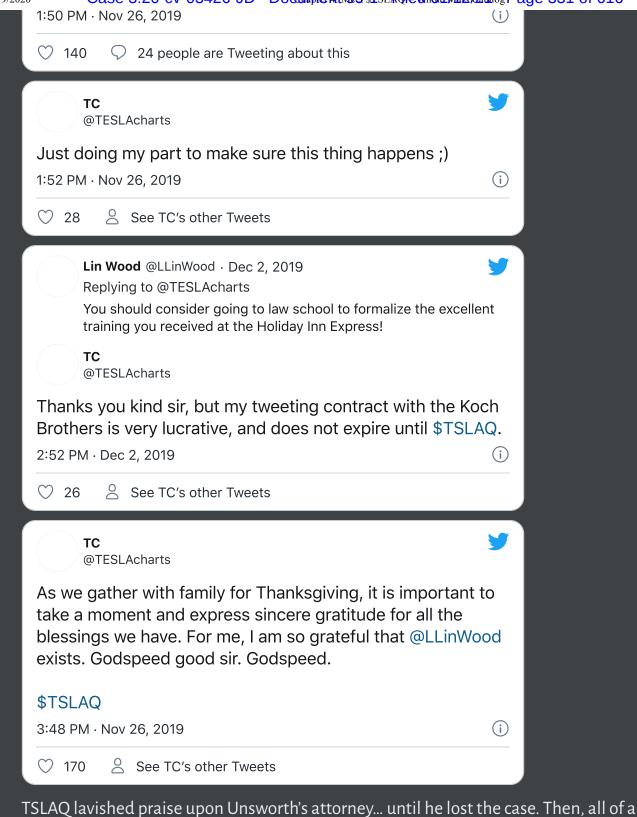
As the case was filed and moved forward, TSLAQ praised the lord, hailing the libel suit as the trial of the century, concerning history's biggest crime. Finally, they claimed, everyone would see that the emperor had no clothes. Finally, they hoped, everyone would hate Elon Musk. It's not the kind of thing you want to be in the news for. As the trial approached, TSLAQ praised Unsworth's lawyer L. Lin Wood, hailing him as the second coming of Christ:





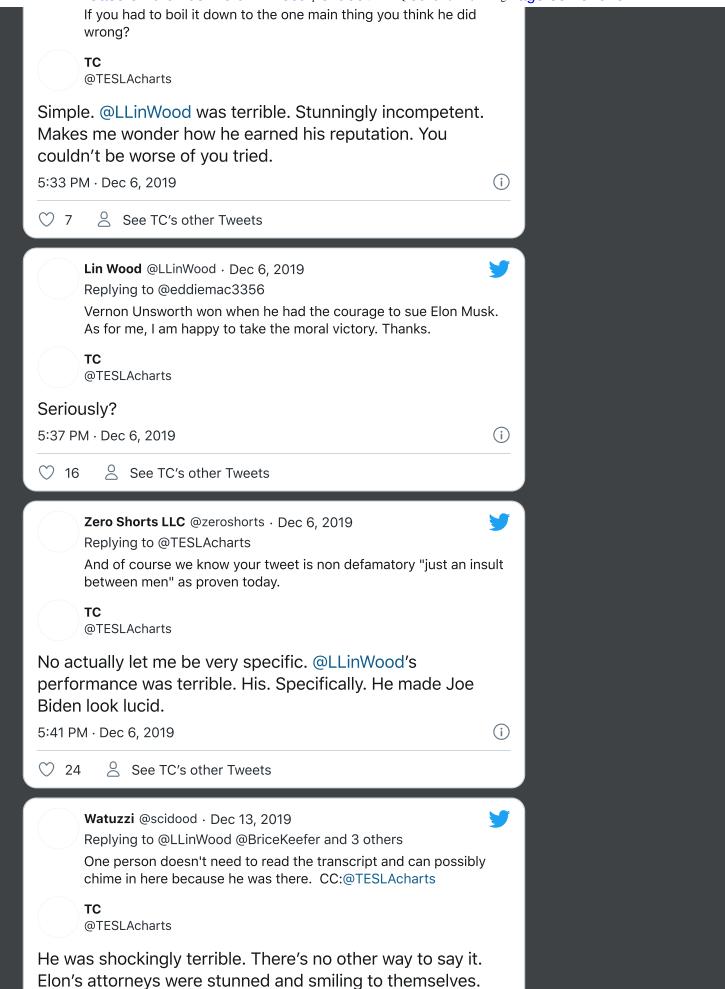


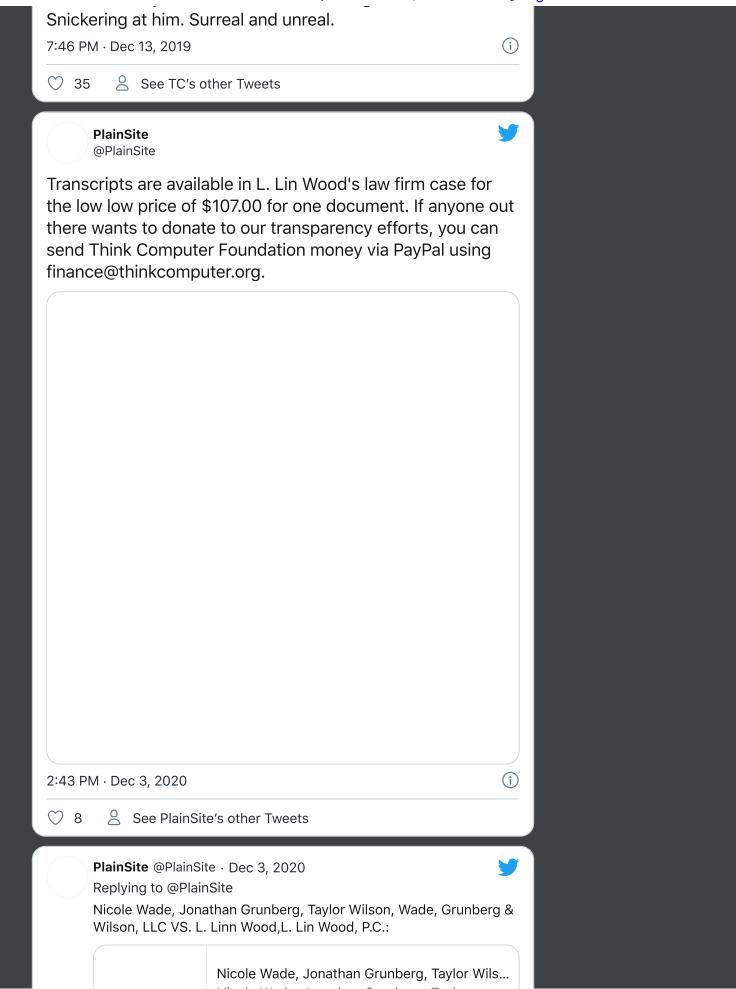


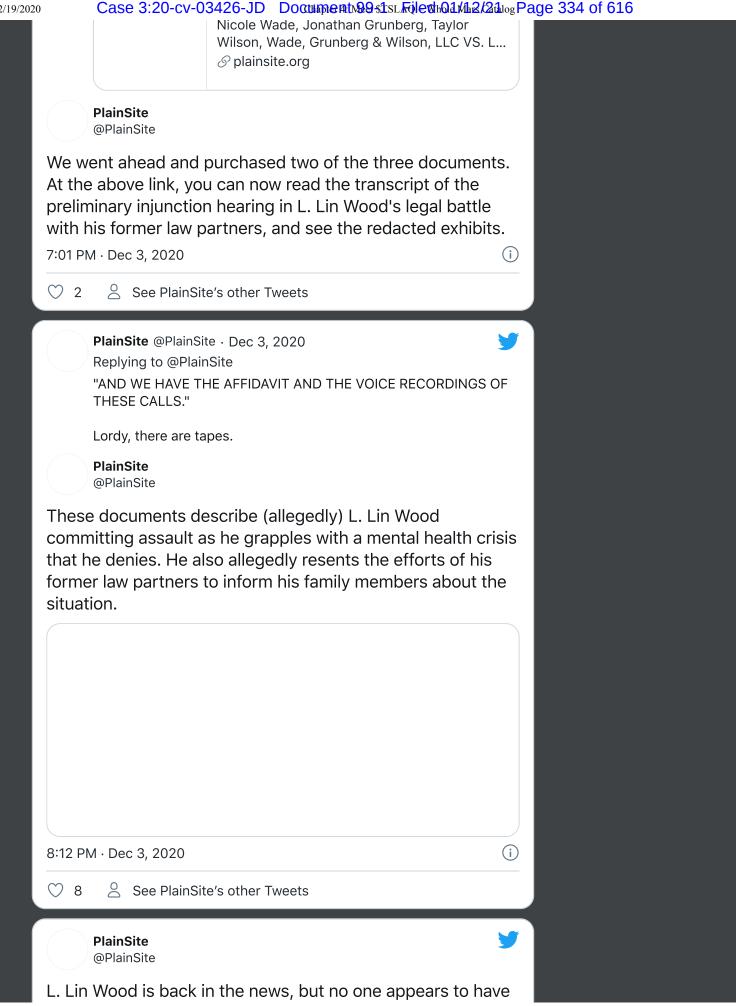


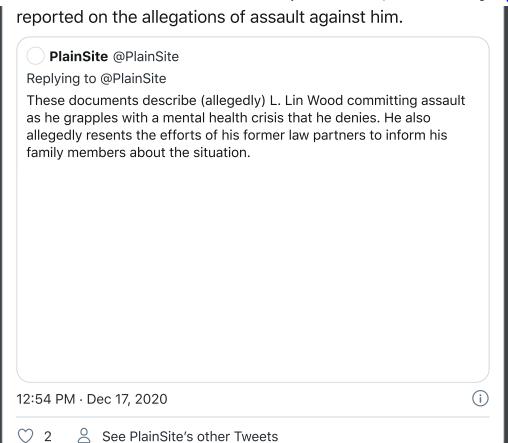
sudden, they weren't thinking of him at Thanksgiving anymore. Once Wood lost the case, TSLAQ turned on him at the drop of a hat. They insulted, harassed, and smeared the man just as they had done with so many others:











AUGUST 2018: FUNDING SECURED

Morale was low among people rooting for electric vehicles. On top of very real difficulties with Tesla's business and the struggles of ramping up Model 3 production, TSLAQ was landing blow after blow after blow. The situation was concerning: If Model 3 failed, the entire concept of electric vehicles would be written off for another generation. If it succeeded the entire global auto industry would rush to follow, with regulators putting wind in their sails worldwide.

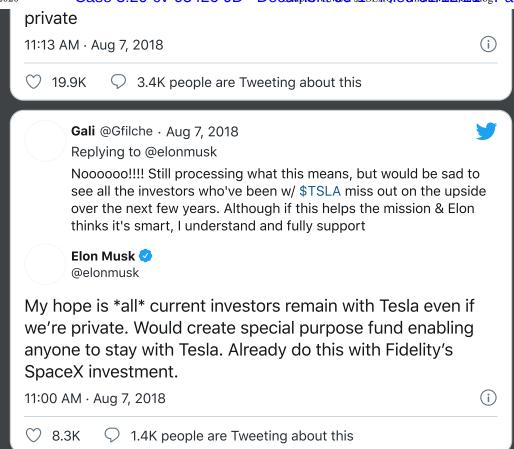
The stakes for Tesla — and for sustainable transport — couldn't have been higher. But TSLAQ short sellers were winning the messaging battle and becoming a huge problem. Successfully launching a new car model at a company that's never mass-produced a car before is already nearly impossible. Trying to do that with a car that's *electric*, and completely new and unfamiliar to most Americans is stupidity squared from a business perspective. But trying to do all that while a group of highly motivated, extremely vocal, and well-connected short-sellers are waging a brutal social media disinformation campaign to try and destroy your business while assassinating your character? Boy, chances of success start to look pretty slim.

Elon knew he'd have to get creative — he hadn't been winning the way he was playing. SpaceX was going through many similar issues to what Tesla was facing, but short-sellers didn't target the business nearly as much. It wouldn't have been very easy to make money doing so: SpaceX is a private company. After meeting with potential investors in August 2018, Elon started to consider a wild idea that could protect Tesla shareholders from TSLAQ's short and distort campaign: **Take Tesla private again**, just like SpaceX.



It was a questionable idea for several reasons. Although companies like Dell had successfully gone private, this would be a huge complicated ordeal that would distract from running the business. On top of that, private companies are only allowed to have a certain number of shareholders under U.S. securities law. Would that mean that most Tesla shareholders would be forced to sell? Most did not want to. Finally, who would fund what would have to be the largest go-private transaction ever?





To make matters worse, the deal as Elon described it — where shareholders could choose to sell at \$420 or keep their illiquid private shares — did not seem to be possible under U.S. securities law. A company that is owned by thousands of people is a public company and must follow all laws designed to protect investors in public equities. Simply taking the shares off the stock exchange doesn't change anything — almost all shareholders would need to sell to complete the go-private transaction. A generous interpretation of these events would be that Elon Musk simply didn't understand that what he was describing was complicated and likely impossible. A more cynical observer might say that he knew the idea wouldn't work, but tweeted during market hours in an attempt to deliberately manipulate the stock price and "burn the shorts", causing large unexpected losses for Tesla short-sellers.

Indeed, the shorts were burned. Within seconds of the tweet being posted, Tesla stock soared towards an all-time-high of \$380, reversing a downward trend:





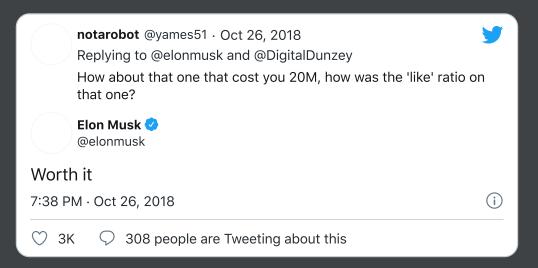
Elon only said he was "considering" taking the company private, so the \$380 share price reflected the market's uncertainty over whether the deal would come to pass. (If investors were certain they would be able to sell each share for \$420, you would expect the share price to quickly move close to that number). **But TSLAQ was furious**. Their blood boiled with rage as watched trading losses pile up on their Tesla short bets. One famous short seller, Andrew Left of Citron Research, claimed in a report that he lost \$2 million instantly after the "funding secured" tweet. He was angry enough to sue Tesla over the losses, but ultimately gave up on shorting Tesla and changed his position on the company two months later.

TSLAQ screamed at the top of their lungs. They were in shock. They couldn't believe what was happening, and vowed to seek revenge. Their hatred for Musk and Tesla had reached emotional new heights. They demanded to know immediately who was providing funding for the potential transaction, casting aspersions on Musk and implying that he had completely lied about the transaction just because he wanted to make them lose money. Tesla responded in a blog post clarifying that the funding could be obtained from Saudi Arabia's PIF, possibly through Softbank's Vision Fund. But this posed yet another problem

— a large foreign investment of this size would require a CFIUS national security review, with no guarantee of approval. With little more than a handshake agreement, the funding did not appear to be as "secured" as the tweet made it seem. Maybe Musk had gotten a little too excited to "burn the shorts", and TSLAQ was not going to let it slide.

When Tesla announced soon after that it would stay a public company, short-sellers were ready to riot. They shouted until they turned blue, spitting in the face of anyone who had the misfortune of coming into contact with them. They complained to anyone who would listen: Social media users, journalists, and even their friends at the Securities and Exchange Commission, who often depend on research from short-sellers to help them enforce securities laws.

TSLAQ's complaints were successful. Famously, the SEC took action against both Elon Musk and Tesla in an action that threatened to remove Musk as CEO of Tesla via a D&O ban. The next day, Elon settled with the SEC by agreeing to pay \$20 million, with Tesla also paying a matching fine. Musk then bought \$20 million worth of Tesla shares immediately after the fines were paid. Despite the fines, Elon Musk joked that it was "worth it" to see short-sellers lose money:



TSLAQ had scored once again, big time. It was the pièce de résistance on the golden summer of short and distort. Vengeance was sweet, and TSLAQ could not have been more thrilled. They screamed "FRAUD!!!" louder than ever, and for the first time, they had something real they could point to: a settlement with the SEC. Like the Unsworth case, they spun the funding secured incident as the greatest crime in history. Meanwhile, Musk openly expressed his frustration at the SEC by publicly calling them the "Shortseller Enrichment"

Commission", furious that they had ignored his grievances surrounding a brutal short and distort campaign and handed a victory to his enemies instead.

Meanwhile, Tesla shareholders gulped. Suddenly, TSLAQ's ridiculous conspiracy theories didn't seem so funny anymore. The reality of the situation was suddenly undeniable to everyone involved. Tesla short sellers had become a serious danger to the future of the company, and they were winning. They were landing blows that nobody thought possible — Tesla bulls couldn't believe that the possibility of Elon Musk being forced out of company had seriously been in the news, even if it was just for a day.

Tesla bears were waking up too. Working together, they were far more powerful than any single individual TSLAQ member could have imagined on their own. They were starting to get smug, and every financial journalist covering Tesla wanted to know what the Tesla short-sellers had to say. Everyone loves a controversy, and Tesla would generate clicks, views, and retweets like no other subject. Finally, TSLAQ had the ears of the world. They were angry, emotional, and thirsty for blood — ready to use their newfound influence to destroy the company that made the car I loved.

The news I read about Tesla seemed to be from an alternate reality. The entire conversation around Tesla had been consumed by TSLAQ, and almost no one except Tesla customers seemed to remember the products. It took me a while to figure out what was really happening, but once I started to grasp it I realized there was no way customer voices could possibly compete with this swarm of anonymous trolls with only their personal Twitter accounts and real names. Even pointing out just a small fraction of TSLAQ's lies and misleading narratives from my @OmarQazi account, I felt bad spamming my followers with so much Tesla discussion.

The TSLAQ campaign was still completely ridiculous, but few people saw it that way. Although the TSLAQ thesis often centered on implausible conspiracy theories, it was the center of the Tesla story. Having followed TSLAQ for months I wanted to point out the absurdity of the situation as I saw it, but how? There was no way I could ever adequately debunk the trolls from my personal Twitter account, I realized one night in November. TSLAQ's manipulative disinformation tactics couldn't be challenged with polite

questioning, assuming honest intentions. No — to debunk this swarm of trolls, I'd have to become one myself.

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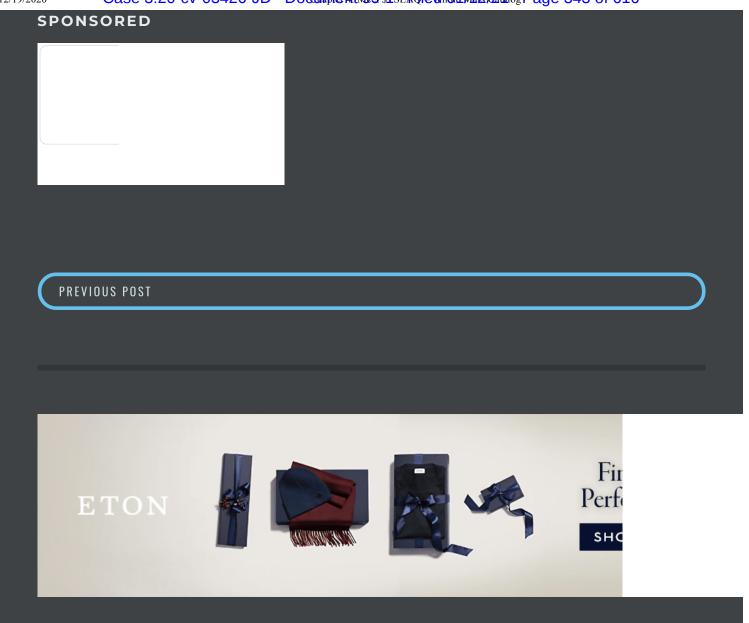
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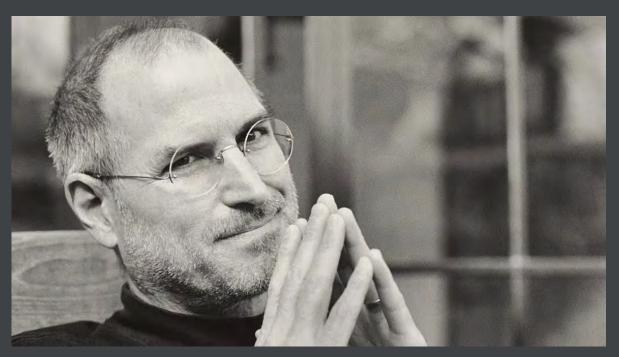
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CHAPTER 5: TROLLING THE TROLLS



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As 2018 came to a close, anti-Tesla & anti-EV tweets filled my Twitter timeline — not just from TSLAQ, but from trusted mainstream news sources too. It really made me sad to see every day. So many stories were false or misleading, and I had witnessed a **coordinated effort** to over-emphasize and cheer on the negativity that **nobody was talking about.** TSLAQ was winning, and there was no way my personal Twitter account could speak loud enough to match the absurdity of their massive coordinated campaign.

That's what I was bummed about on November 30, 2018 when I thought of a dumb joke. I didn't plan it out in advance, think much about it, or ever expect it to have much significance in my life. I really never thought anyone would notice or care — I

just did it because I thought it would be funny.

THE JOKE

The prank was simple: TSLAQ's social media playbook was their biggest strength and the key to their domination of the daily news cycle. Of course, Tesla did have a lot of real problems as they ramped Model 3, but the conversation had been significantly distorted by a community working hard to push an extremist bearish view on the company. Imagine how different the conversation would be if the same playbook was used to share *all the good things* that were happening at Tesla, I mused. TSLAQ loved to dress themselves up as heroes speaking truth to power, and harshly derided any attempts by Tesla to respond to their attacks as "silencing / threatening / harassing critics". That self-aggrandizing characterization ignored the reality that most of what they were saying was completely untrue. I wondered: How would they feel if someone parodied their campaign to investigate *them*?

I started to laugh as I thought about it. TSLAQ loved smearing Tesla non-stop and trying to convince everyone the business was a fraud. But Tesla clearly wasn't a fraud — I loved my Model 3, and definitely hadn't been "defrauded" by Tesla. From my perspective, the dishonest people defrauding the public to try and rip them off were actually members of TSLAQ. Think of all the people who lost money believing TSLAQ's foolish, misleading, self-serving investment advice.

The short-sellers all agreed they had a **moral right to trash Tesla** and make their best case that the company was a fraud, even if questionable tactics were involved. By extrapolating that postulate out via the golden rule, TSLAQ clearly shouldn't have a problem with a Twitter account that **parodied their own campaign** to claim that **their business of short and distort was a fraud.** Right? Laughing at my own joke, I registered a Twitter account dedicated to sharing the truth about Tesla. The handle I chose was @tesla_truth. I didn't tell anyone, and I never thought anyone would notice or care.

Most TSLAQ accounts never shared their real names, because they knew there could be legal repercussions for short and distort campaigns. Instead, they used display names like "Elon", names of other Tesla executives, or historical figures like "Marcus Aurelius", and "Diogenes". One TSLAQ leader known as "Montana Skeptic" set his profile photo to an image of Gallileo.







Jim Chanos set his Twitter name to "Diogenes", an ancient Greek philosopher



You could really set your Twitter name to anything you wanted, with no need for it to be related to your real identity at all. In fact, short-sellers trying to hide their identity were extra careful to make sure nothing on their profile offered any hints as to the identity of the owner at all. To parody the absurdity of trusting random pseudo-anonymous accounts for information on Tesla, I set the display name of the account to Steve Jobs. To take the absurdity of the parody account to a new level, I would write the tweets from the perspective of Steve Jobs tweeting from the afterlife about how much he loved his new Tesla.

The intent was never to deceive anyone into believing I *actually was* **Steve Jobs**, who had passed away over 7 years ago at that point. The idea was just to make fun of TSLAQ: Oh, you're Marcus Aurelius, Galileo, and Diogenes? Well, I'm Steve Jobs! I didn't particularly care about keeping my identity a secret, since I didn't see the need to. If someone sent a DM asking who I was, I would tell them. At the same time, I didn't see any need to post my real name anywhere on the Twitter profile or share my identity more widely than on a need-to-know basis. I'm fairly certain that nobody actually believed the account was actually operated by the ghost of Steve Jobs.

JOURNALISM THROUGH PARODY

WHY STEVE JOBS?

The original idea behind @tesla_truth was to draw focus back to the truth about what was happening at Tesla, in part by highlighting the absurdity of the TSLAQ and mainstream media narrative surrounding the company.

Now, you might wonder: Why a Steve Jobs parody account? If you wanted to highlight the absurdity of the mainstream Tesla narrative, couldn't you have written under your real name, or posted a series of factual essays, or tried to speak to the media about what you saw? Maybe, but I doubt it would have made any difference. I wanted to spread the word about the disinformation campaign on Twitter, exactly where it was taking place. Strangely enough, social media was the most effective place to respond. You have to fight fire with fire, right?

There were other simpler reasons, too. Reading TSLAQ's hateful tweets every single day truly made me sad, and I'm sure other Tesla customers and fans felt the same way. I wanted to do something funny and make everyone laugh at TSLAQ instead of letting them mess with our heads. That included counter-balancing TSLAQ's psychological warfare campaign with tweets that made Elon Musk and other Tesla executives laugh and feel optimistic, and making sure to tag them. Plus, you have to remember that this is just something I decided to do in five minutes. Very little thought went into it — it started as a perfunctory joke account but evolved into something much bigger than just a troll account over the course of its short life.

INSPIRATIONS

I'd also been inspired by the work of others. On October 2, 2018, the month before I started the @tesla_truth account, the grievance studies affair was exposed by an article in the Wall Street Journal. Before that incident, many people had questioned the credibility of research in academic journals — but no critique ever had quite the punch of this famous prank by Peter Boghossian, James Lindsay, and Helen Pluckrose.

The grievance studies affair, also referred to as the "Sokal Squared" scandal, was the project of a team of three authors—Peter Boghossian, James A. Lindsay, and Helen Pluckrose—to highlight what they saw as poor scholarship and eroding criteria in several academic fields. Taking place over 2017 and 2018, their project entailed submitting bogus academic papers to academic journals in cultural, queer, race, gender, fat, and sexuality studies to determine if they would pass through peer review and be accepted for publication. Several of these papers were subsequently published, which the authors cited in support of their contention.

Wikipedia

Writing a factual essay about problems with academic journals is one thing. Proving your point by getting a parody essay *actually published* in an academic journal? That's next level. You have, quite literally, proved your point.

The papers covered absurd topics with no evidence whatsoever. The authors just made up something they thought would sound good, and used language that parodied real academic papers well enough to actually be published.

Included among the articles that were published were arguments that dogs engage in rape culture and that men could reduce their transphobia by anally penetrating themselves with sex toys as well as Adolf Hitler's Mein Kampf rewritten in feminist language. The first of these had won special recognition from the journal that published it.

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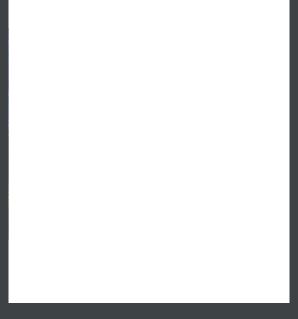
No essay could ever have brought more attention to this subject than those bogus parody academic papers. No essay could ever have made the point as effectively, or as convincingly. I laughed when I read about the incident because it proved its

point in a way that was *funny*, using the reaction to the joke itself as supporting evidence. Subconsciously, I started to realize that comedy and parody could be powerful modern journalistic tools.

Other influences included Nathan Fielder and John Gruber. Nathan Fielder is a comedian who had a show called "Nathan for You" on Comedy Central at the time. Fielder was a pioneer in "reality comedy". On the show, he was supposedly a recent business school graduate who got "really good grades" in school and would go around Los Angeles helping real small businesses grow with absurd promotional schemes. The twist was that Nathan was the only person on the show acting, but nobody else knew. In showcasing reactions to Mr. Fielder's terrible "business ideas", the show actually explored human nature in a powerful way only achievable by comedy.

My other major inspiration, John Gruber, ran a blog called Daring Fireball. John is an Apple fan and Mac user whose blog I used to read a lot growing up, and still do today. It's not so easy to remember these days but for most of my life Apple was a major underdog, known as the computer company with tiny OS market share. As Apple grew, the company faced a barrage of criticism and attacks from short-sellers much as Tesla had — just not as bad, since that was before the toxic influence of social media. It happened decades earlier, but many of the lines were the same: Just as TSLAQ falsely claimed Tesla would go bankrupt, their short-seller forefathers confidently claimed Apple's days were numbered as well. (Anyone know if they're still around?)

But John understood Apple and what made it special, and wrote brilliantly and eloquently about Apple news while debunking the myths, misunderstandings, and controversies that constantly surfaced as Apple grew into the giant we know today. I'm not trying to put myself in the same league as Gruber — he's a great writer, and I was a computer programmer attempting writing for the first time — but I wanted to do for Tesla what Daring Fireball had done for Apple: Help people understand the company. Gruber's coverage was often humorous and snarky (one regular feature "Jackass of the Week", featured rebuttals to misinformed articles about Apple) and influenced my writing long before I started.



Steve Jobs responds to a question about a short and distort campaign and problems with the media in 1997

WHAT STEVE JOBS TWEETED ABOUT

So what did Steve Jobs tweet about? If you believe TSLAQ, @tesla_truth was the most horrible Twitter account ever created — some TSLAQ leaders even called it "worse than Hitler". Through the magic of the Internet Archive, we can look back at some @tesla_truth tweets to remind ourselves what kind of content the account was sharing. Here's what the profile looked like:



"I'm back from the dead to help people understand the the truth about Tesla's technology. Before my soul could rest, I had to do this one more thing..."

Most of the account wasn't about TSLAQ or any of their members at all. The main focus of the account was simply **talking about Tesla news**, and sharing real discussions about their products from real Tesla customers. As you can see in the screenshot above from the Internet Archive, the top tweet was about Tesla Autopilot. I just wanted to share some of the positive information that was out there about Tesla, to counteract all the negativity that was being amplified by TSLAQ.



The account featured daily analysis of what was going on with Tesla's business:



Steve Jobs @tesla_truth · 5h

this why i'm so excited about Gigafactory 3. this will be a turning point in the history of Tesla. Bears won't know what hit them.

We are now moving into the "factory is the product phase. These new assembly lines in China and Europe will be designed with last lessons in mind.



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And to make the analysis a little funnier and more absurd, I wrote the tweets from Steve Jobs' perspective — as if he had composed them from the afterlife. As an Apple fan, I knew enough details about his life and career to make the joke work:

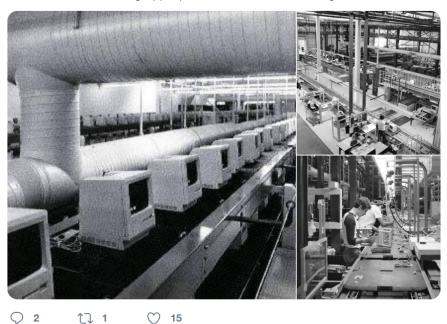


Steve Jobs @tesla_truth \cdot 5h

When we first start making the Macintosh, we opened a bit automated factory in Fremont

It was a disaster. The Bay Area just isn't the best place for manufacturing. High cost of living, and supply chain and... yuck

Once we started building Apple products in China it all changed

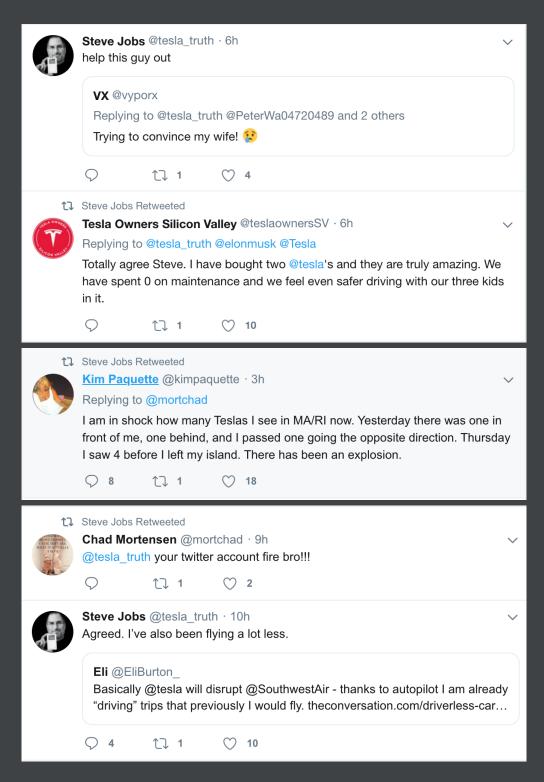


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Just as TSLAQ built up their short-selling community, @tesla_truth tried to bring together the *Tesla owner community*: people who owned Tesla products, Tesla stock, or were interested in purchasing either of the two in the future. If TSLAQ was going to assemble everyone who wanted to stop Tesla, we would have to mobilize everyone who wanted to see Tesla succeed.





This included promoting knowledgable content creators who really understood Tesla:

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A frequent topic of conversation was Tesla Autopilot, and all the lives that could be saved by deploying autonomous software widely sooner rather than later:



Steve Jobs @tesla_truth · 7h

Intel owned MobileEye to launch Robotaxis in 2020

Mobileeye uses the same tech as Tesla — no LIDAR. as a matter of fact they were the supplier behind AutoPilot 1

But tell me again how Elon is crazy and unrealistic



Steve Jobs @tesla_truth · 7h

Every day, two Americans die because of drowsy driving.

And that's just in the US



Steve Jobs Ghost @desla_truth · 2h

True story: AutoPilot was built into Tesla cars after an early Tesla driver fell asleep behind the wheel, and ran over and killed a cyclist

Tesla team thought "If we had AutoPilot the guy might have fallen asleep but he wouldn't have killed that cyclist"





Besides covering topics specific to Tesla, @tesla_truth also advocated for sustainable transport and renewable energy in general:



Steve Jobs @tesla_truth · 6m

"A short time ago, solar power was considered a marginal power source. But it is now one of the major drivers behind the transition to [...] sustainable energy

Around the globe prices are falling and India is now producing the world's cheapest solar"

Although the account made fun of TSLAQ and misinformed articles in the mainstream media, the goal was always to engage respectfully and try to foster friendly discussion of the issues at hand:



Steve Jobs @tesla_truth · 4m

I admire @russ1mitchell engaging with people who disagree with his reporting.

Don't be too rude to people you disagree with, open discussion is good for the world.



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Steve Jobs @tesla_truth · 27m

Any misunderstandings are resolved before you get into the car.

When you're waking at the delivery center, they have someone giving a presentation on AutoPilot and how to use it properly. Among the many in car warnings.

Russ Mitchell @russ1mitchell

The point of IIHS conclusion is getting lost. The IIHS didn't say these technologies are unsafe. It said the way they're being *marketed* may lead to misunderstandings that could lead to needless crashes and deaths, and a possible political/public backlash. twitter.com/lotJoao/status...



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↑ Steve Jobs Retweeted



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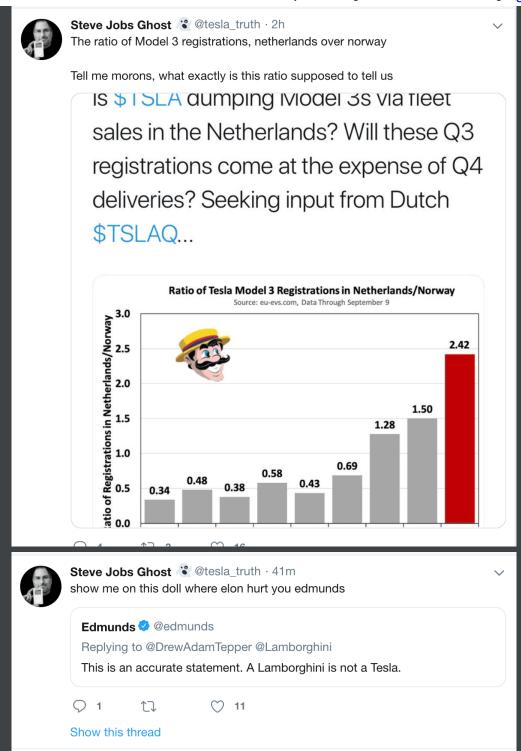
Twitter is an emotional roller coaster. It's news on every human rights abuse and climate crisis mashed right up next to memes. I know it's unhealthy to be devastated one minute, and indulging in a laugh the next. This addiction can really make us lose focus, and each other.



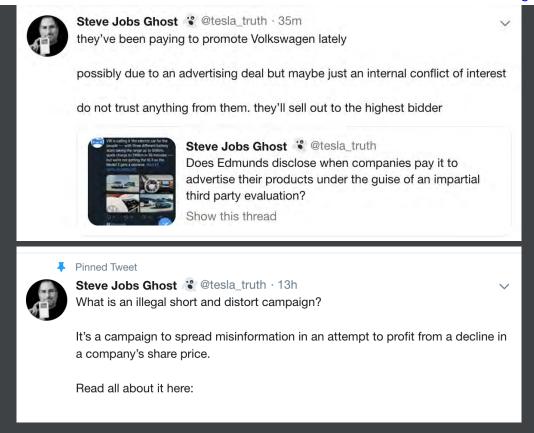
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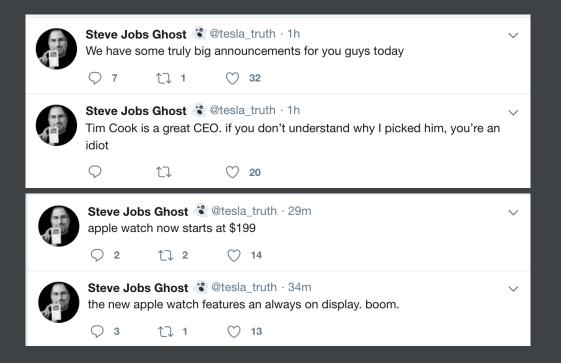
Of course, besides trying to foster discussion and understanding between Tesla bulls and bears... sometimes it was also necessary to roast TSLAQ, and media outlets that echoed their viewpoint:



Beyond just making fun of TSLAQ, the @tesla_truth account also tried to raise awareness around short and distort campaigns and other sources of misleading info about Tesla and electric vehicles. For example, many people may not have realized Edmunds' customers are car dealerships. Since Tesla's online sales model is a threat to dealerships, context like this could be helpful in understanding negative posts about Tesla from Edmunds.



It wasn't all just about Tesla either. The account also covered other tech companies including Apple:



TSLAQ STRIKES BACK

I made fun of a lot of TSLAQ accounts on @tesla_truth, rebutting their nonsense sarcastically with a high volume of tweets. I called it **troll journalism**: using parody and humor to highlight the sheer ridiculousness of the TSLAQ campaign. The short and distort effort depended on people taking TSLAQ seriously, so **parody turned out to be a really powerful tool to dismantle their disinformation**.

Some TSLAQ members were annoyed at being made fun of, but that was part of the joke: Their annoyance proved that despite attempts to declare themselves heroes, they did not like the taste of their own medicine. Hilariously, many TSLAQ accounts followed me thinking an account called @tesla_truth must be part of their short-selling campaign. They were horrified and repulsed to learn the account was actually tweeting positive information about the company. However, most of the reaction from TSLAQ was fairly tame and innocuous — at least for a little while.

Just six weeks after the @tesla_truth account was created, one short-seller found the account and reacted like nothing else I've ever seen. He completely lost his shit, threatening me immediately from his first introductory message in a fit of characteristic uncontrollable rage.

When I started asking questions about him, I received anonymous warnings: "Be careful, this guy will ruin your life". I was undeterred — what's the worst he could do about a tweet? The answer to that question was miles beyond my imagination. Now, here I am.

That short-seller was a 40-year-old balding man named Aaron Jacob Greenspan.

Tune in tomorrow for Chapter 6: Aaron Jacob Greenspan. It features the story of how I first met Aaron Greenspan and how and why he doxxed me. All the violent threats and problems I've had since then all stem from that fateful encounter with Greenspan on my 25th birthday. Buckle up kiddos, because this is when the story starts to get *real crazy*. My life may be in danger trying to tell you this, and a lot of people have fought hard for years and put me through hell to keep this story quiet. I can't wait to finally share it with you, now that the background is out of the way.

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Aaron Greenspan has filed an illegal SLAPP-suit against Elon Musk and Omar Qazi for bringing attention to allegations of tax fraud, securities fraud, cyberstalking, and criminal harassment by the Think Computer Foundation (doing business as PlainSite). If you can please donate to the Legal GoFundMe or via PayPal to make sure Aaron Jacob Greenspan is finally held accountable for his harassment of so many Tesla customers.















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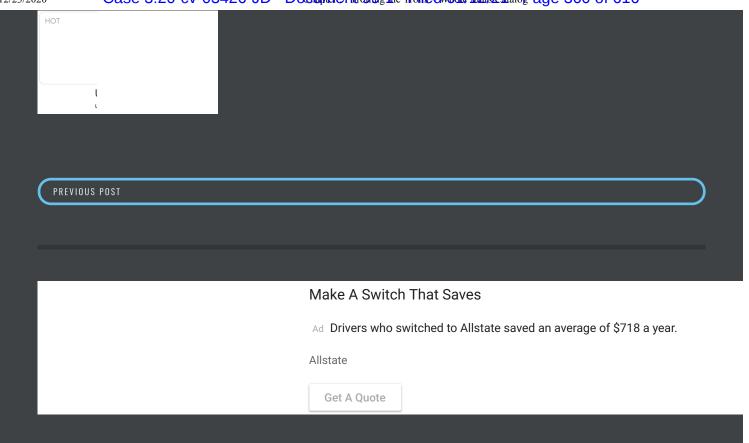




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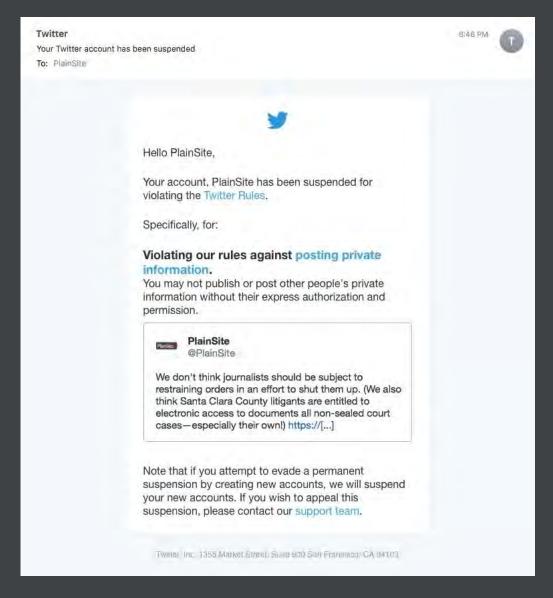
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GREENSPAN'S BIRTHDAY GIFT

I was 25 years old the day Aaron Jacob Greenspan doxxed me. I remember, because he did it on my birthday. While everyone was sending me birthday wishes on Facebook, the supposed creator of Facebook wanted to give me a different kind of gift — the kind you're forced to carry for the rest of your life.



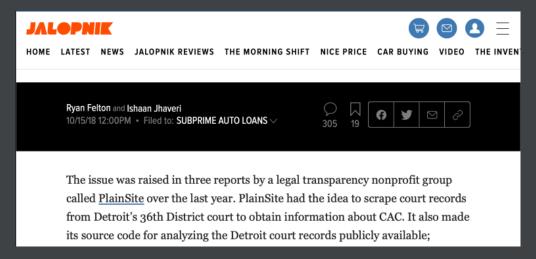
I thought it was going to be a good birthday. My friends had planned a surprise for me after work, so I was in a good mood. While I was waiting for some code to compile I opened Twitter to do what I always did when I had a free moment: browse the timeline to catch up on news, debunking any false or misleading info about Tesla I found along the way. Whenever I commented on a news story that was unusually deceptive, I would also try and do some research on where it came from, who was behind it, and what their motives were.

On that fateful day, the Twitter timeline algorithms happened to send me a tweet from an account called "PlainSite" claiming that Tesla's Model 3 had a problem with the screen freezing. I posted a screenshot of the tweet, along with my opinion that

the Model 3 had what was hands down the most amazing, most responsive touch screen I'd ever seen in a car. It was so much better than anything else — like an iPhone touchscreen compared to those old plastic ones you had to push in. Whoever was tweeting as "PlainSite" had clearly never used a Model 3 touchscreen before.

PLAINSITE IN THE NEWS

I had seen PlainSite mentioned in the news several times, and they were always tweeting negative info about Tesla — it wasn't the first time I'd seen anti-Tesla tweets from that account. I wondered: What was this organization I had been seeing in the news, and what did they have against Tesla?



Jalopnik calls PlainSite a "legal transparency non-profit group" in an article about Credit Acceptance Corp, a company that Aaron Greenspan was shorting. No disclosure of short position.

Still, it is tough to call the end of the boom. In September of 2017, Aaron Greenspan, who runs a legal information website, personally bet against the stock of Credit Acceptance Corp, one of this year's largest issuers of subprime auto asset-backed securities.

He posted dozens of pages of research online in which he alleged wideranging misconduct by the company. He believes the firm and the bonds backed by its loans will ultimately fall apart. Credit Acceptance declined to comment.

The stock has risen 35% in the last 12 months, far outpacing the S&P's 4.3% rise. The options he used to bet against the stock have expired worthless.

"Trying to predict the demise of Credit Acceptance is like trying to predict the demise of the global economy," Mr. Greenspan said.

Write to Ben Eisen at ben.eisen@wsj.com

Aaron Greenspan admitted to shorting Credit Acceptance Corp in the Wall Street Journal

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PlainSite and Think Computer Foundation in the news for claiming 50% of Facebook users are fake, boosting Aaron Greenspan's short position and hurting Facebook stock temporarily

Short position

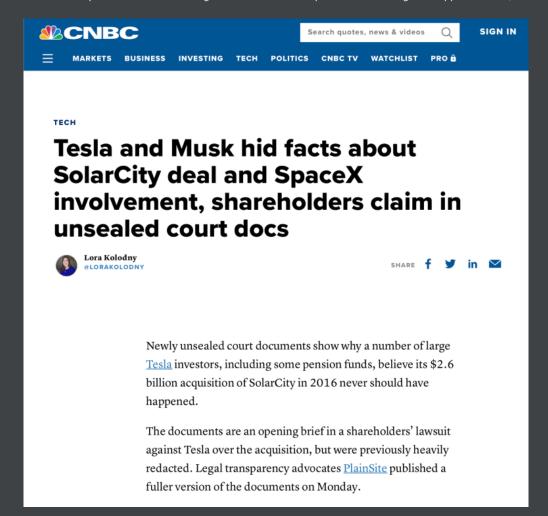
"By designing the platform the way he did, [Mr Zuckerberg] has created an enormous uninhabitable zone polluted with disinformation and, like radiation, it is impossible to reverse," Mr Greenspan told the sub-committee.

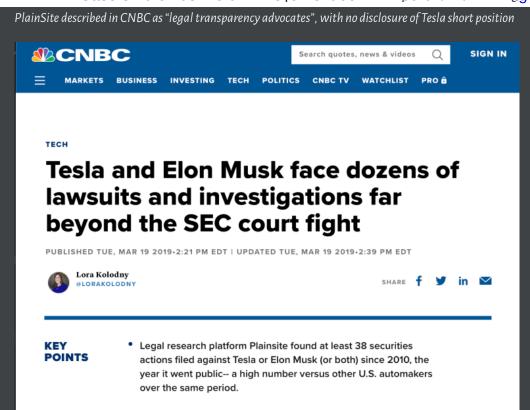
At the start of the hearing, Mr Greenspan revealed he had a "short position" on Facebook, an investment that anticipated the value its stock would decrease in the short term.

And this led some to question why the committee had asked him to provide evidence.

Mark Scott, chief technology correspondent at Politico, tweeted: "This UK parliamentary committee on disinfo is pretty much the anti-FB committee."

Aaron Greenspan admitted to shorting Facebook stock multiple times, including in an appearance before the UK parliament

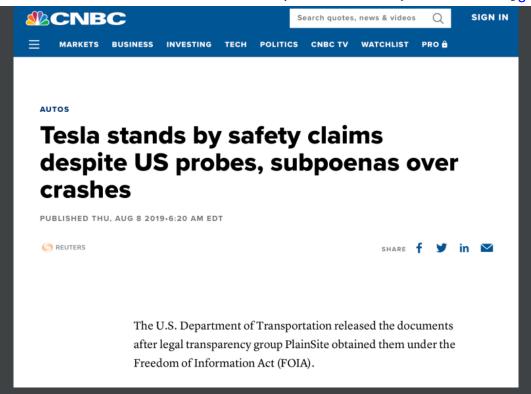




PlainSite described in CNBC as "legal research platform", with no disclosure of Tesla short position



PlainSite / Think Computer Foundation described in CNBC as "legal transparency advocates", with no disclosure of Greenspan's Tesla short position



PlainSite described in CNBC & Reuters as a "legal transparency group" without disclosing Aaron Greenspan's Tesla short position

Back then I was honestly genuinely confused by where the TSLAQ movement was coming from: Were these really people? Was this something set up by Russia or Saudi Arabia to hold back clean energy? Was it the oil industry, the legacy auto industry? Wall Street hedge funds? Even though @tesla_truth was supposed to be funny, I genuinely wanted to know. As I explored and researched the topic, I would share what I found on Twitter.

Most TSLAQ accounts kept their identity secret, but not PlainSite. When I googled the non-profit charity, the answer was right there: "PlainSite is run by Aaron Greenspan". Well, who the hell is Aaron Greenspan? Is that a real person? Kids, heed my advice: Don't ask questions you don't want to know the answer to.

THE INVENTOR OF FACEBOOK

The Google results for Aaron Greenspan's name were filled with stories where Aaron **claimed he had invented Facebook**. I burst out laughing — it was too funny to be true. I'd had some great times on Facebook in college and high school, where Facebook was an essential communication tool and a core part of academic life. *The Social Network* was and still is one of my favorite movies, even more so now that I know how much Aaron hates it (because he's not in it). To state the obvious, **Aaron Greenspan did not invent Facebook**. Not at all. Not even a little bit. Based on that, my first impression of Aaron was that he seemed at least a little bit delusional.

That's what was so funny to me: Here was this guy saying Tesla was a total fraud that was about to go bankrupt, which didn't match my experience or predictions for the future at all. He was trying his best to convince everyone, and seemed to be extremely well connected with mainstream journalists. **But wait** — just a few years ago he was **telling everyone he invented Facebook**. How seriously are you going to take the guy who honestly believes, from the bottom of his heart (assuming he has one), that he is the inventor of Facebook and Mark Zuckerburg just stole the idea from him?

It's like if you asked someone for directions to the mall, and they told you they just flew there on the back of a gorilla. They might follow up by pointing you in the right direction, but you probably don't want to take anything they say too seriously. At

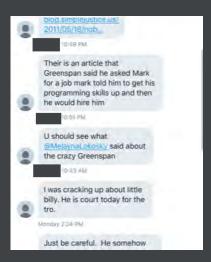
the very least, you'll want to double-check those directions. Naturally, I had to tweet about how Aaron Greenspan, the guy posting anti-Tesla tweets as "PlainSite", seriously believed that he invented Facebook.

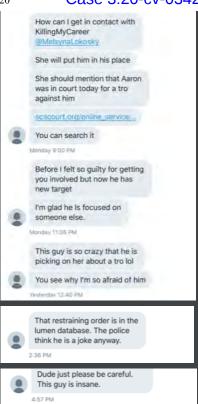
AARON GREENSPAN started Think Computer Corporation from his bedroom while he attended high school in Shaker Heights. Ohio. After providing computer services for clients in his hometown, he began writing computer software. He invented The Facebook while attending Harvard College in September, 2003 and graduated in 2004. He lives in Palo Alto, California.

The cover of Aaron Greenspan's autobiography Authoritas, a book he self-published to promote his claim that he invented Facebook.

DIRECT MESSAGE WARNINGS

My @tesla_truth account had just around 300 followers at the time, and many of them found Greenspan's claim of inventing Facebook as funny as I did. But in addition to liking and commenting on the tweet, my direct message inbox (which was open to anyone) instantly lit up with half a dozen messages from different people offering more information about Greenspan and his charity. It seemed there were a lot of people on the internet who didn't like Aaron, and they warned me to be careful tweeting about him. Many said that they were **afraid of him**. Some of the accounts messaging me about Greenspan also mentioned he was in court dealing with a restraining order that week.





I was instantly intrigued. This Greenspan guy seemed like quite a character, and a nasty one at that. Were these the kinds of people behind TSLAQ? I went to check out PlainSite online, which purported to be a charitable website run by a non-profit that allowed anyone to search public data. To try and figure out how the website worked, I entered my own name and saw that there were no results. I then entered the name of my startup, Smick, assuming there would at least be basic public registration info — **but there was nothing**. I concluded that PlainSite wasn't actually searching public databases at all, and instead only contained information that Aaron Greenspan had manually collected, selected, or published himself.

Most of the Twitter messages I received about Aaron Greenspan seemed to be true. I never looked it up until I started researching this story, but it turned out **Greenspan was in fact in court dealing with a restraining order the day after my birthday**:

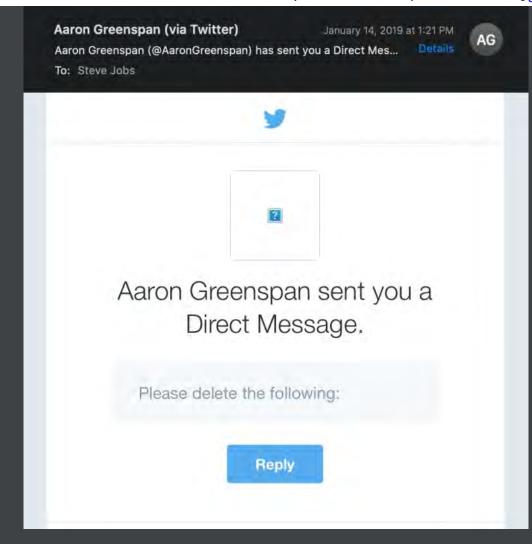
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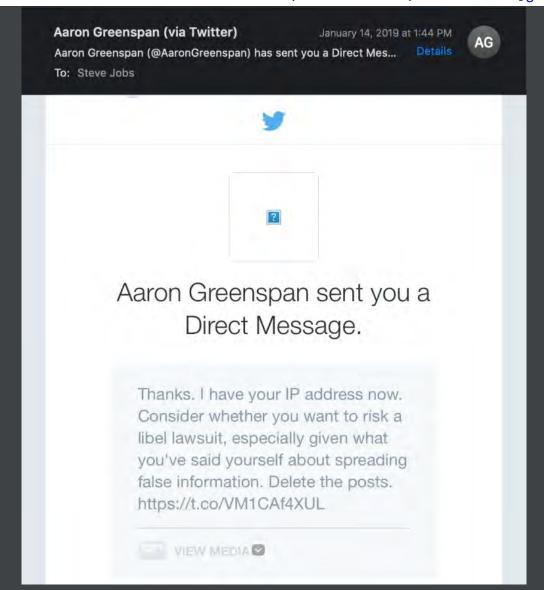
A hearing was set for the restraining order on January 15 — the day after Aaron Greenspan doxxed me

I went back to my Twitter thread about Greenspan claiming he invented Facebook, and added a new tweet mentioning the court hearing over a restraining order taking place that week. The next time I checked my Twitter Direct Message Inbox, there were even more messages about Aaron Greenspan — including one from @AaronGreenspan himself.

To be honest, I was a little star-struck. I was just a little random Twitter account with a few hundred followers. I talked about things I saw in the news every day, but very few people cared. I'd never had someone in the news I was covering actually *message me* before. I was surprised and amused: Cold that really be Aaron Greenspan himself?

But Greenspan was not amused at all. He was enraged, and began threatening me from the very first message he sent:





AARON GREENSPAN'S THREAT

Aaron Greenspan's message said "Please delete the following:", followed by a URL shortened link. At this point, I didn't think anything unusual was going on. It was my birthday, and I had just tweeted about something I'd seen in the news like any other day. My goal was not to harm Aaron, defame him, or spread "false information". I was just tweeting my own thoughts and opinions, with the best information I had.

Anyone was welcome to message me politely if they had a problem with a tweet or believed it was inaccurate. They could even reply publicly if they wanted to. Most times if someone was upset about something or corrected one of my tweets, I would just delete it. They're just tweets after all, and the objective was never to be an asshole or harm anyone. Given all that, when Aaron Greenspan messaged me I wanted to hear out his concerns and remove or correct any false tweets if necessary. That's why I clicked on the link to see what exactly he wanted me to delete.



Based on what I already knew about Aaron Greenspan, I should have known better than to try and have a conversation with him man to man. It turned out the purpose of the link wasn't to show me what he wanted deleted at all. Instead, he had set a trap. The link pointed to an image file on his web server, allowing him to monitor the server logs for the IP address of my San Francisco apartment. Once he had the IP address, he could cross-check it against PlainSite's search history from the same IP, and as luck would have it **my search history included my own name**. In retrospect, I should have been more careful, but I thought that I was playing around with a charity's website. It never occurred to me that the site owner would threaten me and attempt retaliation simply for tweeting about the news.

Aaron Greenspan's threat was simple: **Delete the tweets about me, or else.** Or else what? He made it crystal clear: If I didn't immediately delete the tweets about him he promised to doxx me, which is internet slang for when you post someone's identity and personal information online against their will and without their consent in an attempt to incite harassment towards them. The idea is to make them fear for their safety so they do what you want.

I was shocked that Greenspan cared so much about a random Twitter account with a few hundred followers, and wondered what would be the right thing to do. If Aaron had messaged me saying, "Hey can you please delete that tweet. It's inaccurate because of x, y, and z", then I would have listened to him. Using a misleading message to obtain my IP address by force and threatening retaliation unless I stayed silent about him seemed to suggest that most of what I'd heard about Aaron Greenspan was true — this was a really nasty guy. Deleting the tweets would have been the easy and safe thing to do, but how many other people had Greenspan and his "charity" silenced? How many more would he target if no one was brave enough to speak up?

This was TSLAQ: People like Aaron Greenspan. These were the nasty people spreading false negative information about Tesla I had started @tesla_truth to learn about. With that in mind, I decided to take a risk and keep the tweets up for the public good. It seemed like the right thing to do. What was the worst Greenspan could do to me over a tweet? On top of that, although I didn't know it at the time Greenspan's threat was a blatant violation of the Twitter rules.

Twitter's Private Information Policy clearly states:

You may not publish or post other people's private information without their express authorization and permission. We also prohibit threatening to expose private information or incentivizing others to do so.

Sharing someone's private information online without their permission, sometimes called doxxing, is a breach of their privacy and of the Twitter Rules. Sharing private information can pose serious safety and security risks for those affected and can lead to physical, emotional, and financial hardship.

Twitter Rules

In addition, Twitter's policy on the distribution of hacked materials states:

What is in violation of this policy?

We define a hack as an intrusion or access of a computer, network, or electronic device **that was unauthorized or exceeded authorized access**. Behaviors associated with the production of materials which would count as a hack under this policy include:

Unauthorized access or interception, or **access that exceeds authorization (for example, from an insider)**, to a computer, network or electronic device, including breaches or intrusions

Disclosing materials where there is evidence that they were obtained through malware or social engineering

Twitter Rules

Greenspan's fake URL shortened link to his web server, sent under the guise of an honest request, was an act of social engineering designed specifically with the objective of unauthorized access and interception of my personal information. Under Twitter's definition of a hack, all of the materials obtained via this trick screenshot link constitute hacked materials in violation of Twitter's rules.

More broadly, Aaron Greenspan's threats also violated Twitter's rules against abusive behavior and harassment.

Twitter Rules: You may not engage in the targeted harassment of someone, or incite other people to do so. We consider abusive behavior an attempt to harass, intimidate, or silence someone else's voice.

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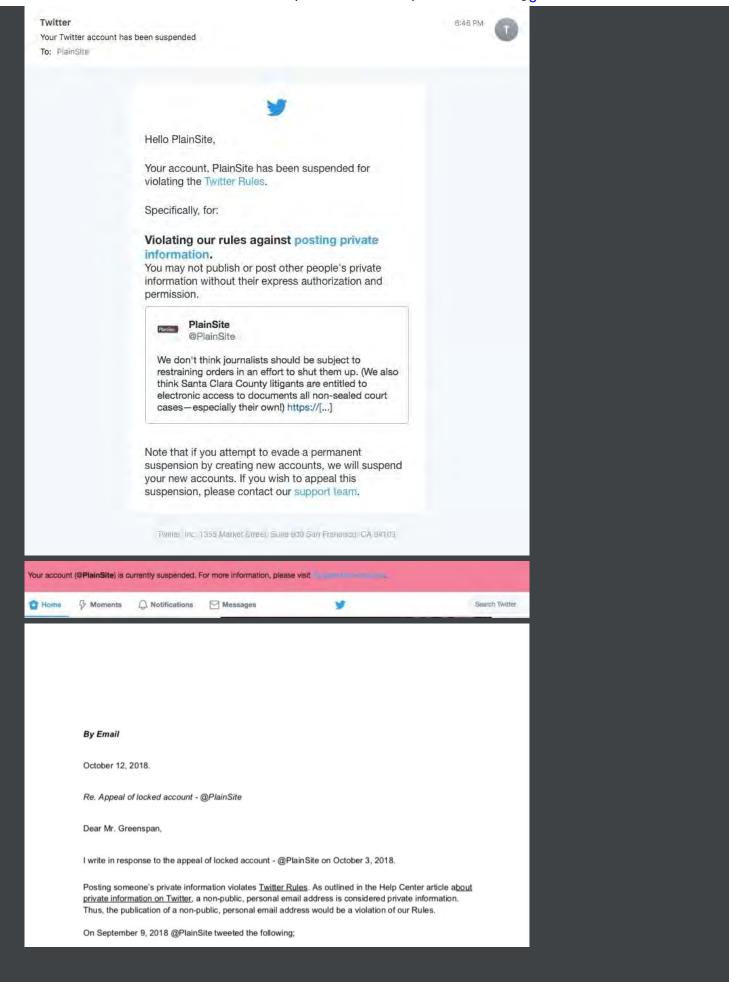
On Twitter, you should feel safe expressing your unique point of view. We believe in freedom of expression and open dialogue, but that means little as an underlying philosophy if voices are silenced because people are afraid to speak up.

In order to facilitate healthy dialogue on the platform, and empower individuals to express diverse opinions and beliefs, we prohibit behavior that harasses or intimidates, or is otherwise intended to shame or degrade others. In addition to posing risks to people's safety, abusive behavior may also lead to physical and emotional hardship for those affected.

Twitter Rules

There's no other way to spin it: Greenspan's threats to doxx me if I didn't delete the tweets about him were an attempt to harass me, intimidate me, and silence my voice. Many people have suffered physical and emotional hardship, myself included, because PlainSite is somehow still allowed on Twitter.

Naturally, this was far from the first time Aaron Greenspan and his "charity" PlainSite had violated the Twitter rules. Previously, the PlainSite account had been **permanently suspended multiple times** from Twitter for sharing people's private information without their consent, in violation of Twitter's policies:



Hi PlainSite, Your account, @PlainSite has been locked for violating the Twitter Rules.

Specifically for:

Violating our rules against posting private information.

You may not publish or post other people's private information without their express authorization and permission.



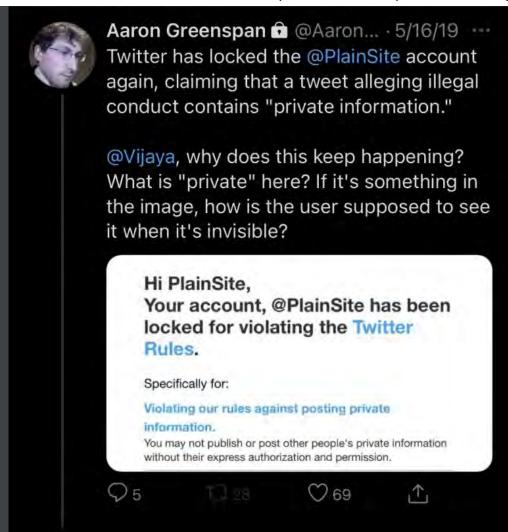
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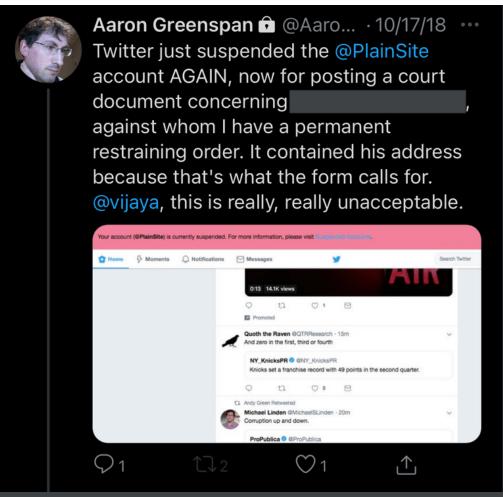
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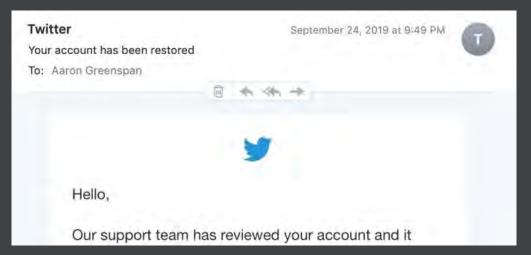
Please note that repeated violations may lead to a permanent suspension of your account. Proceed to Twitter now to fix the issue with your account.

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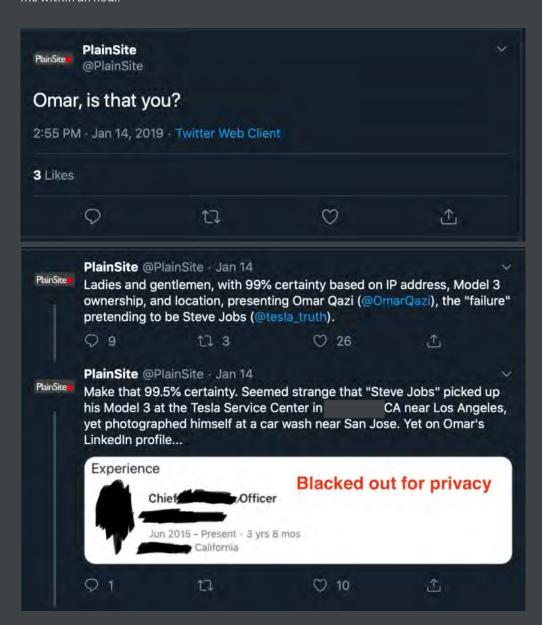
In addition, his personal @AaronGreenspan account had been suspended as well:



It breaks my heart to see that Greenspan was suspended from Twitter in October 2018, but somehow managed to convince administrators to restore his account. October was one month before I created @tesla_truth, and three months before I first encountered Aaron Greenspan on my 25th birthday. If they had just kept his account suspended, all the pain, suffering, harassment, and stalking I've endured over the last two years **never would have happened**. With Greenspan's "charity" Twitter account restored, he was free to violate the policy again and strike his next victim. And strike again he did, violating the exact same private information policy he was suspended for again on my birthday.

BIRTHDAY DOXXING

When I refused to bow to Aaron Greenspan's threats and delete the tweets about him, he made good on his word and doxxed me within an hour.





Greenspan insulted me by calling me a failure, and then began stalking me. He looked through all my posts to make one thing clear: Every move I made would be followed so that he could hurt me if he needed to. He revealed my real name without my consent and used photos I had tweeted to track my movements. He then shared the name and location of my family's business which he found by looking at my LinkedIn profile. This was concerning because my family and a lot of people I cared about worked in that office, and I didn't want anyone to hurt them. Since the company only had one office, anyone who saw his post could use it to easily find me in real life.

Sure enough, I immediately started receiving strange threatening text messages, phone calls, and letters after the doxxing. People would say things like "I'm at Del Taco", referencing a restaurant next to our office building to imply that they were close by and watching me, ready to act at any time should I cross TSLAQ.

Despite Greenspan's threats and doxxing souring my birthday, I tried to shrug it off. "Don't let this creep get to you, that's what he wants", my friends told me. I tried to forget the strange text messages and calls, hoping it was just someone messing with me for reasons unrelated to Greenspan doxxing me. "So what if Greenspan shared the name behind my @tesla_truth account?", I thought at first. Unlike TSLAQ, I wasn't tweeting to manipulate the price of stocks and felt that I had nothing to hide.

I was naive. I could never have imagined the lengths Aaron Greenspan would go to in order to try and make my life hell. This is a guy with no job, no life, and nothing to do except torment his perceived enemies — including people and journalists who

did nothing more than say Mark Zuckerberg invented Facebook. People in my Twitter DMs warned me, "be careful, this guy will ruin your life" but I didn't take them seriously enough. What was the worst he could do, and how much did he really care about some random guy's tweets? Looking back, I wish I'd taken all the warnings about Aaron Greenspan in my direct messages to heart. When the Twitter rules talk about "physical, emotional, and financial hardship", that's not abstract for me anymore. I've lived those words, and understand them more deeply than anyone should have to.

Immediately after doxxing me on Twitter, Aaron Greenspan placed a phone call to the office of our family's business. He demanded that the company fire me immediately, or face retaliation. After he got off the phone with the company, he attempted to contact my Dad. I found out the next day when my Dad asked "Who is Aaron Greenspan?". I couldn't believe he would do so much over a few tweets. This guy was really every bit as crazy as I'd heard.

DOXXING AFTERMATH

After Greenspan called my office and my Dad, I decided to return his call myself. I found his phone number on the PlainSite website and gave it a call. But as the phone rang, I thought better of it. The guy was clearly crazy, and any attempts to talk to him would likely only lead to more tweets and harassment targeted in my direction. So when he picked up the phone, I pretended to be a telemarketer working for the phone company until he hung up.

I wasn't too eager to tweet about Greenspan and face further retaliation, but I still mentioned him sometimes when he said something crazy or I saw him in the news. Aaron was not ready to let it slide: Every time I tweeted about him, I faced false accusations and threats to remind me to **stay quiet** or else.

For example in retaliation for some tweet I can't remember, Greenspan accused me of illegally selling shares in my company to strangers online. U.S. securities law only allows selling shares in private companies when certain conditions are met, so he essentially falsely accused me of violating securities laws. Of course, Smick had never sold any shares to the public but that didn't matter. By falsely claiming "you can buy shares online" Greenspan sent a clear message: Keep quiet about me and my business, or I'll target your business. He also threw in another lawsuit threat for good measure, as a way to try and scare people away from any involvement with my company.

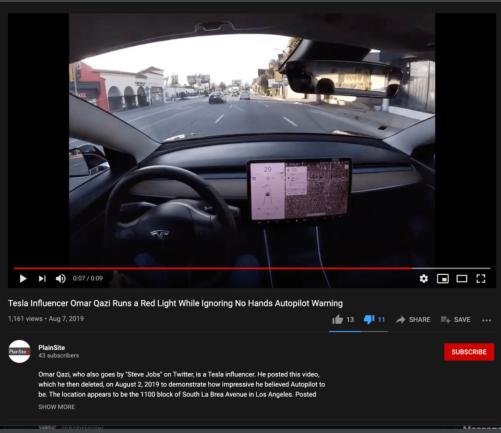


In another example, he falsely accused me of running a red light. The copyrighted video he stole and re-uploaded to his "charity" Twitter and YouTube accounts included the location where the car was driving, as part of Greenspan's continued efforts to stalk and track my location from my public posts. Besides the fact that an accusation of running a red light is absurdly trivial, I wasn't even the person driving the car in the video. I had just posted it to demonstrate that Autopilot had recently added the ability to detect red lights and warn the driver to stop if needed. It was just a regular part of my coverage of Autopilot, which often involved posting videos from others on a daily basis.

To prove that I was the driver in the video, Greenspan's charity Twitter account stole a copyrighted photograph of my car with my license plate exposed and tweeted it below the video. Of course, this photograph offered no proof at all. While it's true my Model 3 was black, that was the "default" color for the Model 3 at the time — the only color choice that came at no extra cost. Pretty much everyone my age stretching to afford a Model 3 picked the default color at the time. The real purpose behind sharing a photo of my car was for Aaron to continue to harass me, stalk me, and share my personal information online with people who wanted to harm me. "Great", I remember thinking, "Is someone going to recognize my car and license plate and vandalize it now?". I loved that car, so it wasn't pleasant to think about. Greenspan admitted he wasn't even sure I was driving the car but still chose to expose more of my personal information anyway, not to mention the address of my friend's apartment in Los Angeles.







Just like the birthday doxxing, I laughed off Greenspan's attempts to harass and threaten me as minor annoyances. In a way, it was almost kind of funny to see him obsess about me so much that he had to constantly hurl false accusations of minor crimes like "running a red light". At least at first, Greenspan's attempts to threaten me into silence fell flat on their face.

BLACK MAIL

A few weeks after Aaron Greenspan doxxed me on my 25th birthday, I received a black envelope in the mail at our office that was slightly more concerning. Inside there was no letter, and no words at all: Just the photo from when I got caught with weed at Holy Ship. I gulped hard. My parents still didn't know about what happened, and I wasn't too eager for them to find out. With a one-word change in the mailing label, that envelope could have been sent to my Mom or my Dad. That piece of mail had no words, but the message was clear: If you continue talking about Aaron Greenspan and his "charity" PlainSite, this will come out. I was being blackmailed, somewhat literally.

I couldn't believe what was happening. I had never expected my stupid "Steve Jobs" account to illicit such a crazy response. Now I was being stalked and threatened, all because I tweeted about some "charity" that inexplicably hated Tesla. I should have gone to the police then and there, but I just threw the letter away in a public dumpster a few miles away from the office since I was afraid of someone seeing it in the trash. I hoped that if I ignored it, it would all just go away. Unfortunately, it never did.

How could this be happening? What kind of charity stalks, harasses, and threatens critics online — even if they only have a few followers? If I was going to protect myself, I needed to learn more about Aaron Greenspan's "charity", the Think Computer Foundation (doing business as PlainSite) — and about Aaron Greenspan himself.

Organization Details:

Organization Name: Think Computer Foundation

DBAs (doing business as), organizations fiscally sponsored, and/or named programs controlled by the organization: PlainSite

Employer identification number (EIN): 34-1937820

Address line 1: 20560 Shelburne Road

Address line 2:

City: Shaker Heights

State: Ohio

ZIP code: 44122

County: Cuyahoga

Country: United States

Telephone: (415)670-9350

Web address: http://www.thinkcomputer.org

Date of formation: 10/26/2000

Organization type: 501(c)(3)

Description of Organization's Purpose:

Is the organization's registration status current? Yes

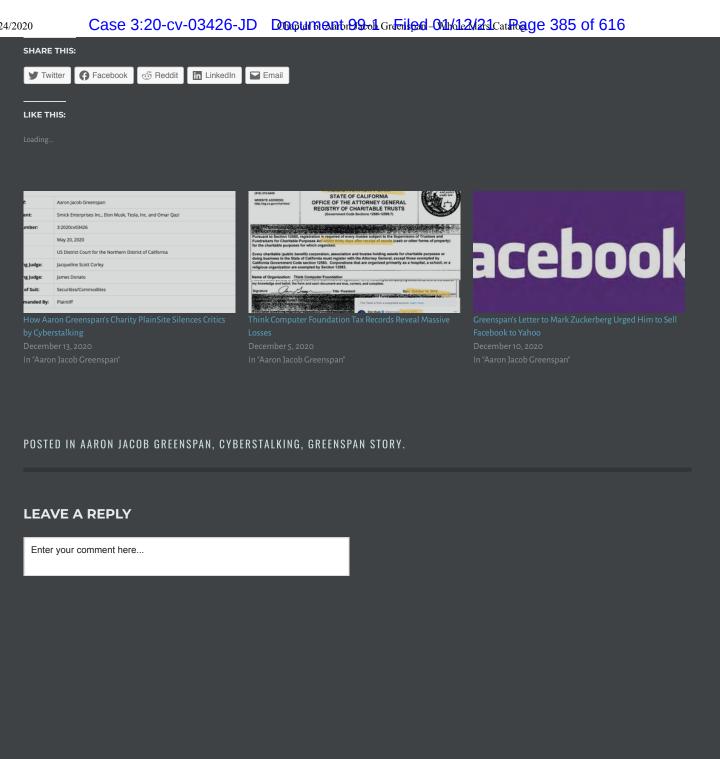
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Tune in next time for "Chapter 7: Who is Aaron Greenspan?". It contains all the research I've done on Aaron Greenspan's lifetime history of criminal activity and fraud. If you thought this chapter was crazy, you ain't seen nothin' yet...

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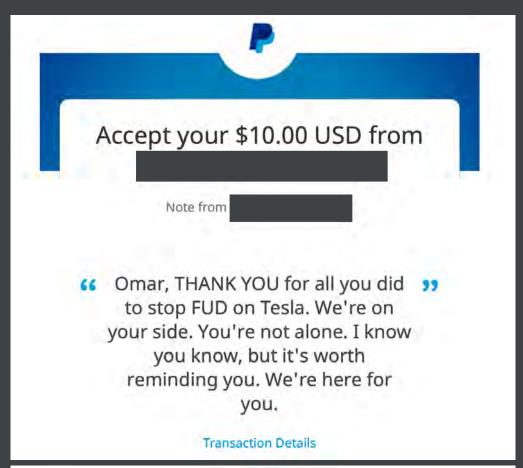
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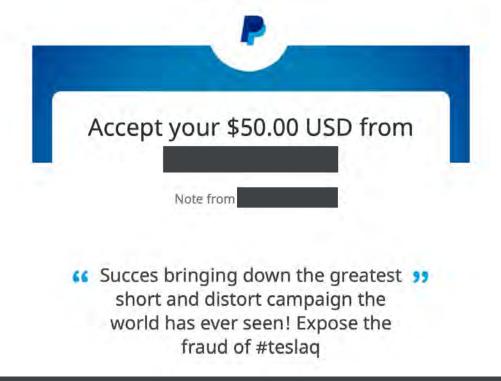


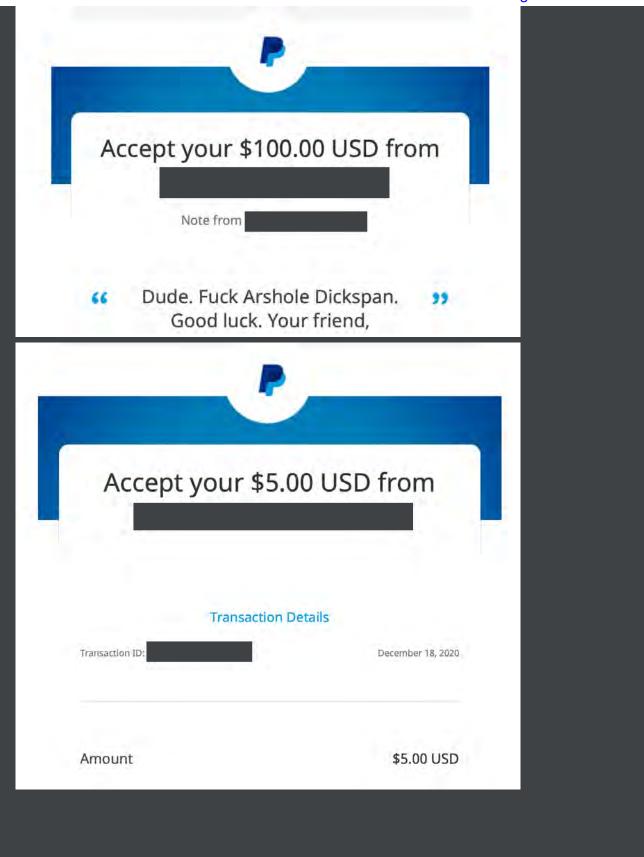
Merry Christmas everyone. This has been a tough year for all of us. Whether you're with family or alone, I hope you enjoy your holidays. I have a feeling we have a much better year ahead of us.

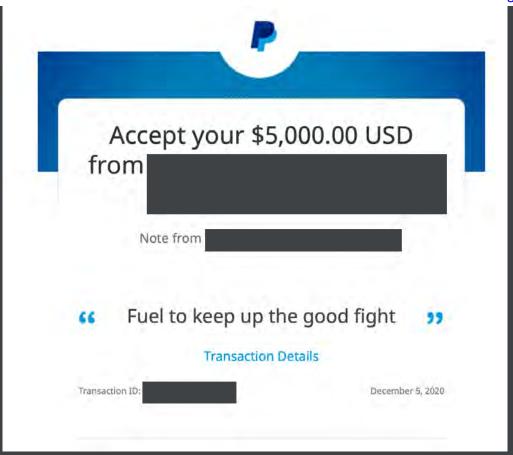
Of course, I have to take this opportunity to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for their love and support—especially people who've chipped in to help defend against Aaron Greenspan's absurd lawsuit against me and Elon Musk. You

really have no idea how much it means to me. On top of all of Aaron Greenspan's harassment and threats, he would have bankrupted me if hundreds of random strangers hadn't stepped in to save me.









Whether you donated \$5 or \$5,000 thank you so much. If you're one of those people, please don't hesitate to reach out and ask for favors. I feel incredibly humbled and undeserving of this level of support. When I saw that \$5,000 donation came in I was speechless — it was a really emotional moment. The idea that someone would send me thousands of dollars of their own hard-earned money just to help me, asking nothing in return is just... I'm floored. Really, I'm at a loss for words and do not feel worthy of such an amazing audience. I really love you guys a lot, and you have to know I mean it. I'm going to work as hard as I can to be worthy of your support, and will memorize the names of every single person that donated so I can find a way to make it up to all of you. I have to especially thank Shawn Wylde who donated at least \$15,000 and got attacked by Greenspan as a result. Hopefully, the judge will rule that this is a SLAPP suit and Aaron Greenspan will be forced to pay all the legal bills.

In total we've received **577 donations so far.** That's insane. That puts the average donation at just \$110, and most were much smaller than that. This is the power of the internet — hundreds of strangers chipping in a little bit to make a huge difference. Without you guys I would have had to give into to Aaron Greenspan's demands, which I listed below.

Kronenberger Rosenfeld LLP

Dear Smick Enterprises, Inc.,

Your bill is ready. You can see your account summary below.

Thank you for your business.

Account summary

\$9,228.88

Due date: 01/22/2021

Amount due on 2 other bills \$22,168.20

Total amount due \$31,397.08

Pay online now

The payment link will expire in 90 days upon receipt.

Right now there's around \$30,000 of bills left to pay. That's on top of \$64,000 people have already donated. Isn't that insane? Aaron Greenspan just keeps filing as many motions as possible to try and rack up the legal bills. He's amended his lawsuit three times, filed two motions for sanctions on me and my lawyers (demanding the court order us to pay him \$10,000 each), filed motions to hold us in contempt of court, and all kinds of nonsense like that before the judge has even ruled on the motion to dismiss and anti-SLAPP. Just talking to him and responding to all this stuff wastes a ton of time, money, and resources. At the end of the day he's going to cost me tens of thousands of dollars even with all the donations, so if you even donated \$1 I hope that gives you an idea of how much this means to me. You've given me the chance at a normal life after this over, saved me from Greenspan's attacks, and most of all given me hope in humanity and in the future. Please join me in praying to God every night that the Judge orders Greenspan to pay all the legal fees, plus damages from abuse of copyright and other aggressive actions he's taken to silence Tesla customers.

Back in September Aaron Greenspan agreed to drop the lawsuit if I paid him \$50,000. That would have been cheaper and easier than trying to defend against his dirty tricks, but saying no to that deal was the right thing to do. What Aaron Greenspan is doing is wrong and illegal, and I'm not going to give into his extortion tactics for as long as I can hold on. Thank you all so much for helping me hold on. The truth is going to come out, and once it does justice will be served.

For those curious about what Aaron Greenspan wanted for his settlement, here it is from the horses mouth:

From: Aaron Greenspan <aaron.greenspan@PLAINSITE.ORG>

Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 3:56 PM

Subject: Re: Settlement Call Today?

<u>Subject to Federal Rule of Evidence 408</u>

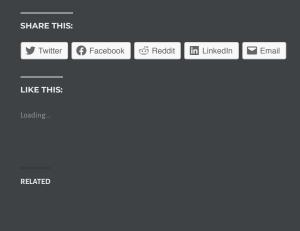
What a jackass, right?

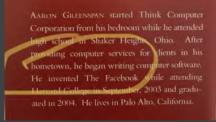
Aaron Greenspan

Merry Christmas everyone, and thank you again for everything. I don't know if I would have been able to get through this without you.

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P.S. I've heard some people say "why doesn't Elon just pay the legal costs". It's a natural question to ask, given that he's now like the second richest guy on Earth or something, but I don't want his money nor would I ever ask. The problem is that Greenspan has been trying to push this conspiracy that Elon Musk is paying me or that we're in cahoots somehow, and the fact that he hasn't ever paid me anything is one of the strongest pieces of evidence I have that Greenspan has completely slandered me with baseless false accusations that he and his charity are criminally liable for. Aaron Greenspan is an incredibly deceptive and manipulative person, and he's clearly trying to create a "trap" where I need Elon to help me so he can go "AHA! You are secretly getting paid by Elon Musk!". I'm not going to fall into that trap if I can help it. I want to continue to give my honest opinions on Tesla and other companies and do not want to accept payment from Tesla or Elon Musk or anyone else I'm covering. Elon has asked me about legal costs, but I told him that hopefully the donations would cover it. If Elon gives me any money Greenspan will try and make some bullshit case that we broke all kinds of laws, and I want to avoid that as much as possible. Really, Elon has done more to help me than anyone could have asked for just by speaking up against Greenspan's harassment of Tesla customers. He's a good guy.









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4 THOUGHTS ON "MERRY CHRISTMAS, AND THANK YOU 🤎"





ANDERS SÖDERQVIST

DECEMBER 25, 2020 AT 10:51 AM

Keep it up Omar! 💪

Merry Christmas!



PORTUGALTESLA

DECEMBER 25, 2020 AT 1:43 PM

Omar, want to send some \in to help but don't have PayPal and my cards keep getting blocked on the gofundme. Hit me a messe @ Twitter to check other possibilities (@PortugalTesla). Merry Christmas



GRAHAM

DECEMBER 25, 2020 AT 5:07 PM

Hey Omar

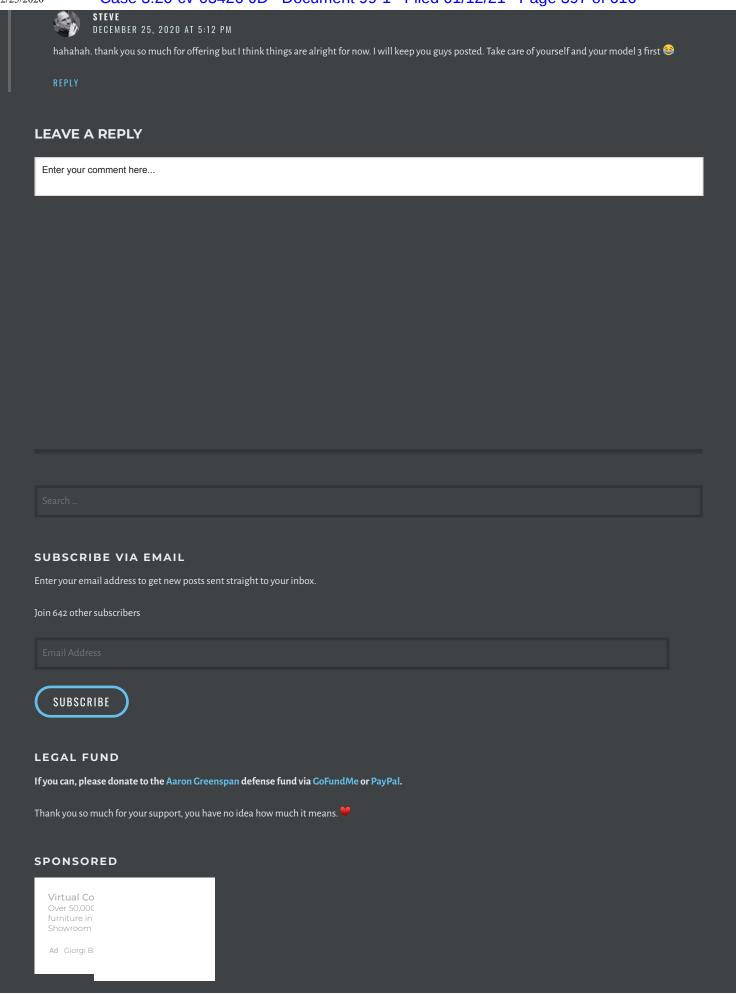
Happy Christmas! – I don't know how else to contact you, so here goes..

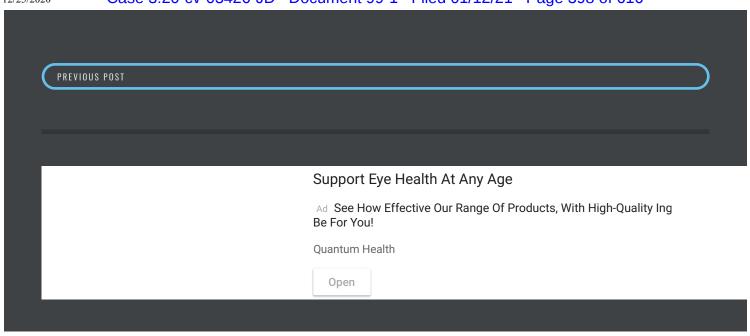
I've been donating what I can to the cause but I'm a bit broke since buying my Model 3 and saving up for a house! The Model 3 was your fault btw 😃

Anyway, I was the one "obsessing" over "Jim" on Twitter when you were still on the platform. I really hope he is Aaron's fiction now because, well that would be weird otherwise!!

I'd like to put an offer out there to help with anything you need a hand with while going through all of this. We have some stuff in common. Happy to catch up sometime. I'll put my legit details in the form.

All the best Jim's friend









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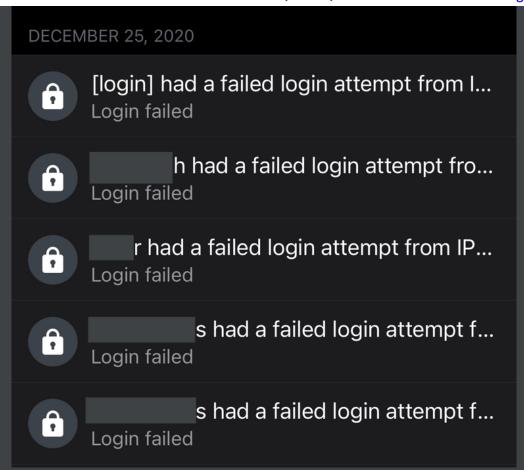
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AARON GREENSPAN ATTEMPTS TO HACK INTO WHOLE MARS



As we continue to publish the story of Aaron Greenspan and his fraudulent charity PlainSite's harassment campaign against Tesla customers, it appears that Greenspan spent Christmas attempting to hack into the admin interface for this website. Ostensibly, he hoped to gain unauthorized access to Whole Mars to remove the story, disrupt this site, or preview the content of future chapters.



Based on server logs, we can see that someone tried to log in to several user accounts but provided the incorrect password. As part of our security protocol, the IP address from which the failed login attempts originated was logged for inspection. We were then able to trace the IP address to find that it originated from a data center in New Jersey:

Type: Corporate

Assignment: Likely Static IP

Continent: North America

Country: United States

State/Region: New Jersey

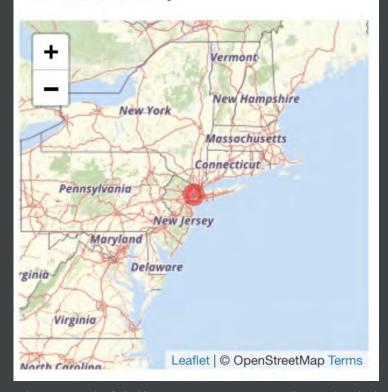
City: North Bergen

Latitude: 40.793 (40° 47′ 34.80″ N)

Longitude: -74.0247 (74° 1' 28.92" W)

Postal Code: 07047

Geolocation Map



When we saw the failed login attempts we suspected immediately that Greenspan or one of his associates might be behind it. Greenspan not only has the motive to attack, but also has a history of taking extraordinary measures to try and silence critics. When we traced the requests back to a server in New Jersey, that further confirmed our suspicions.

Why? Because Aaron Greenspan has operated corporate servers in New Jersey as far back as when he was in college. In fact "houseSYSTEM", the terribly named supposed "Facebook" he invented that attempted to steal Harvard students' school login information was hosted in that New Jersey data center. Greenspan admitted this in an excerpt from his autobiography where he describes being questioned by the FBI:

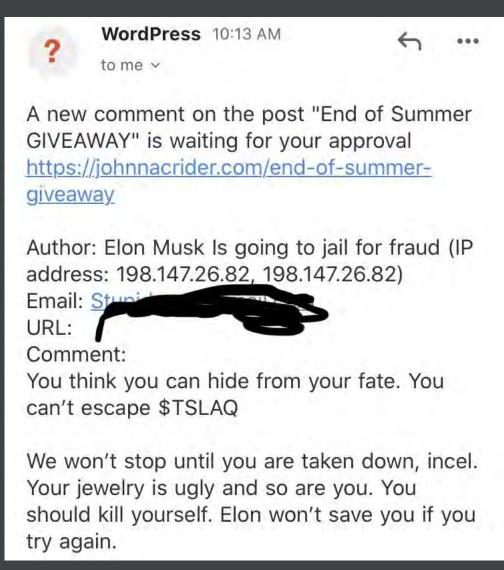
I was a complete wreck. I was angry, I needed sleep, and I had been given the run-around by the FBI and Secret Service, the two federal agencies responsible for handling "cybercrime" [...]

Since the original hard drive was barely salvageable but contained evidence of the perpetrators' actions from afar, I had my data center's staff in New Jersey remove the drive and send it to the Secret Service for processing. The

FBI arrived at Keene's offices a few days later to interview me.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Of course New Jersey is a big state, and lots of people have servers there besides just Aaron — but it is an interesting data point. Previously, CleanTechnica journalist Johnna Crider received a death threat on her personal blog that originated from IP address 198.147.26.82.

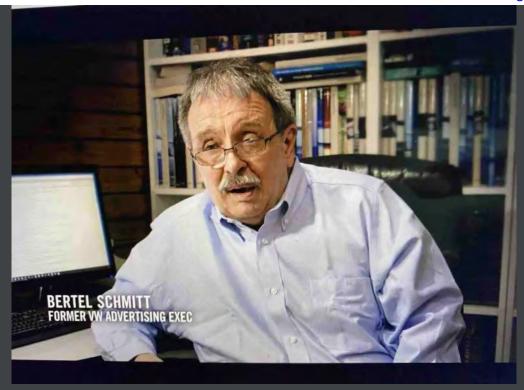


That IP address also traced back to a proxy server in New Jersey.



The call for Crider to commit suicide echoes sentiment tweeted publicly by Bertel Schmitt, a known TSLAQ member, and accomplice of Aaron Greenspan. Previously, Bertel Schmitt spent his career as an advertising executive for Volkswagen, selling the public Dieselgate products. Those cars poisoned customers, emitting more toxic emissions than was legally allowed by employing illegal defeat devices that reduced toxic pollutants only during emissions tests.





Autobiography of BS©: How I Lied about the Golf

By Bertel Schmitt on June 7, 2009









This one has less hilarity. But it is German, I mean germane to The Truth About Cars.

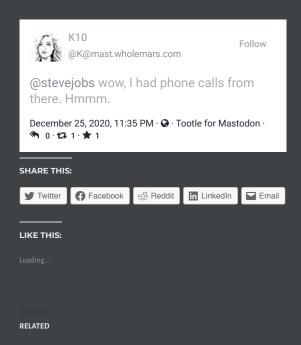
1973, at the tender age of 24, I defected to the enemy. BS, the former muckraking journalist, became a copywriter in a hotshot advertising agency. As the saying went, I didn't sell out, I cashed in: As a junior copywriter, I was paid twice as much of what I had made before as the editor in chief of a muckraking journal.

Raking muck had paid shit. Advertising was paradise. Work was easy, no more nerve-racking and downright dangerous undercover research, just sit and write. Powered by pilsener. Soon, my salary multiplied. Times were good.

They put me on the Volkswagen account. I didn't have the vaguest idea about cars. I didn't even have a driver's license. This qualified me as an utterly unbiased and unbelievably gullible tool of automotive propaganda.

One of my first jobs was to launch a new Volkswagen with a funny name: "Golf."

It's unclear whether Mr. Schmitt is harassing Tesla customers on Volkswagen's orders, or acting of his own accord.





high school in Shaker Height Ohio. After providing computer services for dients in his hometown, he began writing computer software. He invented The Facebook while attending Haward College in September, 2003 and gradu-

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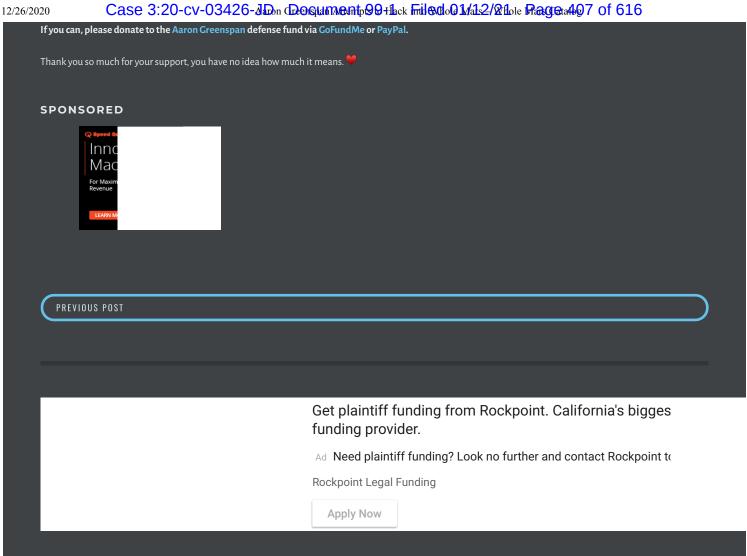
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AARON GREENSPAN DELIVERS CHRISTMAS DAY THREAT



Aaron Greenspan has begun to retaliate for the publication of the story of his charity's harassment campaign. On Christmas Day at 4:05 PM, Aaron Jacob Greenspan delivered the following threat legal threat:

From: Aaron Greenspan aaron.greenspan@plainsite.org Subject: Civil Local Rule 7-11 Stipulation Request Date: December 25, 2020 at 4:05:41 PM PST

I plan to file an administrative motion for leave to file an application for default and/or motion for default judgment on Smick Enterprises, Inc., which is not registered to do business in California and has not paid taxes in California and is therefore unable to defend against a lawsuit.

Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 7-11(a), please let me know if you stipulate to this filing.

Aaron

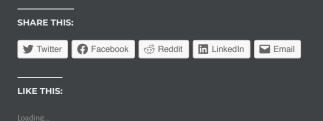
PlainSite I https://www.plainsite.org

Just three hours later, he began attempting to gain unauthorized access to the Whole Mars admin interface. What a way to spend Christmas! However, we only became aware of the email he sent prior to the attack on Monday. Since Christmas, Greenspan has continued to attempt to gain unauthorized access to the site multiple times every day.

The delivery of a threat on Christmas was no mistake. This is the strategy of Think Computer Foundation's relentless cyberstalking and harassment campaign: Never let the victim have a happy day. Christmas? Your birthday? These are the best times to attack. Aaron Greenspan's message to his victims is clear: You will never have another happy day again, so you might as well kill yourself now. It's violent psychological assault, pure and simple.

We've seen enough of these intimidation tactics that they no longer affect us. We encourage Greenspan to file as many documents in court as he likes, despite the cost of responding to each one. After all under California's anti-SLAPP rule, Greenspan may well be on the hook for paying for the defense.

We will continue publishing the Aaron Greenspan story despite any attempts by Aaron Greenspan, Neil Greenspan, or Judith Greenspan to retaliate against us for disclosing their charity's harassment and criminal activity.



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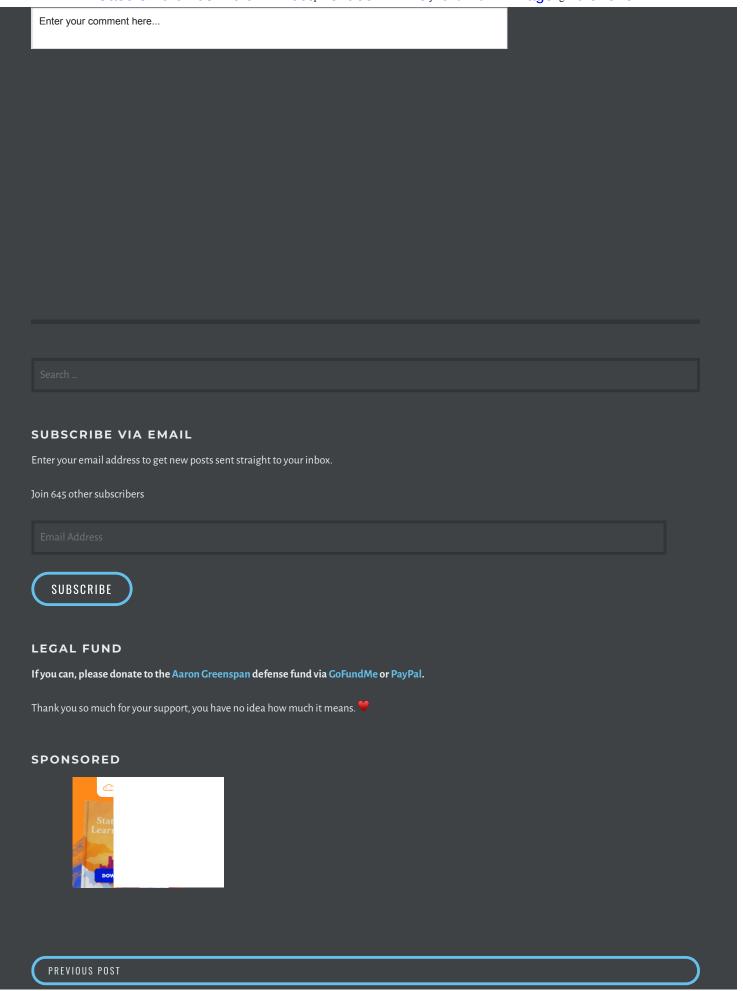
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AARON GREENSPAN ASKS COURT TO HAND HIM VICTORY BY DEFAULT



Aaron Greenspan has today asked the court to grant him victory in his absurd lawsuit by default, claiming that it is illegal for us to try and defend ourselves against his baseless delusions and false accusations. To mask accusations of tax fraud and illegal activity by his "charity" Think Computer Foundation, Greenspan has falsely accused us of failing to pay taxes. Through this tortured logic, he claims he should win the lawsuit by default.

There's just one problem: Aaron Greenspan has improperly requested default judgment so many times, the judge has forbidden him for applying for entry of default without the Court's prior approval.

On September 2, 2020, Judge James Donato issued the following court order regarding default and civility:









Download the full court order as a PDF

The judge called the conduct in court "an unacceptable departure from the civility and professional required of all litigants" and issued the order to "set a course for avoiding further misuse of time, money, and judicial resources".

The order clearly stated: "We have a strong policy in favor of deciding cases **on the merits** and not on **procedural tactics or technical imperfections**". Because Aaron Greenspan knows his case completely fails on the merits, he is forced to resort to dirty tricks and procedural tactics rather than letting the case be decided based on the facts. If the truth were on Aaron Greenspan's side, there would be no reason for him to continue to play these games — but clearly, it's not.

After multiple attempts at seeking a default judgement earlier in the year, the judge ordered:

Consequently, the default entered at Dkt. No. 27 is lifted, and the request for another entry in Dkt. No. 45 is denied. No further applications for entry of default may be filed by any party without the Court's prior approval.

Order Regarding Civility and Default

Despite the Judge's warning, Aaron Greenspan again decided to seek a default judgement in retaliation for our publishing the story of his harassment, criminal activity, and fraud through a fraudulent charity. However, because of the previous court order, Aaron Greenspan was **forced to ask the court for approval** prior to filing the application for default.

The Judge was extremely clear about what the consequences would be if Aaron Greenspan continued to violate the guidelines for civility and professional conduct by using these kinds of dirty tricks in court:

Now to the bigger picture. In the usual course of business, these **relatively minor procedural issues** would have been worked out with the **civility and professionalism** that counsel and parties typically bring to their cases in this District. **That did not happen here**, which led to a **multiplicity of unwarranted filings** and **attendant waste of resources**, **including the Court's**. To **avoid future incidents** along these lines, all parties and their attorneys in this action are **directed to read the District's guidelines on civility and professionalism**, which are available at https://www.cand.uscourts.gov/forms/guidelines-for-professional-conduct.

All parties and counsel will be held accountable for conforming to the letter and spirit of the guidelines, including pro se litigant Greenspan. See Jacobsen v. Filler, 790 F.2d 1362, 1364 (9th Cir. 1986). The parties and counsel are advised that a failure to adhere to the guidelines may result in sanctions, including but not limited to claim or defense preclusion, exclusion of evidence, an award of attorney's fees and costs to an opposing party, professional discipline, and dismissal under Rule 41(b).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Order Regarding Civility and Default

The court order couldn't have been more explicit: More dirty tricks in court would lead to **sanctions**. What kind of sanctions? Claim or defense preclusion, exclusion of evidence, the award of attorney's fees and costs to an opposing party, professional

discipline, and dismissal of the case. Even facing these severe consequences, Aaron Greenspan was actually stupid enough to ask the court for permission to apply for default again anyway.

Aaron Greenspan's main contention is that because he has sued a Delaware corporation it must register in California, otherwise it is not allowed to defend itself. What Greenspan failed to realize is that simply defending against a legal action or suit does not in itself constitute intrastate business in California.

What is Not Constitute Intrastate Business in California

Under California Corporations Code § 191(b), the following are not considered to be transacting intrastate business by a foreign corporation or S-Corp, and under California Corporations Code § 17001(ap)(1) are not to be transacting intrastate business by a foreign LLC:

- · Having a subsidiary that transacts intrastate business.
- Being a shareholder of a domestic corporation.
- Being a shareholder of a foreign corporation transacting intrastate business.
- Being a limited partner of a foreign limited partnership transacting intrastate business.
- · Being a limited partner of a domestic limited partnership.
- · Being a member or manager of a foreign limited liability company transacting intrastate business.
- · Being a member or manager of a domestic limited liability company.

Under California Corporations Code § 191(c), the following are not considered to be transacting intrastate business by a foreign corporation or S-Corp, and under California Corporations Code § 17001(ap)(2) are not to be transacting intrastate business by a foreign LLC:

- Maintaining or defending any action or suit or any administrative or arbitration proceeding, or effecting the settlement thereof, or the settlement of claims or disputes.
- · Holding meetings of its managers or members or carrying on any other activities concerning its internal affairs.
- · Maintaining bank accounts.
- Maintaining offices or agencies for the transfer, exchange, and registration of the foreign limited liability company's securities or maintaining trustees or depositaries with respect to those securities.
- · Effecting sales through independent contractors.

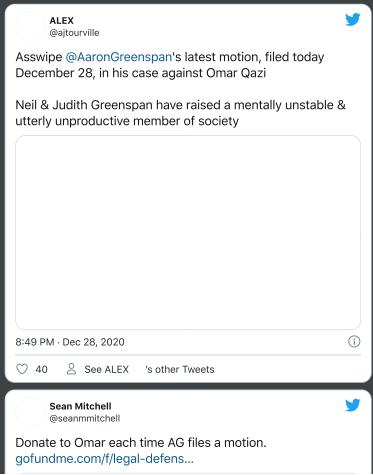
This embarrassing legal blunder may be costly for Greenspan, but it's hardly surprising. Despite pretending to be a lawyer to deceive and intimidate his victims, Aaron Greenspan actually has no legal education whatesoever. Many people have remarked that his understanding of the law is shockingly weak and that his court filings frequently display his ignorance.

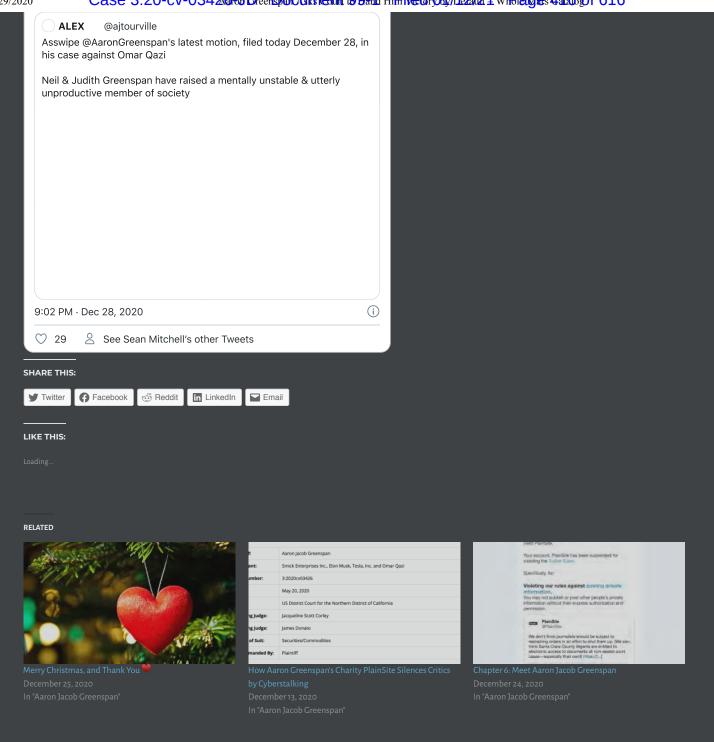
The desire to pretend to be a lawyer stems from a previous rejection decades ago. Aaron Greenspan wanted to attend and take classes at Harvard Law School, but was rejected due to his low IQ. One day when given the opportunity to ask Harvard President Larry Summers a question, Greenspan begged him to allow undergraduate students such as himself to register for classes at the law school. The entire room laughed as President Summers was left speechless by Aaron Greenspan's shockingly stupid question. They're not going to let any random loser take classes at Harvard Law, especially when students need to be given priority to meet their prerequisites.



We pray the court will make good on its promise to teach Aaron Greenspan not to make a mockery of the U.S. justice system any longer.

READ AARON GREENSPAN'S LATEST MOTION





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Reporter's Company Name: Think Computer Corporation
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Reporter's Address: 956 Carolina Street San Francisco, CA US
Reported URLs:

https://wholemars.net/2020/12/08/harvard-shut-down-aaron-greenspans-website-for-stealing-student-passwords/
Original Work: Book: Authoritas: One Student's Harvard Admissions and the Founding of the Facebook Era

Read the story Agron Greenspan tried to have pulled down here

Did you like our story about how Aaron Greenspan tried to steal Harvard students' school usernames and passwords and almost got expelled for doing so? Well, Aaron Greenspan didn't.

We've covered this issue before, in an article titled "Aaron Greenspan Tries to Remove Book Review: How Evil People Abuse the DMCA to Silence Critics". The Digital Millenium Copyright Act was created to stop legitimate copyright infringement on the web — for example, if someone uploaded a pirated version of *Toy Story* to YouTube, the copyright owner (in this case, Pixar) could choose to send a DMCA takedown notice to YouTube to have the video removed. Under the law, platforms like YouTube are immune from copyright lawsuits as long as they act on DMCA takedown notices quickly.

Unfortunately, that provides an opportunity for criminals like Aaron Greenspan to illegally abuse the law to remove unflattering information about themselves from the internet — including critical information about their criminal activity. The good news is that there are strict civil and criminal penalties for this kind of abusive conduct.

THE LATEST ILLEGAL, PERJURIOUS TAKEDOWN NOTICE

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It appears Aaron Greenspan is getting very worried about the information that's being revealed about him — and we're only just getting started. Wait until he sees Chapter 7 of the Aaron Greenspan story. The above DMCA takedown notice was received last night, attempting to have this blog post removed. We applaud Aaron for his latest attempt to silence criticism and encourage him to continue sending more frivolous, illegal, and perjurious DMCA takedown notices to anyone and everyone he can.

Why? Because it's helping us build a stronger case against Aaron Greenspan and his fraudulent charity the Think Computer Foundation. Copyright owners are required by law to send DMCA takedown notices **only when copyright infringement has truly occurred.** Silencing critics, harassing strangers, and removing unflattering commentary about yourself is not the purpose of this law. As such, the Digital Millennium Copyright Act allows victims of false, fraudulent, and bad faith takedown notices to sue for damages in court. Not only is the DMCA abuser forced to pay any and all damages resulting from their false takedown notices given under the penalty of perjury, the law also provides for attorney's fees. That means that not only will Aaron Greenspan and Think Computer Foundation have to pay millions of dollars in damages related to their fraudulent, abusive and harassing conduct, but they will have to pay my lawyers to sue them as well. Each additional takedown notice just makes the case look that much stronger in front of a jury.

Furthermore, each false DMCA takedown notice constitutes a separate act of perjury. Perjury is a felony under federal law, punishable by fines and up to five years in prison per offense:

Whoever—[...]

(2) in any declaration, certificate, verification, or **statement under penalty of perjury** as permitted under section 1746 of title 28, United States Code, **willfully subscribes as true any material matter which he does not believe to be true**:

is **guilty of perjury** and shall, except as otherwise expressly provided by law, be **fined under this title** or **imprisoned not more than five years**, or **both**. This section is applicable whether the statement or subscription is made within or without the United States.

18 U.S. Code § 1621 – Perjury generally

That means that Aaron Greenspan could be facing 40 – 60 years in prison and fines for perjury if prosecuted for these offenses, on top of the damages and attorneys fees for the false DMCA takedown notices. Yikes! Since he's already 40 and rapidly balding, he would be 80 – 100 years old by the time he got out of prison. At least until then, his victims will finally get to enjoy the feeling of safety for the first time in a long time.

COPYRIGHT OWNERS MUST CONSIDER FAIR USE

When Stephanie Lenz saw her toddler dancing to Prince's "Let's Go Crazy," she grabbed her camera and recorded a 29-second video and posted it on the most popular video-sharing website in the world, YouTube. Soon after,

Universal Music, the owner of the Prince catalog, filed a Digital DMCA take-down notice alleging that Lenz's video infringed on Universal's copyrighted work.

YouTube took down the video and, later, reposted the video after Lenz filed a DMCA counter-notice, claiming that the take-down was improper. Lenz, represented by fair-use advocates the Electronic Freedom Foundation, filed a lawsuit against Universal for damages related to the allegedly improper take-down notice on the grounds that Universal's employees violated the DMCA when they did not analyze Lenz's "fair use" of the copyright video when issuing the take-down notice. Universal argued that it was not required to do a fair-use analysis before issuing the DMCA take-down. The Ninth Circuit disagreed with Universal and held that "fair use" issues must be considered before a right-holder files a DMCA take-down notice with an online service provider.

Under the DMCA take-down policy, copyright owners may file a notice with participating service providers to have allegedly infringing materials removed from a service provider's website. In exchange, the service provider is immune from the liability of its users' potentially infringing actions. The notice must include specific information, including a statement made under penalty of perjury that the copyright owner is not filing a fraudulent take-down notice. The penalties for misrepresentation can include actual damages and attorney's fees. Specifically, Section 512(f) of the DMCA states that:

shall be **liable for any damages**, including **costs and attorneys' fees**, incurred by the alleged infringer, by any copyright owner or copyright owner's authorized licensee, or by a service provider, who is injured by such misrepresentation, as the result of the service provider relying upon such misrepresentation in removing or disabling access to the material or activity claimed to be infringing, or in replacing the removed material or ceasing to disable access to it.

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When that baby started dancing to Prince, it was the beginning of the end for Aaron Greenspan. Because of the lawsuit that resulted from that incident, the Ninth Circuit held that **copyright owners must consider fair use** BEFORE sending a DMCA takedown notice. If they falsely claim copyright infringement on something they know is clearly legal — like a baby dancing to Prince, or honest reporting and criticism — they are liable for damages and attorney's fees under the law, and have made a false statement under the penalty of felony perjury.

Picture this. You're are a YouTube personality who happened to hit it big and before you know it you are relying on income from your YouTube channel as your sole source of income. Your videos consist mainly of **criticizing or commenting on issues that are important to you**. However, **with this rise in fame also comes a rise in detractors** – **people who are not happy that you are criticizing them**.

These detractors want nothing more than to hurt you and prevent others from hearing your criticisms. So, what do these detractors do? They file a DMCA takedown notice claiming that your video (or videos) are infringing on their copyright. You are now in the position of defending yourself or risking copyright strikes by YouTube. Worse, even if you file a counter-notice, the video will still have been offline for some time, causing a serious interruption in your source of income. Do you have any recourse against these bad-faith, fraudulent takedown notices? The answer is yes, and this article discusses what those options are.

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Huh, that's interesting. That situation sounds pretty darn similar to what Aaron Greenspan is doing to his critics.

However, people have been able to abuse this process to attack enemies and competitors, and to censor critics. Critics often use small portions of video or text from the person they are criticizing to put the criticism in context. This use, as discussed below, would clearly be fair use and allowable. However, the person being criticized will then file a DMCA takedown notice claiming that, because snippets of his videos or text are used, the video infringes on his copyright. These takedowns are not valid and are nothing more than attempts to censor perfectly acceptable speech and shield the person from criticism.

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Yup, that sounds exactly like what Aaron Greenspan is doing to a tee. How exactly is fair use defined?

[T]he fair use of a copyrighted work, including such use by reproduction in copies or phonorecords or by any other means specified by that section, for purposes such as criticism, comment, news reporting, teaching (including multiple copies for classroom use), scholarship, or research, is not an infringement of copyright.

17 U.S.C. § 107

What many of these fraudulent takedown requests hang their hat on is that their copyrighted content was included in some way in the video in question. However, they fail to undertake any sort of good-faith analysis as to whether fair use is applicable or not. Most often, uses of a copyrighted work, especially snippets of that work, to criticize the work or the author are protected by fair use. However, the sender of the notice doesn't actually have a legitimate concern about copyright infringement, but instead is concerned with attempting to censor critics or punish people the sender does not like.

Unfortunately for these senders, the Court has addressed this issue and concluded that "a copyright holder must consider the existence of fair use before sending a takedown notification" and "form a subjective good faith belief that a use is not authorized[.]" *Id* at 1153.

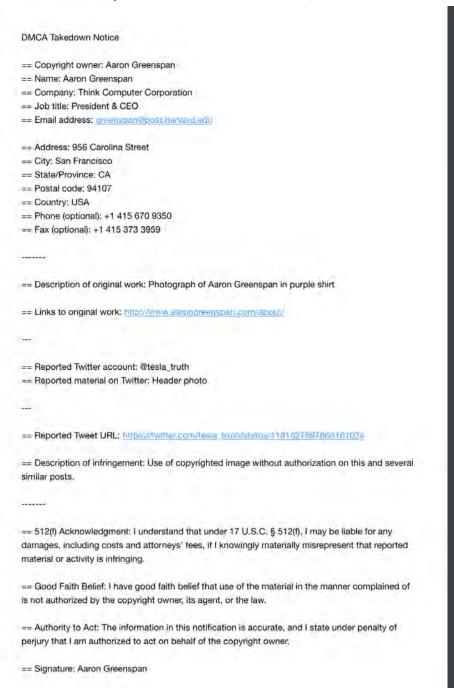
Therefore, if the sender did not conduct a good faith, fair use evaluation before sending the takedown notice, they can be subject to liability, including damages, attorneys' fees, and costs.

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AARON GREENSPAN ACTED IN BAD FAITH

Aaron Greenspan should know enough about the law to understand that news reporting, criticism, and commentary are not copyright infringement. However, he continues to perjure himself repeatedly anyway, content to watch the damages pile up until they threaten to bankrupt him. In fact, Greenspan's own public statements reveal the willful nature of his crimes.

Famously, Aaron Greenspan submitted a DMCA takedown notice for a photograph of himself wearing a purple shirt:



Aaron Greenspan clearly acknowledged when he sent the takedown notice: "I understand that under 17 U.S. Code § 512(f) I may be liable for any damages including costs and attorneys fees if I knowingly materially misrepresent that reported material or activity is infringing".

He then stated "I have a good faith belief that the use of the material in the manner complained of is not authorized" — but that was a lie too. He knew fully well that using the image to report on his harassment campaign against Tesla customers clearly constituted fair use, but he lied and claimed to have a good faith belief that it was copyright infringement anyway.

Finally, he stated "The information in this notification is accurate, and I state under the penalty of perjury that I am authorized to act on behalf of the copyright owner".

Sounds pretty convincing, right? But when the @tesla_truth account was suspended as a result of his false and fraudulent copyright infringement complaints, he turned to Twitter to gloat and joke about his illegal conduct:



Twitter is the kind of website where you can wonder those small, pointless thoughts out loud for a global audience to hear, for no good reason at all. Questions like, "What should I eat for breakfast?" Or, "What should I wear today?"



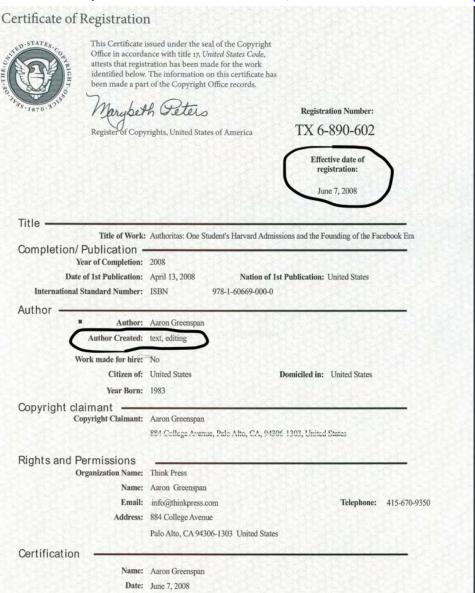


In a coy and seemingly innocuous way, Aaron Greenspan posted a photo of his purple shirt clearly referencing his false copyright infringement claims filed in bad faith. He celebrated the shirt that he used to silence critics so often. The statement behind the joke is clear: "I willfully committed perjury and am liable for damages, and I think it's funny". Let's see what the jury thinks about this tweet after reviewing all of Aaron Greenspan's fraudulent copyright takedown notices.

THE PURPLE SHIRT

But wait... there's more. It turns out **Aaron Greenspan lied about having a copyright registration on the purple shirt photograph**. You can't sue someone for copyright infringement if you haven't even registered a copyright on the work in question. Well it turns out **the purple shirt photograph was not registered,** meaning Aaron Greenspan lied completely and blatantly in each DMCA takedown notice concerning the purple shirt.

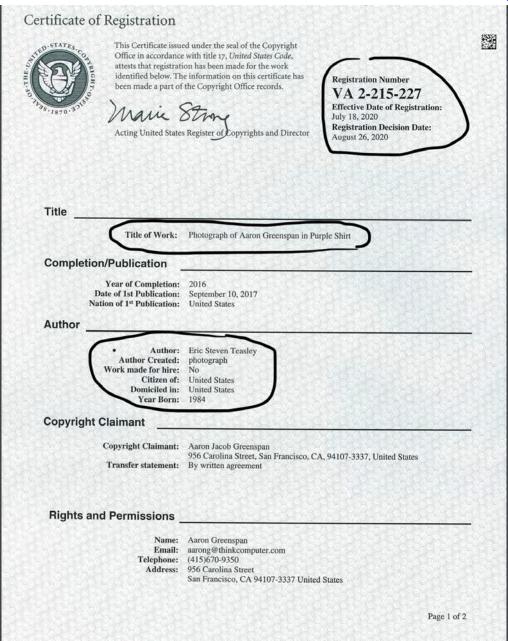
The original copyright registration Aaron Greenspan cited is here, effective as of June 7, 2008.



Seems legit, right? There's just one problem: This copyright only covers the text and editing of the book Authoritas (Aaron Greenspan's shitty autobiography). It doesn't cover any photographs, even if the author decided to put a picture of themselves on the back of the book. Even with a valid copyright registration, reporting on Aaron Greenspan's criminal harassment clearly constitutes fair use. But Aaron Greenspan didn't even have a valid copyright registration for the purple shirt photograph, and still perjured himself with dozens of false DMCA takedown notices anyway. He then joked and gloated about his illegal actions from his personal Twitter account.

Only after this enormous blunder was pointed out in court did Aaron Greenspan run to register his purple shirt photograph, for no other purpose than to attempt to harass his victims. This means that every DMCA takedown notice Aaron Greenspan sent to Twitter, Amazon, and others in October 2019 was false and filed in bad faith. Aaron Greenspan falsely claimed copyright infringement nine months before he had ever registered or owned the copyright at all.

Furthermore, it turns out that prior to the Summer of 2020 **Aaron Greenspan didn't even own the copyright to the purple shirt photograph!** Since the photo was taken by Eric Steven Teasley, born in 1984, prior to a few months ago **Eric actually owned the copyright to the purple shirt photograph.** Only after Aaron Greenspan realized he had broken the law in a major way did he rush to cover his ass with a written agreement to transfer ownership of the purple shirt photo to Aaron Greenspan.



Recall that on each DMCA takedown notice Aaron Greenspan wrote "The information in this notification is accurate, and I state under the penalty of perjury that I am authorized to act on behalf of the copyright owner". Reader, the information in the notification was not accurate, nor was Aaron Greenspan even the copyright owner.

You can see a handful of DMCA takedown notices that Aaron Greenspan has sent us below. We look forward to holding Aaron Greenspan, Think Computer Foundation, Eric Teasley and any other associates accountable for Aaron Greenspan's shocking campaign of criminal harassment.

If you want to help teach Aaron Greenspan about the Streisand Effect, share these two articles he tried to get taken down with false claims of copyright infringement:

Harvard Shut Down Aaron Greenspan's Website for Stealing Student Passwords

Choice Moments from Aaron Greenspan's Autobiography

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== Company: Think Computer Corporation	
== Job title: President & CEO	
== Email address: greenspan@post.harvard.edu	
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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Aaron Greenspan. My mailing address is 956 Carolina Street, San Francisco, CA 94107. Two websites (or one website connected to two domain names) that your company hosts, plainstite.org and plainshit.org, owned by Omar Qazi and/or Smick Enterprises, Inc., are infringing on at least two copyrights I own.

Original Works

These copyrighted works were copied onto your servers or network without permission. The originals, to which I own the exclusive copyrights, can be found at:

- 1. Photograph of Aaron Greenspan in purple shirt http://www.aarongreenspan.com/about/index.html
- 2. Photograph of Neil Greenspan http://www.neilgreenspan.com/about/index.html

Infringing Works

The unauthorized and infringing copies can all be found on the pages at:

- A. http://www.plainslite.org
- B. http://www.plainshit.org

DMCA Notice

This letter is official notification under Section 512(c) of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act ("DMCA"), and I seek the removal of the aforementioned infringing material from your servers. I request that you immediately notify the infringer of this notice and inform them of their duty to remove the infringing material immediately, and notify them to cease any further posting of infringing material to your server in the future.

Please also be advised that law requires you, as a service provider, to remove or disable access to the infringing materials upon receiving this notice. Under US law a service provider, such as yourself, enjoys immunity from a copyright lawsuit provided that you act with deliberate speed to investigate and rectify ongoing copyright infringement. If service providers do not investigate and remove or disable the intringing material this immunity is lost. Therefore, in order for you to remain immune from a copyright infringement action you will need to investigate and ultimately remove or otherwise disable the infringing material from your servers with all due speed should the direct infringer, your client, not comply immediately.

I am providing this notice in good faith and with the reasonable belief that rights I own are being infringed.

Under penalty of perjury I certify that the information contained in the notification is both true and accurate, and I have the authority to act on behalf of the owner of the copyright(s) involved.

Should you wish to discuss this with me please contact me directly. You can reach me at greenspan@post.harvard.edu or by phone at +1 415 670 9350.

/s/Aaron Greenspan/ Aaron Greenspan

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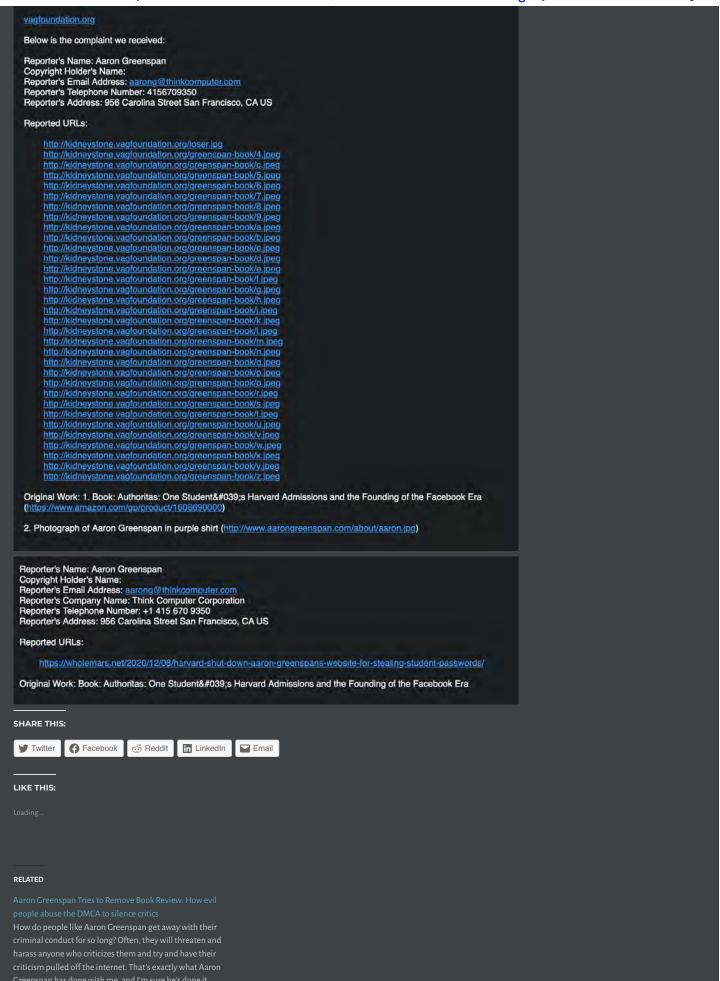
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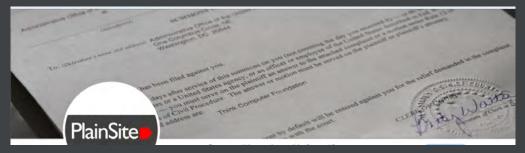
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AARON GREENSPAN BEGINS DESTROYING EVIDENCE OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

In the past few weeks, we've become aware of several instances of Aaron Greenspan and his fraudulent charity PlainSite attempting to hide and destroy evidence of their criminal misconduct. To the extent that this destruction of evidence violates pending litigation holds, Aaron Greenspan may be sanctioned for his failure to preserve evidence relevant to his criminal activity.

In one such example, the PlainSite Twitter account header had for years previously contained a legal summons saying "a lawsuit has been filed against you by Think Computer Foundation". (Of course, that would be his header image).



However, after our investigation of Think Computer Foundation's illegal conduct ranging from securities fraud to criminal harassment, Aaron Greenspan has made moves to distance PlainSite's short-selling activities and securities fraud from his "charity", despite the fact that the charity registration clearly states that PlainSite is a DBA ("doing business as") alias for Think Computer Foundation.

Organization Details:

Organization Name: Think Computer Foundation

DBAs (doing business as), organizations fiscally sponsored, and/or named programs controlled by the organization: PlainSite

Employer identification number (EIN): 34-1937820

Address line 1: 20560 Shelburne Road

Address line 2:

City: Shaker Heights

State: Ohio

ZIP code: 44122

County: Cuyahoga

Country: United States

Telephone: (415)670-9350

Web address: http://www.thinkcomputer.org

Date of formation: 10/26/2000

Organization type: 501(c)(3)

Description of Organization's Purpose:

Is the organization's registration status current? Yes

The financial information below is from the organization's most recent filing within the on-line system. If the items below are blank,

If you take a look at the header image on PlainSite's Twitter profile today, you'll notice that it's a photo that looks almost exactly the same except that **Think Computer Foundation has been photoshopped out.** Aaron's nervousness and sudden desire to hide this part of the image after years is very telling. He has a very guilty conscience, and he's very afraid to face the consequences of his actions.

Beyond that, he's also been deleting Reddit comments and other written material that he considers incriminating, despite being fully aware of legal sanctions for destroying evidence related to his criminal activity before the lawsuit against Think Computer Foundation begins.

Aaron, the best thing to do is come clean and confess to all your lies and dishonesty now. It will be so much easier than trying to keep frantically destroying evidence. The truth will come out, no matter how hard you fight to hide it.

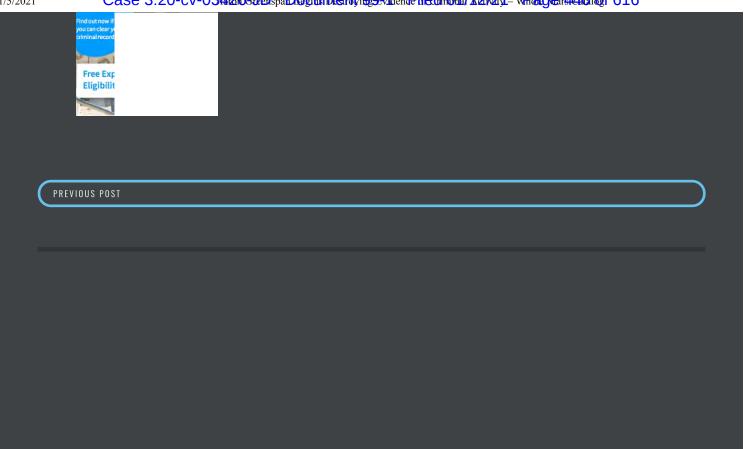








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AARON GREENSPAN WEARING A PURPLE SHIRT

Aaron Jacob Greenspan fought for his life to make sure you would never see this photo. Why? Because he doesn't want people to see how stupid he looks.

Share this blog post far and wide so the world may gaze upon the purple shirt of this wretched, evil, balding man. Pray with us every night for justice to be served upon this sad shell that legends say once held a human heart.





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WORST GUY EVER

This is Aaron Greenspan — he's the worst guy ever. He lied to everyone and said he invented Facebook when everyone knows he had nothing to do with it. He is a 40 year old balding man who spends all day harassing and threatening kids. The reason he went bald so young is that all the anger and darkness in his heart made his hair fall out.

READ THE AARON GREENSPAN STORY HERE



Aaron Greenspan runs a fraudulent charity called Think Computer Foundation (doing business as PlainSite) with his parents Neil Greenspan and Judith Greenspan (pictured below). Please pray with us for the victims of the Think Computer Foundation's harassment campaign. Please pray for justice.





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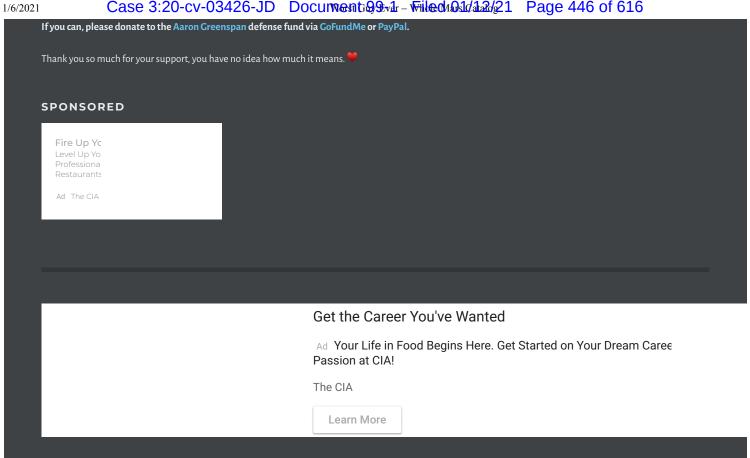
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AARON GREENSPAN'S "CHARITY" PLAINSITE FOUND TO HAVE VIOLATED TWITTER RULES ONCE AGAIN



An update on your report

Thanks again for letting us know. Our investigation found this account violated the Twitter Rules:



PlainSite

@PlainSite

We appreciate your help in improving everyone's experience on Twitter. You can learn more about reporting abusive behavior here.

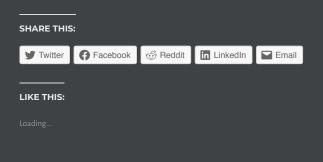
On Wednesday evening, Twitter concluded an investigation into Aaron Greenspan's charity PlainSite's Twitter account. The investigation found that **Aaron Greenspan's charity once again violated the Twitter rules** with his campaign of criminal harassment funded by tax-deductible donations from short sellers. Previously, Aaron

Greenspan and his charity had been permanently suspended from Twitter at least twice for violating that platform's rules on posting private information. Beyond that, there have been numerous other rule violations that have not resulted in a suspension.

Some charity, huh?

We've reached out to Twitter for comment on why the @PlainSite Twitter account and others controlled by Aaron Greenspan (such as @AaronGreenspan and @Facecash) have not been permanently suspended from Twitter despite multiple and repeat violations of the platform's rules.

Thank you to everyone continuing to report Aaron Greenspan when he goes over the line. For more information on what you can do to help, contact us privately.



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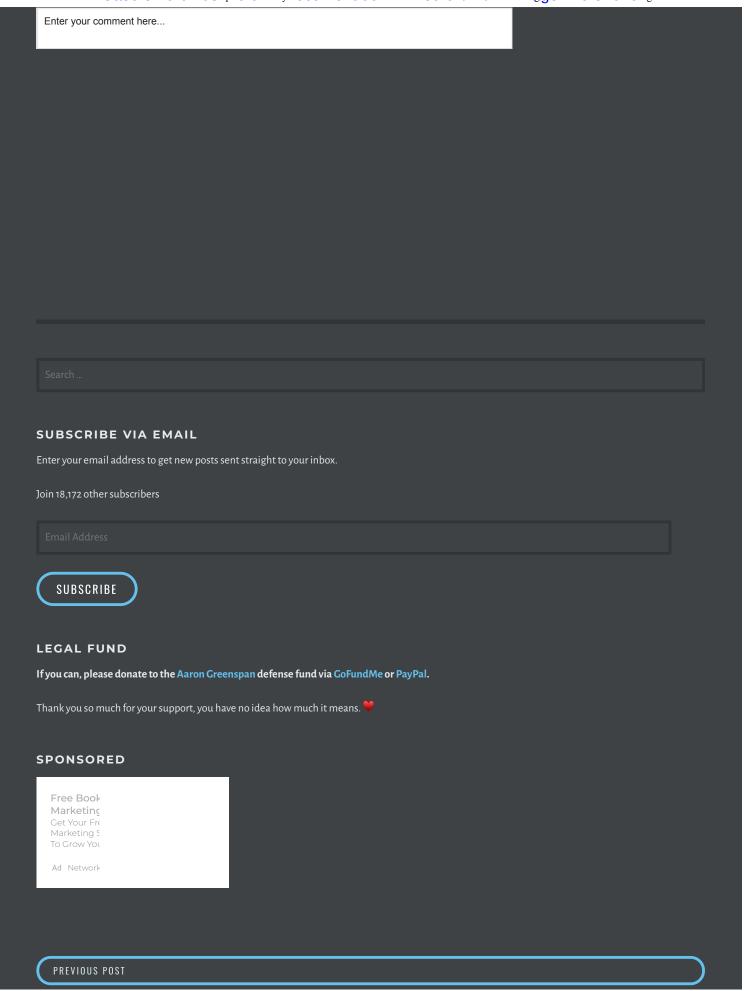
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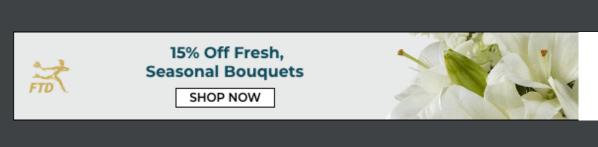
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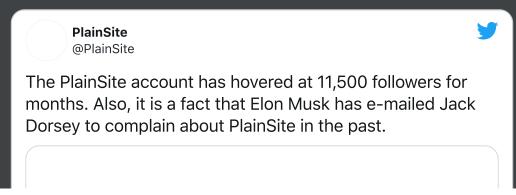
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AARON GREENSPAN'S OBSESSION WITH OMAR QAZI CONTINUES

Would be funny if people started responding with different chapters from the Aaron Greenspan story.



And he wonders why people are unfollowing him, claiming it's a conspiracy:





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Aaron Greenspan Admits He Lost \$60,000 Shorting Tesla through June 2020

December 14, 2020

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Here are the options as I see it:
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2. You can refuse consent to amend and I can Ille a motion for leave to amend. If it is denied
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Please let me know your thoughts.
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Aaron Greenspan Threatens to File Another Lawsuit Fearing Publication of Story

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Any word on when the Judge will toss the law suit and send Aaron the bill for the Slap suit?

This was supposed to be over in Dec...

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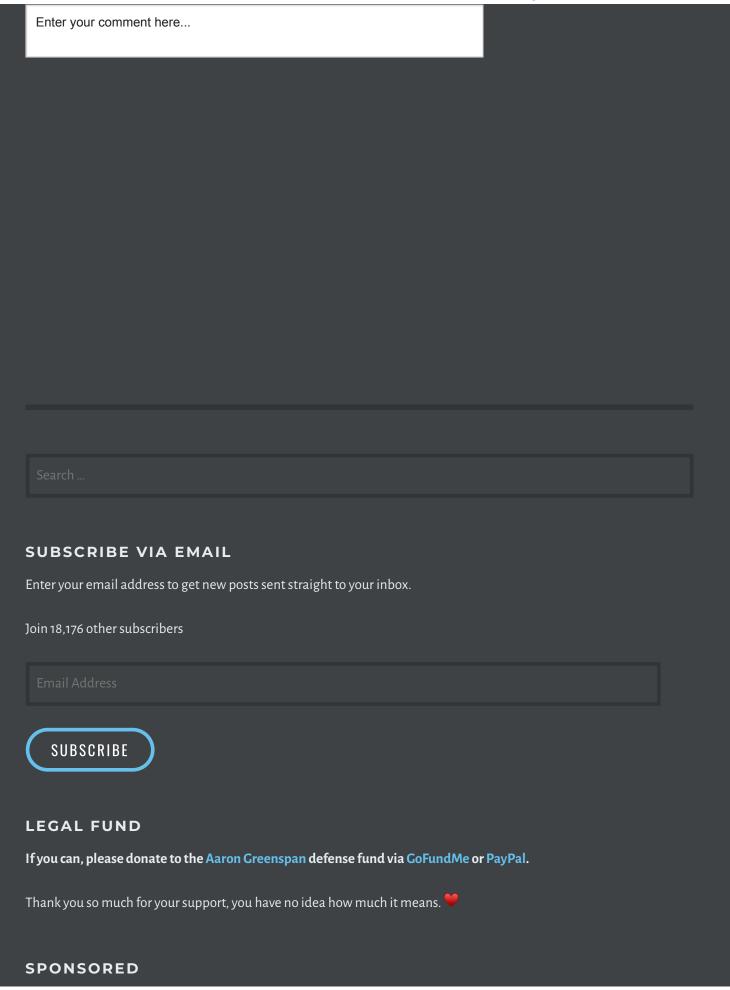
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no clue! hopefully he will rule soon. said it's suitable for decision without a hearing. The problem is that Greenspan has filed such an insane amount of information that it really slows down how long it takes them to process, dragging the process along

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CHAPTER 7: WHO IS AARON GREENSPAN?



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Previous Chapter: Meet Aaron Jacob Greenspan

GREENSPAN MEETS STREISSAND

Most people facing threats, harassment, and blackmail for tweeting about someone would have probably just stopped by this point. But I'm not as smart as most people apparently — the more Aaron Greenspan tried to keep me quiet, the more curious I became about what he was hiding. What secret could be so bad that Aaron Greenspan was willing to *fight to keep it quiet*, even if it meant breaking the law?

More than that, as the attacks escalated I had to know: Who was this person constantly attacking me and other Tesla customers? Did he really run a charity, and if so what kind of charity smears people on social media? Aaron Greenspan has tried to paint my asking these questions as "harassment", but anyone who had been doxxed and threatened by someone like Aaron would naturally have the same questions.

So I started to do some research, and put together the puzzle pieces of Aaron Greenspan's life from what I could find in books and online. Unsurprisingly, I found that he'd been insufferable for pretty much his entire life. What did surprise me was the extent of the fraudulent, illegal, and unethical activity he had been engaged in, and how he'd always managed to just barely escape the consequences narrowly for his entire life.

At first, I didn't have to do much research at all: **Dozens of people** would message me information and links about Aaron Greenspan, ostensibly because they were too afraid to share it themselves. To this day I receive tons of comments and messages from different people sharing information about Greenspan. That's how I learned that Aaron Greenspan's company was a non-profit charity, and most everything else I know about him today — mostly just from random people direct

messaging me on Twitter and leaving comments online. At the same time, a lot of the research I'm about to share with you about Aaron Greenspan's life wasn't done until I sat down to write this article.

Rather than present all my research in the order I discovered it, we're going to zoom out of my story for a little bit to talk about Aaron Greenspan's life chronologically, in the order it happened to him. This is Aaron's story now.

As I discovered little bits and pieces of information about Aaron Greenspan, I would tweet them out on @tesla_truth. The goal of this chapter is to explain what I discovered that made Aaron Greenspan so worried that he had to come after me. I had naively begun pulling on strings that showed Aaron Greenspan was involved in major fraud and criminal activity — the kind that could send him to prison for years. Everything Aaron Greenspan has done to try and ruin my life can only be understood in this context. It was either destroy me or be destroyed, and that's why I worry that my life may be in danger by telling you this story now.

Let's get started then, shall we?

Before sharing the story of his early life and childhood in his autobiography, Authoritas, Aaron Greenspan explained why he was doing so — because the early anecdotes from his childhood explain the person he's become today:

At this point, you may already be wondering if perhaps the real problem was not so much the education I received, as it was me. Surely, my own personality accounts for a large degree of the story you are about to read. (It takes two to tango.) For that reason, I chose to write about my life from an early age. There were aspects of my behavior as a very young child that gave telling clues to what I would be like later on. I also find it interesting that the curious and energetic personality I used to possess has largely vanished in favor of a guarded and skeptical persona that I feel society has forced me to assume. Mental scar tissue is difficult to shed, and the impact it has in social situations is very real, as you will see.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

SHAKER HEIGHTS, OHIO

Aaron Greenspan was born in Shaker Heights, Ohio on March 31 to Neil and Judith Greenspan. Neil was a Harvard alumni who went on to work at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. Judi worked from home for her brother Michael Keene's business, Keene Promotions. Together, Aaron, Judi, and Neil Greenspan sit on the board of the Think Computer Foundation (doing business as PlainSite) — the charity that's been harassing, stalking, and threatening me for two years.

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Date of formation: 10/26/2000

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Description of Organization's Purpose:



Reporting Year: 2019

Reporting Start Date: 1/1/2019

Reporting End Date: 12/31/2019

Total Revenue: \$8,760.83

Total Expenses: \$14,782.31

Total Program Expenses: \$14,420.79

Percent of Total Expenses: 98%

Total Assets: \$28,144.90

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Director or Board member List (3):

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Much like me, Aaron Greenspan was a computer kid growing up. He was the guy people called when something went wrong with their PC. That's the funny thing about it — Aaron and I actually have so much in common that in different circumstances we could have been friends. If I was on the outside looking in, I would probably find it funny watching two computer nerds in Silicon Valley who've never met fight with each other online. However, it's not as fun living it and I doubt Aaron will ever want to be friends (though I hope I'm wrong). Unfortunately, Aaron doesn't have many friends because of his anti-social tendencies. He doesn't seem to understand people very well. He views most of humanity with contempt because he sees himself as superior. With a little more emotional intelligence, he could have easily talked to me and gotten me to take my tweets about him down. But because he has trouble connecting with others, all he knew how to do was start threatening me.

Unlike me, both of Aaron Greenspan's parents were born in the United States. Instead of a little sister, he had a little brother named Simon with Austism. It's possible that Aaron Greenspan himself has Asperger Syndrome.

As a kid, Aaron struggled with his physical, athletic, and social abilities. He wrote in his autobiography:

With the exception of dodgeball, I hated gym. [...] I felt dwarfed by the abilities of the other boys in the class. They always instinctively knew what to do when a ball sailed their way; if I didn't duck in time, the ball usually toppled me over. I caught things only by mistake.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

However he quickly became addicted to video games, which he could play without moving physically:

Before long, Nintendo of America had accomplished its goal of turning one more child into an addict. When I came home from school [...] I headed straight for our Nintendo in the basement. Whenever my mother protested that I should be doing something outside, I would always respond, "It improves my hand-eye coordination!". After a while, I started to believe it, through I still couldn't throw a football.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

According to Wikipedia, issues like those Aaron experienced are common in children with Asperger's:

Asperger syndrome (AS), also known as Asperger's, is a neurodevelopmental disorder characterized by significant difficulties in social interaction and nonverbal communication, along with restricted and repetitive patterns of behavior and interests. [6] It is an autism spectrum disorder (ASD), [11] but differs from other ASDs by relatively unimpaired language and intelligence. [12] Although not required for diagnosis, physical clumsiness and unusual use of language are common. [13][14] Signs usually begin before two years of age and typically last for a person's entire life. [6]

The exact cause of Asperger's is unknown. [6] While it is largely inherited, the underlying genetics have not been determined conclusively. [13][15] Environmental factors are also believed to play a role. [6]

Wikipedia

To be clear, I'm not a doctor nor am I trying to diagnose Aaron Greenspan via a Wikipedia article. Autism and asperger's are not diseases: These are conditions that can't be "fixed" or "cured" and are actually a beautiful part of humanity. Many people on the autism spectrum have amazing abilities and have done incredible things. This is a subject I don't know much about, so I want to be careful not to suggest that people on the autism spectrum are predisposed to do the kinds of horrible things Aaron Greenspan has done. My observation that Aaron may have undiagnosed Asperger's is just an attempt to understand why this is happening to me. This is a delicate subject and I apologize in advance to anyone who may be offended by my ignorance of a topic I don't know much about.



As Aaron Greenspan continued through elementary school, he hated his classes, teachers, and fellow students. All he wanted to do was play games on the computer:

I desperately wanted to know how to play, but none of the other children would tell me, let alone permit me to use the computer.

I complained so loudly about Mr. Hawken to my parents that they arranged for me to meet with the principal of the school, but conditions did not improve. There was still an invisible perimeter around the computer, I still had no athletic ability, and other children were often mean. My parents intervened. When it came time to go to first grade, I was going to Mercer School, a public school in Shaker.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

It wasn't long before Aaron's obsession with computers started to get him in trouble. This first incident Aaron has admitted to from his childhood occurred when he tried to install a video game on his friend's Mom's work computer, which was critical to operating her retail store.

Billy's mother ran a Mail Boxes, Etc. franchise, and she eventually took her computer with her to the office. Once, I got to visit her store, where Billy and I were told to stay in the backroom. I had agreed ahead of time to bring my "Challenge of the Ancient Empires!" disks with me to the store so that we would have something to do in the back room, and I had them ready.

"Be very careful Aaron, I need this computer for my business," his mother told me before letting me install the game.

"I will," I said, with the first floppy disk already halfway in the drive. "Don't worry."

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Aaron was not careful. He ended up completely destroying the filesystem on Billy's Mom's hard drive.

"Billy! I told you that I didn't want you to put any games on here, but no! You had to do it! Now look at this!" She was furious, and Billy looked like he was about to cry. "Aaron, come on, it's time to go home".

"I'm going to have to call that computer guy now," she was muttering to herself. "He charges an absolute fortune...
I just hope he can fix whatever it is you did to it." I offered to try to fix it, but neither she nor Billy was very receptive to the idea.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

But rather than apologize for the damage he'd done to another family's business, Greenspan insisted that the computer was already broken before he got there, and that he was being blamed unfairly. Aaron was just a kid at the time, but this pattern of denying culpability while playing the victim continues to this very day.

When I got inside, I told my mother what had happened.

"Billy's mom thinks I broke her computer by putting 'Challenge of the Ancient Empires!' on it, but I didn't. It wouldn't even install," I explained.

Later that night, Billy's mother called us, though. I could hear her arguing with my mother.

"Are you sure you didn't break their computer?" my mother asked furiously.

"Yes, I'm sure!" I said.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Despite the trouble they caused him, Aaron still loved computers more than ever. While other kids dominated him physically and socially, he saw his computer expertise as a superpower that would allow *him* to overpower the other kids, without moving a muscle. Finally there was something he was good at, that the other kids might notice him for. Years later he recalled eavesdropping on his elementary school crush and being overjoyed to hear his computer projects mentioned:

"Yeah, did you see Aaron's program on the computer?" I heard one girl who I secretly liked mention on the school bus ride home. "It looked cool, but when you tried to buy anything it just said 'Demo Version." A few seats back, I smiled.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

But the incident with Billy's Mom was far from the last time Aaron landed in trouble for what he did on the computer. Soon after, he landed in hot water at school after teachers found that he had been stealing computer programs from the school, copying teachers' personal files, and installing pirated software on school computers in violation of U.S. copyright law:

"I trusted you, Aaron — and you discredited me in front of my colleagues." I gulped. "You saw fit to install Microsoft Works yourself. Illegally" [...]

"That was illegal, Aaron. It broke the law. You may not understand, but there are actually laws that we have to follow here. You could have landed the entire school in loads of trouble, and you could have cost the district thousands of dollars in fines, just because you decided not to wait for me to install that software myself."

"How many trips did it take to copy the entire program? Two? Three?"

"Three," I replied. The lecture went on.

"So you made three illegal trips to Mrs. Sandstrom's room to install Microsoft Works, and in the end, you didn't even install it properly."

Now I was angry — she was insulting me.

"I know how to install Microsoft Works," I fumed silently. She saw my jaw tighten.

"That's right Aaron, you didn't just copy the program! You copied Mrs. Derrick's documents, as well!". I cringed.

"I am very disappointed in you," she said. [...] "I thought you would have known better than to make illegal copies of software".

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Despite being scolded by his teacher for breaking the law in a way that could have cost the school district thousands of dollars, Aaron was unapologetic. In fact, he was angry at his teacher for admonishing him. Just as he felt no remorse for

costing Billy's Mom a fortune and disrupting her business, he was completely unable to understand why his teacher was angry and started spinning conspiracy theories to paint *himself* as the helpless vicim.

"What the heck? What is this really about?" I began thinking. [...] she was taking time out of her day to drum up charges against an eleven-year-old [...]

More importantly, all of my friends from Mercer seemed to have banded together without me. A friend I had made the year before in Mrs. Mahoney's class had left Shaker immediately after fifth grade, and I never saw him again. My one remaining friend, Adam, was incredibly shy and barely ever talked. For all intents and purposes, I was alone with my work.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Aaron refused to understand that he had done something wrong, and instead told himself a sob story about how he was being mistreated. With no remorse for his actions, it wasn't long before Aaron found himself in the principal's office for stealing computer programs from the school again:

Mrs. Mahoney had tripped the first switch only one year before, followed by Mrs. Geszler, and now, a short time later, I was about to face Principal Groves in her office.

"What is it with me?" I wondered silently.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Indeed, what is it?

"Mrs. Geszler has brought it to my attention that you have been illegally copying computer software," Mrs. Groves commenced. Up until this point, I had thought the Microsoft Works issue for all intents and purposes dead. Yet she continued.

"You copied HyperCard, a program on Mrs. Derrick's computer, to a computer outside of the school using a floppy disk. Is that not correct?"

I looked at her, unblinking, totally confused.

"Mrs. Geszler has also told me that this is not the first time that you have copied computer programs illegally. Do you realize how serious this is, Aaron? [...] Mrs. Derrick. Did you give Aaron permission to copy Hypercard to a computer outside of the school?"

"No." She spoke softly, but it didn't matter. The pillars that had supported my mental picture of the world came crashing down. It was all a lie. The color drained from my cheeks, my blush of embarrassment long gone. I could feel my heart inside my chest. There was no way out.

"Aaron, this kind of behavior is not acceptable. I cannot let you go around the school copying whatever programs you like, especially when Mrs. Geszler has told you not to as many times as she already has. What, did you think you could just ignore her?" Counting on my supposedly decent language skills to recognize the question as rhetorical in nature, I did not answer. [...]

"I don't want you to turn into the net Kevin Mitnick, Aaron. Kevin Mitnick is in jail. **And that's where you'll be** headed soon if you're not careful. Do you want to be in jail?

The comparison seemed like a bit of a stretch, but I was not given much time to go over it before sentencing began.

"You will not attend Computer Club meetings for the next three months. You will not use any computers at school for the next two weeks. You will not talk about, look at, or think about computers for the next two weeks. Do you understand me young man?" I nodded.

"If I hear your name and the word 'computer' in the same sentence one more time before then, you will be **suspended** from this school. You will be eliminated from the Student Council election — and there will be no going back.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Although Aaron dismissed the disciplinary action as "unfair", the principal's observation that Aaron was on a path to prison was remarkable prescient. But rather than reflecting on what he did wrong, Greenspan instead focused on who to blame:

"How did you know about the disk?" I asked. Eyes shifted across the desk.

"Mrs. Geszler received a note from a student," Mrs. Groves said.

"Who? Now I wanted to know. Was it Carson getting back at me?

"That's none of your business," Mrs. Grovers siad.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

THINK COMPUTER CORPORATION

By middle school, Aaron was more obsessed with computers than ever. One day during his school lunch break, he decided to start a computer repair business:

One day at lunch, I told Philip, Adam, James and Peter about a new idea I had come up with. I usually thought of businesses as having offices in giant buildings, but my mother ran a business out of our home, and she seemed to do just fine. Why couldn't I run a business to fix computers? I had already made up business cards that said "troubleShooting" on them, but I didn't like the name. [...]

"What should I call my company?" I asked after taking a bite of my sandwich. [...]

"Cogitabit," said Phiip.

"What?" I replied. I thought I had misheard.

"Cogitabit," he repeated. "It's Latin for 'think," he explained.

"How about I just call it 'think', then?" I said. "I'll be dealing with English-speaking customers."

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Many computer geeks form companies when they're young, but most move on to bigger and better things. Amazingly, that company Aaron started on his lunch break in middle school still exists today. In fact, it's the only job Aaron has ever had.

THINK COMPUTER FOUNDATION

When it came time to apply to college Aaron decided that he wanted to go to Harvard, his Dad's alma mater. Aaron and his parents hoped that they could improve his chances of getting in by donating money to Harvard, applying for an early decision, and forming a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity. The Greenspans thought that if Aaron had a computer repair business and a charity, it might help him stand out among a field of extremely talented applicants. That's right: The charity that has been stalking and harassing me for two years was formed while Aaron Greenspan was in high school so that it would look good on his college applications.

Aaron made sure to let Harvard know about his computer repair company and "charity", and sure enough during the admissions interview the topic came up:

"So, tell me," he began. "Why do you want to go to Harvard?"

I launched into my case: I liked doing things on my own, I had a lot of ideas, I was serious about school... I wasn't really sure which reason was **the right one**, so I did my best to cover them all.

"I've looked over your application," Dr. Gordon said, "and I'm curious if you could just go into some more detail on a couple of things. What did you do with Think Computer Foundation?"

"Well, actually, I'm trying to recycle old computers, like your Macintosh there, by shipping them to poorer countries like Jamaica"

He wanted to know about the company, too. It was **pretty much the only thing that made me any different** from the six other ridiculously smart students in his house. I hoped it was enough because I felt like I was the stupidest of the bunch.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

In reality, no computers ever made it to Jamaica due to "problems with shipping".

Here's how Aaron Greenspan described the purpose of his charity in the original application for a tax exemption:

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2	What are or will be the organization's sources of financial support? List in order of size. 1. Think Computer Corporation (and other businesses) 2. Individual contributions 3. Grants

Describe the organization's fundraising program, both actual and planned, and explain to what extend it has been partitle and include obtains of fundraising activities such as selective mailings, formation of fundraising committees, use of volunteers or professional fundraisers, etc. Attach representative copies of solicitations for financial support.

The Foundation has plans to solicit financial support via letters to technology company executives, but has not done so as of yet. Currently, the Foundation is well within its budget.

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	art II Activities and Operational Information (Continued)	
4	Give the following information about the organization's governing body:	
a	Names, addresses, and titles of officers, directors, trustees, etc.	b Annual compensation
	Aaron Greenspan, Director	\$0,00
	20560 Shelburne Road, Shaker Heights, OH 44122-1944	
	Neil Greenspan, Vice-Resident	0.00
	20560 Shelburne Road, Shaker Heights, OH 44122-1941	
	Judi Greenspan, Trustee .	0,00
	20560 Shelburne Road, Shaker Heights, OH 44122-1941	
c	Do any of the above persons serve as members of the governing body by reason of being public of being appointed by public officials?	fficials or Yes X No
5	Are any members of the organization's governing body "disqualified persons" with respect to the o (other than by reason of being a member of the governing body) or do any of the members have e business or family relationship with "disqualified persons"? (See Specific Instructions for Part II. on page 3.) If "Yes," explain. Aaron Greenspan is also the Aresident & CEO of Think Corporation. Neil Greenspan is his fether, and the Vice - Aesident of Think Corporation. Neil Greenspan is Aaron Greenspan's nother, and Neil Greenspan Does the organization control or is it controlled by any other organization?	tine ad. Line 4d.
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Par	Activities and Operational Information (Continued)
8	What assets does the organization have that are used in the performance of its exempt function? (Do not include property producing investment income) If any assets are not fully operational, explain their status, what additional steps remain to be completed, and when such final steps will be taken. If none, indicate "N/A."
	Donain names (thinkcomputer.org, techschooljamaica.org), database.
9	Will the organization be the beneficiary of tax-exempt bond financing within the next 2 years?
	Will any of the organization's facilities or operations be managed by another organization or individual under a contractual agreement?
b	If either of these questions is answered "Yes," attach a copy of the contracts and explain the relationship between the applicant and the other parties.
11	Is the organization a membership organization?
	If "Yes," complete the following: Describe the organization's membership requirements and attach a schedule of membership fees and dues.
b	Describe the organization's present and proposed efforts to attract members and attach a copy of any descriptive literature or promotional material used for this purpose.
	What benefits do (or will) the members receive in exchange for their payment of dues?
12a	If the organization provides benefits, services, or products, are the recipients required, or will they be required, to pay for them?
ь	Does or will the organization limit its benefits, services, or products to specific individuals or classes of individuals?
	The foundation selects recipients who are, or who can assist, children.
13	Does or will the organization attempt to influence legislation?
14	Does or will the organization intervene in any way in political campaigns, including the publication or distribution of statements?
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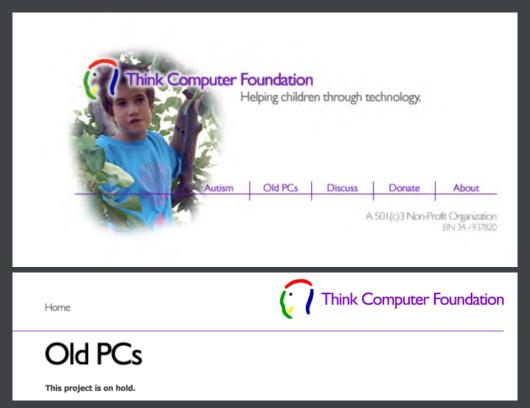
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So what's the big deal about starting a charity? Isn't forming a non-profit organization to "help children" a good thing? Of course helping children is great, if that's what you're really doing. **But why do you need an exemption from paying taxes?**

When you ask the Internal Revenue Service to grant a *tax exemption* for your organization, there are very specific rules about what that tax-exempt charity can and can't do. With tax-exempt status not only does your company not have to pay any income or sales tax, but people who donate to the charity can deduct any donations off their income too. If the IRS gave these exemptions out to everyone for any reason, nobody would pay any taxes and our government would fall apart. Thus, it's essential that these benefits only go to real charities and that applicants don't lie to the IRS about what they're doing. If they do lie or mislead the IRS as to the purpose of the organization, that constitutes tax fraud.

So for the purposes of tax exemption, what is a charity? The IRS makes this very clear: A 501(c)(3) non-profit charity is an organization engaged **exclusively** in exempt activities **that benefit only the public, not any private individual.** That includes, especially, **the owners of the charity.** A tax-exempt charity's activities must inure **no private benefit to anyone.** That means no generating profits for the owners, or benefitting **any private person** either financially or otherwise.

On Page 2 of the tax exemption application, you can see that Aaron Greenspan told the IRS his charity would spend 75% of its time and resources on "collection and re-distribution of used computers". But today, the **Think Computer Foundation spends o% of their time and resources** on used computers. The foundation's website, which describes the organization as "helping children through technology", now says that the "Old PCs" project is **on hold.**



Other than that, Greenspan promised the IRS that the charity would spend 20% of its time maintaining an internet-accessible database of donors. Boy, I'd love to see the website with that list, wouldn't you? Aaron must have taken it down when he realized that the list of donors implicated dozens of prominent short-sellers and legacy auto executives in a massive short and distort criminal conspiracy. Besides the fact that this coordinated short and distort campaign clearly constitutes securities fraud, the fact that short-sellers coordinated financially through donations to Aaron Greenspan's fake charity makes it tax fraud as well.

In a nutshell, the original tax-exempt purposes Aaron Greenspan provided to the IRS **are completely different** than the activities of the "charity" today. Riddle me this: If you use your charity to spread negative information about companies you're shorting, and smear their customers... Does that benefit the public, or the stock portfolios of the charity's owners and donors? Remember, **no private person** (not even donors) can receive anything of value from the charity. That's what they call "inurement of private benefit"

The IRS has a fun little document called "How to Lose Your Tax Exempt Status (without really trying)". This blog also has a version I annotated showing Aaron Greenspan and Think Computer Foundation breaking literally **every single rule** that could result in a revocation of exempt status. But for now, let's turn our attention to item number 6:

An organization must pursue the exempt activities it promised in its IRS application for exemption. If an organization has deviated from its original purposes, it must inform the IRS to prevent future problems.

"If you stop doing all or a significant amount of the exempt activities you told the IRS you were going to do in your original application for exemption—you could lose your exemption," said Crom. "If your organization's direction has changed, let us know. It could prevent future problems."

IRS

The IRS is crystal clear here: We gave you a tax exemption because you told us you were going to collect and re-distribute used computers and publish donors online. If you stop doing those things, you need to tell us right away. If you start using the charity for other things — like promoting your stock market bets, or orchestrating paid smear campaigns — you need to tell us right away so we can determine if the new purpose of the charity is still tax-exempt, benefiting only the public and no private individual more than insubstantially. Whole Mars has yet to review any filings in which Think Computer Foundation disclosed their short-selling activities, or paid smearing of Tesla customers to the IRS. Neither the State of Ohio nor the State of California have received such disclosures either, and Think Computer Foundation appears to have been operating in California and soliciting donations illegally for about 14 years.

But hey — the charitable entrepreneur act worked. Aaron Greenspan got into Harvard.

"I got in."

I had seen my mother happy before, but she was beyond happy. I found myself in the middle of a hug, almost a foot off the ground. Then, she rushed away to call my father at work. Not really having anyone to call myself, I updated the part of Think's website that contained my short biography. It read that I would be attending Harvard College in the fall.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

HARVARD

All his life Aaron Greenspan hated school, and once he arrived at Harvard things were no different.

I had e-mailed Carl Sjogreen about my dissatisfaction with the "Harvard experience," and quickly received back a supportive reply. Apparently, I was not the only one who hadn't been in love with coursework. "For me, classes were interesting probably half the time — I can help you pick some good ones once you are out of the requirements phase, but largely 'the price I paid to live at Harvard,", he wrote.

Depressed, I sent off an e-mail of my own to both of my parents, reporting my Math 21a midterm grade, a 40 / 60. Later, I pointed out that a 67% once would have been a "D".

On the receiving end of my complaints for three months, my father had finally had enough. I repeatedly told him that I didn't feel like anyone was listening to me about my issues with grading, except perhaps the Arminis.

"Maybe since you've donated money they'll listen to you," I mentioned on the phone one day. [...]

The next day, he wrote an e-mail to Paul Bamberg, and copied members of the Freshman Dean's Office:

"Aaron informed me yesterday that he received a D on his latest mid-term in Math 21a. As the parent of a college student, I guess I should not be hanging on every grade. I also can easily imagine that you do not have time to correspond with every parent of every student who has a bad test. However, in the present case there are circumstances that lead me to want to check into the matter and to convey my own concerns and opinions"

He repeated much of what I had told him on the phone, and continued.

As for my views of the situation, I will now draw on some lessons from my own undergraduate education via Professor Quine. If Aaron, despite putting forth adequate effort, cannot do better than a D on properly-crafted exam in Math 21a, then either the admissions office and the mathematics placement exam were both shockingly defective, the advising process was deficient, or there is a profound problem (e.g. the pace) with the course. I will admit that I cannot be certain what conclusion is correct, but in light of our earlier conversations I'll bet that you know which way I am leaning. If the last alternative is the most significant, then I would have to voice my strong objection that sorting out students has taken precedence over educating them. Frankly, it makes a mockery of the high-sound rhetoric about the commitment to undergraduate education that accompanies such events as the installation of new university presidents.

Let me add that I completed an interview for Harvard College two days ago. Consequently, I had the chance to read the first sentence of the Personal Interview Report form: "Applicants to Harvard College compliment the University by applying, and they deserve our courtesy and respect." I completely concur, but I would add that freshman (and upperclass) students AT Harvard should also be treated with courtesy and respect. At variance with this is the fact that Aaron's lengthy e-mail to his professor for CS50 elicited a one-sentence reply that (at least from Aaron's perspective) addressed none of his concerns. The unwillingness of the course director for Math 21a to acknowledge the flawed wording of the question on the first mid-term that many students answered in the same "incorrect" fashion is another example of the striking lack of courtesy or respect for the students. I advocate not for excessive concern with grades, but for grades that reflect understanding and, to some extent, effort. Otherwise, the University confirms those students who cynically regard higher education as merely a more expensive game than secondary school.

I am convinced that freshman year does not have to be this inhospitable, this unwelcoming, if the real goal is "the pursuit of truth, insight, and understanding," as President Summers would presumably agree. Yes, students must be channeled into concentrations for which they have the requisite aptitudes and motivation and some sorting must be done, but does it really require this sort of impersonal bashing? As Aaron has found, there is much that is positive, even extraordinary about Harvard, but the classes should not be, as a friend of Aaron's and recent graduate recently put it, the price to be paid to stay there.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Holy cow! What a letter! This little episode — which Aaron for some reason put in his book about how he invented Facebook — is emblematic of Aaron Greenspan's life in many ways.

All Aaron does is complain, complain, complain. Imagine being one of the few students granted admission to a prestigious ivy league school because your Dad attended and donated money to the school, and still acting so ungrateful. According to an article in The Guardian titled "How elite US schools give preference to wealthy and white 'legacy' applicants", at Harvard, the acceptance rate for legacy students is about 33%, compared with an overall acceptance rate of under 6%. For applicants whose parents have been frequent donors to the school, the admission rate is even higher. Blissfully unaware of the advantages and privilege he was born into, Greenspan still feels angry and entitled to more. How dare you try and teach me math? What's wrong with you? I didn't get that math problem incorrect, it's merely "incorrect".

Instead, Aaron cried and complained to pressure his Dad into chewing the school out. This is how he approaches every problem in his life. It's never that he didn't study hard enough, or that he's not good at math. It's the entire school that's wrong, that's working against him, and that needs to be punished.

"Maybe since you've donated money, they'll listen to you"

If I got a D in Math class, my parents would have slapped me on the face. They would be shouting at me, not the school.

Greenspan didn't get along with his fellow college students either:

"Do you know what happened in my bedroom?" I asked.

"Uhh..." he started

"Were you smoking pot?" I continued.

"Yeah, me and some football buddies were smoking some earlier... We tried to clean up though."

"Well, you didn't do a very good job!" I almost yelled. "That's my fan you used, making it look like I was the one doing drugs. Not to mention that it's my bedroom, and that I'm worried about my lung collapsing again, which probably isn't helped by marijuana smoke, or whatever else you put into the air." He stared.

"Do not ever do that again."

I went back to my desk and deliberated whether or not to go to the Arminis with my problem. It was ironic that all of the people in my suite, I was the one who was receiving threatening letters from Deans.

Shortly after midnight, I decided that my lungs failing would be worse than the football team beating me up. I walked out the door, and descended the staircase until I reached the Armini's suite on the first floor. After knocking for several minutes, I gave up. There was no answer.

"Brian is one lucky bastard," I thought to myself, and tried to go to sleep without breathing too much.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Later, Aaron Greenspan was booted from a student magazine called the International Review after harassing some members of the club. He had promised to have his "charity" build them a website, but then tried to extort the club leaders by refusing to make it public unless they provided him with equipment and staff:

Think Computer Foundation needed entrepreneurial, technology-related projects to work on, and the International Review needed a self-sufficient web site. I hoped to have the few students who I had gotten involved with the Foundation help out with the web site [...]

"I have to say, Aaron, I'm really angry about that e-mail. To think you could even send that — it was inappropriate, obnoxious, disrespectful, and really poorly-thought-out. I still can't believe you did it. That took some nerve."

"Actually, I thought about it quite a bit before sending it," I responded. "But you haven't given me a straight answer about the new equipment, and that's not what we agreed upon."

"I didn't even ask about the computers, Aaron," he replied, "because there's no money in the budget for them. You need to change your attitude because if you continue to act the same way you have, you're no longer welcome here. You are without question the most difficult member of my staff. Every time something needs to get done,

there's a problem, and it's with you. I'm sick and tired of having to deal with it." I continued to listen. "Not only that, but you're undermining the morale of the entire staff!"

"Who brought up the fact that I'm hurting morale?" I asked.

"Several people..." Nick said, without naming names. "You know, I really think you should quit."

"I'd be reluctant to quit without fulfilling my obligation to create the site," I said. "That was my end of the deal."

"It would really be a shame since you've put together so much of the site already. I just don't understand why you're doing this. I have several freshmen who are beginning me to work on the site."

"Well by all means, let me talk to them!" I said.

"Absolutely not! I wouldn't want to subject them to your despicable attitude!" Nick shouted, carrying on for several minutes.

"Well, here's how I see it," I said, pausing. "I consider your failing to live up to your word equally disrespectful to whatever disrespect you might have misinterpreted from my e-mail. I view this as a business transaction. We had a verbal agreement, and you failed to live up to it" [...]

The argument went back and forth for an hour, until I left, my cheeks blazing. I knew I had to sever my ties to the magazine, but I wanted to do it in a way that would reflect the fact that I had at least tried to help. [...]

Feeling hopelessly confused, I took the most blatantly magnanimous course of action I could conceive of: Think Computer Foundation purchased two copies of Adobe InDesign and donated them to the International Review, and then I quit.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Not only was Greenspan absurdly rude to the entire magazine to the point where they had to fire him, he also decided to commit tax fraud at the same time. First off, designing websites was **not listed** as one of the organization's functions in the application for tax exempt status. Secondly, if the "charity" is going to design a website for a student magazine, you can't ask for computers or other personal favors in return that **inure private benefit to the charity's owners**. Finally, why are charitable funds be used to buy Adobe InDesign for the magazine when the application for tax exempt status mentioned nothing about randomly buying free software for people to try and help Aaron save face after acting like a huge asshole?

It's hardly the fraud of the century, but it shows how careless Aaron was in abusing his tax exempt status — often for purely emotional reasons. Why not just make the website under your corporation, or just on a personal basis from one student to another? If he's willing to tell us about this kind of fraud in his book, what has Think Computer Foundation done that he's not willing to tell us about? Research into Aaron's "charity" is what started getting me in trouble. As @tesla_truth uncovered more and more evidence of blatant fraud by the Greenspan's charity, Aaron became increasingly nervous, desperate, and scared. He had to stop what was happening or face the failure of yet another business.

FIRE THE TEACHER!

Everyone has professors they don't like. Most students just groan and try to get through it — but Aaron Greenspan is not like most students. When Aaron got a professor he didn't like, he complained and complained until the professor was removed.

The ordeal was chronicled in a Harvard Crimson article titled "Econ. Lecturer Removed Amid Complaints"

Hart said he first learned of problems with Neugeboren on October 18 when he received a letter written by economics concentrator Aaron Greenspan '05.

"After a number of sub-par lectures, to put it moderately, I decided that I couldn't take it anymore. I wrote a letter and began the laborious process of trying to circulate it," Greenspan said.

He found **13 other students** who were willing to sign the letter, but said many students who he approached were reluctant to sign the petition out of concern for Neugeboren's feelings.

Greenspan sent the letter to Hart, Dean of Undergraduate Education Benedict R. Gross '71, Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Education Jeffrey Wolcowitz and Benjamin Friedman, director of undergraduate studies in the economics department.

In the letter, Greenspan cited specific examples from class, including Neugeboren's failure to answer students' questions and errors made during lectures.

"While Professor Neugeboren certainly possesses plenty of intellect, it alone cannot make up for what he lacks in...other traits. For four weeks, my classmates and I have tolerated incomprehensible lectures, confusing graphs, repeatedly botched arithmetic, poorly written problem sets and apathetic teaching fellows," Greenspan wrote.

He also expressed frustration with the problem sets, which he said were "challenging, not due to challenging material, but because of ambiguously worded questions and unfamiliar content."

According to preliminary enrollment statistics on the Registrar's website, **there are 299 undergraduates and 4 graduate students** currently enrolled in Economics 1010a, making it one of the College's five largest classes.

Harvard Crimson

Greenspan was thrilled. He had complained time and time again, and even had his Dad complain for him with no results to show for it. But this time was different. Why? Because out of a class of 303 students, he managed to find 13 people willing to sign his complaint letter and stand with him. That's only about 4% of the class, but that's all it took to get the wheels in motion to remove the professor.

Dean Hart told the Harvard school newspaper:

Hart told The Crimson in response to Greenspan's letter, "If one person complains and no one else does, we're probably not going to respond. **There has to be some sort of critical mass**."

Harvard Crimson

Drunk with power, Greenspan decided to make a website called CriticalMass to commemorate his victory. Using CriticalMass, students could anonymously trash any professor in the school to try and get them fired. Since Aaron controlled the site, he could smear any professor that crossed him by posting as many anonymous comments as he wanted. If someone complained

about a professor he liked, he could remove it. The website would make him the arbiter of who was allowed to teach at Harvard, and (he hoped) make him celebrity:

My frustration rising to new heights, I met with the Allston Burr Senior Tutor of Lowell House, Jay Ellison, telling him that I was considering dropping out. He seemed indifferent. The Economics 1010a situation wasn't helping matters. After the first article about the 1010a debacle surfaced on the front page of *The Crimson* with the headline "Econ Lecturer Removed Amid Complaints," I had been a **mini-celebrity** for a few days. Everywhere I went, people congratulated me on dethroning a professor. They were taken aback when I expressed minor outrage at having had to write the letter in the first place, expecting instead that I'd be proud of myself.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

No matter what happens or how lucky he gets, he's always outraged.

As if I needed more bad news, on December 3rd, *The Crimson's* headline read, "Removed Professor Returns to Class." Oliver Hart had decided to bring Neugeboren back. Sure enough, when I trudged through the snow to the lecture, there he was, the worst teacher I had ever faced. His power to obliterate understanding and mangle concepts was restored, though he returned with strings attached. He was forbidden from using the chalkboard. All lectures had to be delivered with the aid of Microsoft PowerPoint. TFs were to be given better guidance for sections.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Oh boo hoo! They should have just removed Aaron from the school. It would have saved Harvard's most important alumni, Mark Zuckerberg, a major headache.

Aaron Greenspan then decided to take this website where students could smear professors, Critical Mass, and make it part of his "charity".

Critical Mass became the newest project of **Think Computer Foundation**.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

LESSONS FROM MAO

Aaron didn't hate every course at Harvard though. There were some he really liked.

My favorite course by far was a Core course called Foreign Cultures B-48: The Cultural Revolution. [...]

The tales of twentieth-century back-stabbing and manipulation in Chinese politics were unlike anything I had ever heard. They certainly seemed less drab than the United States History I had been forced to learn from Mrs.

Pessel. I was surprised, most of all, at myself; between World War II and the Cultural Revolution, I was gravitating towards history, taught by Harvard's Core Curriculum, as my favorite subject. [...]

One pattern in particular stood out: when Mao wanted to fire someone, he always got away with it. He would gather all of his top-level officers together for a meeting, inviting the unlucky victim of his wrath a few minutes late. When the victim appeared, he (or she) was already surrounded. It was impossible to win. The lucky ones were deported to far-off regions of southern China. The unlucky ones were executed.

The mere prospect of such a system was horrifying. Mao had been a cruel and unpredictable dictator, but I wondered what would happen if the same system was employed by a benevolent one.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Aaron, here's the thing — Mao, and every other dictator like him truly believed *they* were the benevolent dictator. And yet, Mao still presided over the deadliest famine in human history. Evil is a man who believes that **only what he wants is morally right**. Don't think for a second you would have done better than Mao. I'm sure Greenspan would have found a way to lead even more people to starvation had he been in Mao's position.

STEALING STUDENTS' PASSWORDS

For his next trick, Aaron Greenspan decided to build a website that asked Harvard students for their school username and password. The school administration moved quickly to shut down this new website, and Aaron was nearly expelled from the school for refusing to cooperate with them.

Aaron Greenspan believes that this website was the original "Facebook" he invented that Mark Zuckerberg stole from him. He honestly believes that the absurd story I'm about to tell you is the story of how he invented Facebook — and he will viciously attack anyone who dares to believe otherwise.



See PlainSite's other Tweets

I've written about this episode in detail in the Whole Mars blog post "Harvard Shut Down Aaron Greenspan's Website for Stealing Student Passwords", but I'll recap here.

The website's name was as terrible as its privacy violations — Aaron called it "houseSYSTEM". At this point, the Think Computer Foundation was operating several websites targeted at Harvard students: CriticalMass, the smear site for professors; a website for trading textbooks; and an online webmail that let students access their Harvard e-mail accounts. The idea was to take all the websites operated by Aaron's "charity" and link them all to one master system with separate pages for each of Harvard's houses.

Once houseSYSTEM launched, Aaron Greenspan sent out an email to Lowell House to announce his latest and most terrible creation yet. Immediately, Harvard students responded with horror and suspicion, wondering why some guy's website, designed to look misleadingly similar to an official Harvard site, would ask for students' school usernames and passwords. They urged each other not to sign up:

"Yeah, I feel like this website is partly **pretty sketch**. Overall legit, but it's ridiculous what they wrongly imply you need to do with your password. 'In order to use houseSYSTEM, **your password must be the same as your password for your Harvard FAS network account**'. You can change your password to anything, but it makes it sound like you need to use your FAS password. In fact, to confuse you, even after you change your password, it still says "Please Change Your Password" if you don't match up with your FAS password.

Also misleading is the copyright notice, which says portions are copyright "The Presidents and Fellows of Harvard College". Which is true, but makes it sound like this web site is really closely affiliated with them, which isn't the case (right?). And then the email they sent introducing the web site doesn't make their disconnect from the college admin clear either.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Greenspan tried to respond to user complaints, but the situation only got more out of hand:

Before I could even respond to the latest round of questions, Rodica sent me an instant message: lowell-open was going mad. I hadn't even received the latest batch of messages, so I signed in. [...]

Of course, the only way that it could know that you didn't give it your FAS password is by trying to access your FAS account using the password you supplied... [...]

Your security statement is, frankly, nonsense. I have strong doubts that you have ever had any formal exposure to cryptography — it reads very much like you read a few web pages on encryption and decided the more times you encrypt something, so much the better.

This is a sure sign of someone who doesn't understand cryptography. The number of times something is encrypted does not correlate with security in the least. Also, **MD5 does not encrypt**, it hashes. MD5 has sufficient weaknesses in its compression function that its use in newly deployed applications should be discouraged. Use SHA-1 instead.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

One more email from a Harvard student really set Aaron off:

[Saying you can't decrypt our passwords] is a lie. If you "connect directly to the Harvard IMAP server upon login to fetch the number of new messages', you must store passwords in such a form that you can present the same access credential to the FAS server. This means that you store passwords in a way that you can recover. So what if the hash of the submitted password matches the stored password hash? You still have the password transmitted in cleartext. Ever heard of man in the middle attacks? A self-signed certificate means absolutely nothing.

Do you have a written waiver for [school rules stating that] "the possession or collection of others passwords or other secure identification information is prohibited"? Reading your security statement gives me no confidence in your site's ability to protect confidential information. I suggest that people refrain from giving it such information util the author has demonstrated even a rudimentary understanding of the security issues involved

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

The email was biting, but completely accurate. A self-signed certificate meant that there was no way for a user to know if they were really connecting to houseSYSTEM, or if there was an imposter intercepting the connection to steal their Harvard account credentials. At best, it was completely irresponsible for Greenspan to launch the site with such glaring security flaws. At worst, he was deliberately trying to mislead students into handing over their account credentials in a sort of phishing attempt backed by a few useless features.

So did Aaron Greenspan listen carefully, take the advice to heart, and try and fix his site? Not exactly:

By this point, I had lost my patience. **"What is wrong with these people?"** I asked my parents over dinner in Hilton Head. **"I make something useful, and all they can do is complain?** There's **nothing wrong with the site's security**, there's **something wrong with them!** [...]

My father had seen Brian's message, and declared him a "moron", which comforted me a little. He was even more incensed at Dan Ellard, who he felt had a responsibility as a member of Lowell House's staff to portray things in an unbiased manner at the very least and to discipline students who were out of line. Yet Dan was going after me as much as anyone as if it were all a joke.

"People are just mean," my mother said. "They shouldn't be allowed to do that, but they do! They're just mean." For once, I agreed with her.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

How mean of Harvard students to not want their usernames and passwords stolen by the world's biggest creep. They really shouldn't be allowed to do that, they should be forced to give Aaron Greenspan all their personal information, right? And what does mean by "For once, I agreed with her"? Have some respect for your own mother when you're talking about her in public.

After Greenspan finished eating with his parents, he received another email from a student named Issac Hall who shared some of the same thoughts:

- 1. Although attentive people will notice that he houseSYSTEM is not an official Harvard initiative, I'd assert that Aaron and co. are under an **ethical obligation to state this clearly on the homepage.**
- 2. The idea that, in this day and age, it's reasonable for a private organization to **encourage thousands of university students to submit their confidential passwords** is, to put it bluntly, **crazy**. **I can't believe Aaron and his colleagues thought this would be uncontroversial.**

3. Aaron, your responses to these inquiries about the system have done nothing to inspire my confidence. **Instead** of openness, clarity, or even a touch of humility in the face of legitimate criticism, you're projecting a sort of weary irritation boarding on arrogance. [...]

I started drafting a response, but I decided to wait before sending it. I was too outraged by the whole ordeal, and I wanted to be able to think with a level head before pressing the "Send" button. [...] It appeared as though my only crime was making the site look too professional.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

No, your crime was that you tried to steal user's Harvard account credentials while designing the site in a misleading way to make it look like an official school website. How can someone be so tone-deaf?

The back and forth between the two students continued:

I wanted to put everyone at ease, but it wasn't clear if it was worth responding to every piece of flame mail that landed in my inbox. [...] It seemed as though winning Lowell House was a hopeless endeavor. [...]

I decided to write back [to Issac], taking great care to formulate my message.

"I never thought the site would be uncontroversial. I expected that a minor uproar along these lines would take place. Major technological changes at traditional institutions usually generate some controversy"

Issac Hall then replied:

I was pointing out that the site looks like it may have been created by Harvard and that you should make it clear that the site is in no way endorsed by Harvard as an institution or the Houses, and that you have not been authorized to collect FAS passwords so that you can integrate Harvard email into your project.

Aaron, I can only conclude that you are playing dumb. Obviously, I wasn't saying that it's crazy to ask college students to use passwords. I was saying that it's CRAZY TO ASK COLLEGE STUDENTS TO SUBMIT, TO A FELLOW STUDENT, CONFIDENTIAL PASSWORDS THAT ARE SET UP TO GIVE THEM ACCESS TO THEIR UNIVERSITY EMAIL AND IN SOME CASES TO THEIR REGISTRAR'S ACCOUNT AND OTHER SENSITIVE INFORMATION! I can't believe you are pretending this is not an issue, but this is exactly the kind of disingenuousness that, in my opinion, has destroyed your credibility.

Aaron, correct me if I'm wrong, but you don't work for Harvard University! This is not a "major technological change at" a traditional institution. Rather, this is some kind of a guerrilla attempt at a technological coup.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Oooof. Worst product launch in the history of Harvard?

"Aaron may see this as more of an attack than previous posts, but it's not meant to be personal"

"Not personal?" I thought. [...] I added Dan to my list of people I wished I could punch. I wasn't evil, careless, or ignorant.

"Right, my knowledge of security is 'sketchy', because I haven't taken four million classes called 'Advanced Cryptography for Advanced Shmucks' like him. He doesn't know how many computers and networks I've worked on. He doesn't know a thing about me. I could know ten times more or ten times less about security than he does, and he wouldn't have a freaking clue. And in fact, that's what security is all about: not making faulty assumptions, testing everything". That's when it hit me. Dan Ellard wasn't just out of line — he was a hypocrite.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

No Aaron, you're a hypocrite. The day you realize you are the cause of all your own problems is the day your life will finally start getting better. Do most people who aren't evil have a long list of people they want to punch?

Despite Aaron Greenspan's embarrassing temper tantrum in front of the whole school, his parents continued to egg him on:

"This is totally inexcusable", my father said upon hearing my latest rant. "Why doesn't anyone in the administration tell these people to shut up? Don't they think it's inappropriate for a faculty member to beat up on a student? Or for students to beat up on other students?"

"No", I said plainly.

I was nervous about how The Crimson was going to portray the situation.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

If you can believe it, things then got worse for Aaron. While his fellow students were bashing his latest creation school officials were sitting quietly, monitoring the mailing list. They decided the situation was serious enough that they needed to step in, with disciplinary action if needed.

My heart stopped.

"The Dean's office, and the office of computing services for the FAS have asked that I contact you and ask you to immediately stop collecting student email and password information for security reasons. Any email address, passwords, or student information you currently have should not be used or transmitted in any form until this matter is cleared up. Paul Bottino, FAS computing services, and the dean's office will look into this matter next week"

He was asking me to prevent anyone from signing up for houseSYSTEM until at least Monday, with a potentially positive Crimson article running on the Friday before. Either way, the impact was most assuredly going to be negative when people found out they weren't allowed to sign up, based on the concerns of Harvard's administration.

I told my father. Peering over my shoulder, he read the message and did not seem pleased. I started drafting a reply.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Anyone want to guess whether Aaron listened to the dean and shut down the website like he was supposed to? Of course not. He did what he always does: argue and throw a temper tantrum, rather than admit he was wrong.

Before we disable anything, I would like to know precisely what security concerns there are, which Deans or staff members have them, and what they believe can be done to address them. I am sure we can find a solution to whatever concerns have been raised that will allow students to continue using the services on houseSYSTEM. [...]

Given that we do not store member passwords, but only their MD5 hashes, there is no risk of passwords being used or transmitted.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

This is, of course, not true. Students usernames and passwords were transmitted plain text over the wire from Harvard all the way to the server in New Jersey before they could be hashed, and Greenspan could choose to easily intercept the credentials whenever he pleased with a few lines of code. Given what we know about Aaron obsessively logging and storing all activity on his servers to try and use as blackmail, you can bet students were compromised the minute they signed up.

I wonder if the dean bought that?

"Aaron,

There is no way for you to put a condition on this. The security concerns are related to storing student passwords in a server not controlled or administered by Harvard. This is a clear violation of the Harvard College rules governing passwords and your site also requires students to violate the rules by giving the passwords to your site.

You must immediately stop collecting student passwords. This is not an option. You do not have to shut down the site, but it must stop collecting this data in any form. Additionally, you must delete any database and record that you have that contains student passwords and send a list to me with all of the user names that were collected by the site since its inception. Those students will be contacted by FAS computer services and told to change their passwords immediately.

The concerns raised by the College will be discussed with Paul when he returns and there will be some attempts to address them with you and the HarvardSEC group. In the meantime, however, I am again instructing you to stop collecting this information, delete what you have collected, and forward the list of all those whose information you have collected"

"What!" I exclaimed after reading it. "Delete the database? That database has all of the course reviews in it! And I can't turn it over! People signed up for CriticalMass specifically because it allowed them to be anonymous!

I picked up the phone and dialed Jay Ellison's direct line in Cambridge. There was no answer. I was furious.

"How can they ask you to delete the database without even hearing your side of the story?" my father said, incredulous. "If everything about the security is how you say it is, then there's nothing wrong..."

"It's more secure than their own damn systems!" I fumed. "If anyone looked at Harvard's IT infrastructure with the same level of scrutiny as what they're doing to me, they'd be absolutely horrified"

Then, I remembered something else.

"You know... what's more, I actually asked them about this freshman year! I sent an e-mail to Franklin Steen asking him if there was anything wrong with setting up a web-based email system. **He didn't even respond!** and now, they want me to delete the whole thing? Two years later? It's the same freaking code!

I dialed Jay Ellison again. Again, there was no answer. He must have been using his e-mail from somewhere other than his office. Clearly, he didn't care about encrypting his password.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

When Aaron Greenspan refused to cooperate, Harvard had to threaten disciplinary action:

"Hi, this is Jay Ellison [the dean]. Is Aaron there?" [...]

"This is Neil Greenspan, Aaron's father", my father said, cutting in.

"Hello, have you been listening the entire time, Mr. Greenspan?"

"Yes, and it's Dr. Greenspan", my father said. "I have three degrees, and one of them is from Harvard, as a matter of fact". He was not happy.

"I've been watching as these people on the mailing list have reacted to Aaron's project, and I must say, I was quite shocked after reading that you continually monitor the list, that you didn't try to put an end to it. Aaron hasn't done anything to hurt anyone. He hasn't publicly insulted anybody"

"Well, my main question is how we move forward," I said, trying to steer the conversation back on track. "I can stop people from signing up, but I don't want to, especially since there's nothing wrong with the site's security"

"Well, you're going to have to," Jay replied.

"And just out of curiosity, the consequences otherwise would be..."

"If you don't comply with the request to remove the passwords, then the College may have to take disciplinary action"

The first possibility was that the College would take away my network access at school, which would be disastrous. The other option was for the College to simply kick me out.

"Well, I'll delete the passwords then, and hopefully put the sign-up page back once that's done"

"Thanks for calling." I didn't mean it.

"No problem, and enjoy your vacation," Jay said.

"Yeah, this is exactly what I wanted to do on my vacation," I thought. "What a joke."

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Despite increasing scrutiny from Harvard, Greenspan still refused to admit that he had done anything wrong by asking students for their school login information:

I e-mailed Jay Ellison a summary of our conversation so that there would be a record in writing.

"Per our conversation," I wrote, "I will make further changes to houseSYSTEM in order to comply with the wishes of the College, though I maintain that none of my actions, nor those of [my Student Entrepreneurship Council club], ever violated any College policy."

I also bought myself a few days time by pointing out that correcting the alleged problems with houseSYSTEM would be slowed by my dial-up connection. [...] So long as I could take down the sign-up page after the article ran in *The Crimson*, I thought I could at least try to look moderately competent.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Despite the serious security concerns, he lied straight to the school's face to continue illegally collecting student passwords. As usual, Aaron Greenspan then beginning spinning conspiracy theories to shift blame way from himself and his inexcusable conduct:

Everything came into perspective. The administrator was the missing link. The "college.harvard.edu" web site — different from the my.harvard" portal but arguably more similar to houseSYSTEM in functionality — hadn't been redesigned since the late 1990s when a friend of Carl's had worked on it. It just so happened that I had released houseSYSTEM at the exact same time that the College was planning to re-launch its own site. I was stepping on very large toes, and I hadn't even known that they were there.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Harvard faculty was not amused by Aaron Greenspan's failure to cooperate:

The next morning, Jay Ellison sent me a reminder of what exactly the administration was saying.

"In light of our recent email exchange, as well as the phone conversations you have had with me and other members of the College, there appears to be some confusion about the actions you need to take **immediately** with respect to your requesting FAS passwords. [...] In consultation with other members of the College administration, we have determined that you need to take the steps outlined below by noon on Friday August 15.

- 1. Stop asking for, collecting, or storing (in any form, encrypted or not) Harvard FAS passwords.
- 2. Provide a list of all FAS usernames which you have recorded as having submitted FAS passwords to the SEC we site.
- 3. Delete all FAS passwords

You have stated that you do not believe that you have violated any Harvard policy. Because of the serious security concerns involved, we need you to comply with these requests, regardless of your personal beliefs. I need to emphasize that this matter may quickly become a disciplinary issue if you do not take immediate action.

They had backed me into a corner. While the idea of being **forced out of Harvard to become a student hero had a certain appeal**, it quickly faded as I faced reality. Most of the students who had expressed their views on houseSYSTEM so far saw me as **anything but a hero**, and there was a good chance **no one would care if I left**.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

In the last paragraph, Aaron Greenspan's delusion is plainly on exhibit. Imagine: Harvard has a simple request, for you to not collect any students' school login information. Even under the threat of expulsion, **you still consider refusing to cooperate with them** under the belief that stealing everyone's login information would make you a "student hero". Aaron, you're not a hero you're a villain.

Recall that it was actually **the students** who complained about their login information being collected. The school only took action because they saw all the students going nuts over it on the school's mailing list. Imagine the mental gymnastics Aaron Greenspan had to go through to convince himself that he is a "student hero", when the victims who are complaining are the same students he expects to applaud him for "heroically" stealing their personal information and downloading their emails.

So now that Aaron Greenspan is facing expulsion from Harvard, he has to start cooperating with the school, right? Who wouldn't?

Aaron wouldn't. If you think he's going to stop just because people are telling him he's doing something wrong, you don't know the guy. Instead, Greenspan did what he does best: lie to everyone to create a fake uproar in order to threaten and intimidate the school faculty.

I drafted a letter to send to every houseSYSTEM member. If I was going to have to turn over the database, I wasn't going to let it go without a fight. When I ran the new code to send out my third e-mail, I once again received my own personalized copy.

I started CriticalMass about a year ago to try and improve the information available to Harvard College students about courses. My own experience led me to believe that it would be a helpful tool, and my peers confirmed this belief. Aside from Dean Gross's comment in the *Crimson* that, "Usually bulletin boards of this nature generate more heat than light", the administration had little to say about it. Nevertheless, I realized that many students, concerned about possible administrative repercussions, would only participate if they could **sign up** anonymously. This capability was programmed into CriticalMass, and later houseSYSTEM, as well.

Unfortunately, those concerns were not as unfounded as I had once thought. Despite repeated attempts to explain the workings of houseSYSTEM to several administrators, I have been personally threatened with disciplinary action by the Harvard College administration if I do no turn over the e-mail address of every houseSYSTEM member, as well as proof that there are no longer any FAS passwords in our database. (The administration refuses to accept the argument that there never were.) In other words, I have been asked to disclose the entire table pertaining to members in unaltered form, complete with information about your choice to remain anonymous on houseSYSTEM. My only other option would be deleting houseSYSTEM in its entirety, but that is not an option that I am willing to entertain.

I realize that this is an egregious breach of your privacy. Adding further irony to the situation is the College's claim that it is necessary in order to protect your privacy and the fact that it has been justified by administrators who actively refuse to understand the technical details necessarily involved. I have done all that I can to avoid this

situation, but given that the administration never consulted me or anyone at the SEC about the manner in which the site functions, it has been an uphill battle.

Harvard College has demanded member information by Friday, August 15 at noon. If you are dissatisfied with the College's handling of this situation, as I am, or with the idea that the professors whom you rightfully critique on CriticalMass could have your name, cell phone number, and e-mail address, please send an e-mail to Dean Gross (gross@math.harvard.edu).

Perhaps if enough students respond with words to enlighten the administration, Harvard will be more inclined to respond to the critical mass.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

This is how sick in the head Aaron Greenspan is. He has been doing this since his college days: Trying to create a fake uproar to manipulate people into letting him have his way, in this case keeping everyone's school login info on file. How hard is it to just use a different login system? It would have ended up working out for him anyway, if he ever wanted his website to expand beyond Harvard like the real Facebook did.

As Greenspan has done many times since, he plays the victim. "I'm being threatened with disciplinary action!". Yes... only because you're refusing to take some very simple actions to fix the problem. He also falsely claims that the school wants to see which users are anonymous, which is not true at all. All the school wants is a list of users who need to be told to reset their password, and proof that there are no passwords still stored. They didn't say anything about a field that has info about whether the user is posting anonymously.

Some students that didn't know better ate up Aaron's bullshit, unaware he was using them as pawns in his scheme to continue to continue to harvest their school login credentials:

Dear Dean Gross,

I am writing in support of a student I know named Aaron Greenspan. Aaron and I met in a freshman seminar, and have spoken little since then except for the occasional hello in economics class, [...]

I am writing to support him because, having heard only his side of the story, it seems as if he is being unfairly required to turn over the members of his site.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Other students weren't so easily fooled:

I think that the idea behind CriticalMass and even the enhanced version in the houseSYSTEM are interesting and good. However, I have no desire to

- a) sacrifice any privacy (how, for instance, do you know if I have packages or not?) or
- b) be a party in this bizarre melodrama that seems to have engulfed the program in recent weeks. Also, the excellence of the idea seems to have been accompanied by poor planning and execution. I must say that I find this entire situation to be ridiculous. I innocently signed up for this program in its earlier stages, thinking that it was above board. Then, you demand my FAS password, get in trouble with the administration, and decide that

you would rather sacrifice the privacy of your trusting members than do the honorable thing and delete the database or, if necessary, the entire system, even if it means that you will take a fall.

Since obviously, I cannot compel you to take this course of action, I have instead tried to delete my account. Lo and behold, it seems that there is no "delete account" link on the MyAccount page on the website. I request that you manually remove my information.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Other students were also frustrated:

"Exactly what information are you giving to Harvard? Do I need to change my FAS password? What a pain. I wish I'd never signed up for your system"

In a way, I didn't blame people for being angry, though I usually tried to substantiate my criticism of others, which was a step many of the angry students did not want to be burdened with.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Aaron Greenspan will never admit he's wrong, no matter how much harm he does. I am certain he suffers from some serious mental condition that prevents him from seeing the world as it actually is in front of him.

Another student tried to help Aaron understand:

"I don't intend to be mean when I say this, but I do not support your crusade against the administration.

This is because I do know something about website security. Enough to know that storing passwords on a server accessible from the Internet, even if encrypted, is not perfectly safe. Unless you have a professional-grade firewalling and the like (which I doubt), I would not trust my password with you (and I have not).

Additionally, anybody who administers the houseSYSTEM website/database could easily abuse the system.

As a result, I would prefer that you find a way to compromise with the administration. I do not think that giving them information that could link students to their anonymous posts is morally acceptable, no matter the circumstances"

That night, I went to bed knowing that if nothing else, I had rocked the boat.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

There is no need to rock the boat. Just follow the rules. Just be nice to people. You shouldn't get satisfaction out of being a pain in the ass, lying, and stealing people's login information in a way that puts their security at risk.

The school eventually got a hold of the email addresses and reset everyone's password:

"Welcome. You must change your password," my father's computer displayed across the screen.

"Bastards!" I shouted. They were forcing everyone to change their passwords after all! I changed mine as they had asked me to do. then, I changed it back. Several of my friends did the same.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

But it turned out collecting everyone's Harvard login information was only the start of Aaron's problems with houseSYSTEM:

"Yes, well aside from the security issues, there are some other problems that you need to fix before you can proceed. The SEC needs to register as an official student group with the College"

"We are an official student group," I said. "We just changed our name. Before it was TECH SA."

"Not according to what I have here," Dean Kidd responded.

"Susan Cooke approved the change!" I said. "There must be some mistake."

"No. You will need to re-submit your by-laws to the Committee on College Life, which meets in October."

"Alright..." I said. "Anything else?"

"Certainly. Actually, I was looking at your... Think Commputer... site, and I noticed, you have a press release on there for doing, I don't know what, with the Harvard International Review?"

"What?" I thought. I couldn't see how there was any connection to house SYSTEM.

"Yes, my company hosts the International Review's web site..." I said.

"Right, well, your press release makes it sound as though the Harvard International Review is part of Harvard University. It's not, it's a student group. You need to make that clear. You're also using a photograph of the Harvard T stop on your site, I believe. You need to take that down.

"I took that photograph, it's not copyrighted by the College. And the public transit system isn't even College property!"

"It has to come down."

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Aaron Greenspan then sought out more legal help:

"Try Alan Dershowitz," my father suggested. "Maybe he can give you some backing. He knows the law as well as anyone, and he's at Harvard." I sent Dershowitz an e-mail.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Alan Dershowitz was one of the lawyers that helped defend Jeffery Epstein. He refused to work with a monster like Aaron though. You've gotta draw the line somewhere.

The school then had to send an email out to all the victims of Greenspan's phishing attack to correct the misleading information Aaron had put out in an attempt to try and raise a "Critical Mass" of resistance to the administration:

I emphasize that **the College did not ask for personal information about students or your subscribers** but **only for a list of usernames**, so that it could inform those users to change their FAS passwords. Aaron was asked to comply by Friday, August 15, which he did. I note that, in addition to the usernames, **Aaron provided information that the College had not requested.**

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

What did Aaron do when called out by the Dean for his blatant manipulative lies?

"DO NOT RESPOND to Jay Ellison's e-mail. I am speaking with a number of attorneys right now," I wrote frantically to everyone involved as I looked up the number for a law firm that Brad's father's friend had recommended.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

So... are you speaking to them or are you about to call them? You get your friends in trouble, and now you lie to them? And threaten to sue your school?

"Well, it seems as though they're a little afraid of the competition you're giving them," one of the lawyers said.

"This could be construed as anti-competitive behavior."

"I'm not sure I see it like that," I said, still unsure of Harvard's real motive.

"Well, regardless that's what it is in a courtroom." Realizing that my opinion really didn't mater, I decided to let the lawyers handle the law.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

This must have been the moment Aaron Greenspan realized you need to lie about what's happening at all times to protect yourself in a situation where you're breaking the law. Stealing students' account information is now "competition". Sounds exactly like the kind of gaslighting Aaron Greenspan is still doing today.

Finally, Aaron Greenspan decided to shout at the school dean some more:

"...I found out that Mr. Osterberg, who wasn't a student, but who claimed to be, had actually signed onto houseSYSTEM not only from his own computer, but from Georgene Herschbach's computer, in University Hall South. Now, I don't know what an average HASCS staffer would be doing logging on there, unless he was showing something to someone."

Jay looked unperturbed. "yes, there was a meeting where I believe HASCS gave some administrators a tour of your site..."

I cut him off.

"That's not acceptable! I offered to show you everything. I even offered to show you the source code! You said "no!". If you didn't want to see it, then why did you have to break in, and instruct someone to sign up under false pretenses?" I was raging mad; my cheeks were on fire.

"Not only that! But you just got finished telling me, for more than thirty minutes, how the club that I was elected President of in February, whatever you'd like to call it, wasn't even a valid student organization! So, if you really believe that, then Rick Osterberg wasn't even breaking into one of Harvard's own servers — he was breaking into MY server! Think Computer Corporation owns that server! Not Harvard! That Jay, is illegal!"

"And this, right here, is proof. Not from some random person. It's a signed letter, from the Harvard Registrar, certifying that Richard Osterberg is not, nor has ever been, a student in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences."

"You lied! You did this all to find out what was on the site, and you lied to do it! I hope... that I never, ever have to be this disappointed... in my teachers... ever again!"

I couldn't help it; I had let down my guard by **revealing my emotions**. Fortunately, I had kept it up long enough that it didn't matter. Jay Ellison, for a moment, was speechless. When I left, we both knew who was the adult in the room.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Shouting at teachers and throwing around false accusations makes you an adult? Only in the mind of a child.

Aaron Greenspan then took his bogus accusations of "illegal activity" to Harvard's President, Larry Summers:

"Well, I'm here because it was a pretty miserable month of August for myself and my entire family. I was forced to deal with the Office of the General Counsel for making a web site, called houseSYSTEM, with perfectly reasonable aims. To make a long story short, I feel as though College violated the guidelines in its own Handbook for Students, and it has certainly not allowed for due process. I guess my question for you really is, 'How was it possible for the College administration to react in such a way to student initiative?"

"I can't speak for the behavior of other people," the President said. "The Office of the General Counsel was not being disrespectful"

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Notice how Greenspan completely misrepresents the issue by leaving out how he collected students login information on a deceptive website designed to look like it was made by Harvard. Refusing to acknowledge what you've done wrong and playing the victim is a favorite tool in Greenspan's toolbox of manipulation.

"I don't want to bog you down in details, but it seems relevant to mention some now. Aside from issues of disrespect, the administration used false pretenses to gain access to houseSYSTEM even when I presented them with the opportunity to see how it worked. Then, the administration forced me to turn over confidential student records under duress, threatening me with 'disciplinary action' if I didn't comply." [...]

"Oh, I read about that in *The Crimson*!" I had triggered some recollection of the issue in his mind, finally. "It said you were using their Harvard IDs against College rules. Of course you're going to get in trouble if you ask for their Harvard IDs!"

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Aaron Greenspan lied blatantly right to the Harvard President's face. Harvard had every right to sign up for the site to see how it worked **to protect their students' personal information**. They didn't care to have Aaron Greenspan try and pull the wool over their eyes — they were fully capable of investigating the issue themselves. As you may recall, Harvard didn't ask Aaron Greenspan to turn over any "confidential student records under duress" either. All they asked was that he provide a list of Harvard IDs that had signed up for his site so those users could be told to reset their passwords. For some unknown reason, Aaron Greenspan provided them with far more information than they asked for, violating his users' privacy needlessly of his own volition.

"In fact, I informed Dr. Franklin Steen, who runs FAS Computer Services, about the system two years ago, and he did not seem to have a problem with it then."

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Yet another deceptive lie. Recall that Aaron Greenspan sent an email to Dr. Steen but received no reply. In what world does a non-response grant you permission to collect students' school login information? Summers knew enough about the situation to call Aaron Greenspan out on his bullshit:

The President paused to think, tapping his foot under the table. [...] "I do not see how your description of the actual events that took place lives up to the seriousness of the allegations you are making."

At this, I became truly alarmed that I had misrepresented something or everything. Was I being too calm? Should I have come in screaming, with arms flailing? Did he realize the true potential of my work, as I did? Did he understand that this was about more than my vacation, or a web site, but the course of my entire life?

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Aaron, you blew any potential your work had when you wasted all your time arguing and fighting with people instead of trying to make your product better and listening to your customers. Nobody messed up your life, you ruined it yourself. Start taking responsibility for your mistakes and maybe things will start to get better.

"It sounds to me like you were just trying to skirt around the rules... which entrepreneurially-minded people tend to do." **It was a snide remark, and I took offense.** I was proud to consider myself an entrepreneur. "You should have expected resistance for not going through the proper channels. You got quite a bit of it — but rightly so!"

"Do you really think it is fair for the entire Office of the General Counsel to take on a single student? I had to involve outside attorneys to defend myself!"

The President shot back. "First of all, it was not the 'entire' Office of the General Counsel. Harvard employs many lawyers, and I am sure just a fraction were concerned with your case. But absolutely! If you hired outside attorneys you should doubly expect the Office of General Counsel to get involved. [...] If you were trying to be a rebel, then that is what you would get."

"I'm not trying to be a rebel! It's not like I'm doing this just to cause troub—" President Summers cut me off and spoke rapidly.

"Yes you are [...] You've taken all these actions, but really, you are just enjoying the fight."

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

In a microcosm of the broader houseSYSTEM controversy, Greenspan completely refused to listen to what Summers was saying and instead decided to take offense. If you try and steal students' school login information and then have lawyers threaten to sue the school, what do you expect?

"You should have expected so much resistance after you had hired lawyers. After that, it was basically all over. [...] If I were you, I would write a letter trying to clarify the situation [...]" the President said.

"I have written almost the exact letter you just described in an e-mail, sent to Jay Ellison."

"'I'm sorry.' Did it say that in it?" The conversation was going about as bad as it could go.

"I don't know what to apologize for, because I haven't done anything wrong!"

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Really? Trying to collect students school login information while pretending to be an official school website wasn't wrong? Attacking students who warned others not to sign up for the site wasn't wrong? Trying to sue your own school for enforcing their rules and protecting their students wasn't wrong?

Aaron Greenspan is the worst guy ever, but his complete lack of empathy and social awareness have blinded him to this reality in a way that's held him back all his life.

"I disagree with this legalistic approach that you've decided to take," the President remarked. "It's really counterproductive to the whole 'venture' — but if you want to do it that way, it's alright. [...] my advice, as someone who has seen a lot of complex situations, is to not take the aggressive approach, and to work with people"

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Summers understood the situation perfectly, and offered Aaron Greenspan fantastic advice that would have helped him time and time again in life — if he had bothered to listen to it. Greenspan was so busy throwing a temper tantrum over not getting his way that he missed a valuable lesson that could have changed the course of his life.

Aaron Greenspan was clearly in the wrong for trying to deceptively collect students' school login information. So why didn't he just follow the school rules? Why act so aggressively with lawyers, threaten to sue the school, and make bogus criminal accusations when you're so clearly in the wrong? Aaron Greenspan explained his philosophy in an interview he gave as a teenager:

Q: How do you succeed in negotiating? Do you feel you are at a disadvantage when you negotiate?

A: It depends on the negotiation. When I am negotiating software deals, I usually feel that I know more than the other party involved, and so I'm not typically worried. In other situations, you simply have to be aggressive to prevent the other party from discovering any weaknesses that you may have.

Conversations with Teen Entrepreneurs, Ben Cathers

Aaron Greenspan disclosed this strategy when he was just a teenager, but it's one he's continued to live by ever since. For him, aggression is what you "simply have to" do when you have major weaknesses that must be hidden from your opponents. Thus, whenever you see Aaron Greenspan acting aggressively, that's a sure sign that the victim of his aggression has come close to discovering a major weakness of Greenspan's, such as unethical or criminal behavior.

What was Aaron Greenspan so desperate to hide from Harvard that he was willing to threaten faculty and attempt to sue the school? Some former students we interviewed for our research on this story recalled that the decision to use Harvard student IDs for houseSYSTEM was motived by a desire to **download students' e-mail**. This personal information could have been used for blackmail and other nefarious purposes — just look at all the server logs and e-mails Greenspan saved that were later used to distort the truth and extort Mark Zuckerberg. However, one student speculated that Greenspan's motive was initially much simpler: That he simply wanted to read the e-mail of a girl he had a crush on to see who she was talking to.

In that case, Greenspan's aggression served dual purposes. First, it helped hide his true motivations for collecting student passwords, as well as for why he refused to change the site's login system even after an uproar from students. (Recall that the school had to threaten to expel him before he finally agreed to change it.) If there was any evidence that could expose the truth about Aaron Greenspan's malicious intentions with houseSYSTEM, he would have to aggressively fight the school to distract them and make sure that evidence wasn't discovered.

Part of the strategy here is deception and misdirection. If someone knows they've done something wrong and are caught red-handed like Greenspan was here, usually they apologize and admit it. By fighting the charges with excessive aggression, Greenspan hoped to make himself look more innocent. The other part of the strategy is just wearing your enemy out — being such a pain in the ass that their life is ruined as long as you're part of it. Soon, they'll be looking for any excuse to let the issue go. I wonder what weaknesses I came close to discovering that made Aaron Greenspan and his charity decide to launch such an aggressive multi-year harassment campaign against me? There's no way to no for sure, but I have some ideas.

Anyway, that's the story of how Facebook was invented, according to Aaron Greenspan. Seriously, that's what he believes — that houseSYSTEM was Facebook. How could he be so delusional? houseSYSTEM didn't even include any social features at first. The main features were trading textbooks and smearing your professors anonymously. How anyone could mix up a catastrophic failure like houseSYSTEM with a smashing success like Facebook is beyond me, but again that's what Aaron Greenspan honestly believes — and again, he will **viciously attack** anyone who refuses to share this delusion with him.

MARK ZUCKERBERG

The launch of houseSYSTEM was such a shit show that the school newspaper ended up writing about the controversy. The Harvard Crimson article was titled: "Student Site Stirs Controversy":

"I'm certainly not an expert in computer security or online security, but there are certain red flags that I recognize," said Graham R. Stanton '05. "They were asking for the password [to my e-mail account] which is just something that's not done. It said, when I tried to log in, that I needed it, which to me meant...it probably tried to access my e-mail account or something similar." [...]

She said she would think twice about giving it the requested information after seeing the debate on the Lowell House list.

"I just really don't want to have to give out any FAS account information on a system that's not of the highest encryption possible," she said. "I wouldn't use it at this time."

Between the launch of the portal on August 1 and Tuesday night, 400 accounts had been registered.

Harvard Crimson

That's right — only 400 people signed up for Aaron Greenspan's website. For comparison, Facebook has 2.7 billion monthly active users today. So after the dramatic failure of the houseSYSTEM launch, Greenspan started emailing other students begging them to join the site. In particular, he targetted other students developing web applications at Harvard at the time. One of those students Aaron emailed ended up becoming a much more successful businessperson than Aaron ever could be. Maybe you've heard of him before: His name was Mark Zuckerberg.

Date: Thu, 18 Sep 2003 22:18:53 -0400

From: Harvard College SEC < info@harvardsec.org>

To: mzuckerb@fas.harvard.edu Subject: CourseMatch.com

Mark,

Neat site. It's pretty similar to what we've been working on with houseSYSTEM. I don't know if you've seen it yet... http://www.kirkland.harvardsec.org.

Aaron Greenspan

President

Harvard College Student Entrepreneurship Council

Aaron Greenspan's Timeline of Events

Despite Greenspan reaching out to Zuckerberg about CourseMatch.com, Mark didn't care to respond.

The next day, Aaron Greenspan added a new section to the houseSYSTEM site called "houseSYSTEM Face Book". "Face Book" was a generic term that referred to the book of student photos distributed at Harvard. According to The New York Times, the term had been used as early as 1902.

Have you ever wanted to find someone in another house? How about a freshman? Ever been frustrated by house web site restrictions? Do these kinds of questions at all remind you at all of cheesy infomercials?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then keep on reading.

The Harvard College SEC presents the newest feature on houseSYSTEM: the Face Book.

Now you can find exactly who you're looking for, as long as they're a houseSYSTEM member and they've opted-in. And with one out of every eight Harvard College students signed up, and many new members each day, there's a good chance they have.

Start using the houseSYSTEM Face Book today! Visit your house's houseSYSTEM site, or to become a member, visit: http://www.harvardsec.org/projects/housesystem.html

Don't forget you can also buy and sell textbooks and other items, review courses, and trade DVDs all on houseSYSTEM—and it's completely free. Keep an eye open for the next feature: the houseSYSTEM Jobs center.

Aaron Greenspan's Timeline of Events

The "face book" page on houseSYSTEM had nothing to do with the Facebook we know today — it just showed school photos of students who were using the site, with no social networking features whatsoever. That didn't stop Greenspan from continuing to pursue Mark Zuckerberg, and later accuse him of stealing the idea for Facebook from him.

One month later, Aaron Greenspan sent Mark Zuckerberg another email. In it, you can see Aaron starting to get jealous over the good publicity Zuckerberg was receiving:

From: Harvard College SEC < info@harvardsec.org>

To: Mark Zuckerberg <mzuckerb@fas.harvard.edu> Subject: Congratulations

Mark,

I saw the article in [Fifteen Minutes, The Harvard Crimson's News Magazine] about Synapse, and wanted offer my congratulations. It's not easy to attract that kind of industry attention. If you don't already know about it, you should take a look at the Student Entrepreneurship Council, a club here on campus. **We'd love to have you as a member.**

If you have any questions, feel free to let me know. Thanks, Aaron

Aaron Greenspan's Timeline of Events

Zuckerberg finally responded politely, but never actually made it to any meetings for Aaron's lame yet controversial club. Then on January 6 2004, Mark Zuckerberg emailed Greenspan and mentioned he was thinking of making a new web app:

From mzuckerb@fas.harvard.edu

Date: Tue, 6 Jan 2004 06:19:11 -0500 (EST)

From: Mark Elliot Zuckerberg <mzuckerb@fas.harvard.edu>

To: Aaron Jacob Greenspan <greensp@fas.harvard.edu> Subject: question

Aaron,

I was thinking of making a web app that would use the Harvard course catalog, but I'm a little worried about the university getting upset after the whole facemash episode. I know you used info from the catalog in your shopping list scheduler in housesystem (which is awesome by the way), so I was wondering if you had to get permission to use that material and if so, whom you contacted. Or maybe if you didn't ask permission but you think I should for extra precaution, do you have any idea whom I could ask?

Thanks a lot! Mark

Aaron Greenspan's Timeline of Events

Greenspan's interest was piqued, and he asked Zuckerberg to incorporate his amazing new idea into Aaron's Hindenburg-level train wreck of a website, houseSYSTEM:

Date: Tue, 06 Jan 2004 10:33:51 -0500

From: Aaron Greenspan < greensp@fas.harvard.edu>

To: Mark Elliot Zuckerberg <mzuckerb@fas.harvard.edu>

Subject: Re: question

Mark,

What kind of app were you thinking of? Maybe we could integrate it into houseSYSTEM.

Aaron

Aaron Greenspan's Timeline of Events

Zuckerberg didn't think that was such a good idea:

Date: Tue, 6 Jan 2004 12:17:59 -0500 (EST)

From: Mark Elliot Zuckerberg <mzuckerb@fas.harvard.edu>

To: Aaron Greenspan < greensp@fas.harvard.edu>

Subject: Re: question

Aaron,

I actually did think about integrating it into houseSYSTEM before you even suggested it, but I **decided that it's probably best to keep them separated at least for now.** I really like the houseSYSTEM app, but this app requires a lot of user participation, and I'm worried that a) **many of the people who have registered for houseSYSTEM in the past don't really go to the site anymore**, and b) the vast number of features offered by houseSYSTEM might intimidate someone just looking for my app. That said, once it's off the ground, I think it could be mutually beneficial to integrate the two, but we can speak about that then.

For now I'm trying to keep the project on the dI, so I'd rather not discuss the details, but we can definitely speak about it once I am ready to release it.

Yea so I don't know if you'd be willing to help me out by telling me what processes you've gone through in the past to avoid getting ad boarded and such, but if you can tell me anything I would appreciate it greatly.

Thanks!

Mark

Aaron Greenspan's Timeline of Events

Aaron didn't catch the hint — Mark Zuckerberg thought that houseSYSTEM totally sucked, and that users had abandoned it. Unable to read between the lines of Zuckerberg's polite refusal, Greenspan then tried to recruit Zuckerberg to work on houseSYSTEM:

Date: Tue, 06 Jan 2004 13:27:10 -0500

From: Aaron Greenspan < greensp@fas.harvard.edu>
To: Mark Elliot Zuckerberg < mzuckerb@fas.harvard.edu>

Subject: Re: question

Mark,

Very interesting. That might actually be useful. You know we could definitely use someone like you to keep houseSYSTEM going, especially since I'll be graduating soon... You sure you don't want to work on it? Seems like you're doing similar work anyway... • For me, accusations included, but were not limited to, trademark infringement, copyright infringement, violation of network policies, violation of security policies, and possible future security breaches. Maybe we should meet for dinner sometime or something and I can tell you the whole story, or what I can remember of it. I'd be interested to hear yours, as well.

Aaron

Aaron Greenspan's Timeline of Events

Greenspan never saw houseSYSTEM as a real business. According to his emails, he planned to hand it off to someone else after his three years at Harvard were over. Mark Zuckerberg was two years younger than him, so he promised Mark he could take it over once Aaron left the school.

Once again, Zuckerberg refused Greenspan's attempts to recruit him, but did agree they could meet up for dinner sometime:

Date: Tue, 6 Jan 2004 14:00:08 -0500 (EST)

From: Mark Elliot Zuckerberg <mzuckerb@fas.harvard.edu>

To: Aaron Greenspan < greensp@fas.harvard.edu>

Subject: Re: question

Aaron,

I've definitely considered joining SEC and I still want to come to a meeting sometime when I get a chance. The general problem I have with these things is I don't usually have a long attention span for lots of coding. I like coming up with ideas and implementing them quickly, which is why I've stuck to mostly web development recently.

So rather than join the houseSYSTEM team, I'd probably rather do development independently and then just intregrate stuff when it makes sense to do so. I'm still interested in checking out SEC and seeing the other stuff you guys are into though.

And yea, we should totally meet up sometime. I'm busy tomorrow night, but how about Thursday? Let me know.

Mark

Aaron Greenspan's Timeline of Events

At that fateful dinner, Mark Zuckerberg offered Aaron Greenspan the chance of a lifetime — an opportunity that would have made Greenspan wealthy beyond his wildest dreams. **He asked Aaron to come join him to create Facebook:**

On Thursday, January 8th, 2004, at 6:45 P.M., I met Mark for dinner in Kirkland House, where he lived. It was only a few hundred feet from my dorm room. He looked and sounded fairly nerdy, but with a level of self-confidence that took me aback. It was out of line with the way he acted, which was anything but professional. Alarm bells went off in my head as I thought of Cameron Johnson.

"So I'm working on this site," he said. "And I think it's gonna be really cool."

"OK..." I said. "Can you tell me what it is?" I was used to entrepreneurs being **overprotective of their usually uninspiring ideas**.

"I'd really rather not..." he said. "I want to keep this on the d-I, but it has **something to do with graph theory**." I didn't know much about graph theory, but I thought it involved the paths between nodes in a network, and the challenge of finding the quickest route from point A to point B. It made perfect sense in the context of what I already knew Mark was interested in.

"Is it a Friendster for Harvard?" I asked. It was my best guess based on his modus operandi thus far. He seemed to be awfully interested in my course database, and it made sense to try to combine it with a more upstanding version of the facemash site, despite the fact that he had already faced the Administrative Board once.

"I can't say," he replied.

"I don't know about a site like that. It seems like if people started posting the wrong kind of information—which I think a lot of students wouldn't think twice about — it would be a privacy nightmare."

"I don't think privacy is that big of a deal," Mark replied. "I mean, we can always improve the controls, and we just want to make something that will get as many people as possible involved."

"Well, still, whatever it is, why don't you consider making it part of houseSYSTEM? We already have 1,200 members who use it regularly..."

"I dunno," he said. "houseSYSTEM, it's really nice, and I like it a lot, but it's just too... useful."

"Too useful?" I asked. "That's a problem?" He explained.

"It just does too much stuff. Like, it's almost overwhelming how useful it is. **I want my thing to stay separate for now.**"

"Okay..." I conceded. "But then why bother talking to me? I mean, it's pretty obvious that I have a vested interest in sticking with this thing I've built already."

"Yeah, I know," he admitted. "But I thought you'd be a good guy to talk to in order to **see if you wanted to work on this project with me.** My roommates are already helping me out, and **I'd like you to as well.**" His roommate

Dustin Moskovitz, sitting next to him, nodded.

Something struck me as being off about the situation. I didn't like the idea of working for someone who had just been disciplined for ignoring privacy rights on a massive scale. I also had no idea if I was facing another Cameron, though I was beginning to sense that Mark was not nearly as smooth, regardless of his similar ability to overlook ethical issues.

I could picture the FBI agent standing in my living room in Cleveland once again, and I knew that any site with thousands of profiles would be attracting the attention of law enforcement and attorneys at one point or another. After my first experience with SurfingPrizes being the token "mature" founder, I didn't feel like I needed a repeat experience. [...]

"Well, thanks," I replied. "But I don't think I'd do very well working for someone. I'm a pretty independent kind of guy," I responded.

"That's okay, we can still exchange ideas and stuff," Mark said. We had a pleasant dinner, exchanged AOL Instant Messenger screennames, and I left to go back to Lowell House.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

That's right — presented with the opportunity of a lifetime, Aaron Greenspan **turned it down.** He missed his chance because he was too prideful and full of himself to see that Zuckerberg was working on something much bigger than anything Greenspan could dream of. He condescendingly looked down at Zuckerberg and demeaned him, without realizing that **he too had faced disciplinary action** for stealing user passwords when he launched houseSYSTEM. That probably factored prominently into Zuckerberg's decision not to make his new website part of houseSYSTEM.

Imagine turning down the chance to be a billionaire so casually, without even listening and trying to learn more. How would you react if it happened to you? Already deeply mentally unstable, this mistake gradually pushed Aaron Greenspan completely off the deep end, driving him more and more insane as Facebook grew larger and larger. In 2019, Facebook generated over \$70 billion in revenue (that's \$70,000,000,000). If you passed up an opportunity like that, are you sure you wouldn't also lose your mind?

Some time after dinner, Mark Zuckerberg tried to recruit Aaron Greenspan to come join him in founding Facebook once again, this time via AOL Instant Messenger:

zbergo2: hey man

ThinkComp: hi

zbergo2: i have a question

ThinkComp: ok

zbergo2: are you interested in doing other things besides the housesystem venture?

ThinkComp: in what context

zberg02: like would you be interested in possibly partnering up to make a site if it would not be incorporated

into housesystem

ThinkComp: for the sec? think? or separate

zbergo2: separate i guess

ThinkComp: depends on the site i guess

zbergo2: well it would be on the new thing i'm working on

zbergo2: i could let you know exactly what i was thinking about it, but i'm a little worried that you might just be

inclined to want to incorporate it into housesystem

zbergo2: which isn't something i want right off the bat, and maybe not at all

ThinkComp: i guess i'd need to see the advantage of starting on something new

ThinkComp: since i've already sort of got a lot going on...

Aaron Greenspan's Timeline of Events

Once again, Aaron Greenspan turned down the chance to **partner with Mark Zuckerberg** on building Facebook. The reason he gave Zuckerberg was that he "already sort of [had] a lot going on". His pride, arrogance, and need to always be the boss stopped him from seeing what was in front of his eyes, and made him bitter for the rest of his life when he realized what he missed.

At this point, the houseSYSTEM brand had been completely tarnished. Students remembered it as just "that website that tried to collect everyone's passwords", and nobody really wanted to spend much time there. Not realizing houseSYSTEM was a total turd that Zuckerberg wanted nothing to do with, Greenspan continued to try and convince Mark to incorporate his new idea into the failed houseSYSTEM project. Zuckerberg tried to explain why he didn't want to as politely as he could:

ThinkComp: it's much easier to just incorporate things where they fit from my perspective

zbergo2: well i agree

zberg02: but we disagree on whether or not it would fit into housesystem

zbergo2: well really i just want to make sure that we're not doing the same thing

zbergo2: because then neither of us would succeed i think

ThinkComp: that's fair enough, but i don't understand why it wouldn't fit and why you wouldn't want to take

advantage of the existing user base

ThinkComp: especially since i don't know how much people will trust sites you make on your own at this point

Aaron Greenspan's Timeline of Events

Yeah, who is going to trust some random website by Mark Zuckerberg? In hindsight, Greenspan was hilariously short-sighted.

Zuckerberg then revealed the main reason he didn't want to associate the new site with houseSYSTEM in any way — he didn't want the new site to be linked to all the negative publicity around Aaron collecting Harvard students usernames and passwords:

ThinkComp: just because of the previous negative publicity

zbergo2: yea i hear that

zbergo2: i think that house system is a much more professional app

zbergo2: and people know it as that

ThinkComp: i really don't think you will get in trouble for being too professional

zbergo2: well yea

zbergo2: but that sort of **makes it less interesting** i guess

ThinkComp: i don't think so

zbergo2: but it's made up for by its utility

zberg02: like i don't think i'd go to housesystem to procrastinate

ThinkComp: because it looks too nice?

ThinkComp: that seems sort of silly

zbergo2: well just because of the functionality that's there presently

zbergo2: and people's opinion of it based on that and how it's been marketed

ThinkComp: in that case more time-wasting stuff would balance it out nicely

zbergo2: perhaps

zbergo2: but i really just want to make sure there's not a lot of overhead

zbergo2: i am worried that registration for housesystem requires a lot of info

ThinkComp: yeah, it does

ThinkComp: but if 1200 people have filled it out so far, i'm not too worried...

ThinkComp: the most frequent reason i've heard for people not signing up for it is that they don't think anyone

else is

ThinkComp: not that registration is hard

zberg02: i'm also a little skeptical about the culture of the site and people's willingness to give information

about themselves

ThinkComp: or that it's too functional

zbergo2: yea i agree...it is too functional

zbergo2: like it's almost overwhelming

ThinkComp: well, but it's supposed to be

zbergo2: like in a site where people give personal information for one thing, it then takes a lot of work and

precaution to use that information for something else

zbergo2: well it's good that it's functional

zbergo2: it's just a little overwhelming for some people i think

ThinkComp: perhaps

Aaron Greenspan's Timeline of Events

This is actually a really interesting insight into what Mark Zuckerberg was thinking about as he created Facebook. In contrast to Aaron Greenspan's boring site for checking out courses and anonymously smearing professors, Zuckerberg had the insight to **build a website that was fun**, where people would go to procrastinate and goof off. That's something a friendless loser like Aaron Greenspan, obsessed with building a "professional" looking site, would never understand.

Zuckerberg knew such a site would require users to upload info about themselves, including photos. Given the uproar and bad press around Aaron Greenspan collecting Harvard student's passwords, Greenspan's site had a "creepy" vibe that would make people less likely to share their info. Zuckerberg also astutely observed that if you took someone's personal info they gave for looking up courses and tried to use it for something fun, the user would feel violated. But if you asked them to enter what they wanted to display on this new site... they were putting up the information they wanted to share voluntarily.

Greenspan was confused — if Zuckerberg hated houseSYSTEM so much, why did he want to work together on something new?

zbergo2: it's not that what you do is at odds with the atmosphere i'm trying to create

zbergo2: it's just the atmosphere of housesystem isn't right i think

ThinkComp: from what i can tell it sounds like your idea might again be controversial from the perspectives of other students and administrators

ThinkComp: i'm not afraid of controversy clearly

ThinkComp: but i might be able to keep in it check as part of housesystem

ThinkComp: i'm not so sure i could if i worked on something with you independently

ThinkComp: and there's the very real risk that it could blow up in both of our faces, which i'd rather avoid

ThinkComp: i guess that's basically how i feel

Aaron Greenspan's Timeline of Events

I wonder if Greenspan had any idea he was saying no to a multi-billion dollar opportunity? He continued to press Zuckerberg to incorporate his idea into the houseSYSTEM dumpster fire:

ThinkComp: what if you made a separate site that drew on the housesystem database in the background

ThinkComp: under the sec

ThinkComp: one upload, one login

zbergo2: what is it going to draw from the database?

zbergo2: so both will have facebooks?

ThinkComp: yeah

ThinkComp: put it would be a positive feedback loop rather than a negative one

ThinkComp: assuming the administration doesn't take issue with your idea

zbergo2: that's an interesting idea

zbergo2: what if people don't want to do both sites?

ThinkComp: they dont have to

ThinkComp: but if they sign up for one, they're automatically in the other.

zberg02: would it be possible to add something like that after the site is launched?

ThinkComp: uh

ThinkComp: why would you do it that way?

zbergo2: i mean, are you planning on making changes to the housesystem facebook?

ThinkComp: of course

zbergo2: so what data will the two draw from each other

zbergo2: besides logins?

ThinkComp: member information and facebook information

ThinkComp: though neither site has to display all of it

ThinkComp: it would be sort of like how delta has song airlines

zbergo2: delta owns song airlines

ThinkComp: right

ThinkComp: your site would be an sec project

ThinkComp: both would benefit

zbergo2: that sounds like it could work

zberg02: but it might be a lot of work to modify the stuff i've already done

ThinkComp: what did you write it ib

ThinkComp: er, in

zbergo2: some perl, some php

zbergo2: all the web stuff is in php **ThinkComp:** might work then

zbergo2: yea...how fast is your server

zbergo2: for housesystem
ThinkComp: not too fast
ThinkComp: 300mhz
zbergo2: oh man

ThinkComp: but it works **zbergo2:** how much ram

ThinkComp: 256

zberg02: there are a lot of cool things that i wanted to do with coursematch that deal with graph theory

zbergo2: but it's all pretty computationally intensive

ThinkComp: i see

zbergo2: would the sites run off the same server?

zberg02: or just share the database?

ThinkComp: yeah

ThinkComp: same server

ThinkComp: unless you have a different one you could put it on

zbergo2: we'll see what i can do

zbergo2: i need to go get some work done

zbergo2: we'll speak soon

ThinkComp: ok **ThinkComp:** bye

Aaron Greenspan's Timeline of Events

Wisely, Mark Zuckerberg didn't want to be owned by Aaron Greenspan. He wanted to make his own site — one that would actually be a hit.

So that's how it really happened. Aaron Greenspan made a website that caused a huge controversy, by collecting students usernames and passwords and downloading their e-mail. The launch was such a disaster, it was featured in the school newspaper — the worst product launch in the history of Harvard. The website was such a disaster Aaron Greenspan nearly got expelled for launching it.

Then, Greenspan introduces himself to Mark Zuckerberg and turns down the chance to partner with him to build Facebook— **twice**. Greenspan was too full of himself to realize that Mark Zuckerberg was onto something big. He had to be the boss, and he had to be in control. His pride was his downfall, causing him to miss the opportunity of a lifetime. >issing that multi-billion dollar opportunity pushed an already mentally unstable man straight over the edge. As time went on, Aaron Greenspan grew angrier and more bitter every single day.

FACENET: GREENSPAN COPIES ZUCKERBERG

Aaron Greenspan was not happy. Not happy at all. Mark Zuckerberg's new website, TheFacebook.com, launched with wild success. Before long, Aaron Greenspan wasn't the guy with the established website talking down to Mark Zuckerberg, two years below him. Zuckerberg's website had **blown houseSYSTEM out of the water**, adding **over 7,000 students** while houseSYSTEM had only around 1,000 — none of whom were very active. Greenspan knew he had to do something, or this hot new Facebook would leave houseSYSTEM forgotten and in the dust.

So he added a slew of new features to houseSYSTEM to copy some of the best ideas from Mark Zuckerberg's Facebook. He called this new houseSYSTEM module "FaceNet". When it launched, the Harvard Crimson picked up the story, describing it as a new competitor to Facebook that Greenspan was launching:

Mark E. Zuckerberg '06 and thefacebook.com may be facing a bit of competition in the world of cyber networking.

Earlier this week, Aaron J. Greenspan '06 **launched FaceNet**, a website providing Harvard affiliates with **services similar to those offered by thefacebook.com**, a popular site that has already attracted more than **7,000 students and alumni** through friendship networks.

Greenspan said that **more than 50 people** signed up for FaceNet, which is run by the Student Entrepreneurship Council (SEC), the night it was launched.

Harvard Crimson

Wow! 50 people! Aaron Greenspan's most successful project ever!

At first, Aaron Greenspan described his new FaceNet site as a "competitor" to Facebook, and pushed back on accusations that FaceNet was too similar to, or a copy of Facebook:

Despite the similarities between FaceNet and thefacebook.com—both allow users to create personal profiles and develop a network of online friends—Greenspan, who served as the president of the SEC, said both sites can thrive at Harvard.

"It is possible for multiple sites to co-exist," Greenspan said. "The SEC supports entrepreneurship, and we applaud Mark's efforts."

"Competition is a very real part of entrepreneurship," he added.

But users of both sites said it would be unlikely for Greenspan's site to achieve the remarkable success of Zuckerberg's, which ballooned in its second week from 650 to over 4,000 members.

Harvard Crimson

That's a nice platitude Aaron delivered about competition, but he didn't exactly feel the same way once he lost the competition and had to shut his site down. The users were right: It was very unlikely Greenspan's crappy ripoff of Facebook would see the same remarkable success as Zuckerberg's. Unsurprisingly, FaceNet completely flopped. From the day it launched, FaceNet users could see that it was bound to fail:

Jeffrey B. Miller '05, a member of both sites, said that students who have **already developed their network of friends on thefacebook.com** may hesitate to switch to an entirely different website.

"The **FaceNet isn't as easy to use as thefacebook.com**. It might be **too little, too late**," said Miller. "It will be **hard to compete with thefacebook.com** when thefacebook.com already has about 5,000 members and **lots of momentum**."

Jonathan G. Sherman '07 said he agrees that many students **may not bother to redo their profiles** and friendship networks.

"I don't know too much about the FaceNet website, but I don't think that students are going to switch to a completely new website," says Sherman.

Harvard Crimson

Despite Greenspan trying to paint FaceNet as a competitor to Facebook, Mark Zuckerberg and his team never really considered it to be serious competiton:

Zuckerberg's roommate Christopher R. Hughes '06, who also helps administrate the thefacebook.com, said **he does not view FaceNet as a competitor.**

"We don't really have an attitude of competition," Hughes said. "I've seen the FaceNet website and it looks fine. It looks like an interesting website. But we're not worried or competitive. That's not our attitude at all."

Harvard Crimson

In the same article, Greenspan admitted that he decided to create FaceNet after seeing the success of Facebook. Unlike Zuckerberg, he failed to realize that people would be willing to provide information about themselves for a social media profile:

When Greenspan realized that students were willing to disclose a great deal of personal information on thefacebook.com, he decided to add the new FaceNet features onto his universal facebook.

Harvard Crimson

But despite the fact that Aaron Greenspan blatantly ripped of Mark Zuckerberg's Facebook with FaceNet and betrayed his kindness and friendship, Zuckerberg still messaged Aaron to congratulate him on the launch:

zberg02: hey man
ThinkComp: hi

zbergo2: your facenet thing is hot

ThinkComp: thanks

zbergo2: how do i add you as a friend

ThinkComp: go to the main thing and just type greensp

ThinkComp: into the center box

ThinkComp: it's obviously got room for improvement $\ensuremath{\mathfrak{C}}$

ThinkComp: such as adding one at a time

ThinkComp: hehe **zbergo2**: one at a time?

ThinkComp: like you just wanted to

zbergo2: oh right haha

zbergo2: did you code this yourself?

zbergo2: it looks like it has the greenspan touch

ThinkComp: yeah zbergo2: cool

Aaron Greenspan's Timeline of Events

Aaron Greenspan admitted the site had flaws, and was not easy to use:

ThinkComp: it's a nice program

ThinkComp: if only it didn't break $\stackrel{ {}_{ }}{ }$

zbergo2: yea haha

zbergo2: how do i add a course as my favorite?

ThinkComp: go to critical mass **zbergo2**: i'm clearly bad at this

zbergo2: yea i'm in that
ThinkComp: no, it's not you.
ThinkComp: the UI needs work
ThinkComp: under Lists

ThinkComp: my favorite list i think?

zbergo2: oh right **zbergo2**: gotcha

zbergo2: no that's pretty obvious

zbergo2: i just browsed to the course profile **zbergo2**: thinking that there would be a link there

ThinkComp: yeah there should be

ThinkComp: you may run into a bug with the ranking once you add the first course...

ThinkComp: i've gotta fix that.

zbergo2: eh get one of your people to do that haha **ThinkComp**: there are no other programming people

Aaron Greenspan's Timeline of Events

Zuckerberg even encouraged Greenspan to keep working on the site after he graduated:

zberg02: are you going to keep running any of this stuff after you graduate?

zberg02: it would probably be better not having to play by harvard's rules haha

zbergo2: anyhow, i need to go learn some psych before wednesday

Aaron Greenspan's Timeline of Events

Unfortunately, the competition didn't stay so friendly. As Facebook continued to obliterate houseSYSTEM, Greenspan grew increasingly angry. In a clear jab at Zuckerberg, houseSYSTEM ran an ad that used screenshots of Facebook, made fun of Mark Zuckerberg's name, and claimed Greenspan's club had created TheFacebook.com. Zuckerberg messaged Greenspan to confront him, but as usual Aaron refused to take responsibility for his actions claiming "someone else" had taken over:

zbergo2: hey aaron **ThinkComp:** hi

zbergo2: your ads for housesystem are using screenshots from my site which you don't have the copyright to

zbergo2: i have to ask you to take them down

ThinkComp: [phone, sorry]

zbergo2: sure

ThinkComp: hi, sorry about that

zbergo2: no problem

ThinkComp: i'll pass along your concerns ThinkComp: i didn't design the poster

ThinkComp: and i'm not running the club anymore

zbergo2: i know

ThinkComp: so i'll let them know zbergo2: i don't want to be difficult

Aaron Greenspan's Timeline of Events

Then, Greenspan tried to deflect blame from himself by making some accusations of his own. For the first time, he accused Mark Zuckerberg of stealing the idea for Facebook from him. He even said Mark Zuckerberg had "admitted it". He threatened him not to "push too hard". If he did, Greenspan promised to retaliate with a campaign of false accusations:

ThinkComp: on the other hand, you freely admitted taking some ideas from housesystem

ThinkComp: so i wouldn't push it too hard

zbergo2: i just don't really want them playing on my name

zbergo2: when did i do that?
ThinkComp: over dinner

ThinkComp: in kirkland

zbergo2: like what?

ThinkComp: well, i should rephrase...

ThinkComp: as i recall you mentioned that a lot of the features in your site would appear as though they could

have been taken from housesystem

zberg02: i don't remember saying that

ThinkComp: and then i noticed a very similar class scheduler, for example

zberg02: i had written that before i met with you

zbergo2: anyhow, i don't remember saying anything like that, but the point is, the stuff is decently generic

ThinkComp: it doesn't matter really...i don't mind

Aaron Greenspan's Timeline of Events

But Greenspan was lying. He did mind. He was the computer guy, the young entrepreneur. How could someone have built a better website than his? HE was the expert, the one who had the most experience. He truly looked down on Zuckerberg and believed he was better than him. He failed to recognize the world-changing potential of Zuckerberg's insights, and assumed success must have been *stolen from him*. In his delusional view of the world, he was the smartest man on Earth. He was completely unable to recognize the talents of others, and that's why he missed the opportunity to join Facebook in the earliest days. At this point, he could have still joined Facebook any time he wanted. His pride and overconfidence were his downfall.

Zuckerberg was taken aback. He reminded Greenspan that it was **houseSYSTEM that had copied social networking features from Facebook** — not the other way around!

zbergo2: yea and i don't have a problem with you adding social networking stuff to your site

zbergo2: it's fine to share ideas by ideas

ThinkComp: i will tell turn and wentao to take away the screenshot

zberg02: the setup of the ads just suggests that [you and your student club] made thefacebook

zberg02: or at least that was what was **reported to me by a few people**

ThinkComp: personally, i don't think so, and you've had plenty of coverage which clearly implies otherwise

ThinkComp: but i will tell them, like i said

zbergo2: okay thanks

zbergo2: sorry to be a nuisance **ThinkComp:** not a problem

ThinkComp: you're right to be concerned

ThinkComp: on the other hand, some competition is always healthy $\stackrel{\smile}{\cup}$

zberg02: na i totally agree

zberg02: okay man...well thanks for passing that along to whomever is in charge now

Aaron Greenspan's Timeline of Events

The friendly relationship had been soured as Greenspan continued his ritual of burning every bridge in front of him. Unfortunately, that instant message chat was a warning of things to come:

CAN I PLEASE HAVE A JOB, MARK?

After both students had left Harvard, Facebook continued to grow beyond anyone's wildest dreams. Meanwhile, Aaron Greenspan's site failed — nobody was logging in, so he just shut it down. Or maybe it stayed running at Harvard for a while, I don't know.

Greenspan could no longer maintain his delusion that he was in any way equal to Mark Zuckerberg. Zuckerberg had the hottest startup in the world, and Greenspan had a reputation for stealing his classmates' passwords. It wasn't just Greenspan's business that was failing — he was failing in his personal life too:

I attempted a few dates with that same girl. Boring as they must have been for her, they were thrilling for me, but I quickly realized that I was essentially unfit for any type of relationship. [...]

The police were regular visitors to our house. Who wanted to date someone with such problems? These were the signs of a stable life ahead? I didn't blame anyone for wanting to stay away, and it was exhausting to explain it all.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

As Aaron Greenspan grew increasingly sexually frustrated and his business fell apart, his heart, bereft of love, began to fill with bitterness. He was furious at Mark Zuckerberg for his happiness and success and grew to hate him and his company more and more every day.

My plan for Think after graduation had been to sell houseSYSTEM as a whole or on an à la carte basis, with the Universal Face Book, CriticalMass, Student Exchange, Posters, and Jobs being some of the many software modules I could offer to universities across the country. Little did I know that over the summer, Mark had beat me to the punch by attracting the venture capital I distrusted so much after reading Jerry Kaplan's book. Instead of selling to administrators, he opted to market directly to students for free, hoping to make money on advertising.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Mark's decision to target students directly, rather than trying to sell to universities was a brilliant move. But Aaron Greenspan was too small-minded to understand it.

Still, the more I thought about it, and the more I saw Facebook in the press, the more Mark's plan didn't make sense to me on any level. Of all of the ideas I had coded and saved away on my hard drive, my on-line Face Book seemed like it had the least profit potential of them all. Making money off of advertising seemed downright boring compared to the things I wanted to work on.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Greenspan totally failed to realize how big Facebook could be, but still believed that he had invented it — even though he never would have cared about it if it weren't for Mark's success. Despite the fact that Zuckerberg understood the billion-dollar idea that he couldn't, Greenspan still looked down on him:

In late September of 2004, I was reading The Crimson when I came across an article lauding Mark for his genius and likely similarities to Bill Gates. I didn't see any similarities between Mark and Bill Gates. Mark was inarticulate and naïve; Gates was shrewd, calculating, and insanely competitive, bordering on autistic.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Greenspan decided if he couldn't beat Mark Zuckerberg, he would at least try to smear him in the press:

Knowing that Gates's aggressive personality differed greatly from Mark's care-free approach to life, I wrote an editorial in response to the Crimson article. **Like every other editorial I had ever sent in, it was never published**. The fact was that **Mark had the press in a frenzy, and I didn't**—I had to give him credit for at least that much.

I felt lost, and I couldn't decide whether I had been wronged, or whether Mark was simply smarter than I was. My only consolation was that the press wasn't only in love with Mark. As an avid reader of multiple newspapers, I knew the press sometimes acted just as obsessively as Simon's classmates at Brehm, unable to let go of a particular individual or concept even when more important events were taking shape. Paris Hilton came to mind.

Since the site's first days, the phrase "A Mark Zuckerberg production" appeared at the bottom of every page on Facebook. I was sure that it would disappear once Mark's funding came through and his investors gave the site a once-over. It didn't. **My former classmate's antics were beginning to grate on me.**

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Can you feel the bitterness and jealously dripping out of each word? Lost in delusions of grandeur, Greenspan refused to accept that Mark Zuckerberg was smarter than him. He was the computer guy, the computer expert! All his life it was he who knew everything, and everyone else was just clueless — or so he believed. Now that world view had been shattered by the dramatic success of someone he had condescendingly looked down upon, and refused to work with because he had "too much going on".

There was no denying the reality of Zuckerberg's success any longer. Finally Aaron had to swallow his pride and just give up. He wallowed to the phone with his hat in his hand to ask Mark Zuckerberg for a job — but it was too late:

By December, I figured that I might be able to salvage all of those hours of work if I simply **admitted defeat and got in with Facebook**, Inc. on the ground floor. **I gave Mark a call in Palo Alto** and asked if they were still looking for someone for their Vice-President of Engineering position, which was advertised as being open on their web

site. "We're **looking for someone with more engineering experienc**e, like, ten to fifteen years," he told me. Knowing what kind of engineering experience Mark had, I bit my tongue, hard. I had one more idea.

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Not long ago when Facebook had nothing, Zuckerberg had begged Greenspan multiple times to partner with him on the project. Greenspan refused, unless he was the boss, turning down the opportunity of a lifetime. Now that Facebook was successful and had secured venture capital funding, Greenspan suddenly felt entitled to a piece of the action — even though he had said no so many times before because he looked down on Zuckerberg and his team, who knew far more about computer science than he did as an economics major. Now that Zuckerberg had money, he didn't need to hire a loser like Greenspan. Finally, he could afford to hire any engineer he wanted.

Greenspan's blood boiled as Zuckerberg refused to give him the VP Engineering position at the hottest startup in Silicon Valley. "How dare Zuckerberg cross me?", he must have thought. But Greenspan felt entitled, and decided that one way or another **he was going to get his money.** He decided to blackmail, threaten and extort Facebook's founder: If he wouldn't set Greenspan up with a salary, Aaron would try to force him to cough up even more in court:

"I heard about your lawsuit," I told him, referring to the suit that had been filed by Divya Narenda and Cameron and Tyler Winklevoss, twins who had lived near my friend in Cabot House. I didn't know any of them, but I knew about their web site, ConnectU. Word had it that they had hired Mark to write the initial site, which they alleged Mark had finished right around the time that we had dinner in the Kirkland dining hall—only Mark never delivered the product.

"You know, houseSYSTEM came before Facebook and ConnectU, and they both have features that look remarkably similar to mine. I have grounds to sue both of you," I told him. Mark remained silent. "If we teamed up then ConnectU would have no case; with Facebook owning the rights to houseSYSTEM, ConnectU couldn't claim that you had copied off of them. It would be the other way around."

"I'll have to run it by my legal team," Mark responded. We chatted for a few more minutes, and I said hello to Sean Parker of Napster fame, who Mark had apparently run into on the street. Parker was serving as Facebook's President.

When I hung up the phone, I felt like I had exhausted my options. If Mark didn't want to cooperate with me, there was always the possibility that I could sue him myself. I knew something about intellectual property law from my trademark dispute, however, and there was one question that kept running through my mind. "Maybe I could sue him, but what for?"

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This is how sick Aaron Greenspan is. He had the chance to partner with Mark Zuckerberg and start Facebook. He said no.

Despite that, he feels he's owed the top engineering job at the company despite the fact that he has no software engineering experience from school (because he "didn't like math").

He clearly wasn't the right person for the job, but threatened to make Mark Zuckerberg's life hell if he "didn't want to cooperate". Aaron Greenspan is a bully who will ruthlessly retaliate against anyone who doesn't let him have his way. He didn't even know what to sue his former friend for, but vowed to look for something just to torture the poor guy. He had absolutely no empathy for the fact that Zuckerberg was already being prosecuted unfairly, and instead wanted to pile on and claim the idea was stolen from him too!

One Amazon reviewer for Aaron Greenspan's book was so disturbed by this part of the story they described it as an attempt to "blackmail" Facebook and Mark Zuckerberg:

On page 302, I feel that Greenspan relays a tale of attempting to blackmail Facebook. Despite considering Zuckerburg "inarticulate and naive," he suggested that he join Facebook. When told they needed an engineer with 15 years' experience, Greenspan highlighted Facebook's problems with ConnectU (who were suing Facebook for allegedly copying their idea and stealing code) and suggested that he had "grounds to sue both of you" before suggesting that if Facebook would hire him, he'd be on their side and help the lawsuit go away.

The last 20 pages are dire. The author claims that having a full Facebook profile "would have meant I endorsed intellectual property theft" without realizing that information willingly shared is not "thieved."

Lastly, the author appears to rub most people in the book up the wrong way. Other than his closest associates and his family, almost every social interaction seems to result in the author antagonizing someone or being ignored. In many cases, he relies on his father to write e-mails and letters on his behalf (mostly unsuccessfully), rather than fight his own battles. "If Mark can get \$2 billion for my ideas, I should at least be able to get a couple million!" sums up what I see as a jealous individual who, as it happens, has written a gripping and interesting book.

As good as this book is, I sense Greenspan isn't the sort of person to get over a slight easily and it saddens me that he appears restricted him from achieving all that someone with his talents could be.

Read Amazon Review

Helpful

Zuckerberg's refusal to hand away Facebook's top job filled Greenspan with uncontrollable, irrational anger. Aaron Greenspan instantly became obsessed, unable to stop thinking about the perceived slight:

Whether or not a lawsuit was the right choice wasn't the only question that was looping through my brain on a daily basis. Why couldn't he have told me that he was going to seek funding? What did he have to lose by offering me a job?

The answer, of course, was that he had a lot to lose. We probably **wouldn't have gotten along in a working environment** with Mark owning the majority of the company's stock, since I naturally **felt entitled to the proceeds of my own idea**. I would have been a threat. Still, **when I had rejected his informal employment offer** in Kirkland, he had been talking about a side-project like hundreds I had seen before at Harvard — not a venture-backed corporation. Would it have really taken that much time to make a phone call before taking the plunge, if only to ask my permission?

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

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Once again, Greenspan's delusion is on display. Despite the fact that he clearly remembers turning down Mark's offer when the project was small, now that it's successful and venture funded he feels "entitled" to a share of the earnings from a project he refused to help with. Even though he understands that Mark Zuckerberg owns the company, he is so delusional that he somehow feels Zuckerberg needs his "permission" to take venture capital funding. Greenspan justifies heinous acts against his former friend based on this delusion that he has been wronged, when the truth is that he had nothing to do with Facebook at all.

Greenspan couldn't let his obsession go. He decided to uproot his life and move to Silicon Valley so that he could stalk Mark Zuckerberg. Once he arrived in the same neighborhood as Zuckerberg, he made sure to "accidentally" bump into him "several times" while Zuckerberg was jogging:

Still, Greenspan hasn't escaped Facebook's shadow entirely. He happens to live in Palo Alto's College Terrace neighborhood — the same one Facebook chose for its world headquarters last year. He said he has run into Zuckerberg several times while jogging on California Avenue.

The two entrepreneurs have greeted each other just once, Greenspan said.

"I said 'hey,' and he said 'hey,' and we went our separate ways," he recalled. "He can go on doing his thing and I'll do mine, and that's fine."

San Jose Mercury

After the first "random" encounter", Zuckerberg started getting creeped out and stopped saying hi to Greenspan. Aaron bit his tongue. He would never admit it to the media, but nothing about this was "fine" to him.

JEALOUSY DRIVES AARON GREENSPAN INSANE

In a story that's probably somewhat fabricated, Aaron Greenspan described the moment he supposedly realized Facebook had been stolen from him. Here's how Greenspan described the encounter that caused him to completely lose his mind:

I don't know who she was, and I had probably seen students like her a thousand times before, but she is the one who sticks out in my mind. She was an undergraduate I had never met [...] standing there in a sparking student center before a public computer terminal, completely engrossed in the screen before her. It only took a moment to recognize the pale blue streaks and blocks of text on the screen that were apparently so intriguing. She was looking at The Facebook.

I was standing alone at the dead-end of a maze of dead-ends, watching from a distance as others repeated the rewards of my creation in which my participation was forbidden. Something had gone horribly wrong.

That's when I had to admit the truth that for so long I had suspected, but hadn't wanted to believe.

"He really did steal it from me after all"

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

The only thing that went horribly wrong was Aaron Greenspan's own decision making. Despite the fact that he had ripped off social networking features from Facebook with FaceNet, and had turned down the chance to partner with Mark Zuckerberg multiple times, Greenspan claimed to truly believe Facebook had been stolen from him.

OPEN LETTER TO MARK ZUCKERBERG

So what if Mark Zuckerberg refused to talk to him, or acknowledge his existence? Greenspan decided he would send Mark Zuckerberg a letter, and post it publicly for everyone to see. Zuckerberg had refused to give him the job he wanted, even after Greenspan moved to the **same neighborhood** and "accidentally" bumped into him numerous times. Now, it was time to make good on his threat. If Zuckerberg refused to pay up, he would make sure to hurt him and humiliate him as much as physically possible.

When Yahoo offered to buy the young Facebook for almost \$1 billion, Greenspan was once again overcome by jealousy. Emotion consumed him, and forced him to strike. Here's the letter Aaron Greenspan sent to Mark Zuckerberg and posted online, in full:



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Mr. Mark Zuckerberg President Facebook, Inc. 156 University Avenue, 3rd Floor Palo Alto, CA 94301

Dear Mark,

It's almost been three years since we sat down to dinner in Kirkland House. A lot has happened since then, and I've been following your progress closely. It's hard not to—you're in the newspaper almost daily now!

The controversy surrounding Facebook's news feed feature, and now your plans to make the site accessible to the general public, have both piqued my interest. Over dinner that night at Harvard, I expressed my concern that you might end up having a privacy nightmare on your hands. How foolish I was not to realize what one of those nightmares is worth! So, while you're making up your mind about whether to accept Yahoo's \$900 million offer, I thought I'd write to you on behalf of your users, the nine million or so high school students, college students and recent graduates who use facebook.com on a daily basis (at least according to your own public relations staff), with some unsolicited advice.

The general concern now is that the value of your service will become diluted when you open up the site to regions throughout the globe, which based on my understanding, will lack any requirement for authentication. Coupled with the pervasive unease surrounding the direction you decided to go by tracking everyone's every move, I think the resulting dissatisfaction with Facebook could end up being harmful to your company, or whoever you choose to sell it to.

You are making decisions, so far as I can tell, as any good executive would, based on logical desires: to become consistently profitable, to compete with News Corp.'s MySpace, and to make the site as efficient for users as possible. If you'll allow me to say so, this is where I think you've gone astray. You attracted the cool crowd by building a cool site, one that catered to what students wanted, not what investors wanted. It follows that if you re-align your interests, your users will re-align theirs. This shift may eventually reveal a flaw in your business model, which is specifically that hype can only feed a business in lieu of revenue so long as people believe that it will.



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What can one do to remedy such a situation? You must find some way to become highly profitable—without caving into the raw economic interests that I would have to guess are steadily exerting increasing pressure on your ability to make decisions. If I were in your place, I would take the money from Yahoo while I still had the option, and use it to build something bigger and better later on. After all, it is remarkable that Yahoo is willing to pay a full \$100 for every one of your users! I imagine, if you were to ask the typical Facebook user, most of whom have almost no purchasing power, "what was the last thing you bought that you saw on Facebook?", what might they say? As a user of your service since its first day, I can't think of anything to answer that question, let alone anything worth \$100. You shouldn't let this opportunity pass you by.

After all, the open market will take care of your users—who will take care of you? Remember that web site you signed up for at Harvard two days before we met in January, 2004, called houseSYSTEM—the one I made with the Universal Face Book that pre-dated your site by four months? (You left it out of your speech at Stanford, which is why I ask.) Well, I've re-launched it as CommonRoom (http://www.commonroom.com), and just like its predecessor, it has all sorts of features that might seem familiar: birthday reminders, an event calendar, RSVPs, how you know someone, photo albums, courses, posters... After all, when you saw all of those features in houseSYSTEM three years ago, you called them "too useful," but I stood by them as valuable. Fortunately, even though I shut down houseSYSTEM, I can still use those same features on Facebook—and I didn't even have to write any more code!

So, please put Facebook back how it was, or take the money from Yahoo, even though it's only half of what you're truly looking for: merely \$200 per user. They need your network, and you need their cash. Those pesky users who complain about privacy non-stop, or who don't want to be associated with a huge company, or who want real features beyond just "poking" people? Just send them to CommonRoom. I'll be more than happy to take them off your hands.

Yours sincerely,

Aaron Greenspan President & CEO

Think Computer Corporation

For more on this letter, see this Whole Mars post

In the letter, Greenspan offered unsolicited advice to Zuckerberg — hilarious, given the fact that his company had failed and Mark's was wildly successful. He urged Zuck to sell Facebook to Yahoo for just \$900 million. Today the market capitalization of Facebook is \$762 billion — **nearly 1000 times more** than what Yahoo offered. Although jealousy over Facebook's success consumed him, Greenspan proved once more that he completely failed to understand what it was truly worth. Most young entrepreneurs would have taken the money and ran, but Zuckerberg was wise enough to understand the true potential of what he was building.

The letter also served another purpose: For the first time, Aaron Greenspan publicly accused Mark Zuckerberg of stealing the idea for Facebook from him despite the allegations having absolutely no basis in reality. Why make such ridiculous baseless accusations in public?

Greenspan's true motive was revealed subtly at the end of the letter: "Just send [your users] to CommonRoom. I'll be more than happy to take them off your hands". Besides exacting revenge on Zuckerberg, this was the true purpose of the letter.

Since Zuckerberg had refused to hire Greenspan, he would now have to compete with him once more. Greenspan re-launched his failed houseSYSTEM website rebranded with a slightly less shitty name: CommonRoom.



The CommonRoom home page

The letter was essentially a publicity stunt to promote Greenspan's latest Facebook rip-off, and to sadly attempt to tie himself to the company once more. It was essential that CommonRoom be covered all over the media, and playing off Facebook's fame was a trick to do just that. After all the positive coverage Facebook received while Aaron Greenspan was exposed in the Harvard Crimson as a password stealer, Greenspan had become **obsessed with manipulating and controlling what the public saw in the mainstream media**. He confessed as much in an interview:

Chatting with Aaron Greenspan of Think Computer Corporation in regard to marketing

Q. What is the most cost effective method of marketing you have used?

Aaron Greenspan: Word-of-mouth and the press are the two most cost-effective methods of marketing in existence.

Q. Can you list all the forms of marketing you have used and tell of their effectiveness?

Aaron Greenspan: Word-of-mouth—Very high

Trade shows and conferences—Poor

Networking groups—Poor

Press articles—Very high

Print advertising—Poor

Web advertising—Very Poor

E-mail—Average

Q. What's the best marketing tip you can tell?

Aaron Greenspan: Don't pay for anything if you don't have to.

"Word of mouth and the press are the two most cost-effective methods of marketing in existence", he believed. Greenspan hated paying for things, and knew it was much cheaper to drum up a fake controversy that would get him in the news. That way, he could lean on the credibility and readership of mainstream news outlets for free. Publicly accusing Mark Zuckerberg of stealing Facebook from him was a crazy idea, but believe it or not it worked. News outlets of every kind covered his accusations and the launch of CommonRoom, although not all of the coverage was positive:

CommonRoom: The Wow Isn't Now

Contributor 7:20 PM PDT • September 1, 2007

Comment

Buried in the news yesterday that former Harvard student Aaron Greenspan is claiming to be the founder of Facebook was mention of Greenspan's own startup: CommonRoom.

Perhaps I'm being a little cynical, as I'm sure in truth that it's a complete coincidence that Greenspan is publicly claiming founder status for **Facebook** • in the NY Times whilst promoting a Facebook competitor. As for CommonRoom, the wow didn't quite happen for me, but you can be the judge:

CommonRoom: The Wow Isn't Now, wrote TechCrunch

Someone's jealous: A college pal writes an open letter to Facebook's founder





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This image was lost some time after publication.

Gawker wrote "Someone's jealous: A college pal writes an open letter to Facebook's founder"

Greenspan even got the New York Times to weigh in, based on an existing relationship with a journalist he worked with on a previous story:

Who Founded Facebook? A New Claim Emerges











Aaron J. Greenspan says that while he was a student at Harvard, he came up with the idea for Facebook, the social-networking Web site.

Darcy Padilla for The New York Times

By John Markoff

Sept. 1, 2007

Imagine being Mark Zuckerberg and seeing this complete bullshit in the New York Times

The Laboratorium

How to Annoy Friends and Alienate People

September 3, 2006 at 11:20 AM

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I received the snottiest invitation I've ever seen yesterday. I was asked to join CommonRoom, an "invitation-only network" for affiliates of a few swollen-head universities "and corporate clients." I poked around, and, well, I'm sorry that I inflated their membership numbers through my curiosity. The site is a mixture of hubris and bad decisions (the two being perhaps related), and I can think of no better way to welcome CommonRoom to the Internet than to MST their press release.

Make sure you read this

But by far the best blog post of all has to be this one, from a website called The Laboratorium. It's hilarious, and you have to read it. The title is "How to Annoy Friends and Alienate People", and it's so spot-on in predicting the course of Greenspan's life.

But that wasn't the last time Greenspan tried to smear Zuckerberg and Facebook in the media. When he discovered a small bug in Facebook that was quickly fixed, Greenspan ran to school newspapers to blow the bug out of proportion and claim Facebook had serious "security issues". Greenspan was clearly trying to spread misinformation about Facebook to scare away their customers, hoping to drive them to CommonRoom instead. Mark Zuckerberg was so shocked by Greenspan's antagonistic behavior that he messaged Greenspan to confront him about what happened:

zbergo2: hey man

ThinkComp: hey, sorry, on the phone

[...]

ThinkComp: i assume you got a call fron the crimson

zbergo2: yea

ThinkComp: because i did

ThinkComp: heh

[...]

ThinkComp: i mean in the grand scheme of things it's not a huge problem

ThinkComp: i dont think anyone malicious has exploited it

zbergo2: i was just wondering why you chose to publicize it though

zbergo2: because publicizing it definitely blows it out of proportion

zbergo2: it's a minor flaw, but pretty hard to exploit

ThinkComp: i'm not sure i agree...

zbergo2: and even if it could be exploited, that information is available on the site anyway... [...]

zbergo2: i think in general we do a good job

ThinkComp: i agree, it's much better now than it used to be

ThinkComp: but hiding security flaws is generally not a good thing

zbergo2: i wasn't hiding it

zbergo2: but i think releasing a press release is a bit much

ThinkComp: you were not publicizing it

ThinkComp: it's the generally accepted way to announce things

zbergo2: especially because your press release was biased and made it seem like anyone could get anything

zbergo2: which isn't even true ThinkComp: well anyone could

ThinkComp: what part was not true zbergo2: only if the file was there

zbergo2: which it isn't unless someone had exported their contact info recently

[...]

zbergo2: yea, so anyhow we fixed it

zberg02: it's relatively secure now because the file is randomized

ThinkComp: relatively i guess it's better

[...]

zbergo2: but anyhow

zberg02: i kind of view you as a friend

ThinkComp: likewise

zberg02: we don't talk frequently but we ask each other questions about stuff

ThinkComp: right, and i'd like to keep it that way

ThinkComp: but when i tell you that something is wrong

ThinkComp: and you know that it affects several hundred thousand people

zberg02: and i understand about wanting to keep stuff secure

ThinkComp: and then nothing happens for a week

ThinkComp: or more in this case

ThinkComp: i'm gonna tell someone

zbergo2: it wasn't more

zbergo2: it was 3-4 days i think zbergo2: until dustin got back

[...]

ThinkComp: i don't care who wrote it

ThinkComp: or where they are

ThinkComp: it's your responsibility to get it done

zberg02: yea but it's also my responsibility to get other stuff done as well

zberg02: you know how it is to run a business

ThinkComp: believe me, i totally understand that 🙂

ThinkComp: i'm drowning in taxes

ThinkComp: and have 20 other projects going on

zbergo2: yea

ThinkComp: but those projects affect maybe 30 people collectively

ThinkComp: and there's no danger element

zbergo2: and i really do get that you care about people's security

ThinkComp: you could have opened yourself up to another lawsuit had you left it open longer

zbergo2: not quite

ThinkComp: oh yes

ThinkComp: very much so

ThinkComp: FTC code section 5

zberg02: okay, i feel like there is a standard bug disclosure process

zberg02: which includes notifying the person of the bug

zbergo2: which you did

zbergo2: notifying them that you will disclose it

zbergo2: which you didn't

zbergo2: giving them some time to fix it

zberg02: which arguably a week isn't that long

zbergo2: but even if it was

[...]

zberg02: i don't care if people who understand this stuff know about the bug

zbergo2: because they are capable of understanding when it's patched and when it's secure and the extent to the

insecurity

zbergo2: talking to newspapers that target our audience causes some hysteria, which just isn't necessary

zbergo2: especially given the magnitude of the problem

zberg02: a whole article is being written about in the crimson now

zbergo2: do you think that's right?

ThinkComp: absolutely

ThinkComp: it will make people aware of this kind of thing

ThinkComp: and people really need to be aware

zbergo2: to some extennt

zberg02: but it will also cause some hysteria

ThinkComp: well that's your hypothesis

ThinkComp: i doubt there will be any hysteria

zberg02: well it will probably cause more fear than there needs to be

zbergo2: given that it's patched now

[...]

zbergo2: okay, well the reason why i really wanted to mention this to you is because i remember we spoke on the

phone a few months back

ThinkComp: i guess you haven't had anything horrible happen to make you feel that way, and for that i'm glad

ThinkComp: but after the payroll mess i'm in ThinkComp: i believe that pretty strongly

zbergo2: and you talked about you tend to antagonize people by doing certain things

zberg02: i just felt that you should know that i felt antagonized by this

ThinkComp: well i apologize, but you were forewarned

zbergo2: i understand that you feel a certain way and want to protect a privacy idea that you hold, but i guess i'd

just expect a friend to act differently

ThinkComp: right, and i expected you to take me seriously enough to fix it.

zbergo2: and i did

ThinkComp: did you actually fix it that night, like you said you would in your email?

ThinkComp: no

ThinkComp: anyway

ThinkComp: it's fixed now

zbergo2: well i asked dustin to

ThinkComp: right, well, we've been over that ThinkComp: i think the end result of all this

zberg02: i can send you the email i sent to him and the response i got back saying he'd fix it

zbergo2: but that doesn't matter ThinkComp: no, i believe you

[...]

zberg02: i just don't think any harm was done

zberg02: so i feel a little antagonized

zberg02: that's really it

zbergo2: i agree that things should be secure ThinkComp: ok, well, i guess i can't help that then. zbergo2: and i take responsibility for the problem

zbergo2: i'm not trying to push responsibility onto my roommate

zbergo2: i'm just explaining why it didn't get done in the time frame we both wanted

ThinkComp: ok

zbergo2: well, given that you can't change anything now, i just wanted to let you know

ThinkComp: ok

zbergo2: because of what you told me before

ThinkComp: i appreciate it

zberg02: i figured you'd probably want to know how i felt

zbergo2: and there's a chance that this will be picked up on by other papers

zberg02: or by connectu or someone trying to hurt our name

ThinkComp: maybe
ThinkComp: i doubt it

zberg02: connectu is pretty tenacious

zberg02: if they read something bad about facebook i bet they'd pick up on it

ThinkComp: yeah but it doesn't relate to copyright infringment even a little bit

zbergo2: yea but they're just generally competitive

zbergo2: or try to be

ThinkComp: speaking of which

ThinkComp: you're not exactly the kind of person who hasn't antagonized anyone yourself

ThinkComp: another thing i pointed out to you on the phone

ThinkComp: is that i have cause to sue both of you

ThinkComp: but i got over it.

ThinkComp: so i hope you can get over this

zbergo2: i can

ThinkComp: if other papers call i'll tell them what i told the crimson

ThinkComp: which is that it's not a huge deal
ThinkComp: but it should have been fixed sooner

ThinkComp: that's all. zbergo2: okay fair enough

Aaron Greenspan's Timeline of Events

Overjoyed to finally receive some attention from the media and Mark Zuckerberg, Greenspan decided to try and capitalize on the controversy some more by writing a book called *Authoritas*, which would tell his story of he supposedly invented Facebook, and how Zuckerberg had stolen the idea from him. He was motivated to start writing the book when he heard that others,

including Ben Mezrich, were writing books about Facebook's founding. That book has provided us with much of the information we now know about Aaron Greenspan's life.

ThinkComp: but i don't really want people reading what goes on in my daily life

ThinkComp: i'm writing a book to vent my frustration instead.

ThinkComp: 🙂

ThinkComp: i'm hoping to finish the book draft by the end of this summer

zberg02: what are you writing about? [...]

ThinkComp: it's basically just a truncated auto-biography that stops when i graduate

ThinkComp: but it's going to really focus on harvard

ThinkComp: and why i left

ThinkComp: i bet university hall will love it

ThinkComp: and so will larry

Aaron Greenspan's Timeline of Events

Aaron Greenspan hired an agent to shop the book around, but every major book publisher in the world rejected his manuscript, agreeing universally that it was one of the worst books ever written. With no one to publish the deranged tale, Greenspan decided to just publish it himself.

From: Simonandschuster.com>
Date: December 7, 2007 10:55:33 AM EST

To:

Subject: RE: Aaron's

Jonathon,

I'm going to pass. It's a very personal story, and at the same time, a bit geeky. I suspect that this book needs an editor who is more fascinated by, and more knowledgeable about, computers than I am.

Thanks for trying me. Please give me another shot before the decade is over.

FINALLY, A REASON TO SUE

As Aaron wrapped up his book about how he supposedly invented Facebook, he wanted to begin advertising his absurd tale with Google Ads. There was just one small problem: **Google wouldn't let him**. They found Aaron Greenspan guilty of illegal false advertising, advertising his book as the story of how Facebook got started when it was really a delusional story about how he believed *he* had invented it. Google found that the ads clearly violated their guidelines, and suspended all of the false and misleading ads Greenspan had purchased.

On April 14, 2008 Aaron Greenspan received the following email from Google AdWords:

Case 3:20-cv-03426-JD @pocuments 290-algrefited Other 241caffage 524 of 616 Subject: Your Google AdWords Approval Status From: adwords-noreply@google.com To: info@thinkcomputer.com Cc: adwords-support@google.com Hello, Thank you for advertising with Google AdWords. I recently reviewed your AdWords account and found that your ads and/or keywords violate our guidelines, or you filed an exception request from our policies and it is awaiting a response. Below, please find my report on your account status. [...] Campaign: 'Think Press' Ad group: 'Authoritas' AD TEXT: The Story Behind Facebook Learn how Facebook got its start Save 10% on Authoritas www.thinkpress.com Ad Status: **Suspended** - Pending Revision Ad Issue(s): Trademark in Ad Content ~~~~~~ DENIED EXCEPTION(S): After careful consideration, we are unable to grant the exception requests listed below. Your ad or keyword is no longer active. For your convenience, I've included your original message to us directly below each policy violation. Trademarked Term: Facebook Your explanation: I own common law trademark rights on the term "Facebook" which predece Facebook, Inc.'s registered trademark rights. That's why I wrote the book that this advertisement is for. Trademarked Term: Facebook Your explanation: I own common law trademark rights on the term "Facebook" which predece Facebook, Inc.'s registered trademark rights. That's why I wrote the book that this advertisement is for. SUGGESTIONS: -> Ad Content: Please remove the following trademark from your ad: "Facebook", . POLICY DEFINITIONS:

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Google AdWords campaigns. You can learn more about Google's trademark policy at http://www.google.com/tm_complaint.html.

Aaron Greenspan's Timeline of Events

Aaron Greenspan's blood boiled as he screamed into his computer scream. He had written a whole book about how he invented Facebook, and now he wouldn't even be allowed to advertise it as the story of Facebook? The nerve of some people! Foaming at the mouth, he decided it was finally time to take Facebook to court. Later he would also retaliate against Google, taking them to small claims court as well.

YOUR HONOR, PLEASE CANCEL FACEBOOK

On April 15, 2008 Aaron Greenspan filed a petition with the United States Patent and Trademark Office Trial and Appeal Board to revoke Facebook's trademark on their name.

On June 1, 2008 Aaron Greenspan released his book Authoritas.

On March 12, 2009 Aaron Greenspan filed another petition to cancel Facebook's trademark, this time for "TheFacebook".

It had been over a year since Greenspan first took legal action, but his patience paid off. The trademark dispute was **holding up a multi-million dollar funding round for Facebook**, and Zuckerberg needed it gone. So he finally caved, and had his lawyers ask Greenspan what he wanted to make the problem go away.

The terms of the settlement were confidential, but we do know a few details. One was that there were a cash payment associated with Greenspan dropping his two petitions to cancel Facebook's trademarks. The second was that Greenspan insisted Facebook issued a press release announcing the settlement. This was the real prize for Aaron, and was supposed to prove to the world that he was "not crazy" and really had invented Facebook.

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By the terms of my contract I can neither confirm nor deny that the settlement involved any kind of compensation.

What I can say is that generally speaking, there wouldn't be much point in settling a dispute if you didn't get something of some kind of value out of that decision. One thing I got of nominal value was the press release linked to above, which was supposed to confirm that I'm not just a crazy person with conspiracy theories. Funnily enough, a lawyer for Reddit refused to acknowledge that the press release constituted proof of anything when I asked to be listed on the AmA calendar last year. She also refused to acknowledge that the New York Times article meant anything, even though Mark was quoted on the record and did not deny anything I said. This is the kind of dynamic I've dealt with since 2004.

I can also tell you that I decided before going into settlement negotiations not to accept stock in Facebook, Inc., even though it theoretically might have made me a very rich person. I was too afraid that Mark would end up doing something horrific, and I wanted to have no share in that, literally or figuratively. Now, here we are: in favoring relentless growth over every other consideration, Mark has indeed done something horrific (and then lied about having done it), and I am glad to say that I had nothing to do with it, and did not in any way profit from it.

Reply Share ..

We don't know exactly how much cash Aaron Greenspan was able to extort from Mark Zuckerberg and Facebook, but tax records for Aaron's "charity" for the year 2009 give us a few hints.

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That year, the foundation received an "unusual donation" of \$250,000. Thus, one might reasonably conclude that Greenspan was able to extort about \$250,000 from Mark Zuckerberg and Facebook. The only thing Aaron Greenspan loves more than extortion is tax fraud, so he donated the money he extorted from Zuckerberg and Facebook to his "charity". Shockingly, although every worker in America pays taxes on their income Greenspan realized that he could **avoid paying any taxes at all** on the funds he had extorted from Facebook simply by "donating" the funds to himself. Imagine how happy Aaron Greenspan must have been: Mark Zuckerberg had refused to give him a job. He made a threat — I'll make you pay one way or another. And now, a few years later he had made good on that threat by taking a few years salary straight out of Zuckerberg's hand without having to offer up any labor in return.

If Greenspan was pleased with himself for a moment, it didn't last long. Before the night was over, Greenspan's victorious amusement quickly turned back to insatiable rage. Facebook had made good on their word to publish the press release... at 11:13 PM Pacific, on the Friday before Memorial Day weekend. (That's 2:00 AM Saturday morning on the East Coast).

Aaron Greenspan screamed into the sky. Anger, hatred, bitterness and jealously consumed him, and he had no idea how to let go.

THE SOCIAL NETWORK

After the settlement with Facebook, everyone from relatives to strangers urged Aaron Greenspan to move on with his life and forget about Mark Zuckerberg. But as hard as he tried, as much as he tried to pretend to keep up the appearance of sanity, he couldn't let it go. Hatred and anger consumed what was left of Aaron Greenspan's dark heart.

When the San Jose Mercury asked him about the Facebook settlement, Aaron Greenspan claimed it had allowed him to finally make peace with what happened and move on:

The terms of Greenspan's 2009 settlement with Facebook were not disclosed, but **he said last week it has left him more at peace with what happened**.

He also said he's happy to have been left out of an upcoming movie about the company's beginnings, which instead focuses on three other Harvard students who claimed Zuckerberg had stolen their idea.

In fact, Greenspan said he is beginning to feel for the first time that the whole affair could help his career instead of haunting it. He acknowledged that his connections to Facebook are likely to drive some public and media

interest in FaceCash.

San Jose Mercury

As usual, Aaron Greenspan lied straight to the reporter's face — he can't help himself, it's all he knows. Despite his best attempts to maintain the illusion of sanity, he was not at peace with what happened — despite the fact that Mark Zuckerberg had stolen Facebook from him **only in his imagination**.

He knew that a movie was being made about the founding of Facebook — a fantastic movie you might have seen called "The Social Network" — but he claimed he was **happy to be left out.** The reality was that Aaron Greenspan was so irrelevant to Facebook's founding that he didn't even make it into a movie about all the people who thought Zuckerberg had stolen Facebook from them. Claiming to have invented Facebook was the cornerstone of Greenspan's identity, so being left out of the movie was a shocking snub. That was far from ok for Aaron, who craved recognition and the spotlight of the media above all else. Desperate for attention, Greenspan's omission from the Social Network and the book it was based on filled him with uncontrollable rage — quite the opposite of being "happy" to be left out.

Greenspan even admitted that **he hoped trying to insert himself into the story of Facebook would boost his career**. It didn't. Due to Aaron Greenspan's complete ineptitude in business and shocking lack of social awareness, he masterfully bungled the opportunity that all of the free publicity provided. From then on, his career tanked harder and faster than houseSYSTEM did after the Harvard administration forced it to shut down. In public, he tried to pretend it didn't bother him. But soon, signs started to emerge that he did care. In fact, **he cared a lot**. Hatred and jealousy consumed him, and **slowly drove him insane**.

As Ben Mezrich's hit book *The Accidental Billionaires* became the sensational blockbuster known as *The Social Network*, Aaron Greenspan could contain his anger no longer. Suddenly, everyone knew the story of how Facebook got started — **and they knew Aaron Greenspan had absolutely nothing to do with it.** He may have claimed to be "happy" about being left out, but he was angrier than he'd ever been in his life, even though he had already extorted a huge sum of money from Mark Zuckerberg that he claimed helped him "find peace".

When Ben Mezrich, the author behind *The Accidental Billionaires* and *The Social Network* went on CSPAN to promote his book, Aaron Greenspan refused to let him enjoy his moment in the spotlight. He decided he would call in to the show to the ask the author a question designed to completely smear his character and destroy his credibility. The only problem was that Aaron was so livid with anger he couldn't speak a single sentence calmly. So he did what he always did when he had a problem — cried to his daddy.

Neil Greenspan promised to call in for Aaron and do his best to smear Mezrich on behalf of his son. You can see a video of that televised call here:

On public television, Neil Greenspan accused Ben Mezrich of **being a liar** on behalf of his son Aaron. The Greenspans even insisted that the book be classified as **fiction**, despite the fact that it described events that **actually happened**. Ben Mezrich had become the latest victim of one of Aaron Greenspan's smear campaigns, and for what? Aaron Greenspan attacked him for simply **telling the truth**. This is part of a pattern: Over the years, Aaron Greenspan has ruthlessly attacked and smeared anyone who refuses to buy into his delusional tale of how he invented Facebook. His obsession with me is just a continuation of the same pattern: It all started when I laughed about his claim that he invented Facebook, simply commenting on a story that was all over the news.

How do you explain to people that you picked up a crazy stalker just because you commented on a news story saying you didn't think he invented Facebook? It sounds crazy, but that's what Aaron Greenspan does to anyone who questions his delusional version of reality. It's one thing to be utterly delusional yourself — everyone is entitled to their own beliefs, of course. But when you start violently attacking others who dare to question your delusions, you've stepped clearly into criminal territory.

Neil Greenspan's incredibly rude phone call was designed carefully by Aaron to humiliate Mezrich, hurt his career, hurt sales of his book, and decimate his credibility. Given that context, Ben Mezrich would be forgiven for getting a little upset at the obvious smear job motivated by a nonsensical grudge. But despite the provocation, Mezrich handled the question exceptionally well, with a level of courtesy and respect Aaron Greenspan would never be capable of.

Ben Mezrich had to laugh at how crazy the situation was, knowing that Aaron Greenspan was clearly motivated by an irrational grudge. He mentioned that Aaron Greenspan had been involved in legal action against Facebook himself, providing important context for viewers to understand the motivations behind the smear campaign against Mezrich. Mezrich knew exactly what was going on: Aaron Greenspan had a "personal beef" with Mark Zuckerberg, and Mezrich's career and life were just collateral damage. Only "the person who didn't want the story to be told" would benefit from the book being labeled as fiction, and Aaron Greenspan was exactly that person.

For decades, Aaron Greenspan has been involved in a massive media manipulation campaign focused on pushing his patently false version of events while silencing anyone that dares challenge him. When he needs to keep someone quiet he'll start attacking them, trying to hurt their career, trying to hurt their family, and smearing the hell out of them. If that doesn't stop them, he'll start harassing them in court. He did it to Mark Zuckerberg, and now he would do it to Ben Mezrich. Greenspan licked his lips and smiled. His next prey was in sight.

Immediately after smearing Mezrich on national television, Aaron Greenspan was enraged. How dare Ben Mezrich respond to the attacks on his credibility instead of admitting that Aaron Greenspan had invented Facebook? He quickly retaliated by

firing off a threatening email to Ben Mezrich, reprinted below:

Date: Sun, 06 Nov 2011 20:21:50 -0800

From: Aaron Greenspan < greenspan@post.harvard.edu>

To: Ben Mezrich

CC: booktv@c-span.org

Subject: C-SPAN Interview Remarks

Ben,

My father, Neil Greenspan, informed me today that he called in to the C-SPAN interview program in which you described your work on The Accidental Billionaires and The Social Network (http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/301874-1; the call is about 2:32 in).

AaronGreenspan.com

Right, he informed you today. You didn't cry about it until he agreed to call in. And your grudge against Zuckerberg had nothing to do with it. Got it.

An avid reader, he watches BookTV fairly regularly. Though I did not watch the full three-hour-long interview, I did watch the clip in which my father called to voice his dissatisfaction with your decision to use the term "non-fiction" to describe your work. As I believe you are already aware, to put it mildly, his dissatisfaction echoes my own sentiments.

AaronGreenspan.com

Yes, his dissatisfaction **literally** "echoes your sentiments" because you cried and complained until your Dad repeated your words on TV. It's just like when Aaron was failing math class at Harvard and asked his Dad to do something because he thought "**Maybe since you've donated money they'll listen to you**" (his own words).

In response, you claimed that your critics are simply misdirecting their anger with others at you. This is not the case. While it is true that I take serious issue with many of Mark Zuckerberg's actions, I and those who care about me also take serious issue with "your" actions, completely independent of my history with Mark. You have a well-documented history of twisting the truth into prose that better matches what you believe readers want (http://tech.mit.edu/V128/N17/21.html), which is another way of saying that you are comfortable lying in print.

AaronGreenspan.com

Talk about the pot calling the kettle black. If anyone is comfortable lying in their writing, it's Aaron Greenspan. This kind of psychological projection is common in people who can't accept their own negative qualities. In order to justify and downplay actions they know are horrible, they project those qualities onto their enemies without cause. Ben Mezrich was just trying to tell the story of Facebook's founding. But because he refused to accept Aaron Greenspan's lie that Mark Zuckerberg had stolen Facebook from him (when the reality was that Greenspan had actually copied from Zuckerberg), Mezrich was falsely labeled a liar. As the true story of Facebook was told and Aaron Greenspan's lies were revealed to the world, calling Mezrich a liar helped Greenspan avoid coming to terms with the evil things he'd done to a former friend.

This is why I turned down your offer to be included in your book back in 2008. You are the last person I would want defining my character, and I am glad that you did not. Despite the fact that **being omitted from your book**

and the resulting movie hurt my reputation and career more than it helped, your work is so full of errors it is hard to know where to begin.

AaronGreenspan.com

Right. You turned down the chance to be in the book, and you're glad you're not in it. Got it. That's why you're writing this angry email.

I count five types of errors in The Accidental Billionaires (from least to most serious), and I can provide numerous examples of each: typographical errors; errors involving factual details that could have been remedied with more careful research; fabricated situations that never actually took place; omissions of key facts; and outright lies that twist the meaning of plot elements and characters' intentions. Were your books called "fiction" these errors (whether deliberate or not) wouldn't matter, but as you insist, they're not fiction, and I'm a real person who has done nothing wrong that has been directly and negatively affected by them. In other words, your errors matter a great deal to me.

AaronGreenspan.com

Well, if you're a real person who has been affected by the book doesn't that prove it isn't a work of fiction? Aaron Greenspan really believed he had "done nothing wrong", despite the threats, retaliation, and extortion of his former friend and classmate motivated solely by jealously and bitterness. Almost everything Aaron Greenspan has done in his life has been wrong. Throughout all my research into his life, I've never found a single example of Greenspan doing the right thing. He is morally bankrupt because he lacks the capacity for empathy.

But that wasn't the worst part. Although Aaron Greenspan had refused to work with Ben Mezrich on the book, he had still made it in... it's just that they sometimes got his name wrong:

Typographical errors I found included misspelling of names, including my own name, which you repeatedly misspelled (it's Greenspan, not "Grossman"), Victor Gao's (who you called "Victor Gua"), the phrase "wanted add" (which should have been "wanted ad"), the word "logarithms" (which should have been "algorithms;" they're different), and the phrase "front-level coding" (instead of "front-end coding"). There are more, and though there are typos in many published volumes by many authors, including my own, it's really astonishing to me that you got my name wrong in particular when you relied on my book as a primary source, sometimes copying entire phrases.

AaronGreenspan.com

Oh no, typos! It turned out *The Accidental Billionaires* had accidentally called Aaron "Grossman" instead of "Greenspan". In Ben Mezrich's defense Greenspan is a pretty gross man, so the typo actually makes more sense than using his actual name.

You have admitted that you fabricate dialog, and it's well-known that the sex scenes in the book and movie were totally made up to make the story more interesting for a broad audience.

AaronGreenspan.com

Yes, because if Aaron Greenspan wasn't having sex there's no way anyone else was.

You omitted from your book and/or the movie the key facts that I existed at all; that Mark knew of houseSYSTEM; that Mark had e-mailed back and forth with me about it; that Mark signed up for it; that Mark then signed up for

The Facebook (my version); that Mark used The Facebook (my version) extensively in the month of January, 2004 during which he developed his version prior to his site's launch on February 4, 2004; that Mark and I had dinner in Kirkland House three days before he registered thefacebook.com; that Mark didn't bother telling me what he was working on; that Eduardo signed up for and used my version of The Facebook; that the Winklevosses were members of houseSYSTEM; that the Winklevosses' programmers were members of houseSYSTEM; and that Mark broke into the e-mail accounts of Crimson reporters to assess their opinion of the Winklevosses.

AaronGreenspan.com

Come on man. Get a grip. houseSYSTEM was a disaster of the website that thankfully failed in its attempt to collect student's school login information. **You** sent Zuckerberg your website, **you** asked him to have dinner, and **YOU** turned down the opportunity to partner with him to build Facebook. Admit it: **You screwed up,** and **you** only have **yourself** to blame for letting your pride and arrogance blind you. Clearly, Aaron Greenspan did not invent Facebook.

Apparently your rationale for weaving these scintillating-"true"-tales-that-you-admit-are-made-up is that they sell books and movie tickets and hurt no one. Let me dissuade you of that notion once and for all. I have been hurt by your work, and so has the country as a whole. You helped inflate a legend of Mark's genius that is both false and dangerous. Mark is not a genius and not everything he has done is good. My efforts to set the record straight as to what "actually" happened in Cambridge in 2003 and 2004 have been significantly overshadowed by the false history you have written and promoted, which has been quoted back to me by Fortune 500 CEOs and venture capitalists alike as fact, directly harming my reputation and career.

AaronGreenspan.com

This is how Greenspan is able to justify his harassment of Ben Mezrich, which lasted for years and continues to this day. He needed to "set the record straight" with his own delusional story of how he invented Facebook. Anyone attempting to simply discuss the reality of what happened is "hurting his career" and therefore deserves to have their life ruined. What Aaron Greenspan fails to realize is that he's ruined his own career, and obsessing over manipulating the public conversation surrounding Facebook's founding is only pushing him further into the abyss.

You've made an enormous fortune at my expense. You have **inflicted pain and damage you are too selfish to even care about**, compounding the pain and damage of the events of the past eight years. **Now you have insulted and dismissed my father on national television**. I find Joseph Welch's question to Senator McCarthy the only one fit to summarize the extent of my anger and the depths of your depravity.

"Let us not assassinate this lad further, Senator. You have done enough. Have you no sense of decency sir, at long last? Have you left no sense of decency?"

Aaron

AaronGreenspan.com

The mental gymnastics present in Greenspan's email are simply astounding. Ben Mezrich did absolutely nothing wrong. He did his best to record the story of how Facebook was founded, and he came up with a book that was extremely engaging and entertaining. Everyone understands the difference between a movie and real life — well, everyone except Aaron Greenspan.

Greenspan accused Mezrich of "inflicting pain and damage" he was "too selfish to even care about". Yet in the same email, he acknowledges that Mezrich offered him the chance to be a source for the book which **he turned down.** How could he do that

and then blame someone else when the book didn't tell his story? In another clear instance of projection, it was Aaron Greenspan who had decided to inflict pain and damage on Mezrich that he was too selfish to even care about. He had done it by smearing Mezrich on national television, and that was just the beginning. In the years since, dozens of victims have suffered pain and damage at Aaron Grenspan's hands. How could Greenspan quote Joseph Welch and then dedicate the rest of his life to the character assassination of innocent people? Has he left no sense of decency? Is Aaron Greenspan not ashamed of the depths of his own depravity?

Greenspan also claimed to be outraged that Ben Mezrich had "insulted and dismissed [his] father on national television". This is a hilarious contortion of what actually happened: In reality, he had his father call in and ask a question designed deliberately to assassinate Mezrich's character and damage his credibility in front of a national audience of potential readers and customers — all in service to Aaron Greenspan's selfish quest for credit and recognition. How are you going to call in to ask the author an insulting question, and then claim to be insulted when he answers?

The ability to ask a question at all, let alone have it televised, is a privilege. It's amazing that Mezrich was as polite as he was given the extremely pernicious and dishonest conduct of the Greenspans. What did they expect him to say? "They're right, I'm a liar"? If you're going to try and smear someone they have the right to defend themselves. Unfortunately, Aaron Greenspan does not recognize that right. Throughout his life, he's repeatedly retaliated against victims simply trying to defend themselves against his public smear attacks. Rather than recognizing the right of his victims to respond to his slander, he views these defenses as unjustifiable moral transgressions against him. Greenspan needs to believe that he's been wronged to justify his harassment and threats against others. If he ever admitted to himself that his victims have done nothing wrong, he'd be forced to confront the reality that he is the villain of his own story.

Here's what Ben Mezrich said about Aaron Greenspan in *The Accidental Billionaires*, his book about the founding of Facebook that became the movie *The Social Network*:

Eduardo blinked, his hangover suddenly forgotten. Right away he thought it was a pretty amazing idea. It felt big —even though aspects of it certainly sounded familiar. There was a Web site called Friendster that seemed similar, but it was pretty clunky and nobody used it, at least not at Harvard. And some kid named Aaron Greenspan on campus had gotten in trouble a few months before for getting kids to join an info-sharing bbs that had used their Harvard e-mails and IDs as passwords. Then the Greenspan kid had gone on to develop something called house SYSTEM that had some social elements involved in it. Grossman had even added a Universal House Facebook into his site, which Mark had checked out; hardly anyone had paid any attention to it, as far as Eduardo knew. [...]

Friendster wasn't exclusive, the way Mark was describing his idea. And **Grossman's site wasn't particularly slick,** and wasn't about pictures and profiles. Mark's idea was really different. It was about moving your real social network onto the Web. [...]

Greenspan had immediately tried to get Mark to partner up with him—just like the Winklevoss twins and their Harvard Connection dating site. **Everyone wanted a piece of Mark, but Mark didn't need anyone else.** Everything he needed was right in front of him.

Ben Mezrich, The Accidental Billionaires, Chapters 11 & 13

Mezrich saw Aaron Greenspan's role in the founding of Facebook very differently than Greenspan himself did: As an objective third party, he saw it accurately in a way Greenspan with his clouded emotions never could. He noted that Aaron Greenspan had gotten in trouble for collecting Harvard students' school login information, which is what houseSYSTEM was objectively

best known for. He knew that it wasn't the inspiration for Facebook, but just one of hundreds of websites that were being developed at Harvard at the time. Most importantly, he noted that **hardly anyone had paid any attention to it** — Aaron Greenspan and houseSYSTEM were **irrelevant**. Aaron Greenspan might not like that version of the story, but that's what really happened.

Naturally, Aaron Greenspan did what he always does when someone tells the truth about him: He launched a failed lawsuit against Ben Mezrich, Random House, and Columbia Pictures for not putting him in the movie.

That's right: After taking Facebook to court for stealing his idea, Aaron Greenspan sued the makers of the movie *The Social Network* for not putting him in the movie. What's more, he claimed *The Social Network* had been stolen from his shitty autobiography, even though he wasn't in the movie at all.

THE SOCIAL NETWORK LAWSUIT

Aaron Greenspan knew he had no right to sue the makers of *The Social Network* for not putting him in the movie. But he wasn't doing it to win: The objective was simply to harass his enemies, and try and get his bullshit story about inventing Facebook back in the news.

Aaron Greespan first filed the lawsuit on November 18, 2011 — just 12 days after the email to Ben Mezrich that he sent after trying to smear the man on CSPAN. The case was dismissed for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted for the first time on May 9th, 2012. That means that although Aaron Greenspan had absolutely no claim to sue over, he still harassed Ben Mezrich and the creators of *The Social Network* in court for six months before the case was finally thrown out. But Greenspan wasn't going to let that stop him: The day after the judge dismissed the case, he filed for an appeal.

On October 17, 2012 the U.S. Court of Appeals affirmed the lower courts decision — Aaron Greenspan had lost **again**. But he wasn't done harassing his victims yet. He began drafting a petition to take the case to the Supreme Court. It wasn't until April 15, 2013 that the Supreme Court declined to take up the case. Even after that, he filed a motion to reopen the case on November 6, 2013. It wasn't until November 10, 2014 that the case was finally over for good, even though **Aaron Greenspan lost at every turn.**

It didn't matter that Aaron Greenspan had no claim to any sort of lawsuit. He was still able to harass Ben Mezrich and the companies backing him for three years. Greenspan's goal is never to win. He just wants to hurt his victims. Think of all the money wasted on lawyers defending against this baseless claim, and all the headache Ben Mezrich and his family went through because he dared state the obvious: Aaron Greenspan didn't invent Facebook, and in fact had nothing to do with the company outside of his own delusions.

THE INITIAL COMPLAINT

So let's take a look at what Aaron Greenspan said in his lawsuit against *The Social Network*:

Plaintiff brings this action to enforce Plaintiff's exclusive copyright rights, and to halt Defendants' unfair business practices, false advertising, libel, and slander.

Greenspan v. Random House, Mezco, Ben Mezrich, Columbia Pictures, & Sony Pictures

How dare you say I didn't invent Facebook! That's illegal! Libel, even! Slander!

Just as Aaron Greenspan believed Mark Zuckerberg had stolen Facebook from him, he believed Ben Mezrich had stolen his hit book from Greenspan's absurd sob story, *Authoritas* — but then cut him out. According to Aaron Greenspan, he invented Facebook but Mark Zuckerberg stole the idea from him. Then Greenspan says he wrote the *The Social Network*, but Ben Mezrich stole his story and erased him from it. (Seriously, this is what he believes!)

Defendants did not at any point obtain the consent of Plaintiff to use material from Authoritas in The Film, nor did Defendants obtain derivative rights in Authoritas.

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Partly, Aaron Greenspan was upset at a rejection: When he wrote his book Authoritas, about how he supposedly invented Facebook, he hired an agent to try and get a book deal. They took it to all major publishing companies including Random House, but they all said no because the book was so cringy and terrible. Greenspan was enraged that Mezrich's fantastic book was offered a deal while he was forced to self-publish his book to share his delusional story with the world.

Second, this case arises from the unfair business practices of Defendant Random House, whose Doubleday publishing imprint **agreed to publish The Accidental Billionaires** not long after **refusing to publish Authoritas**, and then used unfair business tactics to market The Accidental Billionaires in such a manner as to avoid paying Plaintiff for rights in Authoritas.

Less than seven months after **Defendant Random House rejected Plaintiff's manuscript, on May 22, 2008**, *Gawker* reported that Defendant Mezrich had already "signed a million-dollar-plus book deal for his memoir about Mark Zuckerberg and the other Facebook founders.

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But what really pissed Greenspan off was that so many people had seen the movie, and now knew for certain that he had absolutely nothing to do with the founding of Facebook:

As a consequence of the success of The Accidental Billionaires and The Film, **several million people have been exposed to the story line** as told by Defendant Mezrich.

Third, Defendants **explicitly and implicitly defamed Plaintiff** in The Accidental Billionaires and **by omission, in The Social Network**. However briefly, the Accidental Billionaires **ridicules Plaintiff** and **insults Plaintiff**'s **work**; **no references to Plaintiff in The Accidental Billionaires are praiseworthy**, and key references to Plaintiff that one would expect in an accurate re-telling of events are **omitted**. **The Film completely omits references to Plaintiff**.

Greenspan v. Random House, Mezco, Ben Mezrich, Columbia Pictures, & Sony Pictures

Ah, defamation by omission right! By not mentioning Aaron Greenspan at all, the movie completely defamed him. Of course. They didn't even praise him! And how could they when there's clearly so much to praise?

He has repeatedly made false claims, including claims that The Accidental Billionaires and The Film are "true," "accurate," and in the case of the book, "non-fiction." In so doing, Defendant Mezrich has necessarily implied that any contrasting accounts of the same events, including Plaintiff's account, are untrue, inaccurate, and fiction. Defendant Mezrich has further publicly attributed false motives to Plaintiff's critiques of his work, including but not limited to **jealousy**, **misdirected anger**, and **desire to attract unwarranted media attention**.

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Jealousy? Misdirected anger? A desire to attract media attention that's not deserved? Nope, that doesn't sound like Aaron Greenspan at all. Based on this tortured logic, Greenspan demanded that the court force the makers of *The Social Network* to label their film and book as "fiction", despite the fact that Facebook is not a fictional company.

To remedy these myriad violations of law and put an end to the ongoing harm caused by Defendants, Plaintiff Aaron Greenspan seeks injunctive relief restricting Defendants' ability to sell or refer to The Accidental Billionaires as "true," "accurate," "non-fiction," or any phrase with similar meaning. Plaintiff further seeks monetary damages from Defendants for copyright and derivative works licensing revenues wrongly withheld, and for irreparable harm done to Plaintiff's reputation, career, and future earning potential.

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That's right, he really requested monetary damages for being left out of *The Social Network*. What happened to being happy to be left out?

One of Mr. Greenspan's classmates, who was familiar with both houseSYSTEM and The Facebook, was an individual named Mark Zuckerberg, who, only after extensive use of Plaintiff's work and after soliciting the assistance of Plaintiff in both technical and business matters, incorporated many of Plaintiff's ideas into his own web site which he labeled with the same name. Mr. Zuckerberg's web site, based in part on principals and technologies developed by Plaintiff, formed the basis for the company that is now Facebook, Inc. ("Facebook"), of which Mr. Zuckerberg is Chief Executive Officer.

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This is a questionable rewrite of history. Recall from the e-mails above that **Greenspan actually e-mailed Mark Zuckerberg** after seeing an article about him. Greenspan begged Zuckerberg to check out houseSYSTEM, tried to recruit him, and asked him to dinner — not the other way around. Yet, Aaron Greenspan still lies in court and claims Zuckerberg "solicited" his assistance when the reality is that Aaron Greenspan was just desperate for media attention and even more desperate for a friend.

Despite being in touch with Plaintiff throughout late 2005, Mr. Zuckerberg systematically excluded Plaintiff from any recognition for contributions to his success and from the company Plaintiff had indirectly helped create. Mr. Zuckerberg also repeatedly ignored Plaintiff's growing concerns about glaring privacy and security problems with Mr. Zuckerberg's site. **Due to his public opposition to Mr. Zuckerberg's conduct**, for a period of years after graduating from college, **Plaintiff was unable to raise venture capital investment for his own company or find work in the software industry**, which in turn meant that **he could not obtain health insurance**, all despite having created products judged by others to have practical use and value.

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Aaron, come on. You were unable to raise venture capital or find work because you were acting like a lunatic. If you want health insurance go get a real job for once in your life. Trying to blame your own failures on Mark Zuckerberg is really sad. And which product did Greenspan create that had practical use or value? None: they all failed. That's why he ended up abandoning product development to become a paid smear merchant later in life.

Each time that Defendant Mezrich has insisted on the veracity of his work, he has magnified the harm of the initial defamation, both explicit and **implicit by omission**. At times he has magnified and then compounded the

harm by making **slanderous accusations** regarding critics and their motives.

Consequently, each effort by Plaintiff to reasonably counter Defendants' false claims has caused more and more harm to Plaintiff's reputation, instead of causing Defendant to cease and desist.

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To follow Greenspan's logic here, having his Dad call in to smear Mezrich on national television with false accusations was not slander. In Greenspan's upside down world view, Mezrich responding to the question was slander and it was a crime to respond to Greenspan's smear job rather than shutting down his book and movie. I call this the **Greenspan Doctorine**: I will spend all day smearing you, but if you say a word about me I will devote my life to destroying yours.

All Defendants with knowledge and intent, financed, developed, produced, manufactured, distributed, and exploited The Film without properly securing consent, approval of, a grant, or license from Plaintiff.

None of the named Defendants made any effort to remove from The Screenplay or The Film copyrighted elements and material embodied in Authoritas, and the acts, failures, and omissions constitute a reckless disregard of Plaintiff's rights and interests.

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Sorry, they needed your permission to make *The Social Network* why? Greenspan's joke of an autobiography doesn't even mention Mark Zuckerberg until the very end of the book: he's barely in it. The Social Network is a story about how Mark Zuckerberg became a billionaire. Authoritas is a story about the failures of a loser named Aaron Greenspan. The two stories have nothing to do with each other, and yet Greenspan still insists that the hit movie and book were merely ripoffs of his self-published tale of personal failure. A disregard of Greenspan's rights and interests is proper, as he has no rights and interests in *The Social Network* at all outside of his own imagination.

At the time, Plaintiff was not even aware of whether or not Plaintiff would be mentioned in The Screenplay. To find out, Plaintiff sent Mr Sorkin inquires via e-mail, via postal mail, and even via the particular Facebook web page specifically dedicated to The Film, which was frequented by Mr. Sorkin. All of these communications went unanswered.

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"Hello is anyone there?!?!? This is Aaron Greenspan the inventor of Facebook. Did you get any of my e-mails, letters or Facebook posts??? Am I going to be in the movie??? Who is playing me?? **DO NOT** cast Pauly Shore or I will have to press charges!"

And he wonders why they didn't put him in the movie. Maybe try not acting like a complete psycho next time.

Plaintiff does not appear explicitly by name in [The Social Network], nor is any character intended to represent Plaintiff.

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Oh, boo hoo! This may be the stupidest thing anyone has ever filed a lawsuit over. What happened to being happy to be left out of the film? What happened to turning down the chance to work with Mezrich on the book because you didn't want him to write about you? Greenspan's nonsensical whinings are full of contradictions. At least try and keep your lies straight.

Defendant Mezrich has consequently **caused significant harm to Plaintiff** through the implication, understood by millions of viewers of The Film, **that Plaintiff had no role in the creation of Facebook**. This implication has been conveyed to the public repeatedly, each time magnifying the harm of the initial act.

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Many people involved in the creation of Facebook were left out of the film, but that doesn't mean they were harmed. Movies are not real life, they have to be interesting to watch. If you legally had to make sure everyone involved in Facebook made it into the movie, the whole film would just be characters introducing themselves for one second each. Thousands of people were involved in the creation of Facebook, and all of them would agree that this is an incredibly weak argument.

But **Aaron Greenspan had absolutely nothing to do with Facebook at all.** He never worked at the company. He was offered the chance to partner with Mark Zuckerberg to build the site, **but he turned it down** because he thought he had "a lot going on" at his joke of a business. The makers of the film were merely telling the truth by leaving him out. This is classic **Greenspan Doctrine:** Terrorize those who tell the truth. Why? Because truth is the enemy of the wicked. Aaron's career would be over if people knew the truth about his life and what he spends his days doing, so he has to work day and night to prop up the lie.

Defamation by omission is in some ways more damaging than the simple conveyance of falsehoods. Even a sympathetic viewer of The Film inclined to disbelieve its accuracy would still come away from it lacking any frame of reference needed to discover the facts involving Plaintiff's involvement. It is impossible to know how many opportunities were lost to Plaintiff due to this prominent information gap.

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So Aaron Greenspan can smear people all day on his charity's Twitter account, but that's less damaging than *The Social Network* not saying a single word about him at all? Hey, they defamed me by omission too!

On November 6, 2011, C-SPAN aired a three-hour-long interview with Defendant Mezrich concerning The Accidental Billionaires and The Film, among other topics. The interview format allowed callers to directly ask questions of Defendant Mezrich [..]

Plaintiff's father, Dr. Neil Greenspan, called C-SPAN [...] then asked Defendant Mezrich why he did not simply refer to his books as fiction.

Defendant Mezrich's response was **lengthy, defensive, rambling, erroneous, and cast unfounded aspersions on both Plaintiff and Dr. Greenspan that were defamatory in nature**. In his multi-part response, Defendant Mezrich reiterated that The Accidental Billionaires was "true," "accurate," and "non-fiction," and that he "stands by" both The Accidental Billionaires and The Film. These repeated false statements further defamed Plaintiff and Plaintiff's father by implication.

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The Greenspans' question was a complete smear job on Mezrich, but Aaron deceptively misrepresents it as a "simple" question. Oh, why didn't you make your book fiction since you were lying about the whole thing? That's a simple question in the same sense that asking your girlfriend when she started getting so fat is a simple question.

His response was lengthy! Oh god, not lengthy! And why would he be defensive, right after the Greenspan's tried to smear his credibility live on national television? The aspersions it cast on the Greenspan's were entirely founded. Ben Mezrich didn't

defame them: The Greenspans embarrassed themselves by wearing their bitterness on their sleeves.

"How dare you make false statements that your work is true! It would only be true if it said I invented Facebook!"

On the evening of November 6, 2011, Plaintiff sent Defendant Mezrich and C-SPAN an e-mail regarding the interview, published on Plaintiff's personal web site immediately thereafter, decrying the false statements, and Defendant's false statements about making false statements. Defendant Mezrich did not respond.

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Gee, I wonder why?

Prior to the existence of The Accidental Billionaires or The Film, the typical difficulties inherent in starting any recent college graduate's career were significantly magnified by Plaintiff's unintended and unwanted involvement in controversy surrounding Facebook's origins. For many years, through the crafting of Authoritas and by other means, Plaintiff attempted to correct the wrongs that had led to his reputation being tarnished, without allowing those wrongs to remain his exclusive focus.

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Why does Aaron Greenspan need credit for inventing Facebook so badly? Even if you did invent it, why do you need everyone to pat you on the back? If you're really such a genius inventor, just go invent something else.

Greenspan inserted himself into this situation and then blames others for his decision to waste his own time. His obsession with Facebook has been his exclusive focus for decades now, and that obsession destroyed his career.

The Accidental Billionaires and The Film immediately reversed the vast majority of the progress Plaintiff had made toward setting the record straight. Whether intentional or not, news about the book proposal, the likelihood of the book becoming a movie, the book itself, and then the movie itself, all of which contained Defendant Mezrich's flawed story line, comprised a **massive misinformation campaign**. Even the effects of the most resourceful and active proponent of Plaintiff imaginable would have been dwarfed by the extent and volume of information distributed by and concerning Defendants' works. At one point leading up to the release of The Film, a banner advertisement for The Film covered the entire home page of the web site of *The New York Times*, not to mention other advertisements on busses, in newspapers, on the radio, on television, and in stores.

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Aaron... you never made any progress towards "setting the record straight", because nobody is ever going to believe you invented Facebook. Your "houseSYSTEM" project was nothing more than an attempt to collect students' school login info, and you were nearly expelled from the school for it. Wake up!

The Social Network is not a massive misinformation campaign. You, screaming in the media for years about how you invented Facebook is a massive misinformation campaign. Having your charity short Tesla, Facebook, Shopify, Credit Acceptance Corp. and others while illegally accepting donations from other short sellers is a massive misinformation campaign. (And tax fraud + securities fraud.) Your smear campaign against Tesla customers is a massive misinformation campaign. The Social Network is a great movie, and it's much closer to the truth about Facebook's founding than your ridiculous story.

In interactions with influential figures in the software and financial industries in which Plaintiff still works, Plaintiff has more than once been lectured by individuals unaware of his involvement about the events that took place at Harvard University in The Film. Attempts to politely correct these misapprehensions have been routinely met with suspicion or enormous scorn. These interactions, through no fault of Plaintiff, have damaged Plaintiff's reputation and career prospects.

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Hey, here's an idea: Stop telling everyone you invented Facebook if you don't want them to think you're batshit crazy.

Many individuals have encouraged Plaintiff to "move on" in life, but practically speaking, the magnitude of funding and media interest associated with Facebook now and for the foreseeable future, combined with the aforementioned prevalence of deeply flawed misinformation distributed broadly by Defendants that has tarnished Plaintiff, makes this impossible from a practical standpoint.

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Aaron, we all know that moving on is very possible. Stop spending your days dwelling on bitterness and hatred. Go create something. Your irrational, emotional, decades-long rampage of impotent rage is destroying your life. Apologize to all your victims and try and turn things around before it's too late.

Based on this ridiculous legal complaint, Greenspan demanded the court find the defendants guilty of copyright infringement for stealing the movie *The Social Network* from his autobiography Authoritas:

Copyright Infringement Against All Defendants (17 U.S.C. §§ 101 et seq.)

The Defendants' copying, use, modification, reproduction, display and distribution of elements of Authoritas, including without limitation, the ideas, expression of concepts, theme, text and plot contained therein and all derivatives thereof, constitutes a violation of the United States Copyright Act, Title 17 U.S.C. §§ 501(a), 106(1), 106(2) and 106(3), and all Defendants were acting as infringers within the meaning of 17 U.S.C. § 105(a).

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This is, of course, a ridiculous interpretation of copyright law. If I make a movie about World War II it doesn't mean nobody else can make a movie about World War II without infringing my copyright. They can't steal scenes from my movie, but they're free to make their own based on the same events.

Federal Unfair Competition and False Advertising Against All Defendants

Consumers are likely to be misled and deceived, and have been misled and deceived, by Defendants' representations regarding The Accidental Billionaires.

Consumers are likely to be misled and deceived, and have been misled and deceived, by Defendants' representations of Plaintiff, and/or the lack thereof, contained within The Accidental Billionaires.

Consumers are likely to be misled and deceived by paid "five- star" reviews of The Accidental Billionaires that were written only because Defendants were compensating the reviewers.

Consumers are likely to be misled and deceived by bulk purchases of The Accidental Billionaires by Defendants that were designed to propel the book to the top of best-seller lists even though such purchases did not represent actual consumer interest.

Defendant's many deceptive statements intended to sell additional copies of The Accidental Billionaires and The Film violate Section 43(a) of the Lanham Act, codified at 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a), which prohibits Defendants from using false, misleading, or disparaging representations of fact that misrepresent the nature, characteristics, or qualities of its products.

Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1117, Plaintiff is entitled to damages for Defendants' Lanham Act violations, an accounting for profits made by Defendants on sales of The Accidental Billionaires, as well as recovery of the costs of this action. Furthermore, Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Defendants' conduct was undertaken willfully and with the intention of causing confusion, mistake or deception, making this an exceptional case entitling Plaintiff to recover additional damages and reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1117.

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"The reviews are all paid for and the books sales are all fake! You must pay me!". Sounds like Aaron Greenspan's paranoid delusions started long before Tesla.

Defamation of Aaron Greenspan by Benjamin Mezrich

Defendant Benjamin Mezrich's selective omission of Aaron Greenspan's role in his written and verbal narrative concerning Facebook's origins has both directly and by implication defamed Aaron Greenspan.

Defendant Benjamin Mezrich's continuous insistence that his work is true, accurate, non-fiction and trustworthy has by implication defamed Aaron Greenspan.

Defendant Benjamin Mezrich's attribution of false motives to critics of his work, including false motives explicitly attributed to Aaron Greenspan and Aaron Greenspan's father, Dr. Neil Greenspan, have defamed Aaron Greenspan and his family.

Defendants negligently published the false and defamatory statements about Aaron Greenspan and his family, causing him to suffer damages, including <u>numerous</u> lost business opportunities, and injury to his reputation.

Defendants' defamatory statements injured the reputation of Aaron Greenspan.

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"He defamed me by saying nothing about me! And then he said the story was true! That's illegal!"

RELIEF REQUESTED

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests the following relief:

A permanent injunction, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §502, enjoining all Defendants, their officers, agents, employees, licensees, assigns, distributors, sub-distributors, and all persons acting in concert with them, from engaging in

such further violations of the Copyright Act;

A permanent injunction enjoining all Defendants, their officers, agents, employees, licensees and assigns, distributors, sub-distributors, and all persons acting in concert with them, from engaging in or authorizing the production, copying, distribution and/or further exploitation of The Accidental Billionaires and The Film;

Recovery from all Defendants of the damages, including pre-judgment interest it sustained and will sustain, and any income, gains, profits, and advantages obtained by Defendants as a result of their wrongful acts alleged hereinabove pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504(b), in an amount which cannot yet be fully ascertained, but which shall be assessed at the time of trial;

The maximum statutory damages in the amount of \$30,000.00 per infringement, and/or \$150,000.00 per willful infringement pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504(c), or for such other amount as may be proper under 17 U.S.C. § 504(c). Plaintiff is further entitled to their attorney's fees and full costs pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 505; and

For such other and further relief and remedies available under the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. §§ 101 et seq., and/or for which the Court may deem just and proper, including punitive damages.

Preliminarily and permanently enjoin Defendants from publishing further defamatory statements about Aaron Greenspan and/or his supporters, whether explicit or by implication;

Enter judgment against Defendants on all counts of the Complaint;

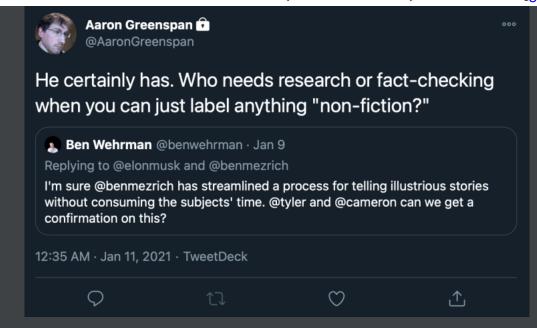
Award Plaintiff damages in an amount to be determined at trial;

Plaintiff's reasonable costs and expenses of this action, including attorneys' fees, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 1988 and other applicable law;

Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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That's right, he really asked for monetary damages and a court order to prevent anyone from talking about him. Of course, Greenspan knew he would never get any of these things out of his ridiculous false lawsuit. His motivation was simply to harass the defendants to quench his thirst for revenge and retaliation. Long after the case ended, Aaron Greenspan continued harassing Mezrich and his family. In fact, the stalking and harassment of Mezrich continue to this very day. The lawsuit was just a way to threaten and extort his victims in a way that masked the criminal nature of his harassment.





Lawyers for the defendants immediately asked for the case to be dismissed for failure to state a claim, and their request was granted. The case was immediately dismissed with prejudice based on this defense motion:

Defendants [...] hereby respectfully move, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6), to dismiss with prejudice all counts of the Complaint of the plaintiff, Aaron Greenspan ("Greenspan").

As grounds for this motion, Moving Defendants state that all of **Greenspan's claims in this case constitute an impermissible attempt to punish Moving Defendants for not telling his story**. Specifically, Greenspan's First through Third Claims allege that the book *The Accidental Billionaires* (the "Book") and the film *The Social Network* (the "Film") infringe on his own book, *Authoritas*. However, **Greenspan identifies no protected expression in his book that was copied** in the Book or the Film. Instead, he points to a list of unprotectable facts, ideas, fragmentary words and phrases, and stock scenes, the majority of which are expressed in a manner that is not

even remotely similar to *Authoritas*. Moreover, even if the elements to which Greenspan points were copyrightable, the expression of those elements in the Book and the Film are not substantially similar to that in *Authoritas*, providing an independent basis for dismissal.

Greenspan's defamation claims are similarly flawed. All of the statements in the Book to which Greenspan points are plainly not capable of defamatory meaning and/or non-actionable expressions of opinion. In addition, Greenspan's claims for defamation based on the purported omission from the Book of his role from the founding of Facebook, and the complete omission of any reference to him in the Movie, are unconstitutional attempts to force Moving Defendants to tell his version of the history of the founding of Facebook. Moreover, such defamation by omission claims fail as they are not, and cannot be, "of and concerning" Greenspan.

Finally, **Greenspan's Lanham Act claim also fails**, for multiple reasons. Greenspan **lacks standing** to bring such a claim, as he has not suffered, as does not allege facts showing, the kind of commercial injury cognizable under the Lanham Act. He also **pleads no facts whatsoever** to support his **bare allegations** of "unfair marketing" of the Book. Greenspan's unfair business claim also rehashes his purported defamation by omission claims, which, as mentioned above, cannot satisfy the requirement that they be "of and concerning" Greenspan.

Accordingly, **all counts of Greenspan's Complaint fail** to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, and Moving Defendants are entitled to dismissal with prejudice and judgment in their favor on the Complaint in its entirety.

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The judge agreed with every word, and dismissed the case with prejudice immediately. Turns out defamation by omission is not a real thing.

As Greenspan's victims celebrated their victory, Aaron Greenspan must have punched a hole straight through his computer screen. He had been getting angrier and angrier by the day, but he had never been this angry before. They were not going to get away with this. He was not going to let them go live their lives. If Greenspan couldn't be happy, why did his enemies deserve to?

Aaron Greenspan was the laughingstock of Silicon Valley. He had taken Facebook to court for stealing the idea from him, and then he had sued the makers of *The Social Network* for not putting him in the movie. He had exposed himself as a deranged loser in the most speculator public fashion. He loved being in the news more than anything, but not like this. Imagine how he screamed when he saw that Mashable had placed him #2 on a list of "Facebook's Fools: 15 That Missed Out on the Big Payday"



Mashable

"Greenspan was never involved in Facebook"

"hardly anyone had paid attention to it"

"Greenspan had sued for being left out of the studio's film The Social Network"

Aaron Greenspan hated what was being said about him, but rather than take responsibility for making himself look like a fool he wanted to twist the knife in the wounds of his victims. He decided he would threaten Ben Mezrich's family next, to hit him where it would really hurt. This is one of Aaron Greenspan's favorite tactics: If you can't get them to do what you want by threatening them, start to threaten the people they love. It's easy to fight when only you have to own the consequences, but much harder when Aaron Greenspan promises to hurt your family as well, if you don't follow his orders.

He decided to target Ben Mezrich's wife Tonya first:

Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint seeks to:

Add Tonya Mezrich as a defendant based upon information discovered subsequent to the combined scheduling conference and oral argument hearing held on February 16, 2012;

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What was Mrs. Mezrich's supposed crime? Leaving a positive book review for her husband's book. Seriously.

The defense told the court:

With his proposed FAC Plaintiff's case has gone from the merely patently deficient to the absurd. For example, Plaintiff now alleges that:

Tonya Mezrich, Defendant Benjamin Mezrich's wife, committed copyright infringement, defamation, fraud, violated the Lanham Act, was unjustly enriched, and is a member of a criminal enterprise engaged in a pattern of

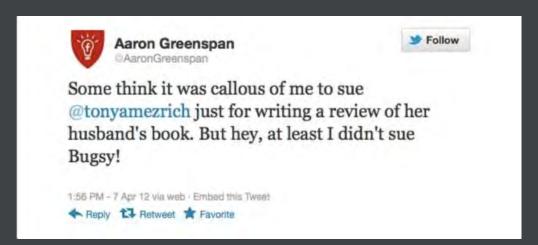
racketeering activity, all because she posted a consumer review on Amazon.com praising her husband's book.

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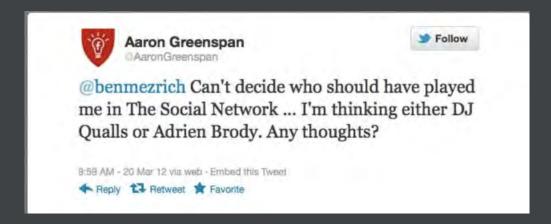
At first the judge denied the motion to file an amended complaint, but Greenspan was later allowed to do so as he continued to appeal the case to prolong his harassment of the victims. Once he was allowed to file the first amended complaint he made good on his threat to target Ben Mezrich's wife, doxxing her and sharing personal information he could find in court and on his "charity" is website.

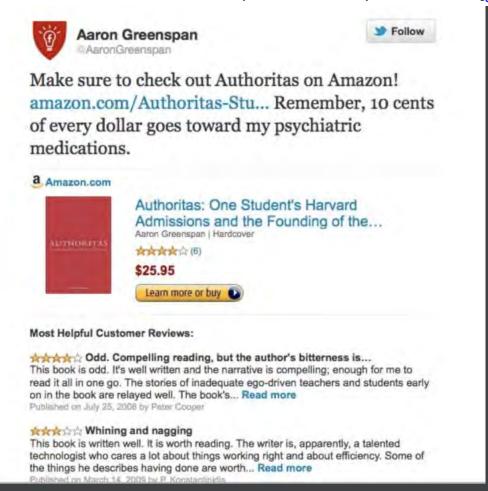
29. Upon information and belief, Defendant Tonya Mezrich is an individual whose primary place of residence is in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at 770 Boylston Street, Apartment 26J, Boston, MA 02199. She is the spouse of Defendant Benjamin Mezrich.

Around that time, someone registered the Twitter username @AaronGreenspan to make fun of Greenpan. Here are some of the tweets they posted:



Bugsy Siegel was an American mobster. The joke here is that Greenspan's extortion, intimidation tactics and harassment feel similar to being targeted by the mob. This is a sentiment that has been expressed by a number of Aaron Greenspan and Think Computer Foundation's victims.





Greenspan filed these tweets as evidence against Ben Mezrich, despite having absolutely no evidence that anyone from the defense was involved in the Aaron Greenspan parody Twitter account. Later the handle was turned over to Greenspan and he now tweets from it regularly.

Greenspan responded to the above tweets in court, claiming:

An unidentified Twitter user calling himself or herself "@AaronGreenspan" wrote scathing messages about Plaintiff.

At one point, this individual wrote publicly, "Make sure to check out Authoritas on Amazon! [Hyperlink] Remember, 10 cents of every dollar goes toward my psychiatric medications."

Plaintiff has never been prescribed or taken psychiatric medications, nor diagnosed with any psychiatric disorder. The unidentified Twitter user may have been an affiliate of Defendants, or Defendants themselves.

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Why on Earth has Aaron Greenspan never been prescribed psychiatric medication? Go run to the hospital and get diagnosed immediately, for the sake of your victims. Can the court order that such a diagnosis be performed?

Greenspan ended up fighting the case all the way to the Supreme Court, losing at every single turn. He just lost and lost and lost. Because he represented himself without a lawyer, he only had his own time to waste. Meanwhile he drained his victims resources and emotions on a case that was found to have absolutely no merit by courts at every level.

In Aaron Greenspan's final plea to the Supreme Court to consider his case of being left out of *The Social Network*, he opened with the following two quotes and staement:

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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

"Character is much easier kept than recovered."

-Thomas Paine

"Whether true or false, what is said about men often has as much influence on their lives, and particularly on their destinies, as what they do."

-Victor Hugo, Les Misérables

A person's reputation is a thing of incalculable value. How an individual is perceived by society is inextricably linked to that person's future prospects. Reputation naturally tends to be based upon the actions of an individual, but just as easily, it can be based on rumor, hearsay, and speculation that has no foundation in fact.

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This would later become the blueprint for Aaron Greenspan's transformation of his "charity" Think Computer Foundation into a paid smear merchant. Using social media as his weapon, Greenspan would become an expert on character assassination, and weaponize those services to anyone for the right price. By accepting donations through his "charity" and using the funds to dig up dirt, he could even avoid paying taxes on his illegal income. Nobody is going to expect that a charity is involved in orchestrating paid smear campaigns, so it's the prefect cover.

With no higher court to appeal to after the Supreme Court threw his case out, Greenspan was forced to move on from his harassment of Ben Mezrich... for the moment. It was time to move onto another failed business, another fresh victim to prey on...

FACING FIVE YEARS IN PRISON FOR STEALING GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

After college Aaron Greenspan was desperate, and his business was quickly failing. He decided that he would save his company by becoming a government contractor:

Think was not doing very well. I had written a monumental amount of code, but it was all sitting on my hard drive where it didn't do much good. The cost of living in Dallas was low, but I still wasn't paying myself anything close to a reasonable salary. I needed to make a change, and fast.

The next part of my plan to sell software to the government market involved applying for a General Services Administration schedule, which would allow Think to sell to all branches of the federal bureaucracy through a centralized depot, the equivalent of Sam's Club for government agencies. [...]

I filled out the paperwork to receive a special digital encryption program from AT&T that I would need to install in my web browser in order to access the GSA's site. In a few weeks, I had what I needed.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

This special digital encryption service granted Greenspan confidential access to private government systems that were not open to the public. This required signing a special agreement with the government where Greenspan agreed not to abuse the system in any way, or to try and steal information from the government. Unfortunately, I guess Aaron Greenspan didn't read that part of the agreement.

Greenspan's out of control anger issues flared up once again when his application to become a government contractor was denied:

I spoke with my case representative at the GSA on the phone for months. There were some fundamental problems with my application [...]

In December, I received a letter from the GSA informing me that my application for a government contract schedule had been rejected. The reason was quite simple: I was over-charging the government. [...]

I was furious. I told the representative, and then her boss, that I was writing a letter to Senator Cornyn of Texas. The letter was half-completed on the screen in front of me. Then her boss offered a compromise.

"You can apply again and because we know who you are now, and about all of this... software... we'll be able to fast track you." I reined in some of my anger.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Greenspan was furious the federal government wouldn't allow him to overcharge them, as he needed all the money he could get to save his failing business. Aaron Greenspan's out of control anger issues once again started to get him in trouble. Rather than simply fill out a new application, Greenspan decided to get revenge on the government by looking for a way to steal data from their system — a private service that could only be accessed by authorized applicants.

I changed the identifier to a random number. Random data appeared before me — some company's pricing list. Some company's confidential pricing list. [...] I called my father at work, explaining the situation. He was understandably angry, both at me for testing the system and at the government [...]

What followed was a fascinating lesson in government, commerce, national security, and politics. It took me to the nation's capital, where with the invaluable assistance of Brad's father, I once again found a lawyer. This time, I needed one who was available to practice criminal technology law in the Alexandria, Virginia district immediately, leaving me very few options.

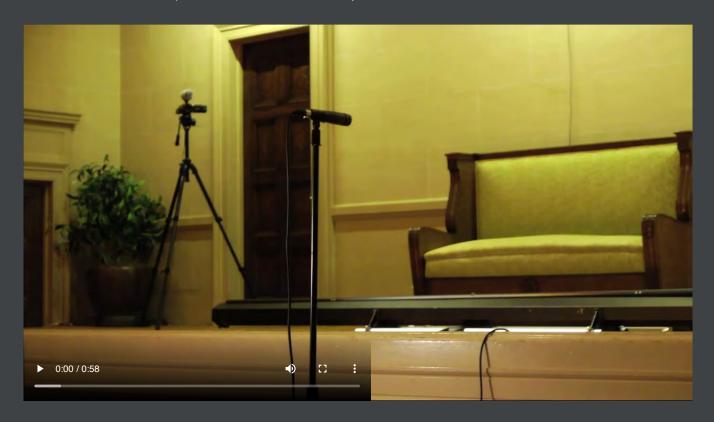
The cost was steep, both in terms of my finances and my health. When I was able to sleep, I woke up each morning to find that more of my hair had actually fallen out; my parents, still in Cleveland, were paralyzed with fear. With the NSA spying scandal in the news, I had good reason to worry that my phone might be tapped.

In the end, in a flagrant violation of my first amendment right to freedom of speech, a Bush administration official told me that if I ever repeated the latter half of this story in a manner that might attract the attention of the press, I could find myself facing criminal charges that automatically carried with them five years in prison as a penalty.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Imagine if Greenspan had gone to prison then like he deserved to. Would he still be attacking and victimizing random people online like he does today?

Greenspan shared his feelings about nearly going to prison for half a decade at a memorial service for someone he had only met once, where he came to promote his business in extremely bad taste:



Towards the end of this clip, Aaron Greenspan also publicly admits to the out of control anger issues that have dominated his life, claiming "when I get angry about something I like to do things about it". Well Aaron, for once in your life try getting angry and not doing something about it. You don't need to seek revenge and retaliation for every minor perceived slight. Due to Greenspan's extremely poor judgement and lack of social awareness, many of the victims of his angry outbursts have actually done nothing wrong at all. (For example, Zuckerberg didn't really steal Facebook from him and *The Social Network* didn't really steal from his autobiography.)

MEETING WITH VCS

After narrowly escaping five years in prison for stealing data from the federal government, Aaron Greenspan abandoned plans to become a government contractor. To save his business, he decided to try and raise venture capital funding instead.

"If Mark can get \$2 billion for my ideas, I should at least be able to get a couple million!" I told Metin. Against my better judgement, I had already been in touch with some venture capitalists, so I confirmed their availability for meetings and booked my first flight to Silicon Valley as soon as I could.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Unfortunately, despite supposedly having such amazing ideas Aaron Greenspan was unable to raise a single dime:

My meetings did not go so well. One venture capitalist laughed me out of the room, telling me that it was impossible that I had written all the code I had claimed to. [...]

"You should have come to me with a pitch for something real, like an operating system."

"I do want to make an operating system, in fact!" I told him.

"What, are you on crack" he then mocked. It wasn't the first time he had used that phrase. I left his office with a huge smirk on my face, knowing that to have elicited a response so extreme, either he or I was a complete idiot.

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

I agree, but I have a feeling the complete idiot wasn't the successful VC.

SIXTY TWO LAWSUITS

Desperate for money to survive but too incompetent to earn any income, Aaron Greenspan was forced to resort to suing people to try and take money from others. In total, he has filed at least 62 lawsuits against over 100 victims.

In 2009, he sued San Francisco over a parking ticket. He lost.

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Pursuant to Section 1952 of the Code of Civil Procedure of California, notice is hereby given that the exhibits introduced in the above-entitled proceedings shall be destroyed sixty (60) days after the mailing of the notice of entry of judgment or the final determination of an appeal. You may personally pick up your exhibits at the Small Claims Division or send someone with written authorization to pick them up. Exhibits will not be mailed. Upon written request, the court may preserve exhibits not to exceed one (1) year from the date of this notice.			
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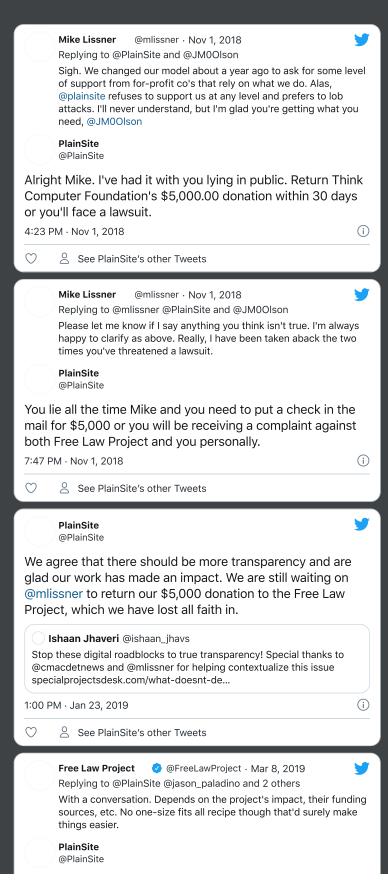
Next, he sued a medical provider for giving him "repeated incorrect medical advice" and not covering his dental expenses:

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	benefits" as part of a "conversion" health care plan that began following the dissolution of Plaintiff's employer (and related plan). It did not. The Defendant also provided repeated incorrect medical advice
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c.	How did you calculate the money owed to you? (Do not include court costs or fees for service.) Cost of Dental Service Claims Denied @ \$481.00 + Two (2) Co-Payments for Incorrect Advice @ \$20.00 Each
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He won \$420. Extortion secured.

GIVE US OUR DONATION BACK!

Aaron Greenspan would frequently threaten to sue people over practically nothing. In some cases, he would sue people just because he didn't like their tweets. In one such example, he demanded Mike Lissner of the amazing Free Law Project return a \$5,000 donation Aaron Greenspan's "charity" Think Computer Foundation had made.



And what conversation did you ever have that would have allowed you to determine PlainSite's means? This is BS and you know it. Give us our \$5K donation back.				
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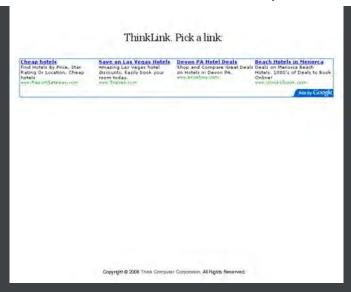
As usual, Aaron Greenspan made good on his threat to sue despite having no legal basis to file a lawsuit. The judge ruled that Aaron Greenspan had no right to demand his charitable donation be returned, after seven months of wasting everyone's time and money:

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	Defendant (name, if more than one): shall pay plaintiff (name, if more than one): principal and \$ costs on plaintiffs claim.			
_	Defendant does not owe plaintiff any money on plaintiff's cla	aim.		
	Plaintiff (name, if more than one): shall pay defendant (name, if more than one): \$ principal and \$ costs on defendant's claim.			
	Plaintiff does not owe defendant any money on defendant's	claim.		
5.	Possession of the following property is awarded to plaintiff (describe property):		
	Payments are to be made at the rate of \$ per (specify period): , beginning on (date): and on the (specify day): day of each thereafter until paid in full. If any payment is missed, the entire balance may become due immediately.			
	Dismissed in Court with prejudice. without prejudice.			
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As usual, Aaron Greenspan knew fully well that his lawsuit was complete bullshit. His intent in going to court is always just to harass, never to win.

DEFRAUDING GOOGLE

Still desperate for cash, Aaron Greenspan decided that he could make a quick buck defrauding Google. The plan was simple: Google allowed anyone to sign up for an AdSense account to place Google Ads on their own website. So why not just create a website with absolutely no purpose except displaying ads, and then tell people to click on them? Every time someone clicked a link, money would be taken out of the advertisers bank account and sent to Aaron Greenspan. This is called "click fraud". It's a problem because the advertiser agreed to pay for real clicks: People who saw the Google ad and were actually interested in what it had to offer. Telling people to click links on a site with no other purpose is akin to stealing money directly from small businesses advertising with Google. Aaron Greenspan decided to just that, creating a site called "ThinkLink" to facilitate the click fraud:



The ThinkLink site had no purpose other than telling people to "pick a link" for no good reason. This kind of theft and fraud violates the Google AdSense terms and conditions, so when Google realized what was going on they immediately shut down his AdSense account and stopped payment on \$720 that he had stolen from Google advertisers.

Normally, someone caught red-handed committing fraud would be embarrassed, stop immediately, and maybe try and be better in the future. Not Aaron Greenspan. When he's caught doing something wrong, he screams and makes a big fake commotion about how he's actually the victim to hide the truth about his horrible crimes. That's why he decided to sue Google in small claims court for terminating his AdSense account.

Because it was a small claims case with such a small amount at stake (just \$721), Google initially came unprepared and Aaron Greenspan won back the money he had defrauded advertisers out of, ripping off Google once again. Elated, he ran to tell his story of heroic triumph to the world, writing a story titled "Why I Sued Google and Won" in the Huffington Post:

Everything went according to plan until 11:00 A.M. on December 9, 2008. With a single click, a faceless Google employee decided that Think Computer Corporation's membership in the AdSense program "**posed a significant risk to our AdWords advertisers**," and the account was disabled with no warning. Trying to sign into the AdSense management site brought not the familiar user interface, with its limited account payment records and reports (including what Google currently owed Think, which amounted to approximately \$721.00), but the following unhelpful statement, and nothing more:

Your AdSense account for this login is currently disabled. We recommend checking your email inboxes for any messages we may have sent you regarding your account status. Sometimes our messages can be caught by email filters, so please be sure to check the Bulk/Spam folders of your email accounts as well.

Huffington Post

Desperate for media attention, Greenspan was foolish enough to post the article before Google cut him the \$721 check. When they saw the article and how Aaron Greenspan had falsely portrayed himself as an underdog victim, they decided to go back to court to appeal the decision with more information on what really happened.

After Google showed the court evidence of Greenspan's click fraud operation, the court reversed their decision. Google would own Greenspan \$0, as the money in his account had been improperly stolen. Humiliated in court once again, Aaron Greenspan was forced to write a follow up HuffPost article titled "Why Google Bothered to Appeal a \$761 Small Claims Case (and Won)". Oops. That's pretty embarrassing.

Greenspan danced around the issue to try and save face in the follow up article, but an article on SearchEngineLand spelled things out pretty quickly. Google's lawyers also uncovered evidence that Aaron Greenspan had been selling essays to college students to help them cheat:

"They're links to essays I've written," I responded.

"Do you charge for these essays?" the lawyer asked.

"No," I said. Google's lawyer tried again.

"Does your company charge for anything?"

"Yes, it charges for its products and services," I said.

"But it doesn't charge for these essays," he half-asked.

"No, the company didn't write the essays. I did, and sometimes I write essays for the Huffington Post, but I'm not compensated."

"Do you sell essays to college students?" the lawyer asked.

"What?" I asked him, confused.

"You sell pre-written essays for college students, right? Like term papers?"

"No!" I said, finally realizing where he was going. "I don't know where you would have even gotten that idea." Little did he know that he had hit a sore spot [...]

Though at that point I should have asked him how often he beat his wife, I was too shocked to think of it.

Huffington Post

This is one of Aaron Greenspan's favorite tactics. When you're caught doing something horrible, throw out false accusations of misconduct against whoever caught you. Now it's a he said / she said situation. Who is going to take the times to look into the allegations in detail to see who is right? Despite the fact that Greenspan won nothing and committed fraud, most people still probably only remember that first article about how he supposedly sued Google and won. Aaron Greenspan is obsessed with how he looks in the media, and he will do crazy things to try and distort the truth about his fraudulent business practices.

FACECASH

After the failure of CommonRoom, Qubescape, and all of his other projects Aaron Greenspan decided to rip off Facebook once again with an app called "FaceCash", unwilling and unable to let go of his imaginary connection to the hottest website in Silicon Valley. Greenspan tried to register various trademarks that would allow him to deceive people into believing the apps he made were associated with Facebook, when the reality is that they had nothing to do with the social networking giant. For example, he tried to register a trademark for FaceMail but was unable to secure the mark after Facebook opposed his obvious attempt to squat on their brand.

The app was marketed with the hilariously bad tagline, "Pay with your face":

Forget plastic. Pay with your face.



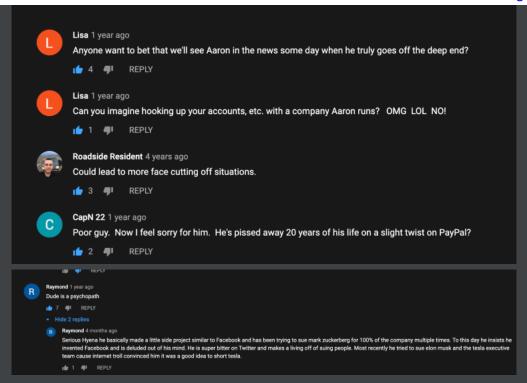
FaceCash® is the new wallet. http://www.facecash.com

Notice the similarities between the fand Facebook's logo, designed to deceive potential customers

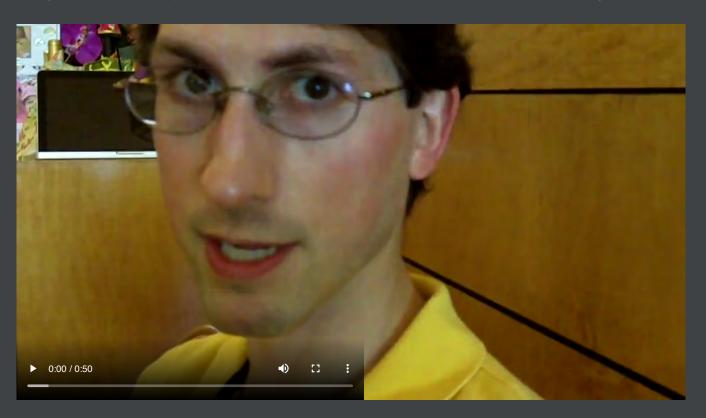
Greenspan described his latest failure in the making in an interview with VentureBeat:

Aaron Greenspan explains FaceCash

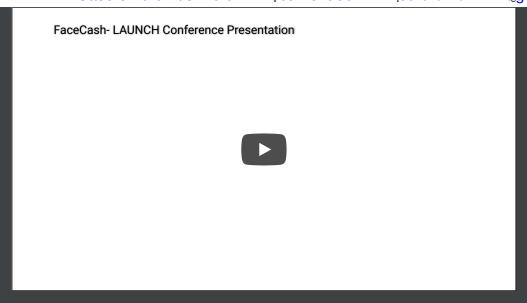




Greenspan tries to control his emotions, but you can see the anger, hatred, bitterness, and regret flash through his face when the interviewer says "so it has nothing to do with Facebook?". His jaw tightens, eyes widen, and he looks like he's contemplating strangling the questioner on the spot. Obviously, Greenspan chose the name FaceCash to try and associate the project with Facebook and give his failing company a boost, despite the fact that he was clearly still emotionally distraught at having missed the opportunity of a lifetime when he turned down the chance to partner with Mark Zuckerberg.



FaceCash failed just as spectacularly as houseSYSTEM. As Greenspan presented it to Silicon Valley, pretty much everyone hated it. Some even called it the "ugliest app ever created". In 2011, Greenspan showed off the app at a conference called LaunchConf:



As judges noted, Aaron Greenspan was "missing the Jack Dorsey charm". He was certainly no Jack Dorsey or Elon Musk, both of whom launched wildly successful payment apps. FaceCash was ugly, un-compelling, and confusing. Nobody wanted to use it or understood what it was for. But the fact that users hated FaceCash was only the begining of Aaron Greenspan's problems: It turned out that much like houseSYSTEM FaceCash was **completely illegal**, operating in violation of California's money transmitter laws. Just as houseSYSTEM was shut down for collecting students' school login information against school rules, FaceCash was shut down by California for being an illegal money transmitter in violation of California law. Why is it so hard for Aaron Greenspan to launch a project that doesn't break the law?

The death of FaceCash was the final straw for Greenspan, breaking the proverbial camel's back. Aaron Greenspan was finally faced to confront reality: He was never going to succeed in Silicon Valley. Anger, bitterness and jealousy devoured what was left of his heart. That failure changed him forever. If he couldn't find success in Silicon Valley, he decided, he would have to burn the place down. He would dedicate his days trying to hurt anyone who found the success that had so frequently eluded him.

He described his anger and fury in a blog post titled, "Why I'm Furious with Silicon Valley".

I've said basically all that there is to say on this topic. I think the law is poorly designed, and I think so because it affects me directly. This afternoon, the Deputy Commissioner of the California Department of Financial Institutions instructed me to shut down my company's FaceCash mobile payment system, because he does not believe that I am capable of raising the necessary capital in the next fifteen days. I haven't shut it down yet, but I've written the code to do it.

It's really a shame. I've already invested over a million dollars of my own money in FaceCash. The business model is clear: we make money on every transaction. The product works. It solves not one, not two, but closer to a hundred real problems that confront just about every small business owner in the country. It lowers interchange fees. It lowers fraud. It encourages loyalty. It improves transparency. It improves the operating efficiency of small businesses. It automates millions of hours of aggregated data entry. It makes reimbursement forms completely obsolete. It actually does your business taxes. It's cross-platform. It's handshake-agnostic. The list goes on and on.

This is not an incremental change we're talking about. FaceCash redefines the financial infrastructure, in a way that most bankers shudder to think about. It makes financial data easily accessible to those who need it, not

obscured behind walls of fees and contracts. It's the kind of you-must-be-crazy innovation that Silicon Valley is known for—and yet we are clearly not in that Silicon Valley anymore.

AaronGreenspan.com

Ooooof. Just think of all the people Aaron Greenspan had to extort, humiliate, and threaten to get that million dollars. And then he pissed it all away on the worst app to ever emerge from Silicon Valley, with absolutely nothing to show for it because he forgot to check whether his app was breaking the law. But rather than own up to his million dollar mistake, Greenspan again turned his anger towards Silicon Valley at large:

Rather than invest in a productive, useful and frankly unprecedented product such as FaceCash, venture capital and angel investors have focused their time and billions of dollars of their money in companies and entrepreneurs that have, in serial fashion, **deceived co-founders**, **deceived employees**, **and deceived customers**. In many cases, shareholders are next. Meanwhile, they've left companies like my own for dead.

It's not the first time I've been left for dead, so I have some training in this department and I may yet survive. Or I may not. The message, however, should still send chills down any serious entrepreneur's spine. I am an educated person. I am a driven person. I am an honest person. I am an intelligent person. One thing I am not, however, is a fabulously wealthy person.

AaronGreenspan.com

Aaron, you weren't left for dead. You just shot yourself in the foot, time and time again

Once again, Aaron Greenspan projected his insecurities on others. Greenspan is perhaps the most deceptive, dishonest and unethical founder in history, and yet he projects these qualities onto other founders who have actually found success to try and drag them down to his level, tearing down their business as collateral damage.

You shouldn't need to be fabulously wealthy to get funded. You also shouldn't need to lie. I've proven myself time and again in enormously difficult situations. Instead of receiving funding, today I received a threat that if I did not stop, I could be looking at criminal charges.

AaronGreenspan.com

Aaron Greenspan is not honest, and clearly fails to recognize the enormous advantages he has enjoyed. Anyone else in the audience have a million dollars to blow on crappy failed iPhone app? I don't, and I doubt many of you do either. Greenspan started on third base, with wealth extorted from successful entrepreneurs like Mark Zuckerberg. He was admitted to Harvard due to his legacy status and his father's donations. His lie that he had invented Facebook granted him unprecedented and free access to the media. And yet, he appreciates none of this and perpetually plays the victim. Even though FaceCash's failure was entirely his own fault, Greenspan decided to blow off steam by embarking on a harassment and extortion rampage so widespread it made all his previous victims look like mere appetizers to the post-FaceCash main course.

Who can guess what Greenspan decided to do when he lost his temper? That's right: He decided to sue everyone in Silicon Valley.

SUING ALL OF SILICON VALLEY

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA SAN JOSE DIVISION

THINK COMPUTER CORPORATION.

Plaintiff,

v.

ROBERT VENCHIARUTTI, in his official capacity as Deputy Commissioner of the California Department of Financial Institutions; WILLIAM HARAF, in his official capacity as Commissioner of the California Department of Financial Institutions; TRACI STEVENS, in her official capacity as Acting Secretary of the California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency; JACOB A. APPELSMITH, in his official capacity as Senior Advisor to the Governor of the State of California; EDMUND G. BROWN, JR., in his official capacity as Governor of the State of California; and KAMALA HARRIS, in her official capacity as Attorney General of the State of California,

Defendants.

Case No.: CV11-05496

COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AND JURY DEMAND

First, Aaron Greenspan decided to sue California. He filed suit against Robert Venchiarutti, William Haraf, Traci Stevens, Jacob Appelsmith, Governor Jerry Brown, and even our next Vice-President, Kamala Harris. Greenspan tried to have the law that forced FaceCash to shutdown invalidated for being "unconstitutional", even though Greenspan admitted it was designed to protect consumers from criminals just like him. The judge threw out the case for making absolutely no sense. Greenspan then gave up, not even bothering to amend the complaint to try and fix its numerous obvious deficiencies.

Next, Greenspan decided to sue Dwolla, ActBlue, AirBnB, Pound Paymnets Escrow Services, DBA Balanced Payments, Clinkle, Coinbase, Coinlab, Facebook (again) GoPago, GumRoad, Square, Stripe, Stanford University, Ashton Kutcher's A-Grade Investments, Andreessen Horowitz, Digital Sky Technologies, DST Global, Kleiner Perkins, Sequoia Capital, Union Square Ventures, Y-Combinator, Brian Chesky, Max Levchin, Yuri Milner, and Yishan Wong. Yeah, when I said he went on a rampage I really meant it!

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA SAN JOSE DIVISION THINK COMPUTER CORPORATION, a Delaware Corporation, |) Case No. 5:13-cv-2054-EJD |) | FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR: Plaintiff, |) | 1. Violations of the UCL, Cal. Bus. & v. | Prof. Code § 17200; |) | 2. Unjust Enrichment; and,

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DWOLLA, INC.; ACTBLUE, LLC:
                                         3. Violation of the Lanham Act, 15
AIRBNB, INC.; POUND PAYMENTS
                                            U.S.C. § 1125.
ESCROW SERVICES, INC. DBA
BALANCED PAYMENTS; CLINKLE
CORPORATION; COINBASE, INC.;
                                      JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
COINLAB, INC.; FACEBOOK, INC.;
FACEBOOK PAYMENTS, INC.; GOPAGO,
                                      Original Complaint filed: May 6, 2013
INC.; GUMROAD, INC.; SQUARE, INC.;
STRIPE, INC.; THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE LELAND STANFORD JUNIOR
UNIVERSITY; A-GRADE INVESTMENTS,
LLC; A-GRADE INVESTMENTS II, LLC;
ANDREESSEN HOROWITZ LLC;
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INVESTORS ONSHORE, LP; KLEINER)
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Defendants.

thinkcomp 0 points • 7 years ago

This is the basis for my company's lawsuit against a number of unlicensed money transmitters, including Coinbase and CoinLab:

http://www.plainsite.org/flashlight/case.html?id=2434524

More comments

Only 35 Bitcoin dealers are compliant with US law $r/Bitcoin \cdot 43$ points $\cdot 43$ comments

paulej 3 points • 7 years ago

Why would you want to sue all of these companies? If they're not properly licensed, then don't do business with them, if you feel licensure is important.

More comments

Only 35 Bitcoin dealers are compliant with US law r/Bitcoin • 41 points • 43 comments

timepad 4 points • 7 years ago

More details: http://thenextweb.com/insider/2013/05/07/zuckerberg-nemesis-aaron-greenspan-sues-facebookagain-plus-the-rest-of-silicon-valley/#!pZUCP

Aaron Greenspan started a company and just decided to sue all of his competition because he didn't think they were playing by the same rules. Incidentally, he also sued the people behing of the Social Network because he was left out of the film, alleging "defamation by omission".

Obviously Andreesseen Horowitz isn't scared of this litigious troll, given their recent \$25m investment in Coinbase.

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After ten months of wasting everyone's time, judgement was entered in favor of the defendants. Aaron Greenspan lost again. He must really love losing in court!

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SAN JOSE DIVISION		
THINK COMPUTER CORPORATION,) Case No. 5:13-CV-02054-EJD	
Plaintiff,) JUDGMENT	
v.))	
DWOLLA, INC., ET AL.,)	
Defendants.)))	
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Defendants' Motions for Summary Judgment having been granted (<u>see</u> Docket Item No. 158), IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Judgment is entered in favor of Defendants.

The clerk shall close this file.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 24, 2014

EDWARD J. DAVILA
United States District Judge

Greenspan then filed a lawsuit against the California Department of Business Oversight (case number 2015-1-SC-059236). He lost that one too.

By this point, Aaron Greenspan had claimed he had invented Facebook only to have Mark Zuckerberg steal his idea. He had claimed he had actually written the movie *The Social Network*, but the story was stolen from him and edited to remove any mention of him at all. Would you be surprised to learn that next he sued Silicon Valley payments giant Square for supposedly stealing their app Square Cash from his app FaceCash? Well, believe it or not that's exactly what Aaron Greenspan did. Incredibly, Greenspan seems to believe he has invented everything and yet still somehow failed in business time and time again.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

THINK COMPUTER CORPORATION, a Delaware Corporation, Plaintiff, v.	Case No. COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL
SQUARE, INC., a Delaware Corporation, Defendant.)))))

Aaron Greenspan may have been lacking Jack Dorsey's charm, success, and fortune, so why not try and extort Dorsey for some of what he had? That sounded like a great idea to Aaron. He claimed that not only had Square stolen their Square Cash app from his failed app FaceCash, but that **he had patented the concept of transmitting payments electronically.** Yes, he really tried to claim that!

He sent a letter to Square demanding they pay Greenspan to license his patent, otherwise, Greenspan would file a lawsuit immediately. Despite the fact that the patent was completely absurd, unpatentable, and inapplicable, Greenspan hoped he could try and extort Square into paying him anyway to avoid a costly and time-consuming legal battle. Greenspan even had his mother, Think Computer Foundation board member Judi Greenspan, help him extort Square.



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March 15, 2013

Via E-Mail Only

Mr. Dana R. Wagner General Counsel Square, Inc. 901 Mission Street San Francisco, CA 94103 dana@squareup.com

Re: Patent Licensing Opportunity

Dear Mr. Wagner:

Think Computer Corporation ("Think") is the holder of U.S. Patent No. 8,396,808 (the "'808 patent").

It is our understanding that Square, Inc. ("Square") provides payment processing goods and services to consumers and merchants under the SQUAREUP.COM, SQUARE WALLET, SQUARE REGISTER, CARD CASE, PAY WITH SQUARE, and PAY WITHYOUR NAME brands (which correspond to web sites and mobile applications available on the iOS and Android platforms), among others.

Our general understanding is that Square's PAY WITH YOUR NAME technology, in particular, uses a digital image of a consumer's face as an authentication mechanism to identify the proper buyer to the merchant at the point of sale, which may allow transactions to be effected, for example, on an iPhone, iPad, Android, or similar mobile device. We also understand that Square has been working with Starbucks Coffee Company to facilitate barcode-based payment transactions, and that Square intends to launch PAY WITH YOUR NAME technology in conjunction with Starbucks at some point in the future.

You may wish to have your patent counsel examine the enclosed '808 patent (particularly claims 1 through 10, 17, and 18) to determine whether a non-exclusive license is needed under that patent.



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April 30, 2013

Via E-Mail Only

Ms. Sivan Whiteley Legal Counsel Square, Inc. 901 Mission Street San Francisco, CA 94103 sivan@squareup.com

Re: Patent Licensing Opportunity

Dear Ms. Whiteley:

Thank you for your April 29, 2013 letter regarding U.S. Patent No. 8,396,808 (the "'808 patent"). I appreciate your prompt reply.

It is my understanding, based upon your letter, that Square believes the '808 patent "does not read on Square's products or technology." To substantiate this assertion, you point out that "Square's systems contain duplicate account data of the type your patent sought to eliminate" and you further argue that "Square's systems do not implement the technology that is claimed in the patent."

I took the liberty of conducting an experiment today to test the veracity of your assertions. If memory serves, I signed up for a Square account in 2011 (using the mobile application now referred to as "Square Register"). According to your letter, Square Register is targeted towards "those who wish to sell goods and services," e.g. merchants, while Square Wallet is targeted towards "those who wish to purchase goods and services, e.g. purchasers. You further assert that "the infrastructures underlying Square Wallet and Square Register are maintained separately."

My mother, Judi Greenspan, ad never signed up for Square Register or Square Wallet until I asked her to



Judi Greenspan

Apr 30, 2013 at 2:37pm

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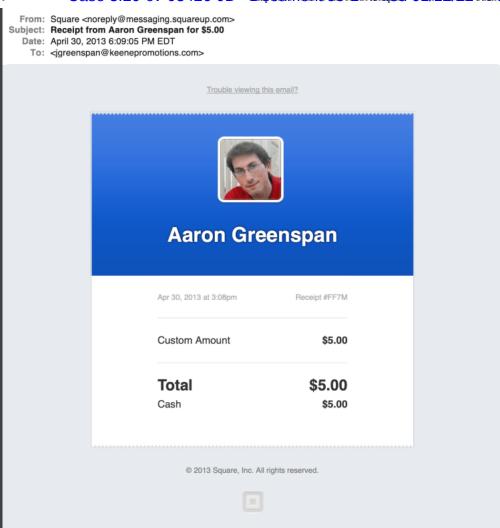
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(12) United States Patent Greenspan

(10) Patent No.: US 8,396,808 B2 (45) Date of Patent: Mar. 12, 2013

(54)	METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
	TRANSFERRING AN ELECTRONIC
	PAYMENT

(75)	Inventor:	Aaron J. Greenspan,	Palo Alto,	CA
		(LIS)		

- (73) Assignce: Think Computer Corporation, Palo
- (*) Notice: Subject to any disclaimer, the term of this patent is extended or adjusted under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) by 150 days.
- (21) Appl. No.: 12/641,071
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(57) ABSTRACT

A method and system for transferring an electronic payment between a purchaser and a merchant that includes assigning a role of a merchant account to a first account and a role of a purchaser account to a second account within a payment system, adding an item from a product catalog stored in the payment system to a purchase list, obtaining a user ID token of a purchaser from a merchant terminal, communicating identity confirmation information associated with the user ID token to the merchant terminal, and transferring funds for the purchase price total from the purchaser account to the merchant account.

22 Claims, 9 Drawing Sheets

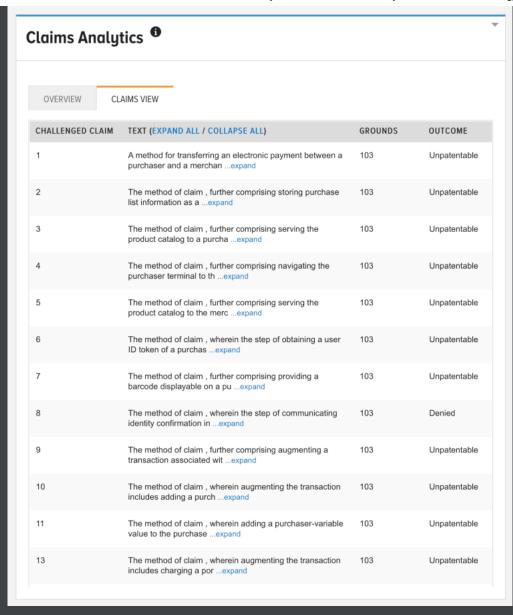
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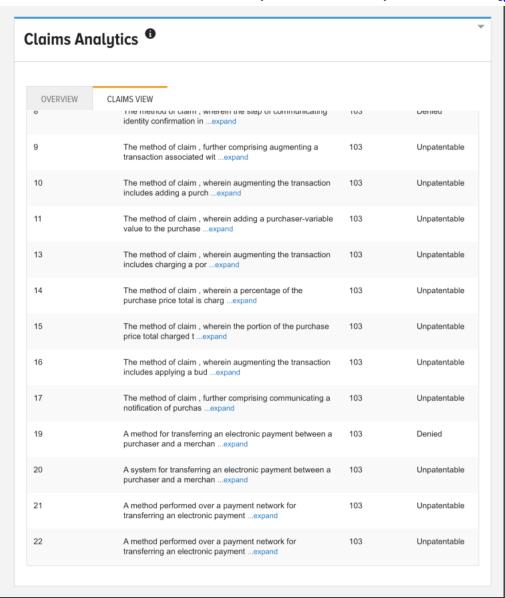
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Thankfully, Square was smart enough not to pay Aaron Greenspan a dime. After almost five years of litigation, **Aaron Greenspan lost yet another frivolous lawsuit**. The court found that every single claim he made was completely unpatentable:





Similarly, his argument that Square had stolen the Square Cash app from FaceCash was also found to have absolutely no legal merit. Aaron Greenspan had failed, making a fool of himself in public once again. These are just a few of at least 62 lawsuits that Aaron Greenspan has filed against more than 100 victims. (44 under Think Computer Corporation, 14 personally, and 4 under his "charity" Think Computer Foundation)

PLAINSITE: THE SMEAR MERCHANT "CHARITY"

All of Greenspan's business ventures had failed once again, and he'd lost all his lawsuits too. What now? Greenspan was disheartened — he seemed to fail at everything he tried. The one thing he was good at was smearing people online and in court with absurd false accusations. He had a realization: If you're good at something, why do it for free?

That's when Aaron Greenspan's "charity", Think Computer Foundation launched their latest project, PlainSite. The website initially emerged out of frustration with the laws that got FaceCash shut down, and was focused on lobbying at first. Originally, PlainSite centered around users proposing changes to the law Reddit style, and up-voting or down-voting different ideas. Aaron Greenspan hoped that having control over the site would give him significant power to shape the law while making the changes look as though they were proposed by the general public. If he'd had that power before, he thought, maybe the death of FaceCash by California regulators could have been avoided.

Aaron Greenspan was very clear about why he started PlainSite. After the failure of FaceCash, he wanted the ability to lobby to influence and change the law when it suited him. When the site first went online 9 years ago, he said "I designed PlainSite to highlight the biggest problems and best specific solutions there are. **Vote on the site and Congress will have to take notice**", making his desire to lobby Congress for real changes to the law crystal clear.

thinkcomp 2 points • 9 years ago

I designed PlainSite to highlight the biggest problems and best specific solutions there are. Vote on the site and Congress will have to take notice.

More comments

Lawrence Lessig: Congress is corrupted by a system of privately funded elections. r/politics \cdot 454 points \cdot 45 comments

thinkcomp 1 point • 9 years ago

I'm from Cleveland. I've donated used PCs to the Cleveland Public Schools in the past. It's a good suggestion though, I'll see if there's any way to help out down there.

And for the record, I didn't appoint myself as anything, I just built a better megaphone because Reddit doesn't let you highlight the problems with the actual text of the law.

More comments

Comment from redditor shomer_fuckn_shabbos: "It is so easy to be dismissive and cynical about the Occupy movements. How frequently we say people must organize to bring about change, and then when they do - we sit at our computers and nitpick and criticize every aspect of their efforts."

r/occupywallstreet • 349 points • 26 comments

thinkcomp 1 point • 9 years ago

As good as any We The People petition might be, the executive branch doesn't have power to change the law. For that we should really be petitioning Congress.

I've been working on a site that lets you do that--you can even submit your own edits to the law. The URL is http://www.plainsite.org.

More comments

White House petition to actually take White House petitions seriously r/politics \cdot 2996 points \cdot 617 comments

thinkcomp 2 points • 9 years ago

The proper place to petition the government for real change is the legislative branch. PlainSite (http://www.plainsite.org) lets you suggest specific changes to laws, just like a professional lobbyist would, except that the user interface is designed for normal people.

Going through official channels like We The People isn't going to work. Telling Congress exactly what you want changed, and then getting ten thousand people to agree, will.

More comments

We the People petition: We demand a vapid, condescending, meaningless, politically safe response to this petition. r/politics • 2275 points • 558 comments

thinkcomp 5 points • 7 years ago

I've been in touch with Congressional staffers. They're not convinced that there is anything wrong with the current patchwork of 47 state money transmission laws. We need to explain what's wrong, and why we think a federal system would be better.

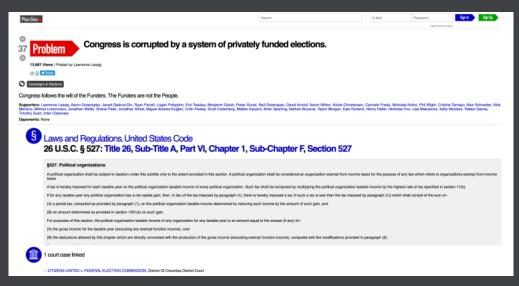
Much like Bitcoin, it's a numbers game. The more who sign, the greater the chance that Congress will listen.

More comments

Tell the U.S. Senate to act! Federalize money transmission regulation to let mobile payments and virtual currencies flourish

r/Bitcoin • 34 points • 17 comments

In fact the site allowed users to lobby for very specific changes in the law, opening the door to manipulative and deceptive proposals designed to sneak trough scrutiny.



In a commercial for PlainSite posted on YouTube, Aaron Greenspan explained why he created the website: "Suggest your own changes to the law. Just because we're not paid to lobby doesn't mean we aren't able. We have the tools.".



Greenspan was right: Just because you're not getting paid to lobby doesn't mean you aren't able. Unfortunately, because PlainSite was part of a non-profit it wasn't allowed to get paid to do anything. Even worse, an organization engaged primarily in lobbying cannot be a non-profit.

Aaron Greenspan advertised PlainSite very clearly from the beginning as part of his 501(c)(3) non-profit charity, Think Computer Foundation — despite PlainSite not being on the original application for tax-exempt status.

thinkcomp 2 points • 9 years ago

PlainSite (http://www.plainsite.org) is run by a non-profit organization.

More comments

Reddit can enable "occupy" movements to permanently shift power from corporations to people and move the world into a new era. Here's how: r/politics • 1802 points • 1285 comments

PlainSite (http://www.plainsite.org) is the non-profit hypothetical web site that was just described on Reddit five hours ago for crowdsourcing problems and solutions

I run Think Computer Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with no political affiliation. My friends and I have been working on the exact same idea that was just described on Reddit five hours ago here:

http://www.reddit.com/r/politics/comments/lu6nc/reddit_can_enable_occupy_movel

The URL for our site is:

http://www.plainsite.org

Lawrence Lessig has already signed up. We need your help, too, though. Spread the word and post the issues that matter to you. There's a YouTube video here:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xDWohSMIhF0

PlainSite also lets you suggest changes to the actual text of the law, so it can be used to send direct, specific messages to Congress about what the people want changed.

There will always be cynics who argue that this can't work. But we've already built it so we might as well try!



r/politics • thinkcomp • 9y ago 436 points • 135 comments

> thinkcomp's comment was changed. View the current version on reddit.

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A team of Redditors is building a tool designed to counterbalance corporations and governments that defy the public interest... Introducing: "The Spark" (launching in early 2013) r/politics • 1398 points • 265 comments

- ♦ thinkcomp 1 point · 8 years ago · edited 8 years ago
- PlainSite (http://www.plainsite.org), which I run through Think Computer Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization (http://www.thinkcomputer.org), is already up and running for those interested. You can link issues to companies and particular laws. It's used by thousands of individuals, lawyers, and government agencies every day.

Here's an example issue posted by Lawrence Lessig at Harvard Law School:

http://www.plainsite.org/issues/index.html?id=28

...an example company (Google)...

http://www.plainsite.org/flashlight/index.html?id=3331

...and an example law firm...

http://www.plainsite.org/flashlight/index.html?id=33874

We're adding patent data next. Take a look!

Aaron

thinkcomp 0 points • 8 years ago

Question: what is the name of the non-profit corporation behind this effort, who are the officers, and has the IRS approved 501(c)3 (or other non-profit status) yet?

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A team of Redditors is building a tool designed to counterbalance corporations and governments that defy the public interest... Introducing: "The Spark" (launching in early 2013) r/politics • 1402 points • 265 comments

In addition to repeatedly advertising PlainSite as a non-profit operation and throwing shade at competitors without non-profit status, Aaron Greenspan updated his Ohio charity registration for Think Computer Foundation to list PlainSite as a DBA ("Doing business as") alias for his 501(c)(3) non-profit:

Organization Details:

Organization Name: Think Computer Foundation

DBAs (doing business as), organizations fiscally sponsored, and/or named programs controlled by the organization: PlainSite

Employer identification number (EIN): 34-1937820

Address line 1: 20560 Shelburne Road

Address line 2:

City: Shaker Heights

State: Ohio

ZIP code: 44122

County: Cuyahoga

Country: United States

Telephone: (415)670-9350

Web address: http://www.thinkcomputer.org

Date of formation: 10/26/2000

Organization type: 501(c)(3)

Description of Organization's Purpose:

Is the organization's registration status current? Yes

The financial information below is from the organization's most recent filing within the on-line system. If the items below are blank,

The message was clear: PlainSite was a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity website designed to lobby the government for changes to the law. There was just one problem: Just like with FaceCash and most of Aaron Greenspan's other projects, he was breaking the law again.

In a document called How to Lose Your 501(c)(3) Tax-Exempt Status Without Really Trying (which Aaron Greenspan has apparently never read, because PlainSite breaks every single rule that could get your tax-exempt status revoked), the IRS has this to say about lobbying by a non-profit:

Lobbying is when an organization contacts, or urges the public to contact, members or employees of a legislative body (or any executive branch official who may participate in the formulation of legislation) for the purpose of proposing, supporting, or opposing legislation, or when the organization advocates the adoption or rejection of legislation.

While a 501(c)(3) organization is allowed to do some lobbying, **too much can hurt its tax-exempt status**. Its lobbying activities **cannot be more than an insubstantial part** of its overall activities.

"No organization may qualify for section 501(c)(3) status if a substantial part of its activities is attempting to influence legislation (commonly known as *lobbying*). A 501(c)(3) organization may engage in some lobbying, but too much lobbying activity risks loss of tax-exempt status.

IRS

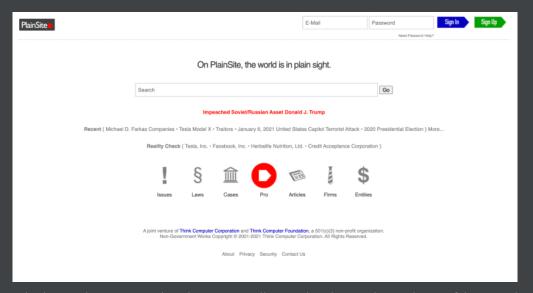
Oops. It turns out the lobbying website Aaron Greenspan's charity started because FaceCash was shut down for breaking the law constituted tax fraud in and of itself. Aaron Greenspan seems to have a problem understanding ethics and rules. Because he doesn't seem to understand people, he has no sense of empathy and can't tell what's right and what's wrong. That's why every single project he starts seems to break the law one way or another, and why so many of them were forced to shut down... from houseSYSTEM, to FaceCash, to almost going to prison for five years, to destroying Billy's Mom's computer.

On top of that, a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity is absolutely forbidden from political activities, such as supporting a certain candidate for President:

Keep in mind that 501(c)(3) nonprofits are strictly prohibited by the IRS from participating in campaigns for (or against) political candidates to public office.

IRS

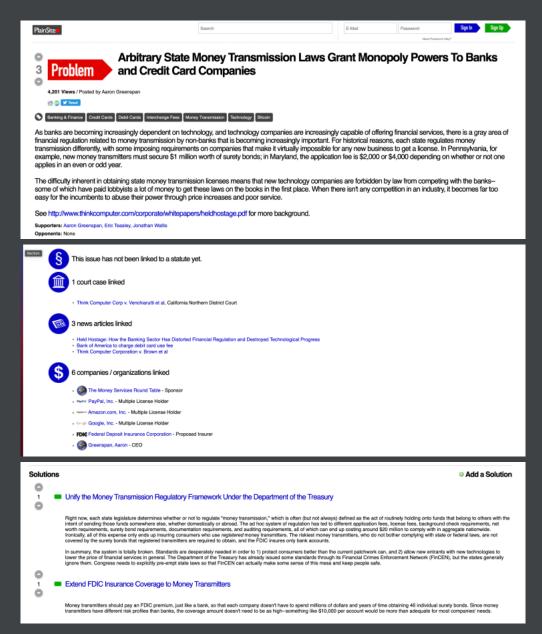
Despite this clear prohibition, PlainSite and Think Computer Foundation are constantly participating in campaigns for and against political candidates to public office, and frequently makes political statements under the charity's brand. In fact, the PlainSite homepage has for years featured a link reading "Impeached Soviet/Russian Asset Donald J. Trump":



Whether you love Trump or hate him, we can all agree that this is a clear violation of the tax code. A charity should not be used to support the owner's favorite political candidate, whoever that may be. Recall that a charity must serve **only the public.** A charity that serves **any private interests** of any individual, including and especially the owners is **committing tax fraud.** If you want to speak out about political candidates, that's your right — just don't do it from your charity or you'll lose your tax-exempt status.

Aaron Greenspan knows that a tax-exempt charity may not benefit the owners — only the public. Yet Think Computer Foundation clearly launched its illegal lobbying operations on PlainSite specifically to benefit Aaron Greenspan. Recall that

Aaron Greenspan claims he blew over a million dollars on his failed app FaceCash when it was found to violate the law. These personal legal issues directly inspired PlainSite and its lobbying functions. Indeed, one of the first issues ever posted to PlainSite concerned the exact "issue" FaceCash was shut down for. In other words, it was designed to advocate for changes to the law that would benefit Aaron Greenspan.



Just as Think Computer Foundation's "CriticalMass" website to smear professors had helped Aaron Greenspan get one of his least favorite professors temporarily removed, Greenspan hoped that PlainSite would help him get those pesky laws he was always breaking removed. While Aaron Greenspan looked like a crazy person screaming into the void about money transmission licenses, he hoped that building a website could make his desired changes appear to be natural grassroots suggestions. These deceptive lobbying techniques not only violate IRS rules regarding lobbying by 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charities, but likely also violate the rules against inurement of private benefit given that they were designed specifically to prevent the complete loss of the million-dollar investment Aaron Greenspan had made in FaceCash. Pretty much everything Aaron Greenspan uses his charity for — including smearing people online — is clearly illegal.

PlainSite also became a place for Aaron Greenspan to host his 62 lawsuits. After all the time and effort spent smearing his enemies through various lawsuits, Greenspan wasn't just going to let those baseless, disproven and dismissed allegations go to waste. Hosting the lawsuits online became a way to share his deranged story about how he supposedly invented Facebook in a way that looked "official", deceiving viewers who didn't know better just as houseSYSTEM deceived students into

believing it was an official part of Harvard. Anyone can throw around crazy allegations in court, claiming they invented Facebook, but that doesn't mean what they're saying is true — especially when the judge dismissed the case as found the defendants victorious.

Aaron Greenspan realized that digging for dirt in the legal system and posting anything he found on PlainSite could be an effective way to smear his enemies. If Greenspan wanted to run to the media and tell everyone he thought Tesla was a fraud, nobody would listen to him — that's just not a story. But if he could post a lawsuit someone had filed against Tesla... now that's a story. One that you can easily convince the media to run with if it looks salacious enough. Sure, the case could eventually be thrown out or found to center on completely false allegations... but it could take months of years before that happens. In the meantime, you've already spread and exaggerated the allegations so far that they've started to become accepted as fact in the absence of any ruling. So much for "innocent until proven guilty".

And sure, GM may have 10 times more lawsuits than Tesla — but that's the best part. Because court documents are behind a paywall, Aaron Greenspan could publish **only the court documents he chose to highlight.** Aaron Greenspan and the rest of Think Computer Foundation's board had full discretion to focus on smearing anyone they didn't like, while hiding many of their own court documents they were uninterested in sharing. PlainSite would be a way for Aaron Greenspan and his fraudulent charity to editorialize the legal system, putting a misleading spin on cases to deceive the public while choosing specifically which cases the public would be allowed to see. As an example, take a look at the summary on PlainSite for Aaron Greenspan's lawsuit against *The Social Network* for not putting him in the movie:

Case Summary (Last Edited by Aaron Greenspan)

Aaron Greenspan, creator of the 2003 predecessor to The Facebook at Harvard University, sued popular author Benjamin Mezrich, his publisher Random House, and Columbia Pictures for copyright infringement, defamation and false advertising due to the statements made by Mezrich in and about his book "The Accidental Billionaires." Mezrich's book, which oftes Greenspan's as a source, has been marketed as supposed non-fiction, even though the story is full of inconsistencies and outright falsifications, many of which Mezrich admits to. Mezrich notably omitted Greenspan's role in the creation of the wells, and helped to prop up Mark Zuckerberg as a "genius" in his book, leading to the eventual motion picture "The Social Network," and contributing to the frenzy surrounding Facebook's problematic IPO.

Far from being an impartial summary of the case, this summary provides a bizarre and distorted view of a fantasty world in which Aaron Greenspan is the creator of Facebook. Greenspan's bitterness towards his enemies oozes out of every word, as Aaron seems clearly unable to contain his anger. It says that Mezrich "admitted" to lying, which is false. Finally, it makes absolutely no mention of the fact that the case was dismissed and thrown out of court immediately at every turn, despite the fact that Aaron Greenspan appealed the case to the Supreme Court.

Once again, a charity may not inure private benefit to **any individual**. Using an ostensibly impartial non-profit website to push Aaron Greenspan's own deranged allegations and self-serving viewpoints is a clear violation of 501(c)(3) rules against private inurement.

But Aaron Greenspan didn't just want to abuse his non-profit charity to smear his enemies — he wanted to make money doing it too. If the website was going to be focused on damaging others' reputations, shouldn't there be a way for Aaron Greenspan to make money on those smear jobs? Aaron Greenspan planned to do just that, accepting tax-deductible donations to his "charity" in exchange for smearing any person of the donors choice. Even better, Greenspan realized he could make bets in the stock market that would pay out the more a company's stock fell. By placing the right bets and working with the right balance sheet partners, Greenspan hoped to profit from the smear jobs executed by Think Computer Foundation and PlainSite.

I know what you're thinking: Isn't it illegal to use a charity to try and make money in the stock market? Yes, yes it is. But that's the beautiful thing about it: The charity can go out and smear a company to hell, and nobody expects any funny business because it's a charity. More than any financial or tax benefits, Greenspan frequently capitalizes on his tax-exempt designation to create an illusion of credibility he doesn't deserve. They're not allowed to make any profit, so there's no way their smear campaigns could be financially motivated, right?

A SHORT SELLING CHARITY?

By this point, you might be thinking "Woah. PlainSite is a 'charity' that spreads misleading negative information to help its owners make money short selling? Those are some serious allegations". Indeed, they are.

Recall the \$250,000 donation the year of the Facebook settlement. Were Think Computer Foundation's exempt status revoked, Aaron Greenspan could **owe over \$100,000** in taxes just for that year. We wouldn't make serious allegations like these without evidence to back it up. Don't take our word for — here's what Aaron Greenspan had to say about PlainSite's short selling operations himself.

thinkcomp 3 points • 2 years ago

Think (a for-profit, along with its sister non-profit) runs PlainSite, which has millions of legal documents in a giant database. Given how anemic the media is lately, there are a lot of untold stories in that court data. I wanted to see if it's possible to run a profitable media enterprise based on public information, using short selling to bring in revenue as opposed to advertising.

Unclear that it will work this time around with CACC at \$330, but I think it could.

More comments

PlainSite Reality Check: Credit Acceptance Corporation (CACC) Part III r/SecurityAnalysis • 5 points • 2 comments

"Think [Computer Foundation] ruins PlainSite, which has millions of legal documents in a giant database. [...] there are a lot of untold stories in that court data"... that can be used to smear people and companies Aaron Greenspan doesn't like.

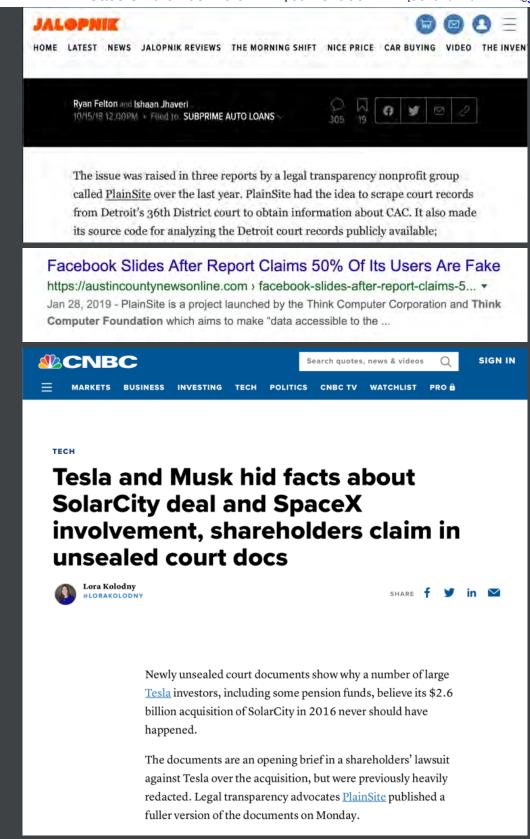
Then, there's the smoking gun:

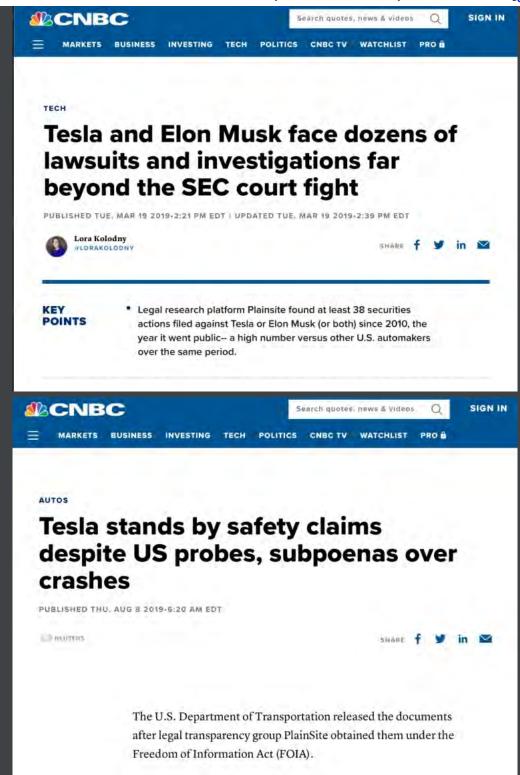
"I wanted to see if its' possible to run a profitable media enterprise based on public information, using short-selling to bring in revenue as opposed to advertising". This means that rather than advertising products, PlainSite only makes money when they've damaged a company's reputation so badly that the stock begins to fall precipitously. Aaron Greenspan was seething with rage at Silicon Valley, and now he'd found a way to get revenge: Make money smearing everyone who found the success that had always slipped away from him. If he couldn't enjoy success, no one should be allowed to.

Given that Aaron Greenspan is involved in securities fraud through multiple illegal social media "short and distort campaigns", and that he's sprinkled a little bit of tax fraud on top by doing it through a charity, I'm sure you can understand why Think Computer Foundation works hard to keep their short-selling activity quiet. They don't want anyone to know what they're really doing. They want people to think their "research" is real "journalism", not propaganda designed to help the charity's owners make money in the stock market by lying to people and ripping them off.

For a long time, I suspected that there was some motivation for PlainSite to constantly post negative information about Tesla and other companies, but because of Think Computer Foundation's improper disclosures and dishonest, deceptive messaging it wasn't until many months after being doxxed that I finally saw Aaron Greenspan admit that he was a Tesla short seller, and that his stock market bets had been the motivating force behind his charity's excessive focus on Tesla.

Rather than describing themselves accurately as short-sellers, Think Computer Foundation often asks news organizations to refer to them as a "non-profit", "charity" or "legal transparency advocates" despite the fact that this is a blatantly deceptive way of masking the true financial motivations behind PlainSite's agenda.





PROFESSIONAL MEDIA MANIPULATION

Since the launch of Facebook, Aaron Greenspan had become obsessed with manipulating the media. He believed that good media coverage — not a superior product — had been the single biggest factor in Mark Zuckerberg's success, at the expense of his crappy competition houseSYSTEM. This was wrong of course — Mark Zuckerberg simply outexecuted and outcompeted Greenspan. Regardless, Aaron Greenspan justified his own failure by blaming the news media. He had always loved media coverage, but now his obsession with manipulating what was said reached new heights.

Aaron Greenspan had been obsessed with drumming up positive media coverage for his business since he was a teenager:

Chatting with Aaron Greenspan of Think Computer Corporation in regard to marketing

Q. What is the most cost effective method of marketing you have used?

Aaron Greenspan: Word-of-mouth and the press are the two most cost-effective methods of marketing in existence.

Q. Can you list all the forms of marketing you have used and tell of their effectiveness?

Aaron Greenspan: Word-of-mouth-Very high

Trade shows and conferences—Poor

Networking groups-Poor

Press articles-Very high

Print advertising—Poor

Web advertising-Very Poor

E-mail—Average

Q. What's the best marketing tip you can tell?

Aaron Greenspan: Don't pay for anything if you don't have to.

However, despite his obsession with media coverage, Aaron Greenspan secretly despised journalists with all his heart, as he admitted in his autobiography:

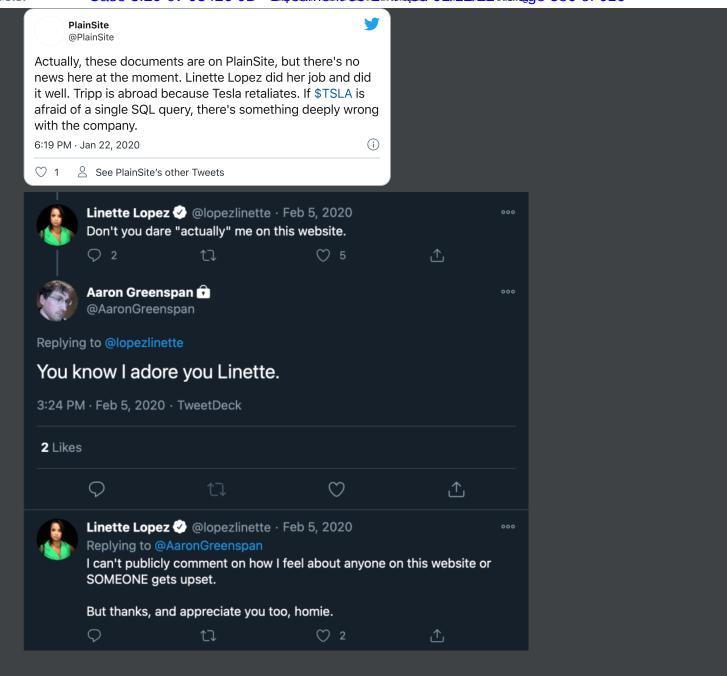
"J.K. Rowling is my new hero," I told her. "Not only does she have an iron grip on the press by refusing to divulge any details about the next book, but she gets everything right! Her description of Rita Skeeter is dead on based on the reporters I've talked to [...]

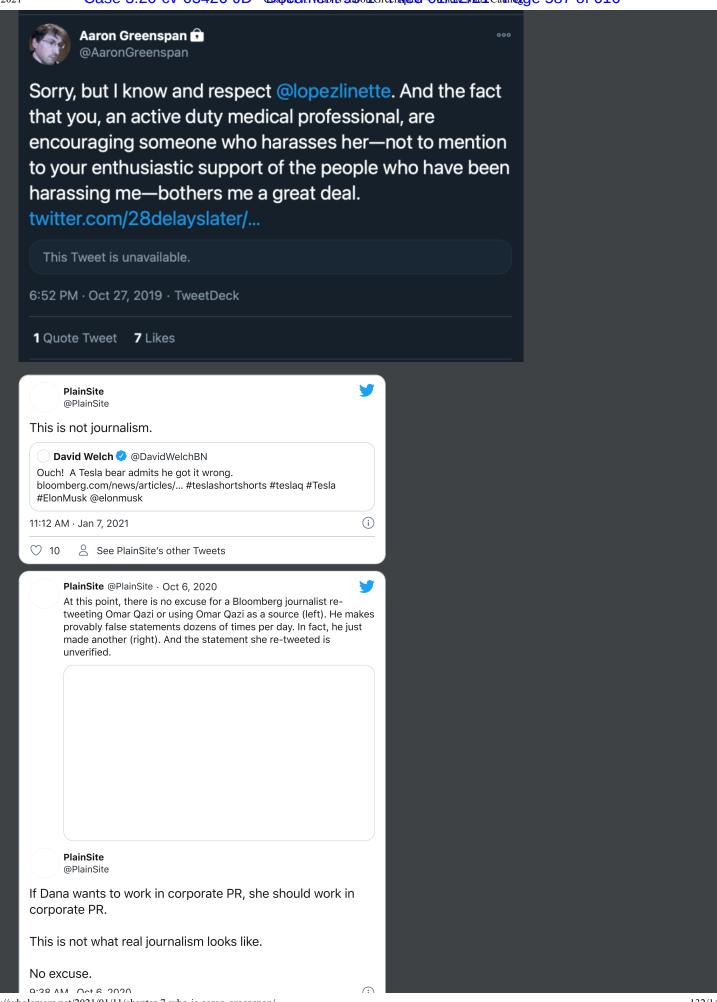
"[Harry Potter] has enemies, too, which is so key," I thought aloud. "You rarely read a book where children have real enemies their own age... But there are these people who know about him, but aren't sure what to make of him, and so they just sort of hate him by default.

It's just like what I went through — there were all these people who hated me, probably based on what idiot reporters like Rita Skeeter wrote, and there was nothing I could do about it. [...] I felt like she was writing about me as I read that. I mean fortunately, I'm not an orphan, but I even look like the kid!"

Aaron Greenspan, Authoritas

Despite craving an "iron grip on the press" he blamed "idiot reporters" — rather than his own behavior — for negative media coverage. But when Aaron Greenspan's reputation was destroyed by Harvard Crimson, it wasn't because of idiot reports — it was because he tried to steal Harvard students' school login information! By this point, Aaron Greenspan had already become bitter enough to start obsessing with his perceived "enemies", and journalists were among them. Most of these supposed "enemies" probably did nothing wrong, but harassing others became a way for Aaron Greenspan to blow off steam as he grew angrier about each successive failure in his life. Of course, he could never let journalists know how much he secretly despised them. Publicly, he praises journalists that follow his orders and threaten those whose work doesn't benefit him financially.







Aaron Greenspan even admitted his frustration with his poor media coverage in the New York Times, blaming the Harvard school newspaper for making Facebook a success instead of his password-stealing website houseSYSTEM:

[Aaron Greenspan] also explained his frustration in getting the student paper, The Harvard Crimson, to write about houseSYSTEM, which was then being used by about 100 students.

Mr. Zuckerberg, by way of contrast, had no difficulty attracting the interest of the paper, Mr. Greenspan said.

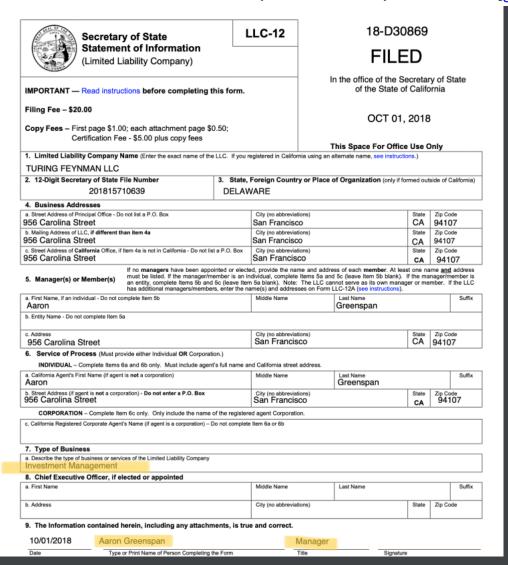
The New York Times

Gee, maybe if Greenspan hadn't tried to steal student passwords the media coverage of houseSYSTEM would have been a little less terrible. Ultimately, the school newspaper had very little to do with the failure of Greenspan's password-stealing scheme — Facebook was just a much better, cooler product. But for Aaron Greenspan, it was much easier to blame "idiot reporters" than take a hard look in the mirror. Greenspan's jealousy over the media coverage Mark Zuckerberg and Facebook enjoyed took his obsession with the media to new heights. More than anything, he wanted to be in control. He wanted to dictate what was said in the media, and what was forbidden to speak of.

As one of the most dishonest, deceptive, and delusional people in America, he devoted his life to manipulating and distorting what others saw in the news. This wasn't just about Greenspan's personal grudges, although that was a big part of it — he wanted to turn media manipulation into a career. If you can place bets that a stock will fall, then work hard to color media coverage around that company with deceptive negative stories you've drummed up, that's a good way to make sure your stock market bets play out. Of course, this is clearly a type of **securities fraud** known as "short and distort" — that's why it was so key to claim to be a "charity" or "legal transparency advocates" rather than admitting that PlainSite's primary focus was on short-selling. Aaron Greenspan works tirelessly to silence critics because he knows his business would fall apart if people knew the truth about the financial motivations behind his industrial smear operation.

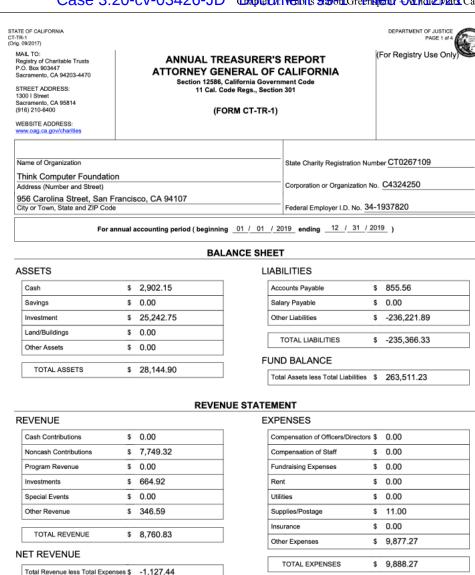
Aaron Greenspan and his fraudulent charity PlainSite can profit from media manipulation and online smear jobs in one of two ways: through his own trades, and through balance sheet partners.

To short stocks using charitable funds, Aaron Greenspan registered yet another company called Turing Feynman, LLC, where he named himself the "investment manager". Turing Feynman was set up to short equities that Aaron Greenspan was trashing online, to profit from his various smear campaigns.



Aaron Greenspan described Turing Fyenman as an "investment management" company that he owned and managed himself. He has admitted to shorting Tesla stock from Turing Feynman, as well as through Think Computer Corporation and personal brokerage accounts. So why the need for a separate investment management company? My guess is that part of the reason is that you can't short stocks from a charity, especially if one of the charity's main activities is trying to manipulate the stocks being shorted.

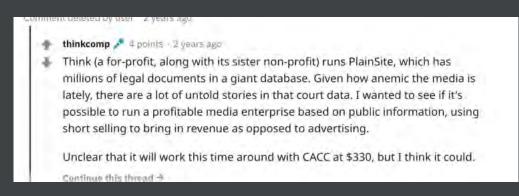
However, maybe Greenspan thought that if he gave the charity's assets to an "investment management" company that shorted stocks on Think Computer Foundation's behalf... he might be able to pretend that his securities fraud and tax fraud operations were totally above board. Of course, the SEC can see that these "companies" all consist of only one person named Aaron Greenspan and are unlikely to be fooled by this lame trick.



I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I have examined this report, including accompanying documents, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the content is true, correct and complete and I am authorized to sign.

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In the annual treasurer's report for Aaron Greenspan's fraudulent charity Think Computer Foundation, Greenspan claims his non-profit has "other liabilities" of "negative \$235,366". What does this negative liability line item mean? I'm not 100% sure, but it could be alluding to the fact that Greenspan passed along the money he extorted from Mark Zuckerberg to Turing Feynman so it could be used to short stocks Think Computer Foundation was spreading misinformation about. This is all very sketchy, but seems to be what Aaron Greenspan was alluding to when he said he wanted to "see if it's possible to run a profitable media enterprise based on public information, using short selling to bring in revenue as opposed to advertising".



Of course after years of repeated failures, Aaron Greenspan didn't really have much money to invest in short selling — especially not compared to major hedge funds. That's why almost every activist short seller, including PlainSite, receives funding from balance sheet partners.

The balance sheet partners don't want to be in the news — they just want to be quiet and make the trades. The loud activists doing the dirty work established hedge funds don't want to be seen with are good at making noise, but they're not as good at trading and don't really have any capital. This makes the two a perfect match. Established short sellers and hedge funds could support PlainSite financially, and PlainSite would go do the work of smearing the companies the balance sheet partners were shorting, in addition to attacking any troublesome critics. Since Aaron Greenspan ran a fraudulent charity, short sellers could even support PlainSite by making tax-deductible donations to fund his smear operation. Not only would they get to deduct what they paid Greenspan's charity from their income, Aaron Greenspan wouldn't have to pay taxes on it either. While every worker in America pays their taxes, Aaron Greenspan tries to engineer ways to avoid paying his fair share.

It was the perfect job for Aaron Greenspan after the failure of his career: running a charity that short stocks, smears people, and manipulates the media. Greenspan had become so bitter, angry, vengeful and vindictive that he was willing to spend all day hurting people for free. When he realized he could actually get paid for doing this, he knew he'd found the job he'd always wanted. Aaron Greenspan calls himself many things, such as "entrepreneur" or "data journalist". But he's no journalist, and among the least successful entrepreneurs in American history. These are all deceptions. The reality is that Aaron Greenspan and his charity are paid smear merchants. Nothing more, nothing less.

GREENSPAN FINDS TSLAQ

As he began his career a smear merchant, Aaron Greenspan started with an old favorite: His first short and distort target was Facebook. He had already been trying to spread false and damaging rumors about Facebook since the earliest days of the company because of his bitterness, desire for revenge, and out of control anger issues. Rather than moving on as many people advised him to, he decided to make this his career.

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Short position

"By designing the platform the way he did, [Mr Zuckerberg] has created an enormous uninhabitable zone polluted with disinformation and, like radiation, it is impossible to reverse," Mr Greenspan told the sub-committee.

At the start of the hearing, Mr Greenspan revealed he had a "short position" on Facebook, an investment that anticipated the value its stock would decrease in the short term.

And this led some to question why the committee had asked him to provide evidence.

Mark Scott, chief technology correspondent at Politico, tweeted: "This UK parliamentary committee on disinfo is pretty much the anti-FB committee."

This is the business of Think Computer Foundation in a nutshell. Short a stock, then go out and smear the company in any way possible. Lie, get negative stories published in the mainstream media, speak to the government — do whatever it takes. For Greenspan this was old hat, but now he could try and make money doing it.

But Facebook wasn't the only company he targeted. His also picked on other companies including Credit Acceptance Corp, Shopify, Herbalife and Blink Charging. For most of his major short positions, Aaron Greenspan would compile a short-selling report called a "Reality Check" — a dreadfully ironic name given how badly Aaron Greenspan needed a reality check on his deranged belief that he had invented Facebook. But among all of Aaron Greenspan's victims, there was one company that would take his short and distort fraud to new heights: **Tesla.**

By the time Aaron Greenspan stumbled upon TSLAQ, PlainSite had collected around 400 Twitter followers. In other words, Aaron Greenspan and his charity were complete nobodies, and very few people had ever heard of either. On March 7, 2018, the month before I got my Model 3, Aaron Greenspan wrote:

It therefore came as a surprise to us when the next Benzinga headline was cheeky, a little bit disparaging, and also a little bit confusing: "Credit Acceptance Corp. Shares Unaffected As Twitter Account With ~400 Followers Tweets Short Report On Name."

PlainSite did in fact have a Twitter account with just over 400 followers at the time, although there is clearly more to the operation that its Twitter account alone

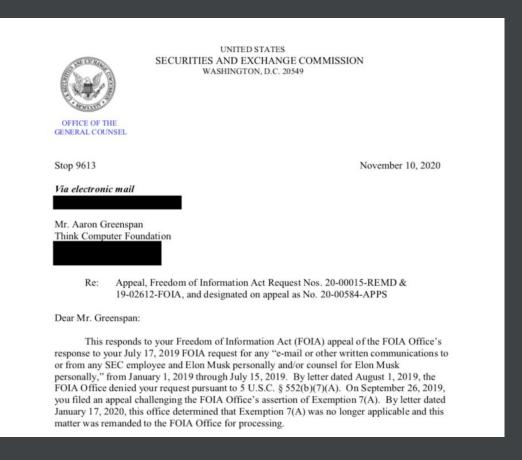
PlainSite

As Benzinga correctly reported, before the Model 3 ramp nobody knew or cared Aaron Greenspan or PlainSite at all. That all changed when Greenspan started attacking Tesla. Aaron Greenspan capitalized on Tesla's brand name and the intense interest around electric vehicles by making Tesla his main target. When he joined TSLAQ, he finally found the community and recognition that he'd always craved for his entire life. They rewarded Greenspan with fraudulent monetary donations to his charity, paid consulting work, and what he craved most of all: **attention.**

By December 2019, PlainSite had gone from only 400 Twitter followers to over 7,200. Aaron Greenspan was elated: For the first time in his life, people were listening to him. Sadly, TSLAQ was merely using Greenspan to commit fraud and criminal acts on their behalf. In a tragic tale, TSLAQ took advantage of Greenspan's loneliness and disappointment over his own career to rope him into something he could very well face criminal charges for. Aaron Greenspan was the fall guy, and the key cornerstone that tied most TSLAQ members together via donations to his charity. If TSLAQ is ever prosecuted, Think Computer Foundation's list of donors and financial records will be the fallen domino that sets it all in motion.



Just answer me this one question: Why is a supposed "charity" spending so much time spreading negative info about Tesla? The answer: To illegally inure private benefit to Aaron Greenspan's failed Tesla short selling bets.



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IN THE COURT OF CHANCERY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN RE TESLA MOTORS, INC.) Consolidated STOCKHOLDER LITIGATION) C.A. No. 12711-VCS

THINK COMPUTER FOUNDATION'S OMNIBUS RESPONSE TO MOTIONS FOR CONTINUED CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

Think Computer Foundation's (the "Foundation") hereby submits its omnibus response to the November 27, 2019, Motions for Continued Confidential Treatment under Rule 5.1(f) filed by (1) Draper Fisher Jurvetson, Nancy Pfund, DBL Partners, Donald R. Kendall, Jr., and Lyndon Rive (collectively, with Peter Rive, the "SolarCity_Third_Parties") (D.I. 356), (2) Space Exploration Technologies Corp. ("SpaceX") (D.I. 358), and (3) Elon Musk, Brad W. Buss, Robyn M. Denholm, Ira Ehrenpreis, Antonio J. Gracias, Stephen T. Jurvetson and Kimbal Musk and Nominal Defendant Tesla, Inc. (collectively, the "Director Defendants") (D.I. 359) and states:

INTRODUCTION

1. The Foundation does not contest the more limited proposed redactions

by the SolarCity Third Parties and SpaceX proposed in response to the

Don't think abusing a charity to short and distort stocks the charity's owner is betting against is illegal? Well, how about using a charity to smear, defame, and slander that company's customers?

In 2019, Aaron Greenspan and his charity Think Computer Foundation began accepting donations from Tesla short sellers as payment to stalk, harass, threaten and blackmail Tesla customers. That includes me, as well as many other innocent people. We'll go into full detail on Think Computer Foundation's paid smear attacks and harassment against Tesla customers in the next chapter.

Whew! So that's the story of Aaron Greenspan's life: a life of criminal activity, fraud, deception, bitterness, anger, and an insatiable quest for revenge. As @tesla_truth started to discover who Aaron Greenspan really was, Greenspan knew he had to put and end to it. Thats why his harassment campaign against me and other Tesla customers has become one of the main focuses of his life: He's broken the law time and time again with every business he's ever started, and he knows his new short selling charity is the most illegal and unethical of all.

Aaron Greenspan has even indicated that he's willing to kill to keep unflattering information about himself hidden from the public eye. So let's teach Aaron Greenspan about the Streisand effect. Share what you learned from this long chapter with others. Discuss it on social media. Greenspan's smear operation only works if he's able to deceive people into trusting him. It only works if they think PlainSite is a "charity", rather than an textbook example of short and distort securities fraud.

Remember — this chapter told the story of Aaron Greenspan's life **primarily by quoting his own recollection of events.** This is the version of the story that tries to make Aaron Greenspan look good. Imagine how much worse it would be if we heard what really happened from the perspective of his victims?

The next chapter is the craziest of all. It describes how Aaron Greenspan mobilized TSLAQ to attack Tesla customers, and how he lost his mind when Bloomberg Businessweek decided to include me in a feature about Tesla Autopilot. You won't want to miss it.

Thanks for reading this insanely long story. Most people probably don't care about this stuff, because they're not one of Aaron Greenspan's victims. It's important for all victims — past and future — that the truth about this monster gets out despite all his efforts to hide it.

Read Also: The Best Reviews of Aaron Greenspan's Autobiography

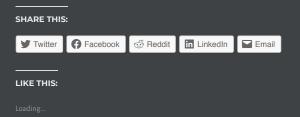
Tune in next time for "Chapter 8: **Attack of the Trolls**". It describes how Aaron Greenspan incited many more TSLAQ trolls to join him in his harassment campaign against myself and other Tesla customers. It covers everything up to the Bloomberg feature on Autopilot that made Aaron Greenspan lose his mind, the death of @tesla_truth, and the start of this blog.

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Aaron Greenspan has filed an illegal SLAPP-suit against Elon Musk and Omar Qazi for bringing attention to allegations of tax fraud, securities fraud, cyberstalking, and criminal harassment by the Think Computer Foundation (doing business as PlainSite). If you can please donate to the Legal GoFundMe or via PayPal to make sure Aaron Jacob Greenspan is finally held accountable for his harassment of so many Tesla customers.



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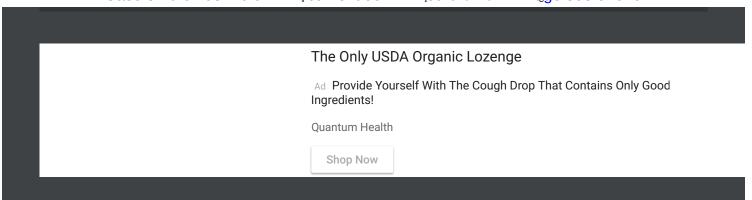


EXHIBIT B

E-Mail Correspondence with Karl Kronenberger Regarding Improper Publication of Confidential Settlement E-Mail

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From: Aaron Greenspan aaron.greenspan@PLAINSITE.ORG

Subject: Violation

Date: December 25, 2020 at 9:14 AM

To: Karl Kronenberger karl@krinternetlaw.com

Cc: Jeff Rosenfeld jeff@krinternetlaw.com, Liana Chen liana@krinternetlaw.com, Kate Hollist kate@krinternetlaw.com

Karl,

As of this morning, Omar has posted my September 8, 2020 Rule 408 confidential settlement e-mail to you on his personal website. This is yet another violation of our agreement and a violation of the Court's September 2, 2020 Civility Order, and further evidence of you and your client's contempt of court. The e-mail is posted at the following URL:

https://wholemars.net/2020/12/25/merry-christmas-and-thank-you-%e2%99%a5%ef%b8%8f/

Notably, to make this post maximally harmful, he redacted none of the sensitive portions of the message—even having redacted the very names in the body of the e-mail from other posts on his website. Instead, he redacted your name and e-mail address. He also removed the bold, underlined "Subject to Federal Rule of Evidence 408" header, the final line of my message, and changed my signature to "Aaron Greenspan" for some reason, which is not how I signed the e-mail. In addition, he also put advertisements and calls for donations on this page.

Please have it removed from his website and any other place it may be posted immediately.

Merry Christmas.

Aaron

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From: Aaron Greenspan aaron.greenspan@PLAINSITE.ORG

Subject: Re: Violation

Date: December 25, 2020 at 9:25 AM

To: Karl Kronenberger karl@krinternetlaw.com

Cc: Jeff Rosenfeld jeff@krinternetlaw.com, Liana Chen liana@krinternetlaw.com, Kate Hollist kate@krinternetlaw.com

Karl,

Correction: the Rule 408 header is in the version of the message Omar posted, but everything else in my last e-mail to you still applies.

Aaron

From: Karl Kronenberger karl@krinternetlaw.com

Subject: RE: Violation

Date: December 28, 2020 at 3:08 PM

To: Aaron Greenspan aaron.greenspan@plainsite.org

Cc: Jeff Rosenfeld jeff@krinternetlaw.com, Liana Chen liana@krinternetlaw.com, Kate Hollist kate@krinternetlaw.com

Aaron,

I don't see anything below in this thread about messages posted by Omar. Please clarify.

Karl

From: Aaron Greenspan <aaron.greenspan@plainsite.org>

Sent: Friday, December 25, 2020 9:25 AM

To: Karl Kronenberger <karl@krinternetlaw.com>

Cc: Jeff Rosenfeld <jeff@krinternetlaw.com>; Liana Chen liana@krinternetlaw.com>; Kate Hollist

<kate@krinternetlaw.com>

Subject: Re: Violation

Karl,

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Aaron

From: Aaron Greenspan aaron.greenspan@PLAINSITE.ORG

Subject: Re: Violation

Date: December 28, 2020 at 3:11 PM

To: Karl Kronenberger karl@krinternetlaw.com

Cc: Jeff Rosenfeld jeff@krinternetlaw.com, Liana Chen liana@krinternetlaw.com, Kate Hollist kate@krinternetlaw.com

Karl,

My confidential e-mail is posted below the screenshot of your firm's e-mail regarding Bill 22083 https://wholemars.net/2020/12/25/merry-christmas-and-thank-you-\textsft %EF%B8%8F/:

For those curious about what Aaron Greenspan wanted for his settlement, here it is from the horses mouth:

From: Aaron Greenspan

<aaron.greenspan@PLAINSITE.ORG>

Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 3:56 PM

Subject: Re: Settlement Call Today?

Subject to Federal Rule of Evidence 408

...and so on.

Aaron

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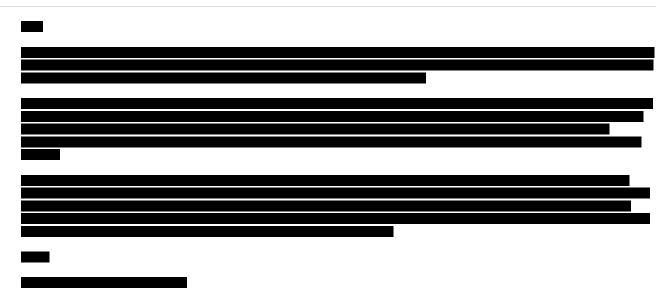
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From: Aaron Greenspan aaron.greenspan@PLAINSITE.ORG

Subject: Omar's Suicidal Language
Date: December 28, 2020 at 5:46 PM

To: Karl Kronenberger karl@krinternetlaw.com

Cc: Jeff Rosenfeld jeff@krinternetlaw.com, Liana Chen liana@krinternetlaw.com, Kate Hollist kate@krinternetlaw.com



From: Karl Kronenberger karl@krinternetlaw.com

Subject: RE: Omar's Suicidal Language

Date: December 28, 2020 at 6:08 PM To: Aaron Greenspan aaron.greenspan@plainsite.org Cc: Jeff Rosenfeld jeff@krinternetlaw.com, Liana Chen liana@krinternetlaw.com, Kate Hollist kate@krinternetlaw.com Aaron, Thanks for your concern, but Omar is just fine. Sincerely, Karl -----Original Message-----From: Aaron Greenspan aaron.greenspan@plainsite.org Sent: Monday, December 28, 2020 5:47 PM To: Karl Kronenberger < karl@krinternetlaw.com > Cc: Jeff Rosenfeld <jeff@krinternetlaw.com>; Liana Chen <jiana@krinternetlaw.com>; Kate Hollist <kate@krinternetlaw.com> Subject: Omar's Suicidal Language

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From: Aaron Greenspan aaron.greenspan@PLAINSITE.ORG

Subject: Re: Omar's Suicidal Language Date: December 28, 2020 at 6:22 PM

To: Karl Kronenberger karl@krinternetlaw.com

Cc: Jeff Rosenfeld jeff@krinternetlaw.com, Liana Chen liana@krinternetlaw.com, Kate Hollist kate@krinternetlaw.com

Karl,

If that is true, Omar is yet again in violation of the Court's September 2, 2020 Order with no excuse. What he has posted publicly—aside from our confidential communications—is not "civil, courteous, and accurate" as required by Guideline 8. In fact, it's none of those things.

Aaron

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From: Aaron Greenspan aaron.greenspan@PLAINSITE.ORG

Subject: Fwd: [Hoboken Adventurers Day Camp] Activate aarong@thinkcomputer.com

Date: December 29, 2020 at 10:54 AM

To: Karl Kronenberger karl@krinternetlaw.com

Cc: Jeff Rosenfeld jeff@krinternetlaw.com, Liana Chen liana@krinternetlaw.com, Kate Hollist kate@krinternetlaw.com

Karl,

Should I interpret these harassing messages—sent about an hour after Omar temporarily re-activated his Twitter account last night around 12:40 A.M.—as a response from you, from Omar, or from some third-party with whom my e-mails regarding Omar's false claims about "hacking" were shared?

At this point I feel as though I am unable to communicate with you at all. When I have spoken with you on the phone, you have made false representations and then, on at least one occasion, attempted to mislead the court about them. When I e-mail you, you forward my e-mails to Omar who either posts them publicly regardless of confidentiality, or shares them to exact revenge. How do you plan to solve this problem?

Aaron

PlainSite I https://www.plainsite.org

Begin forwarded message:

From: Hoboken Adventurers Day Camp <admin@hobokenadventurers.com>

Subject: [Hoboken Adventurers Day Camp] Activate aarong@thinkcomputer.com

Date: December 29, 2020 at 1:59:34 AM PST

To: aarong@thinkcomputer.com

To activate your user, please click the following link:

https://hobokenadventurers.com/?page=forminator_activation&key=[removed]

After you activate, you will receive *another email* with your login.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Hoboken Adventurers Day Camp < noreply@hobokenadventurers.com >

Subject: Thank you for signing up!

Date: December 29, 2020 at 1:59:34 AM PST

To: aarong@thinkcomputer.com

Dear HenryHom Thank you for signing up your child for our local hoboken day camp. This is an automated confirmation message of your registration. You will receive a follow up e-mail from our camp director, Max Mayer shortly. Thank you again, all of us at Hoboken Adventurers Camp

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From: Aaron Greenspan aaron.greenspan@PLAINSITE.ORG

Subject: Further Violations

Date: January 11, 2021 at 3:31 PM

To: Karl Kronenberger karl@krinternetlaw.com

Cc: Jeff Rosenfeld jeff@krinternetlaw.com, Liana Chen liana@krinternetlaw.com, Kate Hollist kate@krinternetlaw.com

Karl,

As of last week, Omar is attempting to shame people I know again, and I am concerned for their and my safety, especially given the current extremely frightening tinderbox political environment we find ourselves in fueled largely by disinformation on the internet. As I feared, what you deemed a "virtual shooting gallery" referring to the internet broadly has now become a real shooting gallery in places like the Capitol. So it deeply worries me that as of today, after deliberately moving more of his websites outside of the federal courts' direct jurisdiction to Eastern Europe just last week (while the lawsuit is pending), Omar has posted what I will diplomatically call a 143-page one-star book review full of so many lies I literally have lost count.

This is not a healthy cycle. The more Omar lies and attempts to escape accountability for his actions, the more facts will be included in my proposed supplemental complaint, which means you will have to spend time reading and opposing it, which means it will cost Omar (and/or his donors) money, which means he will get more upset with me. And since he has now written over 300 pages as part of "The Story" alone, that expense is likely to be significant. And the tragedy here is that it's entirely avoidable.

The closest thing to an olive branch as I can find is the sentence toward the beginning of Omar's "Chapter 7" expressing some hope that I would one day be his friend: "However, it's not as fun living it and I doubt Aaron will ever want to be friends (though I hope I'm wrong)." I'm not exactly sure how to interpret this given that the rest of what he wrote is adamant that I am a "criminal." If Omar wants to put this all behind him and emerge on good terms, to the extent that is even possible now, this is not the way to proceed. Suffice it to say that each and every public false statement and violation of our agreement is another violation of the Court's September 2, 2020 Order. Accordingly, I intend to file a motion to compel Omar to comply with that Order, which will involve the removal of all false and/or unlawful content posted about me on any website he controls since it was issued (which effectively means all content he has posted about me since then).

Along those lines, I recently explained that one of Omar's posts concerning the server in New Jersey was completely false (https://wholemars.net/2020/12/25/aaron-greenspan-attempts-to-hack-into-whole-mars.), and even offered to share evidence with you. You did not respond, yet that post remains on-line. So does the settlement e-mail that you yourself agreed would be kept confidential, leading to your recorded apology by voicemail when it was published the first time. I am confused as to why anything you designated confidential remains public when you have acknowledged that it should not be. And I'm not sure I can safely communicate with you—which is a reflection on your professionalism, not mine—when everything you forward to Omar ends up posted publicly and your promises via phone cannot be relied upon. If the e-mail I sent regarding proposed settlement is not removed from Omar's website at https://wholemars.net/2020/12/25/merry-christmas-and-thank-you- %ef%b8%8f/https://wholemars.net/2020/12/25/merry-christmas-and-thank-you- %ef%b8%8f/https://wholemars.net/2020/12/25/merry-christmas-and-thank-you- %ef%b8%8f/https://wholemars.net/2020/12/25/merry-christmas-and-thank-you- %ef%b8%8f/https://wholemars.net/2020/12/25/merry-christmas-and-thank-you- %ef%b8%8f/https://wholemars.net/2020/12/25/merry-christmas-and-thank-you- %ef%b8%8f/<a

On December 13th, Omar wrote "I don't know how to make it stop," with "it" presumably referring to the general conflict between us. The solution is really simple. The only person here churning out hundreds of pages of false information about the other is Omar. All Omar has to do is stop himself. Please ensure that he does.

Aaron

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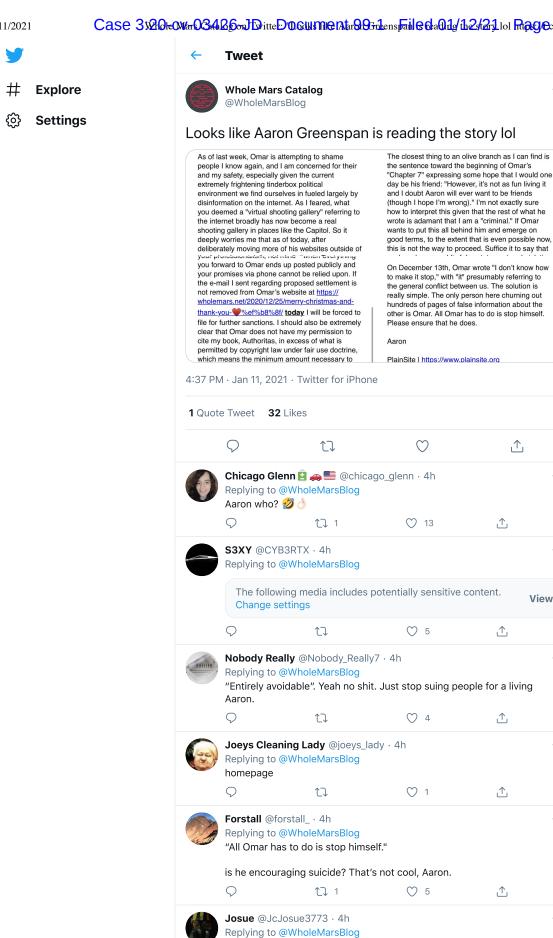
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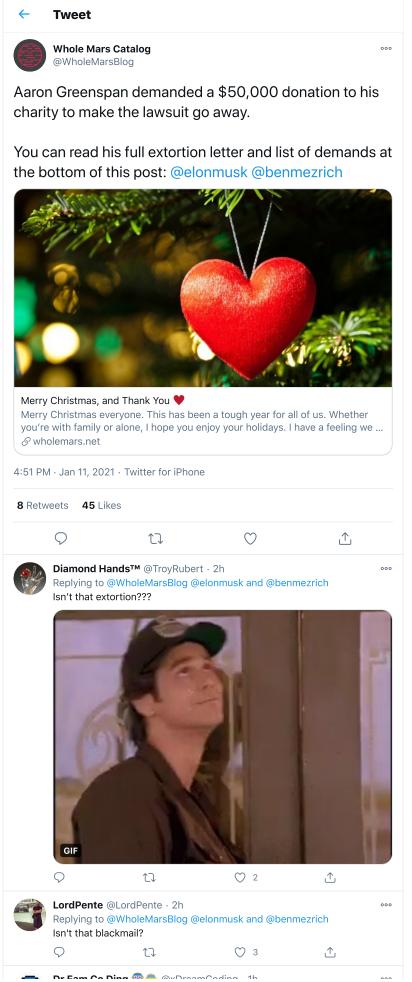
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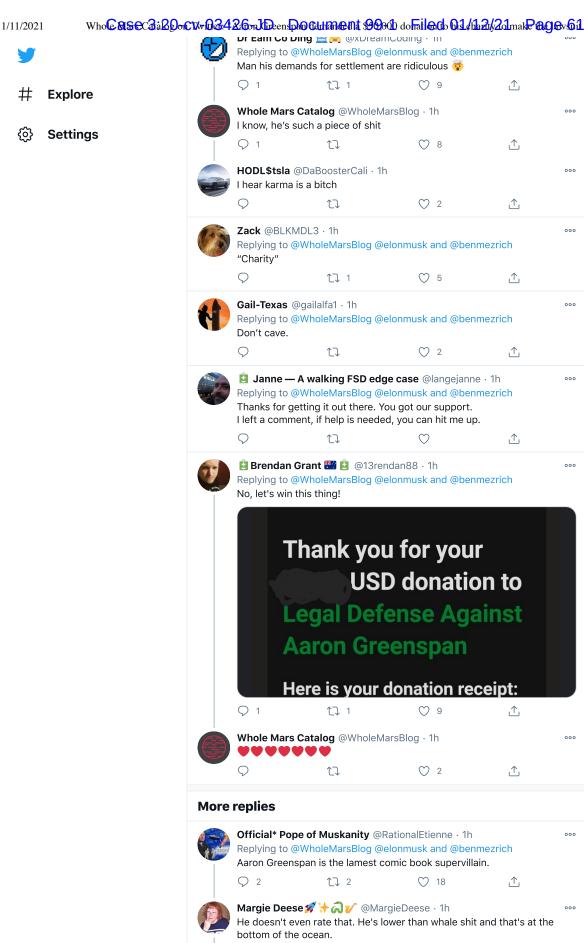
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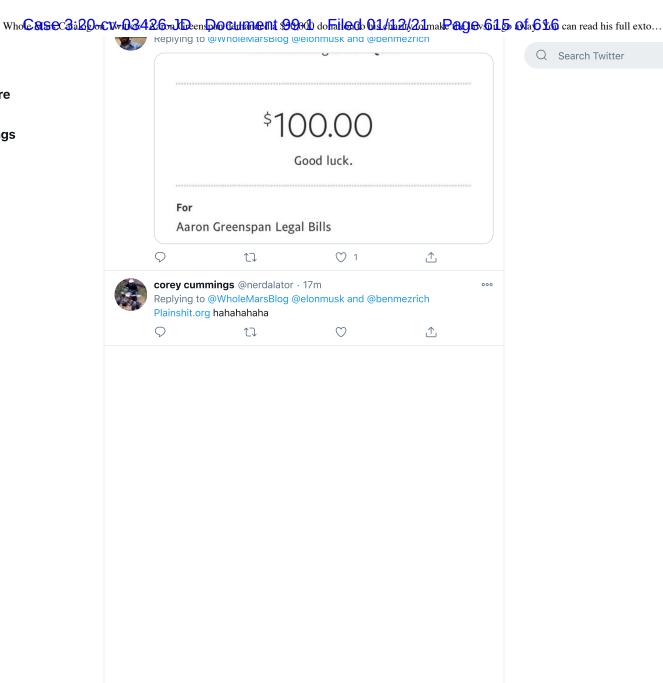
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