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Subject: Re: Goztow!

Posted by [Goztow](#) on Fri, 20 Nov 2009 23:15:33 GMT

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I'm really not convinced of that, Raven. I googled a bit and found only one specific examples:

<http://cyberlaw.stanford.edu/node/5426> (Germany)

Quote:the court found that the forum operator could be found co-culpable by merely providing a platform for an inadmissible comment. In other words, the operator does not have to agree with the content or have entered the content directly. Furthermore, it does not matter whether the content came from the operator or from external parties, nor does it matter whether the forum provider has any knowledge of the contents. All that matters is that the forum operator provide its own website for the propagation of said content. The judges did, however, say that liability could be prevented if the operator of the website specifically states that the content of a particular comment does not represent its own opinion; it does not suffice if the forum provider generally states that the opinions in user comments are not its own."

It's German and German law may be stricter than American law. But what about e.g. Warez forums. How would they be shut down if there wasn't any liability of the forum?

I'm not an expert, maybe you can give me some more info on the issue?

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