

Re: Modern censorship

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>*Subject: Modern censorship*

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>*You read in history books about individuals harried by mobs,
>continually barraged with various attacks, who face outrageous
>behavior at the hands of some group, and then we come to a supposedly
>enlightened age with extraordinary tools for sharing information--and
>the same damn thing happens again.*

Oh, you're back again. I thought you said you didn't need us anymore.

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>*Over the years that I've posted on PUBLIC forums the thing that has
>stood out is how out there, without shame, and without even hesitating
>to hide what they're doing--groups of people have made it their
>business to try to censor what I write.*

Yeah, so what? It's a free country. There's no law against censoring you.

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>*Time after time they'd post to tell me to go away, or to tell others
>to ignore me, as these people made it their business to try to
>control.*

Go away.

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>*When harassing me on Usenet wasn't enough, they took to putting up
>webpage--and if another one of you tries to claim that I harassed
>David Ullrich, a math professor who after harassing me for years
>dragged race into the picture talking about racial slurs, because I
>complained about him bringing race into the picture to his university,
>then you just make my point that much more forcefully. Race is not a
>tool to be used by some unethical math professor who thinks it's a
>neat way to insult someone on Usenet. David Ullrich was wrong to try*

>to attack me with race, and I was right to call him on it, and
>complain to his school.

You were wrong. You were an asshole then and you're still an asshole.

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>You people cheat.

Tough titty for you, isn't it?

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>Sure I derided math journals for years but I wrote a paper and sent it
>to a journal, so some of you emailed that journal to get the paper
>censored.

So what are you going to do about it?

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>You are disgusting cretins who follow no rules, no moral obligations,
>and you are irrational.

<blows raspberry>

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>I can argue point for point, point by point, explain over and over
>again, as I've done for years, and one of you will just disagree to be
>disagreeable!

You can argue the points 'til you're blue in the face, you're still wrong.

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>I offer compromise and get spat upon.

P-tui!

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>History shows that there are always those of the mob, who take it upon
>themselves to try and control the few, or especially, the one.

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>I'm thankful that this plays out over the Internet.

We're not. What's the matter, not getting any hits on your blog?

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>In the past you are the people who would be tying someone to a stake
>to burn them and then, blaming the victim, shout your morality to the
>heavens, as if God listens to loudness above reason.

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>You are the reason that we have a society of today where so many
>problems will not get addressed because a few people fight for control
>they do not have.

Most people just blame the Republicans.

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>*You wish to control others, to dominate the conversation, to force
>your will upon people who might want to say something you don't want
>to hear.*

So?

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>*So still the webpages are there--some of you illegally using my
>copyrighted material to insult me--and you people refuse to give up
>your attempts at control despite the years, despite the stupidity of
>it all, despite the immorality.*

Boo-hoo.

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>*But you do not control me. I post as I will despite your webpages,*

We've already noticed that.

>*despite emails you might send, despite the dedication with which you
>try to push me this way or that, or to push others, though, yes, most
>posters bend to your will.*

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>*They are cows, and cowards. I watch them come and go over the years
>terrified to ever say anything at all objective about my work for fear
>that they'll be mobbed, as they will.*

As they should. Anyone who supports you deserves to have a new asshole reamed.

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>*But I will not be ruled. I will not be controlled by you. I will not
>be conquered.*

And you won't get published, either. Guess what matters.

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>*And I will win. I have a paper at a major math journal. If they try
>to slide out of publication like others before them, it will go to
>another, and another, and another, as I adjust, shift the wording,
>learn the game, play the politics necessary to get published.*

Sure, if one journal got suckered by your fraud, there's probably another.
Not that it matters. It won't survive being made public.

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>*And if it takes a decade I WILL GET PUBLISHED.*

Care to make a wager on that?

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>*And then you will be part of history, part of the sad story of
>mobblings, and angry people willing to do so much wrong for the sake of
>their own sense of control. Yet another sad sorry tale among so many
>in a world of people who never learn their history.*

You mean there was another math crank who turned out to be right all along?

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>*In a world where people refuse to learn from the mistakes of the past,
>not only to repeat them, but to wallow in the misery they create for
>others, to celebrate the destruction they wreak, and to pride
>themselves until the day they finally fall.*

Please, please tell us what happened to The Hammer. My theory is that you accidentally deleted it off your computer. Am I right?

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>*And humanity is so much the worse for all of the stink of it.*

Gee, we'll just have to muddle through, deprived of your insights.

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