

Re: Goggle is hijacking Usenet

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"Sam Wormley" <swormley1@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
[news:zwBRL709678\\$yE1.150030@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx](news:zwBRL709678$yE1.150030@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Tom Potter wrote:

I am sadden to see that my pal "Klaus Schadenfreude" does not comprehend that if a small group of people obtain a monopoly or near monopoly on the storage of information, the retrieval of the information, and who can and who cannot retrieve the information, that this will seriously wound free speech and democracy.

When one has choices (for search engines) its had to make the case the any one search engine has a monopoly. Where is your search engine, Potter?

I assume that my pal Sammy meant "hard" rather than "had", and "what" rather than "where".

As I have posted,
I use Firefox with the "hypersearch"and ""add to tool bar"add-oms.

When I run across a good search engine,
I enter it onto the Firefox search,

and when I want to search for information,
I copy the search phrase to the search box,
and select the particular search engine that I think
will do the best job.

I have about 40 search engines that I use including:
<http://www.archive.org> for audio, video, old news reels, books, etc.
<http://www.scribd.com> for reading material
<http://www.spock.com/api> and <http://en.wikipedia.org> for people information

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<http://www.time.com/time/magazine> for quick looks on "distortēd" 20th Century history
<http://dictionary.reference.com/> for a quick word lookup
<http://search.ebay.com/> to research products
<http://www.reference.com> for a quick overview of some subjects.
<http://www.visuwords.com> to find unknown connections
<http://www.iseek.com> to home in on a subject
etc.

and I use Amazon, Google and Wikipedia to home in on complex searches.
and I read the Amazon book reviews of books on some subject
and pick the minds of the reviewers, as they are knowledgeable
and one get to the heart of a subject much faster than using
Google or Wikipedia, which have a much higher noise level.

Unfortunately, at this time,
Google, who started out on the ****right**** path,
has taken a ****left**** turn in recent years,

has a monopoly on the only independent ""vox populi",
Usenet, and they are decreasingly abusing truth and free speech,

so it looks like Google is taking the same path that
the New York Times, Time Inc, the Hearst Papers,
and the Washington Post took in the 1900's,

and that is they are providing the public with the
best overall system, and using it to lure
folks into a trap where they can manipulated, conned,
instigated into conflicts and wars,
and having the assets and lives taken.

In other words, Google like the mass media
has turned into a rat trap, and have very good bait
to lure rats into the trap.

Google is ripe for the picking,
and if I were young and ambitious,
I would go after them.

The best strategy to knock off Google,
would be to offer a Usenet alternate,
and cater to the energetic, active people who use Usenet,
as they are the Internet opinion makers,

and when they switch search engine loyalty,
and begin to migrate to a new system,
the masses will follow, if the new service
provides a decent web search, as many already do,
they will also use the Web search.

The folks in Usenet discovered Google early,

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became enthusiastic users,
and other folks followed them to Google.

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