Re: Pluto's OK

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In message <huBIg.18299$L6.15136@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, jonathan <Write@xxxxxxxxxxx> writes

> You can 'publish' anything you like on a personal blog.
> Unless you're making money off of it, anything goes.
> And unless they have it behind a credit card or such
> ...anything goes. If they're not making money off it
> anything goes.
>
> Putting something on the internet isn't publishing, it's
> private speech. A personal blog or this post has
> first amendment protection. Copyright laws do not
> apply at all to speech.
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> Most people aren't aware of it, but the Supreme Court decision
> in Reno v Aclu was clear. That internet talk such as this is
> considered no different than two people chatting on the
> sidewalk or in their own living room. No one has anything
> to say about what is said or quoted, copyright or not.
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> Except that such internet speech, "as the most participatory form of
> mass speech yet developed, deserves the very highest level
> of first amendment protection". To quote Justice Renquist
> in the decision.

Rand's already shown that you're wrong about copyright, but I'll just add that in many parts of the world libel laws also limit what you can say, because putting stuff on the Internet is most definitely publishing − and very hard to remove.
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