



Kiwi Farms

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- Originally established: 2012
- Owner, Administrator, and Operator: Josh Moon
- Online community of hate, focused on queer and neurodivergent people who are popular online and speak publicly about their identity
- Tactics: doxing, swatting, archiving
- Targets: “lolcows” – “milkable for laughs”
- 34 sub-forums, 47,000 threads, 9 million individual posts
- Cause of 3 known suicides

Transgender game developer who'd been bullied online dies by suicide

She had reportedly been the target of an online community known for harassment.

Josh Katzowitz Internet Culture

Posted on Jun 25, 2018 Updated on May 21, 2021, 12:42 pm CDT

Christchurch mosque shootings: Website Kiwi Farms refuses to surrender data linked to accused

NZ Herald 18 Mar, 2019 08:02 PM 4 mins to read

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Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene 'swatted' for second time in two days, police say

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Far-right extremist anti-LGBTQ+ online trolls attack Trevor Project

Users called on others to "demoralize" counsellors on the Trevor Project hotline & to "waste as much of their resources as possible"

Published 2 weeks ago on August 31, 2022

By Brody Levesque

Boston Children's Hospital faces bomb threat after right-wing harassment campaign

The medical center has been targeted by right-wing campaigns that have gone after hospitals for their work with trans youths.

'My bright and confident kid withered away': Mother shares heartbreaking fight with KiwiFarms

Lauren Sue Daily Kos Staff


Tuesday September 06, 2022 4:21 PM EDT





Sunday at 4:38 AM Highlight

Keffals took a picture of his new **hotel room**, and you can already tell which hotel he is on

 **@everyone** I AM COMFY AND SAFE IN A HOTEL WITH MY FIANCE AND OUR CAT AND I AM RIGGING UP A STREAMING SETUP WITH A LAPTOP I BOUGHT TODAY SO I CAN GO BACK TO NORMAL BEFORE ALL THIS CRAZY SHIT HAPPENED



It's easy to find on google without me pointing it out when it's the only hotel around with those sheets.



Brave Professional
Hotel Sheets Cross-
Referencer
kiwifarms.net
joined: Jul 5, 2022

Uber Eats





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2.18 MB JPG

Keffals, this troon peadophile fuck thinks it can come hide in a loyalist community

Recourse: Legal, Other?

“How is this site legal?”

The Kiwi Farms is legal in the United States of America. Saying mean things on the Internet **is not illegal**. 'Doxing' **is not illegal**. Republishing bad art or pictures **is not illegal**. Taking screenshots of websites and posting them **is not illegal**.

While a person could certainly use the Kiwi Farms to stalk someone, I have no way of identifying or combating that issue. **It's not my job to do so**. If you want to accuse a specific user of stalking, you must take them to court.

It is **your sole responsibility** to manage your anonymity on the Internet. You are not constitutionally guaranteed the right to be anonymous, you are only protected from unlawful government intrusion.

If you need legal advice, contact an attorney. If you do contact an attorney, please email me and tell me how much you spent **so I can laugh**.

I am an insane person on the Internet with no assets. **There is nothing you can take from me**.

“A website is unable to stalk, harass, and defame”

- Kiwi Farms Owner Josh Moon

Greer v. Moon

D. Utah Feb. 16, 2021

The court sympathizes with Mr. Greer's plight. Based on his complaint, it sounds like people on Kiwi Farms have said vile things about him and made his life miserable. However, Section 230 protects defendants like Kiwi Farms and Mr. Moon from the conduct of their users, and Mr. Greer has not sufficiently connected Mr. Moon's own words and actions with any valid causes of action. For the foregoing reasons, the court GRANTS the Defendants' motion to dismiss.

- *Justice Tina Campbell*

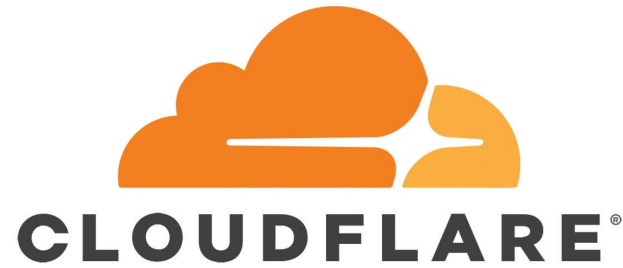
Government & Corporate Action

- Google
- Dreamhost
- Paypal, Google AdSense, Redbubble
- New Zealand



#DROP KIWIFARMS

TOGETHER WE WILL STOP HATE AND HARASSMENT.



August 31, 2022

...the power to terminate security services for the sites was not a power Cloudflare should hold. [...] Just as the telephone company doesn't terminate your line if you say awful, racist, bigoted things, we have concluded in consultation with politicians, policy makers, and experts that turning off security services because we think what you publish is despicable is the wrong policy. To be clear, just because we did it in a limited set of cases before doesn't mean we were right when we did. Or that we will ever do it again.

September 3, 2022

We have blocked Kiwifarms. [...] This is an extraordinary decision for us to make and, given Cloudflare's role as an Internet infrastructure provider, a dangerous one that we are not comfortable with. However, the rhetoric on the Kiwifarms site and specific, targeted threats have escalated over the last 48 hours to the point that we believe there is an unprecedented emergency and immediate threat to human life unlike we have previously seen from Kiwifarms or any other customer before.

Blocked

What happened?

Due to an imminent and emergency threat to human life, the content of this site is blocked from being accessed through Cloudflare's infrastructure. For more details, please see:

<https://blog.cloudflare.com/kiwifarms-blocked/>

Instinctual Legal Questions

- Should website owners be liable for content posted on their site by their users?
- Should online harassment and/or doxing be a criminal offence?
- Should internet users be allowed to operate and post anonymously?
- Who should be responsible for content moderation online? Internet service providers? Website owners? State officials? Third parties?

That's a wrap.

Thank you!