

The Internet; my friend, and my partner.

I'm a huge believer in free speech. I think that is important to mention at the beginning of my story to this website. I think that even though you may not like everything that is out there, you don't have to look at everything that you come across.

I would consider myself somewhat computer technically savvy, and i use A LOT of different sites to get answers to my problems. For instance, just last week I could not remember that hot key sequence to initiate the Dell System Restore (DSR), the original copy of windows installed on a dell computer when purchased after 2006. I attempted to find it on Dell's website, but it wasn't there. The only things you could find were these articles describing how awesome the feature was, and when you searched DSR or Dell System Restore, you came up with things that were totally unrelated.

The tool that helped me the most was a controversial website called www.4chan.org. I learned about 4chan from a friend who liked to look at the random (/b/) boards and see the pictures of cats with captions at the bottom, which happen to be hilarious I must admit. As funny as this website is, there is a lot of questionable material floating around out there. By this point, you're probably thinking that i support the gatekeeper system with my last statement, but I don't. I lead by example, I skip over what i don't agree with.

Within 4chan, there is a technology board that has both screen shots and text files of computer related material. And sure enough, even though i had googled, yahooed, ask.comed, and searched every other search engine imaginable, there was my answer. It was a picture of the dell screen just after powerup, and a text reply saying "ctrl + F11."

If the internet regulations did pass, places like 4chan would be no more. Not only 4chan is helpful. there are a multitude of other sites that i like and find super helpful that would be taken off the internet. If internet was regulated, what would happen to LINUX? wouldn't the cable and phone companies want everything to be under one operating system for ease of technical support departments. what would happen to macintosh. i love macintoshes.

this whole situation just seems absolutely ridiculous. Even some of the people that are fighting for the net restrictions view some of the sites they say are unnecessary and dangerous. The whole proposal is a gigantic hypocrisy that goes against everything that america believes in.