

A Bill on Blogging

A Bill to Correct Blogging Responsibilities

Section 1: The United States government shall impede on bloggers must be held to the same standards as all traditional journalists. All blogger's pieces must be accurate, fair, objective, and have attribution. Hotels, restaurants, and online shops will no longer be able to promote themselves writing outstanding reviews. Businesses will no longer be allowed to create blogs or websites that come from customers who heartily support the company's product. Authors will no longer be allowed to tout their book under a fake identity.

Section 2: Bloggers are able to hide under the anonymity of the internet, and thusly, are not held responsible for their often times reckless and unfair statements. As of now, bloggers feel no need to credit their sources, get their stories right, or get rid of their point of view, this bill will help fix that. It is unfair and irresponsible not to reprimand bloggers whose only aim is to defame other people, places, and things. Punishment will blanket things such as libel, slander, trespassing in pursuit of news, or the theft of trade secrets. This bill will help stop this reckless act of bloggers, who also use shield laws for purpose which they were not intended to protect. This will be enforced by a combination, of the FBI along with the local authorities, who will spend more time inspecting local blogs in their community, and punishments shall include fines, probation and after the first time of being found guilty of this kind of crime, this will result in jail time for the writer of any article violating any of the terms mentioned above in section one of this bill.

Section 3: This bill will go into effect immediately at the start of the next fiscal year. This bill will be easier to fund after the budget is official for the next fiscal year.

Section 4: This bill will be funded by special interest groups and lobbyists. In particular, the special interest group known as Journalism Studies. The overall purpose of the Journalism Studies Interest Group is to promote journalism theory, journalism research, and professional education in journalism as well as to provide a critical perspective on its specific functions, structures, and practice. The Journalism Studies will be a good example for bloggers everywhere to follow the Journalism Studies standards.

Section 5: This bill will be effective upon passage of the bill from the United States Congress.

Section 6: All current legislation in conflict with this bill will be declared null and void upon passage of the bill.

1. In Doe v. Cahill, The Delaware Supreme Court found that all bloggers must use their names in posting, in order to track down any author who does not have factual information, or a source to back up their info.
2. If this bill is not instated, more bloggers will go around publishing things that are not true and can get away with it. There is little to no punishment for anyone who publishes information that is not factual.

3. With this bill in place, there will be less rumors and more factual information on the internet, and thus will slow down the rate of non-factual information.

4. This bill will allow for more action to be taken against writers who write non factual articles or blogs. Also writers will need to have sources and factual information, cutting down on things such as slander. This bill will hold writers responsible for what they write, and if it is not factual they will be punished for their actions.