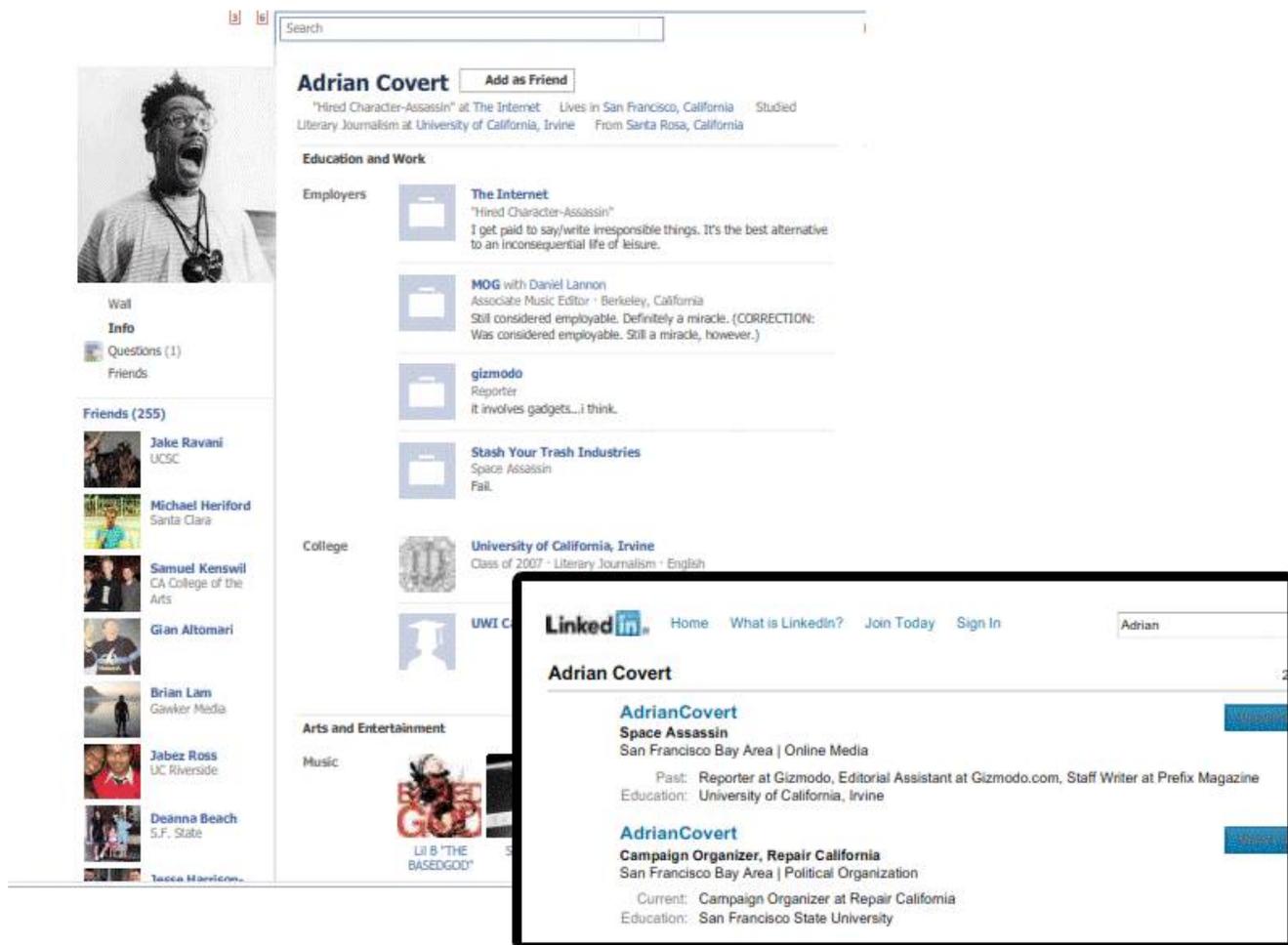


## The Sad, Pathetic, Lives of Gawker Media Character Assassins

By Voat.co Team

Adrian Covert advertises himself, on social media sites, as a master of the dark arts. His work for notorious digital hatchet job master: Nick Denton, now being made famous in multiple defamation lawsuits, by people ranging from Hulk Hogan, and more; is breathtaking.

Here are some samples of Mr. Covert's media outreach:



The service of providing the legal death of a person, via the total defamation of their lives, is known as character assassination. It involves using big corporate dollars along, with the re-percussive effect of the media, known as the "Streisand Effect", to kill a person without breaking any current laws.

The character assassin destroys the career, brand name, persona, income, social pool and friends, social connections, credit, job potential, and health of the target. That is their job. To kill without leaving a legal connection back to their corporate, or political bosses.

It is hoped that the targets will either commit suicide, because their lives are over, or attempt to kill the blogger and get put in prison for a long time. That is why low-life, emotionally disturbed, drug-addled Millennial's are often chosen as the character

assassins. They will often engage in the attacks without consideration of the consequences.

Numerous authors including Writers Koulouris, Grigoriadis, Forney and others, have covered Nick Denton's Gawker Media, at length, with analysis of the types of people Denton seeks to hire. They appear to be, invariably, abused, sexually confused ant-social boys that are so filled with rage, vitriol and social hatred that they can be counted on to attack anything that Nick convinces them is attackable. The young-boy homosexual desires of Denton are well documented, as is the rage of some of his disposed-of lovers. The rage of Denton-ville boys has manifested itself in a brick thrown through Denton's window along with tell-alls by ex boy toys.

Adrian Covert and Nick Denton were a match made in heaven, at first. Covert has moved from Gawker to White House, and DNC, mouth-piece: CNN Money, where he can help shame Trump, promote Musk and teach the CNN bloggers the art of killing politicians and companies.

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## Gizmodo's Adrian Covert Joins CNNMoney

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By Devon Glenn on Nov. 13, 2012 - 10:30 AM

CNNMoney has tapped tech reporter Adrian Covert to cover Apple devices and other gadgets for the technology section of the business website.

Covert is currently an associate editor at [Gizmodo.com](http://Gizmodo.com), where he started out as an editorial assistant in 2007. (Although his [LinkedIn profile](#) says he is a "space assassin," which is actually an important function of tech writing that most recruiters overlook.) He'll be working the gadgets beat for CNNMoney starting December 3.



Said CNNMoney managing editor Lex Harris in an announcement sent this morning:

Adrian comes to us from Gizmodo, and brings a deep knowledge of tech trends, news sense, and sharp writing style (the headline "Hey Netflix, get your s\*\*\* together" was one of our favorites). And we all loved a sly line on his resume noting that he was Time Person of the Year in 2006 — back when YOU were too.

Adrian will be on the gadget beat, focusing on news and reviews about the steady stream of devices chummed out by Apple and all of its rivals. It's an important piece of our tech coverage that Stacy's been pushing for, bolstering the already important pillars that we cover so well: Social media, start-ups, security, mobile, as well as the deep Big Tech expertise from Fortune and consumer offerings from [CNN.com](http://CNN.com). It's no wonder the section has had such explosive growth — up 98% in the past two years.

Please extend a warm welcome.

Welcome, Adrian. Review the social features on those gadgets and we'll totally do a link-back! Also, don't forget to update your LinkedIn profile.

Image via Google+.

It is also well documented that Nick Denton runs Gawker Media as an attack front for The White House, the DNC and their campaign financiers, mostly the Silicon Valley billionaires. When Jay Carney, or Robert Gibbs, wanted a U.S. Citizen taken out, they called Nick.

Hundreds of political candidates, authors, reporters and others have had the black trigger pulled, on them, in DC, only to have the bullet fired from Gawker's loft in New York City.

Got some stolen technology or tax files you want to put in the news? Call Nick. Want to leak the galley's of a politicians book, before it is published, to defuse the effect? Call Nick.

Want to set up a sex tape and then use it to take down someone's brand so they can't ever be a spokesperson again? Call Nick.

Want to help Elon Musk hype his self-aggrandizing ego and kill off his competitors? Call Nick.

Federal law enforcement seems to look the other way on some pretty audacious tax evasion and over-seas connections that Gawker exploits. Nick Denton's concurrent placement in the center of, both, the British phone hacking and pedophile scandals also seems to get minimal attention. It must be great to have White House staff covering up your crimes.

They would, though. One phone call from Nick Denton, to 60 Minutes, could put White House staffers in prison. They each have the other by the balls. Nick loves it.

Is it legal for the White House, and it's Silicon Valley billionaires, to use their resources to "kill", hatchet job and character assassinate American citizens, in American homes, because those politicians have a bug up their butts?

Not so much. Actually, it is a criminal act.

Nobody can possibly defend themselves against such a heinous attack by their own representatives. Once fired, the bullet of character assassination strikes straight and true. The economic, career and social death is immediate, harsh and fatal.

Congress refuses to make laws to stop this. The public continues to "die", online, at the whim of a corrupt Senator or campaign director.

What will happen to people like Covert, Denton, Herrman, Chen and the rest of the "Boys of Gawker"?

The funny thing is, about people like Covert, they self-create an army of enemies that will last the rest of their lives. Most of the time, when you kill someone with malicious hatchet jobs, and they don't biologically die, they, and their friends and family, come after you for as long as you live.

Below are some of the investigator files on Covert, in the hands of many media outlets:

Adrian J. Covert

Address:

494 BARTLETT ST, SAN FRANCISCO CA 94110-3808,  
SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY (Oct 2009 - Jul 2011)

Date of birth

09/xx/1983 (27 years old)

Social security

614-78-xxxx

Address history:

1217 12TH AVE, SAN FRANCISCO CA 94122-2211, SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY (Dec 2006 - Sep 2009)

2255 FERROCARRIL RD, ATASCADERO CA 93422-1579, SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY (Sep 2005 - Feb 2007)

578 40TH AVE, SAN FRANCISCO CA 94121-2523, SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY (Aug 2005 - Dec 2006)

750 FONT BLVD APT B116, SAN FRANCISCO CA 94132-3702, SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY (Aug 2004 - Aug 2005)

2100 BAYVIEW AVE APT B, MORRO BAY CA 93442-1616, SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY (Aug 2002 - Sep 2004)

2591 WILCOMBE DR, CAMBRIA CA 93428-4929, SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY (Jan 2002 - Aug 2002)

The FBI and SFPD are known to maintain files on him. A large number of media organizations and "opposition researchers" will be watching him for the rest his life. If Adrian ever gets arrested, sued, buys drugs or escorts, gets STD's, gets paid under the table, pays any one under the table or does anything bad. It will be documented, recorded and analyzed. At least two of Covert's victims have contracted ongoing private investigator studies on him.

Adrian has also invited new enemies because of his career choice. Because Covert is known for scrounging up the seediest dirt he can find, and promoting the fact that he does this, he has caught the attention of Chinese, Russian and opportunity hackers looking for blackmail fodder to sell on the Dark Net. Covert can also expect to never own a device that is not hacked, back-doored, spied on and monitored as long as he lives.

Because the attacks bring character assassins such self-abusive joy, they accept low paying gigs in order to find publication platforms for their raving anti-social screeds. Many of the attack bloggers, like Covert, can count on a life of minimized credibility, low-pay and short lived relationships. Once their latest mates find out that their dysfunctional blogger careers are based on **commercializing hate**, they ditch them.

A simple review, following, of the blistering global hatred, condemnation of Gawker and its attack cabin boys leads one to draw an obvious conclusion:

How could this exist without protection from an entity so powerful, so able to order all law enforcement away, and so proven to use Lois Lerner-esque and hit job processes unless it was a front for:

**THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS OFFICE!**

GAWKER MEDIA EXPOSED!

**HOW #GAMERGATE SHATTERED GAWKER'S MYTH OF INVINCIBILITY**



by [ALLUM BOKHARI](#) 27 Jul 2015 **170**

A few years ago, Gawker Media went through their own mythical period. When online public shaming was still praised as [“callout culture”](#) and righteous [“internet rage”](#) by activists, Gawker was out in front, leading the charge. Gawker mercilessly destroyed the careers of its targets, many of whom, such as [Justine Sacco](#) and [Pax Dickinson](#), were guilty of nothing more than off-colour jokes on social media. They were the shamers-in-chief of the internet: all the more frightening because the sins they punished were so ubiquitous and mundane. Former Gawkerite Adam Weinstein [portrays this period as a kind of golden age](#) for the blogging network.

The world has changed rapidly. Public shaming is no longer cool; John Ronson resoundingly won the argument against it with his new book, despite vain attempts of activists to (you guessed it!) [publicly shame him](#). Attempts to portray Ronson as [hostile to the “historically powerless”](#) fell flat, as commentators eagerly embraced a mainstream author willing to speak out against the new mob mentality.

Gawker Media, which relied so heavily on the practice to grant itself the veneer of righteousness, has now become one of the most derided publications on earth. Their botched attempt to out Conde Naste executive David Geithner as gay caused outrage across the media and political landscape. Meanwhile, their long history of violating celebrities' privacy is swiftly catching up to them in the form of Hulk Hogan's \$100m lawsuit, filed against Gawker for the release of a sex tape involving the wrestler.

Throughout history, great empires, states, political movements and institutions have all fallen victim to the myth of invincibility. From the Romans at the Battle of Teutoburg to the British Empire in the Boer war, the destruction of these myths is all the more painful due to the triumphs that preceded them. Few would call Gawker invincible today. Its reputation is on the rocks,

as the company plans to relaunch itself later today. The Geithner story has proved to be disastrous for the company, triggering a [string of editorial resignations](#) in addition to the storm of external condemnation.

But the story doesn't strike me as a case of imperial myth-shattering. In the major historical examples – the Boers, the Vietcong, the Germanic tribesmen – great powers were humiliated at the very height of their glory by poorly-equipped, underdog opponents who should have been walkovers. The Geithner story, where Gawker had to fight the entire media establishment by itself, doesn't fit this pattern at all. So what does?

### **Gawker vs Gamergate**

When a few thousand gamers started to draw attention to poor standards in video games journalism last September, no one predicted it would grow into a year-long movement that spanned the globe. Nor did anyone predict the damage it would do to Gawker Media. Gamers had no track record as campaigners or great organisers, nor as social media activists. When #GamerGate emerged, it was a bolt from the blue, and [some predicted it would be over in a week](#).

But gamers were determined. They had a laundry list of complaints against the gaming press, and they had Gawker in their sights from the beginning. The name of Gamergate's hub on Reddit – “/r/KotakuInAction” – is revealing. (*Kotaku*, for those of you who don't know, is Gawker's video games vertical.) The [near-ruination](#) of game developer Brad Wardell by *Kotaku*'s poor reporting, a steady stream of outrage-mongering on the topics of race and gender, and [perceived conflicts of interest](#) on the part of *Kotaku* writers meant many gamers had gone sour on the site by the start of Gamergate. One supporter of the hashtag described *Kotaku* as [“yellow journalism and tabloid gossip brewed into a foul, brain-killing mess.”](#)

Twitter in 2014 was the land of #YesAllWomen and #CancelColbert, a haven of politically correct outrage. The emergence of a culturally libertarian, anti-censorship, anti-narrative hashtag like Gamergate was unexpected, to say the least. Progressive journalists in the games and tech press reacted with instant hostility and released a [string of articles](#) branding gamers as reactionary, sexist “hyper-consumers.” As *Slate*'s David Auerbach [argued at the time](#), games journalists had essentially declared war on their own audience.

Gamers used the attacks to their advantage, sending a [deluge of complaints](#) to companies that advertised with their antagonizers. Gawker, with its long history of unethical reporting, was particularly vulnerable to this strategy and [lost its first sponsor](#) just days after Gamergate began its campaign. They had already locked themselves in a losing battle — but their Quinctilius Varus had yet to enter the field. That came later.

Ultimately #GamerGate is reaffirming what we've known to be true for decades: nerds should be constantly shamed and degraded into submission

— Sam Biddle (@samfbiddle) [October 16, 2014](#)

Bring Back Bullying

— Sam Biddle (@samfbiddle) [October 16, 2014](#)

If there is one feature that unites the imperial downfalls of history, it is the moment of hubris. The moment at which an opponent's strength is wildly underestimated, or one's own is wildly overestimated.

In October 2014, Gawker writer Sam Biddle did both. He no doubt intended to do to Gamergate what he had done to Justine Sacco — publicly shame them, or “degrade them into submission,” as he put it. But his tweets — [posted, disastrously, during national bullying awareness month](#) — caused a PR calamity that would lead to one of Gawker's most visible humiliations.

The shamers were about to be shamed.

Yesterday I tweeted some things about "nerds" that were supposed to be funny, but ended up hurting many ppl. I fucked it up, and I'm sorry!

— Sam Biddle (@samfbiddle) [October 17, 2014](#)

Gamergate's boycott campaign pivoted, focusing [all of its firepower](#) on Gawker Media's advertisers and sponsors. Within a day, Biddle had taken to Twitter to issue a [public apology](#) — an act that would become a feature of Gawker in the months to come. Editorial director Joel Johnson [reiterated his apology](#) on the front page of Gawker — another sign of the future. Johnson also [sent a memo](#) to Gawker's writers warning them to watch their words on social media. A publication whose writers were famed for their recklessness was beginning to show signs of caution.

Even Gawker couldn't hide the extent of their defeat. Editor-in-Chief Max Read summed up his feelings in a headline: "[How We Got Rolled by the Dishonest Fascists of GamerGate.](#)" A few months later, the full extent of the damage was revealed — [Gamergate had cost Gawker seven figures in lost advertising revenue](#). The myth of invincibility was over.

Gawker vs Gamergate had all the features of a historic humiliation. On the one hand, there was Gawker, one of the web's Great Powers. A well-resourced, New York-based "[internet bully](#)" with a reputation for destroying people. On the other hand, there were gamers — disorganised amateurs. It's hard to find a better underdog story.

## WHO IS GAWKER MEDIA?

Public reports and investigative reporters have much to say about **Nick Denton and Gawker Media**. It is believed, that Gawker Media is a "hit-job" service created to character assassinate, damage and reduce the brand affect of adversaries of the Cartel. Journalists, and others, have charged Gawker Media with everything from tax evasion, to being the front for White House and Silicon Valley Billionaire "hit-jobs", to being a targeted political agenda manipulation machine. Victims have charged that Gawker Media and Nick Denton have worked in the employ of Jay Carney, Robert Gibbs, John Doerr, Elon Musk, Steve Jurvetson and other political notables.

Gawker Media had financial connections, business connections, political connections and communications with the key suspects and took actions which helped the key suspects while attacking and damaging their adversaries. Recents leaks, investigations and lawsuits have revealed some of Gawker's dirty secrets. Outside-of-U.S. investigations on Nick Denton's previous activities in England, are of interest, as well. Wrestler Hulk Hogan had top celebrity endorsement value for American voters, when he was about to endorse an opposing political candidate, Gawker took him out...but, that may have been a fatal mistake for the Gawker attack dogs.

They have endured numerous abuse lawsuits from staff, victims and others. The following is some of the news coverage about Gawker Media and Nick Denton:

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### *Dear Hulk Hogan:*

*We wanted to give you encouragement and applause in your trial against Gawker Media and Nick Denton.*

*This may be one of the biggest things you will ever do in your life.*

*Your case helps redeem many others, and fix a broken part of modern American society. It really is a big deal!*

*Many of us believe that politicians used social media metrics, and fancy calculations, to figure out that your name, attached to any political endorsements, could get tens of millions of voters to pay more attention to, or like, the candidate that you endorsed.*

*They felt threatened by that possibility, so they used their character assassination tool, known as Gawker Media, to take you out.*

*We have all seen the news, these days, about characters like Sidney Blumenthal, Richard Berman, etc, and their "take-down tools" for political paybacks.*

*Gawker Media showed up one day, out of the blue, in many innocent people's lives, and took their lives away for political hit-*

job reasons.

Nick Denton is on camera saying his job is to destroy lives for profit. His staff refer to themselves in social media as "Character Assassins". When they take a target out, they never give the target a chance to counter the slander and libel they are about to print because they don't want the victim to have a chance, in advance, to counter the vicious defamation attack they are about to blast across the media-waves .

Once Gawker fires off the attack, that the Press Office of a famous institution ordered them to do, their buddies at famous search engines lock it in top position on the internet so that Gawker can both profit from the ad sales and get paid " damages bonuses" for the intensity of the calculated attack.

The news says they stole Romney's tax forms, Apple's IPOD prototype, Palin's book, Santorum's brand, The CIA's Bin Ladin hunter's secrecy, and so, so much more.. Anything, against anybody, for a buck, it seems.

Now we hear that overseas police want to talk to Denton about the British "Hydrant" and "Tabloid Phone Hacking Scandals". We see that a young gay boy tossed a brick through Denton's window because he said Denton abused him. We see HSBC leaks and tax investigation's that seem to indicate that Gawker evades taxes with off-shore hide-aways.

We see lawsuits, by Gawker's own people, for sexual and economic abuse.

These Gawker people seem to be horrific examples of the worst that a society can manifest.

Many others have lost their lives because of a sudden Gawker take-down attack. So far, there has been little, or no, justice. Someone in Washington, DC, is protecting Gawker but that shield of coverage has now seemed to have worn thin.

Go get 'em Hulk. Your super-hero days are still alive and well.

Signed- **AMERICA**

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## Gawker Media: Hypocrites vs. Douchecanoes

by [Matt Forney](#) For TAKI MAG.com

In 2002, a **failed** British journalist named Nick Denton started *Gawker*, a **bitchy** gossip blog run out of his Manhattan apartment. Over 10 years later, *Gawker* and its sister sites have become the biggest names in clickbait "journalism," pulling down millions of visitors a month and making its owner a millionaire several times over. The secret to Denton's success? He took the aggressive, **lynch mob mentality** of British tabloids, which **specialize in ruining people's lives**, and injected it into [America's comparatively placid, Oprahfied media market](#).

In particular, *Gawker*, *Jezebel*, *Valleywag*, and their sister sites specialize in witch hunts: digital vigilantism against those who fail to keep up with leftist orthodoxy. [Geoffrey Miller](#), [Pax Dickinson](#), [Justine Tunney](#), [Violentacrez](#): the list of people whom *Gawker* has garroted for "racism" or "misogyny" could fill a phone book. With an army of Twitter twits behind it, *Gawker* Media truly is the moral majority of the left, **instigating mob action** against those who sin against the religion of *tolerance*. *Gawker's* provocations are even encouraging real-world violence now, as *Valleywag's* overfed man-baby of an editor Sam Biddle [eggs on attacks against San Francisco tech workers](#) from the safety of the East Coast.

Video Player

"Which makes **the revelation that Denton has been allowing trolls to terrorize his female employees** all the more

delicious.”

For the past few months, 4chan has been engaged in a trolling operation against *Jezebel*, [posting pictures of rape and gore porn in the comments section](#). Despite the fact that these shocking and disgusting images are stressing out staffers to the point where they're developing PTSD, Denton has steadfastly refused to do anything about the problem. *Jezebel*'s staff recently snapped and [posted an open letter on the site](#) demanding that Gawker Media do something, calling 4chan's trolling “a very real and immediate threat to the mental health of *Jezebel*'s staff and readers.” Fat chance of this happening, however. [As others have pointed out](#), Gawker Media's business model depends on getting clicks; indeed, [their writers are paid according to how many page views their articles get](#). Since comments help drive traffic to websites, fighting 4chan's rape porn trolling will reduce *Gawker*'s profitability. Not only that, [Google itself ranks web pages according to how many comments they have](#), as comments are extremely difficult to fake. Fewer comments means a lower page rank, which translates into less search traffic and less money for Denton to blow on exotic vacations with his boy-toy hubby. If Gawker Media was willing to testify in federal court as to [why they should be allowed to rip off their interns](#), you can bet your bottom peso that they aren't going to do jack about this.

And there's the punch line. Gawker Media, the company that gets people fired from their jobs for making “sexist” jokes, has been creating a hostile work environment for its women staffers for *months*. They're the leftist equivalent of a priest who rails against homosexuality only to be caught molesting altar boys in the confessional booths. In staying silent on this for so long, Dodai Stewart, [Lindy West](#), and *Jezebel*'s other star employees have shown themselves to be frauds. They don't care about feminism, “fat shaming,” or whatever cause they're screeching about today; all they care about is money and power. And now we have the proof.

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## [Advertisers Ditch Gawker Media In Droves. “Brand Tainted” says Forbes Exec. Gawker's Denton Sweats Over Decline in Web AdRevenues – CBS News](#)

**GawkerMedia's** Nick Denton has made a horrible prediction regarding internet adspend for the next year:

... **Gawker's** Denton Sweats Over Decline in Web **AdRevenues**. Shares Tweets Stumble ... But the web **ad** economy as a whole will be the beneficiary of **falling** budgets.

 [cbsnews.com/news/gawkers-denton-sweats-over-decline-i...](http://cbsnews.com/news/gawkers-denton-sweats-over-decline-i...)

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**IN THIS INTERVIEW, NICK DENTON WAS RECORDED ADMITTING THAT HE MAKES MONEY BY DESTROYING PEOPLE:**

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## Gawker Founder Nick Denton Sits Down with NBC's 'Rock Center,' Where's BriWi?

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Gawker editor A.J. Daulerio already revealed the Brian Williams-Nick Denton bromance in January, so color us surprised that Williams skipped out on the chance to interview the Gawker Media founder for Wednesday's "Rock Center."

Instead, NBC employed Jamie Gangel – an award-winning correspondent in her own right – who sat down with Denton to talk about his "snarky," "sexual," "shameless" and "mean" websites.

Denton accepted all of those adjectives – though he said Gawker is only occasionally mean.

**Also Read: Brian Williams Rips Lana Del Rey in Gawker Email; NBC Not Amused**

None of this sounds new. Denton wrote in a recent staff email that the Gawker Media sites, which include Deadspin, Gizmodo, the flagship and others, "oversell." He has made no secret of his willingness to publish "salacious scoops" or "rumors."

"We publish faster, change faster, correct faster and, frankly, our standards of publication are lower," he told Gangel.

That last bit is the only part that still rankles some people, but hey, the blog empire's 20 million monthly readers don't seem to mind.

What we really want to know is what Denton makes of the interview.

Williams has already told Denton what he thinks about Gawker, sending him an e-mail about the site's coverage of Lana Del Rey's performance on "Saturday Night Live." Because Gawker published that e-mail, we know Williams is a "loyal customer" of the site but thinks that the "weekends have been allowed to go awfully follow." At least that was the word in January.

So when does Der

The screenshot shows the full article page on the Gawker website. At the top is the 'THE WRAP' logo with navigation links for Home, Movies, TV, Awards, Music, Reviews, Indies, Media, Hollywood, and Power100. Below the logo is a search bar and a 'SIGN UP FOR FIRST TAKE' button. The main content area features the article title, author 'By Lucas Shaw', and the full text of the article. To the right of the article is a sidebar with a 'Description' section, 'Latest Posts' list, and 'Featured Media Alley' section. A red circle highlights a specific paragraph in the article text.

Nick Denton charged with

[ordering phone-hacking, helping Anonymous hackers, stealing Mitt Romney's tax records, hiding money in Russia and Caymans and MORE...](#)

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## IS GAWKER MEDIA THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY'S "PLAUSIBLE DENI-ABILITY" HIT SQUAD? STILL MORE...

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### 'Straight To Hell:' Reflections On Annie, Gawker ...

I feel like I'm probably going straight to **hell** for all of this. But, given all the other shitty ... Emily Ratajkowski entertainment expats facebook **GawkerGawkerMedia** gender hipsters Hollywood Hugh Hefner inter-racial dating internet Jezebel Julia Allison korea liberalism ...

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**Terror**– John Cook of Gawker; now of Greenwald – NOT CIA'S FRIEND!

### Gawker Tries to Reveal Identity of CIA Agent Behind Bin Laden Kill

By [Jana Winter](#)  
[FoxNews.com](#)



**May 1: Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden, along with with members of the national security team, receive an update on the mission against Usama bin Laden in the Situation Room of the White House.AP**

The Gawker website is under fire for trying to expose the CIA agent who may have helped lead the effort to kill [Usama Bin Laden](#) — despite efforts by the U.S. government and media to keep his identity secret for security reasons. Using red arrows pointing to a full-length picture and close-up photos of the possible agent, Gawker reporter [John Cook](#) on July 6 wrote a piece under the headline “Is This the Guy Who Killed Bin Laden?” The story has since sparked an angry response from former intelligence agents — as well as Gawker’s own readers — who say Cook’s post was irresponsible and could have deadly consequences.

“This whole business of exposing people is a real serious matter. It’s not entertainment, some people may think it is, but it’s not ... There are real people out there that are going to be killed because of this,” said Charles Faddis, a former CIA operations officer who spent 20 years working international hot spots and who headed the CIA’s Terrorist Weapons of Mass

Destruction Unit before retiring in 2008.

"I don't have a lot of patience for this," added Faddis, speaking about attempts to out the identity of a CIA operative. "This is serious, this is really serious. It's completely irresponsible."

Some Gawker readers also weren't amused. A commenter named "Myrna Minkoff" wrote in response to Cook's story:

*"If this is the guy who tracked down Bin Laden, I can think of no better way to thank him for his outstanding civil service than by outing him on a highly trafficked web site and putting his career, his life, the lives of his loved ones in danger. Hooray!"*

Another commenter "joelydanger" wrote:

*"Consider that the next time you decide to write another article that tries to glorify DEVGRU, the CIA, or anyone and anything else used on the mission. You're causing harm and danger to the very people you're claiming to be heroes."*

But Cook insisted he didn't compromise anyone's security by posting the photos.

"I do not believe my post put anybody in physical danger," Cook said in an email response to several questions posed by FoxNews.com. "I do not believe that people whose photographs are distributed by the White House as part of its public relations efforts have a reasonable claim to ask that no one speculate as to who they are."

Cook was referring to a series of official White House pictures taken from the Situation Room during the raid on Bin Laden's compound in Pakistan. The most famous of those photos, seen on televisions, newspapers and websites around the world, showed [President Obama](#), Vice President Biden, Secretary of State [Hillary Clinton](#), Defense Secretary [Robert Gates](#) and other officials watching a live feed of the raid.

Barely visible in that photo is the right jacket arm and the bottom of a necktie that appear to belong to a tall man standing behind Gates. Other pictures taken in the Situation Room during the raid, posted on the White House Flickr feed, show full-on shots of a tall man whose jacket and tie appear to match those of the man standing behind Gates in the earlier photo.

On July 5, the Associated Press published an extensive article on a CIA agent who led the hunt and eventual takedown of Bin Laden. The article referred to the agent only as "John," explaining: "The Associated Press has agreed to the CIA's request not to publish his full name and withhold certain biographical details so that he would not become a target for retribution."

Later that same day, the website Cryptome, a [Wikileaks](#) competitor that publishes leaked, sometimes classified documents and information, used clues from the AP article to home in on photos from the [White House](#) Flickr feed and other AP photos that might show "John." The article noted that "John" appeared just out of frame in the famous photo.

The following day, Cook picked up the Cryptome info and published the photos from the White House Flickr feed, beneath the "Is This the Guy Who Killed Bin Laden?" headline. Cook's post also included an AP file photo of CIA Director Leon Panetta leaving a briefing on Capitol Hill, where the man who may be "John" is seen in the background.

"Of course, it could be a random staffer who happened to be in both locations with John," Cook wrote. "Or it could be the guy who iced bin Laden."

The New York Observer posted a story late Tuesday that claimed to have confirmed the identity of the CIA agent, starting with the AP article and the Situation Room photo, and it posted photos online of the man it said was the agent.

Cook said he and his Gawker editors discussed potential safety concerns before publishing the information and photos.

"We came to the conclusion that it is highly unlikely that the White House would distribute for publication a photograph of a man whose life would be endangered if his photograph were ever published. Likewise, we decided that it is highly unlikely that such a man would publicly accompany the director of Central Intelligence, in the presence of AP photographers, to Capitol Hill to testify."

But those White House photos do not identify the man in question, only noting that the group of people are "members of the national security team," numerous Gawker commenters pointed out.

*"You seem to have not noticed that they took great pains to make sure his face wasn't in the shot and he was never*

identified by name,” Myrna Minkoff wrote, when another commenter challenged her criticism of the Gawker post.

Other commenters chimed in.

“Sure it’ll put him, his friends, and his family in danger regardless of whether or not he’s actually the guy, but it’ll generate some pageviews and advertiser revenue, and that’s the IMPORTANT thing, right?” wrote someone using the name “dgoat.”  
“You should still be ashamed of yourselves.”

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## [One Denton Bio | Gawker Media LLC and Nick Denton- The ...](#)

The headquarters of **GawkerMedia**, ... (Ironically, it was one of the few things he’s ever done mainly for the **hell** of it.) ...  
Blog at WordPress.com. Follow. Follow “**GawkerMedia** LLC and Nick Denton- The Killing of Babies ...  
[gawkerhell.wordpress.com/2012/08/27/one-denton-bio/](http://gawkerhell.wordpress.com/2012/08/27/one-denton-bio/)

[More from gawkerhell.wordpress](#)

## [“Gawker is the most vile and evil example of the written word in history”, says employee. What Gawker Media Is Doing About Our Rape Gif Problem](#)

On Monday, we posted an open letter to the management of **GawkerMedia**, our parent company, regarding an ongoing problem that we here at Jezebel could no longer tolerate: horribly violent rape gifs that were consistently appearing in our comments. For months, we asked **GawkerMedia** HQ for help with

[jezebel.com/what-gawker-media-is-doing-about-our-rape...](http://jezebel.com/what-gawker-media-is-doing-about-our-rape...)

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## [Jezebel calls out Gawker Media for failing to address ...](#)

Jezebel calls out **GawkerMedia** for failing to address incessant misogynist comments ... we’d report the **hell** out of it here and cite it as another example of employers failing to take the safety of its female employees seriously.

[salon.com/2014/08/11/jezebel-calls-out-gawker-media...](http://salon.com/2014/08/11/jezebel-calls-out-gawker-media...)

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## [Gawker and the Rage of the Creative Underclass — New York ...](#)

Everybody **SucksGawker** and the rage of the creative underclass. By Vanessa Grigoriadis; Published Oct 14, 2007 ;

... **Gawker** made its debut under the leadership of Nick Denton, the complicated owner of the blog network **GawkerMedia**,

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[nymag.com/news/features/39319/](http://nymag.com/news/features/39319/)

## [Gawker Sucks and Here is Why | The Writings](#)

Perhaps you, like everyone else who uses the web, likes to visit gossip sites like **Gawker**. I have had it with those sites. Their trade is in lies, deception, ... **GawkerSucks** Even More | **GawkerMedia**. Leave a Reply Cancel reply. Enter your comment here ...

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## [Gawker Sucks – “Free Beacon” — Breking News, Politics ...](#)

**GawkerSucks**. Share. Tweet. Email. ... It is unclear to me how **GawkerMedia’s** actions are materially different from, say, Napster circa 2000 when it was sued out of existence for facilitating the illicit downloads of copyright material. Who knows.

[freebeacon.com/blog/gawker-sucks/](http://freebeacon.com/blog/gawker-sucks/)

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Did Covert run hit-jobs on targets to help cover a felony his bosses handlers were running with U.S. Tax Dollars? What did Covert know about Elon Musk's and John Doerr's felony lithium mining scam with taxpayer cash? Federal Archives of Covert writings prove he only promoted Musk and attacked Musk & John Doerr competitors.

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## [Who else hates Gawker Media? – Boycott-Gawker-And-Gizmodo](#)

Who else hates **GawkerMedia**? Nobody who works at **Gawker**/Gizmodo/etc. should ever work again! Butt handed to **Gawker**; ... <http://juicedsportsblog.com/2008/05/gawker-media-sucks.html>

<http://suckreport.com/search/gawker> <http://tomsucks.wordpress.com/2008/05/14/gawker-sucks/>

➤ [boycott-gawker-and-gizmodo.weebly.com/who-else-hates-gawker-media.html](http://boycott-gawker-and-gizmodo.weebly.com/who-else-hates-gawker-media.html)

[More from boycott-gawker-and-gizmodo.weebly.com](#)



## [Sucks and Gawker Media Probably Does Too ...](#)

Right on. I won't say that most of the stuff on Digg is bad. It's just not that great. Meh. But I really agree with you that there are way too many "me too" blog posts out there.

➤ [imaginaryplanet.net/weblogs/idiotprogrammer/2007/06/why-digg-...](http://imaginaryplanet.net/weblogs/idiotprogrammer/2007/06/why-digg-...)

What did Nick Denton's Gaby Darbyshire know about Nick Denton's off-shore tax havens?



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## [New Statesman | Reddit blocks Gawker in defence of its right ...](#)

Links from **Gawker** are banned from /r/politics, after journalist threatens to reveal the identity of the man running Reddit's "creepshots", "beatingwomen" and "jailbait" forums.

**NS** [newstatesman.com/blogs/internet/2012/10/reddit-blocks-gawk...](#)

[More from newstatesman.com](#)

NICK DENTON UNDER INVESTIGATION

## [Gawker Sucks – blogspot.com](#)

**GawkerSucks** Sunday, August 24, 2014. ... Earlier today, Joel Johnson announced **Gawker** was disabling all image uploads in their comments. ... And you can be sure the top guys at **GawkerMedia**, like Joel Johnson, are now looking into it!

[gawkersucks.blogspot.com](#)

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## [Gawker Sucks: Finding Mobutu](#)

**GawkerSucks**. Sunday, December 9, 2012. Finding Mobutu. Most people reading this are probably familiar with **GawkerMedia** properties.

[gawkersucks.blogspot.com/2012/12/finding-mobutu.html](#)

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## [Gawker Media とは – goo Wikipedia \(ウィキペディア\)](#)

**GawkerMedia**. From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia. Vanessa Grigoriadis, "Everybody **Sucks:Gawker** and the rage of the creative underclass, New York magazine, October 22, 2007.

[wpedia.goo.ne.jp/enwiki/Gawker\\_Media](http://wpedia.goo.ne.jp/enwiki/Gawker_Media)

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A GROUP OF HOLLYWOOD CELEBRITIES WHO WERE ATTACKED BY NICK DENTON AND GAWKER HAVE ORGANIZED TO CONTACT EVERY ADVERTISER ON GAWKER MEDIA HOLDERS AND ASK THEM TO PULL ADS IN SUPPORT OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS. HERE ARE THE GAWKER MEDIA ADVERTISERS THAT ARE BEING ASKED TO REMOVE ALL AD ACCOUNTS FROM GAWKER MEDIA:

[Gawker Media](#) –



[Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia](http://Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

**GawkerMedia** is a Cayman Islands1 corporation online **media** company and blog network, founded and owned by Nick

Denton based in New York City. It is considered to be one of the most visible and successful blog-oriented **media** companies. citation As of March 2012...

► [wikipedia.sfstatae.us/Gawker Media](http://wikipedia.sfstatae.us/Gawker_Media)  
[More from wikipedia.sfstatae.us](http://More from wikipedia.sfstatae.us)

## [Gawker Writers Have to Work Weekends Now Too | New York Observer](#)

**NickDenton**, for his part, said that the weekend plan is “nothing new,” and that in the first half of the year, ... and said he thinks it “**sucks**.” Share this: Facebook; Twitter; Google; LinkedIn; Print; Email; Filed under: Alex Pareene, Gabriel Snyder, Gawker, **NickDenton**, The Media Mob. Comment .

► [observer.com/2008/12/gawker-writers-have-to-work-weeke...](http://observer.com/2008/12/gawker-writers-have-to-work-weeke...)

## [Nick Denton – Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia](#)

**NickDenton**, born 24 August 1966, is a British journalist and internet entrepreneur, the founder and proprietor of the blog collective Gawker Media, and the managing editor of the New York-based Gawker.com.

## [Shots In The Dark: Why Gawker Sucks](#)

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## **Oh my! Gawker’s Nick Denton’s ex boyfriend is not happy**

BY [CHRISTOPHER KOULOURIS](#) FOR [HTTP://SCALLYWAGANDVAGABOND.COM](http://SCALLYWAGANDVAGABOND.COM)



Frankly there’s nothing more delicious than watching someone famous for ripping people’s alive (yes journalism sucks these days) apart become his own parody on manners and gossip. That said there was a twinkle of relish when I came across **page 6**’s interesting expose on [Nick Denton](#), the media zealot of **Gawker media** (which owns a smattering of salacious dribble including **gawker, jezebel, deadspin, lifehacker and jalopnik**) who has suddenly found himself the scorn of a former jealous and one imagines scorned lover.

**page 6: Gadfly Gawker Media head Nick Denton recently changed his Facebook status from single to “in a relationship,” but not everyone seems to be happy about it.**

**Sources say an angry ex of his new boyfriend tossed a brick through the window of Denton’s SoHo loft building recently, and has been causing enough further trouble that the police have been contacted.**

Not to drift too much from Nick but I too was quite aghast when I decided to publicly note that I was no longer single but in a relationship on Facebook (for some reason I was quite surprised by the number of people who responded to what I perceived to be something really quite arbitrary and of little consequence in the world scheme of things, but yes people do pay attention it seems) which perhaps might explain the sudden attention that Mr Denton received when he publicly decided

to note that he was in fact now no longer a pedophile or single.

Of course who also noted one assumes is a scorned former lover of the media titan who felt compelled enough to go smashing bricks into his former lover's abode. And perhaps with good reason as it appears Mr Denton's attentions have now turned to presumably a nimble agile and quite pretty young man ( 28 year old **Derrence Washington**) who it appears is an English actor here in NYC on tour (permanent tour one supposes).

What perhaps make the intrusion even more charming (not to suggest they are ever charming) is Mr Denton's own acknowledgment that he is now being served the same dish he is well known famous for serving up on a regular basis.

**When we asked Denton about the incidents, he told us via e-mail: "After that Hulk Hogan sex tape on Gawker, I can hardly complain about intrusion into my private life!**

**"Yep, love is messy," he added.**

Indeed love and gossip are quite messy but that said I'm betting Mr Denton is loving every minute of it. If I could suggest one thing Mr Denton, perhaps if you were to send a bouquet to the former lover it may temper their ire. I know it worked for me once. Oh dear...

above image found [here](#)

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## **Who owns the Gawker Media company? – Ask questions, Find ...**

... Who owns the **GawkerMedia** company? : ... Jossip founder David Hauslaib estimated **Gawker.com**'s annual advertising **revenue** to be at least \$1 ... but someone else will have better luck selling the advertising than we did."[5] In a fall 2008 memo Denton announced the layoff of "19 of our ...

[askville.amazon.com/owns-Gawker-Media-company/AnswerViewer.do...](http://askville.amazon.com/owns-Gawker-Media-company/AnswerViewer.do...)

[More from askville.amazon.com](http://askville.amazon.com)

**NICK DENTON SAYS, ON CAMERA, TO NBC, THAT HE MAKES A LIVING  
DESTROYING PEOPLE:**

<http://jimromenesko.com/2012/03/06/gawkers-nick-denton-talks-to-nbcs-rock-center/>

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## **Is blogger John Herrmann a hired character assassin hit-man for Nick Denton?**

By Powers Destin

First printed in The LA Rebuke



If you look up John Herrmann in Wikipedia you find that, according to Wikipedia:

*“...Herrmann soon was a part of the Ware group, a secret apparatus of the CPUSA and Comintern in Washington, D.C., which supplied classified information to Soviet intelligence. ...Herrmann was a paid courier for the CPUSA, delivering material emanating from the secret cells of sympathetic government employees being cultivated by Hal Ware to New York. Herrmann also was the person who introduced ... Alger Hiss.*

*...The Ware group’s activities were investigated ...and Herrmann was placed under surveillance and questioned many times in Mexico by the FBI. He died .... from chronic alcoholism.”*

That isn’t the exact same John Herrmann we know and love from Gawker Media and the Awl, but there may be eerie similarities to the [Nick Denton hit-man](#).

This New Yorker is said to be a shill for Gawker Media, where he writes attack articles at the request of White House press corps, in order to stealth up the true instigators of the attacks. It is also claimed, that he goes online, under a massive number of pseudonyms, and writes all of the attack comments in the commenting section of the blog under each attack article. IS this true? To confirm this, one would need to subpoena FBI and NSA phone tracking and email archiving of Herrmann’s email and cell phone activities from past years.

Many targets have stated that Herrmann organizes other writers when given a “kill order” by his political handlers. They infest a blog, together, [with vitriol and hate](#), cobbled together from non-verified facts and manipulated heresay, it is said by those he has sought to bring down.

One encounters Herrmann as a pasty, pudgy little man with the hipster affectations of dark mood swings and impertinent denial. We met him, covertly, at a coffee shop nestled among the metropolitan masses.

Does he report directly to Robert Gibbs and Jay Carney at the White House or are his orders intermediated only [through Nick Denton](#)? Only a Senate investigation has the power to uncover the tentacular connections of the attack bloggers of the web.

In this writer’s opinion, and mind you, these are all opinions and not facts, so do your own research, I think that Mr. Herrmann is complex and deserves more study. It is easy for one to dismiss him as a sad internet hack, one step removed from a common troll, but that would be unfair, I think. He is, most likely, much more interesting.

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## Was John Herrmann secretly working for IN-Q-TEL?

Video Player

[Gawker Sucks](#)

**Gawker** is holding a tournament right now to determine the “ugliest” accent in America. Josef Fruehwald, a linguist and lecturer at the University of Edinburgh, has ...

[gawkersucks.blogspot.com](http://gawkersucks.blogspot.com)

## [Gawker Sucks | Washington](#)

It's been a fun couple of days for **Gawker** haters. First, on Sunday, HBO's *Girls* revealed that Lena Dunham's character Hannah—in the midst of a pseudo-sociopathic ...

[freebeacon.com/blog/gawker-sucks/](http://freebeacon.com/blog/gawker-sucks/)

## [Gawker Sucks | Exposing “Gawker Medias” racist Slants one ..](#)

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## [The Lefts Smoke and Mirrors Campaign](#)

The Bain Files: Inside Mitt Romney's **Tax**-Dodging Cayman Schemes . What's really there? ...

[onecitizenspeaking.com/2012/08/the-lefts-smoke-and-mirrors-campa...](http://onecitizenspeaking.com/2012/08/the-lefts-smoke-and-mirrors-campa...)

## [One Denton Bio | Gawker Media LLC and Nick Denton](#)

One **Denton** Bio. Posted on August 27, 2012 by gawkerhell6543. The Demon Blogger of Fleet Street ... Moe Tkacik, **nick denton**, **tax** fraud. Bookmark the ...

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## [\(Leaked Document From Hack\) From A Draft Report To the](#)

His partner Ray Lane was charged with massive **tax evasion**. ... **Nick Denton** **Nick Denton** was asked by John Doerr and Elon Musk to print attack articles, ...

 [indybay.org/newsitems/2015/06/14/18773479.php](http://indybay.org/newsitems/2015/06/14/18773479.php)

## [Why Gawker Sucks | Gawker Media LLC and Nick Denton– The](#)

Why Gawker Sucks Not only is it ... kimmel Jimmy Kimmel Josh Stein Moe Tkacik NBC TV **nick denton** **nick denton** asshole **nick denton** phone hacking **tax** fraud ...

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## [Why Gawker Sucks | Gawker Media LLC and Nick Denton-](#)

Why **Gawker Sucks** Not only is it snarky, it's snobby. Here the editors of **Gawker** express their amazement on seeing “this middle-aged woman—we'd ...

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## [Gawker Sucks and Here is Why | The Writings](#)

19 Responses to **Gawker Sucks** and Here is Why. Pingback: **Gawker Sucks** Even More | **Gawker Media**.

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## [Gawker Sucks: Does Gawker only hire mentally ill teenagers in order to exploit their frustration with life?...](#)

**Gawker Sucks**. Sunday, December 9, 2012. ... What sort of writer was Jeb Lund before becoming Mobutu? It turns out he was a professional wrestling columnist.

[gawkersucks.blogspot.com/2012/12/finding-mobutu.html](http://gawkersucks.blogspot.com/2012/12/finding-mobutu.html)

## [Gawker Sucks At Advertisements – New Media](#)

I imagine the pitch meeting went something like this: "We need **Gawker** to make the WORST AD OF ALL TIME. Also, it needs football and DiGiorno pizza in it.

[Nnewmediarockstars.com/2015/01/gawker-sucks-at-advertisements/](http://newmediarockstars.com/2015/01/gawker-sucks-at-advertisements/)

by **Eriq Gardner**

**HOLLYWOOD REPORTER**

## **Hulk Hogan on Gawker Sex-Tape Trial: "I'll See This Through to the End"**

As Hogan's \$100 million suit heads to a raunchy trial, the result could impact celebrity privacy and even the Sony hack — says one lawyer, "This whole dispute is remarkable." As Hogan's \$100 million suit heads to a raunchy trial, the result could impact celebrity privacy and even the Sony hack — says one lawyer, "This whole dispute is remarkable." A version of this story first appeared in the June 26 issue of The Hollywood Reporter magazine. When wrestler-turned-reality TV star Hulk Hogan sued Gawker in 2012 for posting part of a secretly recorded sex video, it was a poor bet that the \$100 million suit would go to trial. No celebrity sex tape case has ever made it to a jury, for reasons ranging from the strength of the First Amendment to stars being more interested in wiping the video from the web than winning money. But Hogan (aka Terry Bollea) hasn't settled, and on July 6, he is set to make history when a trial opens in Florida. How the case got this far is a reflection on the parties. Gawker is run by Nick Denton, 48, whose outspoken aversion to celebrity privacy — and wars with everyone from Lena Dunham to John Travolta to Quentin Tarantino — borders on the fanatical. Hogan, 61, sees the courtroom as one more match to conquer. "I have never been afraid to fight for what I think is right," Hogan tells THR. "I promised in the beginning that I would see this through to the end to hold Gawker accountable. And I will." In addition to possibly setting new legal precedent for media outlets that publish celebrities' private moments, the trial could be one of the raunchiest ever. Even if Pinellas County Judge Pamela Campbell forbids the viewing of the video of Hogan with Heather Clem, the ex-wife of Hogan's best friend, documents in the case suggest testimony could be graphic. In an effort to show the sex tape qualifies as "newsworthy," Gawker is seeking to introduce evidence that Hogan has injected his sexual prowess into the public sphere by fondling women's breasts for a Rocky III publicity photo shoot and discussing in interviews where on a woman he likes to ejaculate, the size of his genitalia and the use of his mustache when performing oral sex. The potentially NC-17 two-week proceeding is being watched by Hollywood attorneys for less prurient reasons. "This whole dispute is remarkable," says Adam Thurston at Drinker Biddle & Reath, who has handled cases involving celebrity sex photos. "I'm not aware of a celebrity sex tape case that has gone the full distance. ... When you have a friendly state court judge, she's going to let Hogan have a pretty free hand at trial." In addition to asserting his privacy rights were violated by Gawker, Hogan is suing for intentional infliction of emotional distress — saying in court documents that he "suffered a breakdown" when facing "a choice of having the sex video torpedo his career" — and alleging violation of his publicity rights, a popular claim by celebrities wishing to control the commercial use of their name and image. Few publicity rights suits have made it to trial, as Dustin Hoffman's did in the late 1990s when he won a \$3 million judgment against Los Angeles magazine for its computer-altered photo of him in a fashion spread. (The case was overturned on First Amendment grounds on appeal.) At Hogan's trial, expect discussion of how celebrity sex and nudity is used to drive traffic (and revenue) to news and gossip sites like

Gawker.Hogan's battle represents the latest strife in the escalating tension between the media and celebrities. As news outlets expand their reach through social media, public figures are finding it more difficult to escape the sometimes unflattering spotlight. More than 2.5 million people watched the Hogan sex video online. Gawker's story was published alongside an essay about why everyone likes to watch celebrities have sex, which Denton believes adds to its newsworthiness. But Hogan's team is preparing to call a professor of journalism at the University of Florida to testify that the video itself didn't need to be posted and fails the "Cheerios test," playing badly for readers eating breakfast.

The case addresses the breakdown of privacy in multiple ways. Hogan is claiming the tort of intrusion upon seclusion (usually analogized by the paparazzo who uses a telephoto lens to peek into a private residence) and also is asserting a claim under Florida's Wiretap Act because Gawker published a recording that was filmed secretly. Can journalists use illegal recordings? In 2001, the Supreme Court suggested they could, as long as they only played the role of recipient — an opinion (Bartnicki v. Vopper) that recently provided confidence for those reporting on hacked Sony documents. But Hogan's attorney Charles Harder points out the high court expressly exempted First Amendment protection on sex tapes and "domestic gossip or other information of purely private concern."

What rises above gossip to be newsworthy? Gawker asserts that it had every right to publish the video because it was evidence of adultery that received widespread media attention before Gawker's publication. The defendant also says Hogan participated in the discussion of the affair by denying it happened — potentially making the video needed corroboration. "The tell-all journalist in me is glad we'll have the opportunity to air out the issues in public," says Denton, who already has spent more than \$1 million on the case (and had to sue his insurers to pick up some of the tab).

For Denton, who founded Gawker in 2003, the trial represents perhaps the most significant risk to his company. He settled a suit over an Eric Dane-Rebecca Gayheart sex tape that Gawker posted, but he says he found Hogan's demands unreasonable. (Neither side will say what Hogan wanted.) Now, the fate of his company could be in the hands of Florida jurors who will be told that Google searches for "Gawker" reached a historic high around the time of the Hogan sex tape story. "It is time to put an end to the immoral bullies who use the First Amendment as a means to destroy privacy and decency," says David Houston, a Hogan attorney.

Denton estimates there's a 1-in-10 chance Gawker faces "disaster." Any loss will be appealed, but Gawker might have to post a substantial bond in the interim. At trial, the focus likely will be on how Gawker got the tape, what it knew about it, how it used it to its advantage, and Hogan's injuries, if any (the potential \$100 million comes from the punitive damages that Hogan has requested). Denton's team likely will attempt to frame all this in the context of free speech. Legal observers like Thurston say that Gawker would have the upper hand in any post-trial appeal (the judge's preliminary injunction was reversed by a Florida appeals court), but the more immediate problem for Gawker is that the jury won't take up its constitutional arguments that Hogan's claims interfere with the freedom of the press. Thus, a trial verdict could exert financial pressure on a media company that has prided itself on being as independent as possible.

As Denton prepares to defend a brand of journalism that he believes is free of corporate influence and the spin of publicists, he's speaking out about how celebrities should know better. Asked what would happen if he had the chance to sit down with Hogan, Denton says he'd tell his nemesis, "I take no pleasure in your embarrassment, but this was a story we had to write: It was true and it was interesting. You let the genie out of the bottle; you boasted about your sexual conquests endlessly. And you took up a celebrity perk — an invitation to have sex with a fan's wife — without thinking through the consequences. We take responsibility for our journalists' words and actions; take responsibility for yours."

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## [About | Gawker Sucks Is Gawker Media just one huge offshore tax evasion scheme?](#)

I should have been banned months ago. I am conservative. **Gawker** and its children are all libbies. Stinking unwashed

illogical libbies. And I have often called them on ...

[gawkersucks.wordpress.com/about/](http://gawkersucks.wordpress.com/about/)

## [VICE Learns What GamerGate Always Knew: Gawker Sucks](#)

Long story short, **Gawker** is still peddling shit reporting, and VICE is fed up with it. Although, let's face it, VICE is also shit. These are the same people who ...

[theralphretort.com/vice-learns-what-gamergate-always-knew-ga...](http://theralphretort.com/vice-learns-what-gamergate-always-knew-ga...)

## [Gawker bans 'Internet slang' | Poynter.](#)

**Gawker** bans 'Internet slang ... • Internet slang. We used to make an effort to avoid this, ... **Gawkersucks**. nwmhqty. Suck-o-rama.

[poynter.org/news/mediawire/246113/gawker-bans-interne...](http://poynter.org/news/mediawire/246113/gawker-bans-interne...)

## [Gawker Sucks | The Hyperlogos](#)

Issue. Lines and paragraphs break automatically. To post pieces of code, surround them with `<code> ... </code>`tags. For PHP code, you can use `<?php ... ?>`, which will ...

[hyperlogos.org/blog/drink/Gawker-Sucks](http://hyperlogos.org/blog/drink/Gawker-Sucks)

## [Gawker sucks | Tom](#)

A while ago I was banned from commenting forever on all **Gawker** blogs because I complained about the seemingly large percentage of gay male oriented posts ...

[tomsucks.wordpress.com/2008/05/14/gawker-sucks/](http://tomsucks.wordpress.com/2008/05/14/gawker-sucks/)

## [Why the Gawker Sucks – GrogHeads.com](#)

I've never liked the **Gawker**. Not to fine a point on it, but its a trash journalist outlet that can kiss my ass. Here's an article trying to draw sympathy for the ...

[grogheads.com/forums/index.php?topic=2816.0](http://grogheads.com/forums/index.php?topic=2816.0)

## [Gawker – reddit](#)

**Gawker** is one of the most anti-reddit sites known. This sub is dedicated to showing how wrong they are. Similar Sub: /r/bangawker

 [reddit.com/r/gawker/](http://reddit.com/r/gawker/)

## [Gawker Hack Proves Password Security Sucks – News.](#)

**Gawker** isn't a tiny fly-by-night website. That means that changing my Lifehacker.com password after the **Gawker** hack (Lifehacker is one of **Gawker's** websites) isn't enough.

[besthubris.com/news/gawker-hack-proves-password-security...](http://besthubris.com/news/gawker-hack-proves-password-security...)

## [Gawker Media – The Full Wiki](#)

Vanessa Grigoriadis, "Everybody **Sucks**: **Gawker** and the rage of the creative underclass, New York magazine, October 22, 2007. **Gawker** Media Traffic.

[thefullwiki.org/Gawker Media](http://thefullwiki.org/Gawker_Media)

## [VICE Learns What GamerGate Always Knew: Gawker Sucks](#)

**Gawker Sucks.** Be the first to see it... Follow @Gamerगतolizer.

 [gamergate.trendolizer.com/2015/01/vice-learns-what-gamergate-always...](http://gamergate.trendolizer.com/2015/01/vice-learns-what-gamergate-always...)

## [gawker can suck it](#)

gawker\_can\_suck\_it's posts.

[kinja.com/gawkerkansuckit-old1](http://kinja.com/gawkerkansuckit-old1)

## [Gawking Ourselves to Death | Steve Almond](#)

I am not suggesting that **Gawker** has any *political agenda*. On the contrary, it's an entirely amoral zone. The only law that guides **Gawker** is the Law of Stimulation.

[huffingtonpost.com/steve-almond/gawking-ourselves-to-deat\\_b ...](http://huffingtonpost.com/steve-almond/gawking-ourselves-to-deat_b...)

## [Gawker fucking sucks and you should stop reading it | Forum](#)

**Gawker** aka Kotaku aka Gizmodo aka Jezebel are all cancerous helms of clickbait articles and leftist lynch mob collective that have taken the internet by storm.

 [thedarkdemon.com/viewtopic-php?f=31&t=2312](http://thedarkdemon.com/viewtopic-php?f=31&t=2312)

## [Gawker Media – Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia](#)

**Gawker** Media is an online media company and blog network, founded and owned by Nick Denton and based in New York City. It is considered to be one of the most visible and successful blog-oriented media companies.

 [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gawker\\_Media](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gawker_Media)

[Business Information Service – WhoBis.com | gawker.com](#)

## [Gawker Media](#)

Vanessa Grigoriadis, "Everybody **Sucks: Gawker** and the rage of the creative underclass, New York magazine, October 22, 2007.

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Vanessa Grigoriadis, "Everybody **Sucks: Gawker** and the rage of the creative underclass, New York magazine, October 22, 2007.

[everything.explained.at/Gawker\\_Media/](http://everything.explained.at/Gawker_Media/)

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[wpedia.goo.ne.jp/enwiki/Gawker\\_Media](http://wpedia.goo.ne.jp/enwiki/Gawker_Media)

## [Gawker Source Code and Databases Compromised – Slashdot](#)

Parse that last sentence again. **Gawker** had at least one vulnerability that they did not know about.

Re:Children **suck** (Score:5, Insightful). by causality (777677) writes: on Sunday December 12, 2010 @07...

[yro.slashdot.org/story/10/12/12/2234252/gawker-source-code...](http://yro.slashdot.org/story/10/12/12/2234252/gawker-source-code...)

## [Gawker 2011 – Vintage Gawker \(Removed Sidebar\) –](#)

Update 4/1/11 – I got extremely annoyed with the fact that all **Gawker** sites would bring my internet to a crawl and it turns out it was because **Gawker sucks** at site coding.

[Suserstyles.org/styles/43839/gawker-2011-vintage-gawker-r...](http://userstyles.org/styles/43839/gawker-2011-vintage-gawker-r...)

## [Gawker Media : definition of Gawker Media and synonyms.](#)

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[dictionary.sensagent.com/Gawker\\_Media/en-en/](http://dictionary.sensagent.com/Gawker_Media/en-en/)

## [Court docs show Gawker REALLY doesn't want former interns to hear...](#)

Consider that **Gawker** has built its entire fortune on showing the ugly guts of media companies to the world. Consider also that **Gawker** is trumpeting its Kinja commenting system...

[Ppando.com/2014/09/05/court-docs-show-gawker-really-...](http://pando.com/2014/09/05/court-docs-show-gawker-really-...)

## [Gawker Media – The Free Online Dictionary and Encyclopedia \(TFODE\)](#)

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[enc.tfode.com/Gawker\\_Media](http://enc.tfode.com/Gawker_Media)

## [Gawker hackers release file with FTP, author & reader...](#)

**Gawker** Media uses Campfire as their backchannel to discuss site operations and potential stories. The headline of your post should be "**Suck** on This, 4Chan".

[thenextweb.com/media/2010/12/13/gawker-hackers-release-f...](http://thenextweb.com/media/2010/12/13/gawker-hackers-release-f...)

## **Hulk Hogan sex tape trial could finally destroy Gawker**

By Tom Kludt @tomkludt

A lurid sex tape. A bombastic cultural icon. An upcoming court battle that could reveal even more salacious details. It sounds like the type of story that Gawker might cover with gusto. This time, however, the gossip site finds itself a central player in the tawdry tale. For more than a decade, Gawker.com has proudly courted controversy with unmerciful coverage of Hollywood celebrities and New York media elites. But a \$100 million lawsuit, set for trial next month in Florida, is enough to make anyone a bit nervous, even Nick Denton, the swashbuckling Gawker Media founder. Three years ago, a former Gawker editor-in-chief published a post headlined, "Even for a Minute, Watching Hulk Hogan Have Sex in a Canopy Bed is Not Safe For Work but Watch it Anyway." A 30-minute DVD had come from an anonymous source and what appeared online was edited down by Gawker to about a minute-and-a-half. The tape, which was recorded in 2006, showed Hulk Hogan (real name: Terry Bollea) having sex with Heather Clem, who was married at that time to radio host "Bubba the Love Sponge Clem." Another man's voice, which many people believe is Bubba, can be heard in the recording. Hogan and Bubba were close friends before the sex tape leaked and the two men had a falling out. After legal wrangling, Gawker was forced to remove the video. But Gawker refused to delete an article accompanying the footage and the story still exists on the site today (it has racked up more than 5 million clicks). Gawker's bid to get the case tossed failed and a jury trial is now set to begin July 6 in St. Petersburg. Charles Harder, who is Hogan's lead trial counsel, said that Denton had received two cease and desist demands the day after the video was published. "Denton ignored those demands, and allowed the video to continue playing," Harder told CNNMoney. "Denton has only himself to blame." Terry Bollea, aka Hulk Hogan, stands beside his attorneys during a 2012 press conference to discuss legal action brought against Gawker Media. What each side is saying: There is one central

question that the jury will have to answer: Was the sex tape newsworthy? Florida law permits the publication of private material if it pertains to a matter of “legitimate public concern.” “Despite all attempts by the Gawker Defendants to obscure it, the law is clear that pornographic footage taken from sex tapes is the quintessential example of speech that is not a matter of legitimate public concern,” Harder wrote in a recently filed brief.

Gawker counters that Hogan made his sexual exploits a public matter, noting his appearances on Howard Stern’s radio program and elsewhere during which he delved into lurid details from his personal life.

During a 2011 interview with Stern, Hogan said flatly that he would never have sex with Heather Clem. “Man law, brother,” Hogan told Stern. “Even if they were divorced for 10 years.” In the same interview, Hogan opened up about the sexual chemistry with his wife.

Gawker is also highlighting the fact that the existence of the sex tape had been the subject of several news reports before it was posted on the site in 2012.

“It’s difficult to think of a huge news story about a celebrity or a politician or someone people care about that didn’t involve some information that that person did not want disclosed,” Gawker president and general counsel Heather Dietrick told CNNMoney. “That’s the job of a journalist.”

The stakes: Hogan is seeking \$100 million in damages, a penalty that could bring Gawker to its knees. Denton has been characteristically candid about the threat against the company, telling The New York Times, “We don’t keep \$100 million in the bank, no.”

If it were to lose in court and have to pay in full, Gawker might be forced to do something it has managed to avoid throughout its existence: rely on outside investors to keep the company humming.

The case could also hold implications for the First Amendment, with some in the legal community leery over the idea of a story’s news value being determined by jurors, not editors.

But Harder, Hogan’s attorney, asserts that the case poses “no potential danger whatsoever to the First Amendment.”

“The First Amendment has limitations,” Harder said. “In Florida, it is a crime of video voyeurism to film someone naked without their permission, or to publish that footage. Doing so is against the law and not protected by the First Amendment.”

Outlook: Denton isn’t ruling out a “disaster” scenario for the site. He has acknowledged that the jury, plucked from the Florida community that Hogan calls home, might well be unsympathetic to a sensationalist digital tabloid based in Manhattan and built on snark.

### [...Oscar Nominee’s Girlfriend, Readers Say ‘Suck A D\\*ck, Gawker’](#)

Director Wes Anderson brought his girlfriend along to the Oscars. His movies were nominated for multiple awards, including Best Picture, but **Gawker’s** Defamer nominated his guest for a hateful and rather ridiculous serving of shame as dished out by Leah Finnegan.

 [ifyouonlynews.com/feminist-issues/gawker-beauty-shames-osca...](http://ifyouonlynews.com/feminist-issues/gawker-beauty-shames-osca...)

## British Elite Political Pedophiles and Phone Hacking Connections

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