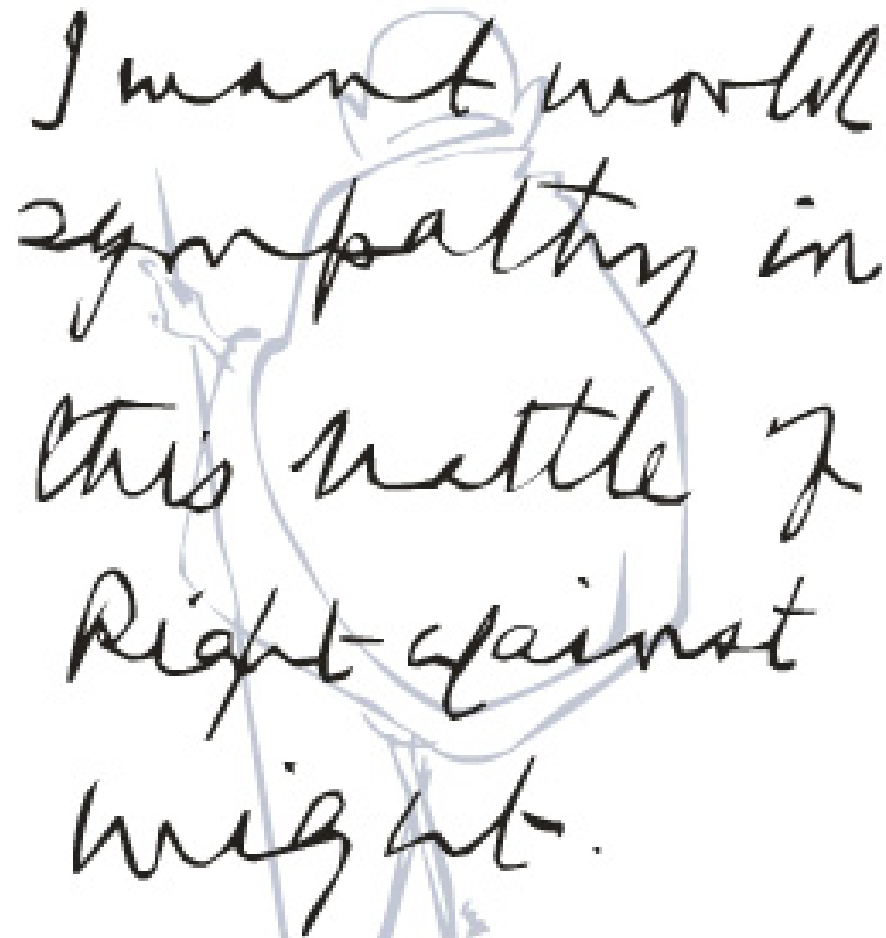


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June 11, 2006

Blogging as a means for
political communication

Jeff Ooi
www.jeffooi.com



I want world
sympathy in
this battle of
Right against
might.

Sandi Weigand
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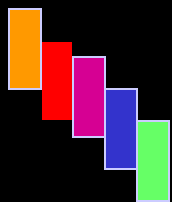
Blogging is a long
Salt March...

First they ignore you,
then they laugh at you,
then they fight you,
then you win.



Overpowering politics in MSM

- Umno:
 - Utusan Malaysia / Kosmo
 - Berita Harian / Harian Metro
 - New Straits Times / Malay Mail
 - TV3/ ntv7 / 8TV / HotFM
- MCA:
 - The Star / RedFM
 - Nanyang Siang Pau / China Press
- MIC:
 - Tamil Nesan / Tamil Nanban



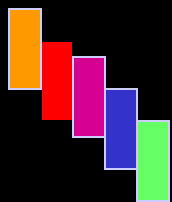


Freedom of Speech

Freedom of the press is limited to those who own them... A.J. Liebling

If you don't like the news... go out and make some of your own... Wes "Scoop" Nisker

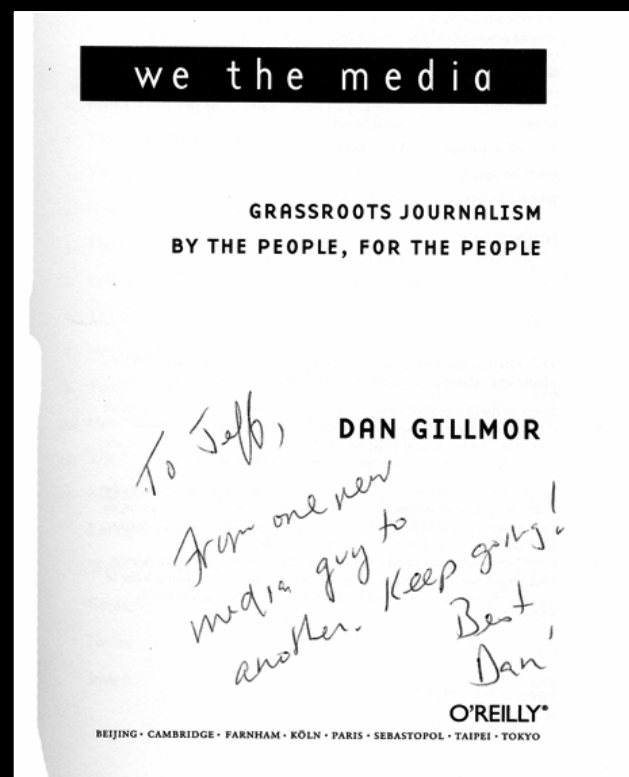
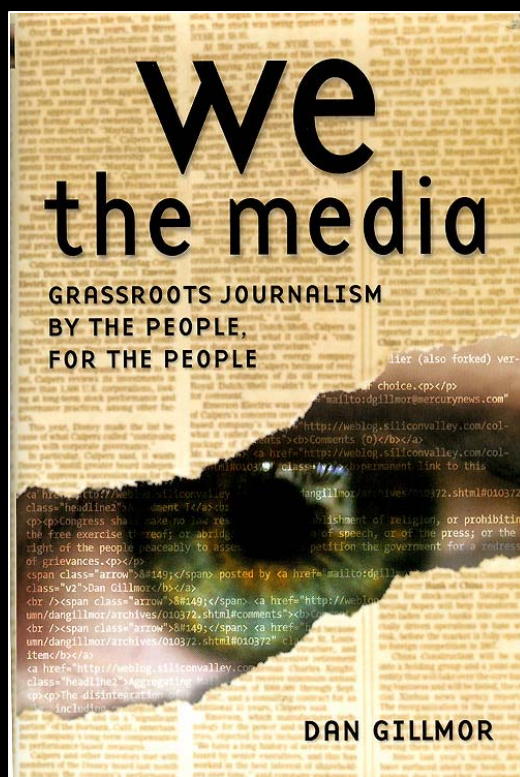
From one new media guy to another, keep going... Dan Gillmor





Dan Gillmor

- Context & Nuances
- We the media – Grassroots Journalism





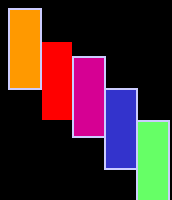
No Internet Censorship

CMA 1998: Part I Section 3(3):

Nothing in this Act shall be construed as permitting the censorship of the Internet

MSC 10 Bill of Guarantee:

#7: Ensure no Internet censorship





CMA 1998 & Content Code

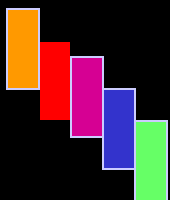
Part 5 Section 3.5:

- The Online environment is not a legal vacuum.
- In general, if something is illegal "*off-line*", it will also be illegal "*on-line*".
- In this matter, the relevant existing laws apply.

Sub-section 6.2 says compliance with the Content Code shall be voluntary.

However, Sub-section 6.3 also states that:

"Compliance with this Code shall be a defence against any prosecution, action or proceeding of any nature, whether in court or otherwise as stated under Section 98 (2) of the Act."





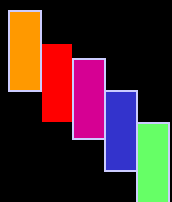
Blogging on...

Governance in 3 focal areas

- The Multimedia Super Corridor
- Public policy development and execution
- Mainstream Media organisations

And their relations to the globalised world

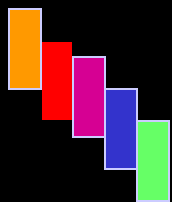
You dream of a 5th Estate.





Internet is not a legal vacuum

- Computer Crimes Act 1997
- Digital Signature 1997
- Copyright (Amendment) Act 1997
- **Communications & Multimedia Act 1998**
 - **Content Code (2004)**
- Telemedicine Act 1997
- **Sedition Act 1948**
- Defamation Act 1957
- Official Secrets Act 1972
- **Internal Security Act 1960**
- Printing Presses and Publications Act 1984
- **Penal Code**

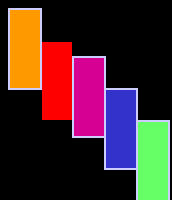




When they can't prosecute,
They invent a reason to persecute

They fight you.

You jump onto Google PageRank 7/10.





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Laman web siar pandangan hina Islam Hadhari

Oleh Misiah Taib

KUALA LUMPUR: Sebuah laman web tempatan yang menjadi forum membincangkan isu semasa, dikenali sebagai dikawal oleh pengendaliannya, apabila ada pandangan yang dianggap menghina Islam turut disiarkan.

Paling terbaru, laman web itu, Screenshots di alamat www.jefooi.com, menyiarkan pautan seorang peserta yang menyamakan Islam Hadhari dan politik wang dengan najis dan air kencing.

Seorang pembaca yang menghubungi Berita Harian semalam berkata, walaupun laman web itu kononnya bertujuan menggalakkan perbincangan sihat mengenai isu semasa, sejak akhir-akhir ini ia semakin berani menyentuh isu sensitif membabitkan agama dan kaum.

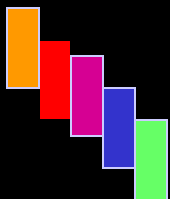
"Walaupun pandangan seorang itu biasanya daripada peserta forum, kebanyakannya menggunakan nama samaran, pengendalinya, Jeff Ooi, membuat provokasi apabila membiarkannya seolah-olah membuka ruang kepada pembaca bercakap apa saja," katanya yang erangan namanya disirikan.

Dalam forum "Islam Hadhari and Money Politics" kemarin, seorang peserta antara lain berkata: "Tidak boleh membandingkan Islam Hadhari dan politik wang seperti minyak dan air kerana air dan minyak kedua-duanya suci. Islam Hadhari dan politik wang ibarat najis dan air kencing - itulah caranya membuat perbandingan."

Ketika membuka perbincangan sebegini itu, Jeff Ooi, yang memetik beberapa laporan mengenai politik wang di kalangan akhbar arus perdana sejak beberapa hari lalu, antara lain berkata Islam Hadhari dan politik wang ibarat minyak dan air yang tidak bercampur.

Sementara itu, Mufti Wilayah Persekutuan, Prof Datuk Dr Mohamad Arif, berkata:

LIHAT MUKA 2 ►



- CMA 1998 Section 256(2)&(3): MCMC, Oct 9, 2004
- Penal Code Section 298(a): Police, Feb 29, 2005



Handbook

HANDBOOK FOR **BLOGGERS** AND **CYBER-DISSIDENTS**

REPORTERS WITHOUT BORDERS

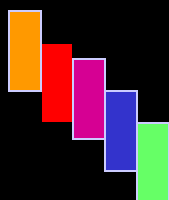


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Reporters without Boundary
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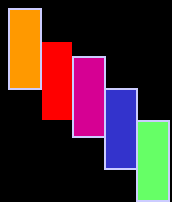
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Digital Speech: Beyond soapbox

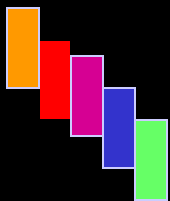
- Champion freedom of speech
- Choosing the best tool to outreach
- Get picked-up by search engines
- Publishing anonymously?
- Beating censorship and filtering
- e-Advocacy - Sustain the stamina





What next?

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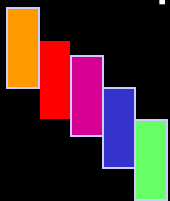




Global Voices Online

- A Harvard Law School project
 - Berkman Center of Internet & Society
 - Key drivers: Rebecca MacKinnon, Ethan Zuckerman
 - Regional Editors:
 - David Sakasi on **Latin America**; Neha Viswanathan (based in London and India, covering **South Asia**); Jeff Ooi (based in Malaysia, covering **Southeast Asia**); Haitham Sabbah (based in Jordan and Bahrain, covering the **Middle East**); and various from **China**

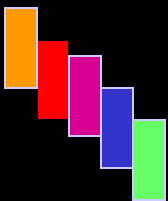
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But is all that enough?

RIGHT against MIGHT.

It's a long Salt March.
There's only one Mahatma Gandhi.
He has got to be all of us.



Thank You.

