

CNN Threatened to Stomp on Little Ant and Free Speech on the Internet

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CNN was able to identify the creator of the Trump-beating-CNN GIF and frightened him into making a formal apology. Fearing for his safety and employment status, he asked CNN not to identify him publicly. He also removed his Internet list of CNN management that are Jewish, making the point that they are demographically over-represented, and he promised never to do it again. CNN reporter, Andrew Kaczynski, said that, because of this, the network would not reveal his identity but then said "CNN reserves the right to publish his identity should any of that change." That is where things heated up again, this time not in favor of CNN. Coercing people to do something or act in a certain way by threatening to disclose information they do not want disclosed is called blackmail, which is a felony. Critics now are suggesting that CNN executives should be prosecuted for blackmail. Meanwhile, several anonymous posting sites are retaliating by publishing names, addresses, and personal information about CNN staff. —GEG