

Acceptable Use Policy

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1. Your use of any of the Jotwell websites or pages indicates your acceptance of this Acceptable Use Policy (“AUP”). This AUP can be modified at any time, and your continued use of Jotwell indicates your acceptance of the modified terms.
2. Jotwell intends to stimulate interest in recent legal scholarship by presenting reviews of academic articles and a forum for commentary. Please make your comments constructive.
3. Jotwell encourages readers to comment in any of its sections.
4. Citations are welcome but not required. Please consult the [Author Guidelines](#) for Jotwell’s citation policy.

Comments

1. Jotwell does not allow anonymous or pseudonymous comments. Please use your real name. While we do not plan to make an aggressive effort to check on the bona fides of all commentators, we reserve the right to do so, and will delete any comment that we believe, in our best judgment, to be forged, fraudulent, spoofed, or for which we are unable to verify the authenticity of the signature.
2. No registration is required in order to read Jotwell. At present, registration is not required to comment on Jotwell, but we may institute a registration requirement if the site is subjected to spam or vandalism. In the event that we institute a registration requirement, each section will maintain its own registration system, and because they operate independently, you will need to register separately for each section in which you intend to participate as a commentator.

Moderation

1. Jotwell employs automated spam-blocking technology, backed up by human intervention. If you believe that a comment of yours was improperly blocked, please do not hesitate to contact us. See the [Contact Us](#) page for information on who to email.
2. Generally, commentators and contributors should police themselves. However, we reserve the right to edit (via “disemvowelling” – see below) or delete comments or other site content.
3. Jotwell reserves the right to edit or remove content which violates this AUP without prior consultation.
4. A non-exclusive list of content potentially subject to editing or removal includes:
 - Excessive off-topic conversations
 - Comments posted merely to annoy or create inconvenience
 - Personal attacks, threats, slurs, or abusive language
 - Commercial or advertising material (however, mentioning a book or article relevant to the topic would not fall under this rubric)
 - Posting personal information relating to third parties without their consent or for malicious purposes

Disemvoweling

1. Disemvoweling (sometimes spelled “disemvowelling”) is the removal of vowels from text as a technique by forum moderators to censor unwanted posting, such as spam, internet trolling, rudeness or criticism, while maintaining some level of transparency.

2. The technique was first developed as a tool for internet forum moderation in 2002 by Teresa Nielsen Hayden on her blog [Making Light](#). Disemvowelled text is legible only through significant cognitive effort.
3. Example (from [The Wikipedia](#)):

In the fields of Internet discussion and forum moderation, disemvoweling (also spelled disemvowelling) is the removal of vowels from text.

would be disemvowelled to look like this:

n th flds f ntrnt dscssn nd frm mdrtn, dsmvwlng (ls splld dsmvwlng) s th rmvl f vwls frm txt.

What to do If There is a Problem

1. Anyone should feel free to report abusive commentary or inappropriate use of Jotwell. See the [Contact Us](#) page for information on who to email. Please include in your email a description of the offending comments or use and the relevant URL.
2. Penalties for violations of this AUP may include:
 - Emailed warnings
 - Removal of offensive content
 - Revoking Jotwell access and privileges

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