

I would send this comment but I can't. AOL & Time Warner state:

IF TIME WARNER DETERMINES THAT THE SUBSCRIBER HAS FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE SERVICE'S STANDARDS OF CONDUCT OR LIMITS ON BANDWIDTH UTILIZATION, TIME WARNER MAY SUSPEND SUBSCRIBER'S ACCOUNT. TIME WARNER COMMUNICATIONS SHALL HAVE THE SOLE AND UNREVIEWABLE RIGHT TO DETERMINE WHETHER CONTENT VIOLATES THESE STANDARDS.

Colette Lantelme, Security Administrator of Road Runner (a Time Warner company), has suggested the following are not appropriate:

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1. Posting a message on any "For Sale" message board.
2. Listing a product on any Ebay, Ubid, or similar service.
3. Announcing a job availability.
4. Replying to a job availability.
5. Mentioning that the user had tried any product and found it satisfactory - or unsatisfactory.
6. Posting a message to any "personals" board.
7. Asking a user for a date.
8. Calling attention to any commercial or non-commercial website, including personal websites provided as part of the purchase price of the service sold by Time-Warner.
9. Calling attention to any IRC chat channel.

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If I were to include any statements about AOL or Time Warner service (either pro or con), I'd be in violation of item [5].

If I were to mention that the online FCC handbook suggests:

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WHAT WE'RE (the FCC) ALL ABOUT

We're about communications! Whether you are listening to the radio, watching TV, talking on the phone, using your pager -- you're involved in communications. We, at the Federal Communications Commission, are working to make sure that the nation's communications systems are operating in your best interest.

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and attempt to emphasize that, in my opinion, "your best interest" means the general public, not AOL and Time Warner, I might be in violation of item [8]. (In all fairness and honesty, I have no clue what [8] really means. Time Warner has "the sole and unreviewable right to determine whether content violates these standards" and I'm calling attention to a "non-commercial website" and it would be delivered via the connectivity "service sold by Time-Warner" so I just assume its a violation.)

Also, the FCC home page (darn, there goes [8] again) is in direct violation of [3] based on the "Employment Opportunities" link. I won't be applying so I'm safe from [4].

In summary, to not offend the AOL/Time Warner gods, I have not sent this message and you have not read it.

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