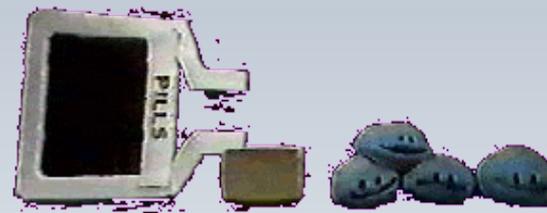


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Network as a Medium

Design Patterns:

- ◆ Self-consciously
- ◆ Deliberately
- ◆ Consequentially



Teacher



Students

Non-Profit



Constituents

Corporation



Customers

Government



Citizens



Balance



Environments which balance the flow of

- ◆ Knowledge
- ◆ Communication
- ◆ Power

· Grassroots Communications Toolkit:

Mailing List, Wiki, Blog, Shared Tags, RSS



Or, Disruption



- ✧ Civil Disobedience
- ✧ Strategic Litigation
- ✧ Generating Media Cycles



Change comes from power, and power comes from organization. In order to act, people must get together... Power is not only what you have, but what the enemy thinks you have.

Saul Alinsky



Activism Redux



How to break free from the echo chambers of cyberspace?

How to safely and anonymously blow a whistle in an era of omniscient surveillance?



This is Serious...

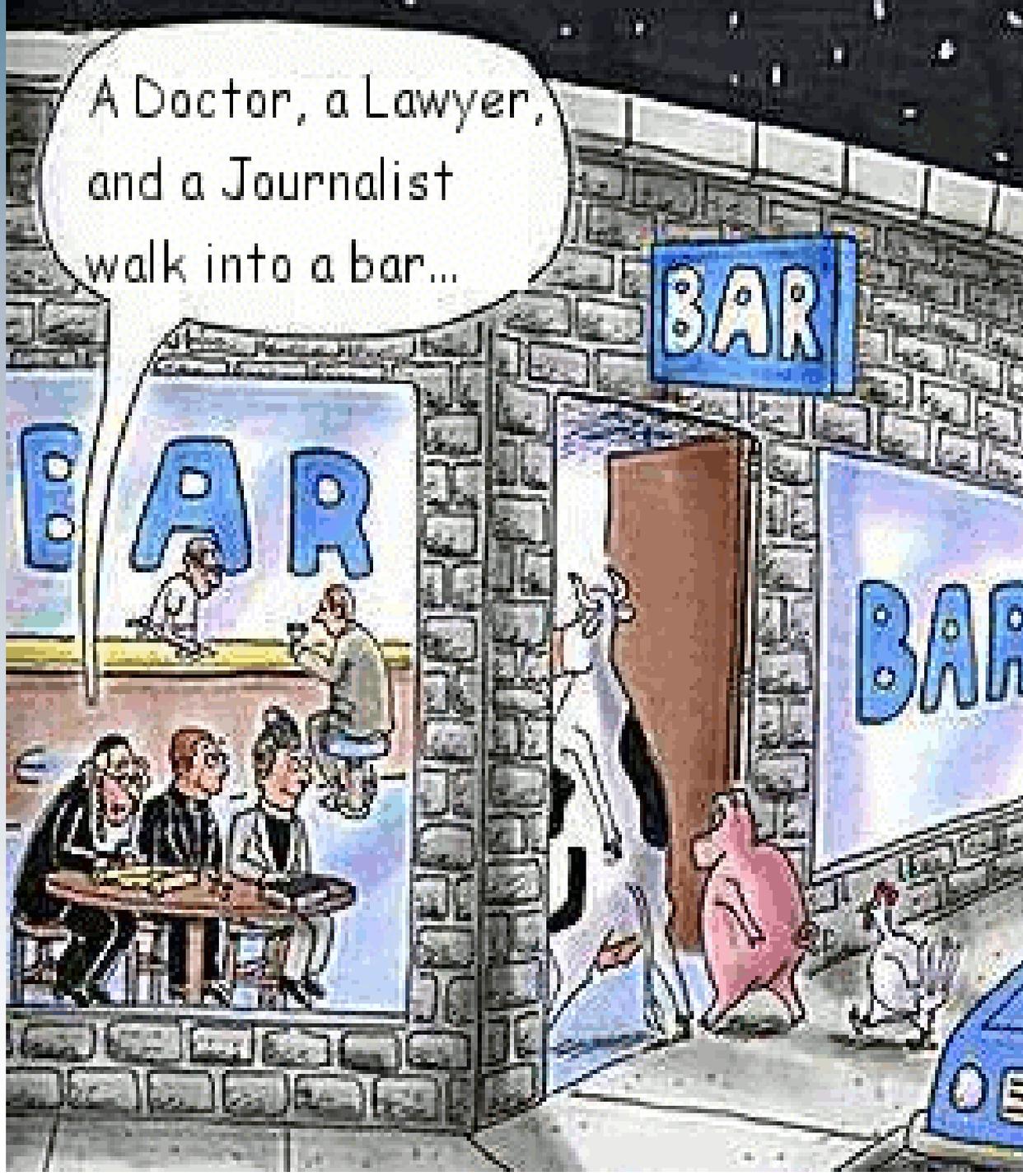
Too Much of us is Dangerous



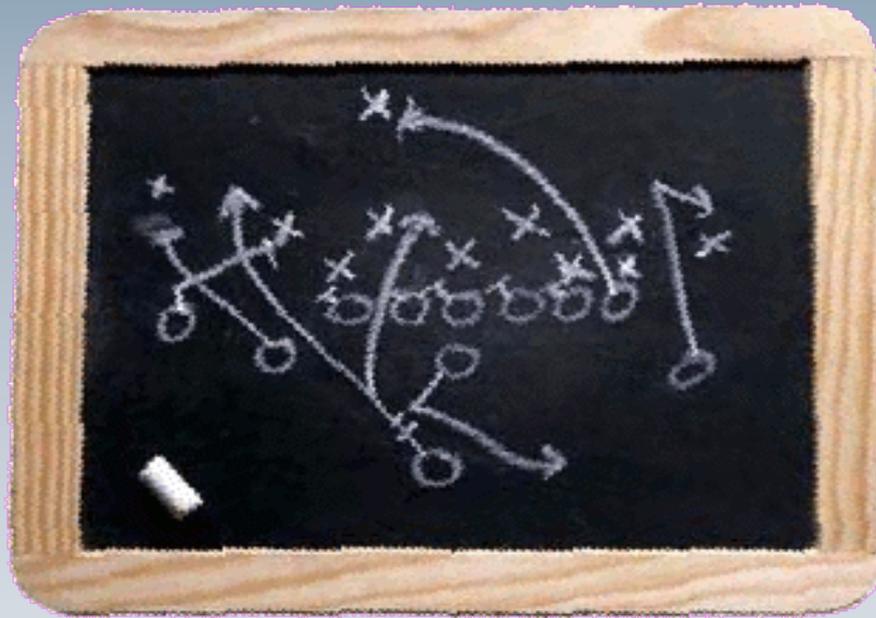
- ◆ Zyprexa (*Olanzapine*)
 - Lilly's \$4.8B/Yr Anti-Psychotic
- ◆ Class Action Suits
- ◆ Black Box Warnings
- ◆ Internal Memos
 - Diabetes Cover Up
 - Marketing to Seniors & Kids



A Doctor, a Lawyer,
and a Journalist
walk into a bar...



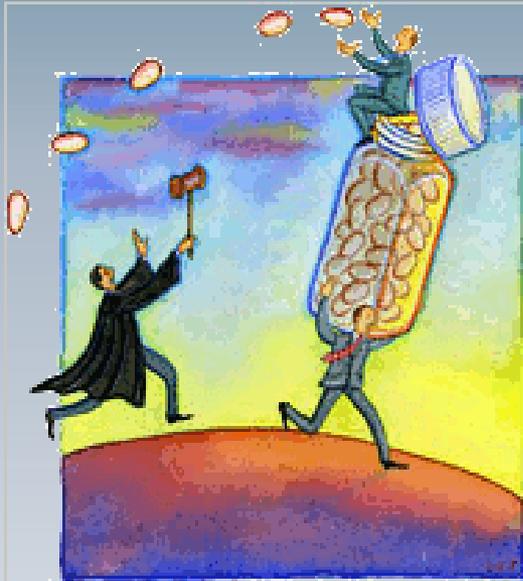
Unsung Heros



- ☆ David Eigelman, M.D. - Expert witness
- ☆ James Gottstein, Esq. - Law Project for Psych Rights
- ☆ Alex Berenson, Journalist - NY Times



Vigilante Justice, Served Over HTTP



*Judge Tries to Unring Bell
Hanging Around Neck of Horse
Already Out of Barn
Being Carried on Ship That Has Sailed.*

TortsProf Blog

- Ad hoc community of anonymous contributors
- Shared cultural references
- Shared tag – 'ZyprexaKills'
- and wikis, Tor, BitTorrent, freenet, usenet, ...



The EFF's First Wiki Case

- ◆ “Classic” Prior Restraint
- ◆ Citizen-Journalism
- ◆ Public Health
- ◆ Anonymous litigation



***To enjoin a publicly editable wiki is
to effectively enjoin the world***

Fred Von Lohmann



The Gavel Drops



- ◆ The Internet won... for the wrong reasons
- ◆ Ongoing investigations:
 - 10 Attorney Generals
 - FDA
 - Congressional Oversight Committee



New Media, New Models

pbwiki.com

FuriousSeasons.com

[TortsBlog](#)

[The New York Times](#)

[NPR](#)

[Anchorage Daily News](#)



Technology and Epistemology

- ◆ How is Technology changing what's knowable, and how we go about knowing?
- ◆ The “End of Forgetting”?
- ◆ The Politics of Memory:
 - How can we plug the information leaks?



Questions

Additional Resources:

<http://del.icio.us/tag/zyprexakills>

<http://zyprexa.pbwiki.com/>

<http://www.eff.org/cases/eli-lilly-zyprexa-litigation>



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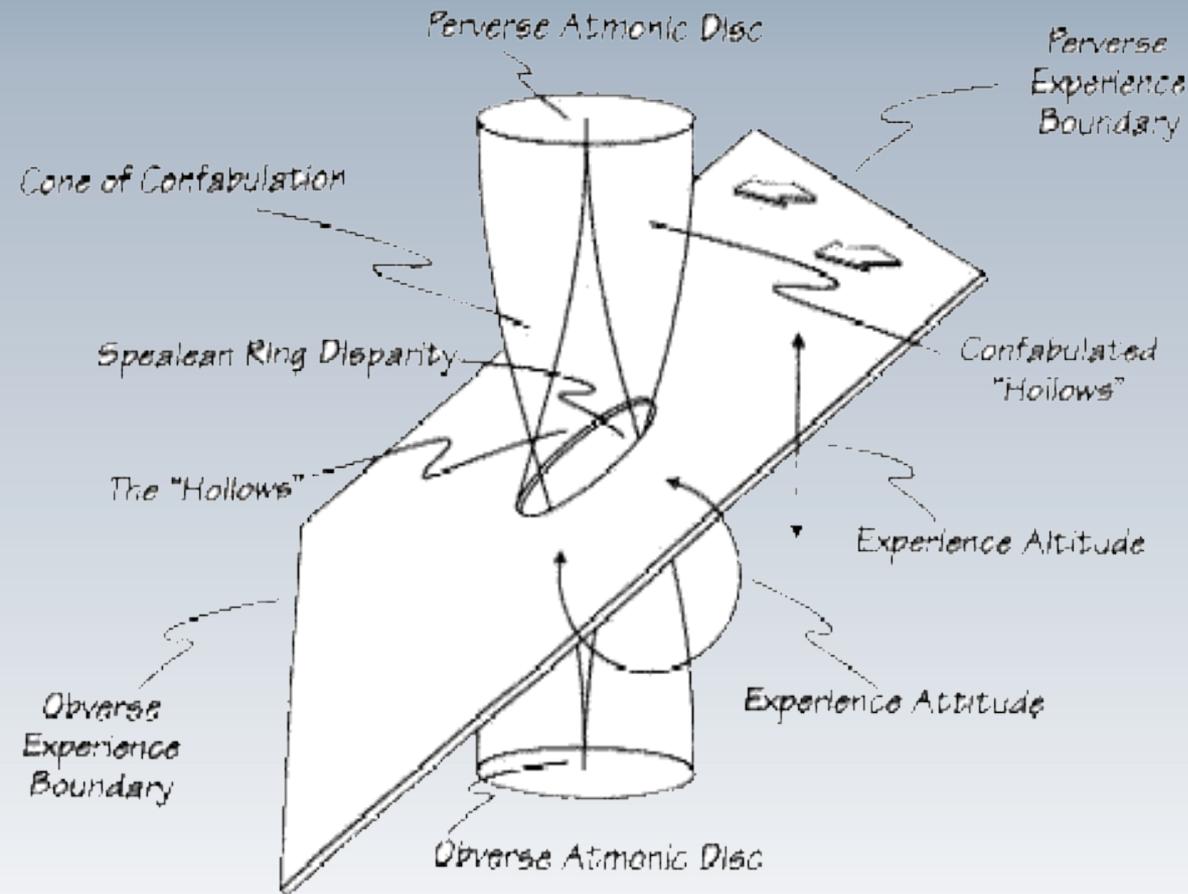
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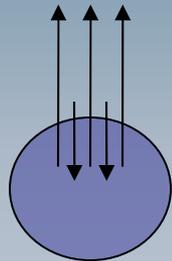
The End of Forgetting?



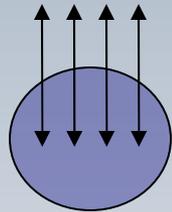
- ◆ Capture:
 - Everything
- ◆ Save It:
 - Forever
- ◆ Access:
 - An End in itself?



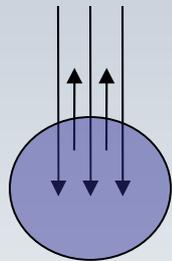
The Politics of Memory



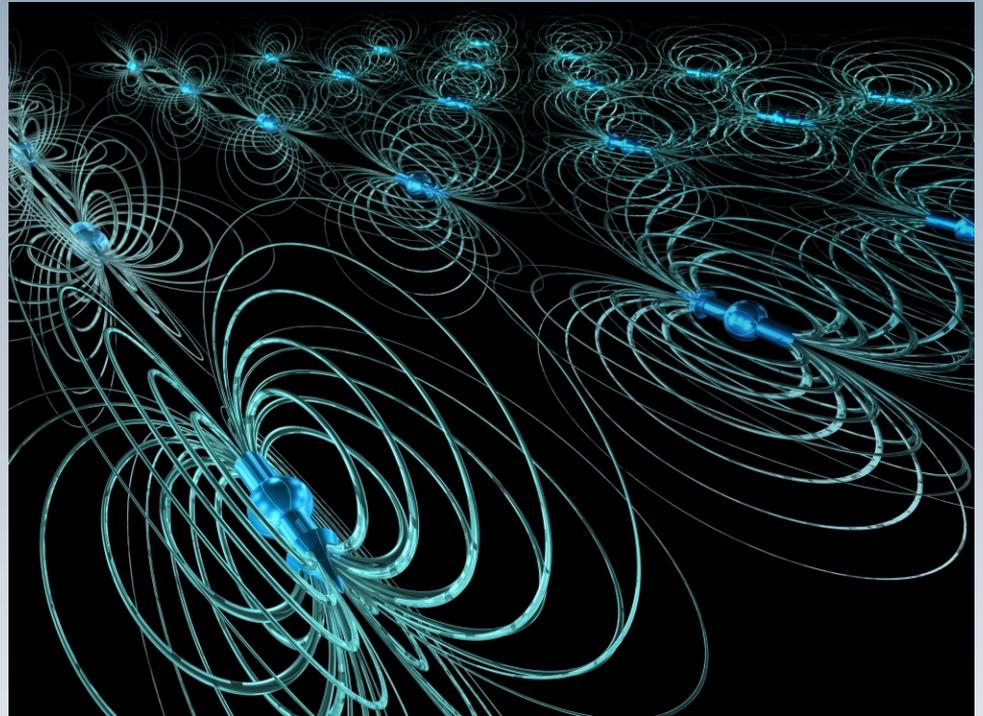
Negative Flux



Neutral Flux



Positive Flux



- ◆ Geometrical model of the flow of information around the individual
- ◆ How can we plug the information leaks?

