**GoDaddy Released This Woman's Personal Information**

**To A Spammer, And Now She's Being Harassed**

**by Lisa Eadicicco**

**Lisa couldn't even get past the title ... without lying.**

**GoDaddy did not release any personal information to me, only Bernstein's name, which is required in any investigation. Everyone has the right to know their accuser. It's American law.**

**And since I haven't emailed her in 2 years - how do you figure I'm harassing her?**

***A woman is claiming that she is being cyber-harassed after Web hosting service GoDaddy revealed her email address to a spammer about two years ago.***

**Lisa, that's another lie. GoDaddy never gave me her email address. I can prove you are lying:**

**If Bernstein filed a complaint for me sending her an email, then why would GoDaddy give me an address ... I already had?**

**See Lisa, when you lie - it is bound to bite you in the ass.**

**Are all the writers at your web site as dishonest as you?**

***It all started when Jamie Bernstein, a blogger for website Skepchick, reported a "dodgy-looking" spam email she received in 2012. She said the email was sent to her, along with a bunch of other people she didn't know, whose names also began with the letter "J." Realizing that both the link within the message and the email address it came from were registered with GoDaddy, Bernstein reported the spam email.***

**Lisa, how did she "realize" it was registered with GoDaddy?**

**Magic?**

***Now, two years following the spam incident, Bernstein has realized that emails with a link to the spammer's personal website have been circulating the Web.***

**Lisa, "has realized?" Was that by magic again?**

**(note to readers: Lisa constantly refers to me as "The Spammer." However, GoDaddy determined in 2012 that I was not guilty of spamming, which is why Bernstein's attempts to get me banned failed, AND, I just received an email today that cleared me of the accusation of spamming, falsely filed by her friend, Jeff Wagg. So Lisa's use of "spammer" has been proven false, and Lisa only uses it to manipulate her audience).**

***The spammer, who goes by the name Neo, has posted Berstein's full name, email address and photo along with insulting comments on his page.***

**Lisa, as the Skepchick organization can attest to, I did not post her name. Jeff Wagg was the first one to publicize her name, after which, there was no point in keeping her name a secret any longer. I told you this in an email, but you have chosen to write yet another lie ... why?**

**Perhaps you can show where I posted her email address? No, you can't, because I don't even know her email address anymore.**

***Bernstein said that Neo had somehow obtained her friends' email addresses and has been spamming them with the link to his homepage over the past several days.***

**Lisa, maybe I used magic too?**

**Actually, her "friends" have contact emails listed at skepchick so spamming is not the correct term.**

***But it's not the emails, disparaging comments or publication of her email address that concerns Bernstein.***

**Lisa, you are correct. Bernstein's bigger concern is that her true character is being exposed ... and it ain't pretty.**

***It's the larger issue that GoDaddy had potentially revealed her identity to this unknown spammer that makes her feel uncomfortable. Bernstein said that GoDaddy never confirmed to her that it had told Neo she was the one who reported him.***

**Lisa, when Bernstein chose to file a complaint, she took responsibility for exposing her own identity, since you cannot accuse someone in the United States without being confronted by the accused.**

**Lisa, that's exactly how cowards and bullies, like Bernstein, operate. They try to remain hidden from their victims.**

**There have been many studies done on cowards and bullies. One of the most famous is the experiment where a person is placed in a room and given a device that allows them to administer electric shocks to people in another room. The person administering the shocks has an option though: they can determine how strong the shock will be, and for how long. The victims in the other room are given a series of tasks. They are told that when they fail, they will receive an electric shock.**

**In one version, the person administering the shocks is visible to the person being shocked. In the other version, the shocker remains anonymous by sitting in a room not visible to the victim.**

**The results were conclusive. Those people who did not have to face their victims tended to give much stronger shocks, and for a much longer period of time, than did those who were in plain view of their victims. Obviously, not all hidden shockers were bullies. Some refused to give more than a minor shock even when hidden.**

**Based on the quote you just gave from Bernstein**

**"GoDaddy had potentially revealed her identity to this unknown spammer that makes her feel uncomfortable."**

**it is clear that had Bernstein been tested in that experiment, and been given a hidden room, the victim in the other room would have sizzled like a piece of bacon.**

**Now you know why Bernstein is trying to "play the victim" ...**

**it's to hide an ugly truth.**

***However, Neo told Business Insider via email that the company did indeed out her as the reporter behind the incident.***

**Lisa, they had no choice ... it's the law. I explained this to you in the email, yet again, you chose to ignore it. Why?**

***The topic sparked a massive comment thread on Hacker News Wednesday, in which one commenter said that reporting abuse to a website should not "carry the expectation of having anything about the reporter disclosed to the abuser."***

**Lisa, so you pick the dumbest commenter on the thread; a person who has no idea how these things work, and in your mind ... they are the expert?**

**Or is it the case that the dumbest commenter on the thread just happened to support the view you want to foist on your audience?**

***GoDaddy's official support page says that it may be necessary to "corroborate a complaint" with a customer when someone reports a website or email. This means that GoDaddy may check with the person in question to make sure it's actually a case of spam. Bernstein said she couldn't recall whether or not she had seen that caveat when she submitted her complaint in 2012,***

**Lisa, how convenient: all of a sudden, Mrs. Magic has Alzheimer's.**

**I wonder what caused her to lose her power to "realize" things out of thin air?**

***but she'll definitely think twice about reporting spam in the future.***

**Lisa, that's right. This time she talked her dumb friend into filing the complaint for her. And we all saw how well that went.**

***"In my mind the real problem is not necessarily his website," Bernstein said.***

**Lisa, Bernstein's comfort with lying rivals your own. Everyone and his sister knows that her problem *was* with my web site - that is what has her in hysterics.**

**But knowing the importance of freedom of speech within the skeptical community, Bernstein is forced into trying to convince everyone that this is about spamming (a charge that has been disproven ... twice).**

**She couldn't file a second spamming charge herself because I have never contacted her since the original email 2 years ago. So she cajoled dumbo into filing it for her. But while Wagg was fulfilling his duties to his friend (something you can relate to), he forgot that he emailed me first! ... a goof that had the entire staff of GoDaddy employees rolling on the floor in hysterics.**

***"When people think about the Internet, they don't always realize that this is an actual person in the world. And right now he's anonymous. All I know is that I now have this person who feels like he needs to retaliate against me."***

**Lisa, too bad Bernstein didn't think that way when she retaliated against me originally, for nothing more than sending a link to a video. Do you think Bernstein thought of me as a real person when she tried to ban me from the internet?**

**Lisa, read this list and tell me if there is any psychological disorder that comes to mind:**

* **over-react to some stimulus.**
* **attempt to destroy someone from a position of safety.**
* **if successful ... move on to the next victim.**
* **if unsuccessful, and exposed ... play the victim.**

**Lisa ... sound familiar?**

***Neo said that he didn't mean any harm when he sent the initial email to Bernstein in 2012. He admitted that he didn't know her and had never contacted her prior to sending the email, but was just trying to share a link to a video he posted to YouTube. "I did not know these people personally," Neo said in an email to Business Insider. "But then again, that's common in today's Internet world.***

**Lisa, I'm shocked! An honest statement. Did someone sneak onto your keyboard while you took a bathroom break and type that in?**

***Merriam-Webster defines spam in a few different ways, including "e-mail that is not wanted," "e-mail that is sent to large numbers of people and that consists mostly of advertising" and "unsolicitied usually commercial e-mail sent to a large number of addresses."***

**Lisa, it doesn't matter what Webster says. What matters is how GoDaddy defines it. They are the ones who decide.**

**And in both 2012 and 2014 they agreed that I was not guilty of spamming ... no matter how many times you say it to your audience.**

***Neo interpreted Bernstein's complaint to GoDaddy as a personal attack,***

**Lisa, what do you mean "interpreted?"**

**When someone lies about being spammed in an attempt to deprive someone of their freedom of speech ... that IS a personal attack.**

***which is why he has been posting comments about her to his personal website over the past several days.***

**Lisa, I posted one story exposing what Bernstein had done.**

**As far as I was concerned it was over. I didn't use her name or give personal information. In a country of 300 million people, there are thousands of women who look like her. Only a few people in the skeptical community would know who she is, and I made it clear, that I wanted them to know what she had done, which was violate one of the most important skeptical principles of all ... attacking freedom of speech.**

**But it wasn't over because she enlisted her friend Jeff Wagg to pressure me into removing my story. Since then I have simply been responding to actions by Bernstein ... this article being another example.**

**(by the way Lisa, your original email to me was unsolicited. Why aren't you a spammer?)**

***Bernstein said that GoDaddy had imposed a $200 fine on Neo for sending spam in 2012, but he had talked his way out of it by promising he wouldn't send any more spam.***

**Lisa, it doesn't work that way. If I had been guilty of spamming I would have been forced to pay the fine and perhaps be suspended from the internet. The reason I didn't pay the fine or get suspended is because they determined that I was not guilty of spamming. I was required to send in a statement, which I did, in which I only stated that I would continue to follow the rules.**

***GoDaddy said it didn't have any comment to offer to Business Insider, but here's the full response it issued to Bernstein in response to her blog post.***

***We understand a situation like this is very frustrating. While this may not resolve the issues of the past, we hope some context will help explain how we manage spam complaints and address allegations of defamatory content.***

***We have a “zero tolerance” spam policy and investigate all accusations of potential spamming on our network. We notify the complainant that it may be necessary for us to corroborate their claim with the person accused of spamming. A critical point in corroborating a spam complaint is confirming whether there was an “opt-in” email consent from the person who says they are being spammed. This is why we ask for an email address from the person filing the complaint. Without it, unfortunately there’s no way to determine if the accused spammer had “opt-in” consent. When proof of “opt-in” isn’t provided, we consider the activity a violation and take appropriate actions to prevent further spamming.***

***As for the website created after the spamming complaint was handled, we do not make determinations about whether content is defamatory. As citizens of the Internet, we recommend you contact law enforcement to register a complaint about any website material you deem defamatory. We do not remove content without a court order.***

***Again, we understand this doesn’t erase the issues you’ve experienced, we just wanted to provide some perspective on our policies and the issues we have to balance as an Internet provider. If you would like to discuss this in more depth, please shoot me an email and I’d be happy to speak with you directly.***

**Lisa, you wrote an article that could catch the eye of the people at Fox News. You should shoot them your resume. When they see the level of dishonesty and bias that you are capable of, I predict you'll have Bill O'Reilly's job ... within a week.**