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Thread: [Twitch Taking Legal Action on Viewbotting](#)

Riyu - June 17, 2016, 2:04 pm

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Formant - June 17, 2016, 2:06 pm

Oh shit, I just saw this. I don't fully understand it though. It's not really that different from buying Twitter followers, Facebook likes, etc.

Silicone - June 17, 2016, 2:07 pm

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VeloCityMods - June 17, 2016, 2:08 pm

Damn sucks for people that sell these services anyway good on you twitch lol.

Riyu - June 17, 2016, 2:10 pm

(Jun 17, 2016 02:07 PM)Silicone Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I can't wait to see the big streamers drop in activity now lol.

Yea, It's actually going to be hilarious.

Formant - June 17, 2016, 2:11 pm

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<http://cl.ly/013D2U0t2U0C>

Wakka - June 17, 2016, 2:13 pm

Heavy shit is it just the companies that offer the services or the person responsible for using the service?

patek - June 17, 2016, 2:14 pm

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Payroll Giovanni - June 17, 2016, 2:21 pm

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Twitch are going to turn in to Blizzard games?

Don't tell them i said that.

They'll sue me.

Riyu - June 17, 2016, 2:21 pm

Venue is proper in this judicial district under 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims occurred in this district. Defendants have repeatedly, knowingly, and intentionally accessed Twitch servers located in this judicial district without Twitch's authorization to engage in the unlawful acts alleged in this Complaint. While accessing Twitch servers, Defendants made systematic and continuous contacts with this judicial district, and targeted their wrongful acts at Twitch, headquartered in this judicial district.

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His thread isn't up anymore. This really sucks for him tbh.

Formant - June 17, 2016, 2:26 pm

(Jun 17, 2016 02:21 PM)Riyu Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) -snip-

Damn

Federal Trademark Infringement, Federal Unfair Competition, Cybersquatting, Computer Fraud and Abuse, Unfair Competition, Fraud, and more..

Some serious shit.

"Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury of all issues so triable"

edit: I've always been interested in how jurisdiction works in correlation with ecommerce. It sucks how they're getting railed by California law due to servers being located in Santa Clara. I know a bunch of these viewbotting sites aren't even based in the US. Being federally charged in the US as a foreigner is a big deal.

Mr.Peanut - June 17, 2016, 2:35 pm

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Mr. Corleone - June 17, 2016, 2:37 pm

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I don't mind it to be honest

ClausPartyhaus - June 17, 2016, 3:41 pm

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p m - June 17, 2016, 3:42 pm

(Jun 17, 2016 02:07 PM)Silicone Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I can't wait to see the big streamers drop in activity now lol.

Bahahahahahaha, I can't wait to see the games drop too

Formant - June 17, 2016, 3:46 pm

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I get why people are glad this is happening, but this really fucking sucks for people who were selling services. This lawsuit is the first of it's kind in the online-streaming industry and I'm sure the only reason it's being done is to make a point.

lucky. - June 17, 2016, 3:58 pm

Never really expected legal action to be taken, YouTube doesn't even care that much. Hopefully those who sell can get around it, if not it'll suck to have a business like that crumble, I'm sure most make a decent amount from it.