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Thread: [4chan lawyer is using memes to defend against UK censorship](#)

Riggs - July 3, 2026, 1:55 pm

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Source: https://prestonbyrne.com/2026/06/16/free_speech_hamsters/

Raijin - July 3, 2026, 3:14 pm

I remember when 4chan was cool. I stopped visiting 4chan in favor of Reddit.

hussain.spams - July 4, 2026, 3:12 am

Imagine being the UK regulator opening a formal legal appeal and it's literally just a picture of a hamster in a hoodie. Absolute legends.

HerrWinston - July 4, 2026, 1:01 pm

I just wonder if the lawyer actually got through with this.

Also I would love to hear the talk before this "I am thinking to show them this meme as defense of our claim! Opinions?"

OliverBlack - July 5, 2026, 12:56 am

The good boys behind "The Pirate Bay" pulled off a similar prankful reply scheme when the US sent them takedown requests years ago.

I think it was "Go sodomize yourselves with a retractable baton" or something along those lines. They also replied with massive PDF files with pictures. ?

The hamster reply is a cuter form of talkbackery in my opinion.

G Reviews - July 5, 2026, 12:38 pm

Although the UK has some of the world's most ridiculous online content laws, they need to know they can only enforce those laws within the EU at best. American platforms, as well as its users, are still protected under the Constitutions first amendment right: the right to free speech whether the UK likes it or not. You cannot censor a country that has anti-censorship enshrined in its constitution. Too bad the EU has such draconian laws because they are so scared of the general population and their opinions that they will do anything to stifle free speech. The EU is no democracy, never will be,

and Queen Ursula isn't even an elected figure. Don't even get me started on this topic.....

Omniscient - July 6, 2026, 10:33 am

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G Reviews - July 6, 2026, 10:58 am

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Omniscient - July 6, 2026, 11:04 am

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Horse - July 6, 2026, 11:20 am

good for them Europe has fallen west is on life support

G Reviews - July 6, 2026, 11:24 am

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Omniscient - July 6, 2026, 11:28 am

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G Reviews - July 6, 2026, 2:36 pm

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Then I guess I'm one of the bad people. I was raised to be patriotic. That's just a way of life that comes naturally.

loadman - July 10, 2026, 11:03 am

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Omniscient - July 10, 2026, 12:31 pm

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I'm aware of the possibility. And no, I would never travel to EU again. No desire.

Undead - July 10, 2026, 1:00 pm

UK is clown country.

TB12 - July 11, 2026, 3:51 am

Does anyone actually take the UK/EU seriously anymore? What a joke. Grateful for what I have being an American/Canadian. Although it's more important than ever to protect what we have.

Mastercarder - July 11, 2026, 9:03 pm

Australia is slowly jumping on the bandwagon as well

YBSCoal - August 5, 2026, 7:00 am

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