

Re: A picture?

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tomstdenis@gmail.com wrote:

> *Nora Baron wrote:*

>> *Well, I was fooled. This is a really rather bad use of the*

>> *Internet. Harris in this instance has a legal case against whoever*

>> *did it, I would think. There is a link to it from crank.net.*

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> *... arg ...*

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> *At least in Canada this is NO case for defamation here. I know, I've*

> *actually researched this before when another troll said "I'll sue you".*

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> *In Canada at least defamation is something in print or published that*

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> *a) Causes contempt, ridicule or other public consequences*

> *b) Has no bearing on the public welfare*

> *c) Cannot be reasonably ascertained as fact*

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> *It is not defamation if*

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> *a) What you're saying is truthful [reasonably]*

> *b) There is a public interest in having the truth out*

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The site says his interests are alcohol, math, and barhopping. Harris has indicated that he drinks at various times, but saying that alcohol is one of his 'interests' may be a stretch. I don't know of any basis for the 'barhopping' part. I would think this might cause contempt or ridicule and would result in less respect (if that is possible) for his 'work'. So I still think he might have a case. I mean, suppose somebody put your photo on a website, made it look like your own site, and said your interests were math, naked children, and satanism. Would you object? Might you try to get the site removed? If the person putting it up refused, would you have legal recourse?

> *There are a few more [~section 298 of the CCC] but that's the jist.*

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- > *So calling Harris a hack and publicly correcting all his "truths" is*
- > *not only "truthful" but in the public's best interest because we*
- > *wouldn't want him education others would we?*
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The website I cited does not call him a hack – that might be on crank.net – or correct his 'truths'. Many of us have said here that his math was wrong (that obviously can be supported), and many have called him a wide variety of names, including idiot, moron, nitwit, delusional paranoid, etc.. In fact the website I mentioned says he is an 'unemployed math genius'. He might disagree with the 'unemployed' part.

Nora B.

- > *Tom*