A Blogging Code of Conduct in the Making

Description

Link chasingâ€¦see what comes up?

Update 4/13/2007: There is history on this issue and a MilBlogger, Yankee Sailor began working on this sort of issue to introduce civility and OPSEC self-policing concepts in place. He has a new post up here , but the â€œlong versionâ€• of the, showing his proposal is here. Join the MilBlogs ROE Project at this post. As far as staking a claim to a good idea, he had had this in the works before the 2006 MilBlogs Conference (link to the 2007 Conference Site), held April 2006.
End of update.

Tim Oâ€™Reilly of Reillyâ€™s Radar is working on a bloggers Code of Conduct.

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Given the nature of interactions these days, might be worth looking intoâ€¦.

> Hereâ€™s the first draft:
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> We celebrate the blogosphere because it embraces frank and open conversation. But frankness does not have to mean lack of civility. We present this Blogger Code of Conduct in hopes that it helps create a culture that encourages both personal expression and constructive conversation.
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> 1. We take responsibility for our own words and for the comments we allow on our blog.
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> We are committed to the â€œCivility Enforcedâ€• standard: we will not post unacceptable content, and weâ€™ll delete comments that contain it.
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> We define unacceptable content as anything included or linked to that:
> â€“ is being used to abuse, harass, stalk, or threaten others
> â€“ is libelous, knowingly false, ad-hominem, or misrepresents another person,
> â€“ infringes upon a copyright or trademark
> â€“ violates an obligation of confidentiality
> â€“ violates the privacy of others
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> We define and determine what is â€œunacceptable contentâ€• on a case-by-case basis, and our definitions are not limited to this list. If we delete a comment or link, we will say so and explain why. [We reserve the right to change these standards at any time with no notice.]
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> 2. We wonâ€™t say anything online that we wouldnâ€™t say in person.
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> 3. We connect privately before we respond publicly.

When we encounter conflicts and misrepresentation in the blogosphere, we make every effort to talk privately and directly to the person(s) involvedâ€“or find an intermediary who can do soâ€“before we publish any posts or comments about the issue.

4. When we believe someone is unfairly attacking another, we take action.

When someone who is publishing comments or blog postings that are offensive, weâ€™ll tell them so (privately, if possibleâ€“see above) and ask them to publicly make amends. If those published comments could be construed as a threat, and the perpetrator doesnâ€™t withdraw them and apologize, we will cooperate with law enforcement to protect the target of the threat.

5. We do not allow anonymous comments.

We require commenters to supply a valid email address before they can post, though we allow commenters to identify themselves with an alias, rather than their real name.

6. We ignore the trolls.

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We prefer not to respond to nasty comments about us or our blog, as long as they donâ€™t veer into abuse or libel. We believe that feeding the trolls only encourages themâ€“â€œNever wrestle with a pig. You both get dirty, but the pig likes it.â€• Ignoring public attacks is often the best way to contain them.

More in his post. Looks like a â€œbloggingcode.orgâ€• exists as the planned resting place for this initiative. Even more in the trackbacks/comments. Not like its going to be easy sledding, but then itâ€™s all about debate, isnâ€™t it?

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