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Subject: Effin' Verizon!!!!

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I am soooo pissed off, I can't see straight.

About a month ago, Verizon decided to jump on the "Save the Children!!!!" bandwagon and killed most of the usenet groups on their news server, using as an excuse the old "well, there have been examples of child porn on there".....

Yeah, right. If you're going to use that excuse, why carry the internet at all, you idiots???

Oh, and they're also jumping on the "We have to stop piracy!!!" bandwagon as well.

They've eliminated all but what's referred to as "The Big 8" hierarchies, which means that all of the alt groups are gone, along with a bunch of the other groups.

Roughly 90% of what I read. That means that I can no longer access alt.audio.pro.live.sound. Yeah, that's saving the children.

I'm willing to lay odds that Verizon won't reimburse me the \$25 a month I would have to pay a premium news service like Giganews to get back the access I originally signed up for...

Bastards. Cowardly, greedy, stupid bastards. They're just using the "rallying cries" as an excuse to cover up the fact that they're jumping on the chance to cut the amount of servers they need to use and the amount of bandwidth they have to supply.

And it's not just Verizon. I've been reading that the NY attorney general has scared a lot of ISP's into killing usenet.

Just like the TSA and Homeland Security. "Fight the War on Global Terrorism!!! " So, we have to strip naked and can't carry anything larger than a shot glass full of shampoo when we go through the airport. And they have the legal right to seize your laptop, cell phone, cameras, camcorders, pda's, whatever can store data -- without any real reason, just because they don't like you. And they can take that stuff to an undisclosed location, hold it indefinitely, and you can't do anything about getting it back. They just keep coming up with more ways to make it impossible for us to travel or go anywhere, all in the name of "Fighting Terrorism!!!"

I'm really starting to hate the world.

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