Good morning everyone, I am Koray can Yurtseven from computer engineering department. Before I begin my presentation let me ask you a question, what do you see in this Picture? Yes, they are faceless guys there. But why are they faceless? Because they are faceless, we cannot identify who they are. They could be anyone. They are anonymous. They can do anything and they can get away with it because it is very difficult to identify them. Today, I will talk about two disadvantages of anonymous communication.

Here you can see an overview of what I’ll talk about today. First I’ll talk about why anonymous communication promotes bad behaviour, then I’ll move on to Internet trolls.

The first disadvantage of anonymous communication is that it promotes bad behaviour.

If someone writes on-line anonymously, they can elaborate their opinions on controversial topics without worrying about how their stance impact their personal life. However, because anonymity masques the identities of people, in the absence of this worry, one can share racist words, bully someone or use harsh criticism and hateful comments and can get away with it.

Also, because they are anonymous, they tend to use swear words and do not pay attention to the grammar they use and it affects the quality of sentences they use in real life. In their paper named “Anonymous Communication on the Internet and Trolling” stated Klempka and Stimston that “These posts contained poor grammar and considered silly and other people find these offensive.”

Having covered the first disadvantage of anonymous communication, now let me move on to the second disadvantage which is Internet trolling. First, let me clarify this Picture over here. I have retrieved this Picture from series named South Park. This guy over here is Gerald. He is a lawyer and he seems to care about the environment and current events. However, in season twenty of South Park, he is shown to have a dark side, an internet troll known as Skankhunt42. Because he cannot be tracable, he posted rude comments to young girls, just like in this Picture. I found watching this charachter hilarious because it is a comedy Show, however, if something like this would happened me in real life, I would be mad about it. And I think many people aggree with this.

Now I would like to draw your attention this slide over here. This bar graph which I borrowed from Statista, is about aggreement or disagreement of somestatements on internet trolling. The horizontal axis Shows 3 statements on internet trolling while the vertical one shows share of responses. If you combine these 2 blue bar graph together ,nearly 50 percent of people think that internet trolling is detrimental to society. And this blue bar shows that almost 60 percent of people think that people are more likely to engage internet trolling under the cover of anonymity. One can conclude that, anonymity can provide bad behaviour, and it is detrimental to the society.

That's all I have to say about this topic. To sum up, I talked about in the abscense of transperency, people talk freely and might hurt others and get away from it and internet trolls. Those were 2 disadvantages of anonymous communication. I certainly hope that these bad behaviours will prevented and people who exploit this will be punished and anynmous communication will be used for something good, for example self expression or talking about sensitive subjects.

I’m happy to answer any questions. Thanks for your attention and for those interested here are my references.