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**Case 1:**

A coworker confides to you that he is going to begin sending e-mails to your employer's corporate blog site, which serves as a suggestion box. He plans to use an anonymous remailer and sign the messages "Anonymous." Your friend is afraid of retribution from superiors but wishes to call attention to instances of racial and sexual discrimination observed during five years as an employee with the firm. What would you say to your friend?

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**Case 2:**

A friend contacts you about joining his company, Anonymous Remailers Anonymous. He would like you to lead the technical staff and offers you a 20 percent increase in salary and benefits over your current position. Your initial project would be to increase protection for the users of the company's anonymous remailer service. After discussing the opportunity with your friend, you suspect that some of the firm's customers are criminal types and purveyors of pornography and hate mail. Although your friend cannot be sure, he admits it is possible that hackers and terrorists may use his firm's services. Would you accept the generous job offer? Why or why not.

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**Case 3:**

You are a member of Human Resources and are working with a committee to complete your company's computer usage policy. What advice would you offer the committee regarding how to address pornography? Would you suggest that the policy be laissez-faire, or would you recommend that it require strict enforcement of tough company guidelines? Why?

From: Merriam-Webster Online

laissez-faire: noun: (le-sā-'fer, lā-, -zā-):

2) a philosophy or practice characterized by a usually deliberate abstention from direction or interference especially with individual freedom of choice and action

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**Case 4:**

You are member of your company's computer support group and have just helped a user upgrade his computer. As you run tests after making the upgrade, you are surprised to find that the user has disabled the Internet filter software that is supposed to be standard on all corporate computers. What would you do?

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**Case 5:**

You are the chairperson of the board of directors of your county's public library system. The library is making plans to install Internet filtering software so that it will conform to the Children's Internet Protection Act and be eligible for federal funding. What will you need to do to ensure that the employees and patrons understand the issue and that the program will be accepted by the community?

You need some real solutions here not just hand-waving.

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**Case 6:**

You are representing the IT organization in a meeting with representatives from Legal, Human Resources, and Finance to discuss the advisability of allowing employees to start their own corporate blogs. It is your turn to speak: What would you say?

This needs some real points that you feel would need to be made, from the IT point of view.