



The 10 Craziest Hacks Done By Anonymous

Anonymous has done a lot in its short existence, here are the hacker group's 10 wildest stunts.



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Facebook

Image via Facebook/Anonymous

When Bay Area Rapid Transit decided to cut cell phone service in attempt to disrupt and dispel protests over the agency's shooting of Oscar Grant in 2009 and, more recently, Charles Hill, the peaceful protesters weren't the only ones pissed off. Hacker collective **Anonymous** also took offense to BART's actions and decided to hack into the agency's

governments, security firms, rap websites, and consumer electronics companies all in the name of freedom. If you look at the group's track record, a lot of its hacks have been inconsequential, while a small number of them have been big. These are the **10 Craziest Anonymous Hacks**.

Fine Gael Website Attack

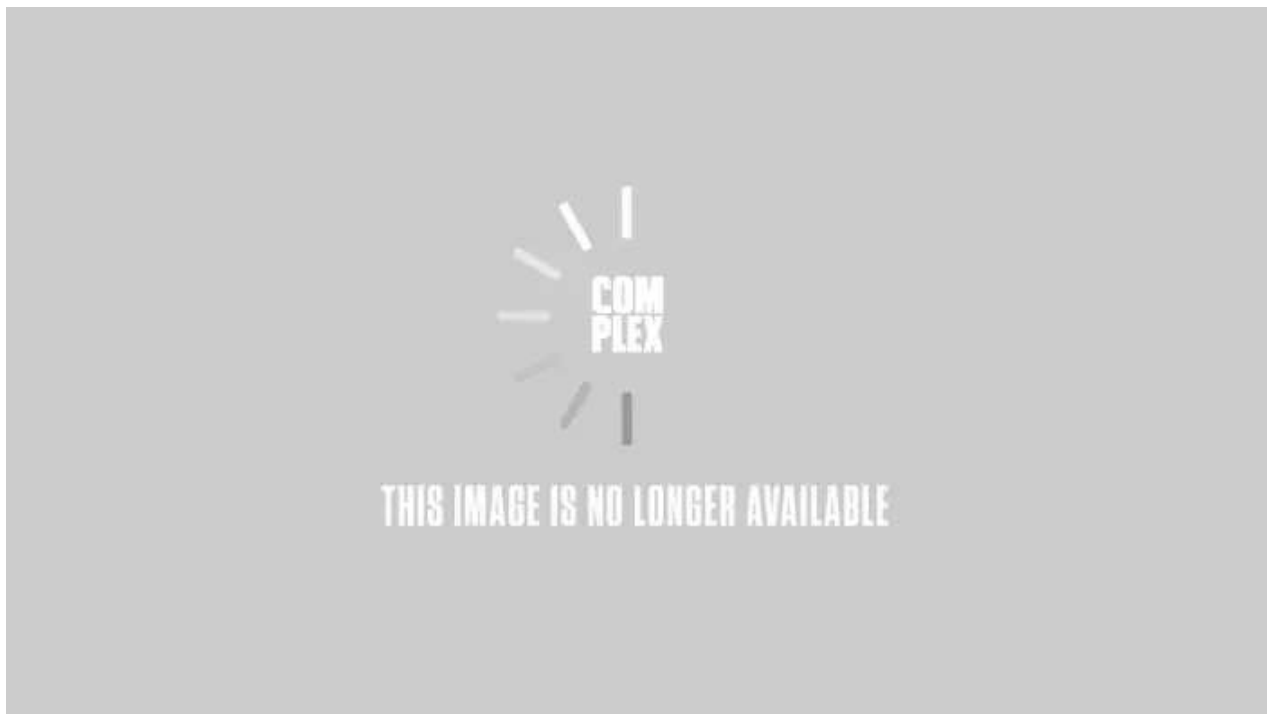


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10. Fine Gael Website Attack

Date: February 25, 2011

Victim: Fine Gael Irish political party

Looking at the list of victims hit by the hacker group, the Fine Gael seems like a pretty small fish, but the hack was pretty epic nonetheless. During the 2011 Irish General Elections, Anonymous took over the group's new website and posted the above image with the following text: "Nothing is safe, you put your faith in this political party and they take no measures to protect you. They offer you free speech yet they censor your voice. WAKE UP!"



Operation Didgeridie

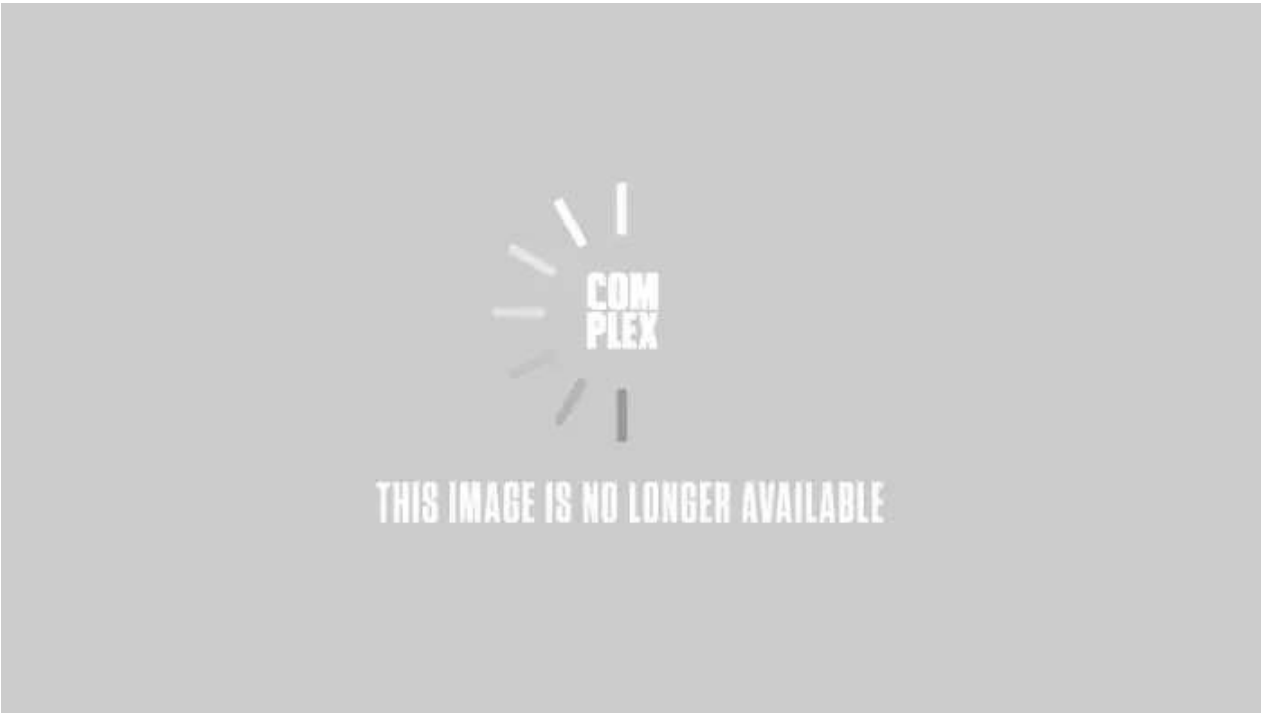


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9. Operation Didgeridie

Date: September 9, 2009
Victim: Austrailian government

content which included child pornography, but wound up encompassing any website that displayed sex, drugs, or violence. In protest, Anonymous used a denial of service attack to take the Prime Minister's website offline for about an hour.

Operation Titstorm



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8. Operation Titstorm

Date: February 10, 2010

Victim: Austrailian government

Anonymous is for the people. All the people. Even the ones that like watching porn featuring small-breasted women. In response to the Australian government passing a legislation that would block porn featuring female ejaculation and women who looked underage due to their lack of Twos, Anonymous threatened to, and then shut down the Australian Parliament House website and almost took down the Department of Communications website.



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7. Anonymous Tags SOHH

Date: June 2008

Victim: SOHH.com

There's nothing harsher than a hip hop message board. Anonymous learned this the hard way when members of the group discovered some members of SOHH's "Just Bugging Out" forum were taking shots at the group. Anonymous's response happened in three waves: First they flooded the site's message boards forcing it to shut down, then they hit 'em with a bunch of DDoS attacks which crippled the site, then it went in for the kill and defaced SOHH's homepage with racist slurs and images.

The site was then taken down and the FBI was contacted to investigate the nature of the attack, which SOHH employees saw as a hate crime due to its racist nature.

Operation Tunisia



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6. Operation Tunisia

Date: January 2011

Victim: Tunisian government

The Tunisian Revolution, which led to the ousting of President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, was fought over a number of things—government corruption, unemployment, poor living conditions—but a major sticking point was the lack of freedom of speech. A major instigator in the protests was a WikiLeaks wire that described, in detail, the corruption present in the Tunisian government. Anonymous recruited a number of Tunisian hackers to help take down eight government websites with DDoS attacks.

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YouTube Porn Day



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5. YouTube Porn Day

Date: January 6, 2010

Victim: YouTube

In reponse to YouTube suspending the account of an Anonymous member who uploaded music videos to his channel, Anonymous encouraged all of its users to create fake user accounts, create videos containg a mixture of porn and safe-for-work images, and upload them to YouTube under friendly names. There's no telling how successful the attack was, but the BBC reported that one 12-year-old who viewed one of the videos and responded: "I'm 12 years old and what is this?"

Anonymous Takes Down HBGary Barr

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4. Anonymous Takes Down HBGary Barr

Date: February 6-11, 2011

Victim: HBGary Federal, Aaron Barr

After claiming to have infiltrated Anonymous, HBGary Barr and its CEO Aaron Barr got hit with one of the hacker group's strongest attacks to date. Anonymous first took over the homepage of the security company and replaced it with the above letter (click [here for full-sized image](#)) which read in part: "You brought this upon yourself. You've tried to bite at the Anonymous hand, and now the Anonymous hand is bitch-slapping you in the face."

presentations, information on competing firms, and info on HBGary Barr's plans on taking down WikiLeaks. It didn't stop there. The group took over Aaron Barr's Twitter account and posted his home address along with his phone number.

Operation Payback

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3. Operation Payback

Date: December 2010

Victim: Visa, MasterCard, Amazon, PayPal, PostFinance

When the U.S. Government demanded that WikiLeaks stop releasing top secret diplomatic cables to the public, a number of companies that supported WikiLeaks in the past turned against the website by freezing accounts and shutting down the site's servers. Anonymous decided to step in on behalf of Julian Assange's cause and declared war on Visa, MasterCard, PayPal for refusing to do business with WikiLeaks. On December 8, 2010, both Visa's and MasterCard's sites were taken down by the group.

BoA

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2. Bank of America E-Mail Drop

Date: March 14, 2011

Victim: Bank of America

In an effort to expose Bank of America's alleged corrupt and unfair mortgage practices, Anonymous leaked a trove of internal e-mails reportedly sourced from a seven-year

loan practices and the e-mails didn't really show any obvious wrongdoing.

Operation Sony

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1. Operation Sony

Date: April 2, 2011

Victim: Sony Computer Entertainment

Remember when a different Sony website was getting hacked every week? Or when the PlayStation Network was shut down for what seemed like a the second half of the NBA season? That all started with an attack by Anonymous on April 2. After Sony decided to take George Hotz to court for creating and distributing software that allowed PlayStation owners to run homemade software on their consoles, Anonymous launched #OpSony and took down the PlayStation Network. The rest, as we saw, was history.

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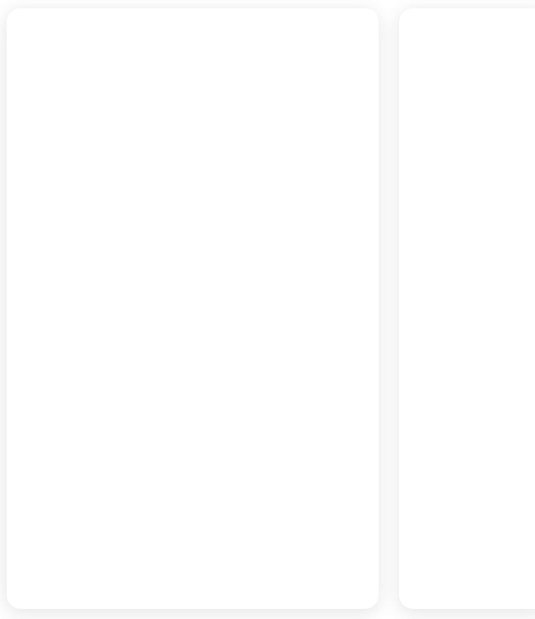
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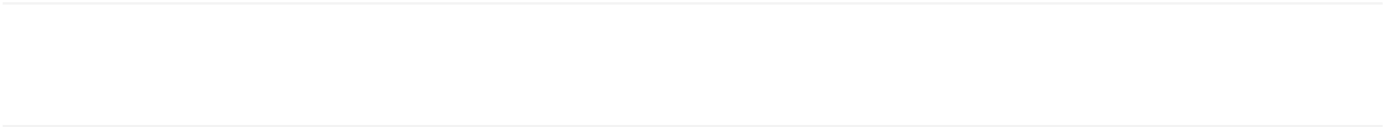
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