

THE GOOD

There's a fine line between the good and bad aspects of anonymity on the Internet. One of the great aspects of anonymity is that it provides safety to the individual. Anonymity gives people freedom of expression without direct consequences, as no one knows who the individual is. This can be useful in so many situations. For example, there are a few countries that heavily restrict Internet usage, and heavily monitor what their citizens are doing on the web. If this is occurring in a country where citizens are in conflict with their government, anonymity gives political dissidents a safe way to communicate with each other, journalists, activist groups and more without suffering repercussions from their government. Anonymity is a huge proponent of safety in freedom of expression.

THE BAD

Unfortunately, not all people use anonymity for good. Anonymity can easily help facilitate actions such as cyberbullying, stalking and encouragement of Internet trolls (people who intentionally harass others online just for the fun of it). These types of people are just normal Internet users that take advantage of hiding behind a computer screen anonymously for malicious purposes.