

Ok, so Google didnt get sued into Oblivian when they bought Youtube. They happened to be one of the very few companies that could afford to buy all the real estate in Oblivion and just move there.

Where are all the licensing deals from content owners excited about hosting their content ? Is it just me, or have we seen more content owners ask to have their content removed than sign new licenses to have their content added ? Where are all the licensees ? I mean out of the 10s of millions of copyright owners world wide, you would think we would have heard about more than the licenses signed when Google bought Youtube, right ? Where are they ?

But thats not what is interesting about what has happened to Gootube since the acquisition.

Whats interesting is that Gootube has gone corporate. Its primary application is to host commercials. Commercials for TV shows. Commercials for Products. Commercials for cheesy websites. Gootube may host a bunch of user generated content, but thats not what people look at.

Take a look at [Decembers Top Viewed English Videos](#).

Most Viewed (This Month)

[SNL – Digital Short – A Special Christmas Box *Uncensored Ve](#)

02:45
Added: 1 week ago
From: [NBC](#)
Views: 6957535
12845 ratings

[Will It Blend? – iPod](#)

01:13
Added: 1 week ago
From: [Blendtec](#)
Views: 1870954
5236 ratings

[Britney Spears caught without underpants](#)

01:07
Added: 3 weeks ago
From: [tylermcgregor](#)
Views: 1408363
3523 ratings

[dick in a box \(better quality\)](#)

02:43
Added: 1 week ago
From: [augustson](#)
Views: 1235236
1294 ratings

[BRITNEY SPEARS TOP FALLING OFF](#)

[AT AWARDS!! FULL CLIP HERE!!](#)

00:29
Added: 1 week ago
From: [wylinoutbitch](#)
Views: 1088674
2355 rating

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[Sleeper Cell: A New Cell Awakens](#)

04:30
Added: 2 weeks ago
From: [CBS](#)
Views: 3813597
2541 ratings

[Rocky Balboa – Official Trailer](#)

02:25
Added: 3 weeks ago
From: [MGMStudiosInc](#)
Views: 1836866
6631 ratings

[Me and My Cell Phone — The past 25 years](#)

00:59
Added: 1 week ago
From: [VerizonWireless](#)
Views: 1373397

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Views: 1341496

5731 ratings

[BRITNEY SPEARS NUDE ON BEACH. THE REAL VID RELEASED TODAY!!!](#)

00:29
Added: 2 weeks ago
From: [wylinoutbitch](#)
Views: 1173279
3451 ratings

[That's not a knife. THIS is a knife!](#)

00:26
Added: 2 weeks ago
From: [T3Online](#)
Views: 1055464
3171 ratings

[The 12 Days of Christmas](#)

05:47
Added: 2 weeks ago
From: [Zipster08](#)
Views: 1955951
5535 ratings

[Ladies in Love \(The L Word\)](#)

01:01
Added: 1 week ago
From: [CBS](#)
Views: 1568995
1699 ratings

[BRITNEY'S SKIRT FLIES UP, CROTCH SHOT SHOWN AGAIN, CHECK IT!](#)

00:29
Added: 1 week ago
From: [wylinoutbitch](#)
Views: 1341496
3299 ratings

[Gangsta Gangsta Video \(Lil Scrappy\)](#)

04:43
Added: 3 weeks ago
From: [lilscrappy](#)
Views: 1163908
2266 ratings

[Christmas Tree Jump](#)

02:42
Added: 1 week ago
From: [TzarEIWrinkly](#)
Views: 1013283
5247 ratings

[Hard Drinking Devito Bashes Bush on "The View"](#)

05:20
Added: 3 weeks ago
From: [dailyclick](#)
Views: 1886783
1462 ratings

[Richard Simmons' Exploding Steamer](#)

02:37
Added: 3 weeks ago
From: [CBS](#)
Views: 1533243
5540 ratings

[Matt Damon Does Matthew McConaughey](#)

01:28
Added: 2 weeks ago
From: [CBS](#)
Views: 1277719
3895 ratings

[Star Wars PSA: Vader Dad](#)

00:45
Added: 2 weeks ago
From: [wwwBLACK20com](#)
Views: 1124946
4762 ratings

[Power Tool Drag Racing 4](#)

02:55
Added: 2 weeks ago
From: [slamer123](#)
Views: 992688
1254 ratings

Go through the list. Only the StarWars PSA, the Christmas Tree Jump and PowerTool Racing are really user generated content. 3 out of 20.

From there you have a contrived 12 days of christmas that is one of thousands of promos for Youtube users themselves trying to build a following. Is this social networking at its best ?

From there we have commercials or promos for movies, tv shows, blenders, knives, music videos and for a phone company. Then we have the most popular of Youtube videos these days. The fake Porn thumbnail with headlines of: Britney, Paris, whoever, nude, in the shower, wherever, doing whatever. 5 of the top 20 are fake porn.

This is the future of TV and entertainment ?

Thats what Youtube has become. Fake Porn and Commercials. Sure there is still some fun stuff on there and being uploaded, but how long before fake porn just takes over ? It was 9 of the top 20 for the week as I write this.

Now some of you might assume that Youtube can just police the fake porn and take it down before it c
lutters Youtube into.....oblivion. Well they can't. If they police videos they cant qualify for the safe harbor laws under the DMCA. (although some how real porn

never manages to squeeze through, so we know they are looking at every video and shouldn't qualify anyway, but that's another discussion) and whatever content filtering they may be introducing is never going to catch mis-sized dirty thumbnails at the front of fake porn.

So will all the creative people of the world want their User Generated Gems surrounded by fake porn and commercials ? Or maybe the bigger question is whether or not CBS and NBC and the other big media players will want their promos for their shows surrounded by fake porn or by Youtube Response videos which have to be the dumbest things I have ever seen. All that is missing from these response videos is a standardized preroll of "I'm rubber and you're glue..."

Could it be that Gootube will fade ? The victim of fake shots up Britney's skirt and "My Response to..." videos ?

When will advertisers start wanting to know just how videos are viewed and by who ? Is a video viewed by the person who uploads it worth the same to advertisers as someone who came for the "entertainment" ? Is a video viewed by someone who "watches" 8000 videos a day really viewed or is that "view fraud". Exactly how many people go to Youtube only to watch videos as entertainment and is that number growing or declining and how will that number trend in the future ?

While I'm up on my high horse, let me add some historical context. Social networks are not new. Go back 20 years to CompuServe and UseNet groups and then chat rooms. They all cycled through the same way. They were fun and exciting when you found people with like interests. People found the forum, group or room usually via referral. People involved learned, were educated, were entertained, whatever the forum offered. Then if the forum grew, as in any group, some participants became more popular than others, and others tried, but failed to become popular. Still, they tried to dominate conversations, and when they couldn't they tried different ways to game or sabotage the system. That pushed out the "purists" and original posters.

Then the spammers came. When the forum reaches the point where no one has a strong connection, the spammers and people trying to game the forum take over till the forum dies. It's what has become "The Ecology of Forums and Social Networks". When a forum is open to everyone, eventually everyone shows up and the original attraction of the forum is lost. Someone has got to take responsibility for any open social network or the network will die.

Go to any forum that has survived a long time and you will find members or admins that police posts on there actively and ruthlessly. Myspace is a perfect example of a company that is figuring this out and trying hard to police what its participants do. Youtube, not so much...