

If you're an authoritarian dictator – let's presume you're the leader of The Fourth Cyber Reich - and you want to remove somebody from the equation; then there are a few ways of doing so.

The ultimate way to do this would be termination; to kill them. – But that would involve a costly operation - and would, in most cases, be going too far. - The person would also be permanently removed at the ultimate cost to themselves, and perhaps at some cost to the regime too. – They may be useful at a later date?

It would appear to be much more effective and less costly to frame the person with having committed a crime of some nature, even though they're probably quite innocent of most or all charges of breaking the regime's laws – with maybe a few minor violations here and there, and then let the regime's legal system deal with them under special terms.

Why would a dictator want to treat one of their subjects in such a manner? Maybe the subject, who now becomes the victim, is sailing too close to the wind – living on the edge of the law – pushing the boundaries – and annoying the dictator in doing so. Said victim may be committing no actual crime, and their words and actions may indeed be perfectly logical and well-reasoned in the face of factuality and common sense; but if said words and actions annoy, nark, maybe even infuriate, the dictator; then the dictator would eventually take such action to have the victim removed from the regime's "normal" society for a period of time that suits the dictator.

How would such a crime be fabricated? How could the victim be framed, before having to face the regime's legal machine with the prospect of temporary incarceration? Again, there are a number of ways to achieve this. – But in this instance let us assume that the dictator has ultimate power over their regime: Hitler on steroids. The dictator has so much power that they only have to make an utterance for that utterance to be permanently recorded as fact, even if said utterance flies in the face of fact and logic.

In such circumstances there doesn't need to be any crime or transgression committed on the part of the victim, and no such violation needs to be proven. All that such a conviction would require is an accusation based upon some minor confrontation, followed by immediate detention and incarceration of the victim to prevent them from communicating the truth to others in the regime, and maybe even bring down the regime by proving their innocence and exposing the regime's tactics to the rest of the world.

However – we know how dictators work inside the safe cocoon of their fascistic regime, so even if the victim were able to eventually prove their innocence to the world outside the regime, the dictatorship would deny it, highlighting any earlier minor misdemeanours on the part of the victim as a reason for suspicion and further investigation resulting in the detention of the victim for questioning or something. The regime would state that the victim had been uncooperative in dealings with the dictatorship and had been subsequently incarcerated with a view to reflecting upon their not upholding the laws and dictats of the regime to the letter.

Under such an authoritarian dictatorship a newcomer or immigrant who had decided to take up residency within said dictatorship could easily and without realising that they'd done so say the wrong thing at the wrong time, and though having acted in good faith and innocently, could be pounced upon by said regime, incarcerated and removed from society for a period of time with no means of communicating with the world outside of their jail. Subsequently they are charged with a crime that perhaps didn't even happen; and evidence to the contrary, any trace of said evidence, is removed and covered up with surgical precision.

An announcement could be made to the general populous, which would serve as a warning to anyone who was thinking of not towing the line perfectly: -

“So-and-so has been incarcerated for their disagreement with and revolution against the state. Their crime of attempted insurrection carries a penalty of X days incarceration in solitary confinement, in which all communication with this state’s citizens is forbidden.

It is the hope of our wonderful leadership that so-and-so uses this period of restricted freedom to reflect upon their crimes, to study our perfect laws, and to learn how to be a law-abiding citizen upon release and in the future.”

Intellectuals, and anybody who tried to act within the bounds of reason and logic, but not strictly within the confines of the regime’s laws, would be particularly susceptible to falling prey to situations such as that above.

Of course, the general populous, as per human nature, as well as to demonstrate their total allegiance to the regime for fear of reprisals, will go along with the regime and support its decision in the face of fact. There may be indeed one or two people who will even feign offence in the hope of state sympathy or even compensation and the opportunity to gain favour with the leadership. – Regardless of whatever light that such a display of wilful ignorance and crass stupidity shows them up in.

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It is with the above in mind that I now draw your attention to something that happened in the forum at techguy dot org on Friday 18th October 2019.

An original poster (OP) going by the alias of *“willplay1a”* had posted a problem with their Dell Alienware 17X which was running Windows 7 without any antivirus protection. They clearly were technically illiterate and didn’t have a clue what they were doing; but they wanted the forum to sort out an issue which was probably caused by severe corruption of their existing Windows 7 installation.

I had started volunteering my time and my tech knowhow in the techguy dot org forum a few days earlier because I felt it was a good opportunity to become better known in the tech scene. I was not being paid for doing so in any way and was under no obligation to help in any way whatsoever. Nevertheless, I volunteered my time and experience without charge to an audience who I realised in the main probably had a sense of entitlement to free advice and who would generally be thankless and unappreciative, probably complaintive and derisory in many cases. – However, that was the internet for you, and I volunteered regardless of this.

I suggested to the OP that, instead of repairing their Windows 7 installation, we instead upgrade their machine to windows 10. I explained that Windows 7 didn’t have long to go before it became obsolete, and that, when it did become obsolete, the hackers and scammers would have a field day with anyone still using the obsolete dinosaur.

I followed that up with the line: *“If you really want to be hacked and robbed then we’ll do our best to make sure it’s able to happen for you. - Otherwise, here’s a guide to upgrading your PC: –”* – I followed this up with a video by Carey Holzman detailing how to upgrade your computer from windows 7 to Windows 10 for free.

That line appeared to ruffle some feathers in the leadership, and “Hitler” poked her head out from behind the safety of her keyboard within her regime bubble and made the following proclamation, first quoting my line and then uttering the following: -

“We will do nothing of the sort. You do not speak on behalf of this web site so please stop making such statements. I do speak on behalf of the site and we will help the user restore Windows 7 if that’s what they want or upgrade to Windows 10 if that’s what they want. There are still 3 months to go before extended support ends not just a few weeks. We are still helping users who have Windows XP and even 2000 and before. I agree that it’s not wise to run an unsupported operating system but many are doing so successfully by making sure they have security software installed and being

careful how they surf the web. It's fine to inform them of the end of support life of an operating system but beyond that, in the long run, it's their choice."

Well that unnecessary authoritarian response indicated a degree of irresponsibility; inasmuch as if the OP did indeed continue to use Windows 7 past its expiry date and became infected with malware as a result, with the upshot that the OP had their identity stolen, their bank account emptied, and their computer joined to a botnet, they could sue techguy dot org, holding the website and the advisor/volunteer who helped and assisted them to continue to use 7 responsible and liable for the resultant loss. I wasn't going to allow myself to be that advisor/volunteer, and I intended to make clear the dangers of continuing to use Windows 7.

But, in reality, that would be extremely difficult to do. – Why do you think they're all anonymous?

Anyway, I replied to that effect with the words: -

"Indeed, it is their choice whether or not they want to be hacked and robbed. If we assist in restoring the full function of Windows 7 and the OP uses it beyond the expiration deadline, then we are indeed doing our best to make sure that it's able to happen for them."

I added to this the following: –

"You state

"I agree that it's not wise to run an unsupported operating system but many are doing so successfully by making sure they have security software installed and being careful how they surf the web."

Ironically this poster is not even running any antivirus

P.S.: 3 months = 12 weeks – or a few weeks: Like I said: You have a few weeks or so before..."

"Hitler" ('Cookiegal') hit the roof, awarding me 'penalty points' for my 'crime' of attempted insurrection – or "being argumentative" as she put it.

- She deleted any evidence and posted the following: -

"Shazzalive,

Your last post with additional edit has been deleted for being argumentative and this behaviour has earned you an additional infraction bringing the total to 5 points for a 3-day temporary banning of your account.

I suggest you read the rules over during that time to see what is and isn't acceptable behaviour on the public forums."

Now remember what I posted above: - That I was not being paid for giving my time and expertise. My Normal rate is £50GBP an hour and upwards; but I was volunteering for no pay whatsoever.

Despite this, 'Cookiegal'; some jumped-up mystery dictator - afraid to display her real name and be accountable for her words and deeds – hides behind the anonymity of her keyboard and has the mordacity to treat me not only as if she was paying me my full rate for my services that I was volunteering, but also as if she actually owned me as a slave, or as if I were something annoying that had stuck to her shoe.

I'm not going to stand for that, nor sit down for it either. If our esteemed keyboard warrior; **General Field Marshall 'Cookiegal' Dada**, wants to talk to me and treat me like that, then she'd better start paying me my top rate. – Otherwise she can have some respect, come out of hiding and show her face and display her real identity, become accountable to others for the misdemeanours she inflicts upon them, and stop being an asshole.

- That's not too hard to do: It's not compulsory to be a lifelong asshole. – All she needs to do is stop.

Anyway, to continue the saga; another of the staff – a “Trusted Advisor”- highlighted my point with the words: *“What @Shazzalive I believe was implying is that Windows 7 support will end this year so there will be no more updates other than critical updates (which those will also end soon after) so upgrading to Windows 10 would be a good choice, providing your computer can handle it.”*

Enter our OP; ‘willplay1a’, back into the fray. Willplay1a sees an attempt to kiss butt and suck up to the leadership, by uttering the following foolishness: -

“As for Shazzalive's "advice". I will stick with windows 7 for now and take my chances with my "bank information and the hackers". I actually do have an antivirus. The reason none is showing is because I removed it to do a clean install (in case the activation code didn't note that it had been removed). I have BitDefender 2019. What a rude and abrasive response.

As for the rest of you, thanks a lot for the help! I'll get back with that info in a few hours [Lick lick].”

- I even got a free misquote thrown in there for luck! – Lucky me. 👍 - And the OP is a liar re. their antivirus.

Well the staff and volunteers are now all scurrying around to set ‘willplay1a’ up for the biggest fall of their life, under their untraceable screentime-aliases which are shielding them from accountability when the inevitable happens.

‘Cookiegal’ will no doubt stay behind her (Or his – who knows?) internet pseudonym and keyboard and carry on dictating in his/her alternate-reality power-palace on their artificial authority-trip.

Me? – I’m outta there. I’m not going to have my real name of Sharron Field, nor my stage-name of Sharron-Idol, nor for that matter my widely-used internet-alias of Shazzalive, associated in any way with this internet-based dictatorship that dishes out both good and malefic advice freely to non-tech-savvy people worldwide, without bearing any responsibility and enduring no come-uppance for the results of said advice. – Which could be given out by anybody who decides to ‘help’. – In my case I could have been anybody or nobody. There was no verification of intent, of identity, of experience, of intelligence. I could have been scammer, a hacker, a criminal of some other kind, or even someone who didn’t have a clue how to switch a computer on...

I’ll rock merrily with mirth though – myself having been subjected to their fake indignancy and feigned offence as they brown-nose the regime - when the spite-tainted OP ‘willplay1a’ – whoever that may be – gets infected with malware, hacked, and scammed.

– I really am such a bitch! 😊