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Vienna/Berlin, November 2nd, 2000

Below you find the latest press release by [V]ote-auction:

<http://62.116.31.68>

<http://www.voteauction.at>

[formerly Vote-auction.com and Voteauction.com].

You can also find this press release at

[http://62.116.31.68/pr\\_new.htm](http://62.116.31.68/pr_new.htm)

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[V]ote-auction, the only platform worldwide allowing  
end-consumers to take part in the U.S. election  
industry [formerly called „soft money“], falls again  
victim to a repressive campaign against free speech.

Yesterday, 1st of November 2000, the domain Vote-auction.com  
got illegally shut down by InterNIC. InterNIC is the  
central institution located in the U.S. where all domain  
name service records for the .com/.net/.org are stored.  
We, and neither our providers have received any notification  
about this action at all, nor have we been informed of any  
legal documents which would allow for such a step.  
Up to this moment, InterNIC is declining comment on the  
issue.

[V] Why was the domain shut down in this way?

Our first domain, voteauction.com, was registered with  
a dns-registry located in the u.s. Our „late“ domain,

vote-auction.com, however, was registered via a company located in germany, i.e. outside of U.S. jurisdiction. This is why, appearantly, some-one in the U.S., probably parties from the Chicago law suit where vote-auction.com is named as a defendant, decided to just forget about legal proceedings, and went directly to InterNIC, ignoring international law.

[V] What will happen to [V]ote-auction now?

Our lawyers are currently investigating, as you might imagine. Furthermore, we have discussed the issue with newly-elect ICANN board director Andy Mueller-Maguhn, who commented the issue with „I guess, we will have to do something about this“. A colleague of his called it „it is absolutely clear that this is plain outrageous“.

On a more practical level, we are reachable via our IP - our new url is: <http://62.116.31.68>

Using the IP address will finally give us full protection against any further actions against our site, as IP addresses are not dependant on domain name services.

Luckily, this DNS-SHUTDOWN was not intelligently timed. Due to our „opponents“ lazy tactics, Vote-auction.com will now definitely be online and reachable to the public via several domains and under the IP-Address controlled by a european institution: ripe.net.

on a funny note, one could say that now they either have to shut down the whole Internet or arrest the whole US-population, OR, which is more likely, our site will be back online.

[V] Vote-auction.com BACK UNDER:

Thanks to the incredible work of our dear provider SILVER SERVER [www.sil.at], we were able to get back online fast and are now reachable at:

<http://62.116.31.68>

This is the safest address currently available.

from November, 2<sup>nd</sup>, the following domains will shall active:

<http://www.voteauction.at> [austrian domain]

<http://www.voteauction.cu> [cuban domain]

<http://www.voteauction.ru> [russian domain]

<http://www.vote-auction.net>

<http://www.voteauction.org>

Vote-auction can also be reached under:

<http://voteauction.enemy.org>

Vote-auction has issued a free speech support campaign in order to buy hundreds of vote-auction and voteauction domains or install sub-domains all pointing to:

<http://62.116.31.68>

Vote-auction is currently spreading the message via international and national media, via newsgroups, mailinglists and other forms of direct and mass media. Anybody worldwide will easily find Vote-auction!

[V] Vote-auction.com ADDS NEW FEATURES

Now to some really good news!

Vote-auction, still the "Leader of the Election Industry" And the first mover in this field, has added various new Features:

[ ] Updated figures, automated processes

Our new software has allowed us to verify the numbers Which have been in the system so far. We have cleared Out all double and fake entries and can now provide You with live, real-time rendered data:

<http://62.116.31.68/check.php3>

\*current no. of sellers: 56.789

[ ] International polls

In order to showcase the US-presidential election even better, Vote-auction has released several polls for national and international audiences.

Vote-auction intends to involve a worldwide audience by polling their preferences on Gore-Bush-Nader, a community poll will raise the Question whether Vote-auction.com should be considered legal or Illegal, and the most important questions of all - „Would you rather go voting if you received money for it?“. Find the polls at:

<http://62.116.31.68/polls/>

[ ] 1-CLICK-BIDDING FUNCTION

In order to use our bidding section we have implemented a 1-click-bidding function with user-verification. This will help ensuring the authenticity of the bidders and will secure the bidders offer. Find the bid-check section:

<http://62.116.31.68/check.php3>

[ ] ALL NEW MESSAGE-BOARD, HEAVILY CROWDED

To stimulate public reactions from the US but also the International audience. Find very interesting and controversial discussions at:

<http://62.116.31.68/forum/>

[ ] EXTENDED PRESS-ARCHIVE, OVER 150 INTERNAT. NEWS-SEGMENTS  
Due to the massive response in the media, we have updated Our press-section to give you broad Information on how Vote-auction.com is featured and discussed in the press. Well over 150 e-press-clippings have been discovered by Our PR-department:

<http://62.116.31.68/news.htm>

[V] Final note

We want to end this press release with a quote from chief counsel to the California secretary of state, Bill, who seems to have a somewhat „personal“ view on free speech:

„whether this is a parody [...] that this man is running, it makes absolutely no difference whatsoever in California. [...] because you are talking about the corruption of the voting process.“

Source: CNN, „Burden of Proof“, Oct 24 2000  
<http://www.cnn.com/video/burden/2000/10/24/show.rm80.ram>

Appearantly, there are other individuals and/or authorities, who share his viewpoint - we have just received notice of further lawsuits filed in the states of Wisconsin and Missouri by their respective Attorney Generals.

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PLEASE NOTE: If you want to access Vote-auction via web or mail, please be sure to use the correct domain:

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<http://62.116.31.68>  
<http://www.voteauction.at>

