

1/10/2024 – Personal Note from co-founder

I would like to more broadly note that everybody, and I mean everybody, should make sure never to send/transmit anything proprietary or of critical importance like IP, ideas etc. via email or any other digital service provider. I say this based on my own experience and even the experience of my own IP attorney who I should have listened to more attentively when they advised me to send communications relating to my ideas via password protected documents and never solely via email.

I did eventually follow their advice, but I would go even further now having noticed that certain information, including other patent related, has verifiably (by checking with sender) been wiped from my Yahoo email account and from my phone/text. I can no longer find any trace of this information. I have also sent this note to the FBI for their information.

But what reason would somebody (or Body) have to access the email box of somebody like me? I mean, I'm not that important. I guess, in one particular case anyway (IP), by removing any trace of it, it removes any proof/time stamp that I've been working with the owner of the patent. If such body decides to subsequently approach the owner knowing the usefulness of the patent and strike a deal with him, I won't have a leg to stand on should I challenge this body in court as I'll have no evidence that I was aware of the patent at a time before the owner was approached by this Body.

And the Irish Government is very much aware of my ability and efforts to source important and relevant IP and has even copied many of my ideas in the past (see my Reports), and so I'm not being unreasonable in my assumptions here.

But perhaps I am being paranoid? This is a possibility considering we can all be a bit paranoid at times. While paranoia can be your worst enemy, it can also be your best friend if used properly. Therefore, as a precaution and to almost definitively ensure that your private information can't be compromised whether you're being paranoid or not, I would suggest that whenever you have to send critical information, to always send it using traditional manual systems (non-digital) such as USPS and other delivery services. Digital has been compromised now for many years/decades. I don't need to prove this as there have been many cases of breaches by many providers particularly social media companies and the like.

Yes, USPS can be compromised but not as easily as digital (aside, all companies and individuals should have manual redundancy systems in place as a precaution and backup). The big problem with digital is that the person or body doing the compromising doesn't require any high-level classification for access. Execs even in middle-management have access to a lot of private information and even if they don't have high level access, they can very easily gain such access via the informal structure/network of their organization (if you remember from your business or MBA course, the informal structure of an organization is often times more effective than the formal structure).

Governments and other bodies are aware of this and use it to illegally (via arm's length cover) access these digital networks and private personal information. I have no doubt this is part of the Irish Government's MO and have mentioned this in one of my Reports a few years back.

Yes, manual systems can be slower, but you must ask yourself, will a few hours delivery service or a couple of days via mail really make a difference in the greater scheme of things?

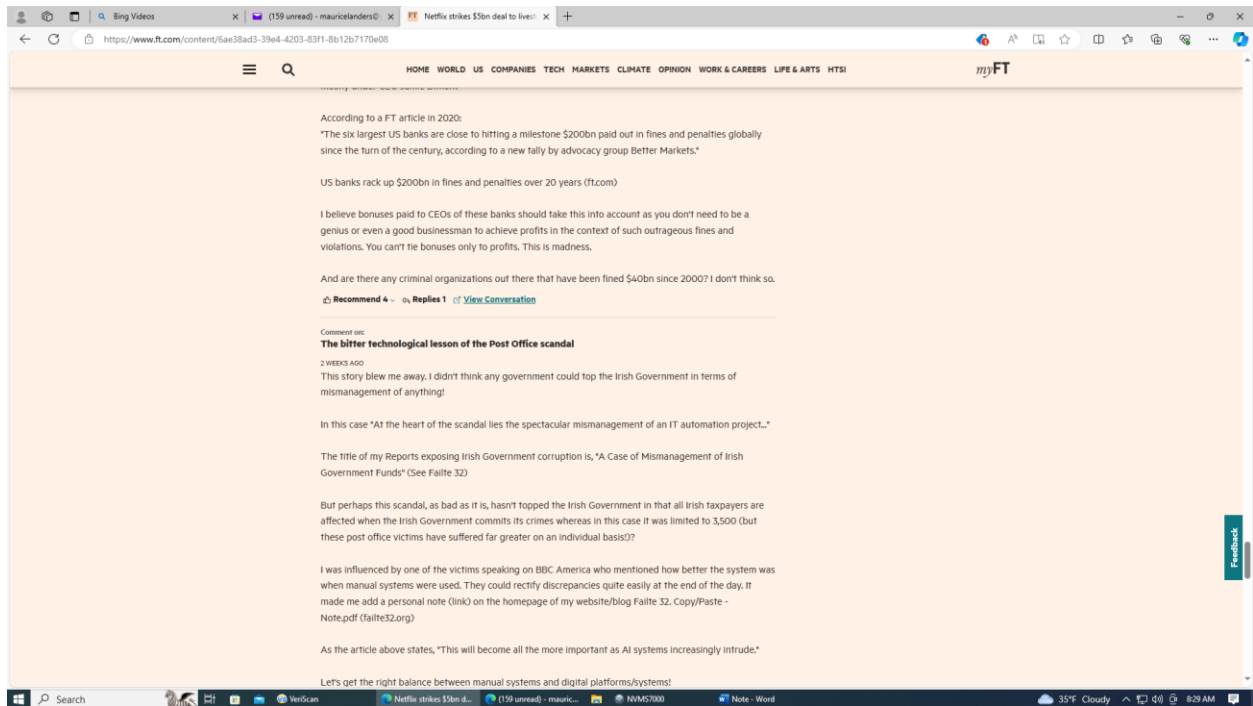
All these 'centralized' digital platforms, particularly now with AI, remind me of the centralized planning systems of current and former socialist/communist regimes...and we've seen how that worked out! Centralizing anything enables easier access and abuse. Manual systems (older) arguably are less efficient but are more decentralized and provide greater liberty and privacy. I'm not suggesting that we go completely off the grid and revert to manual systems, but we have to strike a balance here, and the use of manual systems alongside digital platforms is a simple solution to what could be a serious threat to our freedoms and Democracy.

Update (1/23/2024):

I just add this update to see if any of you have had a similar experience. I'm not a great believer in coincidences. Yes, if I meet an old friend from Ireland on the street in NY, that's a coincidence as many Irish travel to NY on vacation and business. But is the following a coincidence?

First, why is this relevant? Because I use the commenting platforms of various media sources/websites to support my Failte 32 and Opportunity Ireland messages, and these messages/comments at times have been removed or massaged when they didn't fit a particular media source's narrative.

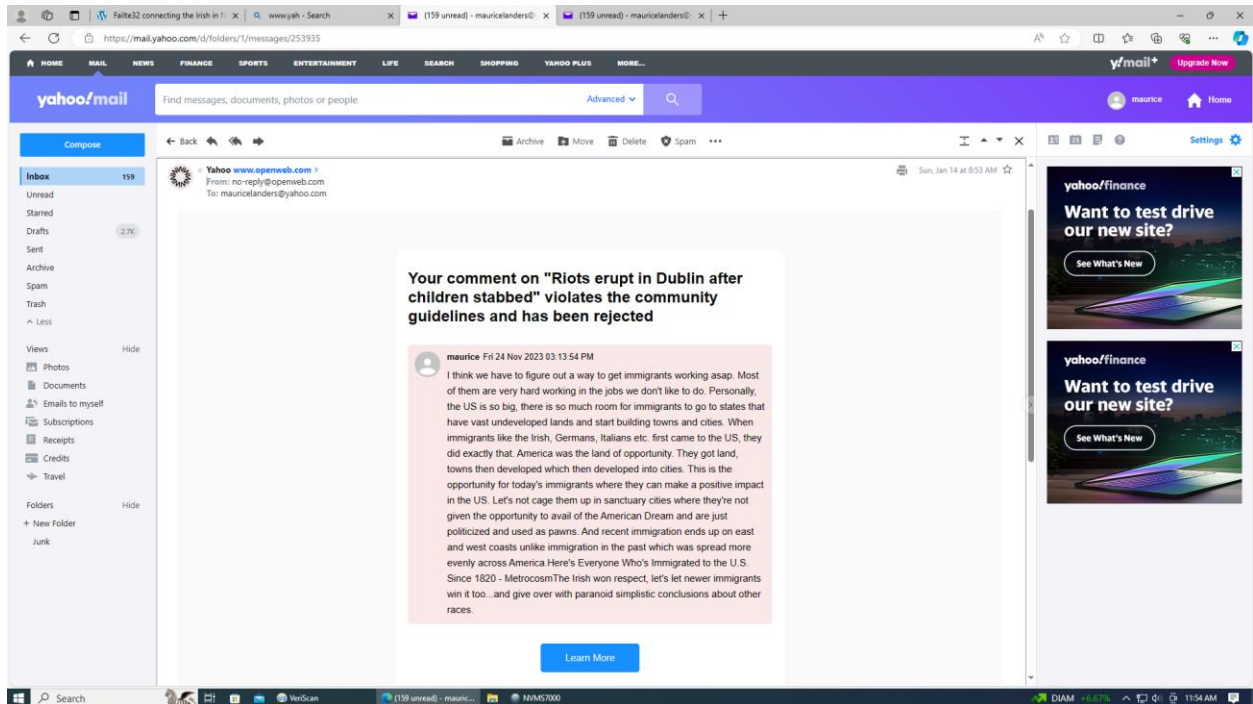
I referred to this Personal Note in a comment I made in the Financial Times (FT) recently. See screenshot below:

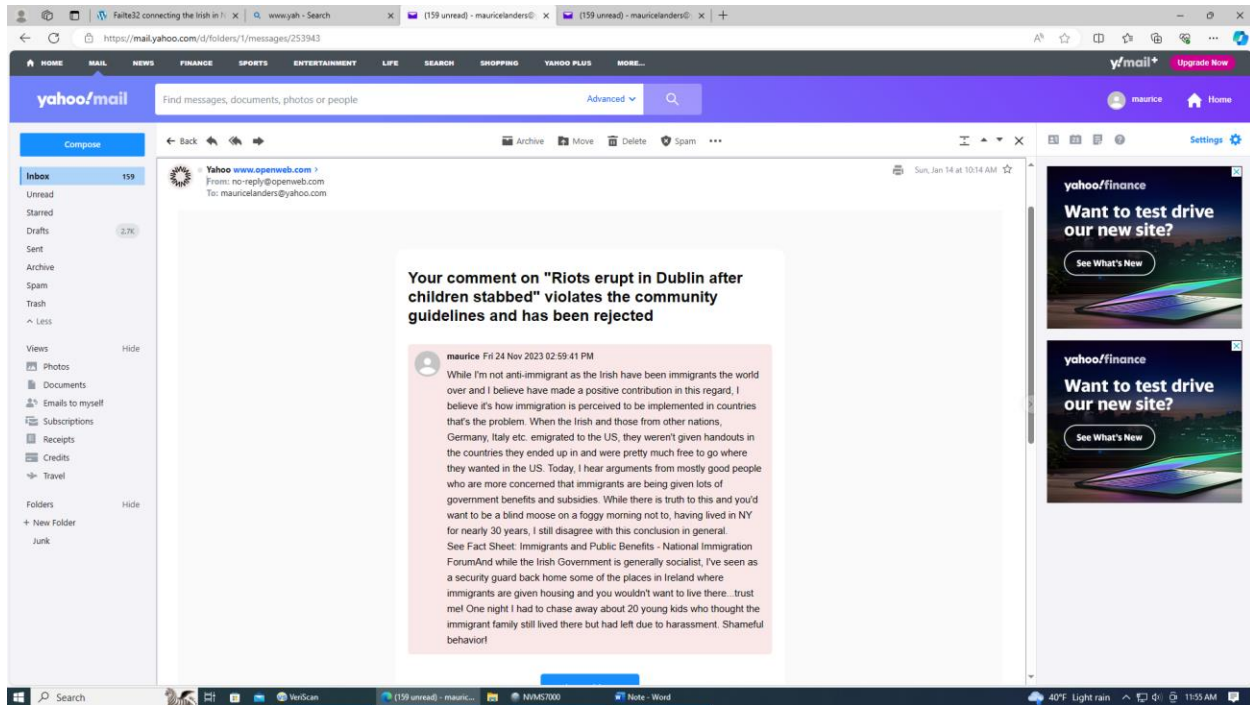


I made the comment on 1/12/2024. Two days later, I received two rejected messages relating to two unrelated comments I made in November 2023 on Yahoo News platform (my Yahoo email account was indirectly referred to in the FT comment). That is, nearly two months after I had made the comments which had been accepted by Yahoo on the day. See below. I've never come across this situation before,

and I've made many comments on various online news platforms over the years. Read my comments below, and while you may disagree with their content (see **Note A** at end), are they such that they should be rejected even on the day of let alone nearly two months later?

Additionally, I found it difficult to make new comments on the Yahoo News platform since 1/14/2024 having had five rejections/blocks relating to two different mannerly comments made within three days of each other (Jan. 17 & Jan. 20). I subsequently decided not to use the platform anymore. Did Yahoo read my comment in the Financial Times? Was it passed on to them by somebody who read it? Did they then find it necessary to retaliate? Are we faced with this type of practice today from these platforms? My experience commenting on various platforms over the years leads me to believe that the moderators (or censors, let's be real here!) even 'smoothen out' comments according to their (news outlet) narrative.





I've had comments rejected for no reason; comments accepted and then secretly removed from the article while still showing in my profile to give the impression that my comment was still active; comments rejected without being notified; and I've had the 'Recommend' function abused where in certain cases I had received more recommends than was showing on my comment. And there are other shenanigans I can list. And I can back up what I say here but I don't expect any news source to challenge me on this.

But the thing is, this is generally the same no matter which news platform you use, be they liberal or conservative. And if you notice, these platforms seem to be provided by the same software company, but white labeled by each news source. Each will then vary the functionality of the platform. For example, one news outlet will allow the thumbs down feature while others won't, or one will allow you to see the history of other commenters' comments while others will not. But they all (or most) censor comments but use the term 'moderate' in its place (see **Note B** for a suggestion to fight this). The Irish Times is the worst having completely removed its comment facility including past comments by subscribers. See p.11 of article in Case Study section of Failte 32, [some-final-thoughts-1.pdf](https://failte32.org/some-final-thoughts-1.pdf) (failte32.org)

I would finally add that I have been using my Yahoo account now for over two decades and have had little problem with it. I have no motive against them. I'm not necessarily implying that Yahoo itself is at fault here but if I am correct in my assumptions above then who is enabling such compromise? But to be safe, I will use another account, Proton Mail (see extract from their website immediately below), to send personal or sensitive emails going forward, and use USPS or delivery service for critically important information.

Proton Mail is a private email service that uses open source, independently audited end-to-end encryption and zero-access encryption to secure your communications.

This protects against data breaches and ensures no one (not even Proton) can access your inbox. Only you can read your messages.

Coincidence or not?

Note A:

Just for context, I have made other comments where I state that I'm not for **mass** immigration to countries like Ireland and other countries that are not only smaller than the US but whose cultures have evolved differently than that of the US's over many centuries, resulting in an Irish identity that has been well earned and fought and is generally well respected world-wide. We're entitled to defend our identity at all costs. Don't let anybody tell you any different.

While immigration is a healthy thing, mass immigration is not. Under the guise of righteousness, it creates all sorts of issues for the host country including a mentality that everybody in the host country must change for the immigrants as opposed to the other way around. It sows division and provokes riotous behavior amongst once settled and stable nations many of which haven't had riots in decades.

And such animosity towards immigrants which during non-mass immigration volume was quite limited is now not only dangerously physical but also simmering beneath the surface among those in Ireland with even liberal tendencies and who may not be as visibly vocal about it. Is it our obligation to take this on? Because we'll be more 'diverse'?

And God said let there be light...and diversity?

What is diversity? When I was growing up in Ireland, we lived next to an international hotel or motel. As a child myself and my brother used to check out all the foreign cars in the large parking lot (it was our playground), cars from many different nations that as a child gave you a taste of each nation and their differences, and run around the hotel until we got kicked out (every day! :) The world has diversity already. Each nation has its own culture, traditions and values. We experience them when they visit our country and vice versa.

When was it that we were told we must comingle our values and traditions? Who came up with this idea? The US being an exception. All I see it doing is causing chaos around the world in countries that were once peaceful and stable and respected other nations. You want diversity, go travel! But some on the ground diversity in nations is a good thing I believe but nothing on the scale we've been seeing in some countries recently...keep your policy decisions PC and woke free.

The 'mass' part of immigration gives immigrants a 'power in numbers' to claim rights that often supersede those of nationals and a resistance to learning and practicing the values of the host country, thereby

becoming separate enclaves or nations within the host nation itself. If immigrants don't want to integrate and become 'Irish', then they should seek asylum elsewhere where their values more closely match those of the host country.

America on the other hand has built its culture on immigration to develop the nation, as is aptly stated on one of the most prominent symbols of freedom, the Statue of Liberty, "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breath free."

Ireland and other countries did not make such a statement as we were the tired, poor, huddled masses yearning to breath free. One size does not fit all and the danger of wokeism in its present form is such that it forces this one size fits all diversity nonsense onto everybody without any concern for the above. As the old saying goes, the path to hell is paved with good intentions...

Why is this relevant? Because Failte 32's purpose included assisting those trying to immigrate to the U.S. and our change.org petition was created to urge Congress to pass the IRE Irish Immigration Bill.

[Petition · United States Congress: Pass the IRE Irish Immigration Bill · Change.org](#)

Note B:

I would suggest as an undergrad or even a post grad project to follow a sample of headline news articles in various media sources such as the Wall St. Journal, Washington Post, NY Times etc. representing a spectrum of political leanings, and follow all the comments by subscribers by taking a screenshot of each as best you can (earlier comments can be replied to anytime comments are open, so you would have to keep up with all new comments). Then, when comments are closed on the article, you can go back and check to see which comments have been removed by the moderator (censor).

From this you can determine whether the comments should have been removed by not only comparing them to reasonable community guidelines (do these media companies publicly post their guidelines?) but also to other comments that have not been removed. I'm often surprised how some mannerly comments I have made were removed while blatantly unmannerly ones by others were not, not that many of my comments have been removed but enough have been.

And I have no doubt the same thing happens to other commenters with influential counter-narrative comments, however I tend to monitor my comments and so notice these tricks of the trade. And I'll admit, I'm sure a few of my comments were legitimately removed as I tend to cuss a bit sometimes. But unmannerly ones often seem to get away with not being censored when they support a particular news source's narrative (I also notice that some of my comments can be seen when I'm logged in but cannot be seen when I'm logged out like all other comments can be seen, which seems devious to me).

Take a look at the level of moderation (censorship) of comments in the HuffPost for example (they should rename it the PuffPost!). Incidentally, this news source in my opinion has gone too far left since its cofounder, Arianna Huffington, departed. I believe it was a good news source up to then but when you're offered millions to sell by much larger companies, the risk is it passes into the hands of those more concerned with profit at any cost and espousing a particular political narrative.

When you're logged in, you will see moderation (censorship) all over the place (generally, in headline articles). Many of these comments I have no doubt have been censored for not being aligned with HuffPost's' political narrative. It's like socialist/communist Russia, Chinese et al censorship.

I don't know how these news sources are allowed to do this, under the guise of moderation, contrary to our First Amendment rights. HuffPost is now a public company since it was bought by BuzzFeed. I believe Congress is warranted to enact laws that prevent this type of socialist/communist censorship in a democracy like the US.

But as I say above, both sides are at the same censorship game and so the danger is that neither side (the public) is exposed to the other side's viewpoint. If I go onto a left leaning news source and comment

that I'm a Nikki Haley supporter for 2024, I'll get a lot of backlash and nasty replies. But that's fine with me. I can give as good as I get. But it's important that I can get this backlash as I will then know that my point has been heard however unpalatable for the other side, and I can many times make a convincing counter reply to quell the other side's initial over-emotional oftentimes uninformed response.

But ironically, the media today, which is meant to be for our First Amendment rights, instead censors comments that supplement articles in order to be able to continue to control the narrative. Yes, there are facts (not truth) within articles and in many of the comments that have not been censored, but only as long as they fit the narrative, otherwise they're omitted.

Remember, media companies (the mediaists as I refer to them) are in it for profit, always have been, always will be. They weren't set up to save the world. Arianna Huffington sold out once no doubt tens of millions of dollars were waved in her face. It's always about the money, We the People! That's as far as the media's contribution to democracy goes. I don't know when 'media' and 'democracy' became so inaccurately conflated.

The First Amendment states in part, "...or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press..." It doesn't state that the press can abridge the freedom of speech.

I don't believe comments should be censored in any way shape or form particularly by news sources, be they private or public, as this is what the First Amendment guarantees. Where once we had hypotheses and alternative hypotheses, today we are made to believe, indeed bullied into believing, that any alternative hypotheses are conspiracy theories. I say to all Americans, please let me hear your conspiracy theories (alternative hypotheses). I want to hear them all.

Conspiracy theories rarely reach the level of convolution that the truth reaches. In fact, conspiracy theories are a piece of cake in comparison to the truth. If you were to hear the truth in many cases, you would believe it was the craziest conspiracy theory you ever heard. Truth is stranger than fiction as the saying goes. So please, give me all your conspiracy theories. That's your prerogative in a democracy. I will likely reject most of them. That's my prerogative in a democracy. But hearing them will often get me closer to the truth which is vital for our democracy to continue and thrive.

One final thought, America is very divided right now, for several years as to be concerning. I'm an independent. I understand the importance of compromise, the backbone of any democracy. I'm beginning to believe that people in general want socialist/communist governments, or tend towards them, that they are the natural order for human beings. Any other type of structure is against the grain. I guess when you think about it, people have been told what to do by their parents/adults since they were babies and into early adulthood. They're used to having a parental figure tell them what to do.

I see here in the US the severe division where people only respect their own political party and hate the other side. To me, this indicates a preference for one party rule. People generally don't like to compromise or listen to the other side. The US must be careful and ensure its institutions continue to promote compromise. If you leave this one-party rule mentality take a grip, you'll never change it. We the People in the US Constitution ironically will become We the State, and We the People will ultimately be to blame...but can we really go against the grain indefinitely? The jury will always be out on that one...