

I have become extremely concerned about the censorship of the internet by Time Warner and AOL. I once had an AOL account. I was terminated after complaining that I could not access certain web sites. The excuse they used was that I posted an offensive, off topic message to USENET. The message I posted was a comment relating to the rape of the everglades by the Florida sugarcane growers. They objected to the word "Rape," calling it sexist, offensive, and harrassing towards women. I never even mentioned women! I don't think the alligators took offense, but AOL did.

I mentioned "Freedom of Speech" and they said that there is no freedom on AOL, that they own it and if I don't like it I can just go elsewhere. So I got high speed Road Runner which I like better anyway.

I then got a letter from Time Warner threatening to cut me off because I made a comment that Gore can never be elected since he picked a Jewish running mate. They said that was anti-Semetic. When I mentioned that I am Jewish and that is my opinion, they replied that I better not post any more such opinions through Road Runner or I would be immediately terminated, and to prove their point suspended me for 2 weeks. And charged me for the 2 weeks.

I don't understand this. Is this legal? Isn't there anything you can do? Can they actually terminate someone just for speaking their opinion?