

UTP SERIOUSLY NEWS SERIOUSLY  
EPISODE 3

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BRETT is behind the news desk, facing the camera.

BRETT  
Hello. Welcome to UTP Seriously  
News. Seriously. I'm Brett Johnson.

He begins to read the news.

BRETT  
After passing through the House on  
April 18th, CISPA, the Cyber  
Intelligence Sharing and Protection  
Act, will soon be on its way to a  
vote in the Senate. If the  
President does not veto the  
proposed bill, it will become law.

FARZAN (O.S.)  
You started without me?

Brett is startled, looking around him.

BRETT  
Where are you?

FARZAN (O.S.)  
Continue. I'll tell you later. It's  
something private.

BRETT  
Private?

No response. Brett continues reading the news.

BRETT  
CISPA was proposed as an amendment  
to the National Security Act of  
1947, which currently does not have  
any provisions pertaining to  
cybercrime. Opponents to CISPA  
claim the bill would give the  
government almost unlimited power  
over the Internet itself, since  
they, and private corporations,  
would be able to gather information  
on citizen's Internet activity  
without them knowing about it.

Pause.

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BRETT

Basically, this would be the cyber equivalent of the Great Eye of Sauron, ever watchful. Remember that song you downloaded once without paying for it? Now they'll know. Remember that site you'd be ashamed if your employer found out about it? Now they'll know. Write to your Senator now and tell them you don't private organizations and the government looking over your shoulder whenever you're online. Especially when you're on that one site. You know the one. Shame. On. You.

Brett turns to the other camera.

BRETT

And now to you Farzan with private news from the Middle East?

Farzan scowls at Brett.

FARZAN

Brett, where is your tie?

BRETT

It's sombrero Friday.

FARZAN

What?

BRETT

You don't know what a sombrero is? I thought your people wore these.

Farzan looks at the camera and shakes his head. Then he looks back at Brett.

FARZAN

My news is not about...An American girl suggested to a Middle Eastern boy to help with her school project and offer her a "hand"...

BRETT

Hand?

(with lower voice)

You mean hand job?

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FARZAN

Well, that's what I thought...I mean the boy thought that at first, but in the end the boy found out "Hand" is her cat's name.

BRETT

This is the most hilarious thing I've heard in my-

FARZAN

By the way, Iran's supreme leader launches special website with election tips. According to himself he is the ultimate arbiter in the country, and he is the God's representative on the Earth so he has right to do everything and nobody would give him a shit! Some sources say that he will give some tips for next election in United State, Israel and Madagascar. Back to you Brett.

BRETT

That's all for us today from UTP Seriously News. Seriously. I'm Brett Johnson.

FARZAN

And I'm Farzan Faramarzi.

BRETT

Stay thirsty, my friends.