

Blogging Tips: How to be Cocky and Vexatious

How to make your fellow bloggers hate you...
Is there something more rewarding?

Collective thoughts on blogging from all the participants in the [10 Ways to Make Your Fellow Bloggers Hate You](#) meme.



Original Meme: 10 Ways to Make Your Fellow Bloggers Hate You

1. Make an account at MyBlogLog and start spamming everyone by leaving a message that says: “great site, visit mine <http://www.yourblog.com/>”
2. Go on every blog you find and post a comment that says “great entry, visit my blog <http://www.yourblog.com/>”
3. Join forums and add your wise comments to each thread “I agree, visit my blog <http://www.yourblog.com/>”
4. Join Blogging to Fame and beg for fames: “loved your site, fame mine”
5. Make a video of yourself blabbing about the weather and don’t forget to say “visit my blog <http://www.yourblog.com/>”
6. Submit your entry every day to every social bookmarking site you know and don’t forget to ask for votes from the members at MyBlogLog: “pls. digg <http://www.yourblog.com/entry/>”
7. Collect contact information from all the authority bloggers and email them every day. It doesn’t matter what you say. Just don’t forget to tell them “visit my blog <http://www.yourblog.com/>”
8. Request links from everyone like: “I like your blog, link to mine <http://www.yourblog.com/>”
9. Copy content from everyone without giving credit, but link to the original source so that the author knows that you’ve copied the article. Eventually say at the end of the article “you are not allowed to republish this without my permission.”
10. To make the picture complete, make every link you ever place in every entry you ever write a link to one of your affiliate programs that make you money.

Original entry by Mihaela Lica



Evil Comments:

Phil Butler Says:

September 19th, 2007 at 2:35 pm

OMG, I thought I was the most loved blogger on the planet, but now I know why my 6 different IM services do not always respond! Perhaps some other bad habits should go on this list?

11. Get in such a hurry promoting posts that you fail to send the link
12. Stumble message the wrong link or send to the same person 4 times
13. Leave a string of activity on twitter that takes up a whole page
14. Use the word innovation in every single post you write
15. Add fellow bloggers to endless lists of startups and sites
16. Make at least one typo in every post
17. Guest author on every major blog and drive the owner nuts editing
18. Ask a scout on Netscape to submit an article for you
19. Always suggest something similar or better in post comments
20. Asking fellow bloggers to Digg straight spam sites - RRRRRR

Marc Meyer Says:

September 19th, 2007 at 5:41 pm

I thought I should add some alternate titles here: 1) 10 things you should do to bolster your blog (admit it you know you did it) 2) 10 things we all did with our blog before someone let us know uhhhhh that that ain't cool 3) 10 things that everyone does and no one admits 4) 10 things we keep trying because we heard they work but we're still not sure 5) 10 things that people did to us and now I do to them...

Ian Stewart Says:

September 20th, 2007 at 6:22 pm

Ooh! start a contest and never deliver on the prize, or worse award the prize to yourself.

Deborah Says:

September 22nd, 2007 at 8:12 am

Spam every contact that's joined your community at MyBlogLog on a daily / weekly basis with 'visit blogspam.com for today's post on blog spam post'. That's the fastest way to delisting yourself from my contacts.

Become a Troll and write inflaming comments for the hell of it just to get the fires going.

Leave a contrary and forceful comment about something you obviously have no knowledge of that makes you look like a fool. The blog owner will want to delete your comment but may likely leave it just to display your stupidity.

Tips To Make Other Bloggers Hate You - Comment Crazy

Tips For Blog Commenters - How To Make Other Bloggers Hate You - Comment Crazy

1. Make sure that the site you link out to is completely irrelevant to the post and the current comment thread. You never know if someone reading the freelance writing comment thread may be interested in your link to world wide wrestling tips. It's still a link right, and a lot of blog owners will let it through, so it's worth a try.

2. Why stop at one spam link? Everyone adding comments to the post about top business writing strategies, is hanging out to read about your goldfish pet tips. You know they are!

3. After you've posted your links and your "Please check out my site. or I agree..." comment, don't come back and comment or add anything further to the conversation. Your time is far too valuable. Your time is better spent comment spamming other sites... so many sites, so little time...

4. Flaming is a good way to get noticed. Stir up controversy in your comments. After all, you're doing the blog owner a favor. Everyone knows that controversy is good for traffic, right?

Now blog owners, if you truly want other bloggers to hate you, and readers to run away, don't muck around. You need to get serious.

Tips For Blog Owners - How To Make Other Bloggers Hate You - Comment Crazy

5. This is an easy one. Make it as hard as you can for readers to comment. Readers love a comment obstacle course, and the more hoops they have to jump through the better. If you can camouflauge the CAPTCHA's so they can barely be read, and add a few number puzzles as well before the comment is approved, they'll love it.

6. Never reply to comments at your blog. You are far too busy.

7. Never visit other bloggers who comment regularly at your blog. You are far too important.

8. Never visit other blogs which link to you. You are far too busy and important.

9. Never thank your readers or acknowledge other bloggers by linking out to useful sites. Always remember, it's all about you!

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And If You Follow Tips 1-9

10. Prepare to shut down your blog. You will only be talking to yourself on your blog... an audience of one. You will have no readers, no interaction, no traffic and no fun. Buy a diary or talk to your dog. No one here is listening. ;)

What Tips Do You Have Which Can Drive Readers Crazy & Make Bloggers Hate You?

I'd love you to leave a comment... he.. he ;)

Original entry by Yvonne Russell



Evil Commnets:

Dana

Sep 19th, 2007 at 10:41 am

This topic very interesting. Thank you for posting. Will bookmark. Please you maybe like my site. [insert irrelevant link.]

I'm tired of deleting that particular comment. I'd consider some snarky post back, but it is Viagra, Levitra and that kind of site doing it. I told my husband that if he ever has those issues, he is going to have to find other alternatives. Although they may not be directly involved, these sorts of business practices are almost as annoying as the ones that call me at home. Like back when MCI kept calling me, asking me to buy their long distance service. I finally told them that if they called me again, I was looking for another long distance provider because mine (MCI) was driving me nuts.

Evil Comments:

Laura

Sep 19th, 2007 at 11:32 am

Dana, I think you're on to something!

We could become really hated if we called people at home and asked them to visit our sites...

(Now, where did I put that long list of irrelevant links to attach to this comment?)

Alfa

Sep 19th, 2007 at 11:54 am

Oh this is going to be fun! And oh, buy cialis please.. LOL.

Joanna Young

Sep 19th, 2007 at 5:54 pm

This is a great list Yvonne, you do seem to be having so much fun over here these days!

It's a slightly different point but I read some interesting pointers from Darren Rowse a wee while back about things that (genuine) commenters can do that annoy other people - like always including links to their own amazing posts (on topic, but it doesn't hit quite the right note does it...), dominate the conversation, maybe commenting several times on the same post... and always being first to comment.

That last one made me laugh. I'd read some blogging advice in the early days which said that it's a good idea to try and be the first person to comment on a high traffic site like Prologger as your comment is more likely to be read. I have been first (by accident honestly) a couple of times - and it does give a quick boost to traffic - but now I find myself thinking, oh now I'd better wait a bit or they'll be thinking "oh no, not her again..."

Looking forward to seeing what the rest of your conspirators come up with

Calvin Warr

Sep 20th, 2007 at 8:53 am

Me, comment? What comment? Why? Are you calling me crazy?

A Humorous Look at My Pet Blogging Peeves

Mig Lica has posted 10 Ways to Make Your Fellow Bloggers Hate You at the Red Dog blog. Following her hilarious, ironic advice is a sure way to failure as a blogger.

Mig tagged other bloggers to add to the list. If you haven't made the entire blogosphere hate you following Mig's advice, check out Yvonne Russell's additions at Grow Your Writing Business. You'll make yourself a pariah in the blogging community very quickly.

If you want to get me to hate you ... or at least click away to another blog ... do one of my pet peeves:

1) Use partial feeds, preferably just a link to the post without even an excerpt to give me a clue of whether I want to read your post or not. Make me go to your blog to discover your post is on a topic of no interest to me.

2) Make it as difficult as possible for me to comment. Require me to sign up for Orble or WordPress or Typepad and login to make a comment. Stop me with a security challenge that people with good eyesight can't read, much less someone with poor vision. Ask me to answer a question ($2+2=_$) to prove I'm not a spam robot.

Enjoy a good laugh from the tips on these lists, and if you'd rather be loved than hated, do just the opposite.

Original entry by Lillie Ammann



Sure, I can Alienate Some People!

I was tagged by Alicia at Writing Spark to add to the blog post that has been going around on, essentially, how to make fellow bloggers hate you and never return to your blog. So yeah, I can add to that, I think. :o

Unfortunately, between Alicia, Mig, and Yvonne (and there may be others that I've overlooked — if I ignored you, I apologize), most of the best comments are already taken. I don't actually know if I can come up with ways to make all bloggers hate you, but I can tell you what will stop me from coming back.

So, without further delay, I present to you:

The Top Five Ways to Keep Me From EVER Coming Back to Your Blog

1. Spam, and spam, and spam. I don't like Spam!! (any Monty Python fans out there?)
2. Having to put in codes, register, and provide everything with the possible exception of my cholesterol count before I can leave a comment.
3. Blog pages that are so graphics-intensive that they load at the speed of continental drift.
4. People who say they are going to post on X, write weekly about Y, etc. and then don't do it...but only if that happens a lot. I know life can get in the way. (Plus, I'm guilty of that, too, and I still read my blog).
5. Repetitious redundancies that repeat themselves.

Thanks, Alicia, for tagging me, and thanks to all the other bloggers that posted on this topic. I loved reading what people had to say, and I found myself nodding my head in agreement at almost every item on everyone else's list!

Michi

[Original entry by Michelle DJ Beck](#)



7 Surefire Ways To Make Sure Your Fellow Bloggers Hit The Road, Jack

Don't let the door hit ya...where the good Lord split ya!

Haha, anyone ever heard that saying? Well, you have now, because I'm directing it toward all my readers!

No, juuuuuuuust kidding. I've been tagged by the lovely Yvonne Russell over at Grow Your Writing Business. This time, it means I must come up with some "evil blogging advice about sure fire ways to get your fellow bloggers to avoid your site and never come back."

Evil advice? Shouldn't be a problem. ;)

7 Surefire Ways To Make Sure Your Fellow Bloggers Hit The Road, Jack

1. Be corny. Don't just be corny, but saturate at least every other post with corny cliches that make your fellow blogging readers wonder if you've ever had an original thought in your life. Or at least used a cliché created beyond 1992. (Ex: The first sentence of this post.)

2. Be spastic. Come up with what sounds like a great idea, get your fellow blogging readers involved in it, then totally act as if you never even mentioned it. Do this at least once every few months to give your readers enough time between each idea to think you've redeemed yourself so that they'll keep getting involved. (Ex: Mentioning Unmentionables)

3. Be kaleidoscopic. Change your blog's appearance every couple of days. Because many people like change, kick it up a notch and change your blog theme every day, or a few times a day. Not only does this create confusion and force your readers to deal with your whining, obnoxious indecisiveness, but it also means crucial aspects of your blog will disappear and reappear at random. This includes your blogroll, contact tools, and any polls or other tools used to engage your readers. (Ex: Writing Spark over the past few weeks.)

4. Be ambiguous. Base your blog on what you think is an excellent idea, gain a bunch of fellow blogging readers, and then blog about a bunch of random crap that has absolutely nothing to do with the original purpose of your blog. This will entice your readers because they'll always be a little uncertain of who you are. Then, beg for sympathetic advice on how to deal with your blogging split personalities. Oh, and when they offer their advice, totally ignore them. (Ex: I'm Having An Identity Crisis)

5. Be misleading. When there's a page on your blog that was once popular and purposeful, but has since become pointless and stale, leave it on there. Your readers, especially the new ones, will think they've hit the jackpot. Imagine how excited they'll be when they found out they've been tricked! (Ex: Contests)

6. Be overly ambitious. Set numerous admirable goals for yourself during a manic high. Encourage others to do the same. Disappoint the hell out of them when you announce you failed at most of them. Your inadequacy will keep them feeling good about life. (Ex: My Writing Resolutions for 2007, My Writing Goals for 2007, and the upcoming follow up before 2008 begins.)

7. Be a gangsta. Act as if you are so important that you only have time every couple of weeks to visit and comment on your favorite blogs. Don't plan your attacks; be random. Think of it as drive-by commenting. Leave your blogging readers wondering whether or not you really like them. (Ex: Me, over the past couple of weeks.)

And there ya go! If you couldn't tell, these are all horrible things I've done lately. :(Sometimes I wonder how I maintain friends!

Oh, and I want to mention...about number six: I actually did better at those goals than I realized. It will be interesting once the time rolls around to create them for 2008.

How to be the Anti-Blogger

Now this is a fun meme! The point is to give “evil blogging advice” guaranteed to make other bloggers hate you and avoid your blog like the plague. Thanks to Alicia for passing this on to me!

How to be the Anti-Blogger: An e-Course in 5 Steps

- 1) Be really offensive. Offend everyone you possibly can, from the entire range of the spectrum. Rail against pretty much every type of person under the sun. Market yourself as a misanthrope.
- 2) Blog about politics. Nothing pisses people off faster than politics. Be sure to keep #1 in mind while blogging, though. Don't just write about politics — piss all over everyone else's opinions and beliefs.
- 3) Humiliate your fellow bloggers. Make fun of them every chance you get. The worse you embarrass them, the better!
- 4) Complain ALL the time. Write 2000-word posts about each of your complaints. Five thousand words for more significant complaints. Then complain some more about how no one reads your blog.
- 5) Spam everyone else's blogs and email. Post your link in comments at least a dozen times on each blog. Email your fellow bloggers daily whenever you can harvest their email addresses.

If you follow these five simple steps, you will be sure that not only does no one want to read your blog, but also that they hate you with a passion!

Original entry by Katharine Swan



It's Not You, It's Me(me): 9 Tips for Making Your Blog Suck

Katharine Swan tagged me for a fun anti-blogging meme. Here's my blogging advice guaranteed to make readers hate you and your blog.

1. Use lots of cool online abbreviations. Bc when u wrt lk ths IDK WTF ur tkng abt if im nt rly awsm lk u LOL. (Translation: Because when you write like this I don't know what the [expletive deleted] you're talking about if I'm not really awesome like you, LOL.)
2. Avoid correct punctuation, spelling and capitalization. because hey it's just a blog and its nto like anyone like clients or readers or anyone sele important might see it and think your an idiot you dont need to worry about stuff like that becuase they know your really smart anywayt and its just because your typing on a blog and its not really paying work.
3. Inject sweeping racial/religious/political beliefs into every post. Make a point of using vast generalizations to characterize leaders of other racial/religious/political groups. Insert slurs and offensive slang into your writing whenever possible. Make your blog your platform.
4. Post lengthy rants about complicated situations that you don't actually explain. Leave out the details and pitch an utterly baffling hissy fit that makes no sense to anyone but you because you're too cheap to shell out money for the therapy you so desperately need. Also follow Nos. 1-3. And I'm not talking about doing what Writing Frump does or something like the Ivan situation where you get all the details except the names. I'm talking about a 3000-word diatribe about a guy with a face who says a thing about a thing and where does he get OFF?
5. Steal content from other bloggers. Take entire posts. Don't link back to the original bloggers. When someone calls you out on it, get mad at them and bash them publicly on your blog. Do the same for copyrighted images.
6. Eviscerate commenters who disagree with you. Call them mean names. Question their sexuality. Bust out your best material from No. 3.
7. Add new material only sporadically. Don't post for months at a time. Do so consistently.
8. Give too much personal information. About your sex life, your marriage, your constipation, that boil on your thigh, your relationship with your estranged cousin, whatever. Make people uncomfortable, particularly people who know you in real life.
9. Use your blog as a place to air your grievances against other bloggers. Treat it like the sixth grade lunch room as much as possible.

Original entry by Kristen King

Desperado: The 7 Payoffs of Making Your Blogging Relationships Suck

The message from Kristen King came three days ago. It was cryptic. All it said was “I just tagged you for a meme on bad blogging habits.” I followed the link on how to make your blog suck. Hmmm. This was serious.

It HAS been a while since I’ve promoted blogging for desperadoes. Kristen King’s post is spectacular, but making your blog suck might not be enough — stalwart friends and fans might still bother you. So, let me explain the payoffs of making your relationships suck too.

Desperado: The 7 Payoffs of Making Your Blogging Relationships Suck

I’m all about relationships, but I also have room for other points of view. If you’re a desperado, who needs no one. I can help you enjoy the payoffs of riding through the blogosphere alone. Here’s what to do.

1. Make everything about your goals. Bloggers talk about how to be better, faster, achieve things less expensively. Don’t waste time on the conversation. Put things into action. You know where you’re going. If you focus on where you’re riding, you’ll be in known every town you ride into.

2. Steer clear of social networks. That’s where information gets passed on. How could other bloggers’ research and wisdom possibly be of use to you? You’re something that has nothing to do with them. Avoid them, you’ll have more time for your own thoughts, ideas, and plans.

3. Know it’s lonely at the top. If you wanted to be with the group learners, you wouldn’t be a loner. Right? You’re a thought leader let them learn by watching you. Save time on research and won’t have to read or listen to anyone.

4. Have hard rules and stick to them. Bloggers have WAY MORE personality than any desperado could possibly need. Stand out by standing up without moving. Believe me, the blogosphere will notice.

5. Pay no attention. Ignore them. Bloggers see and report everything. They even add new insights and thinking. It can be distracting. Avoid what the blogosphere is doing, your ideas will perfectly and purely your own.

6. Only interact with folks who count. Do the math and figure out an algorithm, a game, a list for gathering links that requires no conversation. It’s business to keep your distance. Focus only on the folks who do something you need to get ahead. If you don’t talk to the talkers, they can’t ask you for anything.

7. Don’t let them see you smile until . . . well, not then either. If you respond, you’ll have to manage a relationship. Sartre said. “Hell is other people.” Keep your gig solo. Freedom!

Desperado, when you strike out on your own, the payoffs can be more than you might ever expect. So, go for it and . . . um, er, . . . and the blogosphere might wish you well if you keep on going. . . .

Of course, I’ll miss you and wonder whether the Eagles were right . . .

Your prison is walking through this world all alone.

But then I’d never hang out by a campfire alone. On the other hand, some of my best friends do. Oh, never mind. To the Desperado in every one of us: Happy Sunday!

Original entry by Liz Strauss

Instead of “The End”

There must be some other entries as witty and fun out there - so the book remains open for all the authors who want to be listed. Just drop a quick email to Mig at mig@pamil-visions.com and send the link to your entry.

Also, please read this ebook as a pamphlet and don't take our “evil advice” ad literam. We publish this in an effort to make the blogosphere a better place and to help you understand that some of the things people consider “OK” are not good blogging practices.



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