377 words to avoid in email, Facebook

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Here is a list of 377 words to avoid using in email or Facebook or anywhere else online. Why you ask? Are they rude like George Carlin's famous "Seven words you can never say on television"? No they are the words that the Dept of Homeland Security uses to monitor all internet traffic in US and abroad. So watch out if you use any of these words by mistake. Oh, by the way, criticizing the DHS also counts, so don't complain about this either...

Oh and that pesky amendment in the Bill of fRights about unreasonable search and seizure, don't worry about little details like the US constitution because DHS is here to protect you.

After vigorous resistance, the Department of Homeland Security was finally forced into releasing it's 2011 Analyst's Desktop Binder. It's a manual of sorts, teaching all the storm troopers who monitor our Internet activity all day which key words to look for.

Afterwards there is a list of 377 of key terms to monitor, most of which are completely innocuous. Exercise. Cloud. Leak. Sick. Organization. Pork. Bridge. Smart. Tucson. Target. China. Social media.

Curiously, in its 'Critical Information Requirements', the manual decrees that analysts should also catalog items which may "reflect adversely on DHS and response activities."

Absolutely unreal. Big Brother is not just watching. He's digging, searching, reading, monitoring, archiving, and judging too. Have you hit your breaking point yet?

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