

# The Rumor-Mill

*Speak Truth to Power....  
...and Live to Tell the Tale*

“One effective means to destroy the confidence among corrupt partners is to encourage whistleblowing.”

-- Lambsdorff and Nell (2007)

# **The Rumor-Mill...**

- **Lowers the costs of whistle-blowing**
- **Increases the flow of secret and/or scandalous information to the Public**
- **Rewards accuracy and punishes lies**
- **Empowers ethical behavior**
- **Weakens abuse and manipulation of power**

# How Does the Rumor-Mill Work?

1. A user anonymously posts a rumor.
2. A moderator approves the rumor based on objective formatting guidelines. Rejected rumors are visible to all.
3. Others vote (Yes/No) and comment on the rumor. Votes do not determine truth.
4. When objective evidence emerges, users nominate the rumor for “judgment”, i.e., for a moderator to label it True or False.
5. Confirmed rumors increase points for the poster and “yes” voters, who feel good. 😊

# How to Protect Anonymity?

*Minimal Data:* Random ID (e.g.,  
“1000132”) and password only.

*Our end:* No cookies, IP-trace or logs

*Middle:* Encryption (SSL)

*User end:* Danger!. From public areas,  
dark-net (TOR), in-browser  
technology, etc.

# RM versus BKMS

**Bad:** More liars on RM.

**Good:** More postings, on more topics,  
(without censorship or delay) being read  
by more eyeballs.

If BKMS is mature and responsible, RM is  
an anarchist tool that attacks abuse in  
the state.

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- 1) Things to change/fix
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- 3) Anything else
- 4) Who else we should contact about Rumor-Mill.

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Be descriptive and concise! For best results, put the most important words first.

Bad subjects='Check This Out!' or 'An Article'. We get many submissions each day, and if yours isn't clear, it will be deleted.

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1000016 thinks this rumor is true

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by [radmin \(0/6\)](#)  on Wednesday September 12, @12:38AM ([#53](#))  
radmin thinks this rumor is false

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by [1000017 \(0/0\)](#)  on Friday October 05, @05:50AM ([#54](#))  
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