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**Option #1: "The Full Monty" - Honey Trap/Brand Kill/Career Hit/ De-Googling/Hacking- Details below:**

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**Option #1: "The Full Monty" - Combined: Honey Trap/De-Googling/Brand Kill/Career Hit/Hacking, AKA "The Works" -**

For the sake of argument let's assume Silicon Valley and Washington DC are sort of the same thing. Did pissed off Venture Capitalists put a "HIT" on Michael Arrington?...

## Relationship Status: Call My Lawyer

As he built TechCrunch into a multi-million-dollar empire, blogger-investor Michael Arrington became a one-man nexus of power in Silicon Valley. Now he's on the defensive, denying accusations that he raped an ex-girlfriend and abused two other women. Welcome to the dark side of the Information Age.

By [Maximillian Potter](#)

Left, by John Keatley/Redux; right, by Tom Foremski.

**HE POSTS, SHE POSTS** Left: TechCrunch founder Michael Arrington in 2010. Right: Jennifer Allen, Arrington's ex-girlfriend, in 2012.

Several times a year, the Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology at the University of California, Berkeley, persuades a "Distinguished Innovator" to give an on-campus lecture. Speakers are a Who's Who of Silicon Valley and in recent years have included such titans of tech as the C.E.O. of Yahoo, Marissa Mayer, then a V.P. at Google, who had been the company's first female engineer, and Ben Horowitz, co-founder of the V.C. leviathan Andreessen Horowitz, where he manages a multi-billion-dollar portfolio that has included Facebook, Skype, and Twitter. In September 2010 the Distinguished Innovator was someone *Time* magazine had named one of the world's 100 most influential people, along with President Obama, Rupert Murdoch, and the Dalai Lama: Michael Arrington, the founder of TechCrunch, the Web site of record for all of Silicon Valley's deals, developments, and dubious ethics. The format of Arrington's lecture was an interview conducted by Vivek Wadhwa, a scholar who focuses his research on the dearth of women in tech.

Arrington has the doughy physique of an N.F.L. lineman past his prime and the untucked style of a frat-house social chairman. Onstage that day, he sat with his shoulders slumped, legs outstretched, bags under his eyes. Then 40, he was dressed in khakis and a blue button-down oxford. Wadhwa began by asking him to share a bit of his biography. Anyone else would have recognized the question as a chance to charm the crowd.

Arrington said he had attended Berkeley his freshman year but transferred to Claremont McKenna College because he "didn't love having classes of 900 people" at Berkeley. The audience grumbled, but let the dig pass. Then Arrington said he got his law degree from Stanford University, adding, "Clearly the best school in California," and the crowd let loose a barrage of rhetorical tomatoes. Wadhwa, a round, bearded Indian-American with a gentle way about him, turned to the audience, grinned, and, in a tone of for-those-of-you-who-don't-know, said, "Mike has a habit of doing that—pissing off half of the world in one fell swoop."

Crunch. That's what Arrington is known for. From a rented house in Silicon Valley, he built a media-tech-venture-capital Empire of Crunch. First, the TechCrunch blog. Then its spin-offs, like CrunchBase—a database for investors and entrepreneurs—and the globally influential TechCrunch conferences, including its most famous, Disrupt. The very month Arrington was on that Berkeley stage, AOL was in the midst of paying him some \$30 million to acquire TechCrunch.

Crunch has not only been Arrington's brand, it has been his M.O. Mess with Arrington and you get crunched. He's provoked personalities ranging from Hollywood star and venture capitalist Ashton Kutcher to former Yahoo C.E.O. Carol Bartz into telling him—to his face, mind you—to "fuck off." Even Arrington's colleagues who respect him say he is inclined to volatile mood swings. He'll scream, he'll shout. Sarah Lacy, one of Arrington's former employees, says, "The worst place to be is between Michael Arrington and something he wants." In Arrington's honor, someone went as far as to create a Web site: [ismikearringtonadick.com](#).

"Let's talk about women," Wadhwa said. The topic was inevitable. *The Wall Street Journal* had published a column bemoaning the lack of women in tech in which TechCrunch was mentioned because its conferences featured too few women. Arrington had responded with a column of his own, titled, "Too Few Women in Tech? Stop Blaming the Men." He elaborated to Wadhwa, saying, "Women in my world are respected as much as men." He pointed out that the C.E.O. of TechCrunch was a woman, as were almost half of his employees.

Arrington then called on a woman in the audience. He identified her as his girlfriend, Jenn. He asked her to please stand. Arrington explained that Jenn had just started a company, Rtist, a Web-based broker of original art. He said Jenn had hired a team and launched the Web site, and it was doing well. Looking in her direction, he asked,

"Have you ever felt like, Wow, I feel like I'd be doing better if I was a man?"

Without pause, her soft voice infused with defiance, Jenn responded, "Not yet."

Arrington shifted in his chair, and, after a few moments, launched into a soliloquy.

"If we want to get beyond this whole I'm-cool-because-I-care-about-women thing, what we really need to do is we have to start encouraging women to get engineering degrees in college. We have to start encouraging women to get into math and science early on in life. . . . But to just say TechCrunch is perpetuating the problem because there aren't enough women speakers at our events is just a way to get attention and not solve the problem. So do we want to solve the problem or do we want to just pick on me?"

That Berkeley moment now seems astonishingly surreal, as Arrington has been accused not only of sexual assault but also of rape. In other words, the de facto king of Silicon Valley, who has insisted that the tech industry is a non-discriminating meritocracy, stands accused of misogynistic crimes—with the allegations coming not through a lawsuit or criminal charge but from a series of public accusations on social media. Arrington has sued the alleged victim for defamation. The source of these allegations? Jenn Allen, his ex-girlfriend, whom Arrington called on that day to help him make his case that he and the Valley culture he has been so instrumental in creating treat women fairly.

It was while working in the Valley as a young associate at the law firm Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati that Arrington realized he didn't want to be an attorney pushing the paperwork for done deals; rather, the only child of a Bank of America data-processing executive and a stay-at-home mom, Arrington decided he wanted to be the mover-shaker doing the deals. One of the firm's clients hired Arrington away and gave him his chance, on one start-up and then another. By 2005 the Valley had just about wiped the popped bubble from its face. Eighty-five percent of eligible college kids were on something called Facebook; Google and Yahoo were on a buying spree, targeting acquisitions like the photo-sharing site Flickr. YouTube was in its infancy. Twitter had not yet tweeted. Over at Apple, Steve Jobs was at work on a secret project: creating a touch screen that might eliminate the need for a keyboard. Anything and everything once again seemed possible. V.C.'s were itching to invest. The Valley was like Churchill Downs on Derby Day: packed dense with flush gamblers wanting to lay bets—only, Arrington realized, there was no *Racing Form*.

His first official TechCrunch post was on June 11, 2005. Within a few months, Arrington was churning out kisses-and-cupcakes coverage on start-ups and news items big and small. He got the idea of throwing a business-warming party. He invited sources, friends, fans, subjects he covered, whatever you wanted to call them—such distinctions made no difference to him. He didn't consider himself a journalist. He was a blogger. Before anything else, an entrepreneur. The party was a brilliant move. His first "Meetup" was in September 2005. About 20 people showed up in his backyard, in Atherton, for beer and burgers. One of his guests was Chad Hurley, the co-founder of YouTube.

One of the early BBQs had a corporate sponsor, Eurekster. That company's marketing-and-development person, Jenn Allen, had approached Arrington with the idea. The party drew hundreds, all in all a cross section of the Valley: V.C.'s from the likes of Kleiner Perkins, Greystone Ventures, and Accel Partners; entrepreneurs and engineers; rich geeks, broke geeks; high-school dropouts and M.B.A.'s; publicists and marketers, who tended to be pretty girls, like Jenn Allen. Dark hair, striking eyes; and trite as it may sound, she exuded a sweetness. At least that's what Arrington thought at the end of the night when they agreed to go on a date the following weekend. More Meetups followed and went later and later into the early morning. "These were proper parties," says Arrington's friend Nik Cubrilovic. The old-fashioned networking fed Arrington's intel on high tech, and TechCrunch became a must-read. Its Web traffic and page views skyrocketed, and in no time it dominated all other tech blogs.

In October 2006, Arrington landed the scoop that changed everything. He reported a rumor that Google was going to acquire YouTube. *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, other blogs, all did a double take. Just like that, Arrington had "journalistic" cred. What's more, TechCrunch had so much clout that if Arrington wrote favorably about a start-up or product it was almost guaranteed venture-capital interest. Aspiring entrepreneurs literally banged on the door and windows of his ranch-house office. Venture capitalists wanted to stay in Arrington's good graces. Arrington had become a one-man nexus of ego, money, and information in the Valley. A month after Arrington broke the Google-YouTube story, *The Wall Street Journal* ran a story headlined: TECHCRUNCH SITE MAKES ARRINGTON A POWER BROKER.

A week after exchanging numbers at the TechCrunch Meetup in 2005, Arrington and Allen went on their first date to the bar in the Ritz-Carlton in San Francisco. Allen ordered a bottle of Veuve Clicquot, Arrington a beer. He drank his beer. She drank a single glass of the champagne, and they decided to call it a night. Arrington picked up the tab. Before they left, Allen opened up the little leather folder with the signed bill inside, to make sure Arrington left a decent tip.

A relationship blossomed, or, perhaps, erupted. It was volatile throughout. On again and off again, from 2005 until at least 2010, when Arrington called on Allen at the Berkeley lecture. At an officially unofficial annual gathering of Silicon Valley players in Hawaii, called the Lobby, a friend of Arrington's, Cyan Banister, says she spent a lot of time hanging out with Allen because Arrington was so busy being Arrington. Banister remembers Allen and Arrington constantly texting. "It was like a high-school relationship," Banister told me. "I was surprised that this was the kind of girl Mike was interested in."

Not long after Allen and Arrington started dating she was let go from her job at Eurekster, according to the company's C.E.O., Steven Marder, who said Allen had been "dropping the ball." From what Marder recalls, it got to a point where her colleagues were coming to him and saying that something had to be done because "she seemed a bit lost." Allen declined numerous requests to comment for this story.

Arrington's Meetups evolved into a traveling Silicon Valley Super Bowl trade show called "TechCrunch50." At these days-long conferences in cities around the world, investors, entrepreneurs, marketers, publicists, and tech journalists gathered. Featured attractions were panel discussions, one-on-one interviews conducted by Arrington, who abrasively poked his subjects, and a contest called "Startup Battlefield," which is pretty much just what it sounds like.

For the first three years of the conferences, Arrington's partner in planning, hosting, and executing was Jason Calacanis, a serial entrepreneur with a track record of success and relentless self-promotion. It was Calacanis who persuaded Arrington that they should unite and launch TechCrunch50. They struck an agreement wherein they split the revenue 50-50. In 2007, Arrington hired Heather Harde away from Fox Interactive Media to be C.E.O., and she began to expand the TechCrunch conferences globally. As the TechCrunch brand grew, and its staff was doing much of the work in organizing, the terms of the deal with Calacanis were revisited. The negotiations became acrimonious and fell apart, as did the partnership with Calacanis. Soon TechCrunch50 was dead, and the newly christened TechCrunch Disrupt Conference was born.

In early 2010, Tim Armstrong, the C.E.O. and chairman of AOL, attended a Disrupt and asked if Arrington would be interested in selling TechCrunch. Within a matter of months there was a deal memo, finalized in September 2010. As part of the \$30 million sale, Arrington would remain at TechCrunch, which he believed would retain editorial independence from AOL. A year later, in September 2011, Arrington launched CrunchFund, a V.C. firm. In other words, Arrington would be a major force in an industry in which he himself was now even more financially invested. AOL would invest \$10 million in CrunchFund. At some point, Arrington added a disclaimer to his bio on TechCrunch: "Sometimes I have so many financial conflicts of interest that I can't even keep them straight. So when you read what I write . . . understand that I'm conflicted. A lot."

What Arrington was doing with CrunchFund was only more of what he had been doing all along: from virtually day one of TechCrunch he had been an active investor-player in the Valley. But in early 2011, AOL had bought the Huffington Post and made its founding owner-publisher-editor, Arianna Huffington, the editor in chief of all AOL content. Upon learning of Arrington's CrunchFund side pursuit, Huffington demoted him. Within 48 hours, Arrington wrote a blog response to his demotion in which he demanded that Armstrong honor TechCrunch's editorial independence or else sell TechCrunch back to him. According to a *Forbes* story, Huffington counter-demanded that Armstrong support her, as she wanted to "make an example of Arrington." Huffington won, and Arrington got the boot.

Furious, Arrington did two things: He started his own blog, Uncrunchd, and he helped one of his former TechCrunch editors, Sarah Lacy, launch her own tech blog, PandoDaily. CrunchFund invested \$100,000, and, according to Lacy, Arrington agreed to write and work exclusively for her site in exchange for a seat on the board. Shortly thereafter, representatives of the new AOL TechCrunch reached out to Arrington. They wanted him back. Or at least back onstage. In the wake of his departure, TechCrunch had hemorrhaged many of its best-known staffers; the AOL TechCrunch team realized the main event, the lucrative Disrupt conference, needed Arrington's master-of-ceremonies cachet, not to mention his own abrasive star power. According to AOL TechCrunch sources, Arrington got the sort of offer he couldn't refuse, and agreed to sign on for the May 2012 Disrupt in New York. Lacy was furious and felt betrayed. She fired him. Six months later Arrington returned to TechCrunch as a writer.

TECHCRUNCH FOUNDER'S EX-GIRLFRIEND CLAIMS HE PHYSICALLY ABUSED HER. That was the headline on a story that broke last April 1 on the Web site Gawker. Under the headline, there was a picture of Arrington and Jenn Allen, both smiling, with a text overlay of the catchy pull-quote: "It hurts when you love someone and they threaten to murder you."

When Heather Harde, Arrington's friend and former TechCrunch C.E.O., saw it, she thought the post might be the site's idea of an April Fools' joke. The main source material in Gawker's scoop by Adrian Chen was a Facebook status update. Three days earlier, from her mobile phone, Allen had posted this status update to her Facebook page:

Last post on someone I'm completely over. I've never been lonelier in my entire life. To all my friends who loved me for who I am—thank you. Power hungry people, I loved Michael Arrington for 8+ years starting when I implemented Eurekster search at the time on Techcrunch in 2006 and throughout the years I didn't know he cheated on me multiple times, then tells people it was me immediately after he did it. It hurts when you love someone borderline and they can't feel anything at all for you, and threaten to murder you if you told anyone about the physical abuse—all for keeping his reputation. The emotional abuse was equally bad. On a positive

note, it can't get any worse than this and I can't get myself of [sic] this bed.

Neither Allen nor Arrington was quoted in the story. As Gawker reported, they "did not immediately respond to requests for comment."

Within minutes, there were dozens of comments, well on the way to more than 100. It was in the comments section that the Allen-Arrington story escalated. Allen herself posted three times, something she confirmed in her response to Arrington's lawsuit, accusing Arrington of even more despicable crimes. Posting under the name "JennNella," she alleged that five months earlier he had raped a friend of hers, whom she did not name. Someone going by "DisgustedByJennAllen" claimed to know Arrington and wrote, "First you accuse the man of abusing you and now you accuse him of rape? Really Jenn? You are truly a disgusting human being and a disgrace to the thousands of women who actually HAVE suffered such horrific tragedies." Switching to the handle "youreinthemovie," Allen went further and accused Arrington of raping her: "He did rape me, on March 5 last year ..."

Opinion and judgment of Arrington and Allen spread like a World Wide Web virus.

On April 5, Gawker published a follow-up report. Nick Denton, the founder and owner of Gawker, tweeted a link to the story with this rather definitively phrased tease: "Two more women roughed up by Michael Arrington, the Silicon Valley kingmaker." This second story, once again reported by Chen, unearthed a decade-old accusation of sexual abuse made by a former co-worker of Arrington's at RealNames, a start-up he had worked at. (The company shut down in 2002.) And Chen offered a more recent allegation that Arrington had physically abused another former girlfriend, New York-based blogger Meghan Asha.

According to Gawker, the alleged Asha incident occurred on September 12, 2009. Asha had flown from New York City, where she lived, to San Francisco. As Gawker reported it, "This coincided with the start of the TechCrunch50, a Bay Area tech conference that Arrington organized with his former business partner Jason Calacanis." Gawker reported the allegation that Arrington attacked Asha on the last night of the conference, throwing her against the wall in a hotel room.

The day after that report, on April 6, Asha not only issued a blanket denial of everything Chen had reported but also gave her statement to Arrington's former home team of TechCrunch:

None of the claims made on my behalf over the past week are accurate. I'm not inclined to comment on my personal life, Mike and I remain friends. I'm focused on business and my career. I hope we can all get back to the business of building innovative companies in the spirit of what makes this industry great. I wish everyone well who is involved. I have no further comment on the matter.

As far as the incident with the co-worker, Gawker's lone named source was Cecile DeSmet Sharp, who had been the director of human resources at RealNames.

Shortly after the story was posted, the former C.E.O. of RealNames, Keith Teare, also a co-founder of TechCrunch, posted a comment on Facebook: "Mike was indeed the subject of an accusation at RealNames. . . . An outside party was hired to conduct an investigation. The investigation concluded that there was no behavior to answer for. Mike was never reprimanded in any way. Both parties asked for confidentiality and to date this has been honored."

On April 7, Arrington responded to all the accusations in a—what else—Uncrunchd blog post: "There have been some extremely serious and criminal allegations against me over the last week. All of the allegations are completely untrue." He went on to say that he had hired a law firm to pursue legal action.

Six days after the second Gawker story, on April 11, Eric M. George, a Los Angeles-based attorney representing Arrington, sent a letter via e-mail and U.S. mail to Jennifer Allen. George demanded she retract her statements or Arrington would pursue litigation against her for making "false and defamatory statements that caused significant harm to his good name." Along with the letter, George sent Allen a packet of material: e-mails, photos, text messages, and Facebook postings. In keeping with the digital media circus/virtual trial, Arrington published the materials on his Uncrunchd blog.

Included was a document noting the date and location in San Francisco that Allen presented in her accusation where she claimed Arrington raped her on the evening of March 5, 2012. Arrington's attorney offered as one of the "provable facts" that Arrington was in Washington, not San Francisco, at that time.

Furthermore, George alleged that Allen herself was out with friends late that very same evening, into the early morning. George's Attachment A is a photo of Allen taken at 1:05 A.M. on March 6, which a friend of Allen's had posted to Facebook. In the photo, Allen is standing in the center of four friends at a San Francisco bar. That photo has since been removed.

In the third of the three comments Allen had posted to Gawker following its first report, she wrote that the last time she had seen Arrington was March 5, the night of the alleged rape, and that since then she had attempted to contact him only once, to request that he return a painting. "In fact," George alleged in his letter, "you attempted to repeatedly communicate with Michael—by telephone, text message and tweets." The very day following the alleged rape, Allen e-mailed Arrington three photos of herself, according to George. In at least one, she appears to be lying on a bed, and wrote, "The others are showing too much to email. Maybe if you beg. :)"

George's letter included several examples of messages that Allen had allegedly sent Arrington from late March through the late summer—weeks and months after the date she claimed he had raped her. The letter and accompanying materials were later included in the defamation suit filed by Arrington. George wrote that the communications "do not portray you as a victim of abuse or murder threats, but rather as a person who is distraught at a break up and angered that her ex-boyfriend entered into a new relationship."

On March 22, for example, 17 days after the day on which she alleged that Arrington had raped her, Allen e-mailed Arrington asking him to invest in her business.

Then, on April 21, 2012, Allen wrote to Arrington that she was "feel[ing] betrayed and slighted by you and, wish I wasn't alone since you decided to be with someone else so quickly. Not sure how I'm going to teach myself how to love and trust again."

And on July 21, she wrote, "You, Mike, seem happy with the most boring fake personaliti[ed] [sic] person on the planet, who you treat the way I should have been treated. If you can't treat me with respect publicly, still, then you fall into the selfish whorish male prostitute category that will always hurt me during and in the end. Hope you're enjoying the weather."

In August 2012, Allen tweeted at Arrington for all of the world to see: "Mike @arrington last chance to reconcile. I [sic] you're not feeling what I'm feeling, with the same heart, than [sic] fuck you."

George also included some earlier correspondence between Arrington and Allen. On May 18, 2011, just about two years before Allen made her rape claim, and less than a year before the alleged rape had occurred, she e-mailed Arrington to say, "I'm getting an abortion tomorrow. On my birthday. please don't contact me ever again. I can't imagine you care—but if you do—just keep flirting and fucking. and dating the . . . megans of the world. anything that might help your image, to make yourself feel better. and then fake a relationship like you did with me to make your parents happy. have a nice life and fuck you."

Three months later, according to the material included in Arrington's suit, Arrington and Allen had the following text exchange:

Arrington: do you want to see me?

Allen: Im open to talking to you but i'm dating someone if that's what you mean. I'm in a relationship. it's "facebook official"—so I could meet you for coffee. somewhere or at your office. but please don't be last minute if you still want to meet.

Arrington: I wanted to talk about this pregnancy. I never really understood if it was real or not. or if you were still pregnant. I'm assuming there's no chance of that. I'm happy for you that you're dating someone and can talk about it online. I know how much that means to you. If you aren't pregnant with my child, then we don't really have anything further to talk about. Be well.

Michael Arrington refused to speak to me on the record for this story. Jenn Allen ignored at least a half-dozen of my requests to be interviewed for this story. One morning, I rang the buzzer of her apartment building in San Francisco, and a nice landlady, Shirley, relayed to me a message from Allen that she had received my voice mails and e-mails. Shirley said, "When I told Allen you were here, that's all she said; I don't think she's coming down to talk with you."

Another address I found for Jenn Allen is that of her childhood home, where her parents still reside. The house is in a gorgeous, idyllic, old-money neighborhood of San

Francisco. Allen's father was a successful attorney. He's now retired and, according to a neighbor, does Tai Chi in the park across the street from their home.

On the afternoon I knocked on the door, a modest white sedan was parked in the driveway; a sticker from Mills College, which is where Allen went to school, was in the rear window, faded it seemed, like anything resembling childhood innocence. It was hard not to imagine Jenn's mom and dad driving their little girl off to school in that car.

After several knocks, Allen's mother opened a window above me. I recognized her from a photo that Allen had posted online. It seems Allen documents a lot of her life on the Web. Including photos of her only sibling, a sister who is in an elite Ph.D. program, and who also politely declined to speak with me. Looking down at me from the window, Allen's mother said, "My other daughter warned me you would probably try to contact me. We can't talk to you." In her eyes there was an exasperation, an anguish, an agony—a mother's petition for mercy and privacy. I nodded and started down the steps to leave, and she closed the window.

On May 7, 2013, Michael Arrington filed suit against Allen, seeking damages for defamation. In her answer to Arrington's complaint, filed in June, Allen did not retract her statements, though she did revise at least one major aspect of her allegation. She said that she had been mistaken when she said he had raped her on March 5. Later she would tweet that it actually happened on March 30.

According to her answer, Allen is represented by two law firms, one of them, Allred, Maroko & Goldberg, the firm headed by feminist superlawyer Gloria Allred, who herself was a victim of rape. To date, Allen has not filed a criminal charge against Arrington. Nor have the two other women. A trial has been set for next October.

More than two dozen sources I spoke with were quick to point out the intensity of the rivalry that existed between Michael Arrington and Valleywag, which is essentially a Gawker dedicated to Silicon Valley. Gawker's Nick Denton launched Valleywag in 2006, shut it down in 2008, then relaunched it this year. Arrington had called Denton "evil" in the *San Francisco Chronicle* around the time Valleywag launched and "a total dick" in *Portfolio* in 2008, and he wrote a TechCrunch column that same year lambasting the site for being irresponsible: "Today I read all the sordid details about the alleged sexual encounter between a notable technology visionary and a woman who appears to be looking for as much publicity as possible. Where did I read it? On the Silicon Valley gossip blog Valleywag. The posts include private IM chats and various rumors, all designed to make the person mentioned look like as much of a fool as possible. That's not new, of course. Valleywag is making a business out of digging into people's personal lives and publishing it for all to see (me included, regularly)." (Denton didn't respond to numerous requests for comment.)

In his column, published in March 2008, Arrington noted that a business executive had recently committed suicide after being written about in a blog (not owned by Denton), and then asked:

So how long will it be before Valleywag drives someone in our community to suicide? My fear is that it isn't a matter of if it will happen, but when. Valleywag and Nick Denton, though, will likely look forward to the event, and the great traffic growth that will surely follow. There's a market for this kind of content, obviously. And nothing can stop it except significant changes to our libel and defamation laws. That isn't something I support. But the valley was a much nicer place to live and work before the days of Valleywag."

There are just as many people in the Valley who would say it was a lot nicer place before the days of Arrington. The allegations lobbed at him are the result of the very same blog/social media/Silicon Valley "innovative journalism" that he himself has championed. In 2009, Arrington wrote a blog post on TechCrunch in defense of his site's practice of publishing rumors as part of the process to get to the "absolute truth." Digitally savvy journalists have academically dubbed this "process journalism."

"Some people ask why we don't just wait until we have the whole story before posting," Arrington wrote. "The fact is that we sometimes can't get to the end story without going through this process. . . . When a story is up and posted, it's amazing how many people come out of the woodwork to give us additional information. . . . And readers love it. The only people who don't like it are competitors who like to point out that a story was partially wrong, and that they got it right later. But the fact is that they didn't even know there was a story to begin with. Our original post kicked off the process, and they, like us, started digging for the absolute truth."

You might say process journalism was applied to the accusations against Arrington, and this sordid mess is the necessary by-product of a pursuit of the absolute truth. Regardless of the absolute truth of what Arrington did or did not do to Jenn Allen, the whole affair makes this much clear: while the Valley is busy incubating a lot of shiny new start-ups and promising innovations and social networks that generate all kinds of value propositions and tremendous revenue possibilities, behind the scenes of that ecosystem there's another part of the culture, where someone is always trying to screw somebody over, where it's crunch or be crushed. The big question the luminaries of the Valley might want to ask themselves is the question Arrington himself posed that day at Berkeley: Does the Valley want to solve the problem, or does it want to pick on Mike?

(G.H.- See More About [GAWKER, HERE>>>](#))

(F- LAT- Payback's a Bitch, VC's)

(F- Daily Caller- The **Silicon Valley VC's** are the **DNC's bankroll**. When they go, the DNC goes.)

(FGH- Here's the problem with the Venture Capitalists character assassinating someone clever and entrepreneurial like Arrington. When you end someone's life with a character attack you create a highly motivated enemy. They, and their friends, will come after you forever. When you do it to a publisher with lots of friends you double your pleasure/payback. When you do it to someone who is clever, a publisher and you do it on the internet where all of the other kids, adults, etc. who got attacked, themselves, can catch some affinity; you (**VC/illuminati**) pretty much shoot yourselves in the foot. Combine doing it to Greenwald, Assange, Arrington, Manning and the others at the same exact historical time-span and you are pretty much fucked, you VC's. Good luck with a pissed off Arrington, Silicon Valley. You were better off with just a blabby Arrington. You should have let sleeping dogs sleep.)

(SD- The Arrington/D. McClure/R. Conway payback scheme will be Epic)

(GH-j- Elon Musk hit Martin Eberhard, and most of Musk's enemies, with most of "The Full Monty" in order to force a settlement from him. According to his ex-wives and ex-girlfriends, he also threatened them with "trouble" if they didn't accept a quick settlement, too [as discussed HERE>>>](#))

(MA- Gawker is a stealth front for Jay Carney and Robert Gibbs in the WH Press Office. If it is too dirty for a WH press syndicate release they have Nick Denton do the hit on somebody (usually the GOP) and, in exchange, avoid looking at his overseas accounts)

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(G- Per the quote in the article about waiting for "Valleywag to drive someone in the -Silicon Valley- community to **suicide..**" **It Has!!!** Silicon Valley Has Committed Suicide in Self-Disgust. Goodbye Silicon Valley and the Arrogant Hipsters and **Douche Bag VC's**.

**MARTIN EBERHARD, of Tesla, got the FULL MONTY.**

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### [Crovitz: Silicon Valley's 'Suicide Impulse' - WSJ.com](#)

In The Wall Street Journal, Information Age columnist Gordon Crovitz writes that the tech industry's affection for Washington keeps growing—with Facebook ...  
online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424127887323539804578266290231304934 - [View by kquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

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Jul 14, 2013 ... The recent **suicides** of Jody Sherman, Aaron Swartz and Ilya Zhitomirskiy are tragic but all too familiar stories. Some might also recall the ...  
www.toobox.com/blog/suicide-in-silicon-valley/ - [View by kquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

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Apr 4, 2013 ... A few months ago, on Sunday, January 27, an entrepreneur named Jody Sherman had plans to see a movie with a friend. But that afternoon ...  
www.businessinsider.com/jody-sherman-ecomom-2013-4 - [View by kquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

(DFG- **THIS LINK** has Arrington's big blow-out disclosure on the VC's.)

**But once in awhile, Reporters win! See the Movie: "Big Boys Gone Bananas":**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v40gTEIOHzY>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pqrX4BhtDHg>

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#### **Option #2: "Actual" Death-**

**Known as "Wet-Work" and done by hired mercenaries, who mainstream news calls: "Contractors" (See George Clooney's movie "Micheal Clayton" to see how it is done). Killing you dead with, formerly, untraceable creepy technology... Internet lore holds that Brietbart is thought to have been taken out this way.**

...they can actually, ACTUALLY, kill you like [THIS!>>> as shown in THESE ARTICLES](#)

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#### **Option #3: "The Come On"-**

**They ask to look at your technology, then steal it, then they say: "Ha! We are going to give it away, or just use it without paying you, to kill your market. What are you going to do about it, Sue us? Ha! Suckers..."**

Except, ...now you CAN sue them, and win!

.. they can sabotage your business like [THIS!>>>](#)

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#### **Option #4: "The Poor Boy"-**

**Political operatives hack into, or pay friends to access, each of the career databases and credit reporting companies to falsely crash your background and credit checks so you can't get a job. The companies they mostly use are:**

TalentShield  
BeenVerified  
GIS Background Checks  
CVCertify  
Social Intelligence  
Dun And Bradstreet  
EquiFax  
Infortal  
Kroll Backgrounds  
Onesource  
Checkpeople  
and others...

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#### Option #5: "The Honey Trap"-

They send somebody to sleep with you, or charge you for sex, or get pregnant or all of the above and cause all kinds of hell in the media...

NEWYEARS



The **creepiest Honey Trap** system is the one we heard about at ProPublica where the owners of [Match.com/OKCupid.com](#) are closely connected to certain **political "interests"**. A source claimed that they allow those interests to scan their database with **photo-comparison software**. If the dating profile picture you posted on Match.com or OkCupid is a match for a person the "interests" want to run a Honey Trap on, the "interests" send in a fake date person to try to get info from you or get you in a compromising situation. Very often the hot blonde you think you are writing to is some hairy fat male political operative in New Jersey. Both sites already have [a number of legal actions](#) for fake profiles. If true, and you are controversial, I suppose you can't date anymore... bummer!

Ed- PP

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To see some of the HONEYS. [CLICK HERE>>>](#)

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#### [Julian Assange in the Honey Trap by Justin Raimondo -- Antiwar.com](#)

Dec 8, 2010 ... Anyone who doubts the unmitigated evil of the US government and its international enablers has only to look at the disgraceful persecution of ...  
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Aug 23, 2012 ... WikiLeaks founder **Julian Assange** on the balcony of the ... internet; they have been trashed, accused of setting a "**honey trap**", and seen their ...  
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Feb 27, 2013 ... Eyewitnesses report "an astounding swarm of women" around **Julian Assange**. Lucky guy but the fact that they were journalists from ...  
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Dec 10, 2010 ... Anna Ardin, described in court documents as "Miss A," had deleted Twitter messages speaking highly of Wikileaks founder **Julian Assange**, the ...  
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25.10mins: Stephens denies claims **Assange** has seen the full report of the sex allegations against him. 28.20mins: 'The **honey-trap** has been sprung' ...  
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Mar 17, 2011 ... This information raises questions about CIA and ASIO (australian spy organisation), and whether the sexcharges against **Julian Assange** was ...  
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Dec 16, 2010 ... In computer terminology, a honeytrap or honeypot is a **trap** set to detect, ... seen the proof says **Julian Assange's** lawyer" Source: dailymail.co.uk ...

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What is a **honey trap**? Simply, a **honey trap** (sometimes called a **honey pot trap**) is a kind of "sting operation" in which a person hired by you approaches your ...  
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*(This is why good candidates don't run for office, nobody wants to get character assassinated except the ones that are so dirty they just don't give a damn- GH)*

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[www.waliberals.org/conlin-vs-sawant-the-politics-of-character-assassination/2013/10/13/](http://www.waliberals.org/conlin-vs-sawant-the-politics-of-character-assassination/2013/10/13/) - [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

### [Assassination Quotes - BrainyQuote](#)

Every two years the American politics industry fills the airwaves with the most virulent, scurrilous, wall-to-wall **character assassination** of nearly every **political** ...  
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### [character assassination - Wiktionary](#)

Now she has stunned the **political** class with an open letter to Fillon in Le Monde, a scathing **character assassination** accusing him of the "lone ambition" of a ...  
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### [Character assassination - Merriam-Webster Online](#)

noun. : the act of saying false things about a person usually in order to make the public stop liking or trusting that person. Full Definition of **CHARACTER** ...  
www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/**character%20assassination** - [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

### [Nitish Kumar's dig at Narendra Modi: social media used for ...](#)

Oct 23, 2013... were using social media as a tool for "**character assassination**. ... It was a barely concealed swipe at arch **political** rival Narendra Modi, who is ...  
www.ndtv.com/ article/ india/ nitish-kumar-s-dig-at-narendra-modi-social-media-used-for-**character**-a ssassination-436430 - [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

### [Character assassination-Jean Seberg and information control by ...](#)

**Character assassination** — ... and Marilyn Monroe — in Jean Seberg's private life , films, and **political** victimization, the personal really becomes the **political**.  
www.ejumpcut.org/archive/onlinessays/JC28folder/Seberg.html - [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

### [KNIGHT: Foiling the left's character assassination - Washington Times](#)

Sep 23, 2013 ... It was 10 years ago that Hillary Rodham Clinton famously lamented "the politics of personal destruction." The former first lady and future ...  
www.washingtontimes.com/ news/ 2013/ sep/ 23/ knight-foiling-the-lefts-**character-assassination**/ ?page=all - [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

### [Gujarat BJP complains to EC against Modi's character assassination ...](#)

Nov 25, 2013 ... "It is pertinent to note that Arjun Modhwadia, while giving a **political** ... The phrase is used to describe a person of bad/loose **character**," BJP ...

### [Dave McClure says Silicon Valley is 'functionally illiterate' at ...](#)

Jul 1, 2013 ... In a series of tweets that appear to have been sent out of frustration, prominent **Silicon Valley** VC, Dave **McClure** let it all rip on what he thinks of ...  
www.ventureburn.com/ 2013/ 07/ dave-**mcclure**-says-**silicon-valley**-is-functionally-illiterate-about-mar keting/ - [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

### [Bravo's Start-ups: Silicon Valley Debuts Clips; Dave McClure ...](#)

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#### **Option #6: "The Hack and Block"-**

Did you ever think you were doing everything right and things inexplicably go south right at the last minute? If you are a reporter or a public service person, you might be under the watch of a **Hack and Block Operative**. These technical hackers are already inside your phone and computer via embedded backdoors and spyware. Most of the time they do not even have to watch as you type. They just program their spyware to look for a selection of keywords that may have something to do with what they want to block. For example, if you are working on a story about stuffed animals and toxins, they might program their spyware to resend them anything with the words: "teddy bear, mattel, stuffed, stuffing, elmo, toys, investigation...etc" and on and on for thousands of words. The second you type one of these things, the political operative gets a text about it and goes to work. Did you just set up a meeting with an investor? That investor suddenly gets an anonymous tip with damaging info about you and the meeting is "rain-checked".. Did you just set up a date online? **Your date** gets a disturbing message about you and suddenly she is "busy". Did you just try to source a great tip for an interview? Suddenly the tip source "wants to think about it some more"? Your Operative got mail and you got Blocked.

### [State Dept. whistleblower has email hacked, deleted | New York Post](#)

15 hours ago ... WASHINGTON — The personal e-mail account of a State Department whistleblower was hacked, and four years worth of messages — some ...

www.nypost.com/ 2013/ 12/ 30/ **state-dept-whistleblower**-has-**email-hacked**-deleted/ - [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

## [State Dept. whistleblower has email hacked, deleted Alex Jones ...](#)

10 hours ago ... The personal e-mail account of a State Department whistleblower was hacked, and four years worth of messages — some detailing alleged ...

[www.infowars.com/state-dept-whistleblower-has-email-hacked-deleted/](http://www.infowars.com/state-dept-whistleblower-has-email-hacked-deleted/) - [View by bquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

## [State Dept. Whistleblower Has Email Hacked - Breitbart](#)

9 hours ago ... A whistleblower who had helped expose misconduct by Hillary Clinton's security detail had his Gmail account hacked and key evidence ...

[www.breitbart.com/Big-Government/2013/12/30/Whistleblower-Who-Exposed-State-Department-Wrongdoing-Has-Email-Hacked](http://www.breitbart.com/Big-Government/2013/12/30/Whistleblower-Who-Exposed-State-Department-Wrongdoing-Has-Email-Hacked) - [View by bquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

Also known as "**Hack-And-Extort!**"

**Ideal counter measures are: Massive disinformation output, never keep anything connected to any network (ie: unplug all power cords and network cables), only write fake meeting dates in electronic calendars, encrypt, relay, tor, create false lead traps that end up at your litigation firm's office, put black electrical over every camera lens, phone lens, tablet lens, webcam lens, smart tv lens, computer lens, etc.**

One of the more **horrific** uses of **Hack and Block** is this story, an act which **every American is now at risk** of if you don't **put black electrical tape over every camera lens** on your phone, tablet and computers:

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<http://guardianlv.com/2013/12/apple-inc-and-other-webcams-hacked-miss-teen-usa-nude-photos-taken/>

## **Apple Inc. And Other Webcams Hacked – Miss Teen USA Nude Photos Taken**

Added by [Brent Matsalla](#) on December 21, 2013.

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<http://guardianlv.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/Apple-Inc.-And-Other-Webcams-Hacked-Miss-Teen-USA-Nude-Photos-Taken-650x361.jpg>

Researchers at the Department of Computer Science at Johns Hopkins University say that Apple Inc.'s iSight camera system among other webcams can be vulnerable to hijack hacking. However, 19-year-old Miss Teen USA, Cassidy Wolf, found out the hard way when she received an anonymous email containing two nude photos of herself that were taken by her own hacked webcam.

The email demanded more nude photos from Wolf or the anonymous sender threatened to release her photos to the public if she didn't comply. More demands were also made in the email, but the details of these demands were not shared.

<http://guardianlv.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/Apple-Inc.-And-Other-Webcams-Hacked-Miss-Teen-USA-Nude-Photos-Taken2-450x382.jpg>

The nude photos were taken over several months by Wolf's own laptop webcam. Wolf said that her webcam light never came on during this period, which would have tipped her off that her webcam was in use. It was never confirmed whether the webcam light had been disabled by the hacker, or if Wolf just didn't realize the LED light being on. ***The hacker was spying on her and through up to 150 other webcams in the area.***

The FBI says suspected hacker, Jared Abrahams, breached the privacy of people by hacking into their webcams with his sophisticated network and peeping software. Abrahams has now pled guilty to extortion charges.

Earlier this month the FBI also revealed that they have been using a malicious software program called "malware" as a spying technique on suspects through the suspect's own webcams. The malware program was able to allow surveillance without toggling on the "in-operation" LED light located on a suspect's webcam. This is a similar sounding observation described by Miss Teen USA when her webcam was hacked and the nude photos were taken. Apple Inc.'s and other webcams have a hardware interlock between the LED light and the webcam. When the webcam is in operation, the LED light is always supposed to be toggled to the on position automatically.

Assistant professor and co-author of the Johns Hopkins' paper – *iSeeYou*, Stephen Checkoway, says that he and his partner were able to hack into Apple Inc.'s iSight camera system and disable the LED light when the camera was operating. Checkoway and his paper's co-author, Matthew Brocker, were able to independently control the camera to record audio, video, and snap pictures without enabling the camera's integrated LED light. The team was able to accomplish their feat by reprogramming the microcontroller contained within the iSight camera system.

Checkoway and Brocker notified Apple Inc. about their ability to exploit the iSight camera system, and although Apple did not reply to requested comments, Apple sources say they took this very serious. The researchers did follow up with Apple several times, but were not informed by any possible plans for mitigation. Checkoway did note that the exploit now only works on older 2008 Apple products.

The federal government made agreements with seven computer rental companies last year, when it was discovered that they were unlawfully spying on their customers. The companies were allegedly capturing photos of their customers through the rental computer's webcam.

Miss Teen USA is only one case where nude photos have been taken from a hacked webcam. Apple Inc. and other webcam manufacturers will always remain vulnerable to malware hacking programs. The Federal Trade Commission says that currently many thousands of people may be getting spied on from webcam software named PC Rental Agent. This program had previously been installed on approximately 420,000 computers across the world. When it's not in use, covering the webcam with a piece of paper remains to be the best security from any hacked webcam.

By Brent Matsalla

Sources:

[New York Times](#)  
[Techland](#)  
[Washington Post](#)

(PS: GHF- A number of auto execs/agency heads have quit, or are sleeping in fear, because they believe they got Hack & Blocked doing bribery, WITH VIDEO, and their numbers may be about to come up in federal investigations. I'd say keep on eye out for Mother Jones or ProPublica's next video undercover exclusive from the tipsters :-)) .....

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#### Personal Privacy Security 2014:

(What a drag...)

- Get rid of your credit cards. Only use cash.
- Tape over every digital camera lens. Don't buy devices with built-in cameras.
- Unplug both the power cord and network cord of any device that network connects, when not in use. Routers, gamebox, appliances, Smart TV's, etc. They all watch you.
- Never leave your wifi unit in the "on" position.
- Keep your cell phone in "flight" mode or "airplane" mode until you are ready to use it and then turn it off after use.
- Always remove the battery from your phone when you go into a meeting or drive between locations.
- Try to buy devices that do not have a GPS chip in them.
- Don't "sync" any device.
- Phone, computer and other wall charger/adapters often have bugs built into them.
- Delete your contact list, calendar, tasks & memos from any mobile device. Carry them on paper or on a device with no modem, wifi or bluetooth.
- Never use a "social network" site. Delete all data and cancel all existing sites.
- Remember: "If it has a plug, it has a bug".
- Use TOR and peer to peer hardware and software certified by the open source community.
- Never post your picture online. If you do, make sure it is only used once per site and has your own steganography ID in it but your data meta tags stripped out.
- Don't own anything with an RFID chip. Even your car tires have them in them.
- Cover your mouth when saying something important. Surveillance cameras read lips.

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#### Option #7: "The Molasses Tactic":

**AKA: The slow burn delay tactic**

**Lawyers and administrators PRETEND to be doing their jobs but, in actuality, they are intentionally delaying and "bottom drawer-ing" actions for years until you run out of money, time, patience, resources and sanity. Specific to reporters, their FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request will sometimes be held off until the last possible minute.**

**Sometimes, a law-firm or lawyer will approach you because they "heard about your situation and want to help you". Be sure they do not, secretly, work for the other side and they are there to make sure you lose the case or that it runs so slow, it has no effect.**

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#### Option #8: "Having You De-Googled"- [CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#)

**Paying Google to Remove your name, company name or political campaign from Google Web searches or associating a search of your name with artificially created horrible things as was done with Rick Santorum's name being "search-frozen" by Google to always bring up a disgusting sexual term.**

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