
Subject: Re: I need some advice

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Regarding the ban...

If someone's going to DDoS an indefinite amount of people/servers, they should not be allowed to stay around. Incidentally, this might be a case for that stupid e-annoyance thing President Bush signed into law. Might as well get some good use out of it.

Regarding Thumbs Up...

Wikipedia wrote The source of the gesture is obscure. Though a favorite of Hollywood 'swords and sandals' epics, where the "thumbs down" symbol means that the loser in a gladiatorial combat should be put to death, recent research suggests the meanings of the symbols have changed over the years. In 1997, Professor Anthony Philip Corbeill of the University of Kansas concluded that the thumbs up actually meant "Kill him," basing his assertion on a study of hundreds of ancient artworks. Thus, the "thumbs up" was an approval of the gladiator's request to kill his vanquished foe rather than a vote to allow the defeated to remain alive. Corbeill wrote that a closed fist with a wraparound thumb was the indication for a gladiator's life to be spared.

In Latin, the "thumbs up" gesture is called pollice recto, "thumbs down" is pollice verso. It is not certain that the contemporary gestures are identical to the gestures performed in ancient Rome. The current version was popularized by a widely reproduced academic painting by the 19th century artist Jean-Léon Gérôme, whose Pollice Verso depicts a triumphant gladiator standing over a fallen foe, looking up into the bleachers for the verdict of the crowd.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thumbs_up

Also take a look at <http://ancienthistory.about.com/od/games/a/thumbsup.htm>
