

## **Is Facebook co-founder a worthy winner for person of the year 2010? BBC Have Your Say**

A selection of the published comments on the BBC web site.

Most comments are strongly against the use of Facebook, only a few in favor (not published her). By clicking this link you can see them all:

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/haveyoursay/2010/12/is\\_facebook\\_co-founder\\_a\\_worth.html](http://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/haveyoursay/2010/12/is_facebook_co-founder_a_worth.html)

Selected comments:

This shows how cowardly Americans are, by having their worthless magazine brainwash their people into believing this facebook boy is person of the year, and hiding under the carpet the true, REAL winner that should've been Julian Assange for revealing the truth. Most real people (i.e. the real world that exists outside the US borders) would agree.

Thank you Time Magazine - for proving how spineless you are, much like your American government.

Cowards.

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No, Face book pales into insignificance against Wikileaks.  
Julian Assange is so much more the Person Of The Year 2010.

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He has unleashed a monster. But someone had to do it...

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Seriously Zukerberg as man of the year???? Admittedly I spend a fair amount of time on facebook, BUT Zukerberg really does not deserve this accolade, he's done nothing to improve our lives, he's just provided another distraction.

Facebook does change lives, it encourages people to spend all their time on the site to the detriment of their REAL LIFE family & friends, allowing those who are small fry in real life to bully & antagonise people unfortunate enough to cross their path on facebook. Facebook is being run in the interests of profit (selling our information to anyone who will pay) and NOT in the interests of the safety & privacy of their users.

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I am do not subscribe to Facebook nor will ever do. It is surely for juveniles or adults with juvenile minds. However, good to see someone getting hold of an idea & make a great success of pandering to the lowest common denominator.

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If duping people into giving up all their data forever and selling it to the highest bidder is the mark of a great person, he deserves everything he's been given.

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What a sad world we are becoming.

It was once thought that technology especially computers would be a slave to man, a tool to ease his burden and give him greater leisure time but it seems to me that man is becoming the slave to technology with people spending every spare minute glued to their computer.

If that's living then it's your choice and you're welcome to it personally I would much prefer to go for walk in the country and stop and chat with people in the flesh.

Don't get me wrong, social networking sites have their place in society and are brilliant for the less abled bodied person although experience tells me that many of the so called less abled bodied people would benefit from a walk in the country.

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You must be joking!!!! Facebook is the biggest risk on the internet to an individuals personal safety and financial security, and, I think anybody participating is a muppet and deserves whatever disaster might befall them.

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Facebook is just a way of extracting sensitive personal data from users for later resale. It will eventually go the way of MySpace and the BBC's last great love affair, Second Life - that is, the way of the dodo.

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How can Zuckerberg possibly even get it with this childish, application rigged, privacy hacked networking website!?

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I quit Facebook a year ago or so as it became a waste of time following the inane thoughtlessness of so many people and am amazed by those who claim they have 500 "friends" whose names they cannot even remember. Then came the privacy issues and while I helped me reconnect with lost contacts this did not survive the test of time.

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Facebook was a phenomenon that started years ago. Individual of the year 2010? If "Social Network" hadn't been released this year, I doubt he would have such a public appearance. If anything, Facebook has introduced us to the darker side of the internet - the one that makes our relationships impersonal, our friends commodities, and our workforce all-the-more distracted at work. Zuckerberg's idea itself isn't influential, it's the business that was built around it that made Facebook a game-changer.

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On the subject of face book; all I can see is millions of people pretending they are having a great social life and pretending they are all either beautiful or very handsome, with thousands of friends also partying 24/7.

Me? Flipping hermit me! Must have been something I did in a past life!!

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Personally, I've never felt the need to know what anyone I know is doing at every moment of their lives or, to let other people know unless, it's something genuinely necessary and can't simply wait until, I next see them in person. One of my friends is abroad for several months so, I have finally signed up to Facebook but, it's just a cheap way of keeping in touch.

If it hadn't been mentioned in the title that he was the co-founder of Facebook then, I would have never known!

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Facebook founder deserve nothing. He is just a business man who mint million of dollars by trading the privacy of people. He hasn't change our lives for good, but created another means to cheat and lie. We should not compare Jullian Assange with him. Julian deserves even a nobel prize.

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Judged on my daughter obsession with "collecting friends" and "staying in touch" on Facebook, hence her studies going rapidly down the drain, no I most certainly cannot

say the status of Person of the Year is well earned. I appreciate Facebook can be used sensibly and in measured doses, however that's way too much to ask for young people in their late teens. So no, I see Facebook as a very career-limiting time-robber toy which adds almost no value in anybody's lives, with the exception of the guys that set it up.

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There is no denying that Facebook had had an impact and regrettably has changed peoples lives for the worst. Socialising electronically is novel but robs one of the pleasure of the real thing. Getting out and about, new venues, new people, real people in fact. I was once shown Facebook, writing on the wall, getting a poke, Kylie wants you to be her friend, all those photos, etc., I just couldn't get it at all, but then the penny dropped; the young blonde lady trying to explain it confirmed my suspicion that Facebook is E Mail for big giggly silly girls who have feathers where their brains should be. I bet most soap viewers are on Facebook. Its Outlook for me, communications that are businesslike, short, sweet and to the point - unlike this post of mine !!!!

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What a ridiculous concept, displaying your private life and every movement for other fellow saddo's to comment on. That's it in a nutshell. So good luck to him for making a lot of money out of the weakness of the many. There are too many people with little talent becoming famous or infamous, so one more won't hurt.

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Facebook is nothing but a pointless distraction, a means of generating useless activity that cons people into thinking they're doing something meaningful with their time. If Facebook was really that important surely Mark Zuckerberg should have been given this "accolade" several years ago? This is nothing to do with social or political impact and everything to do with commercialism. It's no coincidence that Facebook is about to embark on a massive expansion into new areas, and I'm sure this PR puff will do wonders in attracting new investors.

Of course the most important person of the year is Julian Assange, but can you really see the Americans going for that?

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Facebook like Twitter and social networking sites are massively over hyped just as AOL was in the past when Warner Bros. fell for the hype.

The claims for people using Facebook and similar sites are complete exaggeration, with many people having multiple memberships and some who just let their page lapse due to complete lack of interest both by themselves or anybody else.

Facebook has not changed the way "we" live our lives unless you count a minority of people as meaning everybody.

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Zuckerberg's vision remains of a "walled garden" closed off from open world wide web standards. That's not what's best for the users. It's just what's easiest for Zuckerberg to monetise. Astute users notice that they do not have control over their information on Facebook—Zuckerberg does—users may control only the display of that info within the Facebook application. Once you've uploaded all your information and friended scores if not hundreds of others, there's no ready way for you to port that information to some other application. That's by design.

Sooner or later, the hordes of people now joining in Facebook's ever evolving

redefinition of privacy standards are going to wise up to whom this really serves—and who is being zuckered.

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His achievement in keeping people rooted in front of boxes, instead of getting some exercise is unbeatable. Encouraging a whole generation to sit around on their \*\*\*\*\* merits some form of recognition! Not sure it is Man Of The Year. Maybe \*\*\*\*\* of the year (fill in the blank yourself, maybe something that rhymes with one of our favourite City workers).

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If social networking is a major event in your life then why not? I see it as nothing but a feeble attempt at creating a make believe world in which you make your life seem to be something its not. Wait a minute! That's what the feeble minded want. Just goes to show how empty some peoples existence must be. Real flesh and blood reality is too scary for them so they retreat into the cyberworld where they are true masters of their own destinies. No pimples or warts. Anybody ever smell software bad breath or a cyber sweaty palm. Like them or not that's real life. Its the land of Oz folks- its not real!

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Facebook, CEOP, Jim Gamble, Operation Ore, Landslide, MySpace, Youtube all these and more are the worst thing to come out of the World Wide Web, WWW, .com and the afforementioned the awful perverted face of what should have been the great liberator. The phenomenon of the Internet has shaped law in the UK in a way that has no relevance to reality and purely cosmetic legislation to accommodate the Web has been forced through here and in other countries, freedoms that were in place and had been for generations, swept away by the great "liberator" the Internet, in truth the Web has brought more censorship and curtailment of freedoms than liberation. This man who created the monster Facebook should be castigated not feted. I would never put my identity in this awful public arena, it is a place for perverts who look for kids to act out their sick fantasies and CEOP's Gamble to occupy his time and satisfy his curiosity apying on people. A sas sas world now the Internet is with us, oh for olden days when we wrote letters and went shopping.

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Personality of the year? Wow! That does sound important! Let's see. I think that the Mafia could learn a few lessons from him - after all, do they take millions of peoples IDs and sell them? No. Do they take thousands of peoples copyright and sell them? No. So maybe he should be personality of the year. Unless, of course, you know something different. Do you?

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Person of the year? You gotta laugh!  
The social network that has caused all sorts of problems across the globe for teenagers. Threats of this and threats of that. The amount of times I have heard and witnessed problems caused by Facebook is unbelievable.

Americans, they have a lot to answer for!

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Facebook has made the world a worse place. Procrastination has increased to the extent that many companies have had to block Facebook. Group advertising and promotion can be done just as easily and effectively without Facebook through proper campaigns. So what is Facebook good for besides uploading rubbish photos that only people with too much time on their hands care to look at?

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In the not too distant future, when carbon accounting is factored into the economy, the narcissistic use of energy to blog the universe about what I did yesterday, what I'm

doing now and my plans for tomorrow will be seen for the crime that it truly is, and then Mark Zuckerberg and the 'wonder' that is facebook and social networking will be viewed differently. We presently live in a world that rewards celebrity more than academia ... smacks of the rise of the idiots, and Zuckerberg is their hero.

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Four basic human needs, Shelter, Food, Health care and clothes which people of the world are struggling to obtain is not address by FACEBOOK and alike. The opinions of TIME editors who claim FACEBOOK changed all our life is at best exaggeration and probably sign of their arrogance and stupidities.

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This is a joke of course. Someone figures out how to make money off of people who are starved for attention and we find this noteworthy. Where do all the lonely people come from, we know not, but we do know where they go. They go to Facebook.

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I don't think Facebook has done anything to promote world peace, and has only aided the introversion of millions of people.

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Anyway, Facebook is a royal Pain in the Whatever. Where else can seemingly normal people deliberately embarrass themselves and their families so easily and so completely, ans waste so much time.

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The internet is new media for communication after newspaper, radio and TV so these social networking sites are inevitable. But the pity is that people depends too much on technology instead of spending together face to face doing something more smart. Also pity is that they trust them so much even they breach their privacy policy.

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There was a time when TIME Magazine was a respected, dynamic, and leading voice in journalism. By "playing it safe", and choosing Facebook founder Zuckerberg as its "man of the year", TIME has shown us that it is no longer a leader. Zuckerberg's contribution to the world?

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Facebook is an information machine; it enslaves those that feel they cannot be in touch nor have a separate identity or a wonderful life without being seen to send immature messages to each other. It has virtue in the fact that families can keep in touch but the it has been taken over and all I see is twitter with pictures.

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The award seems to assume that we "all" involve ourselves with Facebook - not true !! It also assumes that our lives have been changed for the better - what an arrogant attitude - some people do have a life outside of electronic "friends" !and don't feel the need to broadcast their sad little lives to anyone with time on their hands .

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Never read anything so stupid. Who is he? A nobody. Facebook is for sad people who need to get out and see the world. Pathetic!

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Facebook seems to to appeal to people who are socially inadequate in reality. To people with no real life of their own. They're like a billion little babies that require constant attention, and reinforcement of everything they do.

"I'm having fun at the beach".....er...so what?

"I love my new puppy".....Uhhh, OK?

"I was hungry, but I went to Taco Bell"....Hmmm, why are you telling me this?

Honestly People, get off FB and live a real life!

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I just wish that this particular genie could be put back into the bottle !!!!

From what I gather social networking causes much heartache - but once youngsters are enticed to join FaceBook they no longer have minds of their own.

I went on just to see what all the fuss was about - I had my fill within 7 days and cancelled my account. The language used and the inane comments made were just one big turn off.

Don't even get me started on Twitter !!!!

FaceBook inventor made himself a lot of money - is that a reason to make him 'Man of the Year'? - I think not.

As a footnote I have noticed a decrease in the number of emails I receive since friends and relatives sign up to FaceBook. It appears life is now too short to bother with emails.

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FB fits nicely in the policy of stupefying the public via brainless and permanent entertainment as well.

Of course I'm not entitled to judge, but sorry for the children wasting their life in front of the screen on useless and often destructive issues, easily exploited by maniacs of hidden agendas...

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..Are national divides farcical? Probably, but the fact is they exist...

No they don't! No amount of belief in something abstract creates any reality beyond the mass hypnosis that IS that belief.

Consider a church where 100% of people believe in their deity and organise all their various goings-on around the dogma and protocol of that belief and so forth: that does make the deity a reality.

This type of mass delusion is 100 times more convincing with countries. Just about EVERYBODY (that word just HAS to be in capitals) believes in them, regardless of all colour, race, religion, ethnicity divides etc. etc. But it's clear that they have no more existence than our mass acceptance of them.

This is not some obscure semantic philosophical point... it's the fact behind the most divisive and nearly universal believe system to be found on planet Earth. Countries are merely the respectable face of gangs/tribes/clans - i.e. modern day responses to our so-called herd instinct. Until human consciousness awakens up to this there is no possibility to rise beyond the endless conflicts that result.

That is why I say they are farcical. Politicians are too power-crazed and ego-centric to blow the gaff on the situation. Actually, they're mostly too blind - as are most people - to see the situation is it is.

So that's my totally arrogant and minority-of-one view...

PS: I agreed with the gist of most of your post... so maybe you're mad too

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It's a perfect illustration of corporate America that covets compliance to the system, money and wholesale profiteering of people's lives through advertising and marketing, over say Wikileaks that has blown open a window into the world-wide manipulation of the US Government but who'd care about that?

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The co-founder of Facebook is 'person of the year'? Don't make me laugh.

So many are in future going to rue the day they ever handed over the details of their lives to that site. What's more, people talk so much rubbish about the idea of being able to.. gasp.. share photos, links and every last second of their latest trivial doings as if this was something miraculously wonderful and innovative, and as though such things had never before been heard of or done. Even talking about the purely online world, it's not exactly difficult to live one's life without Facebook. I do and still remain able to contact anyone I want or need to and send and receive whatever pix, links, photos etc I so wish. The only thing I seem to be 'missing out on' is hundreds of pretend 'friendship offers'. Oh woe is me; however will I survive?

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Whats Facebook. Is it a book with only pictures of faces for children and simple people

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One problem to society is facebook is a juvenile application for kids to network at home, but inadvertently grown up adults using it are having relationship issues and need counseling

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Considering that Facebook is the most dangerous site because of all the guileless youngsters and the predators that prey on them, I'd rather say: "put him in jail".