

# THE LEGACY OF AARON SWARTZ

*January 28, 2013  
Aaron Greenspan  
Stanford Law School*



# About Aaron







*Child Prodigy  
Extremely Shy  
Hyperliterate  
Stanford Dropout  
Computer Programmer  
Creative Commons Technical Lead  
RSS Standard Contributor  
Frequent Writer  
Entrepreneur  
Early Y Combinator Participant  
Reddit Co-Founder  
Internet Archive Contributor  
Frequent Wikipedia Contributor  
Open Information Activist  
SOPA/PIPA Protest Leader  
Demand Progress Founder  
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# DEPRESSION



# LEGAL FEES



## STATEMENT

LAW OFFICES OF

MARCH 31, 2012

PLEASE PAY \$48,965.16  
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THINK COMPUTER CORPORATION  
884 COLLEGE AVENUE  
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	HOURS	FEES
12/14/11 LOCAL TELEPHONE CALL RETURN CALL TO CLIENT RE CASE.	.20	0.00
12/16/11 RECEIVE EMAIL FROM CLIENT; EVALUATE AND DETERMINE REPOSE OR ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BASED THEREON--REVIEW CLIENT PROVIDED DOCS: COMPLAINT & SUMMONS.	.20	90.00
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12/23/11 DRAFTING AND/OR EDITING.	.25	0.00
12/27/11 LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL AARON GREENSPAN VM RE COMMUNICATION/MEET WITH CLIENT(S) RE CASE STATUS, ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES, REQUEST FOR CLIENT AUTHORITY AND DECISIONS.	.10	45.00
12/27/11 DRAFT PRIVILEGED ADVICE MEMO TO CLIENT(S); TRANSMIT BY EMAIL; CONFIRM RECEIPT.	.10	45.00
1/03/12 LOCAL TELEPHONE CALL CLIENT AARON GREENSPAN RE HIS QUESTIONS ABOUT PROPOSED ENGAGEMENT AGM: WHY MBC IS REQUIRING HIM TO SIGN AS CLIENT--BECAUSE IN CLOSELY HELD CORP IT IS HIS INTERESTS THAT ARE	.10	0.00



	<u>Hrs/Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Dec 09, 2010	0.50 385.00/hr	\$192.50
Dec 10, 2010	0.90 395.00/hr	\$355.50
Dec 12, 2010	0.40 250.00/hr	\$100.00
Dec 21, 2010	0.10 395.00/hr	\$39.50
<b>For professional services rendered</b>	<b>19.80</b>	<b>\$6,264.50</b>
Additional Charges :		
Dec 30, 2010 Computer legal research.		\$75.00
<b>Total additional charges</b>		<b>\$75.00</b>
<b>Total amount of this bill</b>		<b>\$6,339.50</b>
<b>Previous balance</b>		<b>\$869.00</b>
Balance due		<b>\$7,208.50</b>

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	8.60	395.00	\$3,397.00
	10.70	250.00	\$2,675.00
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Professional Services

	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2/4/2006 NJG Telephone call with client.	0.80	240.00
2/6/2006 NJG Telephone calls with Bob Weichering and with client; review computer file.	2.10	630.00
2/13/2006 NJG Telephone calls with client and with Bob Weichering.	0.30	90.00
NJG Review documents; telephone calls with client.	0.90	270.00
2/14/2006 NJG Telephone calls with client and with Bob Weichering.	0.40	120.00
NJG Review computer file.	4.60	1,380.00
2/16/2006 NJG Meeting with client; meet with Bob Weichering and with GSA officials.	4.00	1,200.00
2/17/2006 NJG Telephone calls with Morgan Frankel; email to client.	0.30	90.00
For professional services rendered	<u>13.40</u>	<u>\$4,020.00</u>



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\$ 1,500,000



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7 2198 Aspirin use linked to a disease called age-related macular degeneration, a leading cause of blindness in older people (sci-news.com)  
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8 The sad lonely truth (l.imgur.com)

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137 points by ColinWright 9 hours ago | flag | 131 comments
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29 points by 6thSigma 5 hours ago | flag | 23 comments
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SEPTEMBER 16, 2012



Y Aaron Swartz Legal Defense

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A Aaron Swartz Legal Defense Fund (aaronsw.com)

129 points by sethibarnon 133 days ago | flag | comments

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Now let me see if I got this right:

1. Brilliant programmer gets chance of a lifetime.
2. Turns that into lots of money early in life.
3. Decides to change the world in his own way.
4. Consciously & purposefully breaks the law.
5. Has a webpage to get others to pay his legal bills.

I've never met Aaron but I've always enjoyed his writing and looked forward to meeting him one day. But there is something seriously wrong about this.

Aaron should man up, take responsibility for his actions, and pay his own bills.

And if this is his idea of changing the world, perhaps he should reconsider his choices and find a better way of paying it forward to other brilliant programmers who never got the breaks he did.

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1) I don't think Aaron made more than six figures from Reddit. Soon after acquisition, he went on walkabout, and then he got canned. He probably got some money, but did not vest most of his share.

So, don't worry - he's poor enough for your pity and support.

2) As to your second line of thought, that we should punish him because he consciously broke the law... I disagree with anyone on this forum who says that Aaron didn't know the potential consequences of his actions, and therefore should not be punished. But I also disagree with you.

This was a victimless crime, and the only ones pursuing it are some relentless G-men. Where is the corporation or person that has been wronged? Who, in the public, wants to pillory Aaron? What did Aaron gain? Do we really need to make an example of him, so this doesn't happen again? Is this really good a use of taxes?

My reaction is just shame and disgust... I mean, really? This brilliant kid is going to jail because of civil disobedience? Just so we can show there is still a book than can be thrown?

A

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From the prosecution's vantage point --- and please stop for a minute and consider that perspective even though there's no chance you'll agree with it --- this was *not* a victimless crime.

As the prosecution sees it, Aaron broke into a service and took information that JSTOR charges 5 figures for access to with the intent of putting it on a file sharing network and thus destroying the commercial value of that information. If you read the indictment, the prosecution's vantage point seems to show that Aaron did this *with the intention of destroying the commercial value of the information*, because he opposes the commercialization+ of that kind of information.



*“there is something seriously wrong about  
[Aaron asking for donations].”*



*“Aaron should man up, take responsibility for his actions, and pay his own bills.”*



*“I don’t think Aaron made more than six figures from Reddit.”*



*“This was **not** a victimless crime.”*



# PROSECUTORIAL OVERREACH



JANUARY 16, 2013

STATEMENT OF UNITED STATES ATTORNEY CARMEN M. ORTIZ  
REGARDING THE DEATH OF AARON SWARTZ

*“...this office’s conduct was appropriate in bringing and handling this case. The career prosecutors handling this matter took on the difficult task of enforcing a law they had taken an oath to uphold, and did so reasonably. The prosecutors recognized that there was no evidence against Mr. Swartz indicating that he committed his acts for personal financial gain, and they recognized that his conduct — while a violation of the law — did not warrant the severe punishments authorized by Congress and called for by the Sentencing Guidelines in appropriate cases...”*



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*“...That is why in the discussions with his counsel about a resolution of the case this office sought an appropriate sentence that matched the alleged conduct — a sentence that we would recommend to the judge of six months in a low security setting. While at the same time, his defense counsel would have been free to recommend a sentence of probation. Ultimately, any sentence imposed would have been up to the judge. At no time did this office ever seek — or ever tell Mr. Swartz’s attorneys that it intended to seek — maximum penalties under the law.”*



JULY 19, 2011

“ALLEGED HACKER CHARGED WITH STEALING  
OVER FOUR MILLION DOCUMENTS FROM MIT NETWORK”  
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY’S OFFICE PRESS RELEASE

*“AARON SWARTZ, 24, was charged in an indictment with wire fraud, computer fraud, unlawfully obtaining information from a protected computer, and recklessly damaging a protected computer. If convicted on these charges, SWARTZ faces up to 35 years in prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release, restitution, forfeiture and a fine of up to \$1 million.”*



\$2,500,000



JSTOR



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# 18 U.S.C. § 1030

*The Computer Fraud and Abuse Act*



# 18 U.S.C. § 1030

*What's a Crime?*



# 18 U.S.C. § 1030

*Exceeding Authorization*



# 18 U.S.C. § 1030

*Violations of Terms of Service*



# 18 U.S.C. § 1030

*Causing Damage*



# 18 U.S.C. § 1030

*Software Vulnerability Reporting*








GSA

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## Introducing eOffer

eOffer is a web-based application that helps companies electronically prepare and submit Multiple Award Schedule contract proposals to FSS. eOffer gives you the option to choose an electronic versus a paper-based offer process.

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your team's collaboration on  
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January 13, 2006

## Web Site of Agency Is Called Insecure

By [JOHN MARKOFF](#)

The General Services Administration has shut a Web site for government contractors after a computer industry consultant reported that he was able to view and modify corporate and financial information submitted by vendors.

The security flaw, which could have permitted contractor fraud, was reported to the agency's inspector general on Dec. 22, but almost three weeks passed before the system was taken offline Wednesday afternoon.

The General Services Administration is the federal agency responsible for procuring equipment and services, including computer security technology, making the lapse all the more striking.

"This is the government entity responsible for letting contracts for security," said Mark Rasch, chief security counsel for Solutionary, a security firm. "Clearly the people who log in would know about security."

The agency said it believed that the flaw had not been exploited by intruders or by authorized users.

It is not clear how long the problem existed. The Web site, called eOffer, was introduced in May 2004 to let companies respond electronically to requests for proposals for computer technology services and products.

Computer security consultants said the flaws could have had consequences ranging from corporate espionage to bid tampering. They also said the agency now faced the challenge of verifying the accuracy of contracting data.

The site remained inoperative yesterday evening with a posted message stating: "The eOffer system is down for maintenance. Please pardon the inconvenience, thank you."

The security flaws were discovered by Aaron Greenspan, president of Think Computer, a computer security firm based in Dallas, when he tried to register his company as a government contractor last month.

While entering data on the site, he said, he discovered that it was possible to call up documents at random and to take over the accounts of other companies by simply entering a publicly available business identification number once he had validated his own account with the system.

"Theoretically, one could have started a bidding war between [Boeing](#) and Lockheed Martin, or Dell and Gateway, or changed the terms of their existing contracts," he said.



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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON  
HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6250

January 31, 2006

The Honorable David L. Bibb  
Acting Administrator  
General Services Administration  
1800 F Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20405

Dear Mr. Bibb:

We are writing to express concern and to seek additional information about recent reports describing a serious security flaw in a GSA website for government contractors called eOffer. This web-based application enables vendors to prepare and submit offers and contract modifications electronically. The security flaw apparently enabled any contractor that used the eOffer system to gain unauthorized access to other contractors' submissions and to conduct corporate espionage or tamper with other companies' bids. One independent computer security consultant attributed the security flaw to a series of bad decisions by the designers of the eOffer site. (See the article entitled "Web Site of Agency is Called Insecure," *The New York Times*, January 12, 2006, page C1.) We are also concerned that the flaw was discovered by a user of eOffer, rather than through a government audit, and that GSA was slow to respond when informed of the security flaw.

In a statement, GSA has acknowledged that the integrity of eOffer had been compromised, but said that GSA has shut the site down and is taking corrective action. GSA also said that it believes the problem came to the agency's attention before it caused harm to other users. The basis for that assessment is unclear, as the web site had been in operation for more than 18 months before the flaw was discovered. Because contractors enter bid and proposal information onto the web site, any disclosure may have violated the Procurement Integrity Act. But even assuming that no individual user of eOffer was injured by the disclosure of sensitive material, this incident raises troubling questions about GSA's information technology security program that may contribute to the reluctance of private-sector entities to entrust sensitive information to federal agencies generally.

E-Government initiatives in procurement and many other areas can only realize their potential for improved efficiency and customer service if companies are convinced that when they submit confidential data electronically, it will be safe from disclosure or tampering. Our homeland security efforts depend on critical infrastructure facilities sharing highly sensitive information with government agencies that use the information to counter terrorist and other threats, and to reduce vulnerabilities. Insofar as this incident at GSA will contribute to companies' resistance to sharing information with other agencies for fear that the government





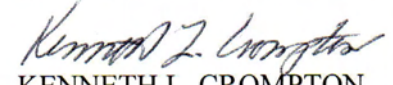
U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION  
Office of Inspector General

March 6, 2007

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. WILLIAMS  
COMMISSIONER  
FEDERAL ACQUISITION SERVICE (Q)

FROM:

  
GWENDOLYN A. MCGOWAN  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AUDITS (JA-T)

  
KENNETH L. CROMPTON  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR  
ACQUISITION AUDITS (JA-A)

SUBJECT:

REVIEW OF EOFFER/EMOD, GSA'S ELECTRONIC  
CONTRACT PROPOSAL AND MODIFICATION SYSTEM  
REPORT NUMBER A060149/Q/T/P07002

The attached subject audit report presents the results of our review of GSA's system for electronic contract proposal and modification--eOffer/eMod. These two important web-based applications were launched in mid-2004 and currently allow companies to electronically prepare, submit, and modify contract proposals for select Multiple Award Schedules. Our review identifies areas where improvements are needed to ensure successful operations for the system, including achievement of FAS goals to create an interactive, secure electronic environment that simplifies the contracting process. We met with your staff on December 21, 2006 to discuss issues raised during this review including low system utilization rates and weaknesses with important managerial, operational, and technical controls, including system security controls. You have concurred with our findings and recommendations for improving eOffer/eMod, and have noted improvement actions underway. This report includes a Management Response section, which summarizes your written comments to the draft report and a copy of the comments you've provided is included in Appendix B.

In accordance with GSA Order ADM P 2030.2C, a time-phased action plan to specifically address the report recommendations and the Management Decision Record is required within 60 days of the report date. The time-phased action plan and completed Section B of the Management Decision Record should be submitted to the Assistant Inspector General for Auditing (JA), with a copy to the Audit Follow-up and Evaluation Branch (BECA).

It is important that the final actions and all management decisions responding to the report be completed within 12 months of the audit report issue date. Otherwise, the Office of Inspector General must identify in its Semiannual Report to Congress the matters on which final actions

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# United States Senate

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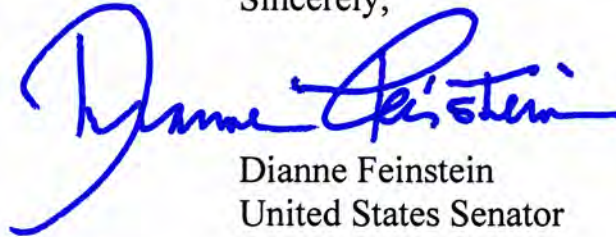
Mr. Aaron Greenspan  
1200 Dale Avenue, Suite 84  
Mountain View, California 94040

Dear Mr. Greenspan:

I am forwarding on to you the response I have received from the U.S. Department of Justice about your case.

I hope that this response is helpful and that the information outlined in it will clarify the situation for you. If you have further questions, or if there is any way my office can help you in the future, I hope you will contact me again.

Sincerely,



Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator

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Attn: Morgan Galli

Dear Senator Feinstein:

A letter from your constituent, Mr. Aaron Greenspan, was recently forwarded to the Department of Justice by the General Services Administration (GSA). Mr. Greenspan claims that the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of California (USAO) recently agreed not to pursue criminal charges against him on the condition that he accept a lifetime bar from "using" GSA systems and that he not "alert" the press about the circumstances of his case. We apologize for any inconvenience our delay in responding may have caused you.

As indicated by Mr. Greenspan, after careful consideration of this matter in accordance with the *Principles of Federal Prosecution*, the USAO declined to prosecute. Because of legal and ethical considerations, we cannot discuss the specific reasons a case is declined. However, we can tell you that the USAO denies that it conditioned its declination of this matter either on Mr. Greenspan's acceptance of a lifetime bar from using GSA systems, or on his agreement to refrain from communicating with the press.

If Mr. Greenspan has questions concerning his status with GSA, or if he feels he is entitled to reimbursement from GSA, we suggest that he contact the GSA directly at the following address:

U.S. General Services Administration  
1800 F Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20405-0002



The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
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We regret that we cannot be of further assistance in responding to your constituent.  
Please do not hesitate to contact the Department of Justice if we can be of assistance in other matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Parent". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

Steven J. Parent  
Acting Director



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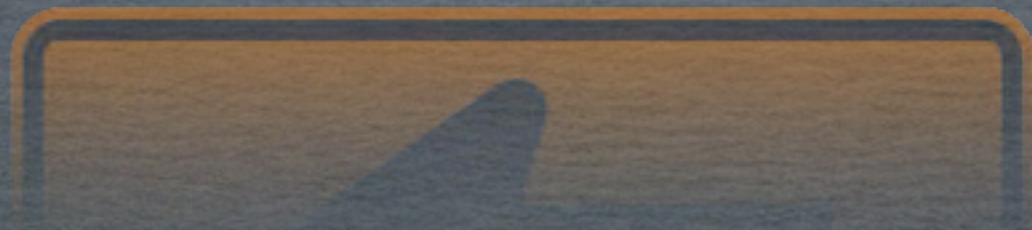
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Professional Services

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2/6/2006 NJG Telephone calls with Bob Weichering and with client; review computer file.	2.10	630.00
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NJG Review documents; telephone calls with client.	0.90	270.00
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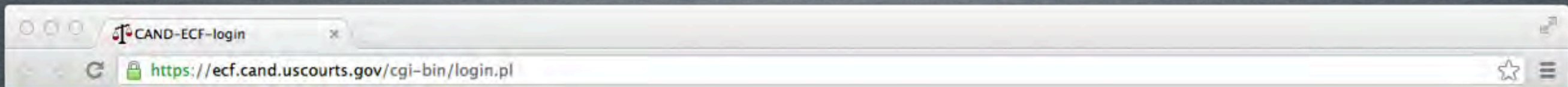
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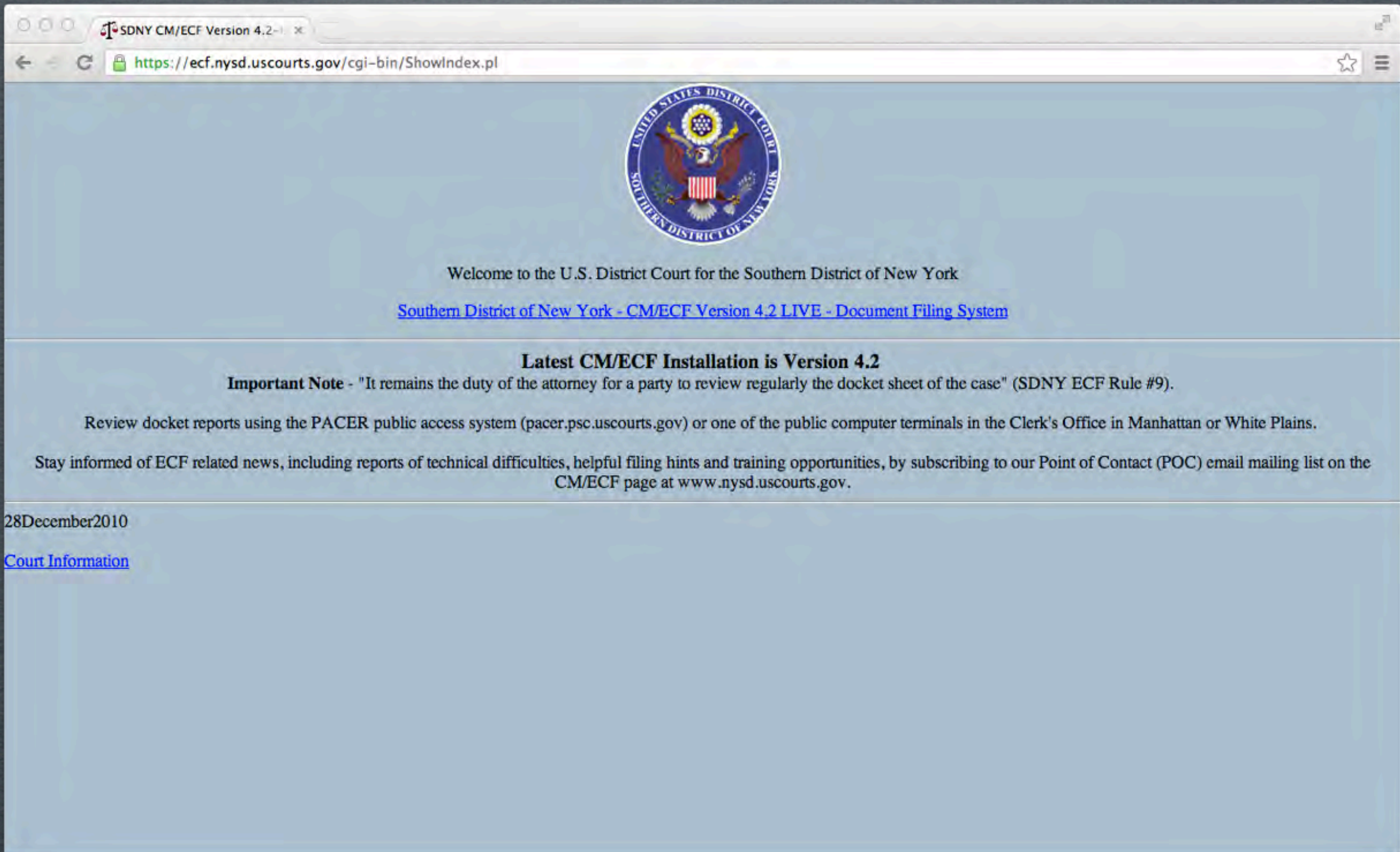
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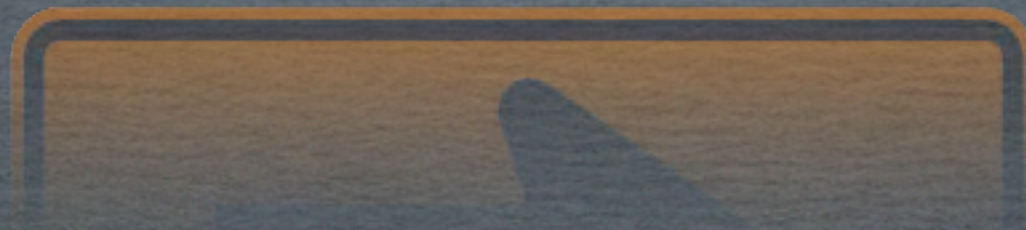
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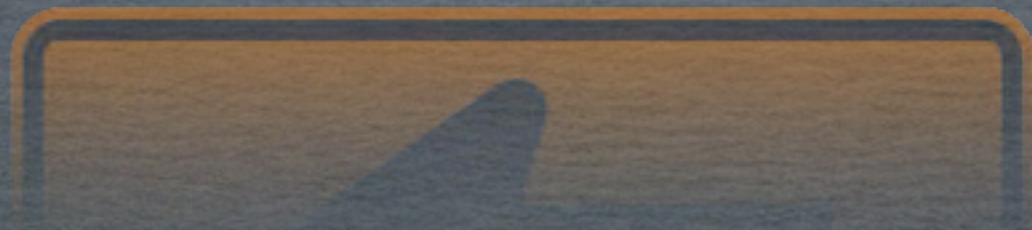
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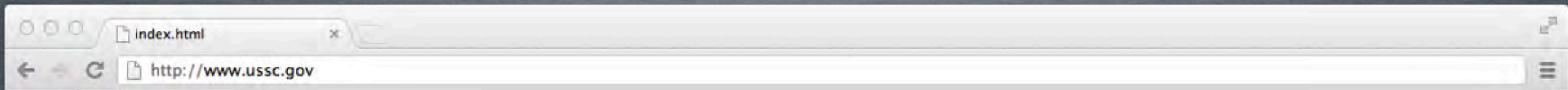
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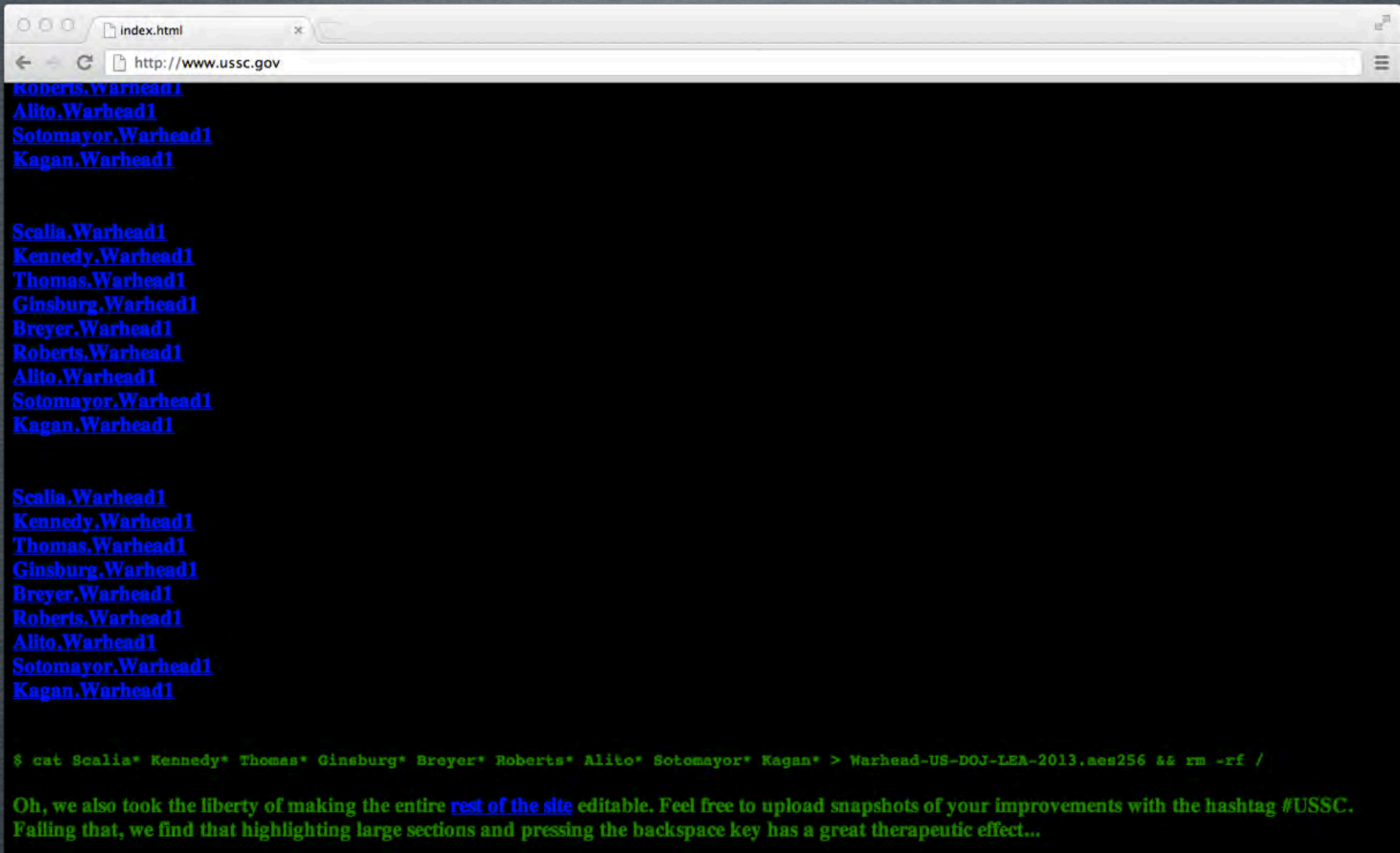
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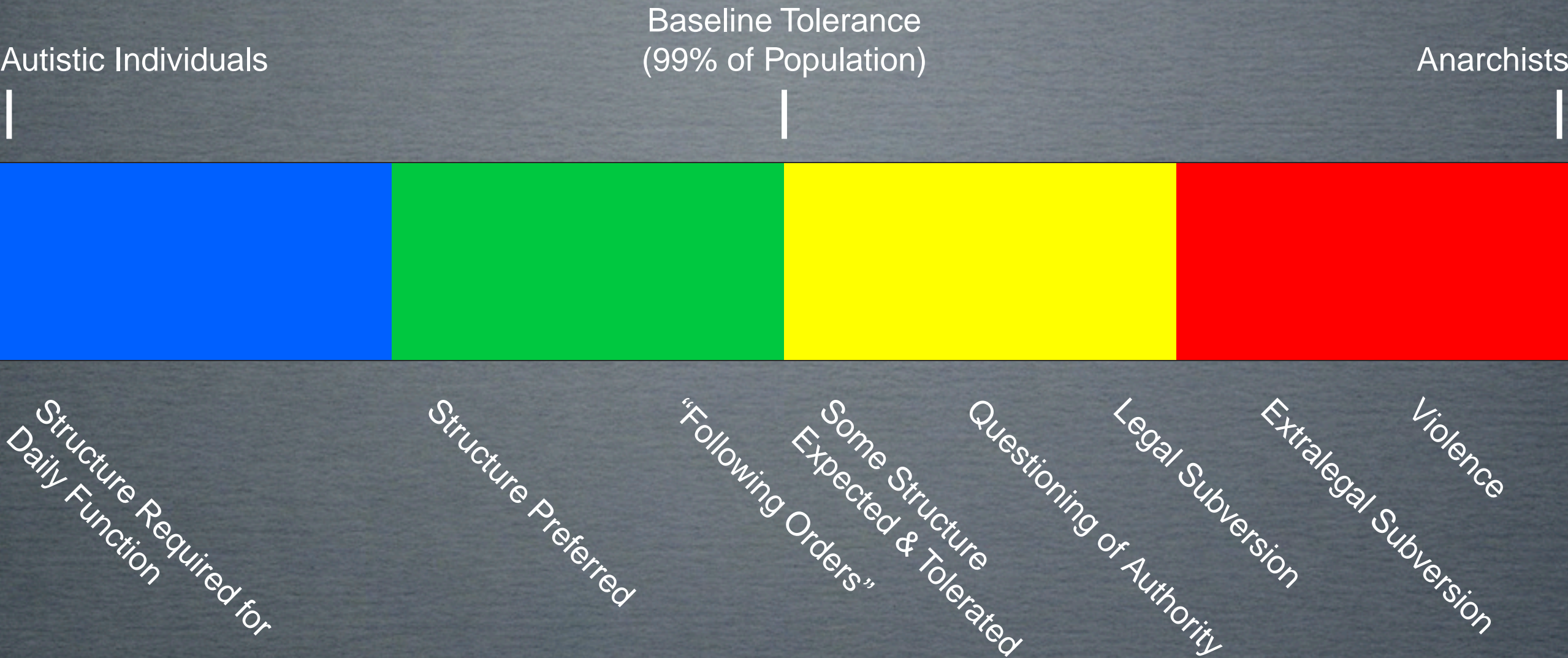
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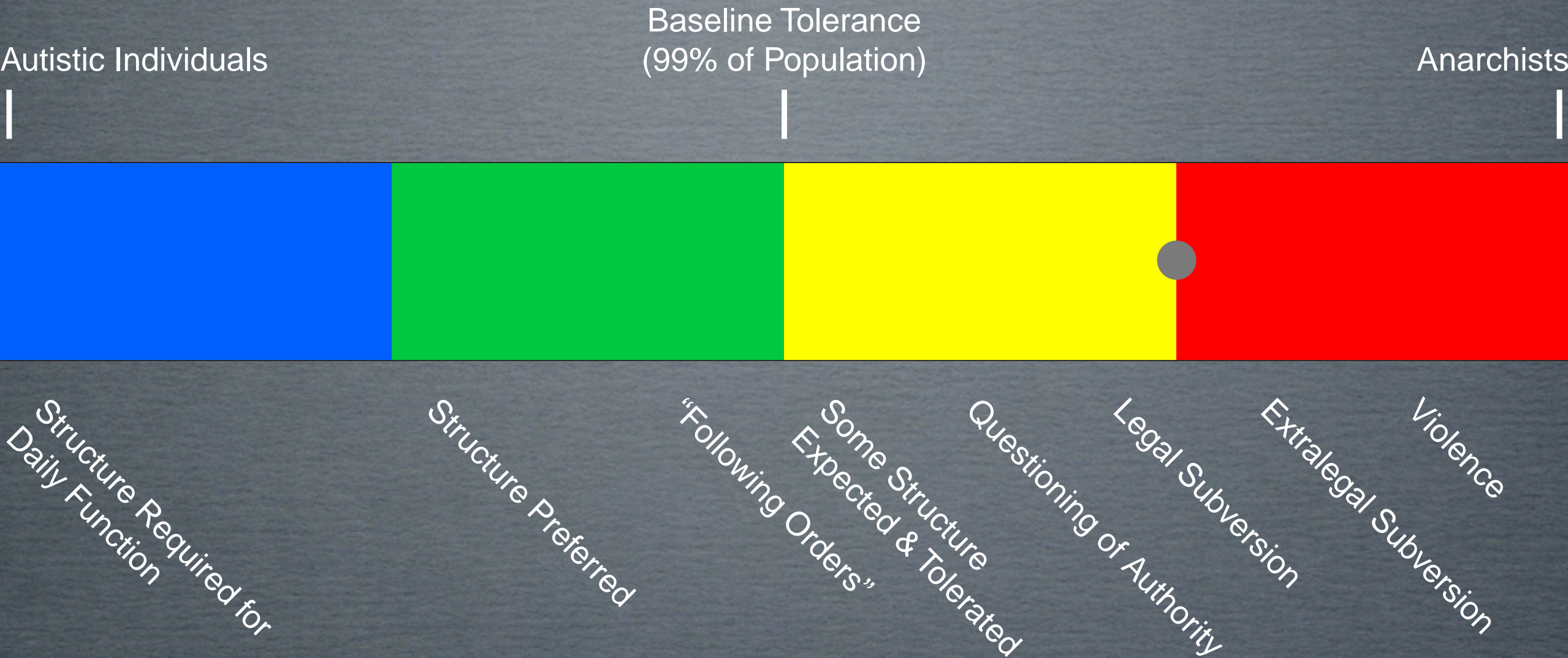


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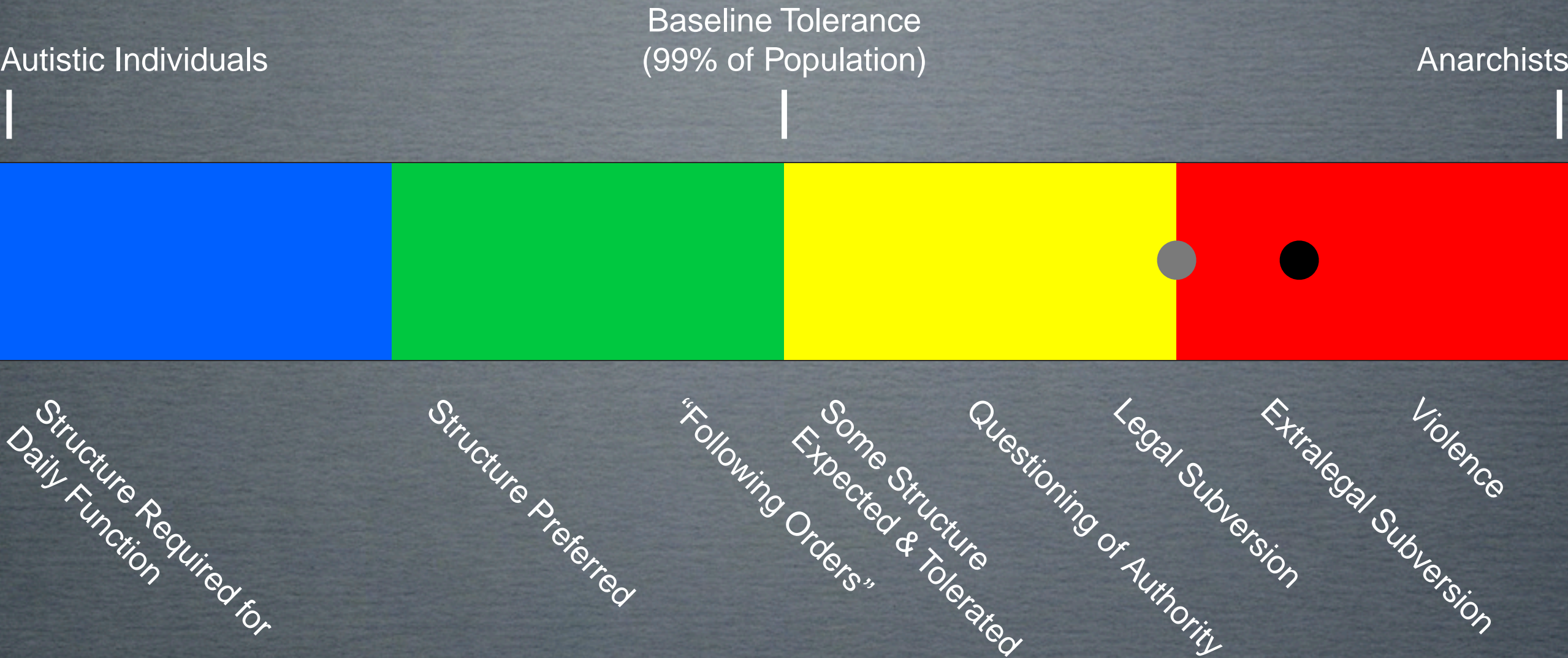


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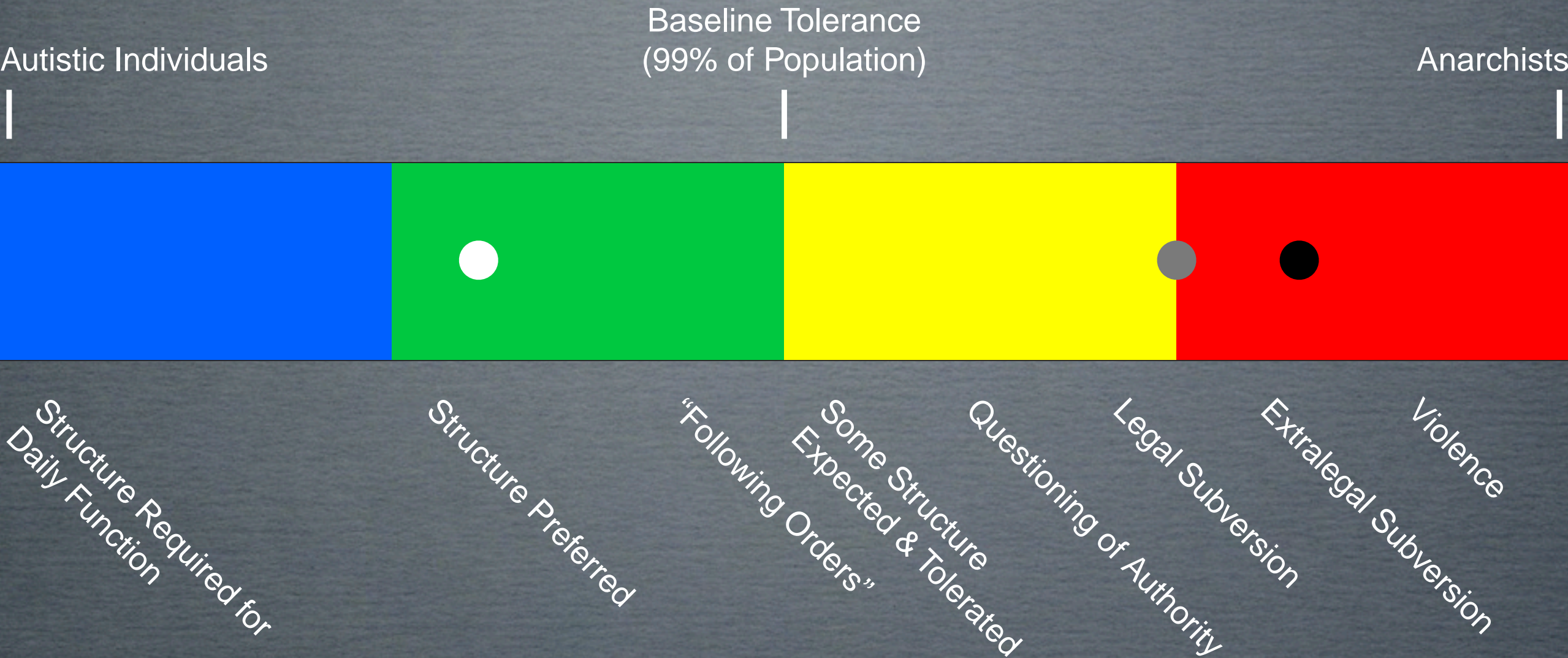


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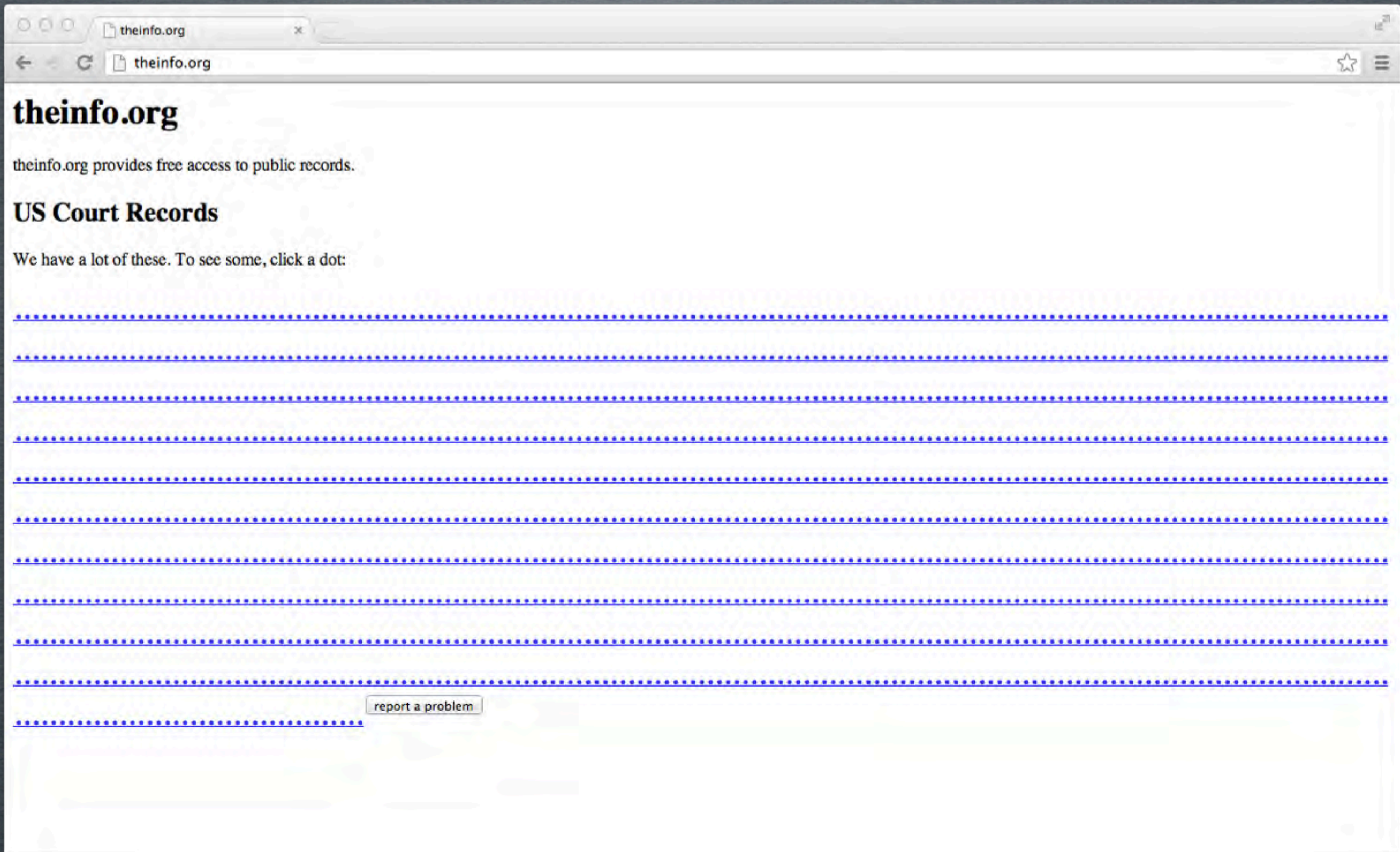
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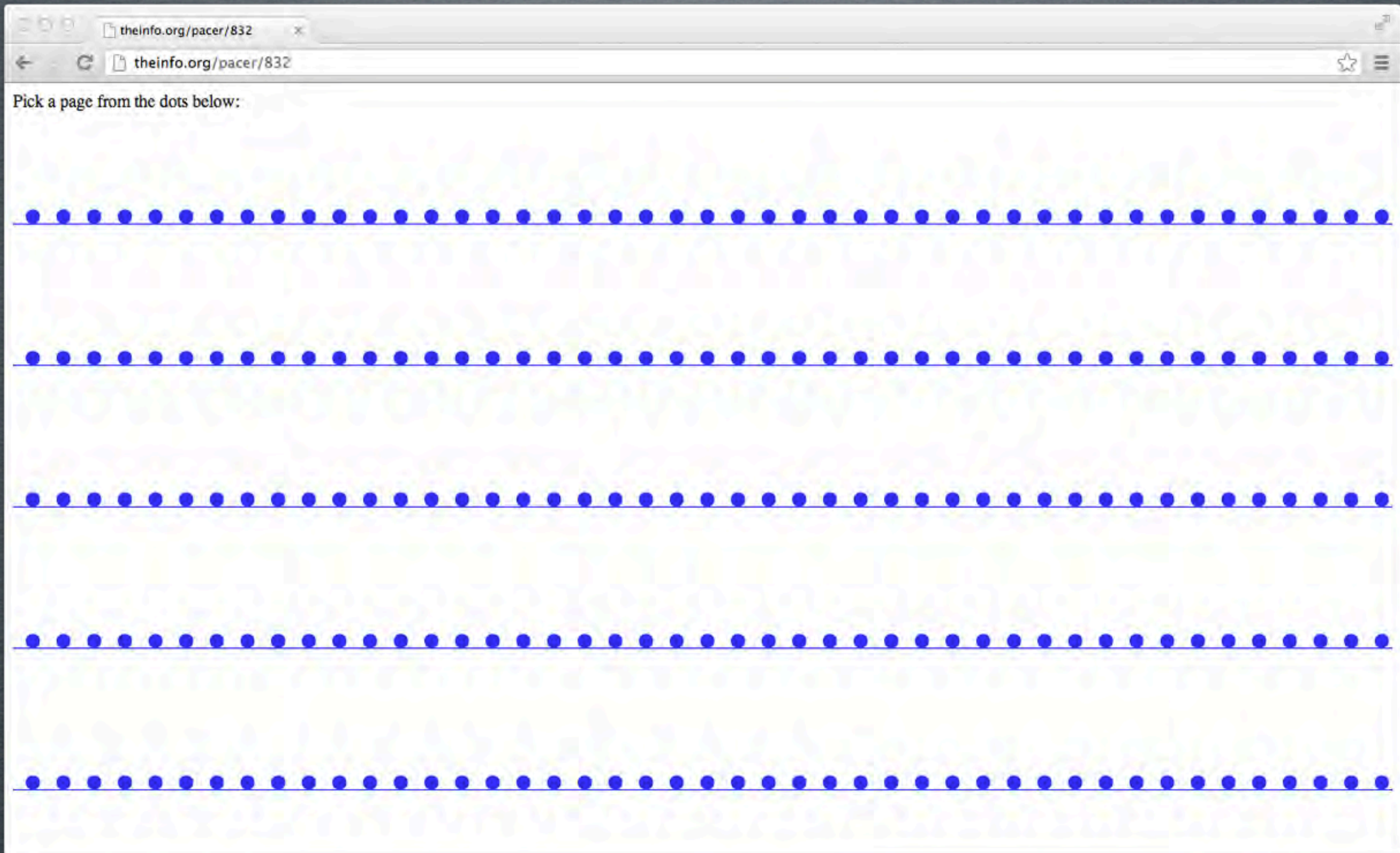
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Charles S. Coody, referral

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## WATCH RECAP IN ACTION



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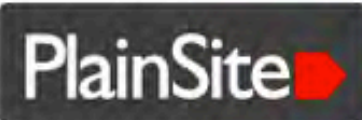
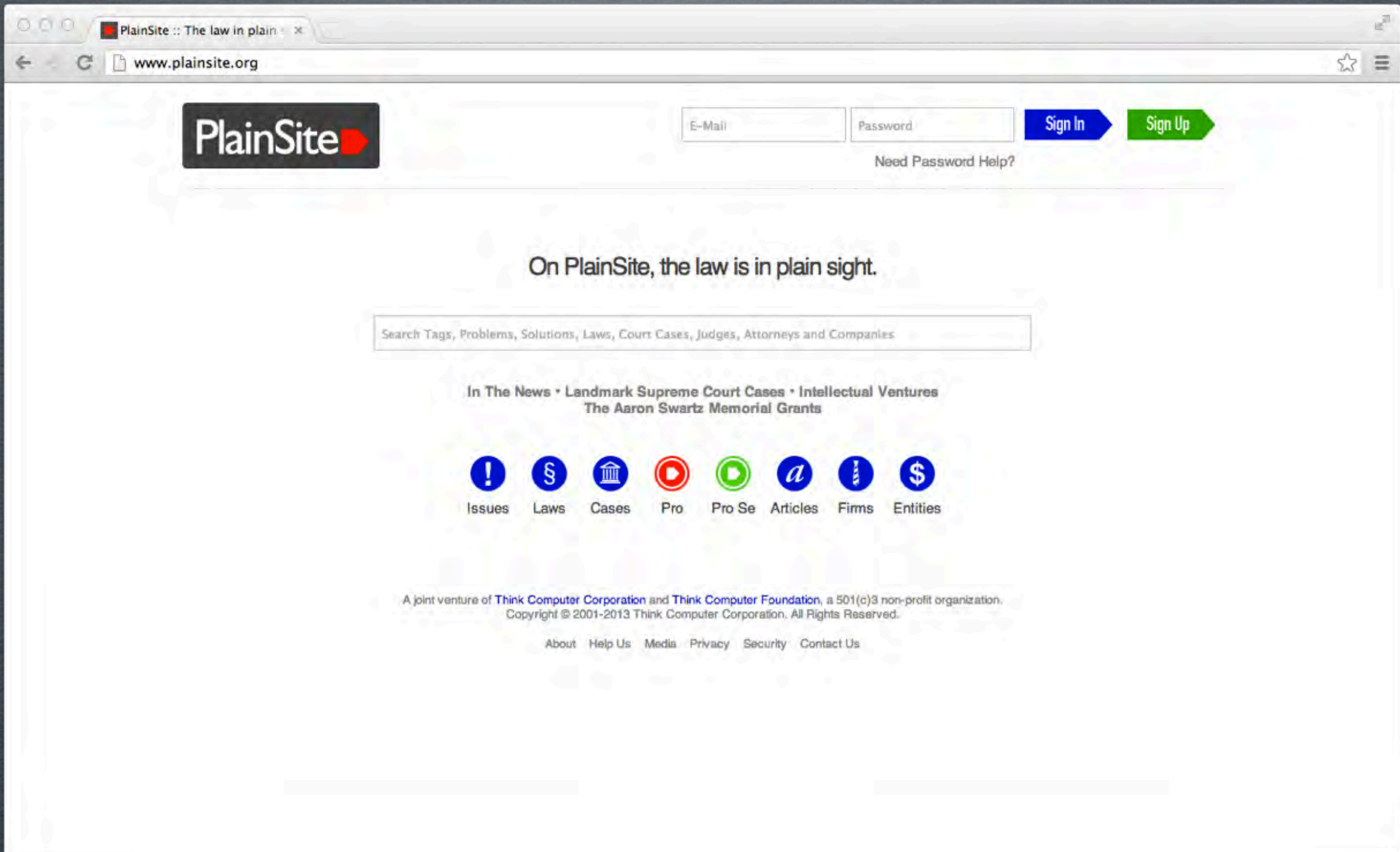
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### Overview

Aaron Swartz was an internet activist whose work was instrumental in creating PlainSite. He took his own life on January 11, 2013 due to events related to the [wrongful criminal prosecution](#) of his activities attempting to make public information freely available to the public.

In his memory, [Think Computer Foundation](#) is sponsoring a number of grants to improve access to public information, in cooperation with the [Center for Information Technology Policy at Princeton University](#).

### Grants 1-3: RECAP

[RECAP](#) (PACER backwards) parses expensive (\$0.10 per page) PACER dockets and uploads their contents to the Internet Archive so that they can be accessed for free. These dockets keep PlainSite up to date. Unfortunately, for various reasons, recent development on RECAP has slowed. The browser extension is only available for Firefox, and it has a few limitations.

Three grants worth \$5,000.00 each are being made available related to RECAP. Each grant is worth \$5,000.00:

- Grant 1:** Develop and release a version of RECAP for the Google Chrome browser that matches the current Firefox browser extension functionality
- Grant 2:** Develop and release a version of RECAP for Internet Explorer that matches the current Firefox browser extension functionality
- Grant 3:** Update the Firefox browser extension to capture appellate court documents, and update the RECAP server code to parse them and respond appropriately to browser extension requests

All code must be released under the GPL license, per the original RECAP terms. Applicants can apply for multiple grants.

You can find the RECAP Extension for Firefox Github repository [here](#) and the RECAP server-side Github repository [here](#).

We now have a development instance of the RECAP server running, which you should use for testing your code. In the Firefox extension, we define the server URL here:



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