

Re: Jacob Appelbaum and harrassement

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On the other hand, considering Jacob Appelbaum's connections and the massive scale of previous attacks on him, by a state known to use allegations of sexual misconduct before, I'd say it's better to assume all such accusations to be false by default, even if corroborated by quite good but not entirely definitive evidence.

It's not hard to coordinate an effort to produce such evidence. Heck, a coordinated group against Appelbaum has already stepped up: <http://jacobappelbaum.net/> -- which is far too organized for my tastes, not smelling like the typical behaviour of victims. This doesn't of course prove any evidence has been falsified, merely makes me wary.

Thus, I'd recommend requiring a far stronger proof in this case than usually, and not taking steps like expulsion from Debian lightly.

Note: I'm not implying Appelbaum is innocent!

I and several other DDs are also Tor Project members, which is where these accusations first surfaced. I myself have tried to stay away from the messy details of the situation, but I do know that some of these other DDs have personally spoken to some of the accusers, whom they have known as friends in real life for a while. These accusers are also known and respected within the infosec community, which is why you will see so many of them voicing opinions against Jake. It's probably not too hard to deanonymise some of them, if you tried.

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I've been much more involved in Tor than Debian for the past 7 years, but I can personally vouch for at least 3 of anonymous victims (who are known to me). This is not a state-sponsored attack.

I can personally vouch for 2 of the stories on the website. I also have direct experience of Jake playing with people's boundaries, mine included since I first met him in Florence four years ago.

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