

## **Real names, please**

The regulation of social media would be easier if the correct name and contact of the person commenting was displayed (“Fines for lies posted on attacks”, April 18). Getting rid of social media anonymity would not be censorship as it would simply require the users of a service to self-censor. You don’t walk down the street naked; you don’t start screaming or playing a trombone in a restaurant. So if you make public comments, you don’t hide behind an alias. Exceptional circumstances aside, if you can’t put your name to a statement then it’s not worth making. Yes, yes, I know, the platforms’ profits would dive. So there’s the choice: lose big bucks or enable the promotion of lies, half-truths, victimhood and revenge.

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