

## Hacker Groups Anonymous and LulzSec Target PayPal, 'Operation PayPal' (#OpPayPal) Launched

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### #OpPayPal (Operation PayPal) Launched By Anonymous, LulzSec – AntiSec

#OpPayPal (Operation PayPal) has been launched by the Anonymous and LulzSec hacker groups in the name of AntiSec (Anti Security Movement). In order to payback the "corrupt corporation", @AnonymousIRC and @LulzSec (Lulz Security) announced their direct, legal action against the world's largest online payment company on Twitter, where #OpPayPal is now a trending topic. According to AntiSec, PayPal withheld payments from being delivered to WikiLeaks and now they are up in digital arms. Read the first statement from Anonymous below:

Operation Paypal  
IRC: <http://bit.ly/pDIZbY>

*"Paypal is a corrupt corporation who voluntarily disabled donations to wikileaks with no legal base or reasoning whatsoever. They are actively working with the FBI to arrest and imprison the only people who stood up and protested against this injustice, Anonymous. Cancel your account today.*

To close your account:

1. Log in to your PayPal account.
2. Click Profile near the top of the page.
3. Click My settings.
4. Click Close Account in the Account type section and follow the steps"

In response to #OpPayPal, thousands of users have closed their PayPal accounts and, reportedly, donated leftover funds to charity. @AnonymousIRC has projected that 9,000 accounts will be closed by next week.



If pace keeps up, over 9000 PayPal accounts will be closed in the next week. So, @PayPal, your turn. You pass? Then it's our move. #OpPayPal

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"You pass? Then it's our move" –seems like the hackers may take matters into their own hands. Will this cause a panic amongst e-consumers? Update: @AnonymousIRC claims that over 20,000 accounts have been closed. See the official joint statement below:

*"Dear PayPal, its customers, and our friends around the globe,*

*This is an official communiqué from Anonymous and Lulz Security in the name of AntiSec.*

In recent weeks, we've found ourselves outraged at the FBI's willingness to arrest and threaten those who are involved in ethical, modern cyber operations. Law enforcement continues to push its ridiculous rules upon us – Anonymous "suspects" may face a fine of up to 500,000 USD with the addition of 15 years' jailtime, all for taking part in a historical activist movement. Many of the already-apprehended Anons are being charged with taking part in DDoS attacks against corrupt and greedy organizations, such as PayPal.

What the FBI needs to learn is that there is a vast difference between adding one's voice to a chorus and digital sit-in with Low Orbit Ion Cannon, and controlling a large botnet of infected computers. And yet both of these are punishable with exactly the same fine and sentence.

In addition to this horrific law enforcement incompetence, PayPal continues to withhold funds from WikiLeaks, a beacon of truth in these dark times. By simply standing up for ourselves and uniting the people, PayPal still sees it fit to wash its hands of any blame, and instead encourages and assists law enforcement to hunt down participants in the AntiSec movement.

Quite simply, we, the people, are disgusted with these injustices. We will not sit down and let ourselves be trampled upon by any corporation or government. We are not scared of you, and that is something for you to be scared of. We are not the terrorists here: you are.

We encourage anyone using PayPal to immediately close their accounts and consider an alternative. The first step to being truly free is not putting one's trust into a company that freezes accounts when it feels like, or when it is pressured by the U.S. government. PayPal's willingness to fold to legislation should be proof enough that they don't deserve the customers they get. They do not deserve your business, and they do not deserve your respect.

Join us in our latest operation against PayPal – tweet pictures of your account closure, tell us on IRC, spread the word. Anonymous has become a powerful channel of information, and unlike the governments of the world, we are here to fight for you. Always.

Signed, your allies,

Lulz Security (unvanned)  
Anonymous (unknown)  
AntiSec (untouchable)"

This website is not certain of the validity of the AntiSec Movement's claims and it is not our intention to encourage readers into action of any sort. However, I am curious, what do you think about the mass, legal internet protest from the hacker groups? Will PayPal respond to the statements? How will #OpPayPay affect their revenue and stock? Let us know your thoughts on [Twitter](#).

Update 9:50 AM The stock of eBay, which owns PayPal, is down \$0.59 (1.71% decrease)

Update 10:34 AM Stock Price now down \$0.86 (2.59% decrease)

Update 3:54 PM Stock Market closes. eBay shares down 3.08% (roughly 1 billion dollars lost in one day).

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