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# 9 Ballsiest Pranks From The Hilarious To Notorious Ever Pulled By 4Chan

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4Chan is best known for their ballsiest pranks on the internet. They have fooled various media outlets and even have made nationwide trending stories out of the fake news. We went on to their site to research what the outcry was all about... we weren't disappointed. The last one will surprise you to no end, but first, some equally hilarious yet shocking ones.

## 9. Sending Justin Bieber to North Korea... Almost



4Chan loves to hate Justin Bieber, perhaps even more than the YouTube users of his [song \(Baby\)](#). Maybe, that's why when an online promotion started, where users were asked to choose Bieber's next tour destination, all 4Channers got together to vote for him to go to North Korea.

Before the contest details were posted on 4Chan, Israel was trending as the top destination. However, after the details were outed on 4Chan, [North Korea jumped up significantly and won the contest](#) with over 650k votes. With no way out, [Bieber's spokesperson termed the contest as not legitimate](#) and everybody just missed out on a great opportunity.

## 8. Hijacking Mountain Dew contest to trend Hitler



Via ReadWrite

Pepsi Co. wanted to launch an apple flavor of Mountain Dew. Thinking that having online users name their drink would be a masterstroke in marketing, they launched a massive campaign to promote the contest. Things were going great until 4Chan got a whiff of it.

Pretty soon, names like [Diabeetus](#), [Gushing Granny](#) and ['Hitler did nothing wrong'](#) started to lead the race. Pepsi had to choose between promoting Nazis or terminating the contest. They chose the latter and have not launched that apple flavored drink in the market to date.

## 7. Driving the host of Pawn Stars (History Channel) almost insane



Via Livepr

4Chan once thought it will be hilarious to prank call Pawn Stars and ask about Battletoads, a video game of the 90s era. After the first few calls, Rick, the host, started losing his cool.

**Rick:** "Gold and Silver"

**Caller:** Oh man I didnt know you guys were still open

**Rick:** .... “yeah we are”

**Caller:** oh okay, im looking for battletoads

**Rick:** “not shit shit again, its 11:00 at night”

\*click\*

This continued for a while, then the 4Channers got really creative.

**Rick:** “Gold and Silver”

**Caller:** Hi I–

**Rick:** This better not be about battletoads, im losing patience kid

**Caller:** ummm no its not... what’s a battletoad?

**Rick:** its some game everyone is calling about tonight

**Caller:** battletoads? yea that sounds good ill take one if you got it

\*click\*

Eventually Rick threatened to call the cops and the response call was epic.

**Rick:** “Gold and Silver”

**Caller:** Hello this is Las Vegas police department my name is Officer Peterson. My office received a call from someone here saying that your store was being harassed by someone repeatedly asking for uh “Battletoads?”

**Rick:** Uh sorry sir but I dont remember calling you can you give me the name of person who did?

**Caller:** Yes his name was Le Reddit

**Rick:** Sorry... who was it again?

**Caller:** His name was Austin Russel

**Rick:** He isnt in right now... what was your name again?

**Caller:** Officer Battletoad

\*slams the phone\*

You can read the rest of the transcript over [here](#). It’s 20 or so conversations, but each one will crack you up, though not so much if you are that poor soul... Rick.

## 6. Mass voting Taylor Swift to sing in a school



Via [Flickr](#) | [Motherboard \(Vice\)](#)

Chegg and Papa Jones once organized a contest for US schools. The most popular school at the end of the contest would have had Taylor Swift perform for them. 4Channers once again got together and ensured that [Horace Mann School won the competition](#) – with over 5 times the votes of the other schools.

While the above doesn't seem fishy at all, it all made sense when it was found that Horace Mann is a school for the deaf. Event organizers had to remove the school from the contest, but the school got \$50k in donations with \$10k coming from Swift alone, giving this story its happy ending.

## 5. Making Kim Jong Un the Time's person of the year



Via [Huffington Post](#) | Modified

This one was done with good intent, at least that's what it seems to be. When Time's polled their readers to pick the person of the year in 2012, the 4Chan community got together to vote unanimously for Kim Jong Un of North Korea.

They wanted him to win so that he would allow open internet in North Korea, where the internet is banned and propaganda fills the media. The intent was that Kim might lift the ban from the internet as this would project him as a great leader... and it would be something which he would want to show it off to his people.

Time's refused to go with the readers' choice and instead named [Barack Obama as the person of the year](#).

#### 4. Ensuring 4Chan's founder is World's Most Influential Person



Via [The Guardian](#)

Kim Jong Un was not the only gift of 4Channers to Time. In 2009, they got together to make sure that the founder of 4Chan, Christopher Poole aka 'Moot,' got his due. The result of the co-ordination was that [Moot was named as Time's Most Influential Person of the Year](#) easily beating Barack Obama, Oprah Winfrey and Vladimir Putin.

[Poole recently announced his retirement](#) amid a gathering of 40k YouTubers and a group of 63k anonymous shout outs on 4Chan. The site ownership has since been transferred to the founder of 2channel. Poole had started 4Chan when he was just 15.

#### 3. Convincing people to microwave their iPhone

The image is a promotional graphic for the 'Wave' feature in iOS 8. At the top, it says 'Introducing the Next Big Thing...' with the Apple logo. Below that, the word 'Wave' is written in a large, serif font, with 'an iOS8 exclusive' underneath. On the left, there is a photograph of an iPhone 5s with the iOS 8 home screen. Below the phone are the '8' logo and a signal strength icon. To the right of the phone, there are three sections of text: 'What is Wave?' which states that Wave allows wireless charging through microwave frequencies; 'How to use Wave' which says it activates automatically with the iOS 8 update and requires a 90-second microwave session; and 'How Wave Works' which explains that it uses new drivers to interface with the radio-baseband. At the bottom right of the graphic, it says 'Via iOS8release'.

This one will really hurt the fans of Apple, especially those who fell for it. When Apple came out with iOS 8, the 4Channers convinced the internet about its latest feature being microwave recharging. All it took was an Apple-esque photo with a few rightly timed tweets for people to fall for it.

Soon after the tweets, some people started trying the 'feature' on their phone itself, roasting it in the process and tweeting to Apple believing that the feature was flawed.

I tried using the new IOS 8 feature WAVE where you can charge your phone with a microwave, does not work  
[@Apple pic.twitter.com/IWsWnVboUl](https://pic.twitter.com/IWsWnVboUl)

– SoaR nellaf (@nellaf) [September 18, 2014](#)

[Apple had to issue an urgent notice via tweet and press release](#) to make sure no more users fell for this prank.

## 2. Leaking photos of A-List Actresses



Via Kurt Kulac - Wikimedia Commons

This one broke the internet and gave every actress who took explicit selfies a nightmare. On August 2014, around 500 images of many celebs including A-Listers such as Jennifer Lawrence, Kaley Cuoco, Kate Upton were released on the internet through 4Chan.

It was done by exploiting a loop in iCloud security of Apple which made brute force (various combinations of password) possible and was patched once it was outed. Following the leak, websites including media outlets received massive DMCA requests for removal of content... with some actresses rejecting the images as fake and others accepting it.

Not happy with merely releasing the pictures on the internet, 4Chan took it upon itself to point out the images are real by marking birth spots, tattoos, etc. causing a further outcry. The event was termed 'Celebgate' and it shaped up the latter events of 2014, leading to stricter security measures and Kim Kardashian's infamous pose.

## 1. Inventing the Rickroll

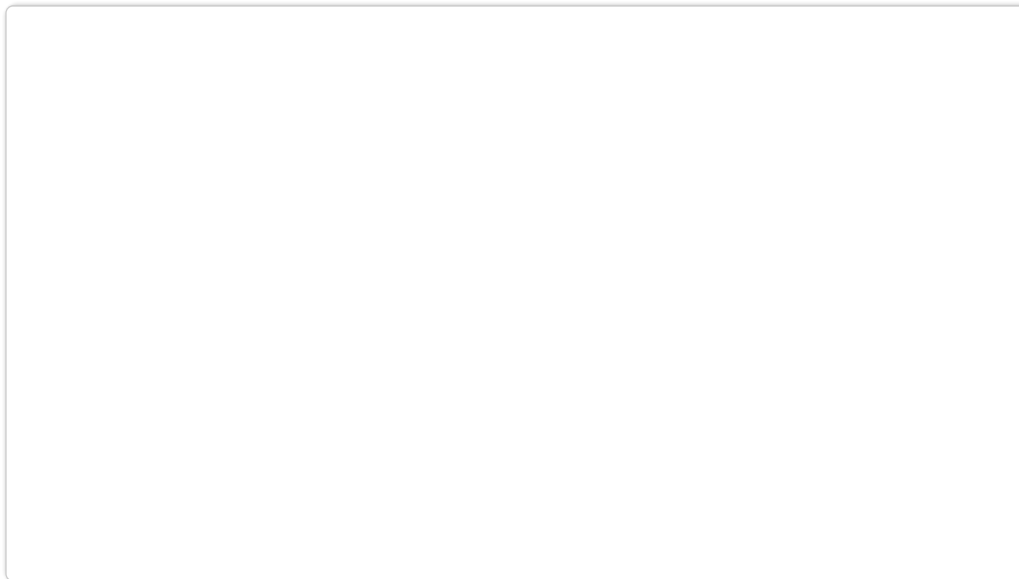


Via [Mashable](#)

For the few who are not aware of Rickroll, it's the term given to the prank in which you are baited to click on an interesting video which turns up to be Rick Astley's song 'Never Gonna Give You Up'. The trendsetter video is the gift of 4Chan to the internet. It was started as Duckrolling by Christopher Poole, founder of 4Chan.

In keeping with the silly Internet humor, Poole of 4Chan, decided to change the word 'egg' to 'duck' every time a user posted a message. This meant that users referring to eggroll saw duckroll appear instead. As it is with 4Chan pranks, an anonymous user came up with the idea of redirecting internet links to an image of a duck on wheels, and 'duckrolling' was born.

It changed to Rickroll when another anonymous user linked the trailer of Grand Theft Auto IV, a popular computer game, to Rick Astley's song making sure that we all hear him and he remains on the internet forever. Now why couldn't they have had linked it to a hot video like below instead of Rickroll?



Probably North Korea deserved it? Here are some [crazy facts on North Korea!](#)

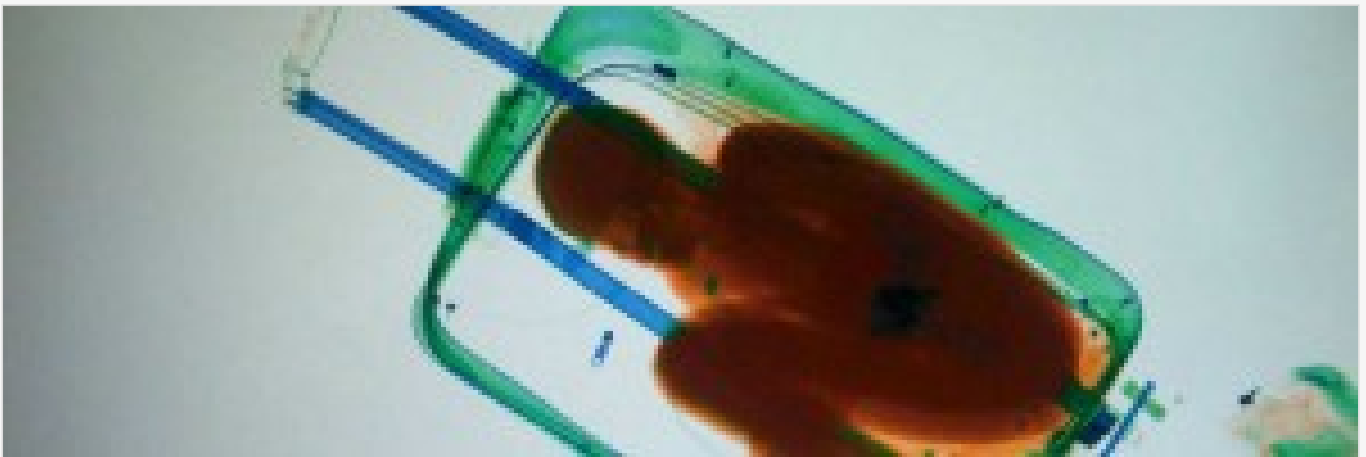


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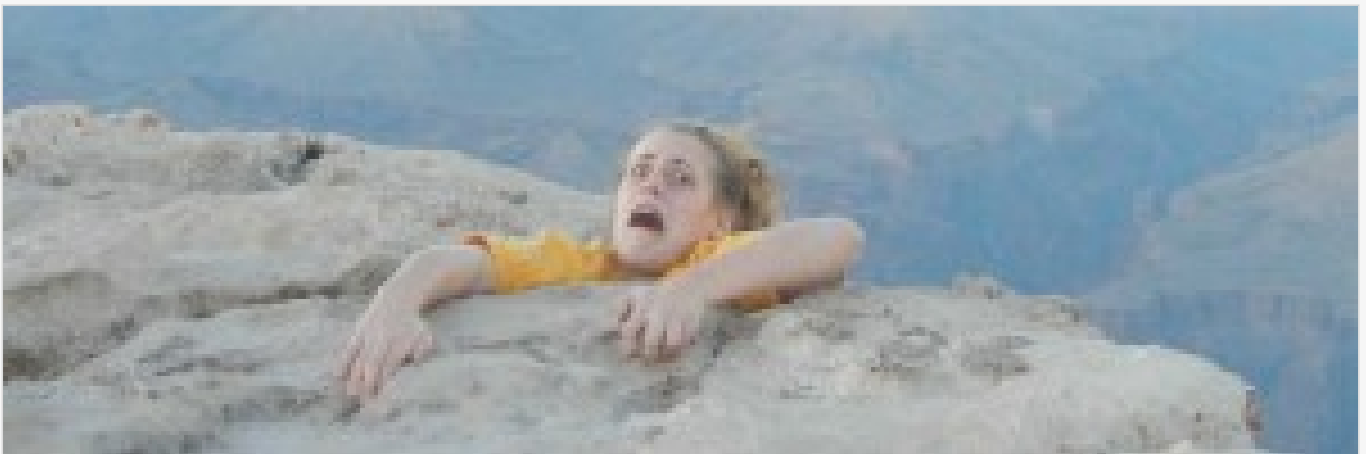


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