



Why Did Joel Johnson Just Risk It All to Silence the Truth?

To Those Who Still Trust Him—This is What He's Hiding From You





Before You Believe Joel, Read This

You want to believe in Joel.

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1. Ask Yourself: Why Would an Innocent Man Do This?

You've been told a story about me.

You've been told that **I'm the villain**—that **Joel Johnson** is the victim, bravely fighting back against lies and harassment.

But if that's true, **why did he just orchestrate a fraudulent takedown of my entire Substack platform?**

If I'm the liar, why wouldn't he just let my work speak for itself and **prove me wrong?**

Why did he **resort to deception**—a coordinated mass-reporting campaign, filled with false claims—**to silence me?**

Because **he needed you to believe in him.**

And I was the only thing standing in the way of that.



Breaking the Spell: How Joel Johnson Controls Your Reality

You don't have to believe me. You don't have to take my side. You don't even have to like me. But you owe it to yourself to ask the question. Why would an innocent man do this? If Joel Johnson was telling th...

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2. The Moment Joel Crossed the Line

Until now, Joel has relied on **controlling the narrative**.

- Perhaps when an old friend **called out his contradictions**, he **discarded them** and framed them as a "hater."
- Or maybe when an ex-business partner **exposed his pattern of deception**, he **rewrote history** and cast himself as the betrayed genius.
- And then, when his critics started gaining traction, he **painted them as unstable, obsessed, or out to get him**.

It always works.

Until it didn't.

This time, **I didn't just tell people the truth about Joel—I showed them**.

With **empirical assessments**.

With **breakdowns of his behavior**.



With **undeniable proof** of his **lies, contradictions, and manipulations**.

And for the first time, **his supply network saw it**.

So **he panicked**.

That's when **Joel Johnson** crossed the line into outright fraud.

- He didn't just try to **debate** me—he **attacked the very infrastructure of my work** by filing mass false reports.
- He **coordinated a false narrative** that my platform was “phishing and spam” despite having **zero evidence of either**.
- He **timed it for a Friday takedown** so that Substack staff wouldn't see the appeal **until Monday morning**—maximizing the damage.
- And most importantly? **He admitted to it**.

I have **screenshots of Joel Johnson** confessing to this exact attack.

(Attachment 1: Joel's threats to mass-report my Substack)



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Joel Johnson

[Mark](#), fine. Your bullying is going to end. You've been awful to good people. Linktree agreed.

I spoke with representatives and they took a full week to investigate. Nothing lightly done. Mocking people's childhood trauma, telling them the world would be better without them, and publishing dozens of bizarre, mean, and slanderous articles in a matter of days is not



only insane—it's against every platform's policies.

So, yes, all of your accounts will be taken down because you're using them in a way that is against the policies of those platforms. It just requires someone to point it out persistently.

This is escalating in a very methodical, proportional, and appropriate way, Mark, and you're being notified of each action, so you can act in a decent way. No one wants to remove your ability to talk about AI—we just want to stop the bullying on the same platform you discuss interesting topics.

Good to my word. I'll be working very tenaciously to take down your Substack for



bullying and leveraging Linktree's decision to aid that effort.

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(Attachment 2: Joel threatens me with criminal prosecution, escalating through legal channels, and having my content erased)



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harassment in Dallas. I'll see what they say. And, again, no hiding tracks—Nothing hidden here, man. I will give them your links, your victims, your address and phone number, show them your history, and we will go from there.

Again, the demand is:

Take down everyone's likeness, proper name, and any image that you've stolen from them to slander them and rank their names for your content. Otherwise. Mark. this escalates



consistently through every legal channel we have at our disposal.

I know you that you like that you're getting this attention—the others warned me—but my hope is this culminates in you losing that ability to bully and grab attention outside of hyper local contexts.

For context, the lists that Mark made:

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When you search for one young man's name in that list, the top result is Mark's slander of him.

—Joel



Not an expert, just one of Mark's victims.

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Do these look like the words of a man who is telling the truth?

The Moment Joel Crossed the Line: How Far He Went to Keep You from Seeing the ...

Until now, Joel Johnson has relied on controlling the narrative. You know this. You've seen it happen before. Maybe when an old friend pointed out his contradictions, he discarded them and framed them a...

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3. If You Are in His Inner Circle, You Need to Ask Yourself One Thing



You're here because you trusted Joel.

Because he made you feel like you were **on the right side of something**.

But look at what just happened:

- **He lied to you.**
- **He manipulated you into believing in a false reality.**
- **And now, when faced with the truth, he didn't defend himself—he tried to erase the evidence.**

Does that sound like an honest man to you?

Or does it sound like a **desperate fraud, doing everything in his power to keep you from seeing the truth?**

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You're here because you trusted Joel Johnson. Because he made you feel like you were on the right side of something. Maybe he made you feel special. Maybe he made you feel like one of the few who "truly...

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4. The Takedown Wasn't Just About Me—It Was About Controlling You

Joel has a very big problem right now.



And it's not me.

It's **you**.

If you saw the evidence, if you questioned even one thing about his story, **the illusion would break**.

And that is **his worst nightmare**.

Joel Johnson cannot exist without **your belief in him**.

And so, when the truth came out, **he had to destroy it before you could see it**.

This isn't about me.

It's about **what he is willing to do to deceive you**.

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5. The Choice is Yours Now

You can ignore this.

You can dismiss it, tell yourself that this is all just **another one of Joel's enemies** trying to bring him down.



Or you can **think for yourself**.

Look at what just happened.

Look at the evidence.

Look at **how far Joel was willing to go to keep you from seeing it**.

Then ask yourself: **What else has he lied about?**

Because if you stay, if you keep defending him—**one day, this will happen to you, too**.

And when it does, I want you to remember this moment.

Because **you were warned**.

The Choice Is Yours Now

You can ignore this. You can dismiss it. You can tell yourself that this is just another "hater" coming after Joel, that none of it matters, that you already know the truth. But before you walk away, ask yourself one...

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Final Thoughts

This article **isn't for Joel**.

He's too far gone.



But if you are **one of the people he still holds power over**, you deserve to know the truth.

And this?

This is your chance to break free.

The only question left is: **Will you take it?**

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See my formal research assessments on Joel's online behavioral patterns—

A Compendium of Manipulative Patterns: A Linguistic and Behavior...

(An Analysis of Manipulative Communication Patterns within a Defined Online Interaction Dataset)

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Comprehensive Psychological & Personality Assessment - Joel John...

Report and Analysis Conducted by Mark Randall Havens, Independent Analyst

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Advanced Psychological & Cognitive Pattern Analysis - Joel Johns...

(Integrating IQ, EQ, Dark Triad Analysis, and Specific Narcissistic Patterns Based on Raw Data)

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This report provides a comprehensive assessment of Joel Johnson's discourse strategies, rhetorical patterns, and observable personality traits based on raw data from his interactions. It integrates...

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