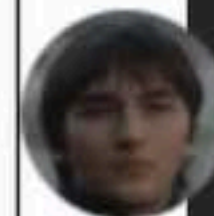
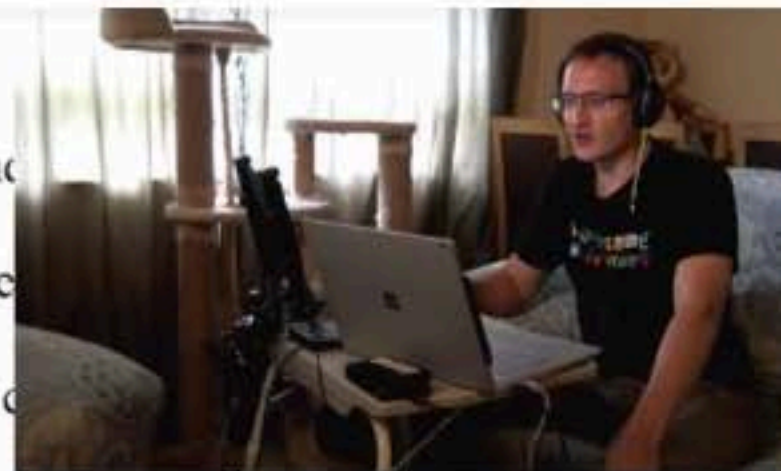


16 doctrine, practice, and internal governance.

17 “The Jehovah's Witnesses’ practice of shunning is protected under the first amend
18 the United States Constitution.” When “members of the Church . . . conclude[] that the
19 longer want to associate with [someone] [w]e hold that they are free to make that c
20 *Paul*, 819 F. 2d at 883. “[T]he values underlying the[] two provisions [of the first amendment]
21 relating to religion have been zealously protected, sometimes even at the expense of other’s
22 interests.” *Id.* at 883 citing *Wis. v. Yoder*, 406 U.S. 205, 214 (1972). “Churches are afforded
23 great latitude when they impose discipline on members or former members. . . . ‘[R]eligious
24 activities which concern only members of the faith are and ought to be free – as nearly
25 absolutely free as anything can be.’” *Id.* citations omitted.

26 Rather than accept the fact that he was the beneficiary of an unconstitutional analysis,
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