

Interdependence Day V

Monday September 10, 2007

Second Life Audience Chat Transcript:

- [11:06] UIYO Bing: id like to here him talking about how we make friends on line
- [11:06] Zen Zeddmore: through an intermediary translator I made friends online
- [11:06] Tori Annenberg: (Typing Peter Marx's comments) MTV is investing in VW as a form of entertainment and new medium unto itself
- [11:07] Tori Annenberg: (Typing Peter Marx's comments) MTV is getting much more into mixed media
- [11:07] Aphilo Aarde: Thanks you, Tori :)
- [11:07] Tori Annenberg: (Typing Peter Marx's comments) Internet, Video games, TV, print, every possible way to connect with listeners
- [11:07] Tori Annenberg: (Typing Peter Marx's comments) We've been making TV shows and making virtual worlds out of them
- [11:08] Prokofy Neva: virtual worlds aren't really for sitting like robots and listening to talking heads in a stadium, that is old media, and old world stuff, they are for smaller groups to interactive more meaningfully, that's less one number one
- [11:16] JayWarren Klaar: is this medium really that powerful, if it has to be "faked"?
- [11:16] Prokofy Neva: well they always fake it when there are big events to reduce the erroring and such
- [11:17] Prokofy Neva: plus do we know, do they have the DSL capacity in this place in Mexico to actually load and stream SL? maybe not lol
- [11:17] Zen Zeddmore: maybe his computer isn't up to the task.
- [11:17] Prokofy Neva: he's probably with a laptop that can't play SL
- [11:20] Prokofy Neva: Basically, the question is whether the channels of communication in a 3-d world is really the most effective vehicle for formal public diplomacy, possibly it has to be reconfigured or not stressed and taxed to perform that function so purposefully.
- [11:20] Aphilo Aarde: Here's this talks web site:
http://uscpublicdiplomacy.com/index.php/events/events_detail/2449/
- [11:21] Prokofy Neva: What's more important now that the formal university discussion is that hundreds of Spanish speakers and Portuguese speakers are just getting online in SL even against the odds and opening up little businesses and socializing with people they would never have come into contact with in their regular lives, North Americans, Japanese, Russians, and this is all churning now with unknowable results.
- [11:22] Prokofy Neva: The events are overtaking the meaning.
- [11:24] Zen Zeddmore: He's talking to the panel here who "don't have much experience with these platforms"
- [11:30] Zen Zeddmore: he's talking about how trivial SL is being used as
- [11:30] Prokofy Neva: telephones are used for dating and sex and business, too, but he wouldn't have Save the Children turn off their phones because of that
- [11:30] Evangeline Arcadia: yeah, but there are loads of people in rl who don't care too...
- [11:30] JayWarren Klaar: telephones are used for business, too... is SL?
- [11:30] Prokofy Neva: sure is

[11:32] Prokofy Neva: there are a zillion political discussions every night

[11:32] JS Vavoom: there are people who are serious here

[11:32] Evangeline Arcadia: People are here for more than just money!

[11:32] Prokofy Neva: and they make money because....it COSTS BUNCHES to run, so it has to happen that way

[11:32] Markup Melnik: he is right....the money in SL is at the top! Not that that's the only thing people want out of SL

[11:32] UIYO Bing: any one think it's odd that this guy is saying you cannot talk about political etc things at an event where he is talking about these things

[11:33] Aphilo Aarde: Berkman Center for Internet and Society has explored questions of SL political rights of users.

[11:33] Prokofy Neva: it's like the rest of the world and the human race, dude, if you want it to do politically correct stuff, go lead them, get them to follow by intelligent reasoning, not haranguing

[11:33] Tara5 Oh: Sounds like he need to spend more time understating Second Life

[11:33] Delia Lake: Benjamin, yes there are people who use SL just for entertainment. but I would hope you would also investigate places such as Better World Island. and see http://secondlifegrid.net/how/philanthropy_and_fundraising

[11:34] Markup Melnik: Wow...get to listen to the guy who wrote QuickTime! That's what's so awesome about SL!

[11:44] UIYO Bing: would be cool to see what's happening though im happy with what I can experience at the moment any more that's just gravy

[11:45] Aphilo Aarde: Linden Labs is a privately held company, and the terms of service is the significant legal document between avatars and LL.

[11:45] Prokofy Neva: it's Linden Lab singular

[11:46] Markup Melnik: Impressive to see they have a critic on the panel!

[11:46] Aphilo Aarde: The Berkman Center for Internet and Society has held some mock trials, as beginning attempts to explore legal issues in SL and between US law, and LL's terms of service contract

[11:47] Aphilo Aarde: And they've held them in SL

[11:47] Wysdom Wise: but we all gather together in our diversity to explore and expand peace....

[11:47] Wysdom Wise: and to learn from one another

[11:48] padlurowncanoe Dibou: I am put out that the people speaking have, by their descriptions, a limited experience of SL -- have not explored the education, political, cultural, and philanthropic areas -- and seem to have explored only areas of media hype.

[11:50] Aphilo Aarde: What's interesting about SL is that it's an emerging society . . . so much is taking shape, and developing - glad panelists are at least talking about issues of poverty, if not touching on the digital divide directly vis-à-vis public policy

[11:51] Prokofy Neva: it has to be said that if SL is such a cult that it can't be easily understood by everyone just walking up, it's failing as that mode of communication, too, but fortunately most people just ignore those not explaining it and just try to use it

[11:52] Prokofy Neva: Brazilians are the fastest growing community, I think the 2nd or 3rd largest in SL now

[11:52] Markup Melnik: He had good points though.

[11:52] UIYO Bing: he has skewed points

[11:52] padlurowncanoe Dibou: uniformed and ignorant -- not so much offensive

[11:53] UIYO Bing: agreed dibou

[11:53] Prokofy Neva: The main message here is that Brazilians have the top traffic islands, and they sell really good stuff for only \$10, and this is the future, welcome to it, they are able to use SL to have a tremendous influence on the culture and the economy of the metaverse that outweighs their RL presence, it's interesting

[11:54] Nonny Writer: and with babbler!

[11:54] Tara5 Oh: I have to go now I hope someone blogs this so I can catch up on the parts I missed!

[11:54] Tara5 Oh: and that the parts I missed were better than Benjamin Barber's contribution

[11:54] Rik Riel: I think it's important to keep re-focusing on our virtual activities and real human needs and problems that need attention and action

[11:54] Rik Riel: In that sense, I appreciate Barber's criticism

[11:55] Tara5 Oh: Gilberto Gil is doing some wonderful work

[11:55] Prokofy Neva: well Benjamin Barber's contribution is actually a presentation I've heard a dozen times and seen blogged a 100 times, it's a perspective that is very deep, in academia in particular

[11:55] padlurowncanoe Dibou: the power of the information age, Prok -- whoever uses its potential, advances

[11:55] Prokofy Neva: and it boils down to faux third-worldism on behalf of third-worlders who in fact step around these Marxists and just come online and do their thing, amazingly, from places you think don't even have DSL

[11:55] Chosen Raymaker: If given time, SL can be a tool used in addressing real needs

[11:55] Prokofy Neva: it is moving faster than they can comprehend, they must admit that

[11:55] Tara5 Oh: I agree prok

[11:56] Prokofy Neva: and a certain point, he has to ask the Brazilians on line by the thousands: ok, you are middle-class with DSL making money in SL?

[11:56] Prokofy Neva: what are YOU doing to help YOUR OWN country's poor blacks and street children?

[11:57] Rik Riel: If anything SL provides opportunities for lower/middle class people to start businesses, produce artwork and music,

[12:09] UIYO Bing: I was sort of imagining this conference to be a little bit more sympathetic to SL i.e. using SL voice and responding to SL rather than it seeming to be a streaming of a RL conference which started well ended well and had an offensive guy making no sense in the middle

[12:10] Rik Riel: Brazil's communications system is largely a monopoly, so places like SL are actually quite needed

[12:11] Cybergrrl Oh: I find some of the worst events are the RL ones that stream into SL without any real consideration about SL and what works/what doesn't inworld

[12:12] Prokofy Neva: well on the other hand if SL is so sectarian and special that no one can get it without a huge prep, it's not working

[12:12] Prokofy Neva: but seriously, it will all overtake people like him, they just step around whatever he thinks

[12:12] Cybergrrl Oh: It has nothing to do with SL limitations - but with things like computer screen size, processor speed

[12:12] Peter Newell: SL was not at all an afterthought for this event, but the technology hit many hurdles along the way.

[12:12] Cybergrrl Oh: What looks good in person doesn't always translate to a computer screen

[12:13] Rik Riel: I've been on both sides of organizing these mixed reality events. Really hard to do well for ALL participants

[12:13] Peter Newell: as in coordinating any event, it's tough to bring together all of the moving parts.

[12:13] Cybergrrl Oh: Also, what works in RL - like a 2 hour movie, for example, - is much harder to do inworld

[12:13] Cybergrrl Oh: people just aren't able to sit through it when the screen is so tiny on an already small screen

[12:14] LifeFactory Writer: I am just delighted to be able to sit here at all...regardless of the pitfalls, limitations and flaws.

[12:14] Cybergrrl Oh: Even when SL works well (when), it doesn't mean one's computer does, Prok.

[12:16] Peter Newell: Cybergrrl, most every time it's a bandwidth issue

[12:16] Peter Newell: getting enough connection to stream audio, or video, and run SL at the same time.

[12:16] Cybergrrl Oh: Peter - I agree - bandwidth, computer specs/limitations, too

[12:16] DevilMayCare Jetaime: *amazed at what a man will say in public just because he can*

[12:17] Peter Newell: yeah, though computer specs are the easy thing to change :)

[12:17] Prokofy Neva: I mean, here you are in a streaming 3-D virtual world surrounded by lovely Linden trees and resident trees and Linden bridges and such

[12:17] Peter Newell: then you incrementally lose immersion to provide /something/

[12:17] Prokofy Neva: why put up an ugly plywood wall with ugly photo realistic trees on it ?

[12:17] Peter Newell: you lower the requirements on both.

[12:17] Prokofy Neva: when we can understand THAT we can save the world

[12:18] Prokofy Neva: SL is good for these little trainings and exercises

[12:18] Prokofy Neva: seriously

[12:18] Prokofy Neva: then we can save the rainforest in the Amazon in Brazil

[12:18] Prokofy Neva: when we can understand THAT

[12:18] Prokofy Neva: it's all of a piece

[12:19] UIYO Bing: I think the whole connecting ppl from the 3rd world is difficult with the lack of cheap technology available to the 3rd world there is the \$100 lap top idea but I think recycling old computers is needed ... the technology of the computers being thrown away is constantly being upgraded and is available for free

[12:19] Prokofy Neva: I'd rather have medical salaries for adults than laptops for kids