

People whose lives were ruined by the media

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Jade Goody



An average working-class girl from Upshire, Essex, Jade Goody rose to fame when she appeared on the third series of the reality show “Big Brother”. Goody was ridiculed for both her appearance and intellect; she was compared to a pig and vilified for how she spoke and looked. While Goody initially managed to 1) _____ her fame to build a successful career, her image was once again 2) _____ following the 3) _____ of racist behaviour towards another participant of the show, an Indian actress Shilpa

Shetty. The media 4) _____ never stopped, not even when she was diagnosed with cancer. Some even accused her of monetizing her condition and wanting to die in the spotlight. Ultimately, Goody passed away in March 2009 at the age of 27.

Salah Eddin Barhoum

The 2013 Boston Marathon bombing was a terrorist attack that claimed the lives of three people and injured nearly 300 others. While authorities investigated the case, amateur online sleuths 5) _____ over hundreds of pictures and surveillance videos attempting to fish out the perpetrators. One particular image showing Salah Eddin Barhoum and his friend eventually made its way to the front page of the New York Post, seemingly labelling them as potential suspects. However, the actual 6) _____ were identified later that same day. Despite the publication clarifying the article and the FBI clearing Barhoum, the damage was already done. The Moroccan teen experienced profound emotional distress and was reportedly too scared to even leave his house.

