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Even more domain names and gambling operations were seized on Monday May 24th 2011, which we aptly call Gray Monday. This time the market leaders were not the only websites seized but smaller websites also. Even more important is a number of different sectors in the market were seized. There were domains seized in online poker, casinos, sports books and even bingo. This may send more of a message through the market than Black Friday.

The online poker industry was hit hard and drastically when the three biggest players in the market had their domain names seized. This sent a shock wave through the market and millions of poker players were left wondering what happens next. What did happen next was that the three biggest poker rooms soon left the US market and their players were left in limbo. They now had to find a new place to play and their funds were in jeopardy. Although the three poker websites worked out a deal with the Department of Justice to return the players money, no one we have talked to has received any money from them at the time this article was written.

After Black Friday, ultimately things started to settle down and players found a new poker home and continued to play online. Many thought the Department of Justice had made their point and were going to let things go back to normal as much as could be. But with the action on Gray Monday the hammer came down on the market as a whole. The shock this time is in the form of all sectors of the online gambling market. Homeland Security made the seizures this time and the market is in disarray. No one seems to be safe whether large or small players in the market. It is just a matter of time to see the reactions to these seizures. Unfortunately, now we may see online gambling websites in all sectors start leaving the US market. We have seen some online websites change their domain names to an international extension as a result of these seizures. They seem to be positioning themselves to be immune from the US government actions by having these domains outside the US.

The sense out there is that no one knows what will happen next and once again the online players could be sent scrambling again. It a watch and see attitude nowadays, but the impact could be far more reaching than Black Friday. As a result, it does not matter how big or small of an gambling operation you are or what sector of online gambling you're in, everyone can be touched by the government.

The results so far are that [US poker players](#) have not had to move to different websites as of yet, but new sign ups may need to go to a new website address to register. Same holds true with [US casino players](#), there is no effect yet from Gray Monday other than having a new domain name to register.

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