



ResetEra Feedback / Community Discussion Weekend!

Discussion in 'Announcements' started by Cerium, Friday at 10:06 PM.

Thread Status: Not open for further replies.



Twilight Suzuka
Member

Constructive suggestion: I think there's a much better way to handle dogpiling, which happens constantly.

I see it happen frequently where a poster will write one post detailing their thoughts on the topic at hand. Then a dozen people will ask them questions in an aggressive way, mock them, and imply that they're an idiot if they can't reply; or they'll reframe their argument inaccurately to make the person look as bad as possible. Then the poster replies to questions directly asked to them and they get banned for derailing.

If someone is clearly the minority opinion in a conversation / argument and is clearly outnumbered, I don't understand the impulse to ban this person. It just makes people feel like they can't have any opinion differing from the majority opinion in a thread.

My constructive suggestion is to just post in the thread in red text and ask people to get back on topic please. That allows the person who is getting dogpiled and outnumbered to back away without having a dozen people just continue to insult and mock them for not replying and gets the thread back on track without banning anyone. If a response is derailing, then surely the dozen questions are derailing too.

Saturday at 1:56 AM



Angle22
Member

I wish there was more photoshop threads. And joke threads weren't close so fast.

Also I got 2 warnings here. Both I deserve.

Both times I PM the mod about it to apologize, the first time it was with [Queen Kong](#) and she replied back, and was awesome about it. And I have an imensive respect for her because of it.

The second time I PM the other mod, and that mod just ignored me.

Saturday at 1:59 AM



GraphicViolets
Resettlement Advisor
Member

Selina said: ↑

We do have a system in place for such members. We keep track of major offences and use those to inform ban lengths. Any member who engages in this sort of behaviour when they return are permanently banned. Regarding the 1 week bans, I agree this was too short and we have worked on making these ban lengths longer for first time offenders.

Also, if you feel we have missed someone please PM us and we can look into it.

In the last week I've seen a bunch of 3 day bans for bigotry, some where part of the reasoning they got a ban was "account in junior phase".

my concern is less posters that can be missed (I do understand that mods can't read every message) and more that the mods don't take bigotry seriously enough. I know staff has specifically stated otherwise but 3 day bans are not seriously. 3 days is "please cool down and come back in a bit" ban

And I'm posting cause i know that if I don't and have a complaint later i'll get "but why didn't you bring it up when we

asked?". I don't have interest in going back through threads to mention specific posts. There has been a history of era staff giving PR statements ("we're listening" "I think this has been a productive conversation" etc) and not taking any action, I have no reason to believe why putting that effort in would be productive.

actually here's one example i think is a decent general barometer. era allows people to agree with jordan peterson and others so long as the people don't specify what they agree on. I don't see why active support for him is allowed just because people are being polite. He got famous for being bigoted and steeped much of his other language in transphobia, misogyny, racism, and general fascism. vaguely offering support for a famous bigot (that includes trump) is a dog whistle from people who know what will happen when they say what draws them to those people. I've made multiple reports in this situation which are generally ignored presumably because they aren't actively mentioning the bigotry they agree with

Saturday at 2:01 AM

#404 ▲



Justsomeguy
Member

If a user is banned (either temp or permanent) I'd like a link on their profile page to the post that got them banned, or the mod reason for the ban.

Also, I think mods could be a bit tighter on shutting down and restarting threads that have gone to pot due to a bad OP. Great example is this week's "Microsoft are taking away your desktop!" thread, which had a terrible OP missing that it was just an evolution of the existing enterprise VDI service, a first page of people reacting with the usual "f Microsoft" sentiment then pages of people saying the first page was awful. I reported it and a mod tweaked the title slightly but the thread was already crap by then. In the other place I've seen threads like that closed with a mod note inviting the OP to remake the thread with a better representation of the source/news.

Saturday at 2:03 AM

#405 ▲



Riversands
Member

Twilight Suzuka said: ↑

If someone is clearly the minority opinion in a conversation / argument and is clearly outnumbered, I don't understand the impulse to ban this person. It just makes people feel like they can't have any opinion differing from the majority opinion in a thread.

This is what i was talking about pages ago. I also experienced this kind of thing

I was banned of asking the question, "What happened to Solo Wars marketing? Is it targeted to small scaled theatres (market)?"

Instead of banning, why didnt the mod ask first, "Why did you say so? How come you said so? Have star wars franchises been always treating like that in your country or this is the first time?" But no. I got 3 day ban for trolling while it was intended to be a legit question

Sometimes people (not only mods) need to accept that there are always two sides of story

Sorry if i brought out the past, but i hope this can be a lesson to learn in the future

Saturday at 2:06 AM

#406 ▲



Jack Remington
Member

I post almost entirely in politics, sports, and tv/movie threads, so I'm enjoying my time here well enough.

I've seen way too many "arguing in bad faith" bans where it's not clear at all that the user was arguing in bad faith. Honestly it comes off like the mod wants to ban the user for something, can't come up with a real rule violation, so just types "arguing in bad faith" out in red text and calls it a day.

Bad faith generally means a disingenuous argument, a deliberate reliance on logical fallacies, or something along those lines. I keep seeing bad faith bans where none of those things are evident.

If pushed for specific examples I could provide some, but that would require some digging, and we all know what I'm talking about here.

Edit: an example. This post displays no evidence of either arguing in bad faith nor concern trolling.

<https://www.resetera.com/threads/ne...e-for-past-tweets.59570/page-11#post-11055378>

In general, bad faith arguments are not 6+ paragraphs unless someone like Ben Shapiro is getting paid to make them. The user clearly believes what he/she is typing, or at the very least, there's nothing in the post to indicate otherwise.

It *could* be all an elaborate con game in theory, but like... why?

Saturday at 2:06 AM Last edited: Saturday at 2:26 AM



Nanashrew
Member

Sales threads need stricter moderation. It's becoming harder and harder to actually discuss the financials of a company and/or industry when so many keep coming into a thread with drive-by inflammatory comments and/or images to troll and discredit or downplay those actually willing to discuss the financials of a company or the overall industry.

Saturday at 2:07 AM

#407 ▲



Hecht
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Administrator

Pekola said: ↑

As others have posted, the amount of low-effort, drive-by posts on sensitive topics are a major turn-off.

Dumb posts like "nailed it" or "this" even after people have posted mountains of evidence to the contrary.

Posts that are one-sentence wonders and don't bring anything to the discussion.

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We do have a system for weeding out people that dance around the explicit "racism/sexism/homophobia/transphobia/etc" line.

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Saturday at 2:08 AM

#409 ▲



Justsomeguy
Member

If someone has been quoted, and then they edit their original post, does the quote also somehow get magically edited? I'm sure I've seen this happen a couple of times...

Saturday at 2:08 AM



C4lukin
Member

Urban Scholar said: ↑

I just want to voice the same frustrations that marginalized folks have shared. I really hope things get better. Because I barely feel like participating in discussions because the same sentiment rolls through

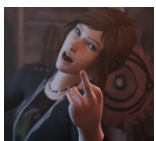
While I would not consider myself marginalized, I can relate to just feeling like it is better to stay quiet than involve myself in a debate that is unpopular with the community as a whole. Even if I am trying to be completely respectful of those who disagree with me. It can turn into a gang bang pretty quickly.

And that is the sort of stuff I would like to see more heavily moderated. Whether it be politics, sexuality, or race, ResetEra should not determine who is right or wrong. They should just promote polite intelligent discussion, and come down hard on mean spirited one liner responses and attacks on people's intelligence. And I am guilty of these sort of immature actions myself.

And I know that is a tall order considering how popular and fast moving this board has become. The mods have a tough job.

Saturday at 2:08 AM Last edited: Saturday at 2:13 AM

#410 ▲



Matthew77 said: ↑

This will probably get lost if the thread is not locked but it is my only true concern of the moment for me. Is there anyway to do a slight rollback without affecting anything else that allows us to go

#411 ▲

GraphicViolets
Resettlement Advisor
Member

back to just usernames with no generic or even space?

There are reasons I don't like being judged on pictures and I feel I always post enough, maybe too much that if you actually read my posts more than once you could remember my username. So I am stuck with an avatar I don't want because the generic gets you lumpedbin with alts and

would using a small transparent image work for a workaround?
assuming mods wouldn't remove it like they would an animated avatar

Saturday at 2:08 AM



#412 ▲

Are you guys going through the thread chronologically or skipping around a bit?

RedMercury
Member

Saturday at 2:09 AM



#413 ▲

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Administrator

Saturday at 2:09 AM



#414 ▲

Justsomeguy
Member

jph139 said: ↑

The only thing that ever strikes me as egregious is the amount of low-effort posts. One-liners, gif responses, blanket dismissals of other people's opinions in six words or less - stuff that's really just a barrier to actual discussion and conversation. I'm not sure how that sort of thing can be policed - like, I'm not going to start reporting every time someone replies to someone with that gif of Jennifer Lawrence saying okay - but if there's a way to discourage it, I feel like it should be discouraged.

I agree. Especially when it's the first reply in a thread which then sets the tone for the first page.

Saturday at 2:10 AM



#415 ▲

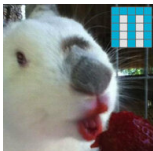
Waddle Dee
Member

Angie22 said: ↑

I wish there was more photoshop threads. And joke threads weren't close so fast.

On a lighter note, I agree with this. Not enough funny threads on ResetEra.

Saturday at 2:15 AM



#416 ▲

mazi
Member

i have one request that i know will likely be ignored, but i have to write it anyway.

stop treating israel-related threads with kid gloves, and don't give them any special moderation/consideration. they should be treated like any other thread and there's no need for any special rules, specially if it's a long-ass scary ugly red wall of text added to OP that basically says "hey, watch out, you probably don't want to participate in this thread". either add new rules to all threads, or don't make specific rules for them.

my two examples, but there are literally tens:

1. www.resetera.com/threads/israel-parliament-passes-bill-into-law-defining-the-country-as-an-exclusively-jewish-state.56348/

i made (what i thought was) a good OP about something pretty major, it was big news everywhere and was covered by all major news organizations. i tried bringing sources, and added my own summary as well. the thread was going well until a mod added the red text to my OP. now there's nothing wrong with mod hijacking if it's something minor, but if it's that big and before my post it pretty much sets the tone of the thread to be something i didn't intend. also there are some issues i

have with the three rules in that text. i'll go over each one:

a, it says don't conflate civilians with leadership. but that's absurd to think someone saying "fuck israel" is saying fuck every israeli person. that just doesn't happen. if that's what they meant they would say that. "fuck israel" means fuck the things that they as a state are responsible for, maybe fuck the ideology that led to its creation, fuck the racist government, fuck what led to creating an apartheid state, fuck all that, not fuck the average man or woman going out about their daily life (if they're not responsible for maintaining and supporting the racist and apartheid state, in which case fuck them too).

b, says don't condone violence, from hamas or IDF. first, don't bring hamas first, they're not responsible for 1/10th of the lives lost by IDF. second, it creates the illusion that it's something where both sides are the same and have the same power and have the same responsibility, that isn't true.

c, says don't compare israel's actions to nazism. this one i don't feel as passionately about, but is still a weird rule since considering what they did and what they keep doing you would actually have to actively force yourself to not see a resemblance.

i asked the mod to either remove the text or lock my thread, because i didn't what a text in my OP that i don't agree with and sets a tone i don't want in my thread. they choose to lock it instead of removing the text.

2. <https://www.resetera.com/threads/is...inian-boy-presenting-no-danger-read-op.55272/>

again, the red scary ugly wall of text strikes. you would think a thread about a kid being murdered by a soldier for no reason would have only one possible response, but no. let's take into consideration the feelings of those who support and defend israel, and then lock the thread saying **"We are temporarily closing this thread while we review its content and our policy"** then later say **"As another thread has already taken its place, we have resolved to keep this topic closed. Please contact the staff if you have questions about site rules or policy."** there was never another thread made about that specific news, and the discussion was never continued, the other thread was about something entirely different. it doesn't work like that, we shouldn't have to have "fucked up shit israel does [OT]" and contain everything in one thread. every murder and racist thing and palestinian life deserves its own discussion and thread. don't tell me i can't talk about this and should continue in a thread about something else fucked up that israel did.

i guess the point of my long rant is, don't put special rules in israel related threads. just mod them with the general rules. thanks.

Saturday at 2:17 AM



Justsomeguy
Member

#417 ▲

Professor Beef said: ↑

Conversely, we don't always send rejection alerts because we don't want to discourage people from making future reports. We never know how a member might respond to a rejection alert, so we simply try to stay positive and send them on good news.

Yes... I had what I thought was a totally valid report 'rejected' and was a bit put out by it. Maybe reject is too harsh... It could just be "no action taken"... I.e. we read it, we see your point, but we're not taking any action against the post. Which isn't quite the same as "your report is garbage" which is what reject implies.

One feature request - when you get a note that it's been actioned, a link to the reported post would be great otherwise you have to spend a while going to find it again to see what the mod did!

Saturday at 2:17 AM



Redcrayon
Member

#418 ▲

Is there a way to ignore threads on mobile Era? Someone mentioned a cross next to the post count, but I can't see it on iOS.

Saturday at 2:18 AM



mutantmagnet
Member

#419 ▲

mislicked.

Will reply later.

Saturday at 2:19 AM



Morrigan

#420 ▲

GraphicViolets said: ↑

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Armoring
Moderator

[...]
I don't have interest in going back through threads to mention specific posts.

But we will indeed need examples here, because there are no juniors getting off lightly about bigotry. We have been doing the opposite of that. Without examples, I'm not sure how you expect us to respond.

Saturday at 2:19 AM

#421



Justsomeguy
Member

Hecht said: ↑

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That's cool. I literally just mean regular day to day posting though.

Saturday at 2:21 AM

#422



Hecht
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Administrator

Justsomeguy said: ↑

That's cool. I literally just mean regular day to day posting though.

No, the forum software does not edit quotes to mirror what the original post has changed to.

Saturday at 2:24 AM

#423



corasaur
Member

edit: delete. too slow to be useful

Saturday at 2:25 AM

#424



Imran
Member

I feel like the ArenaNet thing was extremely poorly handled, with multiple discussions shut down until it became too big a discussion to ignore. The public-facing reasoning of "We're not going to get anywhere with this discussion" is, I assume, a nicer way to put that the mod staff didn't want to deal with the inevitable fallout and toxicity that comes with it, but it just made matters worse. The fact that it was used verbatim to close two threads didn't look professional, it made it look dissociated from the topic. Cold, even.

I feel like mods should be less afraid of letting the community have these discussions. Cultivating the community to have them maturely is always going to be a better idea than shutting them down.

Saturday at 2:25 AM

#425



Pekola
Member

Hecht said: ↑

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Thanks for replying!

The thing is, that's the exact problem! A lot of people will come in and say they're "polite" and say the most ridiculous things. But in their heads it's okay, because they were "respectful".

It's the people that have no skin in the game, commeting over those who do because they can afford to keep their cool since they're not affected.

And here's the thing. You can be ignorant. No one was born knowing. And if you're not in these groups, you wouldn't know how to traverse them. But if you're ignorant, don't come in and give your "polite" opinion on a sensitive topic you have cursory knowledge on.

That's my beef, more or less.

And if anyone's been paying attention, **that's the reason a lot of these topics have been burning up and making minorities uncomfortable**. Because it's the same groups of people that will come and start sharing their opinions over things they don't know squat about.

Saturday at 2:25 AM



MikeNeko
Member

I am pretty much enjoyig myself in here.
Of course there is one thing that destroys all enjoyment from me and i think should be clarified in the rules:
- stances about **drug abuse**

I have seen stances of "i took so much weed i am completely wasted, that game is so good " or "what is the best game to play when you are heavily intoxicated"
some people don't take responsibly and it shows, but there should be a rule stating whether or not it is OK to advertise drug abuse (or drugs at all) in main forums/non-harm reduction threads.
People should be automatically redirected to information sites about drugs... i lost so many people because of derailing from "light" stuff that s starting to get legal here and there to very heavy.
I think alcohol, drugs, tobacco should not be discussed in non-hangout places and have a warning about sensible subject, like the NSFW practice.
It's disheartening to me to read people abuses, like a knife's strikes right through my heart. Of course i put people on ignore, but for a forum where kids come either directly or through search engines linkage (resetera is getting good referencing :))... that's not good in my opinion.

Saturday at 2:27 AM

#426 ▲



DiZ
Member

Redcrayon said: ↑

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I think (not sure) that you need to be running one of the newer themes. Are you on Day or Night?

Saturday at 2:28 AM

#427 ▲



Dr_Boris_Goltz
Member

I have some feedback as to why I still use the legacy themes:

1. The arrow that takes you to the quoted post is next to the username, not all the way on the right side of the quote.
2. I can't stand clicking on a thread title and going to my last unread post. Clicking on the title to see the OP has been how I've browsed forums for over 20 years. I'm aware there's a button to go to the OP, but I wish there was an option to swap functionality.

Edit: Looks like I missed the point of this thread!

Saturday at 2:31 AM

#428 ▲



Crayon
Member

I'm catching up on the thread. Page 4. I will continue.

At this point, I would like to emphatically state that I am strongly against further segmentation of the forum.

There has to be some other way to address whatever need is supposedly met by segmenting the forums. Perhaps some sort of alert system for new threads with keywords of interest, or a way to snooze threads so you don't see them for the next day or two?

I think further sub-forums are a bad idea. And the crux of this is a that I believe the call for more sub-forums is essentially a desire to edit the community. To edit their discomfort.

Saturday at 2:31 AM

#429 ▲

Rowlf said: ↑

#430 ▲



malyse

Community Resetter
Member

Your interactions with the staff since launch on a very wide variety of topics have been adversarial to the verge of harassment. You are well aware of this history. For the record, this is the type of opportunistic and disingenuous post that will get this thread closed prematurely.

I assume all y'all purple people are discussing this in the mod and admin forums, cause this is super not okay.

Saturday at 2:31 AM

#431 ▲



Feral

Member

SaberX said: ↑

I also remembered we have hangouts. And most of the time...it felt VERY excluded.

Like, I asked a question on the Saturn thread, only to everyone pretend to not exist. The same happened on the Sonic The Hedgehog. Whats the point of this place really?

not just relevant for community threads, but be assertive and insistent enough to not be easily ignored, unless people actually put you on their ignore list I suppose

asked a question that's kinda urgent or important to you but didn't get a reply? Quote your previous post and add that hey you'd appreciate an answer, like, hey that would be very helpful, and maybe your previous post just got lost in the discussion hey hey hey

Saturday at 2:33 AM

#432 ▲



B-Dubs

Oh well, what the hell
Moderator

mazi said: ↑

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When the site was young we actually did treat Israel/Palestine threads with a light touch and no extra guidelines because we are aware of the intense feelings involved on the topic. Unfortunately the results were not good: The conversations escalated out of control until the point where, when the usual rules around civility were breached, they were breached so completely that a number of perms had to be handed out.

The guidelines in place now have by and large kept these threads from reaching that kind of boiling point. There is probably no perfect way to moderate the subject, but what we have now appears to work.

Saturday at 2:33 AM

#433 ▲



Hecht

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Administrator

Pekola said: ↑

Thanks for replying!

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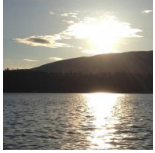
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I'm not saying this doesn't happen - the staff is pretty well acquainted with the "tactics" used to dance around the line, and we take that into account. If we notice a pattern of this sort of towing the line, we'll be quick to take action on it. The thing I'm mostly referring to are those that are doing this for the first time, where we have to make a judgment call. If it's repeated, we're aware and we will escalate the actions on that user.

Saturday at 2:35 AM

#434 ▲



Wormsign
Member

I like the way the forums are categorized. The general catchall of EtcetEra is convenient. An active day's posts don't seem to go back further than 10 pages of 50 posts/page. Easy to scroll through. It also exposes viewers to some topics they may be uncomfortable confronting on a daily basis but there are some means to filter some of it besides willpower. All threads should be viewable and none blocked by official forum means.

The only new subforum I would see added is "forum games". Not sure if there is any interest besides my own for such a thing as the only game I've seen mentioned is Mafia. Just thought I would mention it.

Post limits for junior members may help with adapting to contributing higher quality posts. 5-10/day. This may also be valuable as a moderation tool to demote members who don't quite deserve a ban and may have something to contribute but need to acquire a quality that can be learned from junior membership.

1-3 month bans should become a one time moderation option for users who are known to be valuable members but need time to reflect and consider their behavior. Those under that suspension should also be given more detailed reasons for the ban. For juniors or members of predominately low quality contributions this shouldn't be an option.

Thread bans may be helpful to protect vulnerable members and the integrity of discussion for some topics from the careless posts of those that don't understand that some topics aren't suitable for their contributions.

Stay with no emojis, likes or signatures, please. No moving avatars.

A way to hide following/followers from view in my profile would allow me to unlock it. I've encountered problems on other forums that makes me wary to making these lists open to viewing. Maybe I'm being overly concerned but it is a concern that is easily solved by keeping my profile locked. However, having the profile locked appears to lead to some unfounded accusations about hiding post history. Post history that can be viewed without viewing the profile.

I've found the moderation quite good and the community generally understanding when presented with opposing viewpoints. Even when strongly worded. IF the poster is genuine and not continuously hostile. I went into the USPolI OT about a month back and kicked up a storm and wasn't sanctioned by moderation. I wasn't a regular there and am not established on Era. Some in the thread read my words and helped. Others confronted me. Others were unhelpful. I made no reports to the backlash I faced. I was emotional and some that responded were emotional. But I feel they were being real. I know I was. Those claims of Era being an echo chamber are false.

There's a lot of nuance that gets lost in the current state of discourse. I'm a center-right liberal but the shift in the Overton window has made me look like antifa to modern lockstep conservatives. Here on Era it seems users recognize me as a right leaning liberal which shows a general clarity of thought in the community.

Having read that sexism is under-reported I will try to be more active about reporting those and other posts that may not effect me personally.

Saturday at 2:37 AM



Dan Thunder
Member

I think that sometimes the mods are too hard on drive by posting. Sometimes people are just agreeing with someone else and likely don't see the point in basically repeating the same thing. Alternatively they may not have the time to write a long post and are just popping in to say "yes, I think that's true."

Being completely honest I sometimes find the mod bans on here baffling. I appreciate that you say that it's a team decision but sometimes it seems that an individual moderator has taken offense to a post and has issued a ban for something that's pretty trivial.

Saturday at 2:38 AM



Alexandros
Member

Pekola said: [↑](#)

Black people don't need to rethread racism 101, just because you decided the definition of racism isn't what it is. Or because in your infinte wisdom, you decided that you didn't see something as racist.

Oh, I just remembered I wanted to discuss something because of this post.

Everyone, the moderation team and especially the users of the forum, need to remember at all times that the people who post here come from all over the world and that in some cases there are significant cultural differences between the US and many other countries. A type of behavior or a comment that americans think is not racist might actually be incredibly racist in other parts of the world. An opinion that americans think is racism 101 might be seen entirely differently through the viewpoint of a person from another country. Users and moderators shouldn't assume that a comment is made in good or bad faith before examining whether or not that judgement is made exclusively through a US-colored lens.

A clear example of this cultural divide were the threads about Trevor Noah congratulating Africa for winning the World Cup.

#435 ▲

#436 ▲

I and many other people considered the joke to be incredibly racist while many other users, most of them american, thought the joke was not racist at all. Then the players of the France national team themselves spoke out and condemned the joke and there were STILL people defending it, even though the players themselves were clearly offended by it!

So the message I want to convey is this: US-based viewpoints and definitions should not be the exclusive standard through which posts and opinions are judged by users and moderators. If Resetera was more EU-based and used european sensibilities as a guideline, a lot of the people who posted in the Trevor Noah thread would have been banned for saying that the joke wasn't racist. They weren't posting in bad faith, they simply lacked the knowledge to understand that some things are perceived differently in Europe and other parts of the world.

A question for the ResetERA administration team: Does the moderation team have members from various countries around the world or is it mostly US-based? If it's the latter, you should add some more moderators from Europe and other parts of the world so that you have a better perspective of how an issue is perceived around the world.

Saturday at 2:40 AM



Shadio
Member

#437 ▲

I feel the site could benefit from not being so heavy handed with moderation.

For essentially telling people not to necessarily count their chickens before they hatched, I was given a one week ban for supposedly downplaying racism. At most I felt I was neutral, and actually encouraging a useful discussion about whether or not there was sufficient evidence to reach the conclusions people were reaching. But because it was a sensitive subject, people, and apparently the moderation team did just not want to hear it. I was never even given a warning, just telling people they might not be right deserved a straight ban.

The moderator I spoke to about it afterwards was pretty reasonable, but what it boiled down to was paranoia about my arguments being similar to those which are used to shut down discussion. Oddly enough, that was the only point of meaningful discussion on the thread, which promptly died off the moment I was gone.

So I was pretty disappointed about the whole situation, and it's kind of taken the wind out of my sails since I was under the impression that my calm, reasoned and fair arguments would be allowed here. As understanding as I tried to be, I was often the least aggressive person involved in these conversations.

I'm not sure if that's going into too much detail about my specific case. I've made my peace with how unfairly I feel I was treated, but I'm just using it as a showcase here. Discussion is the lifeblood of a forum, and I genuinely believe that if what happened to me becomes a pattern, it'll slowly but surely be drained.

Also, that contactresetera email just ignored me after I highlighted the fact they were lying about a previous post I made. That was kind of annoying.

One other grievance I have is that certain things which are strictly against the rules sometimes go unmoderated due to their targets. For example, wishing death upon anyone isn't allowed, but I feel I've seen more examples of it going ignored than actually warned against.

I was originally going to keep it short since like I said, I kind of lost my energy for discussion here after that ban, but I ended up going into a bit of a rant. I don't know if that's what you're looking for, but there's my feedback. I originally praised the moderation after the move, but now I'm not sure if I was just lucky up until now or if it's gotten worse recently.

Saturday at 2:41 AM



Selina
Valyrian Queen
Administrator

#438 ▲

SigmasonicX said: ↑

We recently had a [thread](#) about an animator arrested for possession of child porn, but discussion shifted toward insinuating that there was a connection between him having worked on My Little Pony and his pedophilia. There were tons of drive-by posts with "mild shock" and how they weren't that shocked, and when I pointed out how the framing of the topic would lead to this, I was accused of being a pedophile myself. Once the title of the thread changed, activity dropped like a rock and almost completely shifted to discussing the actual arrest, which goes to show how many people were coming in just to rag on fans of My Little Pony, not to discuss the actual topic. Despite this, there are zero warnings in [the thread](#).

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Thank you for the feedback. It is against the rules to generalise or bash entire fanbases in the way you describe. It doesn't come up terribly often so it's possible that we haven't paid it as much attention as we should have. We'll try to be consistent about how this is enforced.

Saturday at 2:46 AM

#439 ▲



Redcrayon
Member

D i Z said: ↑

I think (not sure) that you need to be running one of the newer themes. Are you on Day or Night?

I was on legacy light era, but this is what I see on Day era- the formatting isn't quite as elegant (on my device) so I don't use it, but I can't see the option there either. It's no big deal, I was just curious as to whether I was missing something obvious.

Call of Duty: Black Ops 4 Beta [OT] The future is still black but without jetpacks

ASleepingMonk A moment ago · 321 posts



Pokémon Let's Go Eevee/Pikachu (Switch) announced; coming Nov 16th 2018

Xavi A moment ago · 12,475 posts



PS2 unsung gems (that hold up in 2018)?

More_Badass A moment ago · 111 posts



Evo 2018: Markman hints at big gaming announcements on Sunday

Huw_Dawsor A moment ago · 302 posts



Games



Hangouts



EtcetEra



Hangouts



Watched



Hecht

Even the good stars
can fall from grace
and falter

Administrator

Oh, I just remembered I wanted to discuss something because of this post.

Everyone, the moderation team and especially the users of the forum, need to remember at all times that the people who post here come from all over the world and that in some cases there are significant cultural differences between the US and many other countries. A type of behavior or a comment that americans think is not racist might actually be incredibly racist in other parts of the world. An opinion that americans think is racism 101 might be seen entirely differently through the viewpoint of a person from another country. Users and moderators shouldn't assume that a

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I can empathize with this point - I will say that yes, we do have staff from across the globe, so our decisions aren't made solely in a US-based vacuum. We make a point of trying to recruit from different countries and time zones, for the diversity in perspective and for better time zone coverage.

That said, the largest chunk of our userbase does come from the US, so it does sometimes tilt our moderation towards that standard. It's absolutely not an exclusive standard - we consult as many perspectives as we can, especially when it comes to international issues. If you think there is something we're missing, you can feel free to PM myself or Selina regarding any specific incident.

Saturday at 2:48 AM

#441 ▲



amnesties

Member

as others have mentioned, it would be great if mods dealt with the list of completely unfunny wannabe-comedians at the beginning of many threads, specifically in threads with a serious/controversial subject matter. there are usual suspects to this stuff so i don't think it would be too difficult to do

Saturday at 2:49 AM

#442 ▲



Yasuke

Member

BlackJace said: ↑

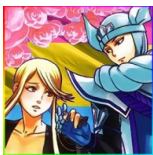
I feel like mods get somewhat lost in the weeds about civility/tone-policing regarding certain topics. Bigots really suck, and I'd rather talk about how much they suck and why they should be stopped than the mean words I use towards them.

Era is already seen as an "SJW" forum, whatever. We shouldn't care about that perception because it doesn't matter. If people think we're a bunch of triggered SJWs then I can't see why we should care about civility regarding the rejection of bigoted views.

Listen to this, mods. Please.

Saturday at 2:49 AM

#443 ▲



Mewshuji

Member

1) Please take the concerns of marginalized posters more seriously. The last thing we need is ERA becoming another run of the mill gaming forum- I specifically joined so I wouldn't have to deal with the bigoted crap on GameFAQs, /v/, or the like. You all have a reputation to uphold. And the fact so many people, women in particular, don't seem happy with how the site is being moderated is awfully telling. And mod non-response on this, including in this very topic, has been very, very worrisome at best. Just, I think Blackjace has it right.

2) An implementation of a "X user liked this post" system would be appreciated. It would likely help cut down on space cluttering "This." "Good post." "One and done." etc. one line/sentence posts, as well as allow people to know, you know... their posts are actually being read. There are times when I have nothing to add to a topic but found a thread or post otherwise enlightening and would like to give kudos to those involved. There are also times I worry what I've said isn't being seen by anyone even though I put time and effort into a post. Like, this needn't elevate posts ala Reddit (in fact, PLEASE don't do this), or add a "liked posts" score to a user's profile, unless there's no way to implement it otherwise. Just something to help people get an idea of which of their posts people are looking over and agreeing with or appreciating. Hell, it'd help with topics like these, to show which user suggestions other people like.

3) I recognize there's an unofficial add-on for hiding threads- but the inability to use it on mobile makes it irrelevant for quite a few people, I'm sure. Finding a way to implement it into the site itself, or something like it, would be much appreciated.

Saturday at 2:52 AM

#444 ▲

First of all, I should say that my most major grievance (overuse of warnings) was largely solved a few months ago. I thought it made the conversation always go to 'safe' places and I think that the decrease in them helped somewhat, and I don't feel like moderation is looser.



KimiNewt
Member

My real point, and I think it might be a bit vague so perhaps some else could help me elucidate the point. This is about thread derailment and free-flowing/natural conversation. Often in thread you see mod posts or warnings about thread derailment (whether it's people responding a lot to a post that isn't OP's or switching to a somewhat different topic). I think that while well-meaning, it often kills what could've been an enjoyable, entertaining or insightful conversation. That was some of the magic of the old place (I'm sure you all have "moments" that you remember) that seemingly cannot happen here. I think what needs to happen is to separate thread derailment from this free-flowing conversation. There is a difference between 'derailing' a thread about some news article about Trump or Mexican politics, and a thread about someone's anecdote about his girlfriend or their hygiene. The latter threads should have more leeway than the former, and I think moderators should hold off those "let's get back on track folks" posts for at least a while longer. We're not reddit, we're not strictly a news bulletin. We're a community, and a sense of community and the personality of individuals cannot be built when the conversation is so restricted. I realise this is often true in OTs in Community-- but those are around a specific topic in the first place, and are often hard to get into as a newcomer.

Saturday at 2:54 AM

#445 ▲



Shy
Member

Cerium said: ↑

If you have proof that you or anyone you know is being harassed off-site by someone with a ResetEra account, we will investigate and we will take action. This has always been the case. We have banned users for this.

What we are not interested in is policing what every member posts all across the internet, especially considering how easy it is to frame someone in this manner (despite our policy there have been actual attempts at this). We have explained this time and again and have even enshrined it among the guidelines in this very thread.

So if for example Pete the poster who is a member both here and on site B.

If Pete make a post on site B saying he's going to make a thread (or post) to get people banned, and laughing it up. You're going to do nothing ? because that is the very definition of disingenuous, which is what i thought you were cracking down on.

You get this is one of the many reasons people are abandoning your site, right ?

Saturday at 2:54 AM

#446 ▲



Unknown Soldier
Member

There should have been a Politics sub-forum on day 1. That's something I even brought up in the Discord while this site was still in the planning stages during the Great Exodus.

If this is not going to happen, I feel the forum needs the native ability to hide threads based on keyword or tag. There are third party tools to do that right now but it's clunky and cumbersome and should be a forum built-in function if there is still so much resistance to moving Politics out of the general EtcetEra thread population.

However more than anything else I really want the option to click on a thread title of a thread I've looked at before and jump to the last unread post instead of being forced to hunt for this little icon to the thread's left. Every other forum which uses XenForo defaults to letting you click the thread title to jump to unread. Forcing you to use the icon is a deliberate attempt to make it more like what the old NeoGAF used to be in terms of navigation which is ironic because after NeoGAF moved to XenForo themselves, the default behavior there is now to click the thread title to jump to last unread post. Please give us this option.

I still prefer DarkERA (Legacy) over NightEra and I know a lot of other people do too. Please keep DarkERA (Legacy) as an option in future forum software updates for those who prefer it. Thank you.

Saturday at 2:55 AM

#447 ▲



Shauni
Member

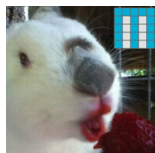
malyse said: ↑

I assume all y'all purple people are discussing this in the mod and admin forums, cause this is super not okay.

I tried to get some clarification on that about an hour after that post. All admins/mods have been silent.

Saturday at 2:56 AM

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mazi
Member

B-Dubs said: ↑

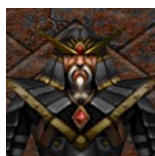
When the site was young we actually did treat Israel/Palestine threads with a light touch and no extra guidelines because we are aware of the intense feelings involved on the topic. Unfortunately the results were not good: The conversations escalated out of control until the point where, when the usual rules around civility were breached, they were breached so completely that a number of perms had to be handed out.

The guidelines in place now have by and large kept these threads from reaching that kind of boiling point. There is probably no perfect way to moderate the subject, but what we have now

i guess since it seems obvious to me that one side of the argument are defending the indefensible (israeli government and their actions) it makes no sense to go about it with creating rules limiting those in the right to protect the feelings of those in the wrong.

but i expected that response, and since i don't make the rules can't do anything about it.

Saturday at 2:56 AM

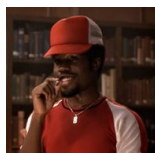


Lucreto
Member

Two thing's

1. Hide threads on mobile.
2. Click the click to expand containing a tweet opens up the tweet instead of expanding the page.

Saturday at 2:56 AM



formsymphonic
Member

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Saturday at 2:57 AM



Shy
Member

Shauni said: ↑

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Pretends to be shocked.gif.

Saturday at 2:57 AM



oni-link
Member

- 1) It's lame but I miss seeing my posts per day number
- 2) When viewing all the threads I have created, it does not show the last post date or if any have been bumped, so if someone bumps a thread of mine that I'm no longer watching without directly quoting one of my posts, I don't have any way of seeing this
- 3) I wish we had folders we could arrange our watched threads into. Some threads I follow all year but they rarely get bumped, or there are threads I want to save for when I'm going to need that info later, and it would be cool if you could watch these and add them to a folder, which you could do at the old place
- 4) I wish the reason for the garish purple on the new themes, which almost no one likes, would be addressed. It's consistently been criticised and yet with every update it's been glossed over. There must be a reason it's not been changed and I would like to know what it is
- 5) It would be cool if Era arranged a podcast, as we have a lot of knowledgeable girls and guys on the forum. I like the idea of a few active posts from the Tales of OT or Yakuka OT doing podcasts on which are the best games for newcomers etc

Thanks again for all the hard work everyone does, much appreciated

Saturday at 3:00 AM *Last edited: Saturday at 3:18 AM*



#453

implement emoji on this forum, you cowards

hydrophilic attack
Member

Saturday at 3:03 AM

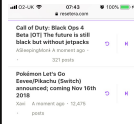


#454

DIZ
Member

Redcrayon said: ↑

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ummm. Sorry I wasn't more help.

Saturday at 3:04 AM



#455

Rowlf
Administrator

hydrophilic attack said: ↑

implement emoji on this forum, you cowards

Please let us know how you feel on this issue by voting in this thread: <https://www.resetera.com/threads/implement-emoji-on-this-forum-you-cowards.37193/>

Saturday at 3:08 AM



#456

tommy7154
Member

Pekola said: ↑

As others have posted, the amount of low-effort, drive-by posts on sensitive topics are a major turn-off.

Dumb posts like "nailed it" or "this" even after people have posted mountains of evidence to the contrary.

Posts that are one-sentence wonders and don't bring anything to the discussion.

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Straight, white man here.

A lot of the problem here is that people have differing opinions. In some of these sensitive topic threads, any even slightly dissenting opinion can be met with a pile on and end in warnings and/or bans. When we're dealing with opinions and not facts, we should either let everyone have their own opinion (that may differ from yours) OR make a safe space type area where it'd be clear I may be banned for arguing certain things.

Right now Resetera is kind of in the middle and so sometimes it seems it's ok to have a different opinion, and sometimes it seems like it is not ok to share a differing opinion.

So I don't really know but I hope this can be sorted out somehow.

Saturday at 3:09 AM *Last edited: Saturday at 3:14 AM*



#457

Shauni
Member

Rowlf said: ↑

Please let us know how you feel on this issue by voting in this thread: <https://www.resetera.com/threads/implement-emoji-on-this-forum-you-cowards.37193/>

Guess you're just going to not address your unneeded, borderline bullying, warning in this thread despite several users attempts to engage you about it.

At least that shows how much value there really is in this thread and this discussion

Saturday at 3:10 AM

#458 ▲



Twilight Suzuka
Member

tommy7154 said: ↑

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There can literally be a new forum section added. Call it The Safe Space. When you click on it, a large window opens every time and displays the list of acceptable opinions allowed in that section of the forum. No other opinions are allowed there to deviate from the ones listed. People who agree with those opinions can post in there and feel completely comfortable.

I think this would help a lot of people feel more welcome to the forum, and help make it clear what conversation is appropriate in which section.

Saturday at 3:14 AM

#459 ▲



Redcrayon
Member

D i Z said: ↑

ummm. Sorry I wasn't more help.

No prob, thanks for the replies!

Saturday at 3:18 AM

#460 ▲



Shauni
Member

Twilight Suzuka said: ↑

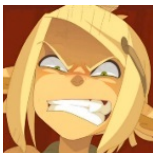
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Like what opinions do you want to protect?

Saturday at 3:19 AM

#461 ▲



Feral
Member

formasympmonic said: ↑

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The purple on DarkERA (legacy) > NightERA. I'd be interested in seeing the stats on the use of the 4 themes because DarkERA still >>>>> for me for now.

as far as I can tell NighEra is still effectively the same as it was at release. The spacing is still rather un-economic for screen-space, and the color issue hasn't been fixed yet

I'm still using the old dark theme on all my devices, probably until Era 2.0 at least

Saturday at 3:22 AM

#462 ▲

One thing for now: Don't drop the legacy themes in the future, i really dislike the official themes.



Stygr
Member

Saturday at 3:23 AM

#463 ▲



mazi
Member

Twilight Suzuka said: ↑

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Saturday at 3:24 AM



Twilight Suzuka
Member

#464 ▲

Shauni said: ↑

Like what opinions do you want to protect?

I don't want to protect any personally. But I have read so many posts in this thread asking for something like this in this thread, and saying they don't feel comfortable or safe. Marginalized people on this site that feel uncomfortable reading broader opinions can all come together and devise a list of the opinions they feel uncomfortable and unwelcome when reading. I trust them to make the list collectively.

mazi said: ↑

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Bigoted views are banned on all sections of this site. They're not empowered anywhere.

The Safe Space is for people that want a significant step above that standard that already exists.

Saturday at 3:24 AM



Shauni
Member

#465 ▲

Twilight Suzuka said: ↑

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Well then, give an example of what you're talking about? You obviously have some idea

Saturday at 3:27 AM



tommy7154

#466 ▲

Shauni said: ↑

Like what opinions do you want to protect?

Member

I know you asked someone else, but imo...anything. There doesnt necessarily have to be some subforum safe space. An OP could designate any thread they create as such.

For example, that way someone could start a thread titled "Why are so many men such jerks?!" and designate it as a safe space type thread. I then couldnt go into that thread and argue that it's not true, or ask why so many women are such jerks etc. If I did that I should then be warned or banned as deemed necessary.

As it is now if someone creates that thread, I may well have something to say about it lol. And if I say whatever I feel the need to say in the wrong manner, that's where currently I would have to fear being banned/warned/piled on etc. In a safe space type thread, that should be expected.

Saturday at 3:28 AM

#467 ▲



sabrina
Member

Twilight Suzuka said: ↑

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Bigoted views are banned on all sections of this site. They're not empowered anywhere.

Nobody's scared of opinions.

Here's an opinion: Octopath Traveler is not a good game. Here's a fact: it's transphobic to misgender trans people.

See the difference?

Saturday at 3:28 AM

#468 ▲



mazi
Member

Twilight Suzuka said: ↑

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that just seems like an excuse to get rid of certain people and confine them to their own specific sub-forum so some people can say what they want more freely and not be bothered by people calling them out, instead get positive reinforcement from people with the same views.

Twilight Suzuka said: ↑

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yeah but not all people with those views are banned, and they'll use any opportunity they get to subtly sneak in some stuff, and they need to be called out.

Saturday at 3:28 AM

#469 ▲



Shauni
Member

tommy7154 said: ↑

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Anything? Well, in that case, I would vehemently disagree and most likely leave the site. There are some viewpoints that should not be maintained



Twilight Suzuka
Member

sabrina said: ↑

Here's a fact: it's transphobic to misgender trans people.

I think that would be a permanent ban anywhere on this website already.

Anyway, it was just a suggestion. It's obviously not up to me. After reading through this entire thread, I honestly thought people would be interested.

Saturday at 3:34 AM



Shauni
Member

Twilight Suzuka said: ↑

I think that would be a permanent ban anywhere on this website already.

Anyway, it was just a suggestion. It's obviously not up to me. After reading through this entire thread, I honestly thought people would be interested.

I think people are interested, the problem is you're being too vague. Like, you're talking about an incredibly specific situation and solution but the details of what exactly it is you feel needs defending is totally void.

Saturday at 3:36 AM



Gracius
Member

Guilty until proven innocent dog piling is the worst thing about this site. Off topic is unreadable for the most part with everyone falling over each other trying to be more offended than the last person. That applies to more than just allegation topics.

<https://www.resetera.com/threads/maynard-james-keenan-of-tool-accused-of-rape.51496/>
<https://www.resetera.com/threads/mt...sexual-misconduct-against-nev-schulman.43234/>

Those are just the latest untrue ones I can think of but there have been others. Plenty of allegations are true but every topic is the same. Fuck that guy, always new he was a piece of shit, boycotting everything, ect.

Modding has also gotten out of hand. I read posts that get people banned and just shake my head some times. No examples but it would change nothing anyway. I've deleted Era before but it is to good of a source of information. I never once deleted GAF.

Saturday at 3:37 AM



Pekola
Member

tommy7154 said: ↑

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Not black, not trans, not female here.

I've yet to catch a ban or warnings whatsoever. And it's probably because I try to *stay in my lane*.

It's certainly not because I'm some paragon of all the good in the world and understand every aspect of sociology or whatever, and it's not because I'm going around having the right opinions all the time.

But I know that when a topic is too emotionally charged for me and I'm prone to saying something stupid, I *disengage*.

When a topic is something I'm not particularly knowledgeable about, I wait until people have given their opinions, and see if there's anything *constructive* I can add.

This concept of *everyone should be able to give their opinions* you're trying to present as some core issue, just ain't it.

Sometimes you don't need to give your opinion on certain matters. Sometimes you need to sit down and listen so you can learn something.

Saturday at 3:39 AM



mazi
Member

#474 ▲

B-Dubs said: ↑

When the site was young we actually did treat Israel/Palestine threads with a light touch and no extra guidelines because we are aware of the intense feelings involved on the topic. Unfortunately the results were not good: The conversations escalated out of control until the point where, when the usual rules around civility were breached, they were breached so completely that a number of perms had to be handed out.

The guidelines in place now have by and large kept these threads from reaching that kind of boiling point. There is probably no perfect way to moderate the subject, but what we have now

also thanks for not addressing my second point, about a mod locking a thread saying it's under review, then saying it's gonna stay locked cuz discussion is going on elsewhere, when there was no discussion going on about that news elsewhere and no new thread made about it. you can't see a thread about a kid being murdered by an israeli soldier, lock it temporarily, then see a thread about something entirely different but still related to israel and saying that'll do, they'll talk about it there. it's not a game trailer thread or something where you can say the discussion will continue somewhere else. it's like something interrupting the funeral of your family member, then you see another funeral for someone else is going on and say oh, i don't need to continue the funeral that was interrupted, there's already another funeral going on. doesn't work like that.

Saturday at 3:40 AM *Last edited: Saturday at 3:45 AM*



Selina
Valyrian Queen
Administrator

#475 ▲

malyse said: ↑

I assume all y'all purple people are discussing this in the mod and admin forums, cause this is super not okay.

We understand and regret that people have an incomplete picture here. The user in question was relitigating a warning she received for certain communications towards the staff, and attempted to conflate that with completely unrelated issues raised in the thread about how bigotry is moderated.

We have since spoken with her privately about the matter and do not intend to air dirty laundry in public. We opened this thread in good faith and all we ask is that users engage in good faith. If there is a matter of substance that you'd like to discuss you are welcome to raise it, but we established from the start that this thread cannot be about personal grievances. We hope that provides some clarity.

This will be our last word on the subject

Saturday at 3:44 AM



Directed by Fulci
Member

#476 ▲

Twilight Suzuka said: ↑

I think that would be a permanent ban anywhere on this website already.

Anyway, it was just a suggestion. It's obviously not up to me. After reading through this entire thread, I honestly thought people would be interested.

I think what you're suggesting is something like an "Encouragement" forum, where every thread made would have to fall within the site's overarching ToS (nothing bigoted, etc), but, once a thread is made, it would be bannable for anyone to do anything but affirm the OP's point. For instance, had the "ResetEra has a woman problem thread" been made in the Encouragement forum, all the posters on page one saying, "I think this place is pretty progressive!" would be banned, whereas, for a similar thread outside of that forum, those kind of responses would be allowed. Or a relationship thread posted in the Encouragement forum would be all like, "You're the best!", etc, which is obviously quite different than how they tend to go in the actual Etcetera forum.

It'd be an interesting experiment. I don't see many folks making their threads there.

Saturday at 3:45 AM

#477 ▲



tommy7154
Member

Shauni said: ↑

Anything? Well, in that case, I would vehemently disagree and most likely leave the site. There are some viewpoints that should not be entertained

That's 100% true. I meant anything that is appropriate. Not anything as in...anything. Some (extreme) opinions need not be entertained.

Saturday at 3:45 AM

#478 ▲



Redcrayon
Member

tommy7154 said: ↑

I know you asked someone else, but imo...anything. There doesnt necessarily have to be some subforum safe space. An OP could designate any thread they create as such.

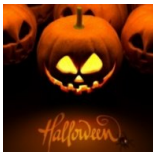
For example, that way someone could start a thread titled "Why are so many men such jerks?!" and designate it as a safe space type thread. I then couldnt go into that thread and argue that it's not true, or ask why so many women are such jerks etc. If I did that I should then be warned or banned as deemed necessary.

I don't agree with this. Badging 'Safe Space' threads would just encourage them to be viewed as overly sensitive rather than reasonable discussion, and effectively suggest any argument made within should be taken less seriously than debate elsewhere. Why would anyone post there if the point of the post is to be taken seriously?

I also don't agree with the conflation of fear of a large portion of a thread disagreeing with your opinion, and fear of moderation taking a dim view of your post because of it. Moderation shouldn't be a popularity contest, if your post is both opposed by a large portion of the thread AND the mod team finds it actionable, they aren't necessarily linked. It's also possible for popular posts to get warned too, and those making initial posts about sensitive issues to get dogpiled. Better to have mods discourage both dogpiling and posts that fail the TOS, rather than divide discussion into a 'safe space' and a 'free for all', then then has an undercurrent of the former being seen as overly sensitive.

Saturday at 3:48 AM Last edited: Saturday at 4:18 AM

#479 ▲



tommy7154
Member

Pekola said: ↑

Not black, not trans, not female here.

I've yet to catch a ban or warnings whatsoever. And it's probably because I try to stay in my lane.

It's certainly not because I'm some paragon of all the good in the world and understand every aspect of sociology or whatever, and it's not because I'm going around having the right opinions all the time.

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Yep I get that. If left how it currently is, that's the best solution. The problem is many posters (myself included) may sometimes feel compelled to voice their opinions when it really wasn't necessary. I just don't know if basically saying shut up or risk a ban is the best way to go about it. But maybe it is. I honestly don't know.

Saturday at 3:48 AM

#480 ▲



Shauni
Member

Selina said: ↑

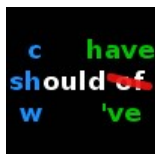
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This is so disappointing. You know very well that the issue people had with that was not this.

But it's whatever, you've let it be known where you stand.

Saturday at 3:49 AM



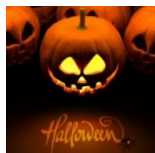
PtM
Member

Justsomeguy said: ↑

If a user is banned (either temp or permanent) I'd like a link on their profile page to the post that got them banned, or the mod reason for the ban.

No pillory, please.

Saturday at 3:51 AM

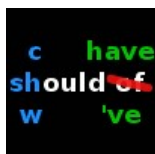


tommy7154
Member

One more thing to say and that is that I think this thread in itself is a very good thing for this site. A new one should be made whenever deemed appropriate imo to get this type of feedback.

Good job for that!

Saturday at 3:54 AM



PtM
Member

Justsomeguy said: ↑

If someone has been quoted, and then they edit their original post, does the quote also somehow get magically edited? I'm sure I've seen this happen a couple of times...

What you've seen is likely the quoted editing their post in the time it took the replying to scroll down to their post, read it, and hit reply.

Saturday at 3:59 AM



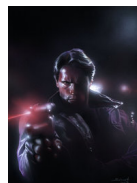
Alexandros
Member

Twilight Suzuka said: ↑

There can literally be a new forum section added. Call it The Safe Space. When you click on it, a large window opens every time and displays the list of acceptable opinions allowed in that section of the forum. No other opinions are allowed there to deviate from the ones listed. People who agree with those opinions can post in there and feel completely comfortable.

Doesn't that kill the whole point of a discussion forum?

Saturday at 4:00 AM



kaicooper87
Member

its a great to have Resetera..that's what i really care for

Saturday at 4:03 AM



Twilight Suzuka
Member

Alexandros said: ↑

Doesn't that kill the whole point of a discussion forum?

Discussion is exactly the same as now. All it does is make the rules CLEAR for everyone. Potentially it could cut down on bans and also improve conversation of controversial topics.

And people could migrate between the different forum sections at any time with the same account, and post sensitive topics in the appropriate section based on how they feel about it.

I realize now that there are posters here that don't want civil debate, and encountering debate on some topics is deeply upsetting them. They can find a place to discuss things in a way that is comfortable for them on topics they feel that's necessary. Then there are posters that do want civil debate, and they can post it in the appropriate place too.

Saturday at 4:06 AM



Alexandros
Member

Twilight Suzuka said: ↑
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Yeah, I understand what you're saying. My objection is this: Isn't that too much authority and power given to the creator of a thread? Doesn't it mean that the thread creator's opinion is essentially guaranteed to go completely unchallenged, even if it's a misinformed or prejudiced opinion?

Saturday at 4:10 AM



Skittles
Member

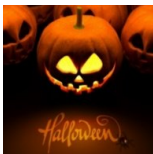
#488 ▲

Shauni said: ↑
This is so disappointing. You know very well that the issue people had with that was not this. But it's whatever, you've let it be known where you stand.

Attack their character not their point indeed.

I have a question, are any of the admin team non-white?

Saturday at 4:12 AM



tommy7154
Member

#489 ▲

Alexandros said: ↑
Doesn't that kill the whole point of a discussion forum?

I see that side of it for sure, but a discussion doesn't always have to be a disagreement.

Lets stop with the politics for a minute and take a video game "safe space" thread as an example. If I currently were to make a thread titled "Xbox Exclusive XXX (whatever the games title may be) is the greatest exclusive this generation" currently it's going to turn into a console war 99.9% of the time.

However if the OP of that thread had an ability to designate it a safe space type thread, you should instead only have people agreeing and talking about the given game.

IMO even if someone were to come into this "safe space" thread and disagree, saying that PS4 exclusive XXX is better in their opinion because reasons xyz....that could be an acceptable thing assuming its well reasoned and not a drive by. In that case a safe space thread could still basically be a safe space without being completely free of dissenting opinions.

That may be tough for mods to handle though too. Maybe if there were differing levels of safeness, or ground rules set by the OP of a thread that would then need to be adhered to by anyone posting within it?

Saturday at 4:13 AM



Twilight Suzuka
Member

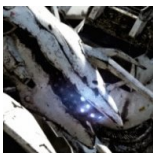
#490 ▲

Alexandros said: ↑
Yeah, I understand what you're saying. My objection is this: Isn't that too much authority and power given to the creator of a thread? Doesn't it mean that the thread creator's opinion is essentially guaranteed to go completely unchallenged, even if it's a misinformed or prejudiced opinion?

I would assume all the base rules of the site would apply to all sections. Prejudice and bigotry wouldn't be allowed anywhere.

Anyway, like I said before, this is just a random idea I had. None of this is up to me! But I read all the replies and really wondered how we could make everyone comfortable and happy here, and that was my thought on it.

Saturday at 4:14 AM



#491 ▲

Forum structure needs to change. There should be games news and games discussion subforums.

I'm so tired of seeing news threads spread around between dozens of toothless hot take garbage threads like "GTA 5 has some of the worst shooting mechanics ever." "The existence of Skyward Sword poses a problem for the Zelda series" and "Pokemon is toothless now"



Troublematic
Member

I would like to see something done to combat the overall hostility of the forum, but I'm not really sure how that could be achieved.

I feel that a lot of it comes down to letting dog-piling exist regardless of whether the post being piled on is of substance or not. It's not the job of members to police the forum.

Then there's the source to the above, where there's a bunch of members who are effectively ban baiters that come to charged threads with couple lines that provoke people and suddenly the entire thread is revolving around their provocation. I'm sure people frequenting the forum eventually notice how these same people are constantly riling up thread after thread yet they're never actioned in any way since they don't strictly speaking break the rules, but merely bait others into doing so with dismissive condescending posts, blaming others for being "bad faith" without any proof, and always making sure they don't actually have to explain themselves. It's like a bunch of tornadoes rummaging through the forum in hopes of creating more hostility, which is unfortunately a very successful tactic. I feel ultimately the combination of letting these people go about their business while coming up with more and more stretched ban reasons based on more and more paranoid assumptions of "bad faith" will only serve to destroy the integrity of the forum. Some people consider them like attack dogs for "right causes" but all it achieves is any reasonable debate goes out the window, and the effect is the opposite of what was seemingly defended.

Personally I've started utilizing the ignore function because of the above reason and it definitely makes a difference and works great in removing most traces of these hostile posters and people who get baited by them, but eventually it's easy to notice the tone of thread has gone to shit when even the posters that don't quote these people are talking about something I'm just not seeing, and it clicks and I remember "oh right, I bet there's an entire shit storm around a poster I'm just not seeing". The thing of it is, anyone turning a blind eye by using the ignore function won't really solve the problem. Perhaps it's something the admins can check up on, who gets the most "ignored" and why, and perhaps there's like a valid reason for this and maybe they ought to do something about these posters, even if their individual posts don't warrant a ban. It's about the body of work, so to say.



Thunder
Member

On Gaf they now have the ability to completely ban someone from a thread , is something like this in the works , it would help stamp out people that want to derail but have not committed a serious violation.

Also as someone mentioned above Dog piling is an issue that always leads to a ban on the person in question. It needs to stop as it's never done in a productive way. A mini belief I have is that some users on here are almost immune to bans and warnings and are almost always given the benefit of doubt regardless as how aggressive and provocative they are being . I hope I'm wrong but it's something I see almost every week .



Pekola
Member

tommy7154 said: ↑
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Nowhere did anyone say "shut up or risk a ban".

Sure would be convenient if that was the argument, because that would be easier to understand. And most people will see it like that because *they're used to having their opinion be taken into account.*

Having to employ perspective and the ability to follow a discussion with the knowledge that you don't need to always inject yourself into it, is something you're going to have to develop if you want to partake in discussions about groups that actually live in those realities being discussed.

And if and when you do, you better have something *insightful* and *empathic* to say. Because those discussions aren't about you. They don't affect you. You don't live them. You can coast and disengage whenever it turns ugly. But they can't.

Skittles said: ↑



deltaplus

Administrator

I have a question, are any of the admin team non-white?

As a matter of fact, more than two thirds of the admin team are nonwhite!

Saturday at 4:21 AM

#496 ▲



PtM

Member

MetalBoi said: ↑

The main things I feel uncomfortable with here are the politically charged threads in the video game section. A lot of times I'd like to speak my mind, but don't feel comfortable doing so in the current environment. I guess what I'm trying to say is I wish there was a clearer separation from political talk and video game talk.

What does constitute political talk? Venting about sexism?

Saturday at 4:23 AM



Alexandros

Member

tommy7154 said: ↑

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Using your example, I think the same goal (praising a great game) can be achieved by using a different title and better defining the main topic of a thread. "Let's talk about all the great things about Xbox Exclusive XXX" should steer the discussion towards the game's quality and strong points without the need for an effective ban on dissenting opinions. By properly defining the topic of the thread you can help the moderators keep the discussion in line and penalize people for thread derailment without creating artificial safe spaces.

Saturday at 4:23 AM

#497 ▲



sabrina

Member

Selina said: ↑

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I can appreciate that there may have been a vendetta for her... that happens... but nobody else knew that, and what she said still managed to resonate with dozens of us. So it comes across as very tone-deaf that the administration chose to only respond to an issue that nobody quoting and siding with her saw. Because, as far as we're all concerned, the other points she raised are still entirely valid and almost entirely dismissed or ignored thus far.

Saturday at 4:29 AM

#498 ▲



PtM

Member

MysticGon said: ↑

Sorry to say but can we have a spoiler policy for video linking? That's to say try and limit how many videos appear on a page without spoiler tags.

I say this because I tried posting in the Deagon Ball Game Music thread but more poor iPhone's Safari browser couldn't load it without breaking. I have a 6s and though that's not cutting edge I'd expect it to load pages like that without issue.

I don't know how many people use the site on their phone, or older phones at that but it'd be nice

#499 ▲

On that note: Hiding images is pretty sweet, but it becomes a moot point if I can't hide media. My old-ass phone keeps collapsing and reloading in threads with heavy media use.

Saturday at 4:32 AM

#500 



Chittagong
Member

I think you are doing a super good job. The forum is well moderated, thriving and constantly evolving. It really is remarkable.

I have been saying this a few times in relevant threads recently, but please keep allowing different points of view in discussion, so that Era doesn't turn into a liberal / left / globalist echo chamber.

Currently I feel welcome here as a capitalist with conservative views on immigration, but highly supportive of LGBT rights and racial equality, but it requires a conscious effort on part of the moderators for the site to remain that way.

Just yesterday there was a thread where a user suggested that being a Trump supporter should be against TOS, as Trump is supposedly a white supremacist. While I think being a white supremacist should be against the TOS, banning all Trump supporters would be the first step before banning all republicans, then tories, and there we are, echo chamber.

Finally, as a good capitalist, I hope you are seeing sufficient financial benefit of running the site. It's a hard and thankless job, and without sufficient remuneration you might one day get fed up and the site will be in peril. I have been happy with the minimal advertising, but do keep thinking that it will not provide you enough revenue I should sub to Era Gold to make sure I support something I so much enjoy. Actually, I will do so now.

Saturday at 4:34 AM *Last edited: Saturday at 5:13 AM*

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