

Infrastructures of Karma

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an Inquiry into
Attention Metrification
and Attention Dynamics
in Reddit

YOUR
REDDIT KARMA
IS REALLY HIGH!
THAT MEANS...



NOTHING.

The medium is the message

The “message” of any medium or technology is the change of scale or pace or pattern that it introduces into human affairs.

McLuhan, Marshall. 1964. [Understanding Media: The Extensions of Man](#). New York: McGraw-Hill.



*"It isn't that I don't like current events.
There have just been so many of them lately."*

McLuhan, Marshall, and Quentin Fiore. 1967. [The Medium Is the Massage: An Inventory of Effects](#). Gingko Press.

The medium is the message (literally)

The screenshot shows the r/Futurology subreddit interface. Yellow boxes highlight the following elements:

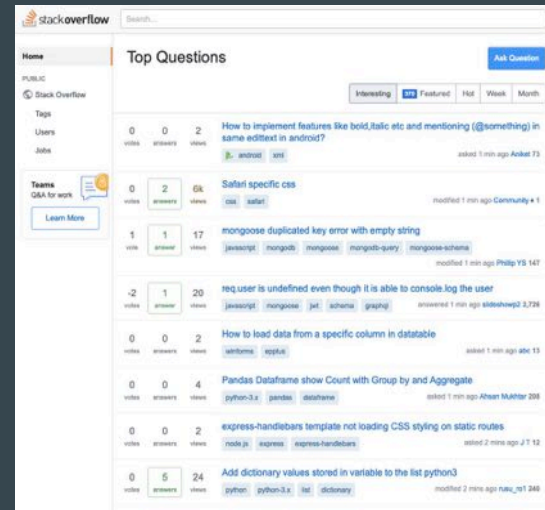
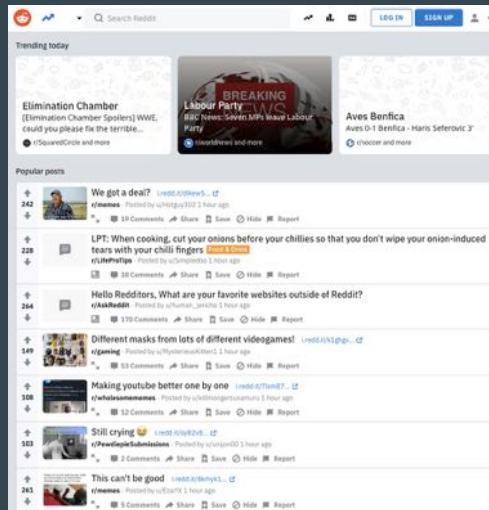
- The search bar at the top containing "Search r/Futurology".
- The subreddit header banner featuring a collage of futuristic and scientific images.
- The navigation tabs: "Posts", "Popular Discussions", "AMAs", and "Glossary of Terms".
- The "VIEW" and "SORT" dropdown menus, with the "SORT" menu open showing options like "Hot", "New", "Controversial", "Top", and "Rising".
- The post count "33" and the "76" comment count on the first post.
- The "COMMUNITY DETAILS" section showing "3.7m subscribers" and "2.2k Online" members.
- The "ADVERTISEMENT" section at the bottom.

The first post is titled "Energy survey / community" and discusses the Australian energy market. The second post is titled "Transport" and discusses Jaguar's 'connected car' technology. The third post is a promoted post titled "Use Reddit Coins to award Gold to your favorite posts & comments!".

The screenshot shows the user profile page for u/mvea. Yellow boxes highlight the following elements:

- The user's avatar and name "u/mvea" with a bio "mvea • 12 years ago".
- The karma statistics: "15.7m Post Karma" and "186k Comment Karma".
- The achievement "Received Platinum and more in the past 30 days".
- The "MVEA" logo and the user's title "MVEA - Clinical Professor - MD, PhD".
- The user's bio: "An Australian clinician academic with an interest in Science, Health, Technology, Space and Futurology, located in MVEA (Melbourne, Victoria, Eastern Australia)."
- The "Karma" and "Cake day" (May 24, 2006) information.
- The "Awards" section showing "Received Platinum and more in the past 30 days".
- The "TROPHY CASE (73)" section, which includes the "12-Year Club", "Inciteful Link" (2019-02-06), and "Best Link" (2019-01-22).

Why Reddit?



virality-oriented platforms

solution-oriented platforms

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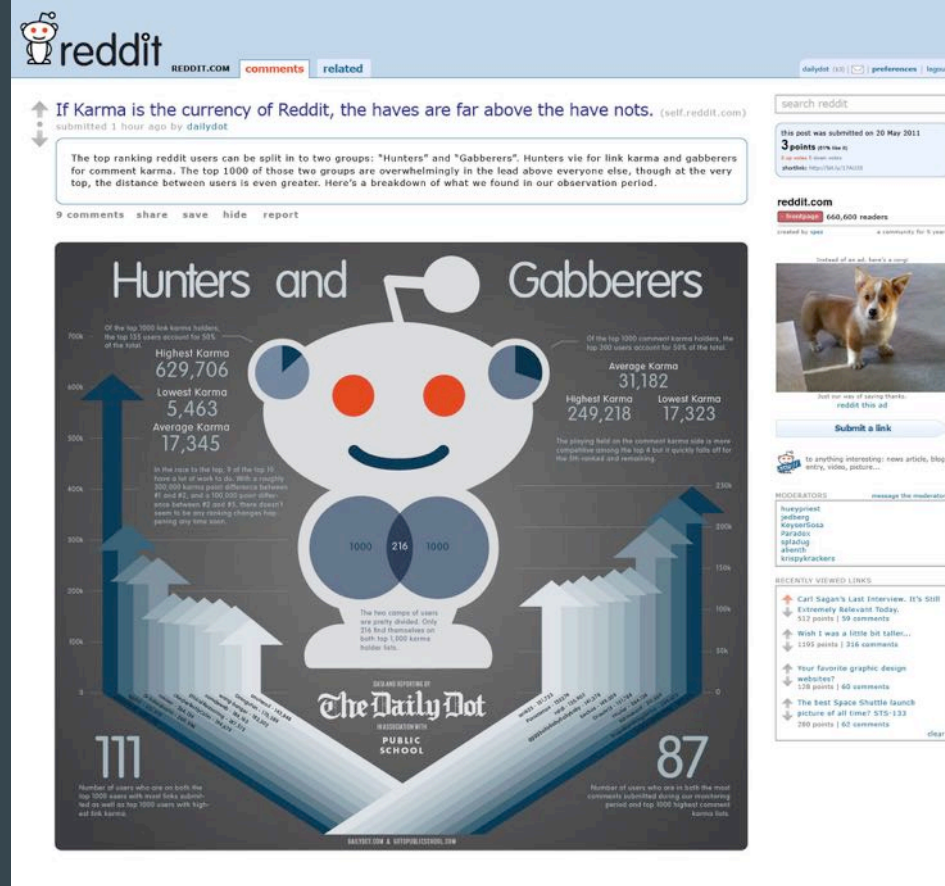
Three sub-projects

1. Instant Karma
or Reddit **metrics** and their consequences
2. Karma Chameleon
or the **dynamics** of attention in Reddit
3. Karma Police
or **moderation** activities in Reddit

1. Instant Karma

Reddit metrics and their consequences

- What metrics are used in Reddit to rank
 - users (post k., comments k., awards, trophies...)
 - content (hot, controversial, top, rising...)
 - Subreddits (number of subscribers,)
- How are these metrics computed?
- What behaviours are incentivised and dis-incentivised by these metrics?



1. Instant Karma

Reddit metrics and their consequences

subredditstats.com (subscribers, comments, growth)

redditmetrics.com (some historical data)

snoopsnoo.com (users rather threads analytics)

www.reddit.com/r/TheoryOfReddit/

www.reddit.com/r/AgainstKarmaWhores/

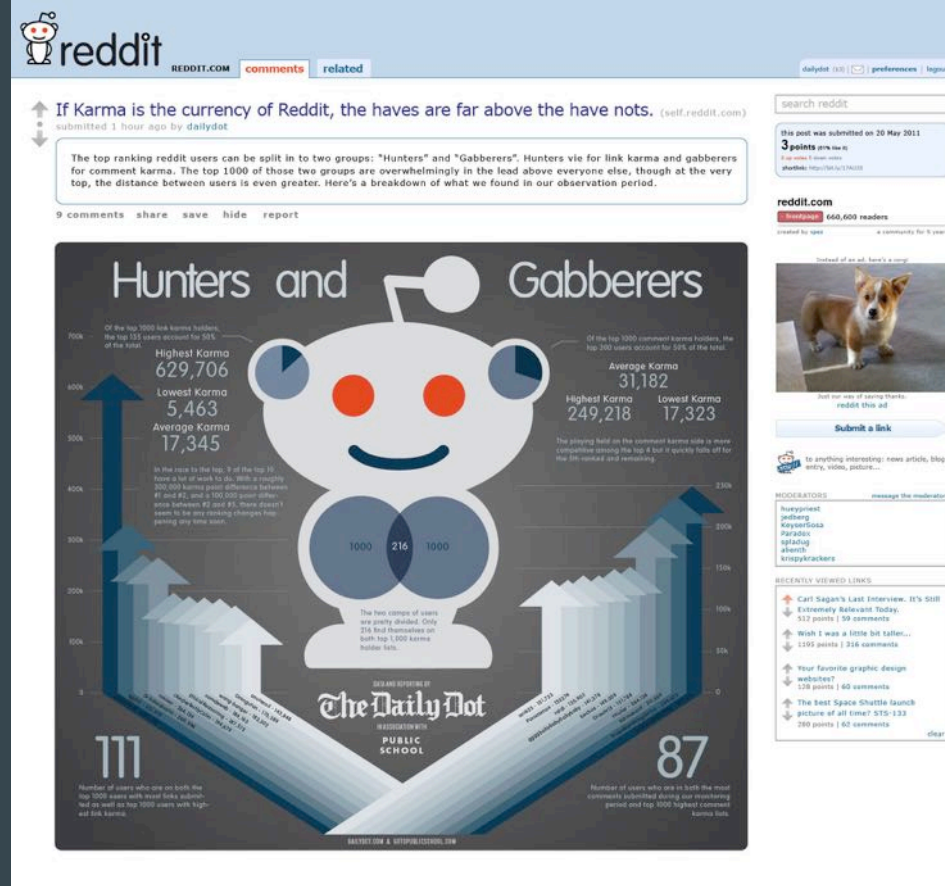
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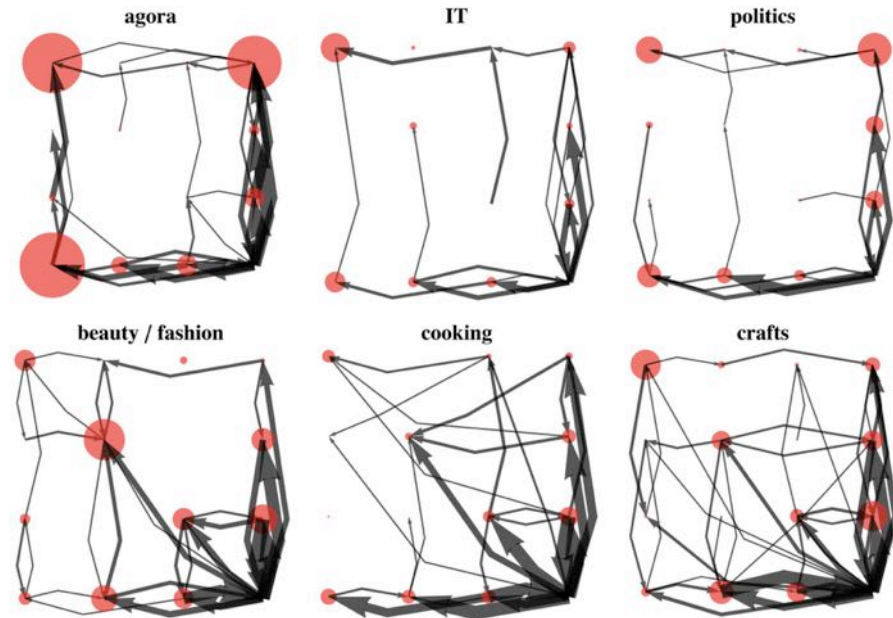
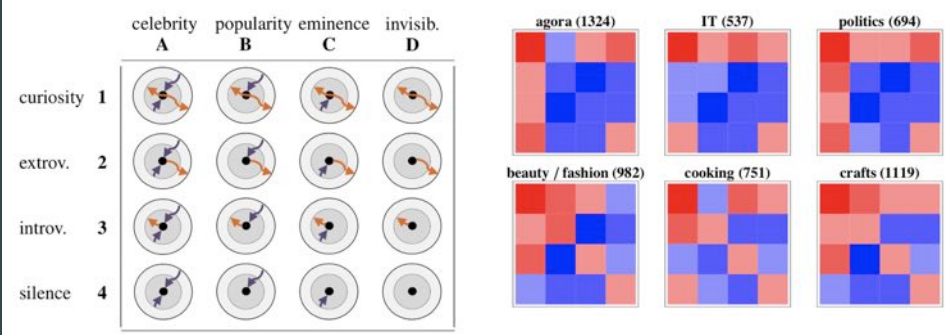
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2. Karma Chameleon

or the **dynamics** of attention in Reddit

- Can we trace how threads (but also subreddits & users) evolve through time in terms of
 - Ranking/visibility?
 - Activity (comments, votes...)?
 - 'Quality' of the conversation?
- Are there different trajectories to success and failure?
- Are there events that mark Reddit trajectories
 - Thresholds
 - Particular type of interventions (e.g. trolling...)
 - Moderation intervention



2. Karma Chameleon

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redditinsight.com (users, single posts)

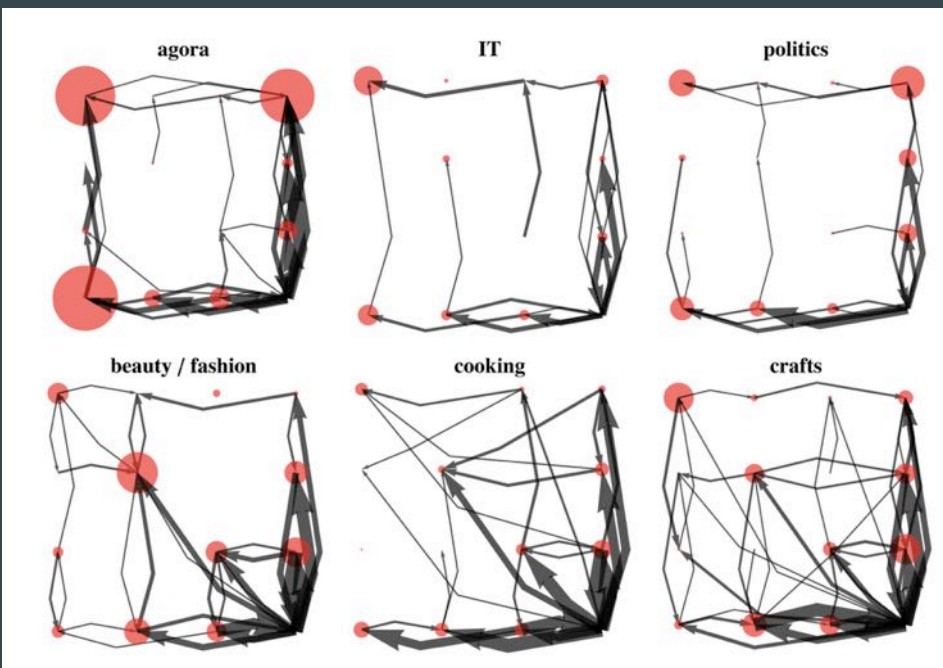
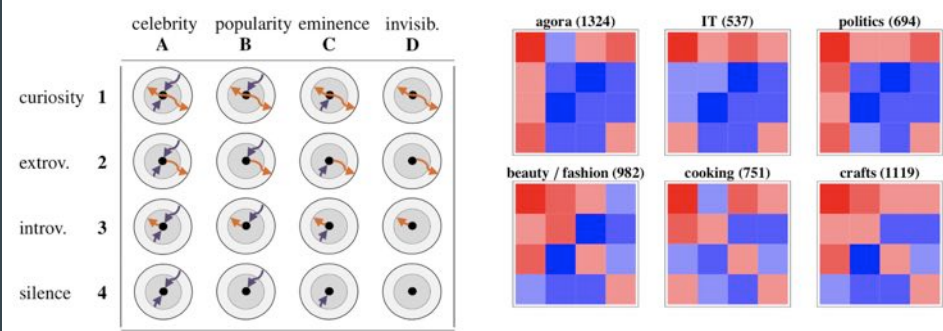
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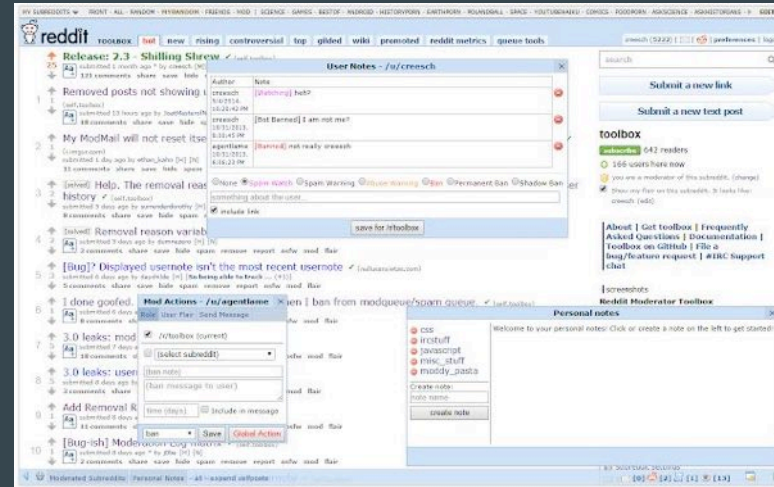
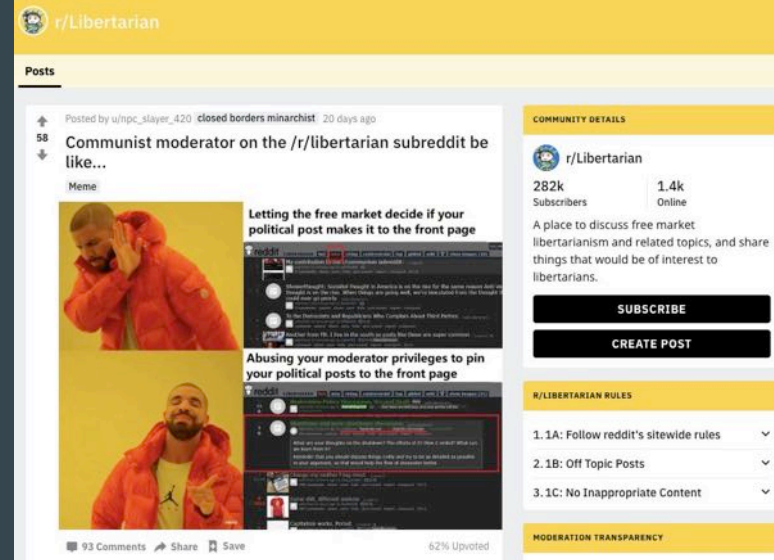
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3. Karma Police

or **moderation** activities in Reddit

- How moderator
 - users (post k., comments k., awards, trophies...)
 - content (hot, controversial, top, rising...)
 - Subreddits (number of subscribers,)
- What forms of manual moderation are employed in Reddits? With what consequences?
- What forms of automatic moderation are employed in Reddits? With what consequences?
- What kind of users are Reddits moderators?



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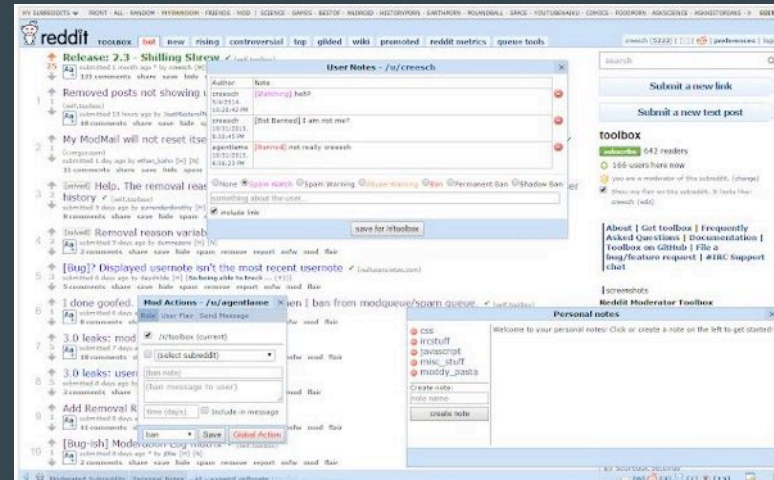
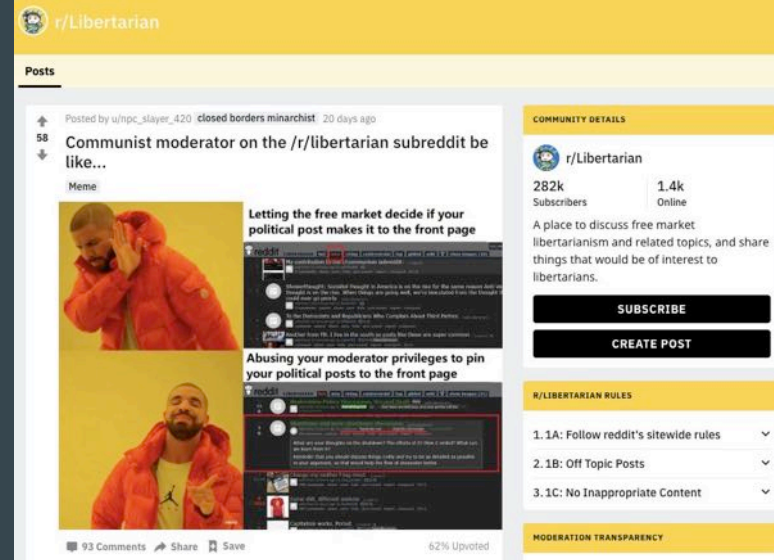
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Karma Police

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moderation activities in Reddit

KutakuInAction moderation logs

moddit

publicly moderated subreddit list

modlog for /r/KotakuInAction

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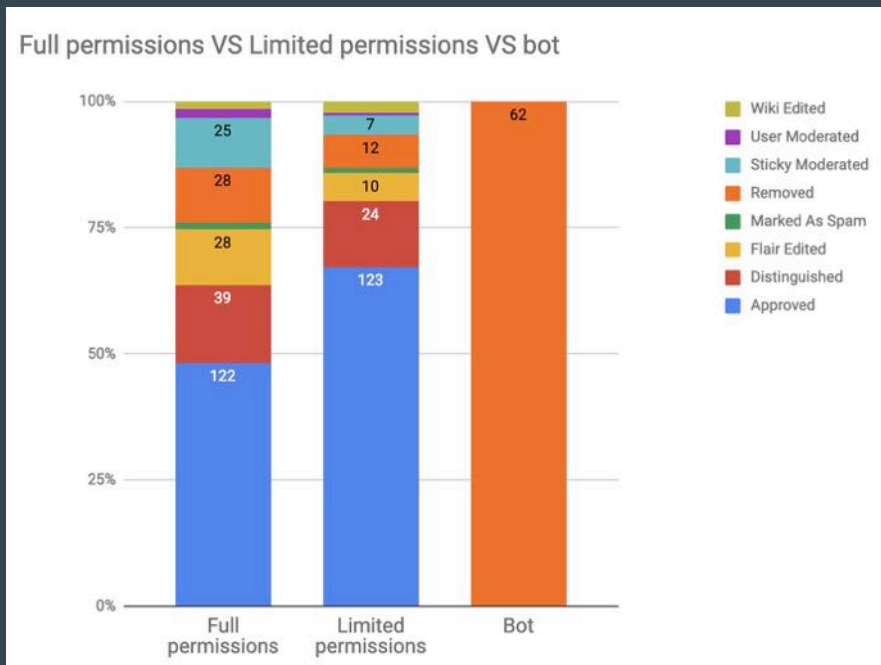
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<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1GzhZfC8VZCCijDTYNT8zUlpPconq5iIMFrGV9FdfNRA/edit#gid=2027022984>

Kotaku in Action moderation logs - pivot table & chart

	Full permissions	Limited permissions	Bot
Approved	122	123	
Distinguished	39	24	
Flair Edited	28	10	
Marked As Spam	3	2	
Removed	28	12	62
Sticky Moderated	25	7	
User Moderated	4	1	
Wiki Edited	4	4	



<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1GzhZfC8VZCCijDTYNT8zUlpPconq5iIMFrGV9FdfNRA/edit#gid=1494845917>

Kotaku in Action - Blacklisted Websites

“Tier 1, 2, and 3 restrictions can all be bypassed by archiving. Go to <https://archive.is> and make an archive before posting if you want to avoid moderation delays or rejections.”

TIER 1

“Has a questionable history, but probably OK. Mods may ask for an archive on a case-by-case basis”

- HeatStreet
- DailyKos
- Gamespot
- ESPN
- Variety
- Wall Street Journal

TIER 2

“Numerous issues, but the situation is complex. Requires mod approval before post appears.”

- ABC (AUS)
- AusGamers
- BBC
- Breitbart
- The Independent
- DailyMail
- Plus another 16 websites

TIER 3

“Numerous issues. Either a strong Anti-GG stance or such serious ethical issues that archive is required. You can argue for the direct link in modmail, but allowances will be rare.”

- BuzzFeed
- A.V. Club
- CNN
- Daily Stormer
- Vice
- Huffington Post
- Plus another 69 websites

<https://www.reddit.com/r/KotakuInAction/wiki/index/lists>

Kotaku in Action - Moderator Requirements

The moderation team is looking to recruit a few extra moderators to join us in our ongoing efforts to make this subreddit and our community the place to be when it comes to issues pertaining to our mission statement. In particular we are looking for two more sets of hands to help during early morning **US/early afternoon EU hours (generally 0500 EST/1000 Zulu onward)** and **weekends**.

Being a mod on KotakuInAction isn't an easy task. You have to be vigilant, stay up-to-date on current events and be able to communicate effectively with both our community and the rest of the mod team.

If you're interested, we encourage you to read on and send your application our way!

Responsibilities include

- Enforcing both the KotakuInAction local rules and Reddit global rules
- Responding to and addressing modmails
- Making sure posts have proper flair
- Coordinate judgment calls with existing moderators
- Participate in improving the KotakuInAction design, links, wiki, stylesheet, and config

Requirements

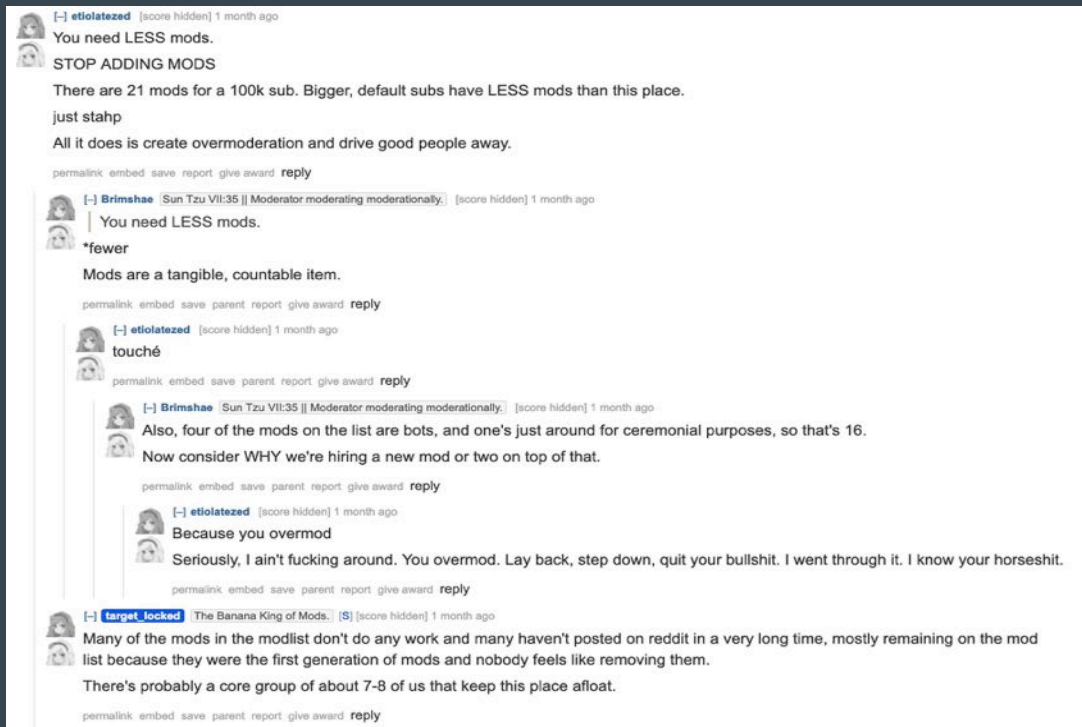
- It is required that the account you are applying with be at least 6 months old (created before 0001Z 09-Jul-2018) and have participated on the sub for roughly the same period of time. If you believe you should be exempt from this requirement for whatever reason, please include an explanation in your application.
- Demonstrate a history of participation in good faith on KotakuInAction
- You will be required to regularly participate in the KotakuInAction moderation group's Discord text channels (voice is completely optional, we mostly use it for gaming, not moderating)
- Willing to install and use the Reddit modtool browser extension
- You're willing to do it for free. No salary negotiations. If I can't get Hot Pockets, then I damn sure won't let a couple of upstarts get Hot Pockets.
- Able to moderate during early morning US/early afternoon EU hours (this is one of the more important qualifications this time around) and at least one day on weekends
- Have a thick skin for the inevitable shit-flinging that comes from our fanclub just for being a moderator here

Your application should contain the following information

- Brief bio about you and your time on KiA, how long you've been here, etc.
- Your location/timezone and how often you're on Reddit
- Any experience moderating subreddits or other online communities, if applicable
- What you can do for KotakuInAction and what would make you a good moderator

https://www.reddit.com/r/KotakuInAction/comments/ae9u0p/its_getting_to_be_that_time_to_find/

Kotaku in Action - Moderators' Activity on the Forum



https://www.reddit.com/r/KotakuInAction/comments/ae9u0p/its_getting_to_be_that_i_me_again_time_to_find/edzs2x5/

Kotaku in Action - Posting Restrictions on Forum-goers

WARNING: If you comment or post on KotakuInAction (regardless of the content), a number of other subreddits' moderators will automatically ban you from their subreddits. (/r/OffMyChest, /r/Rape (advice for victims of sexual violence), /r/NaturalHair, and others)


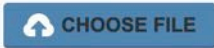
Totalitarians generally aren't known for their finesse.

You are submitting a link. The key to a successful submission is interesting content and a descriptive title.

When posting to /r/KotakuInAction: Your account **MUST** be older than 3 days. Please read the rules before posting. You can find the rules in the sidebar. Your post may be deleted automatically if it breaks one or more rules. When in doubt, message the moderators by using the button in the bottom of the sidebar.

url

image



 Drop here or 

*title

<https://www.reddit.com/r/KotakuInAction/submit>


Kotaku in Action - Moderation of Forum-goers

Moderation by User


  **Removed - Rule 3** Nikki Haley on Jussie Smollett: He must be held accountable in the strictest way. He must repay resources used to investigate and serve time for the division he caused. The media should be the most outraged. He played all of them for fools. He knew they would cover it. (twitter.com)
submitted 1 day ago by [deleted]
8 comments

all 8 comments
sorted by: **best** ▾

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 Sealion protip:
Read the rules in the sidebar.

[save](#) [content policy](#) [formatting help](#)



 **Limon_Lima** 37k • 48k GET by Actual Supervillain Harvey Dent. [M] [score hidden] 1 day ago • [sticked comment](#)

Your submission has been removed for the following reason(s):
IT BREAKS RULE 3 (POSTING GUIDELINES)
This post fails to meet the guidelines established in [Rule 3](#)

If [/u/englishmaan](#) has any questions about this action, or wishes to appeal it, do not reply here; send the mod team a [message](#).
Appeals from third parties will be ignored. Do not PM any individual mods about this action—they will be ignored. Modmail is the only channel to appeal decisions, so please use the link above.


[permalink](#) [embed](#) [save](#) [report](#) [give award](#) [reply](#)

Moderation by Auto-moderator


  **Ubisoft betrays Siege community, re-introduces Chinese censorship policies unto American players** (self KotakuInAction)
submitted 1 day ago by [darkmaster_12](#)
[removed]
1 comment [share](#) [save](#) [hide](#) [give award](#) [report](#)

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 **AutoModerator** Automated sealioness. [M] 1 point 1 day ago


Your comment contained a link to a thread in another subreddit, and has been removed, in accordance with Rule 5.

I am a bot, and this action was performed automatically. Please [contact the moderators of this subreddit](#) if you have any questions or concerns.

[permalink](#) [embed](#) [save](#) [report](#) [give award](#) [reply](#)

https://www.reddit.com/r/KotakuInAction/comments/asoo4n/nikki_haley_on_jussie_smollett_he_must_be_held/ &
https://www.reddit.com/r/KotakuInAction/comments/as9zix/ubisoft_betrays_siege_community_reintroduces/

Kotaku in Action - Moderation of Forum-goers

 [-] **Dewritos_Pope** · -82 points 22 hours ago

Let this be a lesson. When the kike half of your brain wants to be a victim, don't let the nigger half of your brain come up with the plan.

[permalink](#) [embed](#) [save](#) [report](#) [give award](#) [reply](#)


[+] **acp_rdlit** · 23 points 21 hours ago (0 children)

[+] **Jkld** · 27 points 22 hours ago (1 child)

[+] **MuhTaxReturns** · 36 points 22 hours ago (11 children)

[+] **mcantrell** · 22 points 22 hours ago (3 children)

[+] **__pulsar** · 14 points 21 hours ago (0 children)

 [-] **pinkerbelle** · diversity hire · [M] 17 points 22 hours ago


don't let the nigger half of your brain come up with the plan.

Rule 1 warning for IdPol bullshit

I've also removed your comment in another thread where you hoped a group of people would commit suicide. Not linking to it here, since it's removed, but if anyone wants transparency on the removal, see the modlog [here](#).


[permalink](#) [embed](#) [save](#) [parent](#) [report](#) [give award](#) [reply](#)

[+] **throwawaycuzmeh** · 23 points 22 hours ago (0 children)

 [-] **Dewritos_Pope** · -5 points 22 hours ago


For anyone wondering, it was me saying that if I was lucky, ResetEra would do a suicide pact over the Catherine tranny fiasco.

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 [-] **Rarens** · [M] 9 points 22 hours ago

Quit the rhetoric. The rednames come down hard on shit like this. I'm not gonna issue you a warning. But they could see that, if they squint hard enough; as a call for violence.

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 [-] **Dewritos_Pope** · -7 points 21 hours ago

And I would love to see how they work that one out.

"And then he... he... he violently wished we'd kill ourselves!"

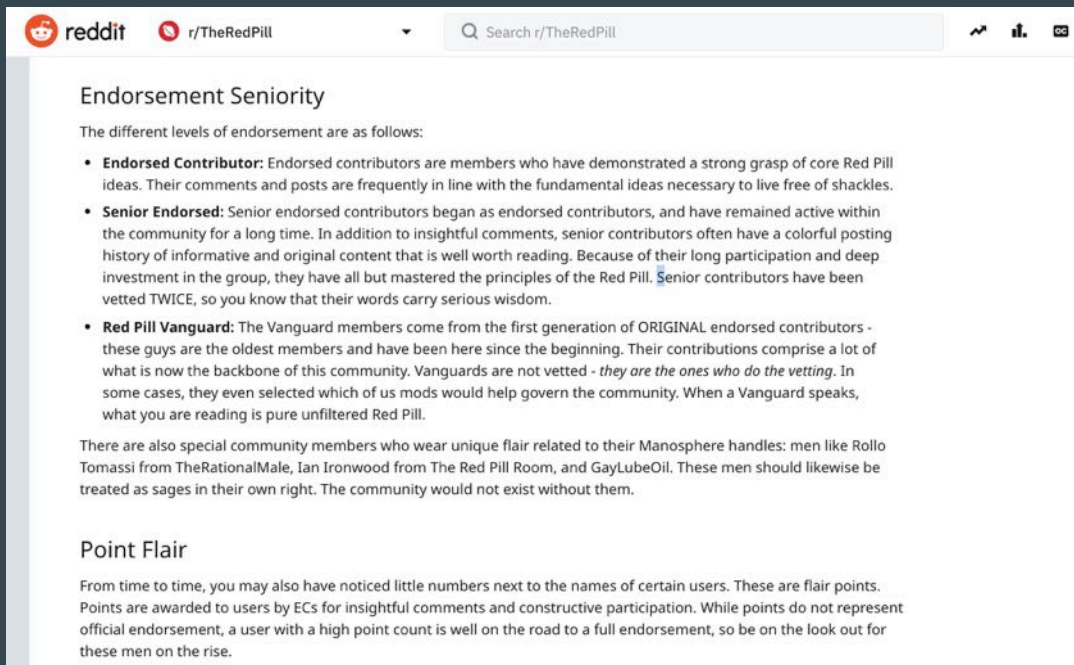
Good fucking luck. The reason why the admins don't mess with certain subs is because there is a near garaunttee that they will get doxed if they do.

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Feb 21, 2019, 7:44:29 PM	Comment Approved	Notalent13	Dewritos_Pope	Let this be a lesson. When the kike half of your brain wants to be a victim, don't let the nigger half of your brain come up with the plan.
Feb 21, 2019, 7:45:00 PM	Comment Approved	Notalent13	Dewritos_Pope	lol Sure, ok. Fair enough. Yep! Jussie was just an outlier that made a mistake. He totally wasn't a product of his environment or heritage that led him to hate whites and take actions against them, which also totally hasn't happened time and again by people from either of his racial backgrounds. Most especially the Jewish part. He a good boy, he dindu nuffin. He just need mo shekels fo dem programs.
Feb 21, 2019, 7:45:03 PM	Comment Approved	Notalent13	Dewritos_Pope	If I went full 1488, it wouldn't be a hoax.
Feb 22, 2019, 12:48:26 AM	Comment Approved	Notalent13	Dewritos_Pope	Let this be a lesson. When the kike half of your brain wants to be a victim, don't let the nigger half of your brain come up with the plan.
Feb 22, 2019, 12:48:28 AM	Comment Approved	Notalent13	Dewritos_Pope	For anyone wondering, it was me saying that if I was lucky, ResetEra would do a suicide pact over the Catherine tranny fiasco.
Feb 22, 2019, 4:15:42 AM	Comment Approved	pinkerbelle	Dewritos_Pope	If I went full 1488, it wouldn't be a hoax.

https://www.reddit.com/r/KotakuInAction/comments/aswvn6/socius_felony_criminal_charges_against_jussie/egxccmy/ &
<https://moddit-2a511.firebaseio.com/r/KotakuInAction>

TheRedPill seniority tags



The screenshot shows a Reddit post from the subreddit r/TheRedPill. The post title is "Endorsement Seniority". The content explains the different levels of endorsement within the community, listing three main categories: Endorsed Contributor, Senior Endorsed, and Red Pill Vanguard. It also mentions special community members and a section on Point Flair.

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Endorsement Seniority

The different levels of endorsement are as follows:

- **Endorsed Contributor:** Endorsed contributors are members who have demonstrated a strong grasp of core Red Pill ideas. Their comments and posts are frequently in line with the fundamental ideas necessary to live free of shackles.
- **Senior Endorsed:** Senior endorsed contributors began as endorsed contributors, and have remained active within the community for a long time. In addition to insightful comments, senior contributors often have a colorful posting history of informative and original content that is well worth reading. Because of their long participation and deep investment in the group, they have all but mastered the principles of the Red Pill. Senior contributors have been vetted TWICE, so you know that their words carry serious wisdom.
- **Red Pill Vanguard:** The Vanguard members come from the first generation of ORIGINAL endorsed contributors - these guys are the oldest members and have been here since the beginning. Their contributions comprise a lot of what is now the backbone of this community. Vanguards are not vetted - *they are the ones who do the vetting*. In some cases, they even selected which of us mods would help govern the community. When a Vanguard speaks, what you are reading is pure unfiltered Red Pill.

There are also special community members who wear unique flair related to their Manosphere handles: men like Rollo Tomassi from TheRationalMale, Ian Ironwood from The Red Pill Room, and GayLubeOil. These men should likewise be treated as sages in their own right. The community would not exist without them.

Point Flair

From time to time, you may also have noticed little numbers next to the names of certain users. These are flair points. Points are awarded to users by ECs for insightful comments and constructive participation. While points do not represent official endorsement, a user with a high point count is well on the road to a full endorsement, so be on the look out for these men on the rise.

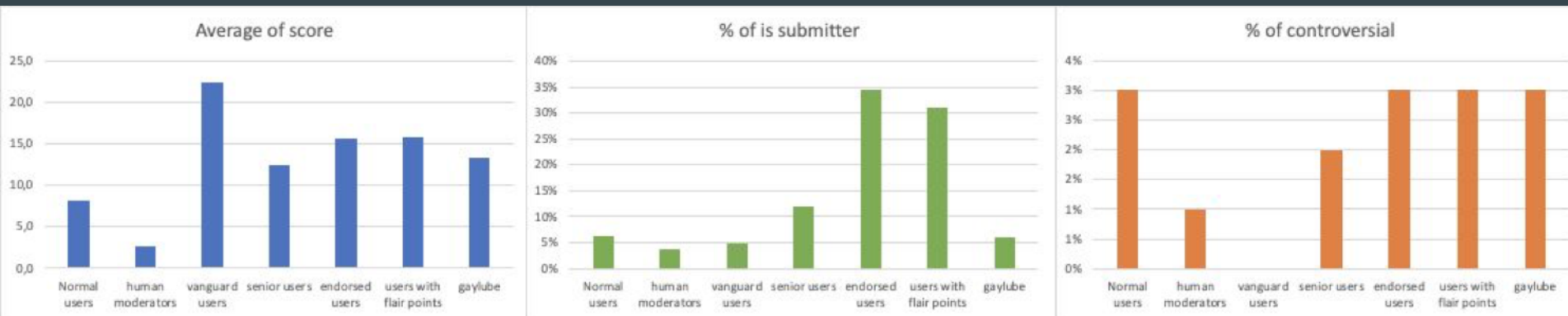
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TheRedPill seniority tags - pivot table

Row Labels	Number of posts	Average of score	% of controversial	% of is submitter
Normal users	19813	8,1	3%	6%
human moderators	381	2,6	1%	4%
vanguard users	21	22,3	0%	5%
senior users	390	12,4	2%	12%
endorsed users	443	15,6	3%	34%
users with flair points	1524	15,8	3%	31%
gaylube	102	13,4	3%	6%

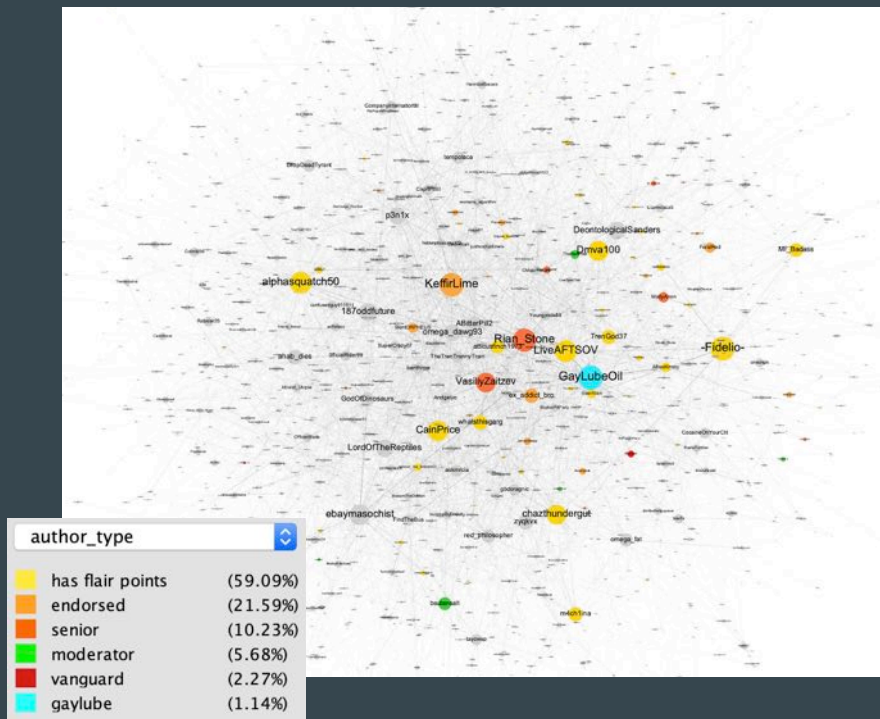
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TheRedPill seniority tags - pivot table

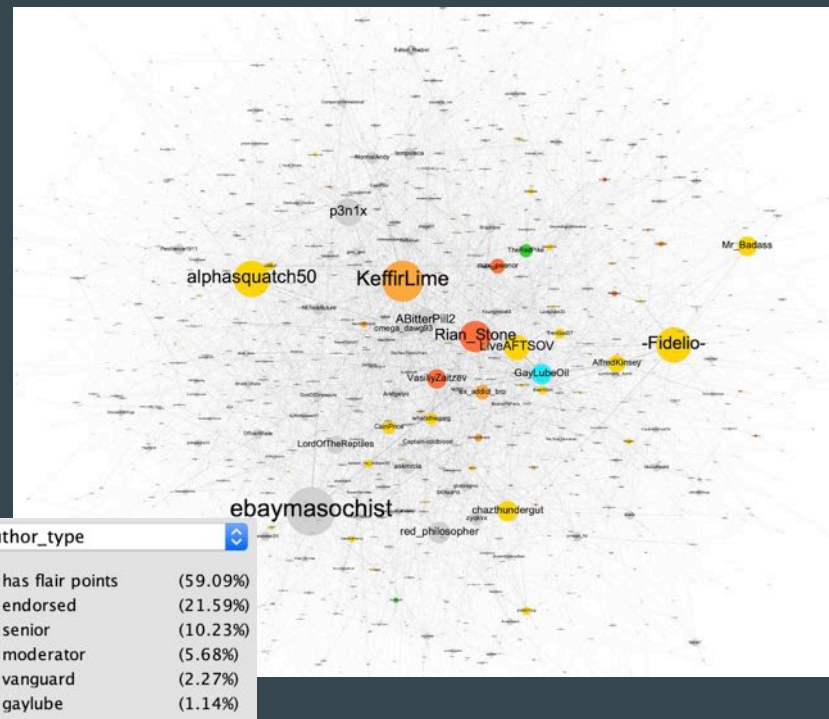


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TheRedPill Users Network - all users



Size by InDegree









Size by OutDegree

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BrainCells Users Network

all users

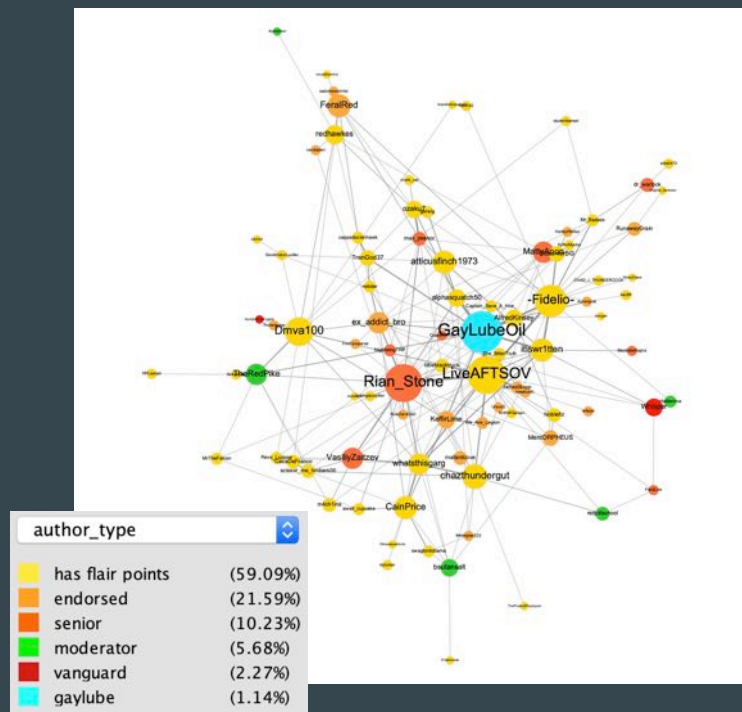
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	red moderator	(0.06%)
	uncolored moderator	(0.05%)
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	auto moderator	(0.02%)
	blue moderator	(0.02%)

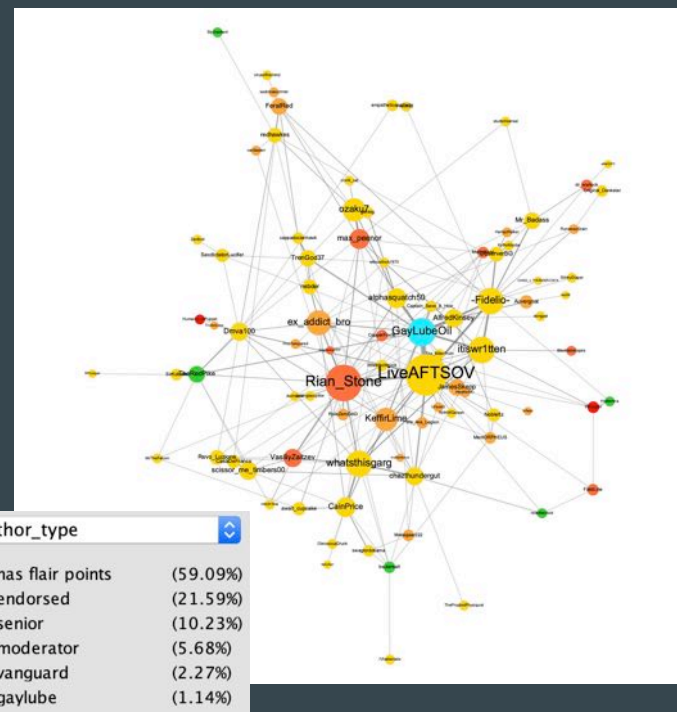
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TheRedPill Users Network - tagged users



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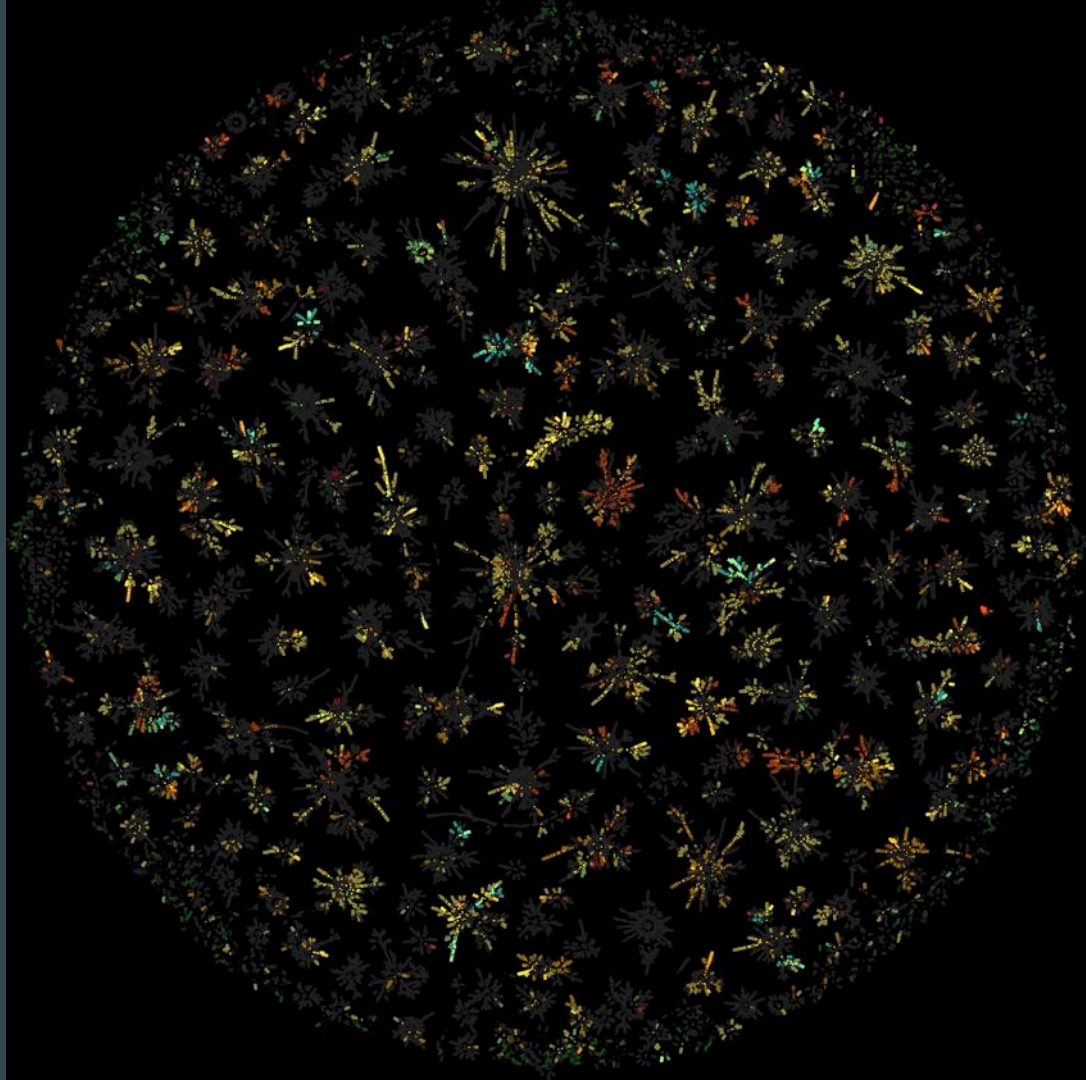
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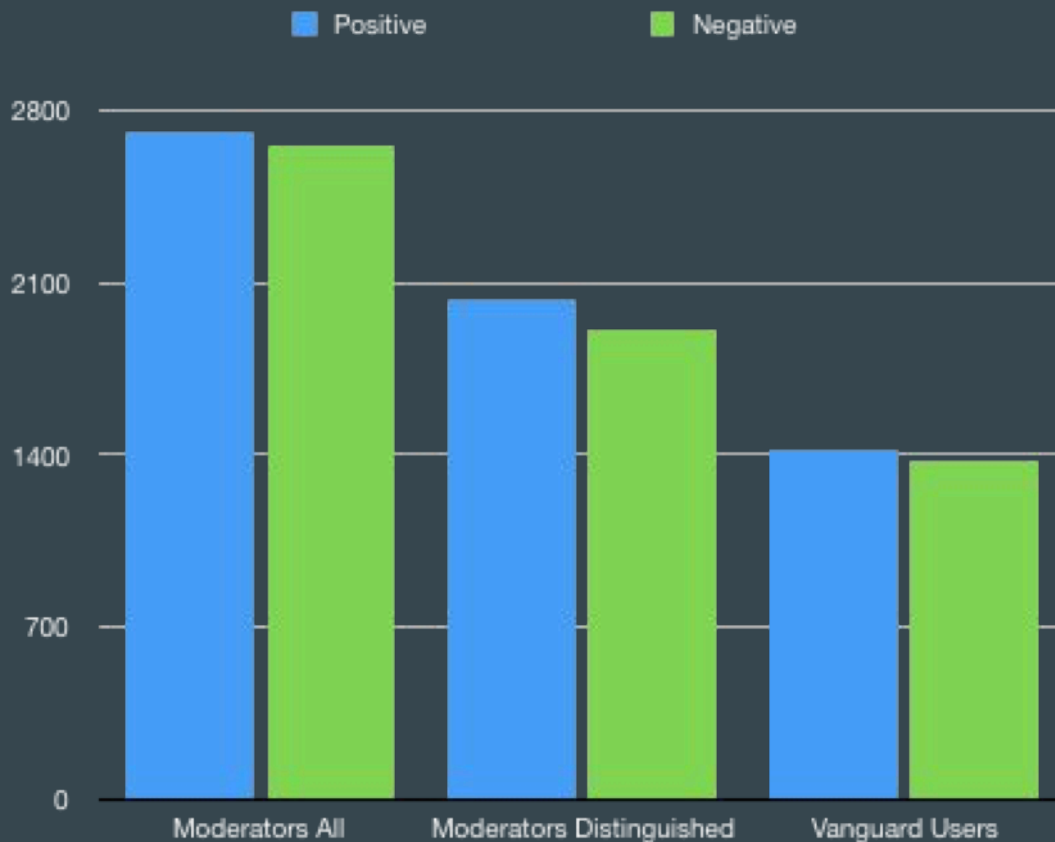
TheRedPill Users Network - comments colored by users type

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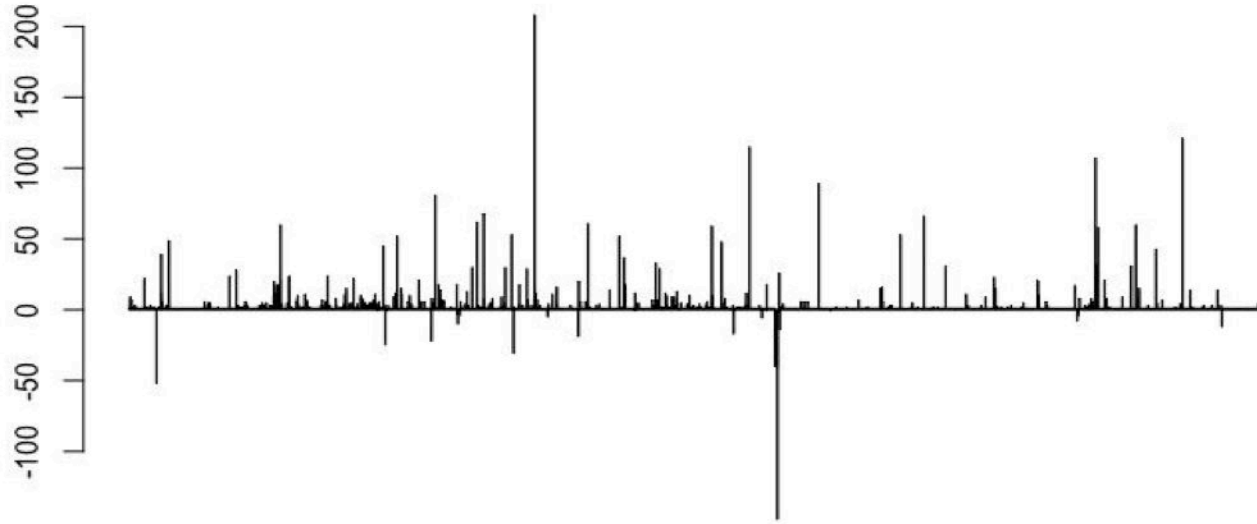
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NA	(87.96%)	
has flair points	(6.4%)	
endorsed	(1.88%)	
senior	(1.64%)	
AutoModerator	(1.09%)	
moderator	(0.51%)	
gaylube	(0.43%)	
vanguard	(0.09%)	



The Red Pill Moderators and Vanguard Users Text Sentiment



Red Pill Score of Moderators Comments (12 months)



Top and bottom scored distinguished comments

★ Ramp_Up_Then_Dump 233 points · 9 months ago
I came here to say "dont use fiction here". But Damn! This is as funny as it is accurate!

Give Award Share Report Save

★ M EpicLevelCheater 207 points · 9 months ago
This is more of an historical perspective on gender issues than a direct example from fiction. It describes how ancient peoples made similar observations about how women are not suited for positions of authority.

I am allowing it.

Give Award Share Report Save

Top score:

Moderator allowing a post, even though it technically breaks sub rules.

Bottom score:

Moderator banning participant for sixty days following critique of moderation practices.

★ womans_algorithm 218 points · 6 months ago
I love how this was well written post with arguments and what not, yet it was removed, I suspect because it disagrees with mods.

'Member when mods said it's ok for you to disagree, as long as you provide arguments? I 'member.

[/u/redpilschool](#), i realize i am noone on this sub, but i think trp users getting censored like this is not a good thing for this subreddit. What happened to "men comparing notes"?

Give Award Share Report Save

★ mod TheRedPike -148 points · 6 months ago
RPS has tags turn off. Don't bother. Sixty day vacation for concern troll.

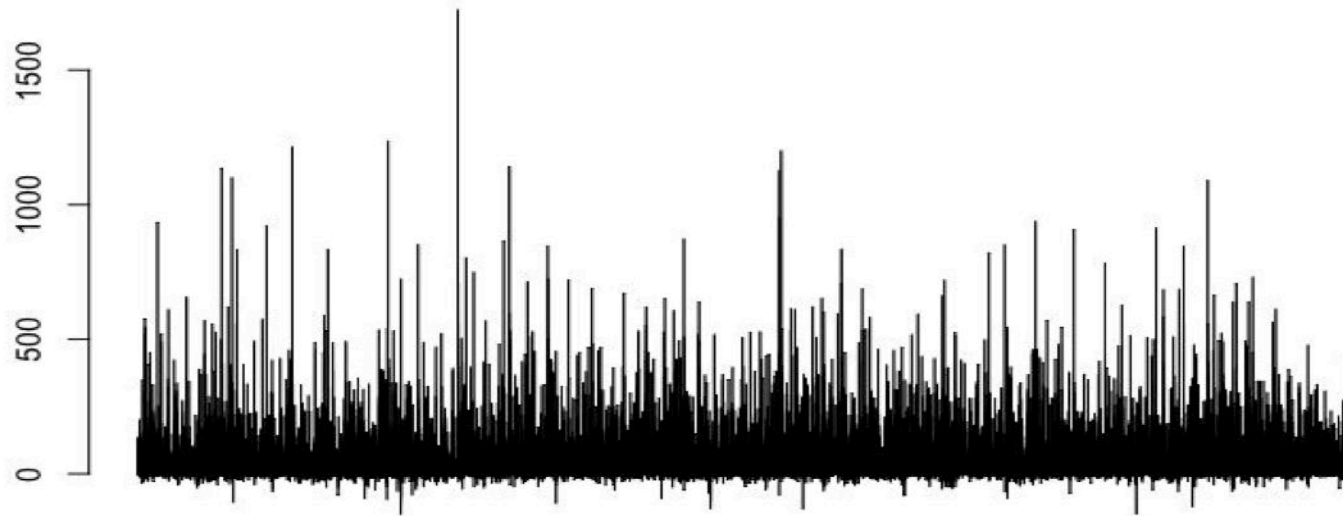
Give Award Share Report Save

★ 666Evo 1 point · 6 months ago
-142 points

The impotent rage hahaha

Give Award Share Report Save

Red Pill Score of All Comments (12 months)



RedPill -- AutoModerator generic comments

[1] "Your above submission to /r/TheRedPill has been removed, because **you have a new account with little karma**. Please lurk and contribute more in discussion before posting a new submission. You may also visit /r/askTRP if you have questions related to being new to the red pill."

[2] "Your above submission to /r/TheRedPill has been removed, because **you have a new account with little karma**. Please lurk and contribute more in discussion before posting a new submission. You may also visit /r/askTRP if you have questions related to being new to the red pill. Please review this [memo on modmail](https://www.reddit.com/r/TheRedPill/comments/80kkg6/shit_to_avoid_saying_in_modmail/) before sending anything to the moderators.\n\n*I am a bot, and this action was performed automatically. Please [contact the moderators of this subreddit](/message/compose/?to=/r/TheRedPill) if you have any questions or concerns.*"

[3] "Your submission has been removed because **direct video links are not allowed**.\n\nPlease re-submit as a text self-post along with your analysis of the video."

[4] "Your submission to /r/TheRedPill has been removed. **[DO NOT CONTACT MODS, WE WILL NOT REVERSE THIS DECISION](https://www.reddit.com/r/TheRedPill/comments/80kkg6/shit_to_avoid_saying_in_modmail/)** **You have a new account with little karma**. Please lurk and contribute more. **READ THE SIDEBAR**."

[5] "Your submission has been removed because **direct image links are not allowed**.\n\n"

[6] "Just a friendly reminder that as **TRP has been quarantined**, we have developed backup sites: <https://www.trp.red> and our full post archive (and future forums) <https://www.forums.red/i/TheRedPill>. Don't forget to register on TRP.RED and reserve your reddit name today. Forums.Red is currently locked but will be opened soon."

Braincells -- filtered words

"raping", "hope you die", "hope you get cancer", "gas them", "ER", "E.R.", "slit your throat", "cut them", "split her skull open", "slit their throats", "strangle you", "you deserve rape", "acid thrown on", "acid on her face", "acid attack", "throw acid", "acidfacing", "okay with the rapes", "urge to rape", "rape them", "rape should be legal", "raping women", "rapefuel", "the hero we need", "beat their face", "punch them", "punch her face", "lynch them", "choke them", "need to die", "should die", "need to be put down", "need to be gassed", "need to be g4ssed", "gas chamber", "I hope they die", "kill them", "need to be shot", "could suffer", "blowing them up", "beat to a pull", "chokes to death", "stab you", "beats her", "should be executed", "mass killing", "killing spree", "killers", "defile her", "drugging women", "kill a woman", "bash her face in", "bash his head in", "I killed", "jump off a building", "get vanned", "sold as cattle", "smack his head", "glock", "mutilate", "hit by a truck", "homicide fuel", "wife beaters", "vanfuel", "beat", "beating", "get run over", "stoning", "death", "burn alive", "burned", "I hope she", "stab", "stabbed", "killed", "eliminate", "executed", "eliminated", "slave girls", "circumcised", "female circumcision", "Toronto", "morocco", "lashes", "lashing", "kys", "should commit suicide", "rope yourself", "neck yourself", "kill urself", "off yourself", "die slut", "jump off a bridge", "play in traffic", "go rope", "die incel", "do a livestream", "livestream it", "do the rope", "hang yourself", "just rope", "exit kit", "exit bag", "mass suicide", "shotgun", "slit your wrists""ctb", "rape", "r@pe", "rapê", "räpe", "rape", "raped", "kill", "killing", "killer", "rapist", "r-a-p-i-s-t", "shooter", "rampage", "genocide", "ISIS", "lynch", "van rental", "kidnap", "shootings", "exit kit", "chloroform", "gang raped", "brutally raped", "executed", "mass shooting", "shotgun", "molest", "guillotine", "burn alive", "manifesto", "acidfaced", "dead bodies", "should die", "prime age", "need to die", "Alex", "with a girl", "my gf", "my girlfriend", "my wife", "braziliansigma", "my life goal", "I am banging", "I'm banging", "I'm fucking", "dies", "most of us", "most of you", "saint Cruz", "st. cruz", "saint Ramirez", "st. ramirez", "supreme gentleman", "Elliot", "Rodger", "minassian", "cho", "Marc lepine", "saint lepine", "st. Lepine", "my van""this is why you're a virgin", "no wonder you can't get laid", "no wonder you are incel", "no wonder you're incel", "pathetic virgin", "virgin loser"