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MITTEN'S MAILBOX: THE FEDORAS STRIKE BACK

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Oh man, this has been a wild week on the internet. I was even accused of being a ~social justice warrior~, which is pretty hilarious given my love of firearms, booze, and black humor.

THE CRY OF THE WILD NECKBEARD

Confronted with the horrifying concept that games journalism might be subject to [some kind of nefarious influence](#), 4chan has taken to the skies of twitter, creating [#gamergate](#), the single largest collection of easily-trolled naive fools I've seen this side of a BronyCon. This screeching torches and pitchforks mob is in a snit because of some indie title that perhaps a thousand people played - Depression Quest - and also because vaginas are involved. The 'lol gurl' angle is obvious, given that no such mobs took to the e-streets over the many [much larger games journalism scandals](#) which involved AAA titles that millions of people played. Just imagine trying to explain this whole thing to someone who doesn't have anything to do with games, especially the bit where [4chan literally creates a cartoon 'girl gamer' mascot](#) to rally support to their cause, whatever it is.

So, as a result of this outbreak of incoherent [#hashtag](#) [#slacktivism](#), this turns up in our [#inbox](#):

Hello, As someone who visits your site I noticed your EIC has

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been displaying gross misconduct towards a movement that is about fixing the lack of journalistic integrity and ethics in the video gaming journalism world

<https://twitter.com/teginimis> His behavior is one of a harasser and very demeaning, I expected more from a site that handles games such as EVE online and other games, I'd like you to have a talk about this to this man about conducting himself I and other people who frequent your site will be contacting your sponsors as well, I feel they shouldn't be supporting a site that openly attacks it's consumers.

"Hello, I am a toxic man-child. Here are my dumb opinions, why are you resorting to ad hominem?"

I covered my stance on the whole matter in the last Traffic Control, which amounted to 'who even cares about the line by line facts, even if these people are 110% correct it doesn't matter, grow up'. There are apparently large chunks of the internet who have not yet discovered that journalism as a whole is full of shit, politicians lie, or that there is no Santa Claus.

Of course, I'm also of the view that you [shouldn't even be mouthing off about topics of gender and sexuality unless you're a sexhaver](#), just like they have height limits on rollercoasters in amusement parks.

DOINK SENDS HIS REGARDS

I'm not a big indie games person, and I also don't like most games journalists. Both indie devs and games journalists tend to be earnest youthful hipsters who don't think much about money and are content to eat beans out of a can rather than sell out their principles, whatever those are. They often also have beards, which I deeply resent as I'm unable to muster more than a goatee. I've never played [Depression Quest](#) or [That Dragon Cancer](#) nor will I ever, because they sound about as entertaining as volunteering in a rehab clinic: I'm glad that those clinics exist and it's important that someone does it, but I have a lot of extremely shallow pleasure-seeking that it's [critical for me to focus on instead](#).

So imagine my surprise when [Doink's brilliant conspiracy image](#) results in me abruptly befriending a whole crowd of these indie/journo hipster types, including [arch-heretic Zoe Quinn herself](#).

I have yet to meet Anita Sarkeesian, but if I can manage to get both Zoe and Anita in a photo with me at some future convention, the sound of heads exploding in a rage will be a delight to my ears.

A BRIEF COMMENT ON TWITTER ACTIVISM

Let's talk about all the things that spamming twitter with a hashtag has solved! [#Kony2012](#) helped apprehend a notorious criminal, [#YesAllWomen](#) solved sexism,

#ALSIcebucketchallenge is totally going to cure ALS, and I'm certain #gamergate will bring balance and objectivity to games journalism. Let's not forget how we collectively brought democracy to Syria and Egypt by furiously tweeting about them!

I used to be sympathetic to twitter butan-mashing myself, but now I just troll the shit out of these things because twitter is completely useless for anything but **avant-garde short-form comedy**.

As usual, Darius JOHNSON was right in the end.

MITTANI, WHY AREN'T YOU WATCHING HOURS OF SHITTY YOUTUBE RANTS?

Step right up! [Here's a snip](#) of a couple of [angry reactions](#) to last week's TC.

Nice of you to address the points rather than just ignoring them and resorting to ad hominem

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Instead no mention is made of the the mundanematt and internetaristocrat videos, for example, which provide ample evidence to support the fact that there is huge corruption and that this isn't simply a belligerant witchhunt.

Quick reminder: [corruption is endemic in 'real' media](#). Trying to hold games journalism - which is inherently entertainment journalism - to some kind of high standard is [completely ridiculous](#). Star commenter 48 has the best rejoinder: "Video game journalism should be held to the same standard as TMZ"

If you want to watch some idiot lisping about the importance of games journalism for half an hour, that says a lot about your life priorities. Let's say [Perez Hilton](#) fucks Kim Kardashian and then blogs favorably about Kim's latest reality show; I'm not going to watch a video about this because only a completely trivial, pathetic manchild would give a shit.

That said, it's illuminating to briefly skip through these videos, just to glance at the people making them. Sadly, the Davis Aurini video where he announces 'Why Black People Fail' has been removed from youtube, but included the lovely line "The Delorean? That's the kind of car a black guy would invent." Thankfully he's still got a thing on 'race realism' for you to enjoy. Who is this guy and why am I linking his stuff? [He's part of the crusading duo](#) behind [The Sarkeesian Effect](#) documentary. The other guy is Meatloaf, as far as I can tell.

A VISIT FROM A RACIST ICELANDIC SOCKPUPPET

Why is CCP on the right track, [despite the chaos on C-level](#)? They're still run by Icelanders, who are [apparently better than the other 'white races'](#).

To you all happy bunch of minions well wishing CCP games

sinks, remember those are Icelanders. With the same government and honorable President, Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson, who was able to stir his country's economy back to stability, who dumped what in your opinions were the keys (the banks) by then. They became stronger, while most of the white races up north were and are still struggling with their economic crisis - to this day. CCP will get up, and will arise soon again.

I got nothing.

PRAISE JEHOVAH, OR ELSE

Speaking of crazy reactions, apparently I managed to horribly offend the one Jehovah's Witness who happens to play Eve Online by suggesting that I [don't give their missionaries and their opinions the time of day](#). This comment goes on for quite a while, [so look here to wallow in the whole glorious thing](#).

Alex Gianturco - I pity you and you are an idiot. I can see why Goblin thinks you are evil. Between your remarks at fanfest, your obvious narcissism, and how you would argue anything just because YOU DIDN'T COME UP WITH IT. Maybe calling names will get through to you. But seriously, that is your problem Alex. You don't listen to anyone, EVER; only people that validate your thoughts. I guess that makes you an effective lawyer in some instances as it is truly easy to just argue ONE side of the point. But like any truly WISE person will tell you, the more perceptive you are the more you realize you know not.

Case in point, bashing Jehovah's Witnesses - wow. You are a sick person. I guarantee, you will never find a group of more selfless, caring, "Christian" people on this planet. But if you took the time to actually engage them and hear what they had to say, you would see that. Nope instead you demonize some of the nicest people on the planet. I bet you have never even HEARD THEM OUT on anything or bothered to welcome them into your home? Easier to just cast them into the mold

them into your home: Easier to just cast them into the mold of "outdated" or "religious zealot idiots." I pity people like you.

Like Mr. Gianturco, I challenge anyone here to talk to them. I did. You know what I found out? A lot.

My inability to give a shit about Jehovah's Witnesses is a genetic trait. [My grandfather](#) was even less tolerant: a military doctor, when they would come visit he would invite them into his house, sit them on the couch, and proceed to rail at them for an hour or more about their [refusal to allow blood transfusions for religious reasons](#). Bad ideas are not merely deserving of contempt; bad ideas can and do kill.

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The Mittani

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Harri · 7 months ago

Fuck all this nerd rage on the internet. Let's talk about Mittani's grandfather. What a man.


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greiton → Harri · 7 months ago

seriously i'm glad i skipped to the bottom to see that, 1 thing in the article worth reading about.


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absurdTechnician → greiton · 7 months ago

What didn't this guy invent. Cripes.


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Devilish Ledoux → Harri · 7 months ago

No shit, right? My papa had a stent put in. It probably gave him an extra five years of life. Hey, Mittens. I'm also a third-generation immigrant. Let's be pals!
Edit: Also, if you ask me (and I am aware that no one has), the Jehovah's Witnesses are just a really polite Taliban.


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Chicken McNuggets → Devilish Ledoux · 7 months ago

They sound like salesmen who resort to hard-sell tactics. The bad news is consumer rights doesn't cover them.

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Bryan Frye → Devilish Ledoux · 7 months ago

Extremist radical groups bent so much to their religion they would rather die? Ya I can see your view on that.


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Deishū Kaiki → Harri · 7 months ago

+1 for the expectation of an article dedicated to Mittani's grandfather.


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Ozzy → Harri · 7 months ago

<http://gifland.us/100444> my brain when I read the whole thing.

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Arquinsiel → Harri · 7 months ago

That man. Here as all hell

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Messiah Complex · 7 months ago

Its failings notwithstanding, there is much to be said in favor of journalism in that by giving us the opinion of the uneducated, it keeps us in touch with the ignorance of the community.

-Oscar Wilde

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TheRobotDevil → Messiah Complex · 7 months ago

As far as I'm concerned, it's a damned shame that a field as potentially dynamic and vital as journalism should be overrun with dullards, bums, and hacks, hag-ridden with myopia, apathy, and complacency, and generally stuck in a bog of stagnant mediocrity.

Hunter S. Thompson

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David Andrews Mod → Messiah Complex · 7 months ago

I always upvote Oscar Wilde quotes.

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Sieveboy → David Andrews · 7 months ago

Either this wallpaper goes or I do.

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Ozzy → Sieveboy · 7 months ago

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Edit: heil! The mighty pussy. <http://gifland.us/374278>

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Devilish Ledoux → Messiah Complex · 7 months ago

There are a lot of ways to practice the art of journalism, and one of them is to use your art like a hammer to destroy the right people — who are almost always your enemies, for one reason or another, and who usually deserve to be crippled, because they are wrong. This is a dangerous notion, and very few professional journalists will endorse it — calling it "vengeful" and "primitive" and "perverse" regardless of how often they might do the same thing themselves. "That kind of stuff is opinion," they say, "and the reader is cheated if it's not labelled as opinion." Well, maybe so. Maybe Tom Paine cheated his readers and Mark Twain was a devious fraud with no morals at all who used journalism for his own foul ends. And maybe H. L. Mencken should have been locked up for trying to pass off his opinions on gullible readers and normal "objective journalism." Mencken understood that politics — as used in journalism — was the art of controlling his environment, and he made no apologies for it.

Hunter Thompson, "Better Than Sex" (the best book about politics I've ever read and I read about politics almost constantly.)

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Messiah Complex → Devilish Ledoux · 7 months ago

You owe it to yourself to read Mencken's Notes on Democracy.

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Devilish Ledoux → Messiah Complex · 7 months ago

I'll check it out. Thanks.

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Ming Tso → Devilish Ledoux · 7 months ago

I can't recall a more devoted advocate of the concept using the written word to destroy his enemies in this age as Mittens.

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Tegiminis · 7 months ago

As it turns out, making fun of self-aggrandizing nerds on Twitter and calling yourself a member of the gaming feminist illuminati is the easiest way to have angry internet losers descend on you en

masse and complain about ~absolutely nothing~.

Self-described gamers are the funniest fucking people.

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Steelradio → Tegininis · 7 months ago

I'm always curious as what people class as a "gamer", especially when referring to themselves. I currently spend most of my time playing games, does that make me a gamer? Or is it the diversity of games you play? My sister plays The Sims, SimCity, Zeus, Theme Hospital etc. Does that make her a gamer? Regardless, whether others refer to me as a gamer or I refer to myself as one, I genuinely don't give a shit about a single thing these people are complaining about.

Personally I see these people referring to themselves as gamers doing so to join what they view as a community. A group of similar people that are forming some kind of group so they aren't alone spouting the bullshit that deep down, they know they are only doing for either attention or to abuse others from the safety of "teh internetz". As far as I'm concerned, if you play video games, you are a gamer and there is no age, gender, race, quantity or type of game restrictions. Adding those kind of restrictions to keep your 'sacred', "me man me play games, women no play games" mentally shows you were born about 100 years too late and do not belong within modern community and most likely should be outcast from society.

Also Mittens grandfather was a clever dude!

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x up → Tegininis · 7 months ago

Whenever someone describes themselves as a "gamer" it makes me immediately suspicious.

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Genii Cucullati → x up · 7 months ago

Right? By that measure I'm a "fucker."

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...I'm not. I'm a TVer. =(

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Whatnow05 → x up · 7 months ago

"Do you even call yourself a gamer?!!"

No...

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Guest → Tegininis · 7 months ago

Beautiful work.

If you're so inclined, the following poll may prove useful:

<http://strawpoll.me/2484813>

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Bryan Frye → Guest · 7 months ago

YES perfect

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Chicken McNuggets → Tegininis · 7 months ago

A true gamer has no time for all the angry internet loser nonsense because he is too busy playing a game or two.

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**Xolve** → Tegiminis · 7 months ago

#girlgamer

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**Sirhan Blixt** → Tegiminis · 7 months ago

I'm reminded of a similar quote about "culture" and "reaching for one's revolver."

No, not the Nazi that supposedly said it. The quote itself.

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**The Last Romanov** · 7 months ago

Before I got married, my wife used to invite Jehovah's Witnesses into her house so she could argue with them. She'd get the same ones on a regular basis, coming around to talk to her. One time, I stayed overnight at her place and they knocked on the door at the asscrack of dawn. My wife (then girlfriend) knew who it was, so I decided to mess with them. I answered the door in my socks and underpants, fresh out of bed and glared sleepily at them. These two prim, early 20s, sensible shoed JW women? They didn't bat an eye. Then my girlfriend came to the door to say hi and they started chatting. As they left they gave me a pamphlet about the evils of sex before marriage. Gotta admit, that was pretty gutsy.

These days when the JWs come I just give them a handful of Mormon pamphlets and give a bunch of JW pamphlets to the Mormons when they knock and then shut the door.

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**Mad Gus** → The Last Romanov · 7 months ago

A few years ago a friend of mine had to live with and assist her mother since she had some kind of problem which drastically reduced her thinking capability and general awariness. It was really difficult for my friend since she couldn't really leave her mother alone for more than a few minutes.

One day JWs knocked at her door and all of sudden she realized she had the solution to her problems. She let them in and had them talk to her mother. For six months they would come visit her daily and speak to her mother for hours while she was able to complete all chores and some extra needed work.

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**Ozzy** → The Last Romanov · 7 months ago

+1 troll point

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**Devilish Ledoux** → The Last Romanov · 7 months ago

I'm stealing that last idea. It's got to be easier than stripping nude, throwing on a bloody apron and gloves, running to the door and excitedly inviting them in while mentioning, "You're right on time. We're just about to sacrifice the last one!" No, I haven't done that, but I've always wanted to. Pamphlet exchange, that I will do.

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**Thalen Draganos** → The Last Romanov · 7 months ago

You are a hero good sir.

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**Ed** → The Last Romanov · 7 months ago

I'm a metalhead. Long hair, soul patch, short beard and a tiny moustache.

When JWs knock on my door, I play some low-volume black metal music, then go to the door, politely invite them in and have them talk their stuff while listening to the songs and interrupting them by saying "hold that thought, I really enjoy this part" whenever some particularly nasty lyrics are played.

Of course, I offer them cigarettes and whiskey, Red Bull and junk food - because I have to make sure they won't chew anything that I might want to keep for myself.

But that was years ago. For some reason they stopped coming. But-but-but I really was very polite to them.

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**smokingman** · 7 months ago

#ILLUMITTANI

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**Ozzy** → smokingman · 7 months ago

Dammit, he found out. Quick , burn him!

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**Helix** → smokingman · 7 months ago

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**Ozzy** · 7 months ago

Social justice warriors, what category can I find those drones on the eve market?

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**Terminator025** → Ozzy · 7 months ago

Meta -1

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**Arrendis** Mod → Ozzy · 7 months ago

Faction light drones - they require Gallente and Minmatar Drone Spec.

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**Ozzy** → Arrendis · 7 months ago

:L eww minmatar, they don't deserve such a graceful drone class.

Edit: the drone class is actually Caldari;Minmatar

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**Ed** → Ozzy · 7 months ago

Civilian items.

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**Guest** → Ozzy · 7 months ago

"Everyone is for sale." --L.A. Confidential

<https://eve-central.com/home/q...>

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**Doink9731** · 7 months ago

Regards,

Doink

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**Arrendis** Mod → Doink9731 · 7 months ago

The Mittani recieves your regards?

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**not a kugu fan** → Doink9731 · 7 months ago

These comments sections haven't been the same since Kugu shut down.

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**JustARandomMormon** · 7 months ago

I'm a Mormon, he other side of the whole door-to-door missionary work thing most people experience. I feel a little obligated to share some tips with ya'll, seeing as how I did the whole mission thing myself.

1. You'll never scare missionaries away with "shock treatments". Trust me, after the first couple weeks out in the field, we've seen it all. Naked people, sex, fake ritual abuse, pretend chainsaw attacks....you just smile and move on. Your address also gets added to a list for further visits, because you're obviously a soul in need of salvation, and it's quite funny to drag newbie missionaries over for a "net a load of this guy" treatment. Debating a missionary generally won't

missionaries over for a good read on the gay treatment. Sending a missionary generally won't work either. They send the kids off to intense mission camp, where they learn all the tricks of debating. You'll just waste time.

2. If you want off the visiting list, just tell the missionaries not to come back. If they persist (at least for the Mormons), ask them for the contact information for their bishop. Give HIM a call, vent your spleen some, and the visits will stop happening. It helps if you drop words like "calling the newspaper" and "restraining order".

You can also take advantage of missionaries. Be nice, offer them something to drink. Ask them to do chores for you. Mormon missionaries WILL do chores for you with a smile. It's part of being a "willing servant of God", and that's a huge thing when out on mission....so yes, you can get them to sweep your porch, shovel snow, rake leaves.....

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Gavin Goodrich → JustARandomMormon · 7 months ago

Thanks for the tips :D

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Warsie → JustARandomMormon · 3 months ago

nah its fun to ask them bout the magic underwear

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Bibliophile anti-theist → JustARandomMormon · 7 months ago

Perhaps it's different here (Northern Europe), but I got the sight of a lifetime when I asked a couple who knocked to wait a second, I thought I had their book. So I fetched The Communist Manifesto, Mein Kampf, the Quran, Maos Little Red and Thus Spoke Zarathustra, and one Buddhist that I currently can't remember the name of. When I came back I asked "So, which one is yours?". One of them asked if I was kidding them, I answered "yes, I do also have the bible" and I just saw them give up on trying to give me any leaflets.

That view of their faces really was priceless. I'm not sure if they thought I believed in all those books, or if I was just an impossible case, but the view of bewilderment and resignation really should have been captured for the next generations. Otherwise, yeah, most missionaries are nuisances but will actually respond fairly well to a "no thanks and please don't return" - IMO at least.

@ people who really can't get them to stay away.

I'm not sure if that's a Mormon thing with the bishop etc., but in general, if they won't stop coming, simply tell unwanted missionaries for their names and local affiliation, then state up front that you will ask them not to return, and if they do you will note the instances and contact the police for a restraining order.

The key here is to be calm, level voice, and not to threaten calling the police right now (Since that's often ludicrous), but only if they return after you have requested them not to.

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