
Subject: Re: The Pointsfix and the Game Listings
Posted by [tanzying](#) on Wed, 04 Nov 2009 01:59:46 GMT
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Quote:tanzying wrote on Tue, 03 November 2009 07:44People do not appreciate being called appalling, ridiculous, despicable, liars, [insert negative term here], whether they have actually been so or not.

you lose me at "whether they have actually been so or not". wtf? listen to what you're saying. you're saying if someone cheats or whatever, you shouldn't say so in case you hurt their feelings because then you'll be the bad guy?

I said "whether they have actually been so or not" because you have used these negative adjectives to describe some of the jelly members in previous debates. Since I have never read these other debates, I simply put that in to show that I am unable to judge whether such descriptions are justified.

Quote:tanzying wrote on Tue, 03 November 2009 07:44the very same reaction that I believe Spoony experiences when he is charged by what he views as an unfair accusation.
no, not the very same reaction at all. in one case the person is angry because they're being shown up for what they are, in the other case they're angry because they're being falsely accused. enormous difference between the two.

Fine. Anyway, both parties are angry. Whatever reasons may cause this are not my point. My point is the fact that both are angry. But I'm fine with retracting the above quote if you don't like your reason being compared to theirs.

Quote:tanzying wrote on Tue, 03 November 2009 07:44But what he DOES want is for Jelly to give up the a00 names. This can be done either through EA or XWIS intervention (unlikely), or if Jelly himself decides to do so. If Jelly is angry at him, why should he? Even if it is logically the fair thing to do. Emotions decide a fair portion of human action as well.
hypothetical question for you. when people were demanding a server-side choice of the pointsfix or not, and if we (TT) decided to refuse this because we were angry at being asked, would you be saying "well, if TT are angry at you, why should they give you this?"

In this hypothetical scenario, TT are being angry to the point of not being able to reason with them. If my goal was to show the public that TT is wrong in acting this way, I would have used logical reasoning on a public forum to do it.

If, however, my goal was to STOP TT from acting this way, and anger has influenced them to the point where they will not change their mind after they have been publicly, logically proven wrong, then yes, I would be working on reducing TT's anger. and yes, I would tell those with similar intent that "Well, TT are angry at us, they won't be giving us this because of that." And I would add, "Let's work on getting TT less angry at us so that hopefully they'll listen to reason".

Quote:tanzying wrote on Tue, 03 November 2009 07:44Spoon, you could have discussed this privately with Jelly first. I believe that one big reason why Jelly is angry with you is because you chose to discuss this matter with massive publicity. I dont know what kind of relationship the two

of you have in renegade/real life. But surely it is possible to be a little accomodating on your side? If it was really important to you that the issue be publicised so that public scrutiny can ensure it's not a shady deal behind closed doors, you could have first privately persuaded Jelly to the point where he would be prepared to come out on your side OUT OF GOODWILL when you eventually went public. You could then have all the public scrutiny you wanted. I never used this as a defence during the pointsfix debates.

I never said you did. I haven't read them.

Quote:true again, i do what i think's right and i say what i think, regardless of whether it will upset people or decrease my popularity. i think everybody has noticed this by now. you can, at least, credit me with brutal honesty.

Quote:firstly, if somebody can't think with logic then i put it to you that it's their own problem. secondly, most of the time the anger is not justified. again, when several jelly mods publicly asserted that i cheated and i said actually no i didn't, they reacted with anger. when i said i liked the pointsfix and i gave lots of reasons, they reacted with anger. shall i go on?

Quote:if you strip away the rhetoric you've basically said: when you're attacked, don't defend yourself because if you do you'll anger your accusers. thanks for the advice, but no thanks.

If someone couldn't think logically and got himself into a situation I didn't care about, I too would say that it's his/her own problem.

However, you are trying to push a few causes here because you care about the community. Your efforts are being hindered due to negative emotional baggage you have with some of its members. Therefore, their problem of being unable to think logically is giving you problems.

You can't expect everyone on the planet to suddenly become a logical person overnight. Leaders in the real world trying to affect change get all sorts of critics too. They take potshots from the media, public and the like, assaults on their personal credibility etc, and some of these attacks are obviously emotional and completely unreasonable. The good ones don't take the bait. They may have sound logical backing, but if it seems that logic alone will not win their cause, then they don't press it. They negotiate diplomatically and with tact to win emotions over. They work to fill the atmosphere with goodwill and make it more conducive, so that when logic is needed again it is finally listened to.

Of course they are entitled to defend themselves and descend with brutal honesty and condemnations upon people who attack them without logic (unless there is a large enough logical crowd present to shout down the illogical ones, but this is not always present). They would only do this if they didn't care about the larger issue. If they do care, they would be shooting themselves in the foot by doing this.

I never said don't defend yourself at all. I say it is fine to defend yourself, but do it in a less incendiary way. For example:

Quote:and since I keep asking what i've actually done wrong in these past debates and nobody can answer, i hope you can see it for the bullshit cop-out it is.

excuse me, but i never refused to consider anybody's opinion on the pointsfix NO MATTER HOW pathetically they acted.

It's fine if you think that it is "bullshit cop-out" and that people have been acting "pathetically". But the message could have gotten across equally well without inciting so much backlash if you had said:

"I don't understand what I have been doing wrong in these past debates, no one has clarified this with me so far."

"I am still and will always be open to considering anyone's opinion on the pointfix, provided it is logical."

The relationship between you and Raven seems to have gotten better since the start of this thread. I'm not exactly sure why, but I suspect mutual concessions had something to do with it.

Spoony, voicing your opinion IS NOT WRONG. Defending yourself IS NOT WRONG. Being brutally honest IS NOT WRONG. You are free to do all this and more if you choose.

I'm telling you that I don't think these methods are effective
,insofar as your goal of getting Jelly to give up the a00 nicks is concerned.
