

## This is me taking a position

👤 a mental switch 📅 June 11, 2020 💬 5 Comments

I recently [wrote](#) about why I want to keep away from Twitter. In this post I tried very hard to not take a position on the issues I witnessed. I neither endorsed one post\* or the other I only wanted to show how aggressive and divisive people on Twitter can become and I simply cited examples. It was mostly about me not being able to handle so much aggression and outrage. And also a plea to be more civilized and a few ways what else one can do to promote worthy causes.

A few days later I posted something about questioning my sexuality (I decided to take this one down for now) when I was younger and linked to the [One Rainbow Apart meme](#). A similar post I read inspired me to write my thoughts down. I was deleted and blocked without a notice or a question. I also saw what some people wrote about me on Twitter. In fact I saw that my timeline showed a lot more "This account owner limits who can view their Tweets. Learn more". Without really reading what I wrote or engaging in conversation I was blocked. They could have asked me or corrected me. I am a reasonable person and I actually like engaging in civilized discussions. It is like some people want to misunderstand others.

I never wanted to take a position in these pointless twitter feuds. I always try to balance different views. It is in my nature. But it seems that some people already decided where I stand. They don't really know me but for them I belong to the wrong side that needs to be blocked.

So this is a big exception for me and this blog. I will take one position today. I will make it very clear. I'll post some screenshots and I will say my piece about them. That will be that. Feel free to hate me or support me but a calm and reasoned discussion would be my preferred style.



Feel free to browse through those tweets. I won't post the whole conversation. I only feel comfortable posting this one name because this one blocked and deleted me. I think it's fair enough.

Here is my position: **This is called bigotry. Your behavior tramples the very values your community stands for and you are doing yourself and your community a disservice.** And I want no part of it. In fact just the list of rules is full of bigotry. Alright go ahead have a field day with me. My anger is tempered by the fact that there seems to be a deeply hurt child inside who needs to lash out. I wish I could calm this child down but that is neither my task nor an actual possibility. I wrote you an email and you can answer if you wish to have a private conversation.

*\*Full disclosure: Because someone on Twitter already found my comment on one specific post thanks to the wayback machine. Yes I did agree in principle but I was quite critical of the tone and thought nothing good would come from it. And I was right about that.*

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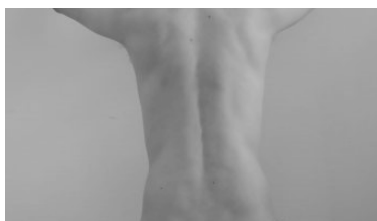
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**MLSlavePuppet**

June 11, 2020 at 7:23 pm

Well written. I'm sorry they went after you and for what? "It is like some people want to misunderstand others." I think you hit the nail on the head here. This has nothing to do with trans rights anymore. This is war for war.

I honestly couldn't agree more with your final statement: "This is called bigotry. Your behavior tramples the very values your community stands for and you are doing yourself and your community a disservice." and I applaud you for being brave enough to write this in a post and put it out.

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**a mental switch** Post author

June 11, 2020 at 8:33 pm

Thank you. I never wanted to write something like this. I don't like conflict very much. I tried to reach out but was already blocked. Now they can have their fun with me, block me everywhere and then I can continue posting the things and pictures I like 😊

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**MLSlavePuppet**

June 11, 2020 at 8:44 pm

Yes, if they block you they've basically just made your job of returning to a peaceful fun timeline easier!

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**Liam's taboos**

June 12, 2020 at 9:13 am

People who use their position as a member of a marginalised and discriminated against group in order to dismiss argument, counter points and content that isn't to their liking is morally and objectionably wrong. It seriously devalues the cause the community strives for and taints the people who stand behind it by colouring the community in a bad light.

Furthermore, it alienates ally and creates new stigmatisation towards the group who would refuse to engage in discourse. I personally think the reaction to your post demonstrates the guilty party better than a call out ever could have done. Taking so much offence to an individual for not even expressing a vivid opinion but stating what they witnessed just shows the defensive position they hold and the willingness to attack people.

Thank you for this post i thought it was a brilliant reflection of what is going on out there.

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**a mental switch** Post author

June 12, 2020 at 10:44 am

You are on their "list" now too 😊 and thank you for your words. Some people want to be offended no matter what. There seems to be no discourse possible at some point which is as you say a shame for us all in the end.

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