

Demographics

Hey there! In this survey, you will be asked to answer 20 questions about posts on Reddit.

Before we get started, we want to know a bit of information about you. The following are a few demographic questions.

What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed?

- ☐ Less than High School
- ☐ High school or equivalent
- ☐ Some college
- ☐ 2 year degree
- ☐ 4 year degree
- ☐ Professional degree
- ☐ Doctorate

What is your gender?

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Other

Which year were you born?

How much total combined money did all members of your household earn last year?

- ☐ Less than \$20,000
- ☐ \$20,000 to \$34,999
- ☐ \$35,000 to \$49,999
- ☐ \$50,000 to \$74,999
- ☐ \$75,000 to \$99,999
- ☐ Over \$100,000

Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or of Spanish origin?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

How would you describe yourself?

- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- ☐ White
- ☐ Other

What is your marital status?

- ☐ Single
- ☐ Married
- ☐ Live with Partner
- ☐ Separated
- ☐ Divorced
- ☐ Widowed

Would you say religion provides no guidance in your day-to-day living, some guidance, quite a bit of guidance, or a great deal of guidance in your day-to-day life?

- ☐ No guidance
- ☐ Some guidance
- ☐ Quite a bit of guidance
- ☐ A great deal of guidance

We hear a lot of talk these days about liberals and conservatives. Here is a seven-point scale on which the political views that people might hold are arranged from extremely liberal to extremely conservative. Where would you place YOURSELF on this scale?

- ☐ Extremely Liberal
- ☐ Liberal
- ☐ Slightly Liberal
- ☐ Moderate; Middle of the Road
- ☐ Slightly Conservative
- ☐ Conservative
- ☐ Extremely Conservative

Reddit Info

In the following section, you will be presented with 20 questions. Each question contains a paragraph sourced from Reddit, a discussion website.

Specifically, these paragraphs are from a subreddit (discussion board) called "Am I the Asshole?", or AITA. On this subreddit, users post personal stories in which they have taken actions that may be considered rude, inappropriate, or otherwise 'bad.' They then attempt to justify why their actions were legitimate in context, and ask, "am I the asshole" (AITA) or "would I be the asshole" (WIBTA)?

Here, "asshole" is a broad term, used to refer to any general inappropriateness in behavior.

Other users then vote and comment on whether the actions were truly legitimate given the circumstances. These discussions can get heated, and results are often inconclusive.

We looked at tens of thousands of posts, and found a few of the most contentious ones. The posts below are original and unedited, so any grammatical mistakes you see are from the original users. Edits were included if they added other important context, but were removed if they revealed other users' reactions.

YOUR JOB is to answer---"is this person the asshole?"

Remember, there is no right or wrong answer; after all, these were contentious questions to begin with. However, please take your time and answer thoughtfully.

All Questions Pool

Every time we eat out, someone suggests that we take a selfie which often takes several minutes, by the time it's done the food's not hot anymore. I often refuse and just start eating immediately. My mom thinks that IATH because nobody will have any pictures of me, therefore any memories of me. So AITA?

- ☐ "Yes, this person is the asshole"
- ☐ "No, this person is not the asshole"

My boyfriend is a doctor; he has no debt, and makes an easy 200k and change. We've been dating for 3 years now.

Last Friday, he took me to this beautiful, very expensive restaurant and proposed. I cried tears of joy and said yes. When he proposed, I didn't even look at the ring; I just knew I wanted him.

I've been wearing the ring he gave me, and I feel horrible about myself, but I just plainly don't like it. It looks very cheap, the diamond is tiny, and it honestly looks like one of those rings you see in display at Walmart. Earlier today, curiosity got the best of me, and I asked him how much did he spend on the ring. He actually looked really proud and said he got it for a huge steal; the jeweler said it was worth \$1000, but he got it for \$350.

I'm not going to lie. I was hurt. This man has no debt, he makes an incredible salary, and he couldn't even get me a ring worth a day of his salary. Not a single friggin day. I told him that I appreciated the proposal and I do want to marry him, but I don't really like the ring he picked out; it looks really cheap, it is cheap, and it seems like he didn't really put effort into it.

He was hurt by what I said. He said he picked a "minimalist" design because I'm a minimalistic person. I told him while this is true, this is something that's supposed to symbolize our love. I didn't think he needed to spend the

traditional 3-months salary, but I don't think a \$3000 ring (approx. 3-4 days salary for him) would be too unreasonable to ask for. I showed him some ring designs I found online I liked in the \$2000-3000 range, and told him that if he found something cheaper that I liked, I would be open to that option, but I'm wearing that thing forever; I want to love it, and I want to look at it knowing how much my (future) husband loves ME. The fact that we have multiple video game systems and other things HE loves worth more than my ring just....makes me sad.

He told me I was being materialistic, and that he'd be more comfortable saving that money towards a honeymoon or a house. He said he will get another ring if I really hate my ring, but spending more than \$500 was straight-up not happening. I told him that that's fine, but my "yes" is conditional on getting a better ring that I actually like, and he will be very hard-pressed to find one I like for less than \$500. If I'm not worth the cost, then I know where he stands. He just left at that point, and we haven't really talked much since then. I feel just so unloved; is a ring really going to be the thing that breaks up a strong 3-year commitment. Like a \$350 ring? Are you kidding me? AITA for thinking he's being an inconsiderate jerk for spending half a day's salary on my engagement ring, and AITA for making my proposal conditional?

EDIT: I've been told to lead with things I mentioned in the comments, such as he has spent \$4000 on a Vegas trip, and he's normally not frugal with other things in his life (for example, he has wine more expensive than the ring he bought me), and I just feel unappreciated and that he values his things more than the ONE thing I ever asked for.

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So I was on my way to my mum and 16 yr old sisters house when I stopped at target and saw this makeup pallet my sister won't stop talking about on sale. Figured I'd be a good big sister and bought it for her. When I gave it her she

said 'thank you! But I actually bought it for myself yesterday. I finally saved up enough money' and left it on the kitchen table.

As I was leaving I grabbed it because after I was going to volunteer at the woman's shelter and figured they would love some new makeup since my sister didn't need it anymore. My sister called me today asking where the pallet was and I told her I gave it to the women and she said that it wasn't my place and it was her gift and she was planning on selling it to get the money she bought hers for back.

AITA for taking it and donating it?

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Let's start by explaining that I am American and my husband is Chinese. His parents still live in China and do not speak English. I don't really like them, even before the situation with our children, and that may be why I'm so against the Chinese name thing. I'm looking for some outside perspective.

January 2018 I gave birth to our first child, a daughter, but she will stillborn at 39 weeks (umbilical cord wrapped around her neck). This absolutely destroyed me and is something I am still working to come to terms with. My husband's parents looked at one picture of her and that was it. My father-in-law thought his coworkers words were so comforting he would share with me a few days after, "maybe you lost her so you could have a grandson." This pissed me off to no end, but what hurts the most is that they never asked her name. They do not want to know their first grandchild's name. My husband said it is because it makes them sad so they don't want to think about it. She is never mentioned or acknowledged.

Now on Valentine's day of this year we were able to welcome our little rainbow, also a little girl. My in-laws love her and are absolutely thrilled when they video chat with her. Recently my husband has mentioned giving her a Chinese name so his parents have something they can call her because they don't speak

English. I don't want to give her a Chinese name because they are not willing to put in the effort to learn her English name or the Chinese equivalent. I especially don't want to let them name her since they have so casually blown off her sister. The way I see it, I was only able to give my first daughter her name. It is all she has from us and the only way for others to remember her. They didn't want to give her a Chinese name so why would I let them give her little sister one. I know it may sound petty, but honestly really upsets me that they have never once asked about our first daughter's name.

So AITA?

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I'm not American. Pardon my English.

I had my eldest daughter at 16 with my high school girlfriend who was 19. I wanted to have a family and yes, I was really dumb.

We got married really young, but we got divorced because I found out that she was sleeping another man who was much older. He had the money, I was not financially secure. She got custody and I got visitation. This continued for a while, but he had the money to pamper my daughter and my finances were not that great. By the time she was 14, idk what happened, but my daughter opted for optional visitation. It simply meant that I could only see her if she wanted to see me. That never happened.

Around that time, I was just starting to do well for myself and I decided to move away because I could no longer take it. I had to accept the fact that she didn't want to see. I tried to contact my ex for information and pictures but I was simply told that I was infringing on their privacy. Eventually I gave up and I moved on.

I just understood that I had to be financially strong. I concentrated on my real estate business that and I did really well for myself. It's been years now and I'm really happy. I own a very successful real estate firm and I'm married now with a

daughter. I owe everything to my wife and my best friend who were really supportive.

When my eldest daughter was starting college, my ex contacted me and told me that she was divorced. She asked me if I would help with my daughter's college expenses. I gladly helped because I no longer had any financial woes. I also gave her a graduation present (a lump sum to get her started).

So she surprised me with a party yesterday. And she was there. She's 25 now. 25. We had a chat. She apparently missed me so much. She was sorry and she never knew that the money came from me. I call bullshit on that. I told her it was not an attempt to reconcile and I was only doing my duty and walked out.

Wife tells me that my daughter deserved a chance and I had to take the high road. But it's just too much for me. It's beyond repair and serves no purpose.

AITA here.

Edit: Someone messaged me asking to mention when my daughter graduated. She graduated when she was 22.

Edit2: This is not about my daughter wanting money from me. And I personally don't think that she's only doing this because I'm well off now, because my firm is well known where I live and it's not a secret she just stumbled upon. It's just that I've missed her ENTIRE CHILDHOOD. What is there to do now. I have no memories with my daughter. And I don't know if it changes much now.

Edit3: Party was father's day stuff with family.

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☐ "No, this person is not the asshole"

So last year, my girlfriends friend found a tiny little kitten abandoned in the middle of the road. She was soaking and shivering and we were the closest house to bring her to. Everyone else in the house was immediately ready to dump her into a shelter or something but I didn't want to let it happen. I took care of her when everyone else called her ugly and asked me and my gf when we were getting rid of her. Fast forward to a couple months ago. I had just

returned from visiting family back home to find that my cat is pregnant! She gave birth not long after I returned but it's been a busy few weeks so I've been away. She gave birth to four adorable little kittens roughly three weeks ago and only this past week have I been able to be here with her and them. A few days ago I'm talking with my gf's mom and she casually mentions that once the kittens are six weeks old they don't need their mother anymore. I stiffened up initially but wrote it off as her just sharing a fact I might not have known. Then yesterday my gf's brother mentions to her that while we were away, he and his girlfriend came into our room with their mother and picked out which kitten they're going to take. This sparks a conversation in the room about which kitten everyone wants. I stayed silent. I talked to my gf about it and explained that since no one wanted my cat, they shouldn't be allowed to pick and choose which of her kittens they want to take from her. As far as I am concerned, they're all mine. However this leaves me feeling a bit selfish and I don't know if I should feel that way or not. AITA?

EDIT: I thought I should add that I know it sounds like a crowded house but within the next few weeks we'll be out in our own place.

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So today my girlfriend and I were going to have dinner together (I'm paying) and I went to pick her up from the hospital where she was visiting his brother (new father). I asked her if she wanted to change before we go and she Refused because she was not going to change for a dinner that will last for 2 hours. So I insisted because I was nicely dressed and put some effort before going out, she got pissed but agreed and we drove to her place. Right now I'm downstairs waiting for her and I think I may have ruined the date but it made me feel like she didn't think a dinner with me is important enough for her to look dress nicely. She knew before hand we were going out, it's not fancy but still I don't like to feel like I'm not worth the effort to look pretty.

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I just moved into a newish neighborhood where the homes on the south side of the street have been built for about three years and the homes on the north side are just being built now. The HOA has painted the curbs on the south side red to help alleviate parking concerns as there are loads of townhomes on the next street over with limited parking. We just built a house on the north side of the street.

My neighbor (let's call him Kevin) across the street (south side) has been parking on the curb where my new house is (north side) ever since he moved in three years ago. I'm not quite sure why. He has a two car garage and a driveway (meaning he could potentially park four cars on his property). He only has two cars.

Anyway, the first week we moved in he continued to park right in front of our house, which we thought a bit odd. He has four parking spots on his property and two cars. To me it seems a bit rude to park in front of someone else's house when you are perfectly capable of parking on your own property. So finally the other night I had enough and went and knocked on his door. I asked him if he could stop parking his car in front of my house and he asked why. I said something to the effect of, "I just built a brand new house and I'm not that stoked about having someone else's car parked in front of my house every single night, if I'm being as candid as I can be". He went on and on about how everyone in the neighborhood has to deal with cars in front of their house and that my request is unreasonable (to which I responded by looking up and down our street where his car was the only car parked on the street). He seemed pretty incredulous about my request and even asked, "so what am i supposed to do?". Before I could respond "well, you have a driveway", he said he would move his car and "figure out what he was gonna do".

Ever since then he's been parking in front of my next door neighbor's house

(still being built), making a point to keep his car as close to my property line as possible. Am I the asshole here? I'm not asking him to never park in front of my house. Obviously that's unreasonable as he or his guests can't park alongside his curb (due to it being painted red) if he's having a party or for other extenuating circumstances. But I fail to understand why he feels like he needs to park somewhere other than his own house every single night? Help me out Reddit.

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I live in NYC and when the weather is nice Central Park opens up the boat house. People can rent a row boat and cruise along the small lake for only \$15 for the first hour. I've gone on about 4-5 dates there and they've all been very enjoyable. I like this spot because it's cheap and has some pretty romantic vibes.

So the last date I went had a pretty good way of getting me to open up. So amongst the conversation she asked why I chose this spot. I was honest and told her I like to come here for a first date. She asks if I brought other girls and here and I say yes. She gets a little upset and says she thought she was special not "just another one of your girls." I try to explain that I don't come here every day with a new person but she seemed unconvinced. I think it's perfectly fine to have this boat house be my go-to spot, but maybe I am being narrow minded. So redditors, AITA here?

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I am getting married later this year and my cousin is a groomsman. He is expecting a baby roughly a month before the wedding.

My fiancée and I want a child-free wedding, with the exception of our flower girl and ring bearers. There's a growing expectation that they would be bringing the baby with them to the wedding. I've been to weddings with small kids and more often than not, they're a distraction from the ceremony. Not to mention that this newborn, being a few weeks old, would, for lack of better words, "take attention away from us" on our day.

WIBTA for clearly telling them they cannot bring they're new baby?

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Recently i went to an art sculpture museum exhibit where you walked around a park and looked at the sculpture. There was a sign in front of each exhibit giving more information about the piece. I was reading about one when a couple sat down next to me and wanted a picture in front of the sculpture. The lady taking the picture asked if I could move so they could take the picture. I said no, i'm reading about this exhibit and looking at the art. she said it would just be for a minute but I told her she'd have to wait, finished looking, and then went on my way. I feel as though the world doesn't revolve around her and in a crowded exhibit you just have to wait for people to move or deal with background people. BF is humiliated and thinks I should've moved. AITA?

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I live in Boston and this happens fairly regularly- I'm walking down the sidewalk, with ample room on either side of me, and someone walking the opposite way has their head down in their phone, completely oblivious to the numerous other pedestrians around them. Quite often, these people are swerving erratically all over the place, and many times their path ends up directly converging with

mine. I feel I am justified in giving someone a nudge back to reality. I don't deviate my path, but make a point not to in order to initiate contact. My basis of reasoning behind this is that if you are on a public walkway, you should be aware and considerate of others around you. So, AITA for shoulder checking them?

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39M is me, 37F is my ex-wife, we have a daughter 4F. My ex-wife and I divorced when she was 2. I have primary custody and my ex-wife has visitation whenever she wants and has weekends. We're amicable, it was a clean divorce.

My ex-wife "rescued" a pitbull whose 7 years old. He's a mammoth of a dog. I like to think she's a responsible dog owner but I'm leery about the whole situation. I don't want a dog breed who is prone to violence near my child, especially without my supervision (I'm referring to weekend stays with my ex-wife).

My ex-wife is single so if something were to happen, I sincerely doubt she'd be able to help break up a dog attack. These aren't small dogs, they're big and strong. I told her I was uncomfortable with things and she's done nothing about it.

I decided to rescind her parental access if ever she is left alone with our daughter and the dog. I'm allowed to do so provisionally while I speak to my lawyer. I have the right to rescind access if I feel my daughter is unsafe, so I'm in talks to get our parental arrangements changed to have no more overnight stays while the dog is involved.

Am I being the asshole?

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I was at the Apple Store yesterday for a repair. I tried to use a local business to get my issue resolved but only Apple is able to repair home button issues of the kind I had.

I arrived 15 minutes early, figuring that if I'm early maybe the appointment would start on time, but was told to come back at the time of my appointment. Fair enough. I came at the time of my appointment and then they sent me off to a table to wait. About 20 minutes into the wait, every employee in the store stopped what they were doing. At my table this meant one employee who was assisting someone with setting up their iCloud and another employee who was activating a phone.

Every employee then spent 5 minutes loudly, raucously applauding as one employee walked out the door for the last time because she was moving away. It took 5 minutes because she was hugging everyone. I heard employees later remark that they do it this way to make it intentionally embarrassing.

Eventually they all got back to work and then about 5 minutes later someone came to help me. The help was great and itself only took 5 minutes.

I tried to appreciate the heartfelt send-off but instead my mind just returned to the fact that I'd been waiting at a table twiddling my thumbs and every customer in the store had their experience interrupted.

Afterwards I filled out my "how'd we do" survey and gave my helper a perfect rating but the overall experience a low rating and explicitly complained about the wait during the ceremony.

It was only 5 minutes out of the 20+ minutes I was made to wait but it's what I focused on and what continues to annoy me when I think about it.

AITA?

- ☐ "Yes, this person is the asshole"
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I (24F) work in a fairly large casual office. One of my coworkers (22F - "Becky")

is a little lacking in the self care department. She often appears to have not showered and has a lot of dandruff and is constantly picking at her skin. She doesn't wear deodorant either. To my knowledge, these things don't really bother other people, but I guess it's also not something that people would really feel comfortable talking about. Her lack of self care doesn't really bother me very much, I'm just a little bit of a germophobe.

We've been in the restroom at the same time a few times and she has consistently left without washing her hands. I know some people might not care very much about this, but it really bothers me. Sometimes she asks me for help with things at work and it makes me not want to touch her computer or mouse. The main issue with this is lunch. A few people in the office eat lunch together and sometimes do potluck style lunches. Becky started joining when she got hired. I really hate sharing food with her, so I started abstaining from the potlucks and just bringing my own food. She then asked for some one day and reached toward my plate. I got visibly uncomfortable and said no. Other people at lunch asked what the big deal was and I said I don't really like germs. They replied that everyone in participation washes their hands frequently, which then started the main problem. I said "Well Becky doesn't, so I'd rather not share with her."

Becky turned really red and left lunch early. After this, people told me that I was rude and shouldn't have said anything. I think that she should just wash her damn hands. Coworkers told me that I made a poor career move, but I just really hate germs! AITA for calling her out like this?

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My ex husband has been in prison for just under two years. We separated and divorced just prior to him going in for reasons related to his arrest.

We have a 6 year old daughter together.

We grew up together in a small town and had an amazing relationship before

things turned bad, so we have ALWAYS remained very friendly. While I have absolutely no desire to have any sort of romantic relationship with him again, I can't picture my life without him being involved as Kid's dad (obviously) and my friend. He calls ~nightly to say goodnight to Kid, and I take her to visit him every other week or so. Keep in mind that I don't talk to him on the phone often or for long (other than normal "how are you" stuff before handing the phone to Kid, and I never go visit him by myself. Our visits are centered 100% around Kid. He gets out of prison in less than a year.

I've been dating BF for almost a year. Everything is going very well except recently he's been vocal about him not liking that I visit my ex so often. He says he's always been bothered by it but just now "feels we're in a place where we can discuss these things."

I explained to him what I wrote above and how he's always going to be involved since he's Kid's dad. BF thinks my ex is a bad influence for Kid to be around. Kid's never been exposed to the behavior that put my ex in prison, and he's not a bad influence. If he was, I'd have rethought this well before BF voiced his opinion.

BF said he's also bothered that I, personally, talk to my ex so much. We argued about it the night before we were supposed to visit my ex two weekends ago. I wanted to be really sensitive to BF's point of view, so I canceled the trip. We talked about it some more this week. BF hasn't changed his mind. I'm still going to visit my ex this upcoming weekend because I don't think it's fair to stop seeing him, and I have zero desire to.

BF told me I'm being selfish.

I don't think I am, but I feel really guilty for some reason :(AITA?

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- ☐ "No, this person is not the asshole"

My husband and I recently had a baby girl, and everyone in both our families

keeps asking to babysit. I decided on a simple "test" to see who's ready, where I ask family to watch her for a bit while I go do something in another room, like fold laundry or take a quick shower. Sometimes it goes bad, like my grandma turned off her hearing aid so she wouldn't be bothered by the baby crying. But other times it goes fine, and we've got a trusted new sitter.

My BIL and SIL came to visit and wanted to babysit, so we tried the test. They didn't even have the baby for 2 minutes before coming to fetch me for help. I figured that meant they failed for now and just aren't ready to babysit a newborn yet, but we can try again when baby is older.

My BIL ended up heading home early, alone, saying he needed to work. Like a month later my SIL asked my husband why we didn't let them babysit. He told her about the test, and she got mad. SIL then said that we actually failed THEIR test, and that they had counted how many questions we asked them about themselves during the visit, and the answer was zero, so that was why BIL left. I was thrown- I was sure I'd asked them about their flight, their jobs, a wedding they'd attended that we missed because of the baby- all the usual polite small talk. But we're exhausted, so it's totally possible I didn't. But even so...maybe cut the tired new parents some slack?

TLDR: AITA for not trusting family with the new baby, or should they cut a new mom some slack?

EDIT: Some suggested edits from the comments, BIL and SIL had never changed a diaper before and didn't seem interested in learning. And we're not asking anyone to babysit for us! It's family that keeps insisting we go out and give them alone time with the baby.

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As honestly as possible:

I ordered a 7h15min cleaning for my 55m2 (592ft2) apartment (filthy af, I

know), and told in the description that " there's lots of garbage and dust ". The cleaner did an amazing job and I praised them in the feedback form that they sent me.

Shortly after the company sent me an email that " these kinds of clearance cleanings (sry no idea what's the correct term) don't belong to us, we expect the apartment to be in reasonable order and shape ".

I assumed that the company knew what to expect when the time was 7h15min for relatively small apartment but then they send me this crap. I'm beyond pissed right now. In their T/C they don't say anything about " clearance cleanings " nor do they specify anything about overall tidiness.

The subtotal for the cleaning was 304eur/338usd which to me is a huge amount of money and personally I felt kind of belittled and ridiculed after the feedback THEY sent ME, which isn't a norm in Finland. Prior to their feedback I hadn't sent anything, just read it like 10min ago.

I replied to them that " use a little bit of common sense and read the description and duration and don't send me this if it's not what your company does. thanks to the cleaner, from now on I'll use another company. Either call after the order or add it to your t/c ".

So AITA for getting salty at their feedback ?

Kind of minor sort of stupid thing to ask but appreciate the feedback.
Edit: my reply to them.

Edit2: Since this has got a lot of attention there's a couple things I'd like to clarify:

The service was prepaid and I decided time and date. I've used their services

before and booked 6hours, this time the situation wasn't nearly as bad and I thought 7hr15min would suffice. Which it did IMO, the cleaner wasn't perfect but was never expected to me. I think he did a great job, solid 9/10. I'm perfectly fine with the cost as it was exactly what I decided to pay for. 0 complains about that or the cleaners work.

There were no biohazards (condoms, roaches, bedbugs, rotten food, broken glass etc) or anything like that. More like empty snus cans, beer cases, pizzaboxes, clothes etc. Imagine a teenagers dirty room when mom yells to him for the 5th time to clean your shit. That was my apartment.

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My friend (28f) and I (28f) have been friends since elementary school. She's been fixated on having children for years now. Since she married she's also become more religious (but had 2 abortions earlier in life). Even at our relatively young age, she's done 3-4 fertility treatments. She also suffered 2 miscarriages. Last year she revealed she was pregnant with twins. I was happy for her as this is the things she's been wanting for a long time. She refused to get an amnio to test for abnormalities.

Fast forward to the birth. She told me she was just so in love and wanted to be alone with her family. I gave her space to adjust to life as a mom. After a few weeks we set up a time to talk and before we spoke I get a text from her. She let me know her baby girl was diagnosed with Down Syndrome. She proceeded to say her baby was an absolute miracle. She said she felt the need to send this to give me "time to process this". She added to not feel sorry/pity her. She's excited for her kid with Down Syndrome. We had a great conversation and I said I was impressed with her because I don't have the patience or compassion to raise a kid like that. I meant to compliment her capacity to love in a way I couldn't. She's been sending me hundreds of photos of these kids.

I've never been a huge baby person. I know she is excited for her new babies. ADDITIONALLY AND MOST IMPORTANTLY she sends photos of the twins and most of them are of her daughter. She includes messages about how much of a blessing her sweet baby angel is and they are so happy for the miracle to have her. I feel like she's trying to force her baby down my throat and wants me to be happy she had a kid with Down Syndrome. I realize this is probably her way of coping with this news.

Last week, we were texting and I asked her if she could send less photos of the kids. She lost her mind at me saying I was a horrible friend. She called me an asshole and said she gave me an opportunity to process the information so I wouldn't say the wrong thing, but I did. She said my comment about how I could not keep. raise a child like that was like saying her daughter should have been aborted. I think this is an unfair expectation. No matter how much advance notice you give someone you CANNOT expect them to be perfect in their reaction to her news.

I'm a special education teacher. She talks about her daughter like some sanctified angel and I feel like it actually takes away her daughter's humanity. I'm also aware, because I work with these children, that it's not easy. Discipline can be hard for parents, and kids with Down Syndrome, just like any other kid, can misbehave. I worry that all her blessing/miracle religious talk will prevent her from providing her kid with some of the services she'll need. I'm also aware that she may now be in a caretaker role for the rest of her life.

AITA for not celebrating her daughter's diagnosis with Down Syndrome?

- ☐ "Yes, this person is the asshole"
- ☐ "No, this person is not the asshole"

This happened years ago, but my wife just reminded me of it so I thought I would get some random internet strangers to weigh in.

I was in line at a bagel place ordering my usual sandwich (Onion bagel with jalapeno cream cheese, red peppers, and lox). The woman behind the counter

helping me was, to put it bluntly, very large. Large everywhere, especially in the chest area. She spread the cream cheese on my bagel halves, then leaned over to reach the salmon. When she leaned back, the bagel halves had adhered themselves to her shirt. She looked down, cocked her head a bit, and then oreo cooked them off her breasts, set them down and continued making the sandwich. I just stood there in shock. I certainly didn't want to eat the sandwich anymore but I also didn't want to make this woman feel bad about her size because had she been an average sized person, this wouldn't have happened. In fact, it had never happened before or hence and I've probably eaten at this place dozens of times since.

The lady finished making the sandwich and in that time I decided what to do. I went to the registers, paid for my sandwich, took it outside, threw it in the trash, and drove home hungry.

My wife, while laughing at me, always says that I'm an asshole for not speaking up because that woman might have continued smooshing sandwiches until an actual mean person yelled at her for being too fat. From my perspective, I just didn't have it in me that morning to make a person redo a sandwich and make them feel bad for being larger.

So, Am I the Asshole for not speaking up?

- ☐ "Yes, this person is the asshole"
- ☐ "No, this person is not the asshole"

I've been the sole breadwinner for 95% of our relationship (the other 5% was when we're both working but she can never seem to hold down a job). I didn't mind the financial arrangement when we were together as she's been generally frugal and I earn a good amount. I also wanted to support her artistic pursuits (though that didn't work out for her).

Recently she got into a new fashion trend and started buying the items online. She's using my credit card and that's fine when we were together. However over the past few months we have come to a decision to separate and probably

get a divorce, but her purchases haven't stopped. I noticed a few more transactions from the past few days (a couple hundred bucks or so) and I said we need to count some of these in when settling our finances, then she blew up at me for being stingy and a hypocrite, bringing up my losing a 5-figure amount of "our" money trading stocks behind her back a few years ago. I know it's an objectively large amount but it did not affect our modest lifestyle.

AITA for not wanting to pay for her non-essential purchases when we're about to break up? Should I have just let it go since it won't really affect me in the long run, or was it okay for me to deny her out of principle? I find it tacky for her to keep using my card to buy stuff for herself given our situation, without any expectation of paying me back.

Edit: she still had my credit card even after we've decided to split because I am still funding her daily expenses like groceries, and I'm fine with that.

- ☐ "Yes, this person is the asshole"
- ☐ "No, this person is not the asshole"

A little background. I met a guy ('Mark') at work many years ago and we developed a pretty close friendship. I often met up with him and his wife for dinners, movies, etc. and we frequently went to each other's houses to hang out.

I am a gay man and fairly late in life I came out to my family and friends a little over four years ago. I came out to Mark at one of our dinner meet ups and he seemed cool with it and accepting. However, after that day, he never once tried to contact me to do anything social and all attempts to meet up had to be initiated by me. He often had excuses about being busy and the couple times we did get together, something just seemed off. I eventually stopped trying and we haven't spoken in over three years now. Over the course of my life I have come to understand that most friendships are transient in nature but this one got to me. It can't be a coincidence that this happened right after I came out to him but I didn't want to be confrontational about it so I just accepted it and

moved on.

However, every year I get a Christmas card from him and his wife. It is the typical recent picture of them printed on a card with a Christmas greeting. Nothing personal is ever written on it. I just received the latest one and I realized that receiving the card makes me sad rather than happy and serves as an annual reminder of the loss of our friendship. I would really rather not get them. After Christmas is over this year, I really want to send the card back to him with a note saying I prefer not to receive any cards from him in the future. WIBTA? I'd really like to get an outside perspective on this.

- ☐ "Yes, this person is the asshole"
- ☐ "No, this person is not the asshole"

I know it sounds bad. Throwaway because main is too easy to identify. I manage a restaurant serving a specific kind of Asian cuisine in a very multi cultural city. I understand tipping varies by culture, but generally a 10-20% tip is standard in the US. Ask any server, if you can't afford the tip, you can't afford the meal. We have a family that happens to be from the same country whose food we serve, and they've been coming in for some time now. Usually 4-6 people. They ALWAYS have special requests, whether it's something from the dinner menu at lunchtime, substitutions, something made a certain specific way. We ALWAYS do our best, but they always nitpick, always mumble something about "traditionally", and need to be checked on CONSTANTLY. My servers have begun to complain, since they rack up a \$100-300 and tip a big fat zero. Me and the other managers have had heated discussions about possibly banning them, and I'm on the fence about it. Would we be the assholes for banning a notoriously difficult group that never tips?

EDIT: as per our city laws, we pay our employees above minimum wage and the tips don't factor into their wage. Tips are on top of regular pay.

EDIT 2: the owners trust us and are aware of the situation. This is an issue of staff morale, not about whether or not our employees make a livable wage.

EDIT 3: hopefully this will clarify our issue. Our employees are paid a livable wage independent of their tips. The big issue here is that on a bill so high, the server loses money due to kitchen/support tip out, and because I can't blame my servers for not wanting to serve a difficult table that doesn't tip, when there's plenty of other tables that do.

- ☐ "Yes, this person is the asshole"
- ☐ "No, this person is not the asshole"

WIBTA for spoiling the ending of Birdbox to the lady sitting next to me on the plane who is insisting on watching it without headphones?

Not me, but my sister. She is currently on the flight and very frustrated so I told her to spoil the end of the movie. She says that would be too much of an asshole thing to do. I think it's definitely petty but justified. Who is right here? We have about one hour if I'm right and we want to execute.

Edit: to clarify, my sister has already asked her directly to put in headphones and a flight attendant asked as well, both were ignored. Hence the petty move.

- ☐ "Yes, this person is the asshole"
- ☐ "No, this person is not the asshole"

I met my wife in my early 30s. She was in her mid 20s at the time. I was already well established and had made a significant amount of money working as a quant and investing my savings diligently. She on the other hand had never gone to college and was content working for basically minimum wage. So when I meet her we click instantly and I fall head over heels for her. We get married and move in together, and soon after have three kids. When we were expecting our first born she had told me she wanted to be a stay at home mom. Obviously I was jealous but I went along with it since it seemed logical. So she spends the next 20+ years as a stay at home mom taking care of our

kids while I work 12 hour days and then some. I'm not demeaning stay at home moms by the way, but in the context of our marriage she had an extremely easy going life style.

A couple years ago I discovered she had been cheating on me with her friend's husband. Divorced obviously followed.

The only major asset we had in the US was our house, which was a premarital asset. We had a shared bank account, but since I am a finance guy I handled all our investments, and for tax reasons invested it abroad in my home country.

Now if we had just grown apart, or she said she was unhappy, I'd have no problem paying what's fair. But the fact she cheated on me is what makes me resent paying her a cent.

So in the divorce she is awarded half of our investments made during marriage, >90% of which are abroad in my name, along with alimony for 20 years for 30% of my pay.

So here I am given an opportunity to get out of this entirely by moving back to my home country and never looking back. So I sell our house as fast as possible, move the money abroad, and move back to my home country while stringing her along about why it's taking so long to liquidate our savings. Once abroad I immediately stop alimony payments.

Now she has no legal recourse (I've double checked with lawyers) and is left with her share of the small amount we had in the states.

The reason I'm asking here is that my own children are split on this. My son is on my side 100%, while my daughters are 90% on their mothers side. I figured it would be interesting to see the opinions of people here.

- ☐ "Yes, this person is the asshole"
- ☐ "No, this person is not the asshole"

My kids are aged 14 m and 15 f. The other day my son asked if I could wash his favorite shirt for some event coming up, so I told him I would and to put it in the hamper. Later that day I found it just sitting on the floor so I didn't bother. Same

thing with my daughter, she asked me to wash something (don't remember what) and she got the same response. Same thing happened with the piece of clothing on the floor instead of the hamper so I didn't bother. Later in the evening they started bitching about the clothes they requested not being washed and I told them "all you had to do was put it in the hamper" to which my son said "yeah but it was near the hamper you can just pick it up" to which my daughter agreed. I didn't say anything more about the issue. The next morning I went to the dollar store and bought some laundry detergent. When my kids came down for breakfast it was sitting on the table, and they asked what it was. I informed them that until they stop being entitled spoiled brats that they can wash their own clothes, but not with MY washing machine. I informed them they will be washing all THEIR clothes from now on in the bath tub with dollar store detergent until they start being respectful and I receive an apology for the remarks about picking up their crap near the hamper AND once the detergent runs out they have to use their own money to buy more but they're only allowed to buy it at the dollar store. Then came more whining and bitching. It's been a week and they still haven't apologized and I'm saving time, money and water on only washing mine and my husband's clothes. My husband said I'm being "harsh" but I don't think so. So am I the asshole for teaching my kids a lesson?

- ☐ "Yes, this person is the asshole"
- ☐ "No, this person is not the asshole"

WIBTA If i refused to empty the bin used for pads and tampons? I know that sounds bad, but let me elaborate.

So at my house, mum and sister both put their used tampons and pads in the bin next to the toilet, and it only gets emptied when it's full, so it stinks. I am the one who has to do it even though I never use it. So, would I be the asshole if I refused to empty it? BTW I'm a guy

- ☐ "Yes, this person is the asshole"
- ☐ "No, this person is not the asshole"

I live in an area in California that is mostly mexican and people of other latin american descent. My wife is Guatemalan and so is her family. Im a white guy and a self taught spanish speaker. Many people in my wife's family don't speak english that well and her mom doesn't speak any other than a few phrases. She can barely order food at a restaurant and can't really do much without a family member with her. Generally i speak with my wife's family in spanish. My wife's mom sometimes calls me when she can't get ahold of other family members asking me to translate when she's doing basic errands or has some sort of issue with someone who can't speak spanish. It's getting pretty annoying having to deal with it so i told my mother in law that she needs to learn how to speak english. I told her I'm sick of dealing with her shit because she can't speak english, she's been here for 8 years she should be able to speak english by now, in comparison i taught myself spanish and portuguese within a year and russian in 2 without even living in the countries that speak them. This honestly shouldn't be that hard. I gave her sources that i've used, duolingo, mango and provided dictionaries. I've even told her about ESL classes she can take.

Many people in my family are upset with what i said. They said what i did was incredibly disrpesectful and that I'm flaunting my white privilege by doing this shit and I'm acting racist. Somehow telling someone you should learn the language of the country you live in is racist. They went on about how I'm a racist trump supporter and whatever. Nobody in my family is on my side on this issue not even my wife and I'm wondering where i went wrong. I was incredibly polite to my mother in law and i explained that i'd help her along the way but she needs to become independent. I love her and my family they're all decent people but she needs to learn to speak english as do the rest of the family.

EDIT: i am aware that the US does not have an official language, stop pointing

that out everyone fucking knows that. I'd also like to rephrase something, when explaining the situation to my MIL i didn't tell her "I'm sick of dealing with your shit" i told her that it's getting frustrating that I'm being used as a translator at random parts throughout the day and i want you to be independent and be able to do what you need to do without one of us as a translator in a really polite and respectful tone

- ☐ "Yes, this person is the asshole"
- ☐ "No, this person is not the asshole"

Last night I was in class which is about 3 hours long. In the middle of our lecture he went off on a tangent (he does frequently) about when he used to coach football and then about an experiment him and some friends once did. I do believe he was getting to a point that was relevant to something in the lecture but after 10 minutes of rambling, I raised my hand and asked if this all was relevant and if not if we could continue with the lecture.

He was very surprised and said no one had ever asked that before (he is 70 years old and has been teaching a long time I presume) so I began wondering if I was out of line. My original thinking was that I was there to learn the material and he was in essence wasting my time and money by talking for so long about irrelevant things.

He did immediately end the story time and finished the lecture without further tangents. So, was I the asshole here or was it reasonable of me to ask what I did?

- ☐ "Yes, this person is the asshole"
- ☐ "No, this person is not the asshole"

I have a very close friend that has been a friend to the family for many years. I was the best man at his wedding and our kids have grown together. We are now

in our 40's. He used to be in the Air Force but was medically discharged for back issues. I believe he was at 80% disability. He currently works full time as a GS employee and makes great money between that and his Air Force pay. He recently sat down with me and said he wanted my help to find a better, nicer home for him as he was successfully able to get 100% disability and will no longer have to pay taxes on his property and where we are located, that's a significant amount. Well, my friend and I are avid golfers. We play full 18 every couple of days and some days we walk the course. We hit the beach, fish, laser tag and work on his truck. Just about anything normal guy friends do with family. Never does he complain of pain or show it in any way. Yet he has also told me he likes to play the sick role when he gets to the Dr. Office and he did that a lot recently when he was trying to get 100%.

I guess I feel like the a-hole because of how bothered I am to watch him spend all this money that he has only due to the disability claim. Two new cars, Las Vegas trips, new golf sets (3 of them) totaling about 4k all in this last year and it's only happening because of him claiming his disability and it's just sickening to watch. I want to be a friend but also don't enjoy this fraud aspect.

- ☐ "Yes, this person is the asshole"
- ☐ "No, this person is not the asshole"

My friend and I are driving behind a guy merging onto the highway. The other guy has his hazards on and is doing 30 miles per hour. The speed limit on the highway 65. We both merge onto the highway and he continues to go 30 miles per hour. I'm stuck behind him for a few minutes, until it is safe for me to pass him. As I pass him, I honk to let him know that what he is doing is dangerous. My friend argues that I shouldn't have honked at him because with his hazards on, clearly he knows there's an issue with his car. I argue that if he knows there is an issue with his car, he should not have entered the highway and instead should have used the back roads. Am I the asshole?



- ☒ "Yes, this person is the asshole"
- ☐ "No, this person is not the asshole"

Without giving too much detail (all numbers here are fudged a little), it is customary for the industry im in for employer s to ask how much you made at your previous position. They can never verify it though unless they see your checks because of the nature of the industry and the bonus structure/capital gains/ etc.

I currently make \$175k at company A and want to make at least \$225k at company B. company B asked me how much i make and i said \$200k + 20k bonus and im looking for \$225k company B asked me to provide proof (this is unheard of, so is company B asking company A becuase company A would never give that info).

I gave them my bonus which was actually \$20k but then they asked for a paystub of my biweekly . i then used photoshop to put in the amount corresponding to \$200k/yr on my \$175k and company B came back with \$210k base and bonus on similar scale as company A.

AITA??

- ☐ "Yes, this person is the asshole"
- ☐ "No, this person is not the asshole"

I have a wife (Wilhelma, 40) and two sons (Sam, 17, and Scott, 16). 6 years ago, I ran to the gas station to buy some cigarettes. Instead of abandoning my family (just a joke) I decided to also buy a lottery ticket for everyone, just for fun. It was a blast. We all talked all night about what we would do with our winnings, where we would go, etc. I mean, this was all fantasy anyway, right? But I specifically

told my kids that they would have to share their winnings, and they would have to put it away for college first and foremost. Well wouldn't you know it, Sams ticket won. Of course its actually MY ticket, and I had to claim it. It didn't win the jackpot, but after taxes we walked away with \$60k. I sat them both down and explained that I was going to save it all for college, but we could celebrate/splurge a little. They absolutely wanted a gaming system, and Wilhelma insisted on a family vacation that was much needed. We all agreed on this, and saving the rest.

I bought the gaming system and a bunch of games for about \$1k. Wilhelma took over the vacation and insisted on a Disney World trip. The boys don't even like Disney, but it was always Wilhelma's dream to go so we went. Another \$5k. Last year, Sam wanted a car. Wilhelma was pretty tired of chauffeuring them around anyway, so I agreed and spent "his" \$4k on a car. I pay the insurance, registration, and maintenance under the agreement that he takes over driving Scott to his stuff as well. Wilhelma had no complaints about any of these purchases.

Since day 1, I've actually invested the entire winnings and never dipped into it. I've always spent my OWN money on all this stuff. I have invested better than average, and that \$60k is now \$100k. Wilhelma knows I have always invested our money, but it was always small amounts since we're poor. She knows I was investing the lottery winnings as well. I've always told her about the money doing well, but I guess I never explicitly said how well. She also has never asked, as she has left our finances completely up to me.

Sam is starting college in a few weeks, and we figured out a plan to stretch his \$30k over the 4 years. While looking at the portfolio, Wilhelma noticed it was at \$100k and asked how. I told her I invested the \$60k and grew it to \$100k. She then asked why we're only giving Sam \$30K when it should be \$50k. I said no, the other \$40k is mine. I managed this account, I made the investments, I did all

of the work. Plus I paid for all that other stuff through our other savings. The \$40k stays and I'll keep investing it. If the boys NEED the money, its there, but if not I'm gonna eventually retire a little early with it. She thinks I'm stealing "his" money since I wouldn't have been able to invest with it if I didn't have it to begin with. I say its always kinda been my money, and I'm still giving him the \$30k I promised him since the beginning.

- ☐ "Yes, this person is the asshole"
- ☐ "No, this person is not the asshole"

My wife (28f) and I (30m) had a baby who is now 3 months old. When we were trying to conceive, her dad (83m) had 2 massive strokes that have now left him bed ridden, with very limited use of his legs and his arms, due to all that, plus his age, we are fairly certain this will be the last grandchild he will know (the rest of her siblings have no interest in having kids any time soon)

When we found out were having a boy, we decided to name him after her dad, Jackson, with 2 middle names after my own dad (James and Robert) When we told my parents the name, my dad showed his dislike for it, and suggested his own name, we explained that we were naming him after my wife's dad, but that his middle names would be after him, he seemed annoyed but didn't bring it up again.

When our son was born, everyone called him Jackson, except my dad, who refers to him as JR (his own initials) my wife didn't say anything at first, and I didn't think to much of it. Now that our baby has gotten a bit bigger, she has actually expressed her annoyance in it to me, and said we should say something to my dad, as my wife finds it disrespectful. I admit I was taken back, as I don't think it that big of a deal as it is his grandson as well, and he should be able to call him what he wants. My wife got a little upset and said that our sons name means something to her, and that she will express so to my dad herself. I told her not to cause drama over something so small, and to move on from the fact that my dad will refer to our son as JR. She is now hurt that I am

brushing off something important to her, but I honestly don't think it be worth what the outcome will probably be. AITA

- ☐ "Yes, this person is the asshole"
- ☐ "No, this person is not the asshole"

My 2yo son and I were at a public playground, and he was using one of the swings (Swing 2). There were six swings. He was on the second one, and another child was using the one beside him.

A parent came in to the swing area with her daughter (4yo). I sense that she's approaching me:

Parent: Could I ask you a huge favor?

Me: OK...

Parent: Could you move to another swing?...

Me: (Puzzled)

Parent: My daughter likes that swing (motions to our swing) because it's a little bit longer than the others, and she likes to go really high. You're not even pushing [your son] that high.

Me: (checks out our swing vs the other free swings)

Parent: (notices what I'm doing) I know it's just, like, 3 chains longer.

The swing in question, on the right: <https://imgur.com/a/MgQG9eK>

I don't make a decision immediately since I'm really trying hard to figure out if it really matters to her child that the swing may be a bit longer than the others. So she says to her daughter to just wait their turn until we finish using Swing 2.

I swing my son maybe about 5 minutes more. I noticed that the swing beside me was about to be vacated. I'm thinking, oh great, another awkward couple of minutes with the parent.

Another set of parent-child comes in the are, thinks there's some kind of line, asks the waiting parent of the 4yo if they're going to use any of the other swings. Parent replies that they're waiting for my son's swing.

I, still not figuring out what the big deal is with our swing, give her a look and a

WTF gesture with my hands. She mentions that we've been here for a while anyway.

She's kind of right on that last point about the time we've been on that swing, but I thought playground rules were that you give others a chance if there are no other free swings.

So I said, "you know what, if it's that important to you...". I shook my head, got my son and moved to the slides.

AITA for not giving them the swing when they asked for it?

- ☐ "Yes, this person is the asshole"
- ☐ "No, this person is not the asshole"

I've been with my boyfriend for a couple years and normally we get on wonderfully and there's 0 clash of personality.

One of the things that we don't always see eye to eye on is food- I love to cook and experiment with food, and he is very much a meat and potatoes kinda guy. I recently ate a steak that was well done that tasted REALLY good. I know there's going to be a lot of people turning their noses up and saying 'impossible' but honestly, it was delicious and I wanted to try and recreate it at home.

I asked my boyfriend if he would be interested if I purchased some steaks and I specified it was an experiment to give the well done steak a try at home. He said he was on board.

On the day of I prepped and was ready to go. At the last minute he decided he wanted it rare. I was super disappointed and irritated because I wouldn't have ordinarily bought the steaks midweek, it was specially to give this a try- and I was excited because I thought he could try it and I had a feeling he'd enjoy it. I said I was NOT preparing him a rare steak. I said if he wanted to cook his own steak rare that was fine but I had been excited to prepare this for him. I ended up cooking my own steak and he ended up making his own. He's been telling everyone and anyone that I'm petty and should have just accepted that he

changed his mind.

- ☐ "Yes, this person is the asshole"
- ☐ "No, this person is not the asshole"

Quick disclaimer I love my wife very much, but when it comes to this she favors quantity over quality. Her most recent purchase was a 36 roll package of some see through half-ply. Now this is some real John Wayne TP, it won't take shit from anybody. I went out and got a brand laced with Aloe Vera and it is top notch, HIGHLY recommend. As a loving husband, I have volunteered myself to the guest bathroom for my privacy/her protection and am considering keeping all the good good in there for myself. With that, will I be the asshole for leaving her out to dry?

- ☐ "Yes, this person is the asshole"
- ☐ "No, this person is not the asshole"

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