Chart #1	r/SeriousConversations Comments: Post 1: 1-5	Post 2: 6-9
#1 r/SeriousConversations	As with most things in life... It is generally one of those situations where it is less about the thing in and of itself, and instead about the way in which the thing is being leveraged towards one direction or the other
#2 r/SeriousConversations	It is well past time. Social media can be used for good, but more often it seems to be used for spreading misinformation and hatred
#3 r/SeriousConversations	Long before there was social media, we used to deny women basic civil rights, keep entire races of people as slaves, and force children to work in factories. Hell, we were still cutting criminal's heads off as a form of public entertainment when Star Wars first hit theaters. The problem is not social media. People have always been awful. But we used to be a lot worse, and we're slowly improving, considering we went from "these ones don't count as people" to just making really cunty comments on the internet, in the span of a couple of generations.
#4 r/SeriousConversations	Are you sure it's reducing empathy or just exposing people's existing lack of empathy? I think it's the latter. Much like police brutality, it was going on long before everyone had a camera on their phone.
#5 r/SeriousConversations	There's always been assholes that went "who cares" but now they have a platform to congregate
#6 r/SeriousConversations	Interesting outlook. I was reading a new york times article that was echoing the damages to young adults and kids. Anecdotally, as a 31 year old, the advice I would give is instilling reading for pleasure, and limiting social media. Reading because it's just so good for brain development. I was in the programs for kids who couldn't read, and nothing teaches could do got me interested or better. Then I found a book series that told an amazing story and I got addicted to reading. Went from being in the dumb dumb classes to advanced classes and finally to college level courses. Reading did that. I would recommend avoiding (or limiting) social media, mainly because of the endless scroll. Back in the day, you would scroll to the bottom of a page, and you could say, "alright, at the end of this page, I'm getting off." Now it's endless. Makes it so much harder to get off social media. It's designed to be addicting.
#7 r/SeriousConversations	People want to completely blame technology for kids being unsocial but ignore how so many parents kept their kids in the house the majority of the time. Just to turn around and complain about how their kids don't socialize in their teen years.
#8 r/SeriousConversation	To me, it's just the same song-and-dance we heard growing up about video games as well as TVs before that
#9 r/SeriousConversation	I agree and its been going on for a while. I'm 31 and I don't think adults understand what it was doing to us in the early stages of social media and constant phone use