

Title: This post will get me banned from anywhere but here - Inner workings of the social manipulation in GME subreddits

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Body:

At the urge of some great fellow GME owners, I have decided to take a break from eating crayons and bullshitting on discord to finally put some of my rantings into a post.

In this post, I will be attempting to decipher some of my mad ramblings enough so that at least some of you can start to understand the complexity and depth of manipulation that the GME community has been subjected to. Please keep in mind, that while I will only be focusing on reddit, manipulation of this sort is undoubtedly present in any GME-centered community that has a large enough presence.

The core subject of this post is topics or ideas that have become “taboo,” and cannot be brought up on any of the big GME subreddits without being downvoted into oblivion, with the OP being chased out with torches and pitchforks. But the main point here will not be any one of these “taboo” subjects individually- I will be doing something that I believe all of us need to do, and diving into how the community got to the point of self-policing in which offering a different opinion will get you labeled a “shill,” and you could easily be attacked, spammed, and trolled until you are forced to R-U-N-N-O-F-T.

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In this post, I will be providing examples of ideas and opinions that were suppressed. This post is not a statement towards the veracity of any of these ideas or opinions, and I am **expressly declining** to share my own opinion on any of them, because **MY** opinion does not matter- The most important thing here is **your own ability to form your opinion.**

This post is also not financial advice, yadda yadda, I eat crayons, you know the deal.

To reiterate, and be abundantly clear-

This post is an observation and analysis of the GME community, and how the actions of certain characters- some named, some unnamed- have molded the “general consensus.”

****Side note: from this point forward, I will be using “the clones” to collectively refer to**** r/GME**,** r/Superstonk**,** r/GMEJungle**, and yes, it even bleeds over into** r/DDintoGME

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Now that we have that out of the way, lets talk about “taboo” subjects

As most of us know, there is no shortage of ideas or topics that any of us could bring up in one of the clones that would be met with immediate negativity, with no one even **actually** lending any of their own brain power to the ideas presented. These topics include things like broad scope research into financial crimes, due diligence that supports MOASS but does not play into the current “hype trend”, and even the mention of particular people. This is not an exhaustive list; these are only the first three off the top of my head. I’m sure all you would have to do to find more is go sort by controversial.

The first step we must take in understanding these taboo subjects, is understanding what it exactly means when a subject is taboo.

In this context, a taboo subject is something that people refrain from talking about, out of fear of a negative social reaction. Every member of the community knows what the community's stance is on the topic, and even if they disagree with this general stance, they will not talk about it in that community.

Now we can dive into the fun part. Stick with me, because this is going to get really spicy, really fast.

HOW DID THE COMMUNITY FORM THEIR STANCE?

I'm going to lead this off by talking about a particular user that I'm sure you have heard of, and likely have an opinion of. I will be asking you to analyze where your opinion came from and demonstrating how discrediting this individual was a major turning point in the social manipulation of the clones. Yes, I'm talking about u/RatioAtBlessons.

[I see you over there gasping at the very name. That's the point, and it's exactly what this entire post is about. You really should have seen this coming.](<https://preview.redd.it/dh8o5ilvd3m71.jpg?width=300&format=pjpg&auto=webp&s=150ef4654cfdd069a985117aea60a78f18eaa2ea>)

^(LIKE I MENTIONED BEFORE, THIS POST IS NOT A STATEMENT FOR OR AGAINST ANYTHING SHARED BY RAB. WHILE I WILL ATTEST THAT THERE HAVE BEEN REAL CONNECTIONS FORMED FROM HIS OR HER POSTS, YOU WILL HAVE TO DECIDE FOR YOURSELF IF YOU CARE ENOUGH TO DIG INTO THE POSTS AND FIND THEM. STICK WITH ME, KEEP YOUR CRITICAL THINKING CAP ON, AND SOON YOU WILL UNDERSTAND WHY I AM GOING SO FAR IN DEPTH WITH THIS.)

If you don't know, "RAB" is a reddit profile belonging to someone who many believe has inside information of some sort. He (or she) tends to speak cryptically and likes using emojis to convey messages. Some believe this is due to the user wanting to share information while retaining some sort of plausible deniability/anonymity, some think its all an elaborate troll looking for attention, some think it's a complete shill trying to detract everyone from buying and holding, and plenty of others fall somewhere either in the middle of this, or completely outside of it. (Guess which opinion is the accepted one over at the clones)

In March 2021, RAB was starting to gain a significant amount of traction on all the clones *except for SuperStonk*. People were starting to make real connections based off his (or her) cryptic messages, RAB was receiving an abundance of support and positivity from the community, and while there were some that doubted his (or her) authenticity, they were by far the minority. For example, see this post from Mar 29 on r/GME

(https://www.reddit.com/r/GME/comments/mg437h/61727054_says_ken_is_next/)(https://www.reddit.com/r/GME/comments/mg437h/61727054_says_ken_is_next/)

Oddly enough, as RAB was gaining popularity on r/GME, none of this bled over into SuperStonk. Some apes that were more involved have attested that anything posted there mentioning RAB would quickly be deleted before it could gain any traction, but unfortunately, I do not have a way to comb through deleted posts to confirm or deny this.

What we *can* prove though, is a very interesting connection between the timing of certain ideas and mentalities that were pushed in the community, and when RAB was suddenly allowed to gain traction on SuperStonk.

On Thursday, April 22, at about 2 pm EST, a post was released that blew up like crazy, was pushed by SuperStonk mods, and has affected the mentality and outlook of the community on an incredible scale. Looking back today, the biggest thing that can be taken away from this post was the introduction of the concept of "forum sliding," which then led to an even greater push from SuperStonk mods to "fight against forum sliding."

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https://www.reddit.com/r/Superstonk/comments/mwalzu/they_thought_they_could_ban_me_they_thought_they/

The author of this post made many claims that the information he was sharing was being suppressed and presented himself in a manner that he was standing up and fighting for what was right- which led to his information being vastly accepted in a community that views itself in the same way. As I mentioned before, this established the concept of forum sliding in the minds of apes, and the “authorities” of the subreddit began the push to ensure forum sliding was on the top of everyone’s mind.

^(Side Note: I AM IN NO WAY CLAIMING THAT FORUM SLIDING IS "NOT A THING." WHAT I AM DOING IS CALLING ATTENTION TO HOW KNOWN TRUTHS AND CONCEPTS CAN BE ABUSED FOR MANIPULATIVE PURPOSES. "THE BEST LIES HAVE A DASH OF TRUTH INGRAINED IN THEM.")

Then, not even two hours later, at about 3:30 pm on April 22, a RAB post was finally allowed on SuperStonk. This post exploded in popularity and got thousands of new eyes on the connections between RAB’s cryptic messages and real-life, verifiable data and findings. This was widely accepted, and a huge number of apes were beginning to dig into RAB’s posts to see what else they could uncover.

[https://www.reddit.com/r/Superstonk/comments/mwcrtw/we_need_to_take_a_closer_look_at_uratioatblessons/](https://www.reddit.com/r/Superstonk/comments/mwcrtw/we_need_to_take_a_closer_look_at_uratioatblessons/)

^(Side Note 2: I am making my claim that this was the first RAB post allowed on SuperStonk after utilizing DuckDuckGo’s “Search by date” feature and being unable to find any results prior to this date. If anyone can find any, please share, and we will look together at how it may affect this analysis.)

This post led to a massive influx of more posts talking about the same thing (as is the norm for the clones), and the night of April 22-23 was full of apes diving into these connections and having innumerable “Ah-Ha!” moments.

However, the next morning, on Friday, April 23, a person you may know of named Rensole decided it was time to put a stop to this, and he used his “morning news” post to do that very thing. I will link the entire post below, but this is the section in question:

<https://preview.redd.it/wakmp0kkf3m71.png?width=823&format;=png&auto;=webp&s;=a8c22b954e08fc809937f52e4f0099b9b9050cbc>

https://www.reddit.com/r/Superstonk/comments/mwrt08/synopsis_for_04232021_what_we_need_to_know_before/

Everyone was already aware of these points. RAB had been posting for nearly two months, and the traction was finally picking up because people were starting to realize that there was *actually something to it.* But then, the community largely decided to [appeal to Rensole’s authority](<https://www.logical-fallacy.com/articles/appeal-to-authority/>), and seemingly overnight, the entire community’s stance on RAB changed. On Sunday, April 25, we saw this.

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https://www.reddit.com/r/GME/comments/myhysv/was_it_something_i_said/

As per the wishes of Lord Rensole, u/RatioAtBlessons was now taboo.

It is incredibly important to understand the bigger picture of what was prevalent in apes' minds when this occurred.

I am going to try to break it down in a manner that is easy to follow:

\- The two "hot topics" of the weekend of April 23-25 were RAB, and forum sliding.

\- RAB was pushed with a negative sentiment

\- *Actively fighting against forum sliding* was pushed with a positive sentiment

On the surface, looking out for forum sliding is great. We have a community that is stubborn as could be, has made it clear that drops in share price will not make them sell, and is vigilant towards anything that could detract from their main focus. So how do you fight that?

Control the focus

The timing of the introduction of forum sliding and the popularity explosion of RAB is critical here.

While the apes were going back and forth between RAB posts (negative) and calls to fight forum sliding (positive) it ingrained into their subconscious the thought process of:

RAB bad ==> Speculation bad ==> Connections to broad financial crimes bad ==> BIGGER PICTURE RESEARCH BAD ==> ANYTHING NOT FOCUSED 100% ON GME BAD

While it is important to maintain focus, this subconscious association that discourages looking into broader aspects of what is going on in the *very markets in which GME is traded* is nothing but detrimental to researchers and those doing their due diligence. GME is a significant piece of the puzzle of financial crimes that is slowly being put together, but to think that it is the beginning and end of it all is foolish and is exactly what I would want people to think if I were perpetrating these crimes and suddenly found myself caught in the spotlight.

THIS SUBCONSCIOUS MANIPULATION IS THE TYPE OF HIGH LEVEL SOCIAL ENGINEERING THAT ONE WOULD EXPECT TO SEE FROM PSYCHOLOGISTS BEING PAID CANOES FULL OF CASH

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MOVING FORWARD

I am not going to detail the events that occurred in July regarding SuperStonk mods. If you're totally out of the loop, check out this post, start digging from there, and get ready for a wild ride.

[https://www.reddit.com/r/GMEJungle/comments/omntvy/false_prophets/](https://www.reddit.com/r/GMEJungle/comments/omntvy/false_prophets/)

The important takeaway from this entire situation is this, and I cannot put enough emphasis on this next statement:

WHILE THE "AUTHORITIES" THAT DROVE THE GENERAL CONSENSUS TO A SPECIFIC WAY OF

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Did you catch that? Let me say it one more time...

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This subconscious belief that everything must be 100% GME related, combined with typical attention seeking social media behavior, eventually turned the clones into nothing more than "hype machines," with posts that got everyone "jacked to the tits" being highly popularized, and anything else being shunned- no matter how great the data or research was.

This led to any research that was not explicitly GME being labeled as forum sliding, OP's that had put in countless hours researching and preparing significant breakthroughs were labeled shills, and the clones have since found themselves weeks, if not months behind on some incredible DD's that have proven to be vastly relevant. For example,

u/funsnacks calling attention to "zombie stocks" weeks before they caught the attention of the clones:

[https://www.reddit.com/r/Autisticats/comments/phb23w/blockbuster_sears_and_gamestop/](https://www.reddit.com/r/Autisticats/comments/phb23w/blockbuster_sears_and_gamestop/)

u/naruto015 has been talking about swaps and "baskets" of stocks for somewhere around 5 MONTHS

[https://www.reddit.com/r/Superstonk/comments/ml39bx/the_everything_short_mortgage_edition/gtxiz9c/?utm_source=share&utm;_medium=web2x&context;=3](https://www.reddit.com/r/Superstonk/comments/ml39bx/the_everything_short_mortgage_edition/gtxiz9c/?utm_source=share&utm;_medium=web2x&context;=3)

u/TheLunarNautics talking about connections between Citadel and CME group since early July- is shunned by the clones - a month later u/criand specifically ties Lunar's connections into his latest huge drop

Lunar- [https://www.reddit.com/r/Autisticats/comments/ojrh8x/chicago_mercantile_exchange_cme_group_and_citadel/](https://www.reddit.com/r/Autisticats/comments/ojrh8x/chicago_mercantile_exchange_cme_group_and_citadel/)

Criand- [https://www.reddit.com/r/DDintoGME/comments/p37dim/are_futures_or_swaps_the_secret_sauce_to_price/](https://www.reddit.com/r/DDintoGME/comments/p37dim/are_futures_or_swaps_the_secret_sauce_to_price/)

I'm going to stop with the examples there, for the sake of getting this information out there. If anyone would like to provide more examples of this (because there are plenty,) please chime in in the comments.

Remember, *all of these ideas have been self-censored by the community in the interest of "staying on topic."*

Bringing it all together

At this point, when observing the community of the clones, we *now* see a community that is stubborn beyond reason, still isn't going to sell, **BUT** also believes that **anything that looks at the "big picture" is forum sliding**, is **obsessed with hype** to the point of nausea, and **will turn against anyone that provides anything different**...

AND NONE OF THEM KNOW WHY THEY THINK THAT WAY

Many of us have recognized at least some aspects of this occurring - it even led to the creation of this very subreddit- but I have yet to see anyone else put together the pieces to explain exactly how we got there.

I hope that by sharing this, I can help at least one of you observe your own thought processes from an objective view, identify where you may have been subject to manipulation, and start to ***think for yourself.***

TLDR;

Calling out and removing bad actors does nothing if you do not follow up by re-evaluating the thought processes they drove you towards. Always question everything, ESPECIALLY your own beliefs.

Big shoutouts to u/TheLunarnautics , u/naruto015 , and u/minstrelwater for convincing me to actually post this, and helping out with some of the research.

Edited to fix some of the links