

I had a deep conversation last night with someone who was not a minter of BAYC, but spent maybe 300+ ETH buying (not flipping) apes. He was a holder of significant ApeCoin though he kept his holdings private while participating and choosing to quietly stake (not to me).

I think we have an issue glorifying early holders, especially minters. We sing praise to those who made life changing money (got their mortgage paid off etc), either by buying very early or flipping. However, how does that benefit the club and make us all stronger? For me, it should be how does the holder make owning BAYC more appealing. Could be by participation or the value they add just being in the Club.

Though [@Gerry](#) and I may not see eye to eye on everything he made a valid statement about saying MAYC should not be equal to BAYC. I agree with this statement. I noticed BAYC got 15 minutes earlier access this time to Apefest tickets, a minor but still a step in the right direction.

For ApeCoin, this narrative exists somewhat and I do agree we should honour those who put in hard work and grit for the DAO, but conversely new members, new non BAYC/MAYC nft communities, such as Mocaverse and grass roots delegations like Bulls on the Block should be celebrated.

We also need to better help those who can add value come in and maybe boldly suggest they partner with someone familiar with how AIPs get over the goal line. It is a fine line between earning your place and gatekeeping.

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