

Blithering on Observed Social Phenomena I Don't Understand Or Even Know Exist

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1 The issue

There seems to be a pattern of smart, self-sufficient people in technical fields (to be specific on what I have observed, programming), choosing to be explicit and crude in their use of language in personal communications (blogs).

2 Examples

Ran across this blog page trying to debug a problem at work. It's about limits of `std::size_t` in C++. See https://www.duskborn.com/posts/on-the-use-and-abuse-of-size_t/ [this blog](#).

I use the term blog a lot here, probably mostly because of the previous example, which I came across the week I wrote this. I should probably find more examples, but I've come across enough for this to stick in my head. Another example is [this site](#). This one is satire, which could explain some of it. The condescending tone is certainly an important part of the satire, but you could probably avoid expletives.

3 Futher thoughts

I think what perturbs me is the crass tone and vocabulary in what seems like a semi-professional setting.

4 Speculative explanations

I think there's a movement toward a more casual workplace and more personal expressions in the public sphere and in professional settings. Not sure why.

5 Caveats

I am rather socially conservative and generally have a conservative and polished public presentation through language. I express myself in socially appropriate ways, and avoid explicit references and crude language (generally). This means I just may not know what is normal.

Additionally, I may be falsely correlating technical knowledge (specifically in programming or technology fields) with this phenomena. People in these fields are more likely to *have* blogs in which this may be observed. I'm also much more likely to see these blogs in particular, given my interests and career position.