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Since Ted Lasso is trending for being a "nice" show that "mysteriously" does not inspire niceness in its fans, here is my analysis of that from last year:



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Otherwise it feels so....Nice Guy-ish. Like the point isn't the story, it's just a message piece advocating for performatively mild-mannered white men who vibe like they're two drinks away from going full Louis CK

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Admittedly I never watched the end of S1 or any of S2 of Ted Lasso, but the parts I did watch weren't actually a niceness fantasy. They were a power fantasy for repressed middle-aged men looking for "the rules" that afford them control over the people around them.



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In the early 2000s we had a term for this: a Nice Guy. A Nice Guy was


someone who was irate over the fact that women wouldn't sleep with him despite following all of "the rules" laid out by movies and TV. Today we'd call them incels.

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Ted Lasso has always been a Nice Guy fantasy in the sense that it's about a guy who's clearly actually a dick trying to avoid real connection, but who follows "the rules" so perfectly that everyone around him can't help but submit.













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