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Homophobia, Racism and Toxic Masculinity in Esports

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About Me

- White
- Queer
- Male(?)
- Unfortunately...



Counter-Strike: Global Offensive

PLAY TIME

LAST PLAYED

1,454.7 hours **Oct 24**



I dropped out
in the fourth grade



to run drugs
to support my nana.



That means you haven't known
the triumphs and defeats,



the epic highs and lows
of Electronic Sports.



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PROS

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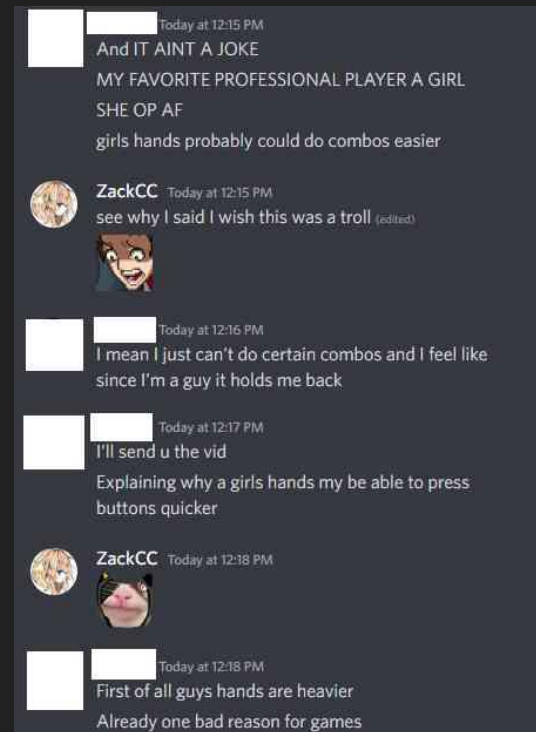
- **Intense:**
 - **Misogyny**
 - **Homophobia**
 - **Toxic Masculinity**
 - **Alt right rhetoric**
 - **Racism**
 - **Etc.**
- **Meritocracy**
- **Elitism**

Examples



The Lord Himself, Scrubquotes X

(CW: Racism, Ableism,
Sexism, Homophobia)



(Full Post)

Why this is an issue:

- Esports may not be for everyone, but the door should still be open for anyone
- People become exposed to this rhetoric in online spaces then bring it in to the real world, intentionally or not
- Can and will reflect badly on devs who “allow” this to happen in their spaces

Examples

VICE News

People Who Identify As ‘Gamers’ More Prone to Racist, Sexist Behavior: Study

A new study says people who build their entire lives around a "gamer" identity are more susceptible to extreme behaviors.



 **DIGITAL JOURNAL**



ENTERTAINMENT

Study finds low skilled gamers are more likely to be sexist

By Stan Rezaee Published July 19, 2015

Why This Relates To Me:

- mess up? called a homophobic slur
- sound effeminate? called a homophobic slur
- retaliate? homophobic slur
- do anything? homophobic slur
- Queer folk here, maybe I just don't want that to happen :shrug:



Me (Bi) Looking For Who Asked



Thank You