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Thread: [Is it better to just not reply or give a negative reply?](#)

Grand Pootis - April 12, 2017, 9:14 am

In your opinion is it better to just not reply or give a negative reply?

For example:

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(On HF) you post a thread asking for people to apply to do a job for you. Someone sends you an application that doesn't meet your criteria. Reply and say no or ignore it?

Personally, I always try to dignify the person with a reply unless it's an obvious troll. This sounds sappy, but I sometimes get a little pissed if I put in effort applying for something or making a proposition and can tell the person read it but couldn't make a one sentence reply.

I understand this is likely not the majority viewpoint

ZwntanosNekros - April 12, 2017, 9:15 am

Just ignore everything it's the best solution.

Stork - April 12, 2017, 10:19 am

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oscast - April 12, 2017, 10:21 am

(Apr 12, 2017 10:19 AM)StorK. Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Always reply, do you like being ignored?
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G*59 - April 12, 2017, 10:22 am

I try to reply when possible, because its more of a courtesy. It makes your business ethic seem a bit better. With that said, if people blatantly ignore what I say and PM me about something stupid I will ignore them. Time is money and if morons are wasting my time, I'm not making money.

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(Apr 12, 2017 10:21 AM)AdamSandler Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You definitely don't lol?
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Stork - April 12, 2017, 10:25 am

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Yeah you're a fucking weirdo.

2073436 - April 12, 2017, 10:26 am

Depends on the situation. I'd reply if someone asked me to hang out. Just don't be aggressive or so.

blackweather - April 12, 2017, 10:29 am

I strive to be conflict-free.

Key Punch - April 12, 2017, 10:39 am

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blackweather - April 12, 2017, 10:47 am

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(Apr 12, 2017 10:47 AM)blackweather Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Damn dude. Mad respect.
Thanks, Conflict free is the best policy!

Let me know if you have any questions. :)

blackweather - April 12, 2017, 10:50 am

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That was pretty straight forward and clean cut. No questions at all. ?