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False King - December 22, 2021, 2:39 pm

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7777777 - December 22, 2021, 3:29 pm

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False King - December 22, 2021, 5:32 pm

The Spotify embed has been added! We had to wait for the upload to be approved.

Sly Cooper - December 22, 2021, 6:56 pm

(Dec 22, 2021 07:36 PM)Beau Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thanks for bringing up the Focus Broken account closure! I hope we can have that asshole back on the site and posting (without stretching the truth).

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Haha no problem. Yeah that was one I wanted clarity on for sure. I'm sure it was the straw that broke the camel's back but I wouldn't mind seeing him around again.

device - December 23, 2021, 12:49 am

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Rionxee - December 23, 2021, 6:42 am

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Palestine - December 23, 2021, 12:10 pm

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False King - December 23, 2021, 1:50 pm

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Maybe if he gets a ban on SRPP and censors the fuck out of him.

(Dec 23, 2021 01:49 AM)device Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Posting to watch, excited to see what you guys talked about.

Let us know your thoughts after you've listened to it!

(Dec 23, 2021 05:51 AM)Dyne Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I like how it immediately answers a question many newcomers struggle to grasp or comprehend, which is that HF is a bridge between the two; where people can learn without being immersed, and can see genuine perspectives from both sides of the fence of "hacking". I would be curious to see HF's official mission/vision statement if Omniscient were ever to release an un/official one.

All three of you are very good conversationalists, but False King brings up an excellent point at

17:30, society's perspective heavily influences censorship and is such a driving factor in what's "allowed" and what's not depending on the piece of the world you live in which causes not only a social divide, but a cultural divide too. But my question is, where is the limit until it begins infringing on peoples' personal rights and freedoms?

I believe people as a whole are beginning to recognize the impact of social structure. Before--Government was all powerful and not to be opposed; and now, with the information/reputation age coming into maturity, we are starting to break out and take things that also used to be illegal(smoking weed) and normalizing it. And through the 'power' of normalization and lack of online censorship allowing them to push social agendas via guerilla marketing campaigns, we are injecting social norms at a rapid rate. From a government perspective, why wouldn't they want to censor this?

FK also brings up an excellent point at market monopoly at 49:00, about bigger tech buying threats to their infrastructure and letting it die as a business is counter productive and further pushes the censorship agenda, imo. It brings us back to Economics, how The wealth of nations, and Keynes contributions by public acceptance divided public and private sector businesses from creating absolute monopolies.

I like how he touched on clarification of closed/banned accounts, too and the forgiveness depending on the severity of it. I don't believe it's necessarily censorship, but mediating and minimizing impact of negativity for the community as a whole.

All in all, I really really enjoyed this. I can let these play while doing my mindless work in the morning and am looking forward to other editions.

Thanks for the awesome feedback man. We do try to discuss subjects in which we can have both fun, as a serious discussion and open forum to share thoughts. It unites people, and that's one of our core values as a group.

When it comes to subjects like this, it walks a very thin lane IMO. I still haven't made my mind up on a lot, also because I doubt if there is a solution. Sometimes I think absolute freedom is great, at other moments, I also see the dangers in it. It's one of those subjects where the main discussion isn't being held on facts, but rather on biased rationality/emotions.

(Dec 23, 2021 07:42 AM)Rionxee Wrote: [CITE](#) Great podcast with a great guest. I'm glad to see the podcast holding steady, keep up the great work guys.

We're staying steady for sure! Basically, all of us are new to this, so we're figuring everything out along the way, which is an awesome thing to do. So people will also see some experimenting in episodes with the format, how we structure things, etc. Feedback like this really helps with that.

(Dec 23, 2021 01:10 PM)Palestine Wrote: [CITE](#) Another awesome episode enjoyed every minute of it great job as always

Very glad to hear!

I also have a sneak peek for everyone for next week: It has something to do with Santa's Beard, actual fire, and [Sly Cooper](#) - make sure to check it out next week!

A10247 - December 23, 2021, 8:20 pm

I've got a copy of the constitution, it's a small book. I try to keep it close by and read it every so often.

The constitution is up-held by the people. People just need to not forget that.

SecureOp - December 25, 2021, 9:41 am

Great job on the podcast to all of you, kept me engaged through-out the whole video and touched on some really interesting topics. Really appreciated the flow of discussion and the authenticity in the expression of opinions.

bending - December 26, 2021, 4:20 pm

Listening to it atm, the topic touches my heart. Very interesting. [Omniscient](#) however needs to get his microphone upgraded.

EDIT: Since then I guess he got a new mic :D

Crippy - December 26, 2021, 5:07 pm

Big topic, watching it as I type this out. Hopefully we see Omni again with a much HQ mic!

bevc - December 27, 2021, 12:01 am

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False King - December 27, 2021, 3:27 am

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bevc - December 27, 2021, 3:35 am

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Based on statistics, we try to keep the episodes below <60 minutes. People often lose attention around the 45-minute mark. However, we do have some ideas for those who wish longer content - but before we put effort and time into that, we first want to make sure there's solid interest from listeners.

Lrrr - December 28, 2021, 9:45 pm

(Dec 22, 2021 04:07 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I am really sorry that my mic sounded bad. Not until they shared the video with me was I aware of the terrible quality. I have since bought a new headphone w/mic that I hope is much better for any future recordings I might do.

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This made me laugh so hard. Dude literally felt embarrassed and bought a new mic. ?

Palestine - December 31, 2021, 12:31 pm

Def looking forward to the next podcast episode!!! & Happy New Years to everybody!