

Forum:[Hack Forums](#)

Thread: [Rage bait... have you ever fallen for it?](#)

TheNaturalBoy - August 2, 2026, 9:27 pm

Hey everyone! Today I wanted to talk a bit about rage bait, since I've come across several videos lately explaining what it is and how it's more common than ever among internet content creators.

To be fair, this isn't exactly a new phenomenon. I imagine people have been using this kind of strategy ever since traditional media like TV and radio became mainstream.

At first, the kind of rage bait I was familiar with was things like cooking videos or intentionally frustrating content. You know, videos where someone makes a simple geometric shape the wrong way, leaves obvious gaps in a drawing, or cooks something in the most incorrect and infuriating way possible. Those videos somehow managed to be both stressful and weirdly addictive.

Nowadays, though, it feels like things have gone much further.

Since there are plenty of people online dealing with obvious social, emotional, or psychological issues, it wasn't surprising when social media algorithms figured out that anger, outrage, and extreme comment sections generated tons of engagement. A lot of creators started forcing an edgy, sarcastic sense of humor to get reactions. Others went even further and built their entire online presence around saying the most outrageous, offensive, or questionable things they could think of.

And honestly, that's become even more noticeable now that people seem so polarized and divided. Some creators just keep posting increasingly inflammatory takes, hiding behind weak excuses or "it's just a joke," simply because making people angry gets them attention. Of course, there are always a few people who genuinely agree with them, but there are also countless others who get completely outraged and end up giving them exactly the engagement they wanted.

With all that in mind, have any of you ever fallen for this strategy?

Can anyone honestly say, *"[Yeah... I went through a phase where I'd argue with everyone on the internet](#)"*?

Maybe you've commented on those intentionally frustrating videos where people were obviously doing things wrong on purpose. Personally, I think that's fairly harmless. But have you ever reached the point where you genuinely wanted to tell a creator, a community, or a group of people to go to hell because of the unbelievably awful—or just completely nonsensical—things they were saying?

I'd love to hear your stories. :3

Froggerini - August 10, 2026, 6:40 am

Oh yeah, when I was younger with competitive games. Someone making fun of it, I'd rage. But completely learnt self control over the years

DAL-SHA - August 10, 2026, 8:18 am

NOTHING or NO ONE behind screen can rage-bait a mid-ful reasonable person man ! It's just not logical to me !

Grim - August 10, 2026, 1:57 pm

Happened quite a bit when i was younger but i usually just dont engage in those types of posts or videos now.