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*Written Responses to BuzzFeed News' Abusive Tweet Survey, August 17th, 2016-August 24th, 2016.*

If possible, please describe in detail — or copy and paste — the abuse you received.

"disgusting. I hope you get raped, fgm'd, murdered, and stuffed in a trash bag."

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I've gotten the usual rape "joke"/threat and once had a man publish an entire "takedown story" on me using info he found from google searching and published it on brobible

Honestly, there are too many to recall a specific

calling me a chink, slut/whore

Have reported numerous accounts for hate speech, the most vile stuff: 'Jew, kike, nigger.' Have reported death and rape threats - not to me but for celebrity women.

Trump supporters have messaged me misogynist things when I've tweeted against the candidate.

It was more than a year ago. I ended up hiring a private investigator who couldn't find out much other than it was someone in the PNW. The person was also sending abusive emails via my personal blog.

Lots and lots, mostly from Gamergaters. One of the worst problems is that even if I block someone, Twitter still allows them to tweet my handle, so the big Gamergate figures can still regularly send their legions of cretins to make my notifications miserable.

"bitch" and "n- lover" have been the two most common

Pictures of my family, my address, my employer, threats to "rape this bitch with a cactus," threats to "take a crowbar to that pretty throat," insinuations that I am only academically successful in a male-dominated subject because I am attractive

can't remember exact wording but implying abuse against women

Too many. A plethora of Russian trolls, as well as rabid Ukraine supporters harassed me. They even published personal details and tried to get me arrested, or harmed or killed for reporting about Putin's war in Donbas and about Poroshenko's corruption in Kyiv.

Largely sexist comments and those belittling my intelligence. I've been threatened with rape/physical abuse often. "Cunt" appears in my mentions alongside appeals from straight white men for me to "get over" and not comment on sexist/racist/homophobic content in the media.

It was an unwanted sexual advance using crude language. His whole profile was full of similar tweets directed at other women.

Someone told me to "kill myself" in response to a sports-related tweet of mine

Several unsolicited images of a stranger's penis.

I was told I was lazy when I have chronic fatigue. This has happened a few times. Also told I have brought on my own illness (by being lazy) and not having a positive mental attitude. Also told I am naive. When I expressed my political opinion.

anti-islamic harassment

Death threat for being an atheist.

antisemitism, misogyny, racism

Anonymous men asserting that I should be dead -- whether by their hand or my own, they're not picky -- and what might then be done to my corpse.

I get a lot of messages threatening rape, men trying to find my physical location and disseminating it so I can be raped, threats of murder, people wishing miscarriages on me, to be sent into war zones to be raped and murdered.

It was a response to tweeting about the misogyny around the Ghostbusters movie, but I don't remember what exactly what said.

Had blocked an account but the guy made a new account so he could monitor my tweets on tweetdeck. Found out because a friend let me know.

The person said that as a faggot all I could look forward to was getting AIDS

Basically just a Dm saying that they hoped I was raped for political beliefs ̄\_(ツ)\_/̄

I was a radio personality and on several occasions was subjected to harmful remarks regarding my weight.

Being called a cunt, told to kill myself, being told the tweeter would find me and my family and that we should all watch out.

tweets about my religion (Islam), telling me go to back to where i come from, etc.

I was retweeted by a well known anti ssm and anti lgbt activist and his supporters sent me misogynistic and homophobic tweets

A girl that I blocked on twitter after she said some transphobic things to me began using incognito windows to screenshot my tweets and post them onto her page with attacks about me.

don't have the tweets b/c I blocked the accounts, but I've mostly experienced people who resent what they call 'SJWs' & 'feminazis' - most comments are some variation of 'women complain too much' or 'women are dumb'

There was too much of it to really go into detail. It would peak whenever I corrected, called out, or knew more than a famous or well-known male tweeter

I'd rather not revisit it--when I was writing full time online, I got a ton of harassment. Most of it was of the "stupid cunt" variety

A MRA type person took offense at tweet exchange I was having w/ someone else. I scrolled their TL, confirmed their slurs and berating was their standard interaction, and block/reported them. This angered him to be ignored and blocked and across about 12hrs tweeted about me and requested his friends to tweet at me. Being white heterosexual male and not engaging they quickly bored of it and went away. It scared me. It upset me greatly and disrupted my life because I have stress coping disorder and Twitter friends are one of my coping tools. They made twitter frightening to open for awhile. I can't imagine what they would have done had I been LGBTQ, a female, a person of color, or some mix of those factors. I don't think would have ever stopped based on my 4yrs of experience on twitter.

I have had a lot of swearing from ppl who voted to leave EU, have had biphobic tweets from a lesbian and hate from a UKIP party executive member and from Westboro Baptist Church.

The person outright claimed that I was a pedophile in a public tweet (not an @ reply) because I had replied to a Christian lobby group's tweet about ending funding for an LGBTI anti-bullying program for schools. Defamation laws in Australia mean that not only the person that defames me but also the person/organisation that publishes the defamatory statement is legally liable.

Made mention of dressing masculine with a selfie posted. Post got retweeted and I was subject to abuse for approximately a week. Told to kill myself, that no one needed me around "messing up" society.

I'm a woman journalist who covers diversity issues, so it runs the gamut from the c-word to outright rape/murder threats. It was worsened when Trump sent a bunch of tweets my way in 2015, meaning his followers came for me.

Multiple accounts were set up using my photo and name and saying offensive things to others.

The most recent abuse I already blocked, but I was told I was an idiot for supporting the author's POV in her article about Bill Clinton & Juanita Broaddrick, I was told if I were a rape survivor I would have been traumatized by this article (I was raped twice.) I was told that I did not know the difference between good and evil, that I was a rape apologist, that I'm an idiot, that I need to believe in god. All this came from 2 different men.

I saw that an account posted a photo showing rape scene from Game of Thrones and reported it. Nothing happened, so I reported it again. It's actually still live.

Shut up nigger You deserve to die Go back to where you came from Go swing from a tree Cunt Bitch I wouldn't fuck you but I'd rape you

I work for a news organization handling their social media. It's not uncommon for my account to be retweeted from the main brand account. On several occasions, white supremacists have dogpiled me when I wrote about the black community -- using racial slurs, calling me a sell-out, telling me how black people would turn on me as a white woman, etc.

In general, many people tweet things that dehumanize women, make rape jokes, or joke about racial stereotypes.

I semi-regularly receive tweets calling me a slut/cunt/bitch or saying things like "get raped"/"hope you die"/"kill yourself." On a couple occasions I've gotten more explicit (if not totally credible) threats, like "watch out bitch, I'm going to kill you" or "I'm sending a SWAT team to your address." Have also had people disseminate personal (i.e. online, but not widely shared) photos and videos of me, complete with rape-y sexual commentary. If I didn't have to use Twitter for work, I would delete my account.

I tweeted about having trouble finding skirts/dresses that were work/school appropriate since I'm tall/everything usually hits me mid-thigh and I wanted to make sure my butt/thighs were covered, and a random dude tweeted back something along the lines of "now why would you ever want to cover up that?"

Tweets about what would be done to me, sexually.

Someone took a google cached but long deleted photo of me from my fb, photoshopped it on to a naked body, and posted it alongside my real name, openly calling me a dyke (I'm not out to anyone except a few very close friends). That's one instance in a series of nearly 500 abusive tweets from 50 different troll accounts (likely created by same person or few people, based on how they were posting).

One example: A random account found my tweets about feminism and proceeded to "enlighten" me through 10 tweets and DM's that women don't deserve the same rights as men. Another time someone spread a video around of an unnamed girl taking part in perverse activities with an animal, and captioned it with my underage friend's name. It was taken down the next day, but the damage was done.

I was called a bitch and threatened because I didn't agree with another person on twitter. He also sent me DM threatening to "expose" me - for what, I'm not sure. It was scary and I blocked him.

Discrimination because of my gender

There was so much of it that I put it into a blog post:

<https://ellacydawson.wordpress.com/2016/04/19/how-to-give-a-tedx-talk-when-the-internet-wants-you-to-shut-the-fuck-up/>

they deleted it. i can't. i reported one. all others not.

They were insults hurled by either Bernie Sanders supporters or right wing people, sometimes insulting my intelligence or doctoral degree, i.e. "What kind of a doctor are you, anyway" meant to imply I was stupid.

I posted a thread in defence of refugees and I got a pile on of guys who mostly had Milo as their DPs saying I deserved to be raped, "let the Muslims rape her", calling me a cunt etc etc. I had to make my account private for 2 days, because an MRA with 50k+ followers pinned a tweet with a screenshot of my tweets in it which seemed to keep them coming at me.

I was stalked for two years by a group of trolls loosely associated with a- now suspended account with threats of linking me to a Twitter bomb threat sent to the FBI buffalo office in 2013-- I mostly ignored this group, going so far as to create another account so I could keep up w my friends only to have Twitter challenge with a notice requiring t to explain why I had 2 accounts. I seriously tried to keep my head down and avoid the trolls until they started taunting me w threats of posting my personal information on Twitter & informing the FBI I was responsible for the bomb threat tweet. With help from friends I collected tweets, sock aliases, etc and wrote an in depth description of the ongoing harassment which I used to file a police report. I priority mailed a copy to all the Twitter legal dept & Twitter safety dept. I also dm'd the police report number to one of these trolls & explained them that they were breaking Texas law. Shortly thereafter one member of this group...To this day I keep a copy of the police report near my front door in case I ever get swatted.

It was from a #freemilo asshole saying something to the effect of "I hope you're found naked and strangled to death in a mens bathroom"

Told I was a deformed retard with mental health problems.

When my comments re women's issues got spread around (back around 2012), I got a lot of "shut up dumb bitch" type abuse and it was clear some people were coordinating via DM or off-twitter. There's also a lot of

gross DM-sliding that came from mutuals who thought sex-positive feminist women were easy or want/invite creepy advances.

A fan of a rival sports team took a selfie I posted and ridiculed it and proceeded to tweet several physical threats at me.

Too many to paste them all here...

essentially "you don't know what you're talking about because you're female" and no rape threats but "if it happened you would deserve it"

Posted a pro-choice tweet, was sent graphic images of mutilated full-term babies and tweets with hateful misogynistic language.

"if a guy rapes you, you should take that as a compliment! he's risking his freedom to fuck you"

Along the lines of you must be an ugly boomer, grandma, who gives a shit what libtard nearly dead think

I received two hateful tweets directed at me 1. "You've had a dick up your ass dude shut up" 2. "Thought so you faggot"

A parody account pretending to be me & harassing friends, someone claiming to have my address, people sending me violent gore pictures, one user who tweeted me multiple times a day to call me "gaystapo" behind a block (with thousands of followers, so I always got blowback), the list goes on and on and on. But I've seen much worse happen to friends (doxing, revenge porn, etc) and tried to report it; very little has actually been removed.

Insults to my children

Some lunatic threatened to report me for "notary abuse"



I'm often body shamed for my size - I am a larger girl and I am targeted even though I don't post any provocative pictures or controversial subject or photographic material

I don't want to remember that and I don't want to go through that again

I want to go back to the anti-Semitism — that really should be one of your default options in the age of Trump

Why is there so many dykes on here they are annoying and only like fifth harmony for their looks

I replied to somebody that not all young people didn't know how libraries worked, and that in fact my friends and I absolutely loved libraries and books. It was an innocent comment. Then he started cursing at me and saying that my friends and I were 'bitches' and 'unloved geeks', and also 'fucking nerds'.

Wrote a piece on the new Ghostbusters, was told to go cry in the kitchen, quit whining, stop being a social justice warrior, men are better, etc.

Someone saying they hate me

I tweeted at Elizabeth Warren telling her I liked her tweet criticizing Trump. Then I got a ton of tweets from his supporters insulting me. I'd block them, they'd create new accounts and continue to harass me AND inviting other friends into the bullying.

calling me a dirty jew, another calling me a fag - those are the main ones

Cursed at, name calling including being called a cunt as recently as Sunday, racist comments even though I'm white, so sometimes directed at others or they think I'm black, they've posted private info about others in tweets which is why I try and stay as private as possible on a public account.

(sorry, blocked and deleted 'em all)

I get a fair bit of harassment and abuse from white nationalists

I was tweeting about colonialism and the tweet was (besides defending some terrible racism) was rude to me personally, calling me a "stupid little girl."

Right-wing trolls tend to troll left-wing tags and then pick fights or just hurl abuse at us. This has been a problem for YEARS.

I blocked the abuser, but after a witty retort (that was polite) and me wishing him a good day he said "what would make his day better would be to do this" and inserted a graphic video of a jihadist chainsawing a kneeling man's head off.

I've been called the N-Word and I've been told black lives don't matter

I didn't save any. Mostly they were saying they hoped Muslim or African American men raped me or my children.

I have screenshots of all the rape threats, tweets hoping I'm gang-raped by ISIS, threats to my family, posting my personal info, posting my husband's employer (he's not even on Twitter), inciting death threats. I've filed a report with my local police department regarding one woman that incites threats against my family.

[REDACTED] a serial racist, doxxer and harasser (who has been suspended once before), somehow connected my professional and private accounts, which have nothing to do with each other, posted my full name and encouraged her 30,000+ followers to go after me (some of who have offered to show up with guns). She has also started harassing my former employers as well as inviting harassment to my best friend, who isn't even on twitter. My professional field is social media and marketing, so her harassing tweets have basically held my professional account hostage as they are forever linked and visible to potential employers.

I have screen shots if you would like them. This woman found out my name and stalked me on LinkedIn and even threatened to call my employer.

I had a user on Twitter stalk me, my family and friends on Twitter and offline. This user has had over 85 accounts suspended. I have all documentation to support my claims including usernames, IP addresses, reports sent to Twitter and the FBI. This person would create fake accounts with my name and others in attempts to harass. He tweeted a picture of my mothers license plate to thousands of his followers. Local sheriff's have been involved along with my IC3 reports to the FBI. I literally could write a book about dealing with Twitter and their lack of support. This person is racist, homophobic and despite doxing 15 year old girls and having over 85 accounts suspended he is still allowed to have an account on Twitter where he spews hatred, racism and misogyny.

I received rape threats for saying I didn't like a musician, I also received abusive and offensive messages for this

I receive random rape threats, death wishes, Conservatives hoping I get 'gang-raped', hoping my family is 'killed by ISIS, etc. I have records of everything. One specific woman started targeting me. She posted my husband's employer and asked people to call in attempts to get HIM fired (he's not even on Twitter). She tweeted all their contact info along with a picture of my husband. She stalks, harasses, and threatens anyone that disagrees with her. She's called teen's high schools, and gotten people fired. She posted bizarre allegations about me that incited death threats against my family. I filed a police report with my local PD, and called the PD in her town. They are VERY aware of her and MANY people have called her PD to file claims against her. Her Twitter is [REDACTED] She offers bounties for people that can get personal info on people that disagree with her. She then deletes everything, so Twitter states; "the post has been removed by user". I have direct links to all the tweets, as well as screenshots.

[REDACTED] sicced his 55k followers on me, and threatened to sue me. This went on for six months.

I'm in a committed relationship but one night I was out with some friends and a guy kissed me. I backed away and his friend was really mad I wouldn't kiss him so he kept trying but I refused. One day the friend decided to tweet "remember when you cheated on your bf with me and [REDACTED]" ([REDACTED] is the guy who kissed me). After that my whole school was making tweets and making polls over who I was actually dating etc. I was terrified to go to school for weeks.

My private information posted, as well as numbers for CPS and my husband's employer.

A group of people came after me because I do not support Trump, even though I am a conservative. They called employers, threatened my family and my life. Even talked about taking my children from me - they also wrote a blog about me with fake information and posted it on Twitter. Twitter did nothing.

A racist bitch on Twitter had alt-right guys dox me. She tweeted my place of work. I reported numerous times and even left Twitter and came back anonymously.

used my profile picture to harass me. zoomed into it and made fun of my dog that was in my picture, all because i stated that i didn't like the person. this instigated their followers to contribute to the harassment, with things like "which one is the dog?" wasn't a very great experience as this person has a large following on social media and is known very well on twitter and other platforms.

Some poll essentially trying to incite violence between two men of the lgbtq+ community.

There are far too many to copy here. I have hundreds of screengrabs. Many of them mock my husband's death. Most of the trolls are neo-nazis. The abuse hasn't stopped. It's increasingly gotten worse. I've blocked hundreds of accounts. Twitter won't help. A death threat remained active for months.

#### Racism at its worst

Nigger, go back to Africa etc.

"But you French kissing my ass,would be a great look for me!" "Get off your knees n wipe your mouth!"  
(These happened just now)

Assumed I was Jewish, told me to "get into the oven like a good kike."

#### Anti Semitic tweets

Guy with multiple accounts harassing myself and others

My husband posted about how he handled a difficult parenting moment: but I was called out as an abusive parent and my parenting skills questioned and whether my kids should be removed from MY care.

"Clearly your boyfriend likes fat chicks" "you're a slut"

Nude photos sent via DM from multiple accounts that continued after I requested the person to stop and blocked them

My personal photo was taken and given the Meme--I love Niggers- Balls in my mouth. Specifically I've been targeted by blue lives matter.

Way too many to share. Been targeted with harassment, impersonations, death threats since April 2014.

Just one example: A user called me a "faggot" and said that as I lived in the South, I wouldn't "be long on the earth."

My meant to be private pictures (nudes) posted for months non stop, my drivers license posted, my address posted, my work place address posted, my parents info posted, threats to kill me and my kids, photo shopped pics of me with gun shot wounds through my head and chest, inciting people to swat me, my naked pics tweeted at two Work place Twitter accounts, it goes on and on. Pedophile tweets about my kids

I apologized to two female broadcasters about their online abuse and had a Twitter troll attack me

A picture of a person pointing a gun at me; telling me they'd bury me out back; calling me a cunt and telling me to stop talking out of my clit; posting my full name (I am anonymous on Twitter... or was)... all different people at different times. There's been more, but that's it off the top of my head.

It was someone using explicit language about a political candidate anally violating me. It was disgusting.

Saying Islam is a stupid religion and that I deserved to die.

I was harrassed by ex's new girlfriend. She was trying to be my friend because he had recently come back into mine and our son's life. She started directly tweeting me with my user handle saying how his whole family doesn't like me and to kill myself the way my brother did. She harrassed me through subtweets but this time she was in my mentions telling me i needed to go to her house to have some sort of meeting with her and with his family. I said no and she just kept going.

"Buzzfeed sucks giant cocks" it made me SO sad

I was called an ugly dyke and a cunt by one person. Another told me he would rape my ass and kill me. And 4 other people told me to kill myself. This all happened withing 24 hours.

Someone mad a confessions page for my high school and called me and my boyfriend fags and other homophobic remarks.

called a nigger

Insults on the way that i looked and how i am not "pretty enough to be a girl" and how "men enjoy women with a bit more meat on their bones"

I have been told to "get back in the fucking kitchen". I have been the target of hate over the size of my nose (which I assure isn't crazy huge, but I'm still insecure about it. one man posted a photo of me to his followers commenting on how ugly I was. There's more, but I can't go into detail right here

A naked picture of me in a drunken state was posted with a negative and provocative caption

"fat is ugly f\*\*k you" but uncensored. along with other abusive comments on my photos.

It was a list of tweets and most them talked about me being stupid because I'm a girl, my sources being invalid because they proved him wrong, calling me a hoe, or saying that women shouldn't be allowed on Twitter.

slut whore terrorist you should die

Told to leave the USA as a brit for saying I think Donald Trump is an idiot. Called a Dyke, Whore, Slut, Cunt and a bunch of other things in relation to my feelings about trump. I have 180 followers so hardly like I reach a large audience.

When objecting to an islamophobic tweet I was accused of approving child rape and supporting murderers etc in strong language

die fucking faggot

I run an LGBT campaign and have had a lot of abuse calling me a faggott or suggesting I shouldn't donate blood because it's dirty and I'm gay, even though I'm not LGBT

I was bullyed because i am a muslim wearing hijab

After refusing to speak to a man he found personal photos of mine and shared these on Twitter.

There were nude pictures of me posted to Twitter by my "best friend" who had stolen them from my phone.

posting photos of me without permission also "kill yourself"

Was retweeted by @deray and the trash that lurks his TL jumped into my mentions for a minute.

In trying to discuss a prevalent issue about sexual assault and harassment in my university, I was targeted by a number of men who tweeted me, attempting to scold or educate me on how I was wrong. One lovely young gentleman in particular continued to harass me and my friends, and he was promptly reported and blocked.

Usual gay sex is disgusting; you're disgusting; all gays are paedophile boy fuckers; I should have been killed at birth etc. Even seen quotes saying your mother must have fucked a demon dog that's why you're gay.

Too many to paste. You name it, I've gotten it.

### Graphic pornography & misogynic language

I'm a female reporter who spent months reporting on Gamergate so I've had a whole lot of abuse hurled my way since 2014 on Twitter, but the most notable instance by far is that once Roosh shared my photo with his followers specifically in order to fat-shame me and encourage his many followers to join in fat-shaming me, too. (which a handful did.)

This tweet have disappeared after I send a DM to the person who wrote it. It was after I made a mistake inside an article (I'm an intern journalist) and an anonymous person started to spread personal information on me to discredit my work, even though my media and I took down the article explaining we had made a mistake on which we were working. I'm only an intern and this person who I don't even know wanted to hurt me, for free. He or she wasn't even concerned by the mistake I made. It hurt really bad and made me consider the job I'm learning from an other angle - a bad one, the kind which could make me abandon it. Fortunately, this person deleted the tweet.

Simply told that the answer to my concerns was to kill myself.

### Unsolicited photos of genitals

A user I met at a Star Trek convention in Vegas hacked my iCloud and published my full name and personal and private photos on the Internet and on his Twitter. He made comments about my day job inciting that I was some sort of paedophile, labelled me a prostitute and put up slanderous fake photoshopped messages on his Twitter and website. At the time he was also sending abusive and threatening emails and mass messaging other users to go and look at his website of abuse and private and public messaging my followers on Twitter

I've been sent comments about "being a girl" when talking about football.



## Sexist insults

The tweets said that I was a "slut" "hoe" etc because I had (drunk) sex at a party. Of course nobody mentioned the boy...

I tweeted something political against Donald Trump, without any hashtags, and someone I didn't know retweeted me and his followers went on a whirlwind responding to me. They said I was stupid, spoiled, deserved to be raped, and so on. One person kept saying horrible things about Muslims and immigrants. I am neither a Muslim or an immigrant but this stuff was pretty horrible and I couldn't believe people would truly believe it, let alone say it online. Then someone quote tweeted me and said that everyone should start attacking me and try to dig up dirt about me online. He had already been saying terrible things to me, but this scared me because I didn't want a whole group of people to really come after me for such a simple tweet. So I rebooted him saying that he was posing a threat against me and was saying racist things. Twitter have me the generic response that they'd look into it and that I should block that person. But then they ultimately told me that they hadn't violated any terms and wouldn't face any action.

Was doxxed by hacker, who then published my private information (such as IP address, private email address, etc.) online.

There's too much of it to report here, honestly. I am openly feminist on Twitter with over 10k followers. I get abuse nearly every day.

"ur such a fag"

"Hitler believed in abortion too", "don't you have a primary school to be parked outside you paedo" "baby killer" "stupid cunt"

People calling me illegal. Ugly. Stoopid. Fat. Loser.

I tweeted about "Nuit Debout", a movement that were happening in Paris, and a girl disagreed with me. She then proceeded to threatening me, telling me I was a slut and told me to kill myself.

I used to be part of the SVU fandom but the "diehards" took over & if you did not agree with everything they say then they resort to personal attacks. Personal attacks, degrading tweets about my children.

The person called me a meat eating bitch after I responded to their question of would I eat my dog? To which I said no

I was threatened with violence, and someone encouraged violence towards me. I occasionally write for a sports website and tweet about football. Opposition fans obviously took offence and I was subject to an afternoon of violent tweets on two occasions, as well as the generic "get back in the kitchen" tweets. I've also had a wide ranging and varied number of misogynist tweets, usually related to anything I write about politics or football. I, weirdly, don't take them as seriously as the incitements to violence.

Already deleted and would rather not try to find it again.

Anti-immigrant language, sexist names (when they realise I'm a woman), stalking

I have been called white knight and 'mangina' (because I called out a dude cyber-harassing a woman), rat (because of my dark complexion and protruding front teeth), anti-national (for calling out the hypocrisy of Modi gov't), etc. But these are nothing compared to the comments that women in India receive for calling out patriarchy and male entitlement on SM. Basically most Indians worry more about India's international image than the screams of half of its population.

tweets blocked

I've had men say I deserve to be raped, but that nobody wants to touch me because I'm fat.

Male and female feminists alike told me that I deserved to be raped, beaten and killed for not agreeing with major tenets of feminism, as espoused by feminists like Andrea Dworkin

Racist abuse, and personal information about a sexual assault posted and ridiculed. Misogynist comments.

femnazi

First was hacked, then hacker posted photos of his monitor with my face up, while he was holding an actual gun pointed at me. He also had my phone number and address.

Most recently I wrote about my mothers death, they said I was lying ask asked for a picture of her corpse.

"Drop dead, [REDACTED]. And do it tonight."

"[Grand Theft Auto fans] like us kill people like you, faggot"

I hope your mother dies of her cancer. - I will fuck her when she is dead. - You are a fucking faggot and I will laugh my ass off when your cancerous mother dies you piece of shit. etc, etc, etc.

Lots of stuff calling me ugly for saying I'm a feminist or for disagreeing with or criticizing a man, usually an MRA or similar. When I post about racism sometimes I get tweets from white men who chastise me, a white woman, for posting on the "side" of black people, and they use terrible language and stereotypes. Or if I criticize the tech industry I get called a hypocrite or because I'm using Twitter to do so. Or people calling me an idiot for advocating for tenants rights. And then there's just random stuff. Hateful language for any reason at all on any subject. I don't get as much abuse as public figures but I have refrained from writing about certain subjects because I don't know if I could handle the abuse.

Something along the lines of "stupid woman doesn't know any better"

In addition to casual misogyny ("poor girl, thinking must be hard for your brain"), I receive quite a few religious insults, as I identify as atheist. Most of these insults come from Islamists, but also right-wing Christians. In addition, I've received slurs from Americans carrying the message that my opinion as a non-US person wasn't valid ("I'm not interested in your European prejudices"), and from UK citizens who felt free to tell me that as a French person, what I said was of no value. From my own country, I've had to block people because of misogyny, religious intolerance and hate of civil servants (which I am). Most abuse contain only slurs, not actual threats, but over the years, I've learned to block preemptively, so I receive less abuse now, but I know it's the tip of the iceberg.

No thanks, there were literally hundreds of tweets from at least 10 people attacking me.

I made a statement about sexist Olympic reporting using the #everydaysexism hashtag. I was suddenly subject to a sustained and ongoing barrage of abuse that lasted 24 hrs. Everything from lightly rude (which is fine - I understand people don't all share the same views) to deeply misogynistic abuse and photographs of users' penises with rape references.

Going to kill all the dirty Jews espically the ones in Israel cause we don't belong there anyway

I use to trade stocks and many guys would call me slut, whore, etc anytime I would appear correct on my stock calls. Success was met hate and harassment.

Screen grabs of profile, incitement to others to pile on Goadng to kill myself Men saying they want to high five my rapist Spammed with abusive terms because I'm disabled

## HAVE ANY OTHER THOUGHTS ABOUT HARASSMENT ON TWITTER?

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It's a real issue and the company does not care about it.

It's terrible and it gets really out of control

If they can censor tweets & ban people for life, they can do better.

They are the goddamn worst

Yes. They need an actual system for reviewing harassment on their site, and not just addressing the concerns of those that are verified users or celebrities with a large amount of followers.

I don't think twitter takes it seriously at all.

I love and use Twitter every day, since 2010, but I definitely have never thought that Twitter has taken harassment seriously

It is not a concern to them because in the long run it does not affect their bottom line. It will only be a priority when stockholders make it one.

I needed to upload an image of a government issued ID in order to proceed with my report, even though the account in question had published my address and name saying "see you soon." The account in question was a nameless, faceless troll, but I've been very open about who I am, using my real name, location, occupation and photo since 2008.

Twitter could not give a flying fuck about harassment. There is a whole fascist, racist, women-hating community sitting around sharing invective. Twitter has a bot which replies: 'We have looked at this user and tweet and it does not violate... etc'. Useless.

While I personally haven't been harassed, I HEAVILY censor what I say on Twitter because I've seen how abusive people are towards women there.

It sucks, and it's damaging. I'm not nearly as active on Twitter as I used to be and I heavily filter what I post.

It's excessive and I think they need to be way more responsive towards it. It's easy to hide behind an anonymous Twitter handle and avatar, and therefore I think people are more likely to harass others, however, I have seen abusive Tweets come from accounts which displayed people's real names and pictures too. I hope in light of recent events Twitter will start to take some responsibility to combat harassment.

I once got a series of death threats, both public and private, and reported the account to Twitter. I got a message back 72 hours later saying that they'd reviewed the account and found that it had not violated the Twitter rules. Twitter only took action once I had written about it all on Kotaku and someone at our company "escalated" it up the chain.

(<http://kotaku.com/i-got-death-threats-for-reporting-on-a-video-game-delay-1779617741>) And I'm a white dude! Can't even imagine how shitty it must be for high-profile women and other minorities, especially if they speak out about progressive issues.

This isn't an issue of capacity; Twitter does not care about its users -- beyond celebrities-- and does not want to do anything about harassment

Around 2013-14, I got caught in the crosshairs of a large online hate-mob directed at a black woman in tech. Before the harassment moved from annoying to scary and the woman in question left the platform, she favorited one of my tweets, which left me open to lots of abuse. I was getting about a dozen threatening tweets a minute for a few weeks, but twitter did a very good job of cleaning them up for me. Most were gone within 2-4 hours. I was 18/19 and had, at the time, less than 200 followers. Aside from that, twitter has done a poor job of managing harassment, most notably a failure to discipline twitter users who take their abuse off of twitter. In one case, a twitter troll used facebook to harass me/my family, and twitter refused to consider that context when making decisions about threatening tweets directed at me; because the tweets in isolation didn't obviously break the rules, the bigger-picture harassment wasn't in twitter's hands.

far too easy and the blocking system /reporting tends to do absolutely nothing to stop it

Twitter doesn't care about harassment at all. There are accounts solely created to harass female journalists in the vilest terms, but twitter doesn't take any action EVEN after a year of constant insults, name-calling, snooping around in private life, etc. I just block such accounts, but it's beyond me how twitter can refuse to take action when some accounts tweet out 30 insults a day.

I constantly feel disrespected by Twitter, as they ignore threats made against me, but have the resources to support me. I don't understand how being called a "comics-hating cunt" who should be "choked out" isn't against their "rules."

Twitter is piss-poor at handling reports of harassment.

Seemed like an automated response versus someone actually reviewing the situation

Public list making is used to bully, should be only private or scrapped

ugh. come on twitter. i see this so much. the only thing worse on the internet's then comments sections are a famous woman/minorities

They don't care about us unless we're massive companies with big pockets.

You need to be able to select more than 1 option in the menus above as I have received such statements regarding my health over a prolonged period and experience of reporting has been varied. I have also reported abuse for more than one group. I find blocking and muting quite effective as the abuse i have received is quite pathetic, infrequent and not threatening.

Sickening, often selectively avoid reading ppl's comments

It's vital that they do better to limit harassment and stop abuse. We're losing valuable voices on the platform every time someone quits or becomes private.

It's a design flaw....& at this point, inexcusable. The verification stuff, launched after Leslie Jones was harassed, is also garbage. If they are too afraid to ban harassers because of failed user growth, why not offer filters to all users-& let us control our experience?

They don't care at all about it

I'm not worth enough as a person to protect.

It seems like they don't care at all. Actually, that's too generous. They must like the traffic, because they make no effort to deal with it. (Look at how quickly they address copyright non-compliance.)

They don't actually care about it. One of the things you're supposed to get after you report a tweet is a case number; even that function fails. 70 per cent of the time, they don't even send you the case number.

Facebook harassment can be just as bad!

They should consider IP bans because people make multiple accounts in order to cause distress to people

NEEDS TO CHANGE

There seems to be absolutely no way to take action against it. Reporting used to have some impact, lately I don't even get responses to reports.

It sucks. It took down a video I posted about the Olympics about 12+ hours after I published it. But it has never taken down a tweet or an account reported by me. Not a single one. And I report harmful stuff every other day. (Harmful as in blatant racism/sexism, violent content, harassment or abusive content. As in, according to their guidelines.) Even Facebook — which sort of sucks too — is more effective than Twitter.

Other than blocking people, nothing seems to actually happen. I've never seen one of my reports actually result in action.

There is literally nothing done to stop it. They know that a core group of daily users are these people and since Twitter already has such low usage rate they can't afford to get rid of them from a business perspective but their entire fucking product is horrible to use because of it.

It's awful. Haven't caught the notice of any harassers on Twitter yet, but figure it's just a matter of time. My sense is that Twitter does NOTHING to curb this wretched behaviour.

It's ruining the platform. I love Twitter and won't leave but many others just can't carry on with the abuse they get.

I respect Twitter's commitment to free speech, but words are not harmless. They can incite violence against marginalized groups and put real people in danger. They need to define hate speech, then take more proactive steps to restrict it.

I get the impression that Twitter has no interest in curbing or preventing harassment and only seems willing to take action if the public backlash may impact their bottom line. Twitter claims to be balancing concerns for free speech with comfort of users, but the fear of harassment (or a harassment dogpile or even worse - doxxing) routinely causes me to self-censor. In essence, Twitter's protection of hate speech in the guise of free speech infringes on my own free speech.

Don't bother reporting or engaging, just hope it goes away

Twitter's response is terrible. They can take down Olympic footage in no time but not abusive tweeters some of whom are actual nazis or advocate rape.

Twitter doesn't do anything to curb harassment or eliminate accounts that participate in harassment.

I've only ever seen it when someone who's been a target has retweeted. Don't know if that person has reported or not. Usual tone by retweeter is mockery rather than hurt or offense. I don't tweet much myself, mostly follow reporters on political news. A few celebs.

I'm \*very\* guarded in the things I say publicly, so I don't get nearly as much intense vitriol as people who regularly speak their mind. it's more of a death-by-a-thousand-cuts type situation for me. the most annoying kind of harassment I get is when a well-connected asshole tweets something w/ my handle, & then there is a flood of responses to that tweet & they all show up in my mentions - there's no way to mute/block the thread. I end up having to block a bunch of users individually.

It's overwhelmingly gendered and has caused me to abandon my career aspirations of writing and broadcasting. After deleting my old account and creating a new gender-neutral one, the harassment stopped completely

None that do not involve a lot of swearing. I now just don't post about certain topics; effectively silenced. As a rape survivor I just don't want to deal with it --and my harassment was small potatoes compared to some of what I've seen

I have NEVER seen my reports of harassment cause anything to happen to the offender. Period. Further never seen them respond to one of my reports. In 4yrs nor in the shorter life of the reporting system I frequently use.



Years ago I had been slandered on tumblr and twitter and distinctly remember tumblr telling me it was something I had to work out with my harasser. Twitter has always been more run-of-the-mill, i.e.: do nothing.

I think it's too big a platform now to be policed effectively. I think you just have to toughen your skin but fight back without being a hater.

More and faster steps to remove abusive posters.

The only thing I get from reporting people is the knowledge that I took an action to stop it. I don't expect anything back from Twitter anymore, they don't care.

Complete dumpster fire. Ruined by terrible white men. I don't know how targets of abuse manage, they are stronger than I.

Honestly, it's a fucking website, and anyone who came into Twitter unprepared to see harassment in some way, shape, or form deserves what's coming their way. Everyone who knew what they were getting into can tolerate the harassment because getting something offensive tweeted at you is far from the worst thing that can happen to you.

It is disheartening how out of control it is and how little Twitter support does about it.

If I am in Australia being defamed by another Australian user, this should be dealt with by trained Australian support staff that know the laws in this country. When I got the reply telling me that the tweet hadn't breached any of their rules (which I then read and it definitely had) I got the impression this is a pretty standard response in the hope that people just give up because it's too hard. And it worked with me.

Twitter doesn't only avoid dealing with abuse of everyone who isn't a white man. Its business model is built on harassment. Because I have a verification tick, a platform, and a helpful in-house counsel, I've tried everything to get the policy folks at Twitter to care about the abuse I and my peers face. So far, no good.

I ended up having to get a friend who is a Twitter employee involved to resolve my issue, after submitting over a hundred reports and uploading my ID over 20 times.

So with instagram disabling comments we saw that it is possible to come up with a way to stop bullying/hate but only towards celebrities. Twitter must do something to stop these abusive/hateful/racist tweets, because sadly Twitter is no longer a safe platform. What happened with Leslie Jones is what happens on a daily basis with countless and nameless people that are a part of a minority group.

Twitter sucks at dealing with it. I maintain social media accounts for an employer and a political org in addition to my own personal soc media accounts. I have stopped updating the political org twitter account

except to announce meetings because of the level of vitriol aimed at it. The "but free speech!" faux-justification is insulting to those of us who are not using and do not want to use \*our\* right to free speech to threaten people with lynching, rape, doxxing, etc. Furthermore, we are the backbone users whom Twitter Inc is using to sell ads. If it gets worse, I'm dropping my personal account as well. Just today, I helped a friend attacked by one of the same accounts that came after me. [The account] claims to be a professor near San Francisco; he told my friend that he was going to show his class a screenshot of something my friend wrote about the same article I mentioned above, and tell them my friend is a rape apologist. This is basically a way of launching an attack on my friend by [the account's] students. We have reported this, sent screenshots to twitter, but as of now (16+ hours later) we've had no response.

It doesn't seem to be a priority. Twitter focuses on its financial interests: how can we stay relevant, how can we compete with other social platforms? Women and minorities aren't in focus or worth protecting.

How much money do I need to have to protect myself and my friends? Olympics money? NBC money? Taylor Swift money?

They do not care about user experience and it is clear they are not concerned with treating people as people.

It's just clearly something that Twitter has grown to tolerate, despite what they might say, which is wrong and only fuels hate. Twitter needs to become more aware of abuse online and have a system in place to handle it.

I'm a verified user and a reporter who has covered harassment on Twitter. I really can't imagine how shitty this must be for other people.

LMAO their policy for handling harassment is completely absurd. See: Leslie Jones, Dana Schwartz, every female reporter ever, etc.

It's Calvinball -- they're making it up what constitutes policy violations as they go

If specific information is being reported, Twitter should deactivate the abusive account(s)

You're asked to report harassing tweets and block users who are engaging in harassment, which is fine, but if too many people report a tweet in a certain period of time, Twitter will just delete it. Ok, great. Problem is, you can't file an abuse report without a link to the abusive tweet. So if you provide a link to the tweet, and it is auto-deleted before Twitter reviews your report, they will email you back saying 'no tweet found, sorry'. So you either have to leave the abuse alone, not report it (as they tell you to do), so you can document it, or report it and hope enough people do that it'll be deleted. Even when users are suspended for being harassing, they are still allowed to create new Twitter accounts from the same originating IP address, so it literally doesn't matter anyways, because they just create new accounts and repost the abusive stuff.

I feel like Twitter hasn't done an effective job dealing with harassment towards its users. Users seem to be able to continuously spew hatred without any punishment.

I think that twitter needs more people helping these problems

It's FAR too easy to just create secondary accounts to get around blocks, in almost every case I've dealt with, that happens.

It is irresponsible to create a platform that is so easy for children and other vulnerable groups to gain access to without an active and effective defense system.

It should not be tolerated.

It is really difficult to solve everything

I've been the victim of a lot of dog-piling by so-called Men's Rights Activists on Twitter who find my sexual health activism hilarious. I've also received waves of harassment after MRAs create YouTube videos ranting about how awful I am (usually including screenshots of my tweets, so people know just how to find me to let their derision be known).

a very tricky issue. because there isn't a (clear) consensus where the border from freedom of expression to hate speech is. but: there is harassment on twitter, that has lost every relation and is clearly to be banned / stopped. im not convinced that twitter is aware and really care about it. maybe just too much resources needed to do so?

Some of the hateful, abusive tweets aimed at Hillary Clinton are frightening. Many are extremely filthy and misogynistic--especially some of the cartoons or visuals. Many state without proof that this extraordinary woman is a criminal who deserves to be in prison or to die. She does not deserve this kind of ongoing harassment. For a real person to be treated this way on Twitter or anywhere is a vile form of bullying--geared at ruining one's reputation with lies that are repeated time and again. The hate spewed at Hillary Clinton makes me extraordinarily sad as a middle aged woman myself. It's become way too "normalized". Today alone I saw 2 separate cartoons about her "pooping her pants" because Donald Trump said she was mentally and physically unfit. Really frightening ones, i.e. in support of threats of violence toward her, I report not only to Twitter, but to the FBI. Sometimes when I see these tweets, I realize there are lots of dangerous, hateful people in the US (probably armed to the teeth because they are right wingers who love guns)--which makes me wonder if I even know my country anymore. I would be very concerned if any of these people lived in close proximity to me. I am very ashamed of how this country must look to people living outside it.

More needs to be done, they are much more active on issues that don't matter

We know they have the tools to stop it because verified accounts have special settings to filter tweets. They don't seem to care about the threats women get constantly. However banning Milo was definitely a good step forward, if well overdue

Needs to be better handled

While I'm not really popular enough on Twitter to receive much abuse myself, I've seen plenty of disturbing tweets directed at people I know or follow, and it's almost impossible to deal with. Twitter's inability to take abuse seriously and take action has resulted in good people having to leave Twitter or even their own homes to keep themselves safe. Better protection is 100% necessary.

I spent 6 months printing out tweets that contained doxes & mailing them to twitter's safety & legal dept so they could see how often it happens. I never heard from anyone.

It seems like they are making minimal efforts to fixing it, but the problem is much more pervasive than they are willing to admit and needs to have serious time and resources dedicated to finding solutions

I think many smart people have written at length on suggestions on how to solve this problem - but Twitter doesn't care. The block bot to auto-block GamerGaters/MRA's was the best thing to happen to Twitter and significantly improved my experience. Without it, I wouldn't be on Twitter. Also, verified users cannot go private (a tactic to try to ebb some of the abuse) because they lose their verification by going private. While I can understand why you wouldn't want verified accounts locked - there needs to be something to stop the abuse that isn't just putting blinders on. (Such as using a block bot, ignoring them, using the filter provided to verified accounts, etc)

they don't care

Blocking is effective for some, but it's a poor fix to people who are willing to create multiple accounts, or who have a sizable number of followers they can direct to the person who blocked them.

Although I follow a lot of public figures, feminist accounts and news sites on Twitter I do not personally post anything out of the fear I have of confrontation or being harassed because of the treatment I have seen so many others suffer through. I can be prone to anxiety attacks and know any negativity from strangers could easily push me over the edge.

Anonymity and the quick pace of tweets make abuse too easy

I've never had Twitter actually take action until I contacted my friends who are employees. An employee is able to flag an abuse request by case number and escalate it. All the ones that have been resolved are the ones reported by people in the inside.

They definitely need to do more to combat cyber bullying. It is one thing to make fun or share opinions. When people wish death on another human or threaten violence it is crossing a line and should be treated swiftly. We see what this hate culture has done to Leslie Jones and other public figures. It is demonizing and to let it happen means you tolerate it as a platform.

Twitter believes that free speech overrides the right of users to a pleasant experience. I only use Twitter to broadcast links because it's unusable for normal human interactions.

I got tired of having a public account so I created a new locked account, but even then, I got sick of mostly men in my mentions seeking attention w/ bad jokes or #actually. Now, I have a locked account not tied at all to my identity with 5 friends I've met F2F following me and it is SO MUCH BETTER to never have randos in my mentions or DM.

How can death threats not be as important as copyright infringement?

Twitter is not doing enough to curb harassment - I have never received any notice that the abusive people's accounts were deleted.

It's bullshit Twitter doesn't do anything in a reasonable amount of time, or even at all.

It needs to do something to avoid Twitter accounts that had been reported as abusive by multiple people from creating new accounts. There are cases of those happening and it's a never-ending cycle for public figures/celebrities. I feel like it breeds hate sometimes and the only way anyone can manage to stay on Twitter for a long period of time is by muting and blocking.

There has to be a limit to free speech and hate speech. Trolls should not be able to take over the platform.

The reason why I haven't received any hate tweets is because my account is on private (I am an 8th grade teacher and can't have my students snooping ☹). However, just because I haven't gotten any does not mean that there is not a problem. The anonymous accounts that tweet out garbage have no accountability because their profile picture is an egg or of a girl in a bikini. Something needs to change.

Fucking block the person you dumb ass-hats.

I am a firm believer in the constitutional right of free speech. I believe it is a necessity for all Americans-- all humans, to be able to speak their minds without fear of being suppressed or silenced. However, this freedom, no matter how inalienable, has always had limitations. You can't go into a crowded theater and yell, "fire," or lie under oath, you cannot spew terror threats or incitements to riot. And although I am a liberal, who upholds the belief that no one should have their freedom to speak taken away, I cannot condone the hurtful, hateful, and horrendous tweets I have seen lately. The racist, sexist, and degrading commentary

I have witnessed should not be tolerated. Twitter is not country. Twitter is a company that should put the fears and feelings of its members above the petty, shameful, and hurtful comments of the few. Sending obligatory emails, stating, "sorry we can't do anything about that" is not only wasting everyone's time, it is also incredibly offensive and disrespectful to those who are the victims here. I, thankfully, have never been on the receiving end of this kind of contempt and ridicule, but I have seen it happen to people I admire and look up to. Threats of rape, hate speech, condemning race mixing and same sex couples. It shatters one's faith in humanity. Twitter has shown it has the technology, manpower, and ability to take down tweets as it has in the past weeks with Olympics gifs and videos. So why not use that power for good and stop this senseless hate. Twitter can be such a wonderful place of humor and love, but even if every 1 in 1000 tweets is a detestable post about rape or ethnic cleansing I don't think it is worth it.

Racist and misogynistic language is allowed. It's completely inadequately managed

Twitter takes no action whatsoever

#freemilo Twitter gives you all the tools you need to combat the majority of forms of online abuse, so use them

Twitter does a terrible job of understanding the information included in the reports they ask you to submit (given you report a tweet directed at you; if it is directed at someone else, there is no way to provide that information). They ignore the context of a situation which is why it is hard to get them to take action against targeted and sustained harassment (multiple tweets). When people send abusive tweets to me, I typically don't even report them because I know it is just a waste of my time. I suspect that reporting tweets directed at other people does absolutely nothing unless thousands are submitted. I only report now if it is a long term abusive user continually harassing me and my friends and I know I have an hour (or a few) to collect all the evidence and send it into Twitter. I have reported obvious revenge porn of friends and seen absolutely nothing happen. So I started reporting the tweets as "directed at me" so that I can add an explanation, then explained that they weren't at me but why they needed to be taken down. Twitter started emailing me telling me there was nothing I could do unless I had the ID of that person and a statement that I am acting on their behalf. It wasn't even enough that it was OBVIOUSLY revenge porn!

Twitter regularly fail to look at the context of tweets or the broader picture. The worst experience we had was an individual creating 100s of accounts over several months and abusing - mostly female - staff and threats. Twitter directed us to local law enforcement (who were hopeless). Despite local Twitter reps stating how 'bad' this was, Twitter Trust & Safety took each account/tweet in isolation. They had no interest in taking objective measures to identify or restrict this person's ability to create new accounts and post targeted threats and shocking abuse. It lasted for almost a year and took an awful toll on staff and myself. It only ceased when the person stopped tweeting at us.

Twitter needs to protect its users - freedom of speech and expression are important, but this is a private entity; in addition, when the harassment interferes with my perceived feeling of safety and security, Twitter should protect me.

People need to find other shit to complain about, rather than this.

Not enough policing of hate talk and threats of harassment.

Not an issue

When a person uses words that are considered offensive the account should automatically be deleted

Nothing gets done

I have a Twitter and a Facebook, but nothing else. I rarely go on them and the abusive mini-conversation was one of the two tweets I've ever sent. However, in general, people are just mean and they should really know better than to so severely hurt somebody they don't even know, all while thinking nothing of their wrongdoings.

I can't understand why people think/it is arbitrated as free speech. Twitter is a private space. If I can't yell it in the Eaton Centre I shouldn't be able to say it on Twitter.

If it is affecting a minority, Twitter disregards it

The problem is different to ordinary spam, so solutions designed for anti spam, aren't effective enough for anti harassment

It's ridiculous that they've made no moves toward doing anything and I wrote them an email saying they don't have women's safety or best interests in mind.

It's out of control and delegitimizing twitter as a channel. I don't want to lose the diversity of voices, but can't imagine some people staying on the platform given how they are treated. It has also allowed racism and misogyny somehow become openly tolerated.

It's too easy for people to get away with it and there needs to be more strongly enforced laws

I've reduced my use of Twitter because it's emotionally exhausting.

Twitter's policies are not designed to stop harassment. Policies are vague & basically not enforceable.

it fucking sucks and no one does anything about it

I've been on twitter almost since its start. I'm an activist for several organizations and groups. Blocking is not effective as long as the abuser has ability to create or use another account to continue the harassment.

It's constant. I see it all the time directed at others. I get it myself sometimes (a bunch Sunday was the most recent) so a lot of times I don't even comment on stories anymore unless I'm in the mood for dealing with people. I do pre-block and block a lot so that helps minimize it.

There are dozens of mitigating tools they could use, and don't want to, and it's so entirely frustrating. I used to write about videogames for a living, and the sheer amount of abuse I and, when GamerGate hit big, all my friends, colleagues, and peers had to put up with and STILL have to put up with when someone with 20,000 followers gets a bug up their butt is horrific.

I put my account in protected mode, don't care for open platforms

AI is not always good at deciphering true abuse from playful banter but then again, sometimes humans have trouble understanding that too. Fine line between censorship and prevention.

It is frustrating to see abuse including death threats directed at friends, to follow twitter's guidelines for reporting, and then to see no action and receive no response of any kind. One gets the feeling that twitter's mechanism for dealing with abuse is not hooked up to anything.

I am a white male journalist. The difference in tone between the critical tweets I receive and the hostile tweets directed at my female and minority colleagues is constantly shocking. The stuff I see is pretty typical - your story is biased, etc. My female colleagues see far, far more vitriolic and personal attacks every day. Whole lot of c words. This is especially true of a Muslim colleague - her @ column horrifies all of us on a daily basis. We all regularly report the abusive tweets, but I am unaware of any accounts being suspended or any action being taken. Usually we get the standard doesn't violate policies response.

They need to hire more people to deal with the reports they receive. Also the "quality filter" that is available to verified accounts should be available for everyone.

All of the Twitter abuse that I have seen or hears about has been directed towards women, and most often women of color. As a WOC with opinions I feel lucky that it hasn't happened to me but feel like it is just a matter of time.

If calling black people "animals" isn't hate speech that you should take the initiative to delete, what are you doing?

it needs to stop because a lot of people consider Twitter to be a safe place for them to voice their thought but then they are driven off by rude people harassing and saying awful things about them



Twitter makes it too difficult to report.

Twitter can be a really scary place at times

Pathetic that it's accepted at all - they want users and don't care who it is. Most new accounts made are specifically trash accounts to harass, oh im sorry, "troll" people.

As long as Twitter allows right-wingers to engage in abusive behavior, its stock will continue to slide, because the rest of us are not interested in spending a lot of time on a site with endless and coordinated right-wing cyberbullying.

They can delete accounts sharing broadcast content in minutes, but abusers are rarely if ever sanctioned, and almost never banned.

I always tell my co-workers, "If you want to know how racist America is, check my Twitter account"

They care more about copyrights than they do about people

There is one user in particular who tweets terribly racist, vile stuff who was removed for a while but has since returned under the same handle tweeting the same shit and Twitter could care less. Unless you are famous, they don't care.

I feel like the rules should be revised. A lot of times when i reports something, on any site, NOTHING happens. Nothing. There needs to be people who review the whole story.

It is RAMPANT and twitter does nothing, NOTHING about it. The person who has harassed myself and people I know gets multiple complaints PER DAY. She has been suspended once and came back and whatever she does is ignored. Having been on twitter since it started, I have seen a DRASTIC change in the past year, especially in terms of harassment. It has become "normal," almost the purpose of the platform itself, to the mostly right-wing who have joined recently. I've been on every social platform since inception and have never seen such a change for the worse. "Reporting" is a joke, it does nothing. I know people who have had to file police reports, receive rape and death threats daily - yet twitter does nooooootthhing. It leaves one feeling as it's a Wild West. Twitter needs to reevaluate their policies and what constitutes harassment. The platform is a (free!) business; they do now "owe" anyone total freedom of speech which embraces this increased harassment. Whoever reviews complaints need to really read and empathize what a user is reporting and the duress they are being subjected to. It's not so clear as black and white rules. This ONE situation of harassment I am dealing with has affected my career, ability to find work (which I haven't been able to) and I am just one of many. As a platform/business, I can't see twitter lasting very much longer as people leave rather than accept that the company doesn't care about their users, who ARE their money-makers, their product.

They said it didn't violate their standards, even though I had never listed my name.

I had to delete my account

Twitter is fine with it. They don't care.

Twitter's terms of service is a joke. They care about user numbers to potential investors so they really don't enforce their rules unless they have to. I have hundreds of examples of clear violation of their terms of service yet nothing is done. It's a perverse version of the Thunderdome on Twitter and I highly recommend others don't join because of the abuse.

The amount of hate that's allowed to happen on Twitter is disgusting, and they're doing absolutely nothing to stop it.

I have been harassed by a woman that has harassed hundreds of people, she provokes violent tweets from minions. Twitter should permanently ban her.

There is harassment all over social media sites - not just twitter. Its is becoming a problem and should be dealt with by Twitter.

For every person I block, there can be 100 more people who also would make threats and use offensive language towards me. While I rarely tweet myself, I've seen numerous offensive tweets directed at others and nothing except a basic block. This user can create other accounts, continue to use abusive language, and encourage others to attack a targeted person. Millions of people from minority groups are not able to protect themselves from this online abuse and we need tools to protect ourselves.

The former CEO bragged about sucking at addressing targeted abuse. Apparently Twitter is still proud as nothing has changed.

Stop protecting ignorant assholes

Small minded people should accept that others [usually more intelligent] have a right to their own view or opinion. Especially if the name-callers are not normal

Accounts created for the sole purpose of harassing n individual, including personal information, should be removed.

Twitter has a very warped view of what is and is not abuse and seems very inconsistent when it comes to enforcing rules and protecting people.

Racist and harassing accounts enjoy near immunity on Twitter. The most offensive account actually did get suspended (not due to my report), but simply appealed the decision and came back to dox and threaten more people nearly immediately.

its terrible and shouldn't happen. there's enough negativity in the world, twitter shouldn't be a place where the negativity continues.

Yes something needs to Be done. Twitter isn't subject to the 1st amendment.

The site is inundated with neo-nazis. I thought of deactivating my account many times, but I didn't want them to think they could silence me. My neighbors reported trucks in front of my house in the middle of the night. I do not answer my house phone anymore due to abusive calls. A map to my home was circulated. There's nothing left of my life for them to dox.

It hurts

They don't care unless you're a celebrity

People who offend dont seemed bothered by consequences

Death threats are just wrong

I just don't understand why this is a difficult problem to solve.

A lot of misogynistic language and pointed attacks occur that seem to not be deleted.

Haphazard policing, at the best.

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Biggest pack of racists & anti Semites online.

Social media makes cyber bullying and abuse easier.

It's horrible what people feel they can say behind a keyboard

Twitter does nothing About people with multiple counts continuously harassing

It's broken. I constantly censor myself because my spouse has a lot of followers, so vitriol is directed at me.

People are emboldened by anonymity of social media and may escalate due to no repercussions other than possible hacktivist intervention.

They need to outright ban the evil, hateful people who feed on people's misery. It seems like it takes someone's harassment story going viral for Twitter to really act.

Twitter is too relaxed about it.

Twitter is a leftists platform that discriminates against western culture. It also gives misandrists a free pass.

They can be presented with multiple examples of a user violating TOS and STILL say the account broke no rules. It's disheartening. You feel utterly vulnerable. I've never been so afraid to upset the wrong person.

I reported the issue to Twitter but received no response. My husband reported the issue on my behalf a few days later and the accounts were deleted within a couple of hours.

I don't understand how literal threats of death and rape go unnoticed. There's a difference between ad hominem and blatant threatening.

I have seen ppl send detailed emails to twitter with incident after incident only to be told it didn't meet the TOU.

I definitely think that Twitter needs to protect its users from harassment! It is completely ridiculous that someone can call me a derogatory name and then not be out of bounds according to Twitter policy.

Its out of control and they do nothing to help victims. I can report and have my frnds report pics of my nudes for days and they don't get taken down.

I have had my account suspended because I fought back against anti-gay harassment

Be warned - you could anger an idiot or make a difference

It's completely out of control and Twitter is doing nothing about it. I have a friend who is basically stalked by a couple of people, from multiple sock accounts. One gets suspended, five more take its place. They use report bots to get her suspended. It happens over and over and Twitter does NOTHING. Much of their harassment of her involves the posting of revenge porn. Yet they return over and over and over. It's been going in since November, and Twitter just lets it continue. I have another friend who has been called fag/faggot/other even more hateful terms. Twitter does nothing.

I've seen much more than I've experienced.

ppl are dicks