

Hey friends who are at DragonCon? Can you help my pal kinda elbow the convention into giving these anti-Semitic white supremacist dweebs the boot? Quote:

Hey all. I talked to DragonCon about the KekCon thing. It took me two hours to speak to someone who could help. I'm supposed to get some feedback on my request to remove KekCon from DC at noon tomorrow.

I would really appreciate if folks could show up and wait with me at M-108 Information services in the Marriott at noon Saturday to see what DCon's response is. I'd like to show them this isn't just in the mind of one little Jew.

I know DragonCon is a notoriously shitty organization, so I don't have much hope. I would like to at least make it uncomfortable enough that they know playing footsie with the Alt-Right and Neonazis is not okay.

Jamie Gardner Tagging folks who might be around: Scylla Kat, Bonnie Sentinel, Ryan Josefsberg, KT Prime?

Katherine Mancuso Can you make this public so I can share with friends there?

Jamie Gardner Done!

Scylla Kat Give me more data what hotel are they in? Is this a Marriott level? I wanna bear witness. Cuz I can find some people to holler at. First hand.

Jamie Gardner Their previous post said it's a booth in the Sheraton. I asked where, I'll relay if I get a response. Otherwise I think they just want as my h backup as possible when the con staff responds.

Scylla Kat If they're in the Sheraton, it's personal.

Jamie Gardner They said to go to M-108 in the Marriot at noon to help with con management tomorrow.

Guled Abdilahi Scylla Kat I saw this booth next the on-site registration ballroom. Accross from disability services.

Scylla Kat Guled Abdilahi noooooooooo that is my turf. They won't be there tomorrow or I'll know why.

Josef Ravenson Yep, that's definitely where they were yesterday at least. Avoided that booth like the plague that it is.

Adam Levenstein Atlanta Antifa

Adam Levenstein Keith Mercer

Aurora Leigh Atlanta Antifa

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Luther Mckinnon I looked at the Kekcom website, and I don't see any "anti semetic white supremacist" talk. What is going on with this hatemongering?

Bill Ruhsam Do some research.

Bill Ruhsam Not on their website

Luther Mckinnon Hey, you are the one throwing stones. SHOW A SOURCE FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

Ann Lang The Southern Poverty Law Center is fairly authoritative on this matter.
<https://www.splcenter.org/hatewatch/2017/05/08/what-kek-explaining-alt-right-deity-behind-their-meme-magic>

Luther mckinnon <https://www.newsweek.com/splc-nawaz-million-apologizes-981879>

Maryam Payne It's not that hard to connect the dots if you take a look at their Twitter account, if you're genuinely not understanding it.

You do know that white supremacist groups are going to try to fly under the radar and use coded language in larger forums, right? Because on their website, that's obviously what they're doing. Members of the made-up "nation" that they have hashtagged on their Twitter account was present (complete with flag) at Charlottesville. Guess which side they were on?

(I'm not naming or linking any of this garbage, so you'll have to look for yourself).

Luther Mckinnon OK So you don't like their opinions. They have the right to express these opinions. Why are you so special that you have the right to shout them down? Maybe YOU are the one who should be kicked out of your overcrowded costume party.

Mariana Pannell Because their opinion lead to genocide and part of WW 2. They are not free of the repercussions of hate speech, no matter how coded the language is

Hope Ranker What's your bag, Luther? Crush on one of the organizers? Got called a gamergater at some point and didn't know why? Or is all just fun political theory to you and you haven't actually processed yet that Kekistan gamergaters literally find it fun to ruin people's lives?

Luther Mckinnon Mariana Pannell What about your hate speech? This shut-down-everybody-I-don't-like led to the Soviet Union, WW2, and millions of deaths.

Russell Shearer Awww, someone doesn't know what hate speech is. Luther is getting me all nostalgic for elementary school with his "nuh uh, you are" defense.

Luther Mckinnon Hope Ranker We talked in a parking lot seven years ago. Until now, I am not a Dragon Con fan, or an Alt Right person. However, I am disgusted with political correctness run amok, which is what this seems to be. This will give me material for a blog post, but will be of little value to anything else.

Hope Ranker Do some research, Luther. Pepe the frog. Kek. Gamergate. The culture around those things has literally been having fun at ruining people's lives for years.

This is not the post to educate you: It's the thread for alerting people to the threat. If you want an education on the matter then go to Google. If you just feel stressed out and threatened by all this, then work out that stress somewhere else.

Luther Mckinnon This is the type of arrogance that I deplore. Something appears on my facebook feed. I DID RESEARCH. I found nothing. I am told to do research. Rinse and repeat.

Then we move to the next step of the argument. When the factual arguments don't work, then it is on the personal insult phase.

I was having a pleasant saturday morning, until I made the mistake of paying attention to something I saw on facebook.

I should note that I am NOT a fan of your wonderful costume party. I just get tired of thought police making a scene, then telling you to do research until you have the correct opinions.

Then, the insults don't work, and you say to go away. Now, eventually I will go away, but you are acting like a fucking asshole. " If you just feel stressed out and threatened by all this, then work out that stress somewhere else." Do you have any idea how arrogant that is? To shove ideas in my face, insult me, and then say to go away. WHAT AN ASSHOLE

Jen Price Luther Mckinnon Stop with the political correctness defense. Our 1st ammendment rights guarantee that the government cannot censor, or silence us. It does not guarantee any a platform for expressing their views. The con has the right to make them leave.

But I agree with others. Your immediate response to this makes me assume you agree with their views.

Hope Ranker This is not a court. It is not the place to make the case that they're bringing in misogyny and racism with a thin veneer of gaming. They are. You acknowledge that you're new to this particular discussion. Others here have been dealing with it and targeted by it for years and recognize it clearly.

This is the place for coordinating a response. If you don't want to help with that, then please show yourself out.

Luther Mckinnon Hope Ranker I see that you unfriended me.
All I did was ask for evidence.

Hope Ranker I did. You did more than that. This isn't the place to explain.

Jake Leavitt "I asked these supposed fascists if they were fascist and they said no. So now I'm mad at all of you."
Okay, Debra!!

Sheerluc Birchfield The folks that are familiar with reddit seem to be the most educated on this subject. It has something to do with that Pepe the frog meme... This group took the name after it had been clearly associated with racism.

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Christopher Paul I didn't see anything on their site that indicated they are in any way alt-right. Are you assuming that because "Kek" is commonly used on 4chan?

Bill Ruhsam Why would a Nazi organization have IM A FUCKING NAZI on their own website. Do your research elsewhere.
Christopher Paul Bill Ruhsam Kek as a phrase existed YEARS before the alt-right. No need to be so condescending.

<https://knowyourmeme.com/memes/kek>

Keith Graham Yes, but they have a frog in their booth.

Hope Ranker There are *numerous* well recognized alright and gamergate dogwhistles on their website and FB page. Don't see them? Do some research about kek, Pepe the frog, and gamergate. This thread isn't the place to explain them.

Bill Ruhsam Christopher Paul it's been coopted. I'll be as goddam condescending as I want.

Rebecca Landrum Did you not see these fuckers flying their flag right beside nazi's

at most alt-right rallies?

Jessica Maddrey Miranda Compton You and your crew.....REPRESENT.
Miranda Compton I'm on it! I'll be at the Marriott at noon for support!

Lisa Baker Any pictures of the people at the booth? Any suggestions on who to call if I'm not at DragonCon?

Josef Ravenson Strangely, I haven't actually seen anyone at the booth.

Tory Borkowski It s a joke. Kekistan is a joke. Holy shit.

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Luther Mckinnon Last year, I went to the DC parade, dealt with the mob scene, and swore never again. This year, I get in a facebook quarrel with thought police. This is a much more comfortable way to participate.

Hope Ranker This isn't fun or comfortable for anyone else on this thread.

Miranda Compton So Luther, you aren't attending DragonCon, and never have except for trying to see one parade, correct? So why are you even in this conversation? As far as I can tell this has nothing to do with you.

Luther Mckinnon Miranda Compton Because you replied to me

Jen Price I know, right? How dare people be so dismissive and mean to people who identify as Nazis! It's not like Nazis were horrific, brutal, murderers or anything. Hang on, call coming in from 1942. After speaking with my colleague, it appears that horrific, brutal murders is EXACTLY what the Nazis were. And anyone who chooses to identify as a Nazi in our time deserves to be shunned and removed from public speaking and idea sharing platforms. Whew. Dodged a bullet there. Almost got that all wrong.

Hope Ranker I know him, it did years ago. He's not a first-hand alt-righter. He's just accidentally spewing their arguments for them because he didn't know what he got himself into.

Miranda Compton What a Troll shit stirrer you are. Back off.

Luther Mckinnon Hope Ranker I am not spewing anyone's arguments. I am just asking for evidence for your claims. I did research, and did not find anything.

Miranda Compton That was not meant for you Shel or Jen!

Hope Ranker This is not the place to explain gamergate to you, Luther. It's the place for coordinating a response to their threat. If you're not here to help with that then please show yourself out.

Luther Mckinnon Eventually I will leave. The more you argue with me, and insult me,

Alex Cline Wow the chuds came our for this one

Luther Mckinnon Bill Ruhsam You have reminded me of why I think your judgments are worthless. If this is how you decide who is an "alt right bigot" then you are an idiot

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Marc Risik Anyone who thinks Kek has anything to do with "hate" doesn't understand the concept.

As much as it's a "joke"... Kek wouldn't have it any other way.

Y'all are casting derision on a group you don't even understand...

And that's one of the most ironic displays of bigotry I could think of happening at a fantasy convention.

It's Politics Out Of Place.
Remember #GamerGate.

Don't call to rally against a group you're not even sure you're against.
That's how you get played into joining The Dark Side.
Brannon Rogers EFF has a panel tonight at Dcon on "Ethics in Virtual Reality." There are other facets to it than "ethics in videogame journalism," which *is* a super duper dog whistle for GG. I am willing to accept facts as they come to light, but also think we need to give awkward neckbeards room to neckbeard at Dcon.
Marc Risik If you run the werdies out of DragonCon, you'll only be left with Vendors.
Maryam Payne Brannon Rogers, screenshot from the "kekcon" hashtag on Twitter (the tweet in the middle is what confirmed it for me -- I knew this "Sargon" name was familiar, so I looked him up).

These are the people attending and promoting it.

Marc Risik ...
What on earth do you have against Sargon?
He's so... dry... ..See More

Quentin Bell The second you said dragoncon was a notoriously shitty organization, you lost my respect.

They do countless charities a year and do everything in their power to make sure everyone is Happy.

When you want something to change. Try not to insult them when asking them for something.

David Haller I'm not at DC, but somehow this came up in my feed; it piqued my interest enough to poke around.

While not explicitly alt-right (it's more anarchist/privacy), it certainly touches on the same base, at least tangentially. It's a given that, if this Con happens (very unlikely - they've had a series of failed crowdsourcing attempts to fund it), you'd

have some GG/AR folks in attendance. Of course, they're at DC too.

The table isn't manned because I *think* it's a one-man show; the crowdsourcing efforts were organized by Dillon Austin Davis (who is surprisingly invisible online - a big privacy fan, as I said)... maybe someone knows him? That would probably solve the issue of whether he's using "kek" in its pre-AR form ("LOL", as he asserts on the Kekcon site... if so, it's a very stupid decision to use it), OR if he's "code signaling".

Regardless, there's definitely a 4chan, Defcon, etc. vibe which is intentional (I would say, based on my half hour or so of poking around.)

Nazis? Nah. More like GG/AR comment-section trolls.

If there's a drop cloth on the table I guess you could just grab the corners and pull it up into a sack of merch? (though the DC staff might not like that!)

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sheerluc birchfield private message

<https://www.splcenter.org/hatewatch/2017/05/08/what-kek-explaining-alt-right-deity-behind-their-meme-magic>

the splc is discredited plus, that article does not say what is wrong with kekcon, other than having a picture of pepe on their site

O it says quite a bit about what's wrong with those people. I can see I made a mistake by trying to help. You said you did your research but obviously you did very light and sloppy research. Hope was right on the mark for deleting and blocking you.

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