
Subject: Re: Server owners, or servers in general...

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If you're offended by "swear words", you should really ask yourself why that is. In particular why you would discriminate against particular words that do usually have a valid meaning other than to simply offend people. "Shit" is the same as "excrement", for example. It's ridiculous when you think about it, that for the sake of example, a person could go onto a server and state "I stood in some shit this morning" and be immediately kicked by one of the more eager admins, yet a similar statement using a word not deemed a "swear" would suffer no penalty. Also, practically all swear words can be used to express frustration, which is a healthy thing to do... you get it out and you move on. The thing is, a swear word used in that context would essentially mean the same as let's say "fiddlesticks". So if you kick someone from a server for typing "fuck" in frustration, but not "fiddlesticks", you're arbitrarily deciding that one word is wrong, even though they have the same meaning. It's stupid when you think about it.

Personally, I'm all for people being punished for abusing other users on the internet, but every single word there is can be used with the intention of offending others. By the same token, all words can be used without that intention. The only rule that's necessary is one to punish people who deliberately try to insult other people... and I think that's generally obvious by the context. If some people insist on being offended by a particular word itself, regardless of how it was used, the they are the one with a problem. These people are blindly following a code of conduct that outlaws certain words for reasons that they don't understand... they just follow. It's pretty much the same as religion actually, so any server that outlaws swear words might as well go ahead and enforce the religious beliefs of their choice on everyone that plays there.
