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Subject: Re: Should the community have a "say"?  
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If you make the payments be on a vote-by-vote basis, sure it'd be selling out. That's not what would happen if we were to go with my suggestion. They wouldn't be paying to get their way. They'd be paying to have more of a voice. You wouldn't be bribing a corporation's Board of Directors if you bought stock, would you? Of course not, and this would work the same way.

It's not really so much to get a lot of things changed necessarily, either. It's more or less the principle of "citizens" or "stock holders" having a say. Sure, you or I as a consumer have a say in how we want a company to handle the selling of its product. If enough of us choose to take our business elsewhere, the company is going to change. Still, they're not the ones making the decisions.

Another idea of even having a "buy-in" for a "Board of Directors" of these forums would work, too. Crimson and the rest of you staffers would be able to interview and pick the representatives of the community as a whole.

I'm just throwing out ideas. I can't really say that I have much of a complaint against how things are run, so it's hard to say what "good" a change would be. Again, I think a lot of it has to do with just being the principle of a community being ran by a collective of the community, especially a collective that are fairly diverse in their views.

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