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Subject: Re: don't ask don't tell

Posted by [reborn](#) on Wed, 12 Jan 2011 13:12:03 GMT

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Spoony wrote on Tue, 11 January 2011 13:09 both you and reborn misunderstood the question. i was getting towards the fact you almost certainly had a good reason to think that this is what they thought about you killing yourself, in which case it isn't faith.

Hand on heart, I totally understood that you was trying to lead him to that conclusion. I didn't misunderstand and assume you was suggesting something worse.

I believe though that the value of human life should of occurred to you before you decided to use that point as a tool to try and make Carrier come to that outcome by himself.

I totally get that you was trying to free him from what you likely feel is an illusion, and probably a mental prison of guilt. I honestly believe you have the right reasons in mind.

However, if you succeeded and "won" the arguement, then the basis of what supposedly saved his life would of been lost. His anchor broken. Unless the new conclusion that he came to (that his friends love him) is strong enough to be the new mental anchor, you've basically led him to a very dark place indeed.

Perhaps I'm reading too much into it, and giving the notion of changing someones mind on the internet too much weight, because lets face it, it's a rare occurance. I would just personally think twice about it.

Although I concede that Carrier shouldn't of been so silly as to put something so personal into an online debate if he isn't prepared for someone to challenge that, I guess. Otherwise I suppose it's like a trump card you hold up that says "Can't argue with me, I played the race card, you argue then you is racist, lol". Still though...

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