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Subject: Re: LOL...UN

Posted by [warranto](#) on Fri, 07 Jul 2006 14:35:31 GMT

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Dover wrote on Thu, 06 July 2006 20:54: Swearing not being allowed IS a bad thing, because it treats "swear" words differently than all the other words in the English language, when really they aren't. There's nothing special about the letter arrangement in the word "Shit" that makes it any more threatening than "Hits" or "This" or "Sith". A word is a word is a word, and the only reason people react the way they do to swearing is because they're told to. Newborns and people who don't speak a word of English won't react that way, because there's nothing special or different about them at all.

Making a rule banning cussing makes no more sense to me than a rule that says Crimson wrote on Wed, 12 April 2006 18:48...that no nicknames with the letter "w" can play that day because there's absolutely no rationality behind it, other than "I don't like it" or "We have kids here who aren't supposed to be playing anyway". Fucking morons...

As far as the younger audience excuse goes, it's absolute negligence on behalf of the parents to allow a ten year old to play ANY kind of multiplayer game (Especially a shooter) and expect them not to pick up cussing. If you don't want your kids to have a foul mouth, don't let them play video games online, especially ones that are targeted for an audience much older than they are.

I'm angry now...

Unfortunately, the letter arrangement of words DOES make a difference. That's simply how the English language is. We have only so many letters that can be used, so different arrangements are bound to take on different meanings, and such words will be deemed socially acceptable or not.

Certain letter arrangements take on meanings that are not socially acceptable, and are deemed "foul". Simply because it is considered "foul" language, there are barriers in place to prevent the useage of them. Be it right or not, there are some "universal" swear words that are not deemed appropriate to use. The fact that they do not appear in the normal course of human speech also plays to that fact.

Stating that people react badly because they are told to is a moot point. That's the way things are with every form of human interaction. It would be akin to saying that the only reason sexual harassment is bad, is because we are led to believe it. After all, there is nothing special to simply another way of touching someone. Whether it's shaking hands, or grabbing something else, touching is touching, correct?

The problem with your comparison between swearing and the names with "w" is that one has nothing inately wrong about it, and one is deemed universally-socially unacceptable to use.

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