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Subject: Re: The RGCT Prize debate

Posted by [Goztow](#) on Tue, 29 Dec 2009 16:42:26 GMT

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SPIKDUM wrote on Tue, 29 December 2009 13:49goztow wrote on Tue, 29 December 2009 02:04 The official Renegade forums, run by Westwood, were handed over by the responsible people back in the days to Crimson. ... .. If (a part of) the community wants renforums.com to become "less Crimson", which is what I read in several posts, then it might need to start considering paying (a part of?) the bill. You can't seriously claim to want one without the other.

I hope you can see that official game forums ran by producers are a neutral/free platform for customers to discuss and express themselves, and provide their input regarding a product. You can't honestly claim that these forms are still official when they get handed over to someone else who (technically) gets to lord over the posters simply because she is paying the bill. This is not to say that Crimson has ever done anything of the sort to my knowledge (except for "THE" event). Do you see the distinction as well?

AFAIK the free expression was way more limited back in the days (when WW moderated) than it is now. Maybe someone who was around back then could confirm?

Also, EA gave out moderating rights to regular and trusted users on their own official forum. These people also "lord over the posters", if I may take your terms. So isn't that forum official for the new generation of games anymore, then? It makes sense for older games that the community aspect gets outsourced to one or a handful of persons. That doesn't make the support they provide any less "official". If you want, I'll say it's "as official as it gets".

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