

Re: How unimportant is sci.math?

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news:3c65f87.0408141006.51d394e9@posting.google.com...
> *I've been pointing out for a while that Usenet doesn't matter, when I
> think what's clear from my research is that sci.math doesn't matter to
> the world at large and I have some data on that subject that I think
> is of interest:*
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> *Several years ago I was in some stupid argument with some regular
> posters including David Ullrich, one of the most prolific posters in
> sci.math history, and at some point I claimed that David Ullrich had
> acted as my lapdog in an instance.*
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> *Well his reply was freaky enough that I worried that maybe he'd
> flipped out, so I apologized in a later reply.*
>
> *Over a year went by...*
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> *In some other thread of mine, now over a year later, David Ullrich
> replies saying that back then, over a year ago, he'd thought up a
> racial slur as the "appropriate" reply to me but had been talked out
> of giving it!!!*
>
> *Like he's talking about posting a racial insult on a public forum?*
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> *Like if I were Chinese he was thinking of calling me a chink as the
> "appropriate reply"?*
>
> *Freaky.*
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> *Like consider this, David Ullrich is a math professor at Oklahoma
> State University. It seems that he'd have some anxiety about
> mentioning racial slurs on a public forum, let alone claiming to have
> been ready to deliver one, if he had any notion that anyone paid
> attention to the sci.math newsgroup.*
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> *Like, just to mention one group because they're big and scary,
> Oklahoma State University has a football team with, I'm sure, people*

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- > *of lots of ethnicities.*
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- > *How would it look for recruitment if the big story was that an*
- > *Oklahoma State University professor was talking about thinking of*
- > *racial slurs out in public?*
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- > *I was shocked at his statements and expressed my displeasure.*
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- > *He defended them!!!*
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- > *I felt I should notify Oklahoma State University of those statements*
- > *and of his other behavior as I was tired of his obsessive, and to me*
- > *inane, replies to my posts.*
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- > *I was worried a bit there and thought that the university should know*
- > *about the *public* statements by this professor.*
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- > *Well Ullrich just posted that I'd contacted his university and claimed*
- > *I was trying to get him fired, while continuing to defend his*
- > *statement.*
- >
- > *Now I realize that he got away with all of that because sci.math is*
- > *not important, and the rest of the world doesn't pay attention.*
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- > *Like, no one is worried about football players reading sci.math*
- > *postings!*
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- > *I have yet to hear Ullrich back down from his statement, which*
- > *basically came out of the blue, more than a year after I made the*
- > *"lapdog" comment and apologized for it, as I guess that really hit his*
- > *ego for some reason, and he figured that the best way to get back at*
- > *me was a racial slur, to the extent that he said that over a year*
- > *later, even though I'd apologized soon after my statement!*
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- > *Who knew lapdog was such a horrible insult? Like, to Ullrich, on par*
- > *with calling someone a chink based on his statement.*
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- > *At one point I thought Ullrich was in his own little world, then I*
- > *realized that he may be typical for *actual* mathematicians, not*
- > *fantasy ones, so while yes, he's in his own little world, he may not*
- > *be alone in there.*
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- > *After all, mathematicians aren't known for their social skills, now*
- > *are they?*
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- > *On sci.math, Ullrich is probably normal among his like peers in an*
- > *ignored world where what's said doesn't matter anyway.*
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- > *The majority of the world clearly just does not care about what's said*
- > *here.*
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> *James Harris*

Is this a defence of your mathematics? Or is it just a "dumb ass" retrieval"?

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