

Re: Being balanced

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On 26 Mar 2005 17:12:25 -0800, jstevh@msn.com wrote:

>C. Bond wrote:

>> jstevh@msn.com wrote:

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>> [snip]

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>> > Usually, if I'm talking about a problem on Usenet I'm brainstorming
>it.

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>> According to the bulk of your posting record (you can check this at
>any

>> time), you are usually *promoting* a so-called solution to a problem,
>not

>> brainstorming. In the majority of your posts you are defending your
>cause,

>> regardless of its merits, with a vigorous, sometimes militant, and

>> sometimes hysterical passion. In the rest of your posts, you are

>generally

>> snivelling about liars and conspirators. Neither of these is

>> 'brainstorming'.

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>> [snip]

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>Well, yeah, I've spent a lot of time promoting ideas that I'm

>brainstorming, and I've done so in highly creative ways.

"Creative". Right. Like for example the following is a
creative approach to defending your ideas, right?

<quote: Message-ID="3c65f87.0401051507.45c5603c@posting.google.com">

[you:]

> >You see, the conventional thinking is that you can divide 7 from both

> >sides and

> >still be in the ring of algebraic integers, because algebraic integer

> >are infinitely decomposable,

>

[me:]

> *What??? Who thinks that?*

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> *The only person I know who thinks this thing you call "the*

> *conventional thinking" is _you_.*

[you:]

You stupid shit head!!! What the fuck is wrong with you Ullrich?

No matter how many fucking times I tell you to fuck off, you keep replying to me!!!

What the fuck is your problem you shithead?

You Ullrich are a stupid piece of dumb shit who refuses to get the message when someone does NOT want to talk to you, you stupid fucking shitty asshole.

You are an ASSHOLE Ullrich!!! Now why don't you take your dumb ass stupid self somewhere to GET A FUCKING CLUE and QUIT FUCKING REPLYING TO ME AS IF I EVER WANT TO TALK TO YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

FUCK OFF!!!!

Can't you get it through your stupid head?

FUCK OFF!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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>*It's a creative process.*

Yes, I think anyone would agree that you show a lot of creativity above.

>*There are people who get angry about my posting.*

No. Really? I wonder why that would be?

>*And they are angry enough to reply obsessively in the negative to my posts.*

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>*For me brainstorming is generating a lot of ideas in a particular problem area, and putting them out there.*

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>*There are posters who get angry, so they come after my posts with a lot of extra, so I end up defending ideas early in the process to keep them from being unfairly trashed.*

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>Worse, I've seen posters make questionable claims, so that their
>counterclaims against my ideas have to be critiqued carefully, which is
>just extra work that I don't like doing, so I often would shift to
>avoiding their claims, or quickly dismissing them if I could find any
>basis for doing so, as they weren't reliable.
>
>Now, however, in the critical phase, I can go slowly and carefully
>considering both my own ideas and claims against them, without fear
>that the now mature ideas will be tossed prematurely.
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>You see, with mature ideas you don't have to actively defend them.
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>If they can't stand against anyone and everyone—including you—then
>they're not valid.
>
>So, I no longer need to be defensive about ideas I feel are mature, so
>I can instead be a critic, to test them as rigorously as possible.
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>
>James Harris

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