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is dondald trump woke?

and Other Trolling Questions

Rise and Fall of the *Woke Content Detector* Steam Group



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Trigger warning

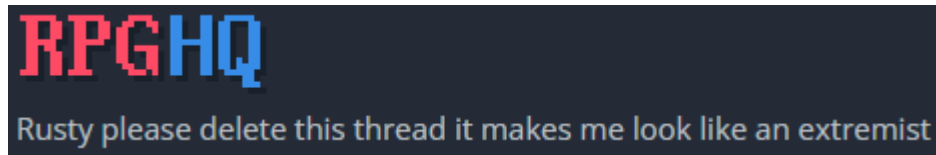
This presentation focuses on a group that shares harmful content toward minorities.

Trigger warning 2

To counterbalance, I may also use some kind of irony toward the Woke Content Detector community.



What is the *Woke Content Detector* ?



27,000 members

Well-known website community. Pro-Gamergate.

9,000 members

Website community born from a dissensus concerning free speech on RPG Codex.

Same topics as RPG Codex, but (extremely) right-winged.

3,500 members in May 2025 ; 5,000 today.

Group created by › Furin, member of RPGHQ.

Stated goals:

- Rigourously identify video games with *woke*-related content
- Publish recommandations for everyone

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Review Types:

“Recommended” = No Woke themes present

“Informational” = Woke themes present with subtle/no specific messaging

“Not Recommended” = Woke themes present with overt messaging

Woke Content Detector
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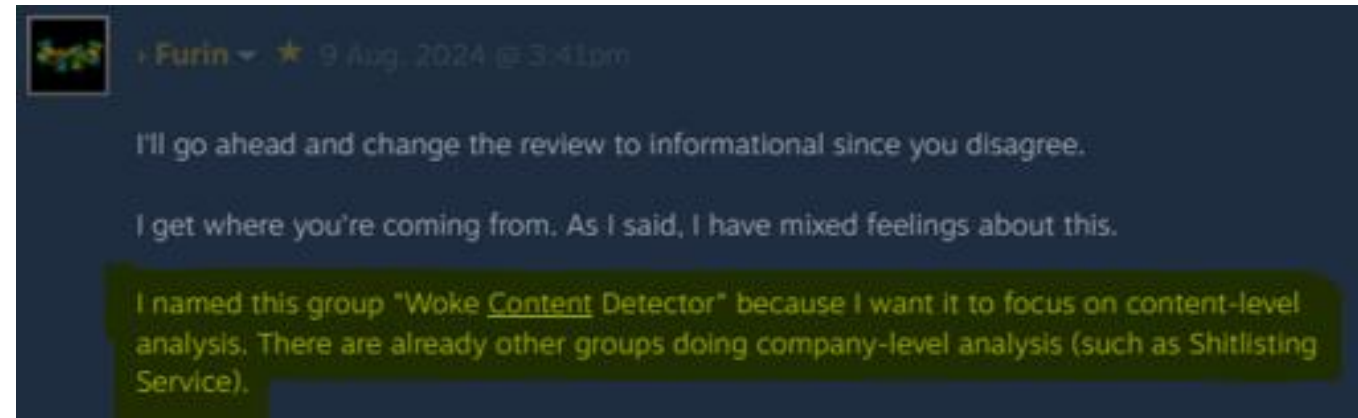
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1 This list was put together by the Content Detector Steam group assistance from members of RP

	Game	Release Year	Developer	Publisher	Rating	Review
1603	The Planet Crafter	2024	Miju Games	Miju Games	Informational	Contains subtly pro-communism/socialism, subtly anti-human, and subtly anti-colonialism messaging. See the full review for spoilers. https://steamcommunity.com/groups/Woke_Content_Detector/discussions/1/4631485178655633059/
1604	Geometry Dash	2014	RobTop Games	RobTop Games	Not Recommended	Contains overtly pro-LGBTQ+ messaging. Features multiple LGBTQ+ themed levels that have been reviewed and endorsed by the developer. https://steamcommunity.com/groups/Woke_Content_Detector/discussions/1/4631485375577109690/
1605	Middle-earth™: Shadow of Mordor™	2014	Monolith Productions	Warner Bros. Interactive Entertainment, Warner Bros. Games	Informational	Contains subtly pro-DEI messaging. Features multiple improbable human female front-line combatants/leaders and an unlikely Haradrim officer fighting for Gondor. https://steamcommunity.com/groups/Woke_Content_Detector/discussions/1/601892852260171213/
1606	Pharaoh + Cleopatra	1999	Impressions Games	Activision	Recommended	Contains no Woke Content. https://steamcommunity.com/groups/Woke_Content_Detector/discussions/1/4514381284536845417/?ctp=3#c4852155797905315601
1607	Mortal Kombat X	2015	NetherRealm Studios, QLOC	Warner Bros. Games, Warner Bros. Interactive Entertainment	Not Recommended	Contains overtly pro-LGBTQ+ messaging. Kung Jin is gay. Mileena and Tanya are a lesbian couple.
1608	Orcs Must Die!	2011	Robot Entertainment	Robot Entertainment	Recommended	Contains no Woke Content. https://steamcommunity.com/groups/Woke_Content_Detector/discussions/1/4514381284536845417/?ctp=3#c4852155797905315601
1609	Orcs Must Die! 2	2012	Robot Entertainment	Robot Entertainment	Recommended	Contains no Woke Content. https://steamcommunity.com/groups/Woke_Content_Detector/discussions/1/4514381284536845417/?ctp=3#c4852155797905315601
1610	Orcs Must Die! 3	2021	Robot Entertainment	Robot Entertainment	Recommended	Contains no Woke Content. https://steamcommunity.com/groups/Woke_Content_Detector/discussions/1/4514381284536845417/?ctp=3#c4852155797905315601

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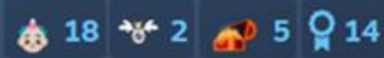
What is woke in gaming ?

The WCD uses a wide and non restrictive definition.

Woke is a “floating signifier” [signifiant flottant] (Laclau, 2008; Mahoudeau, 2022).

It is defined by continuous accumulation of new semes (Surinx, 2025).

 **Furin** ★ 16 mars 2024 à 11h27





Methodology

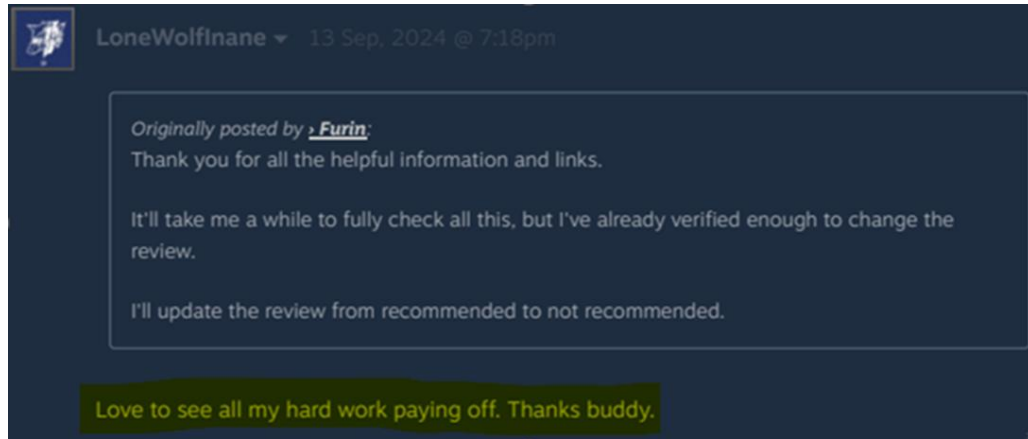
Basic Terminology:

“Woke” content = any images, messages, characters, storytelling, dialogue, music, or game mechanics that include themes associated with the left-side of the political aisle in contemporary western politics.

These themes include things like:

- pro-LGBTQ+ messaging
- pro-DEI messaging
- pro-climate action messaging
- pro-communism/socialism messaging
- pro-abortion messaging
- pro-pedophilia messaging
- pro-immigration messaging
- pro-transhumanism messaging
- pro-Democrat/progressivism messaging
- anti-Republican/conservative messaging
- anti-western society messaging
- anti-human messaging
- anti-colonialism messaging
- anti-capitalism messaging
- anti-heterosexual messaging
- anti-patriarchy messaging
- anti-white messaging
- anti-family messaging
- anti-free speech messaging
- anti-gun messaging
- etc.

WCD's evolution



> **Furin's era**
(March 2024 till May 2025)

« **Adrift** »
period

Post-> Furin era
(From June 2025)

✉ **Is Furin alive or what?**
Ben Dover

17 sept. à 14h32 25

✉ **What's up with the woke infestation these days?**
Invadăm Alaska/Pișare Totală

26 sept. à 5h00 51

Post-→ Furin era

→ Furin was

- the only administrator ;
- the most active member ;
- the leader who federates the group around a cause ;
- the zealot who intercedes with the woke concept.

→ His vanishing leads to

- **Anti "anti-woke"/trolls'** invasion on the group ;
- more doubt about his methodology.



Three questions/objectives

1. How do the new members engage with trolling the original community ?
2. How is such a group still working ?
3. How has the definition of “woke videogame” evolved ?

Methodology

Semiorhetorical approach.

➔ Understand how people present arguments on a subject and how the discursive context influences their argumentation

Qualitative and manual analysis of co-enunciation (Rabatel, 2005 ; 2012 ; 2013).



1a. How to troll anti-woke people?

A common way is by using **irony** to criticize and ridicule others while showing some solidarity (Eggs, 2009).

“Irony does not seek to completely dissimulate the deception, but to let it appear [my translation]” (Barnabé, 2022, p. 25)

Following Rabatel (2013), irony corresponds to an act of over-enunciation that reformulates a point of view in the interest of the speaker.

Irony to lure original members

The speaker produces
ad hominem
arguments toward
anti-woke members,
who have difficulties to
perceive the irony.



LadyAnnatar ▾

8 oct. à 14h20

3) Troll

DTN_YT a écrit : 2) Anti-woke

chocilota a écrit : 1) Troll

Yes, "Hollow Knight Silksong" is OVERTLY woke, and I WOULD NOT recommend it to ANYONE. here are the reason why I believe it could be classified as WOKE:

The player character is a woman, and repeatedly refuses sexual advances made on her. She is also stated to have had several romantic partners in the past who's gender aren't specified. The second act of the game has OVERTLY anti capitalist themes, and one of the first bosses the player encounters in said act is HEAVILY implied to be a homosexual couple. Another boss the player encounters acts in a flamboyant manner, and is also a THEATER KID, which is completely UNACCEPTABLE.

Some characters have they/them pronounces, and many of the bosses are female, again shoving the feminist agenda down our throat.

I can't believe those WOKE LEFTISTS are shoving their political agenda down our throats with a game about BUGS. This is absolutely SHAMEFUL behavior that should not be tolerated.

Yea, I looked at Synthetic Man play the game and I noticed a tone of strong and independent bug woman, my guess is Team Cherry got bribed into adding the propaganda by multiple different entities like Collective Shout for example. I know that the first had a gay couple but to be fair it was hidden in a side quest that I never did. The shift between hiding it and putting the propaganda on full blast is very obvious to me that they most likely got payed a ton of money to do it.

Your inability to recognise when someone is making fun of you is truly astounding.

Rhetorical use of irony

Trolls take the upper hand by subverting anti-woke discourses.

➔ They choose the weapons (they attack, rarely fight back) and the battlefield (the topic).

Anti-woke members are constrained by these parameters and must adjust their answers.

➔ Because they want to defend their principles, they can't just deflect the issue.

**LadyAnnatar** ▾
14 mars à 7h22

Troll

A big shoutout to all our brave anti-woke warriors

For being such sterling examples of just how important abortion access is to the fabric of a healthy society.

Imagine the horror of pouring years of love and dedication into your child just for them to grow into such a rancid cumstain.

Safer to just flush it, and hope that next time you get a girl.

Affichage des commentaires 1 à 11 sur 11

**Chin-Chin** ▾
14 mars à 8h50

Anti-woke

Abortion is murder, seek Christ. #1

**Invadăm Alaska/Pişare Totală** ▾
17 mars à 17h17

Anti-woke

LadyAnnatar a écrit :

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Let's see how your ding/dong/dey sprong is gonna turn out #2



H-Foundry PIXIV ▾
25 aout 2025 à 10h05

Troll

Sharkmunky a écrit :

Anti-gun???? You people like death now????? Is living woke????

what a great argument against the second amendment /s

sorry bro, Spiderman is on the list.

#13



CarnageInc. ▾
27 aout 2025 à 8h01

Anti-woke



ignore the low effort troll. He joined just to complain and whine about every game on the list, and thinks throwing in shitty jokes will make him get the attention he craves..

Go easy on the retard, probably nearing the 42% club as it is.

#14



Goober Wooper ▾
7 mai à 22h51

Troll

after seeing this, i can safely say that every single one of your right wing members are fat chuds who live in their parents basement, waste money on games that have ANYTHING REMOTELY left wing, and probably suck trump off in every conversation they have.

#15

Flooding (and irony) to complicate discussions

Trolls **hijack** discussions to disturb or interrupt them.

They target :

- the nature of the anti-woke arguments ;
- the logic of anti-woke arguments ;
- the rhetorical tactics of anti-woke members ;
- the ethos or supposed characteristics of anti-woke members.

1b. Flooding (and irony) to complicate discussions

« Backfire tactic »

→ Even if not always ironic, trolls commonly use arguments or elements attributed to anti-woke members against them.



Invadām Alaska/Pișare Totală
27 mars à 23h49

Why is every group on the planet allowed to be far-right except us Caucasian/euro whites?

Recently saw that "how racial groups rate each other" graph and bada bing bada boom

The only group which is routinely accused of being supremacist is the least supremacist

Non-whites also majorly adhere to right wing/far right beliefs and principles even though they tend to vote for leftist parties (because they get free stuff open borders anchor kids instant citizenship welfare etc)

40K thousand years ago the ancestors of the European man was like any other savage feral consumed all the resources in an area then moved on

But then winter happened, it both made us and destroyed us

The low inhibition highly hedonistic sociopaths and psychopaths that naturally exist in a tribal environment got wiped out and the altruists who had the notion of time + effort = results survived

Why do I even mention this? Because this hyper altruistic behavioral pattern has become more malignant than any ruptured appendix

Nobody in the world shares the worldviews and values of western leftoids who merely romanticize all of these oh so oppressed and misunderstood noble savages

I remember reading a lengthy blog post about a white teacher's experience teaching at a black school and how taken aback she was when she discovered that most blacks have a "good girl bad girl" moral framework (I didn't do wrong that I hit you in the head, what I did wrong was that I got caught basically)

Basically she discovered that the doe-eyed Daniel Kaluuya archetype was a Hollywood fantasy

Not only did Caucasoid euro whites come up with the high majority of modern and meaningful inventions we also came up with universal human rights and other fancyful moral frameworks and philosophy nobody else ever thought of

Lady Annatar/Analtantrum who's been haunting this forum for a year now is a resident of Britistan, she says her feminist gynetopia will be least bit affected by islamists oh well let's see how that turns out

Affichage des commentaires 1 à 11 sur 11



theyaoiyumbler
28 mars à 11h06

Ooooooh I wonder why I'm not allowed to call black people slurs I have no human empathy and don't go outside :((((



Loot Hunter ▾

3 nov. 2025 à 9h36

Anti-woke

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I'm not the one, who claims that he/she/they/zem was forced to go through conversion therapy, yet fails to provide proof. If you want me to stop treating your oppression as fictional, then provide proof that it's real.

#24



Marcii ▾

3 nov. 2025 à 9h42

Troll

2



Loot Hunter a écrit :

Marceline a écrit :

> Denies real systemic suffering

> But muh white genocide

You do not give a fuck about real issues because they do not affect you yet you are so pathetic that you think fictional oppression

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Strawman strawman eat a dick, apologist.

#25



MT ▾

12 nov. 2025 à 17h11

Anti-woke

3



Asked for proof, shows no proof, instead cries Strawman.
I do not think you understand what is a Strawman...
As expected from a tranny sjw

#26



Marcii ▾

12 nov. 2025 à 18h15

Troll

4



Strawmanning is misrepresenting an argument in order to easier argue against it.
Exactly what they fucking did.

#27

1c. Why is it easy to troll in this context ?

The WCD is driven by McCarthyism since its origins: the slightest disagreement or lukewarm opinion is treated as an evidence of wokeness.

➔ The phenomenon is reinforced by trolls' incursions, because they

- break into some kind of « anti-woke safe space » ;
- make it difficult to discern serious from unserious messages.

Consequence: people from both sides talk to a brick wall, but with different goals :

- Trolls want to disturb communication.
- Anti-woke still try to communicate and cannot refrain from debating.

2. Is it still possible to establish a list in this context ?

Many obstacles :

- Discussions continue, but are unpromptedly interrupted by trolls.
- No more archive/list's updates.
- Absence of a leader to judge the appropriateness of the messages.

Maybe the group model was not viable without a strong "conceptual" leadership.

➔ One member tried to create "WCD II", but adhesion is limited.



caltrop77 ▾

19 aout 2025 à 15h59

so was this group a leftie psyop all along?

from what i been reading apparently furin has been completely missing for months now. dropped off the face of the earth. now in hindsight i agreed with most of this list but i also disagreed with a lot of it. now i just wonder if furin was actually a leftie all along trying to make people who don't want to play woke ▼▼▼▼ look bad.

since the group is pretty much dead and not updated anymore what do u recommend following instead?

3. Is this game still woke/based ?

While the definition of wokism was never stable, the presence of

› Furin's insure :

- a unique "socio-epistemic" vision ;
- an unambiguous application.

➔ › Furin's followers do not only refer to him, but to his methodology.

When › Furin's away, the mice will play

Without › Furin, each member becomes apt to establish their personal definition.

 **Marcii** › Troll
20 oct. 2025 à 16h38

Based on the group's retarded ass definition all of these games are woke. Based off of this group's definition, the bible is woke but I doubt you'd agree. If a definition has this many exceptions, consider the fact that it's a bad definition but y'all aren't big fans of change, huh? To conserve is literally in the name, crow...

#9

 **Loot Hunter** › Anti-woke
20 oct. 2025 à 17h22

Ah, I see. Well, this groups definition is wrong and many of the games are labeled unjustly.

#11

 **Marcii** › Troll
20 oct. 2025 à 17h52

So what are the woke games? What is the definition of woke? Where are the woke games on mass going broke? Again, perpetual state of denial, ignorance and wrongful justification with y'all. The way that right wing ideology has brainwashed millions from practising critical thinking and empathy is fucking disgusting.

#12

 **LadyAnnatar** › Troll
20 oct. 2025 à 19h00

Ask 3 conservatives what woke is and you'll get twenty different answers

It's almost like the actual definition is 'whatever I don't like'

#13

Bonus

**Loot Hunter** ▾
21 oct. 2025 à 3h33

Marceline a écrit :

Loot Hunter a écrit :
At leasth they have that definition. (Btw, I define wokeness as an ideology that sees society through the lense of oppression, dividing everyone into oppressor and oppressed and blaming "oppressors" for everything while giving "oppressed" a pass for the most horrendous actions)

You don't even have definitions, because when you define something in concrete terms, you can always be caught on contradictions.

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Woman, woke, Nazism, fascism. Just four examples of words that you use in the most broad and ambiguous manner without clearly defining their meaning.

Now, prove me wrong and tell: What is a woman? What is wokeness? What is Nazism? What is fascism? Without convoluted, meaningless and obfuscative bullshit.

#17

**Marcii** ▾
21 oct. 2025 à 5h02

Loot Hunter a écrit :

Marceline a écrit :

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A woman is an adult of whom identifies as a woman
Woke is to be alert of and acknowledge systemic injustice, power imbalances and intersectionality.
Nazi-ism is the authoritarian, nationalistic, white supremacist, political ideology and philosophy of which originated in 1930s era Germany.
Fascism is an authoritarian, nationalistic regime and the political ideology and philosophy. Fascism and Nazi-ism go hand in hand.

See how easy that was?
That's ANSWERING A FUCKING QUESTION LOOKS LIKE.
"the most broad and ambiguous manner" and don't fucking bullshit straight to my face.

#18

A more polarized definition

Vanishing of the leader

+ strong opposition between
trolls and anti-woke members

➔ Even more radicalized
position and definition of
wokism



A screenshot of a forum post on a dark blue background. The post is by a user named 'Ghannon' with a profile picture of a skull, dated '31 mars à 2h36'. It contains a quote from 'Invadām Alaska/Pişare Totală' and a red-bordered text block discussing 'wokies' and 'undercover' members. The post ends with a statement about taking over the group and a footer indicating the last modification.

Ghannon ▾
31 mars à 2h36

Invadām Alaska/Pişare Totală a écrit :

The mods are AFK and they've allowed themselves to infect the sub with their coal-tier takes

Yeah.

This group has been infested with wokies, many undercover, since its creation. The undercover wokies tried to subtly subvert the rating standards for what is considered a woke game or not.

I would gladly take over this group and appoint trustworthy admins if I could contact the current owner, but he seems to have gone completely offline.

Dernière modification de Ghannon; 31 mars à 2h38

#2

To conclude

- Relation of the gaming community with manosphere, conspiracy theories and far-right communities.
- People who leave the group do not vanish. They find other communities with similar interests.
- Trolls use a rhetoric commonly associated to right-winged communities. It is possible because they break into a « safe space ».
- “Woke videogame”, a genre ? > Furin, a scholar ?

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Thank you for your attention !

