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Subject: Status of Red Planet?

Posted by [Karl](#) on Fri, 17 May 2019 17:22:43 GMT

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Can we get a status update from kapo and the mods?

I went missing for a month due to heavy workload and some family issues but I'm back now. Within the next 3-4 days I'll hopefully finish a long-term work project and this will free up more time to finish some online stuff. What about everyone else?

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Subject: Re: Status of Red Planet?

Posted by [kapo](#) on Wed, 12 Jun 2019 18:16:17 GMT

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Well, it seems that this kind of model may not be the best. I guess when everyone thinks they have it figured out, it's hard to learn from others; discussions become arguments where one side tries to convince the other. What happened to dialectics?

Perhaps a new approach is warranted? I have not abandoned this site. I keep thinking what could replace it. I guess the few of us who visit this place should brainstorm, maybe.

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Subject: Re: Status of Red Planet?

Posted by [Purged](#) on Thu, 13 Jun 2019 02:07:59 GMT

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I do think we can try something else but honestly it'll be a lost cause too, a lost cause that just feels better to use.

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Subject: Re: Status of Red Planet?

Posted by [kapo](#) on Thu, 13 Jun 2019 07:12:50 GMT

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It's gonna be a definite lost cause only if we do the same thing all over again.

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Subject: Re: Status of Red Planet?

Posted by [Karl](#) on Thu, 13 Jun 2019 15:41:37 GMT

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We should keep this site but I'd like to see some work done.

1. We need to improve the interface / layout. Old-style forums aren't as popular as they used to be and the design seems a bit clunky.

2. The image uploads never worked for a few of us. I don't know why.
3. We need to have a plan to grow the community. Online communities need to reach a certain threshold to stay alive.

Is there anything I can help with?

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Subject: Re: Status of Red Planet?  
Posted by [Purged](#) on Fri, 14 Jun 2019 01:22:51 GMT  
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1: The old forum software has lots of quirks really specific to its era and the more I use it the more I see why we moved away from them.  
I would insist on making the site into an image board that that will require some tweaks to keep Kapo happy  
3: There is no plan, niche online communities can't grow on this hypercentralized internet

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Subject: Re: Status of Red Planet?  
Posted by [kapo](#) on Fri, 14 Jun 2019 15:00:27 GMT  
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Regarding 1, Karl, that can be done by custom CSS, then I can add the theme to the options.

I hear both of you, and you're both right. Clearly this forum model doesn't work. Creating an imageboard will just be another imageboard, and there are already leftist imageboards.

I created this because I genuinely thought people would want to discuss things and learn from one another. It seems that was not a good idea. I'm just so swamped with university right now, I wish I had time to come up with and refine ideas, or work on projects.

Purged, email me at [tovar @ keemail.me](mailto:tovar@keemail.me) and we can see where to go from there.

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Subject: Re: Status of Red Planet?  
Posted by [Purged](#) on Fri, 14 Jun 2019 16:49:00 GMT  
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There is bunkerchan that is very poorly run and the boards up on 8chan, there isn't much competition and as long you can offer a site that doesn't have to load two CSS themes to show the theme that the user likes -- bunkerchan is guilty of this -- then you are offering something good.

I do believe that once the community grows it is possible to have deep discussion even in an imageboard, lainchan has a rule of arguing in good faith and that has motivated some good posts, the issue is how do we reach a good userbase.

It's nice that you want me to email you but what can we talk about via mail that we can't talk about here?

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Subject: Re: Status of Red Planet?  
Posted by [kapo](#) on Sat, 15 Jun 2019 12:03:17 GMT  
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There's also getchan and supremereality.us (new).

Quote:the issue is how do we reach a good userbase.  
What about a vetting process in the beginning? Having a community be invite only until a good core base is established, with its rules, modes of behaviour, etc. Then open it up to the public. That's just a suggestion, I have no idea how it would work.

Quote:It's nice that you want me to email you but what can we talk about via mail that we can't talk about here?

Well, if we're both using an end-to-end encrypted email client then plenty. I could ask you for contact details for something more instant, or what timezone you're in so maybe we could organise a 'meeting' and discuss these things real-time.

I could also ask if you created /marxism/?

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Subject: Re: Status of Red Planet?  
Posted by [Purged](#) on Sat, 15 Jun 2019 17:13:45 GMT  
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That could be a good strategy or a really bad one, I'm leaning towards the latter because I'm not sure how many leftist friend does each user have that they could invite. If it was a general purpose site then the invites will work a lot better.

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I do not have an encrypted e mail, I'm the current mod of /leftpol/ so we can plan something and then see how the /leftpol/ userbase shits on it.

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Subject: Re: Status of Red Planet?  
Posted by [kapo](#) on Mon, 17 Jun 2019 07:03:46 GMT  
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Quote:That could be a good strategy or a really bad one, I'm leaning towards the latter because I'm not sure how many leftist friend does each user have that they could invite. If it was a general purpose site then the invites will work a lot better.

I don't think it is a good idea either, that was just a suggestion. I feel like a site like this needs a core userbase to determine its direction. Without that you get bad moderation, like we've seen on /leftypol/ or you get raids and nazbols/anti-feminists establishing a beachhead, like /leftpol/. Although I see less racist/misogynistic stuff on /leftpol/ now.

Quote:I do not have an encrypted e mail, I'm the current mod of /leftpol/ so we can plan something and then see how the /leftpol/ userbase shifts on it.

An encrypted email like protonmail or tutanota is nice to have, plus free. I'm also gonna be idling on IRC (leftist.site), SSL is port 6697.

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Subject: Re: Status of Red Planet?

Posted by [Purged](#) on Mon, 17 Jun 2019 16:21:48 GMT

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1. The core userbase is me and whoever decides to show up that day, I really don't know what else to do to expand the userbase.
  2. I been meaning to get one but accusation of being botnets fly left and right, and I've been told cockli is the best but that is run by poles. What concerns me is if I can use an encrypted e mail to make a pay pal account.
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Subject: Re: Status of Red Planet?

Posted by [kapo](#) on Tue, 18 Jun 2019 06:54:32 GMT

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Quote:1. The core userbase is me and whoever decides to show up that day, I really don't know what else to do to expand the userbase.

I was talking about a new red planet. I guess the problem is that there is no purpose for a site like this, if I'm being honest with myself. People have flocked to either the imageboards or reddit, so this site needs to offer something that neither of those two have.

Quote:2. I been meaning to get one but accusation of being botnets fly left and right, and I've been told cockli is the best but that is run by poles. What concerns me is if I can use an encrypted e mail to make a pay pal account.

I think cock.li is hosted in Romania, but your emails are still stored in plaintext, so VC (the owner/admin) can read your emails, although he probably doesn't. Protonmail and tutanota encrypt your email so that not even the administrators can read your email. And I don't see why you wouldn't be able to create a paypal account with any email that you wish. But remember, paypal will be linked to you somehow if you ever wish to withdraw money or order something with it. Paypal is not the best payment service if you wish to remain anonymous. If you're using an email for things that you think may draw LE attention, then don't link it to you in any way.

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Subject: Re: Status of Red Planet?

Posted by [Purged](#) on Tue, 18 Jun 2019 07:34:57 GMT

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- 1: A new red planet should offer a place for non idpol leftist to be safe from the fed and from non leftist mods who will nuke pur discussion when they have a problem with it, I think based on that a new site can grow but it need smore up to date features that FUDforum doesn't have.
  - 2: Protonmail does sound nice and I know paypal isn't safe but what do i want to do with it is a
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completely different topic.

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Subject: Re: Status of Red Planet?

Posted by [Karl](#) on Tue, 18 Jun 2019 18:21:52 GMT

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kapo, what timezone are you in?

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Subject: Re: Status of Red Planet?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Thu, 15 Aug 2019 00:46:14 GMT

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I think there is other forum software that has better phone posting which I think is important, so maybe look into PHPbb or something. Also I think that anon posting should be allowed on all or most subforums so that this can be a true /leftypol/ alternative. Maybe even limit the forum to a single board so that it is more like /leftypol/ .

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