



Authors Note:

Post-EvilGoodGuy's Response

This presentation was originally intended to be displayed in a team wide meeting to discuss the actions of Brandon Smith, organized by Lono, but has since been undemocratically veto'd by Antonin.

In what would have been this presentation, we would have shown everyone the full context as to why a large majority of the team was arguing for Brandon's removal.



Report, On Brandon Smith

Social Media Violations Showcase



Preface

This presentation seeks to provide an easily digestible means to view the evidence for Brandon Smith's social media violations.

Additionally, we believe that this presentation will provide context not known, to the situation currently taking place.



Preface, Continued. A

It should be known that this is *not* an attempt to “cancel” Brandon Smith. This controversy *began in private* via official, and professional channels.



Preface, Continued. B

The violations now being outlined were only brought to the attention of Antonin by the team after a concerned member of the wider Source community brought it to the attention of Amicus.



Preface, Continued. C

These violations were *not* known by the wider team. Had this controversy been resolved privately, it would not have made its way to the wider team space.



Preface, Continued. D

For reference to all, here are our policies regarding social media interaction.



Social Media Policies

6. Risks and negative publicity

All members that witness any kind of inappropriate content on our official channels, or even outside our channels should alert the team leader and public relation member in order to take further actions to minimize possible negative impact on our public relation image.

Examples of such a content is:

- Spamming and harassing other community or team members.
- Stirring dramas and heating discussions.
- Advertising anything not related to Tripmine Studios and/or Valve on our public channels.
- Political discussions are strictly banned. Besides political topics, social topics, such as Black Lives Matter and similar are also forbidden. Our members should not take part in these discussions and should report them/shut them as soon as possible.
- Our team members or fans swearing and using inappropriate language when in touch with our community.
- Team members making controversial statements and statuses. If you are part of our community channel where your personal status can be publicly seen (for example on Discord), you should keep in mind even that might

have negative reaction from our community members. Avoid using controversial, offensive personal statuses as long as they make appearance in our official community channels.

- Any discussions related to racism, sexual orientations, religion and gender.
- Any content that might be considered as leaked and might hurt image of our team and project.
- Any allegations pointing and/or accusing any member of our team or our project, whatever it is posted on our official channel(s) or third-party sites.



Social Media Policies

- **At all times you must refrain from using terms that can be seen as insulting or derogatory. Although a term may be acceptable at your place of residence, we are a global development studio and thus need to keep all viewpoints in mind. Examples of terms and wordage to avoid include:**
 - Any stigmatized or insensitive terms regarding someone's gender, race, nationality, sexuality, religious beliefs, financial stability, and disabilities.
 - Excessive profanity.
 - Etc.

Situational Context, a Timeline

1. Amy is made aware of Brandon's Twitter conduct.
2. Amy takes evidence to Antonin, Brandon and Frag regarding Brandon's behavior on social media via group-chat.
3. Brandon resumes activity on Twitter from dormancy, continuing behaviour that had been ceased for half a year prior. He changes his Twitter bio to be more contentious than it was previously prior to the group discussion. Noted: He also removed the "Opinions & Views are my own"
4. Brandon makes his announcement regarding the controversy to the team.
5. Team-wide controversy begins.
6. Brandon privates his Twitter account.

← **Brandon Smith**

5,798 posts

3. BEFORE



Brandon Smith

@XEvilGoodGuyX Follows you

- Level Designer, Texture Artist, Environment Artist
- Blue Collar Guy
- Youtube Hobbyist Variety Gamer
- Opinions & Views are my own

📍 Milwaukie, OR 🌐 artstation.com/evilgoodguy 📅 Joined October 2011

157 Following 197 Followers

👤 Followed by EA45, magmasloth64, and 11 others you follow

You have muted posts from this account. [Unmute](#)

← **Brandon Smith**

5,831 posts

3. AFTER



Brandon Smith

@XEvilGoodGuyX

- Christ is King
- Abortion Abolitionist
- Level Designer, Texture/Environment Artist
- Blue Collar Guy doing White Collar things
- Youtube Hobbyist Variety Gamer

📍 Oregon, USA 🌐 artstation.com/evilgoodguy

📅 Joined October 2011

Examples, Calls to Violence



Beto O'Rourke @BetoORourke · Jul 11, 2023
If the federal government does nothing to stop this, more people will needlessly die.

They already admitted that these buoys will cause drownings (from WSJ: "Abbott and McCraw said the hope is that the possibility of death will deter people from trying to cross the river").

Laiken Jordahl @LaikenJordahl · Jul 11, 2023
Texas is installing a "floating wall" across the Rio Grande with netting intended to snag & drown border-crossers.

River currents will trap debris in the nets & alter river flows. People & wildlife will drown....
[Show more](#)



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Brandon Smith @XEvilGoodGuyX

You're right.
We should use snipers instead.



Calls to violence are shown here.

Brandon Smith @XEvilGoodGuyX

Glorious machines.

Seriously though, the border is the perfect place to routinely test and train personnel on less-than-lethal devices and conduct sniper training.

9:26 PM · Aug 18, 2022 · 25 Views

Brandon Smith @XEvilGoodGuyX

The border is the PERFECT testing ground for less than lethal weapons and devices.
You can't change my mind.

9:17 PM · Jul 7, 2023 · 5 Views

For transparency, the below tweet is in regards to an undocumented/illegal immigrant that was convicted on sexual assault charges. The anger towards that is justified, but using that as a pawn to violently assert border policies is barbaric and a quite tragic thing to hear.

Brandon Smith @XEvilGoodGuyX

In a sane world he'd have his head chopped off in the public square.
Then have his head put on a spike at the border as a warning to criminals who want to enter illegally.

12:33 AM · May 18, 2023 · 12 Views



Closing Remarks, Calls to Violence

It shouldn't need to be stated that calling for violence via social media is abhorrent. Not only this, but this behavior is *illegal*. It should be noted that while brief, Brandon also worked with Dani, who is a DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) recipient and one of the people he is calling for violence against.

Examples, Ableist Slurs





Brandon Smith @XEvilGoodGuyX · Nov 26, 2023



Replying to @SoupTransphobes @Not_a_twink_aya and @AlbatrossM5964

Never said they can, retard.



This Post is from a suspended account. [Learn more](#)



Brandon Smith @XEvilGoodGuyX · Nov 26, 2023



Replying to @catlovingcommie @SoupTransphobes and 2 others

Damn, reading comprehension is at an all time low with you retards.



 **Grian bross** 🇲🇪 @Not_a_twink_aya · Nov 26, 2023
In a few seconds he's gonna call you a slur. Watch out

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 **Brandon Smith** @XEvilGoodGuyX · Nov 26, 2023
Replying to @Not_a_twink_aya @atlaswuzhere and 2 others
You mean like retard? Yes.

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 **Atlas (they/them)**
@atlaswuzhere

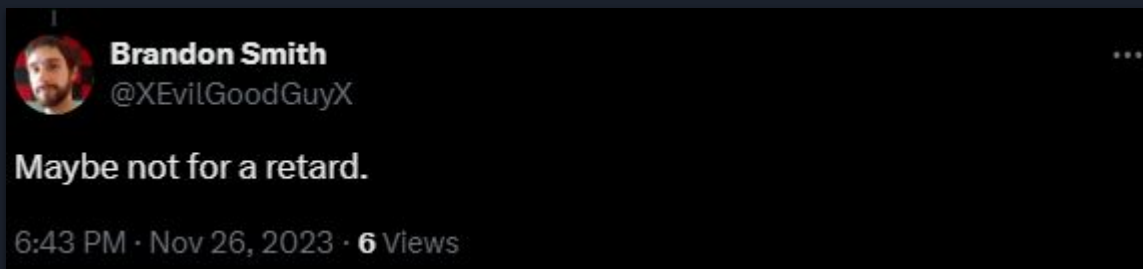
Yes, that's a slur and makes you a bigoted piece of shit.

Ableism and transphobia go hand in hand.

6:25 PM · Nov 26, 2023 · 40 Views

Ableism. 2

note: this example showcases that Brandon acknowledges that 'retard' is a slur and that he still chose to use it regardless.



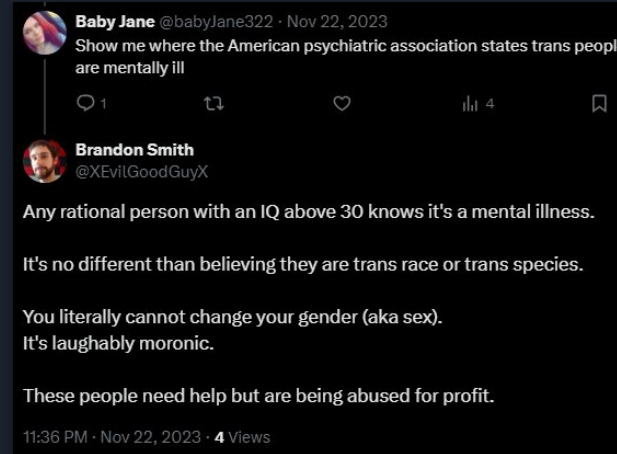
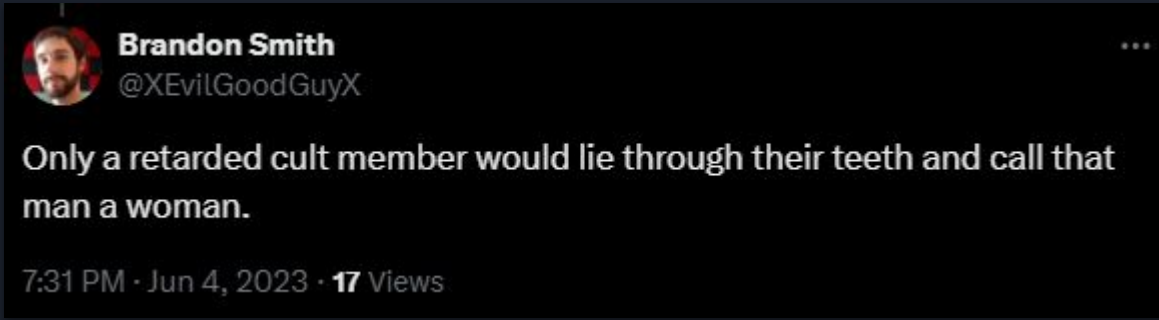


Closing Remarks, Ableism

While the offending tweets using the slur, *retard*, have since been deleted this was only done so in the recent controversy after confrontation.

Examples, LGBTQ+ Hatred and Discrimination









Kinomesale @Kinomesale · Nov 26, 2023

Tbh I wanted to but hid out of fear due to the constant abuse I received at the hands of people like "Good Guy" over here.
And yea, that caricature is not at all what trans people actually look like.
And it equates something silly with something that's actually backed by science



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Brandon Smith @XEvilGoodGuyX · Nov 26, 2023

Of course you were abused. Hence the trans.
I'm sorry that happened to you.



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Bianca the biological human being 🇺🇸 @BeeGayDooCrir · Nov 26, 2023

And you follow white supremacists. Why am I not surprised. The anti-trans lobby is a fascist far right movement rooted in lies, conspiracies, homophobia and misogyny.



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Brandon Smith @XEvilGoodGuyX · Nov 26, 2023

Oh Bianca, you darling man, you. Stop it, you had me at "you're a bot".

 **Atlas (they/them)** @atlaswuzhere · Nov 26, 2023

Yes, that's a slur and makes you a bigoted piece of shit.

Ableism and transphobia go hand in hand.

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 **Brandon Smith** @XEvilGoodGuyX · Nov 26, 2023

Those labels are badges of honor among the sane.

 **Brandon Smith** @XEvilGoodGuyX · Nov 26, 2023

Replying to @SoupTransphobes @Not_a_twink_aya and @AlbatrossM5964

I'm not the one mutilating kids, fella.

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Note: The second image here implies an uncertainty to whether being gay is a mental disorder. Being gay is something that is widely accepted in the United States as not being a mental disorder, and this is only an inflammatory remark to drum up controversy. Regardless, there are a good many members of the team that are gay or of the LGBTQ+ orientation and to imply they are all mentally ill is abhorrent.



Brandon Smith

@XEvilGoodGuyX

Word has it that not a single pervert parade participant can pass the "Don't Be A Pedo Challenge".

6:04 PM · Jun 25, 2023 · 5 Views



Brandon Smith

@XEvilGoodGuyX

Oh it is in favor of safe spaces... For the pedos, rainbow sex cultists, and violent sexual criminals.



Brandon Smith

@XEvilGoodGuyX

Nah, hate is completely justified when the people being hated are anti-science, anti-ethics, pedos who want to sexualize and mutilate children.

Hate towards evil is the correct response.

Note: while it seems here that he is simply stating that hate should be directed towards pedophiles, this is under the context that he states that transgenders and other members of the LGBTQ+ community are pedophiles.



Brandon Smith

@XEvilGoodGuyX

Why are Leftists so intent on sexualizing kids?

That's a rhetorical question. We know it's because they're pedos.



Brandon Smith

@XEvilGoodGuyX



It's funny because you can see pedo anime on half the trans accounts on this site.

Really adds credence to the idea that it's simply a sexual fetish.



Brandon Smith @XEvilGoodGuyX · Nov 25, 2023

Replying to @SoupTransphobes

Each of them more grotesquely Frankenstein than the one before



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LGBTQ+ Hatred. 9

The worst example being posting *highly graphic*, pictures of botched, unhealed, or illegally done gender affirming surgeries, attempting to depict the most grotesque imagery as the norm. Blurred to not scar everyone. The uncensored version will be sent via DM's to anyone who wishes to see this for proof.



Brandon Smith @XEvilGoodGuyX · Nov 26, 2023



General Bigotry. For those unaware, Stonetoss is a *highly* controversial comic artist known for white-supremacist, anti-LGBTQ+ rhetoric. This post insinuates that gay men are only gay as a result of being raped as children.



Common Points of Contention

A. *“Removing Brandon from the team would constitute stealing his assets.”*

Not so. In a professional development environment, like we claim to be, removal of a problem employee is not stealing their assets. Development of game assets was done when in good faith with the studio. When you are fired from a business, the business is not stealing what you have created. *As stated in our employee agreement, all content created is owned by Tripmine Studios.*

B. *“Brandon did not make these statements within the development environment.”*

Yes. Brandon did not make these statements inside of our development environment. However, they are still indicative of attitudes and beliefs he possesses towards members of the team. By calling LGBTQ+ people *groomers* or *pedophiles* via social media, he is saying these things about team members such as Amy and Aidan.



Common Points of Contention

B. Continued

Additionally, the statements made by Brandon are **PUBLIC**. If this issue is left unchecked it will continue to spiral and ruin our reputation as developers, some of whom have not entered the games industry. One need only search “*Tripmine Studios transphobe*” and find a result via Reddit referring to the actions of Brandon.

https://www.reddit.com/r/HalfLife/comments/12gicfk/every_time_i_hear_half_life_get_a_new_vr_mod_rtx/

It has been made clear via talks with Antonin that he has been receiving emails for months about Brandon’s online behavior, but no action has been taken. Not only this but according to members of our development team when talking about Tripmine Studios in other circles, people are wary of us, *specifically* because of Brandon. It has also become known via potential applicants that they are specifically worried to apply because of him.



Common Points of Contention

C. *“Brandon is the most productive one on the team and arguably contributed the most.”*

Brandon should not be immune to consequence because of how much he has contributed to the project. He took these actions willingly and consciously. *Nobody* should be immune to consequence on our team regardless of contributions or position.

D. *“Brandon should be given another chance.”*

Brandon has had many chances throughout his tenure at Tripmine Studios to amend his behavior on social media. He had every chance to make amends, most recently after being talked to during the the last 2 weeks (on June 16th), and doubled down on his profile being inflammatory (as displayed in slide 9). Brandon is an adult who made his own decisions and is not a child who made a mistake.

Reddit Thread in Reference. a



Reddit · r/HalfLife

90+ comments · 1 year ago

every time i hear half life get a new vr, mod, rtx, 10K

iirc a team called **Tripmine Studios** is remaking both Opposing ... **Tripmine studios** has no problem working with **transphobic** antivaxxers btw.

Tripmine Studios should loosen their load : r/HalfLife - Reddit Nov 9, 2023

Even If The **Transphobia** Doesn't Bother You, Please Don't ... Aug 30, 2022

What public figures were you disappointed to find ... - Reddit Apr 9, 2024

Can Black Furies be **transgender**? : r/WhiteWolfRPG - Reddit Oct 26, 2022

More results from www.reddit.com

Reddit Thread in Reference. b

LitheBeep · 1y ago

Trippine studios has no problem working with transphobic antivaxxers btw.

↑ -19 ↓ Reply Award Share ...

Dakotaraptor87 · 1y ago
Raptor-7, Wallhammer

huh? please explain

↑ 9 ↓ Reply Award Share ...

LitheBeep · 1y ago · Edited 1y ago

JustARandomFinn · 1y ago
Attention: this account now under military command.

Ignore my other reply, only noticed it now. God fucking damnit

↑ 4 ↓ Reply Award Share ...

JulingMC · 1y ago

What the fuck that's terrible

Why the fuck are people downvoting you? Are there so many transphobes here? Do they think you're lying? The evidence is right there

↑ 3 ↓ Reply Award Share ...

LitheBeep · 1y ago

Yeah unfortunately it seems most here don't really care

↑ 1 ↓ Reply Award Share ...

SusDetectiveSteve · 1y ago

the fuck does anti vaxxers got to do with anything

↑ 2 ↓ Reply Award Share ...

LitheBeep · 1y ago

Conspiracy theorists/nutjobs such as this should not be given a platform

↑ 1 ↓ Reply Award Share ...

SusDetectiveSteve · 1y ago

doesent awnser my question, whats transphobic anti vaxxers got to do with this

↑ 4 ↓ Reply Award Share ...

LitheBeep · 1y ago

Imagine this. You are a member of the LGBTQ Half-Life community, of which there are *many*.

LitheBeep · 1y ago

Imagine this. You are a member of the LGBTQ Half-Life community, of which there are *many*.

Finally, Trippine Studios releases their long-awaited games. Come to find out, the lead level designer, the person who makes the very maps you are playing on, believes you don't have the right to make decisions about your own life. In fact, they don't respect your decision whatsoever. They actively discourage it and call you mentally ill.

Now imagine that the very studio they're working for has no problem with this train of thought, even going so far as to amplify their reach on said platform.

How would that make you feel?

↑ 0 ↓ Reply Award Share ...

SusDetectiveSteve · 1y ago

i couldnt care less also where does transphobic anti vaxxer fall into this

↑ 3 ↓ Reply Award Share ...

LitheBeep · 1y ago

I just explained it pretty extensively. But, thanks for confirming that you just don't give a shit about the rights of a marginalized group of people. Glad we were able to clear that up.

↑ 3 ↓ Reply Award Share ...

SusDetectiveSteve · 1y ago

no no no no you shut up, where did lgbt come from? you said transphobic as in people who hate people who switched genders, not gay people. who are also anti vaxxers which you still have yet to explain

↑ 1 ↓ Reply Award Share ...

LitheBeep · 1y ago

Holy shit. Are you deliberately being obtuse or are you really this dense? Trans people are a part of LGBTQ. That's literally what the fucking T stands for.

↑ 6 ↓ Reply Award Share ...

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SusDetectiveSteve · 1y ago

"you are a member of the half life lgbt community of which there are many"

"marginalized group of people"

make it make sense

↑ 0 ↓ Reply Award Share ...

LitheBeep · 1y ago

Maybe you should read up on the definition of marginalized.



Additional Remarks

It has been called into question whether advocacy for Brandon's removal would still occur had Brandon been displaying anti-conservative behavior. *This is not a matter of politics*, but dehumanization and attacks towards *people* via social media. Had the opposite scenario been true, we would still advocate for removal.



Closing Remarks

We hope that this presentation has been informative to those viewing it. We hope that the team can reach a conclusion regarding the current situation we have found ourselves in.

There is no debate that he holds racist, highly transphobic and hostile attitudes towards LGBTQ+ individuals of the team.

Tripmine Studios has no room for such beliefs and behaviors. Behavior that gravely endangers the company's reputation should not be allowed to represent us going forward.