Constructing Communities - Incels

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Video - Elliot Rodger

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-gQ3aAdhIo&frags=pl%2Cwn

Introduction

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- Isla Vista killings (2014), Toronto van attack (2018)

Alek Minassian
1 hr · 🌐

Private (Recruit) Minassian Infantry 00010, wishing to speak to Sgt 4chan please. C23249161. The Incel Rebellion has already begun! We will overthrow all the Chads and Stacys! All hail the Supreme Gentleman Elliot Rodger!

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FACEBOOK

Exercise I

- pair up in groups of 3-4
- read the quotes carefully
- highlight unique terms and concepts
- try to find definitions for them (don't use the internet!)
- discuss among your group

Register

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- **NAWALT:**
  - A word often used by women claiming they are "anti-feminist" in order to gain man's trust and pressure them into rushing out and getting married, mostly against the man's will . Frequently used by advocates of unmarried women who complain they can't find a husband. ("not all women are like that" (Urban Dictionary)
- **FOID**
  - A lying, manipulative and superficial woman who judges others purely based on looks, social status, wealth, height and nothing else. (Urban Dictionary)
  - A word used in the incelosphere to describe women.
- **Normies**
  - In the incelosphere, a normie (also known as an NPC) constitutes those between a "4" or a "6" on the decile scale. (incels.wiki)
- **Chad**
  - A Chad constitutes anything from a "8" to a "10" on the decile scale; the polar opposite of a truecel. In terms of personality, he is your high school bully. He is now the guy who works on Wall Street, who gets on TV, or who plays for a pro-sports team. Chad can get nearly any woman he wants based on his high sexual market value, but tends to go for Stacy (incels.wiki)

Register II

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- Stacy
    - Stacy is the ultimate embodiment of every wicked, depraved aspect of feminine nature. A stereotypical mean girl, or cheerleader, who is able to secure sexual intimacy with Chad. (incels.wiki)
- Beta
    - social hierarchy
    - Beta males are followers; they are subservient to alphas. (incel.wiki)
- Blackpill
    - (incelosphere sense) being pessimistic due to awareness of the fatalism inherent within genetic determinism and that self-improvement to increase SMV is pointless for those who have lost the genetic lottery. (Urban Dictionary)
    - There are also Bluepills (refers to someone who has not been enlightened to the harsh realities of the world) and Redpills (the opposite of bluepills). (Incel Wiki)
- Cucky
    - An affectionate term for a cuckold, usually uttered by the wife or cuckoldress (Urban Dictionary)
- Fritzlmaxx
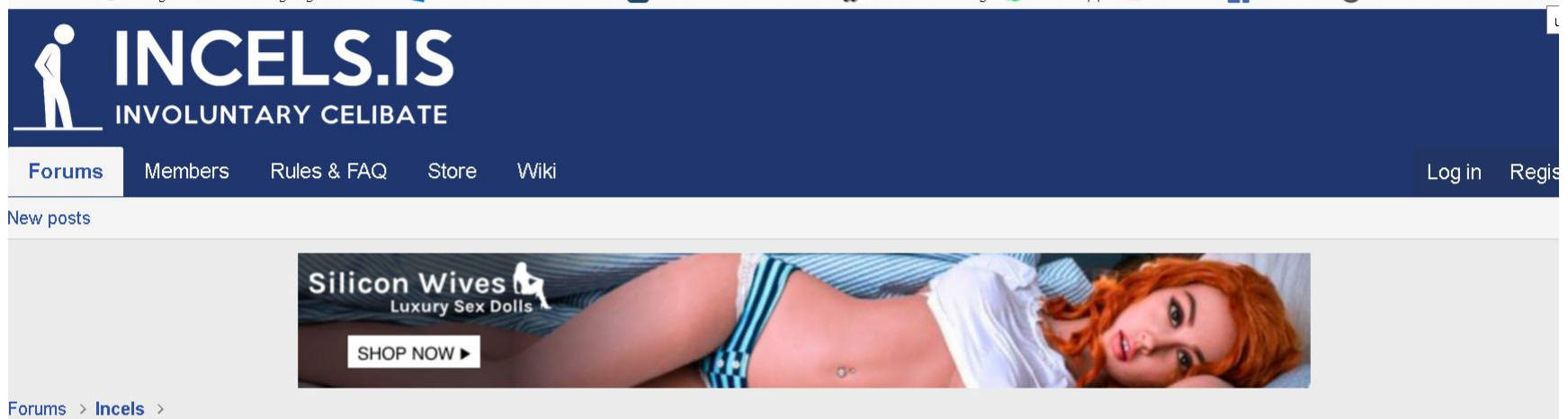   - v. To lock someone in the basement for 24 years and impregnate them repeatedly. (Urban Dictionary)

Exercise II

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- again in groups of 3-4
- Deducing from the extracts and from the video, how would you characterise the members? How do they see themselves?
- discuss among your group

identity

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- How do they define themselves?
    - On the "Who we are" page of Incels.net, the page defines themselves as follows: a support website for people who lack romantic relationships and sex, but mostly geared towards those lacking a girlfriend or seeking marriage.
    - But who are they really?

Definitions

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"This paper presents a study of the online discussion forum Incels.me and its users, involuntary celibates or incels, a virtual community of isolated men without a sexual life, who see women as the cause of their problems and often use the forum for misogynistic hate speech and other forms of incitement." (Jaki et al. 1)

Jaki, Sylvia, et al. "Online hatred of women in the Incels. me forum: Linguistic analysis and   automatic detection." *Manuscript submitted* (2018).

Membership criteria I: membership and rules

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Membership:

- is the selection given? only male? can women be incels?
- can membership be negotiated?

Membership criteria I: membership and rules

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Rules and Terminology

SergeantIncel
Admincel
★★★★★

Joined: Nov 7, 2017
Messages: 2,080

Users

- **Incel (Allowed):** Person who desires, but is unable, to be in a romantic relationship.
- **Blackpilled (Conditional):** Person who is not currently incel, but agrees with most views portrayed in the forum.
- **Female (Not Allowed):** Banned on sight, no exceptions.

Rules

- **Bragging:** No (discussing nor requesting) personal romantic or sexual experiences, even if they happened long ago. No humble-bragging. Looksmax.me is more suitable to discuss these things. Heavy bragging outside of incels.is may carry a warning/ban.
- **Users:** No persecution, bullying, sharing accounts, or posting on behalf of banned users.
- **Behavior:** No trolling, baiting, white-knighting, misinformation, platitudes, mass PMing, or arbitrary necroposting.
- **Content:** No low effort, spam, advertisement, all-caps, or selfies. No avatars nor signatures that are NSFW or worship.
- **NSFW Content:** Pornography and violent content needs a [NSFW] tag if thread, spoiler tags if post.
- **Disallowed:**
  - Ratings (use looksmax.me).
  - Traps, gay content, worship, and praise (of both males and females).
  - Cherry-picking (e.g. unattractive men with girlfriends).
  - Requesting a ban (PM a mod instead).
  - Clarification on warnings / bans (use megathread in Meta).
  - Discussion of illegal activities.
  - Having more than a single alternate account.

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Hierarchy:
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- official supporters, submitters, Green, Orange, Blue

Membership criteria II

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Access criteria:

- Generally open, no specific skill is required

Temporal aspects / duration:

- lifelong vs. maturation vs. Selfdetermined
- Permanent vs. Intermittent, sporadic
- intermittent?

Spatial aspect:

- spatially independent, online forum, accessible from everywhere
- incelosphere:
  - A network of websites and forums that are visited by incelospherians. (Urban Dictionary)

Membership criteria III

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Benefit:

- support?

- socially/economically beneficial to members
- socially/economically detrimental to members
- Access to power
- Exclusion from power

Common goal:

- Goal-oriented for the individual
- Goal-oriented for the community
- Is there a common goal? What is the common goal?

Conclusion

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- shows the impact of the internet in forming spatially independent communities
- Nothing can be completely deleted and banned from the internet
- incels.wiki > creation of wiki for in-terms and concepts shows the exclusivity of the group and the importance of language to the construction of communities

Discussion questions, comments and your questions

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- Do you think these kinds of groups would be possible without the "internet"? What happened before the internet?
- Do you have any comments?
- Do you have any questions?