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OK, the gist of what I got was that [REDACTED] shouldn't define "prescriptive," but the poster could define "established poly" in a particularly esoteric way, and we were supposed to understand her without confusion.

I always thought that at 13 years in a Vee, I was a pretty established poly. But no, since I don't have books and blogs and a tendency to dictate, I'm just a plain ordinary poly.

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I think 'established poly' means 'people she doesn't like who are also more popular than her'.

And I say this as a long time  [tacit](#) hater.

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Can I ask why, out of curiosity? I link people unfamiliar with the concept of poly to xeromag a lot, because it covers it better than I like to on my own (i.e., I am lazy). Should I stop? ;)

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Not at all. I haven't looked in years, but I recall his website being a great resource. I've just been slowly but surely losing respect for him over the years due to his behaviour in [sextips](#), which really has to be seen to be believed.

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I used to read [sextips](#) a lot, but I got so tired of the same same same posts... and I'm sure the questions really mattered to the users who posted them, but whew. I had to take a break.

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>don't tend to call him out when he's being a smug know it all. Certainly not en masse. And whenever I do I just get silence.

I'm feeling kind of guilty about this, because I pretty much always agree with you when you call him out but I don't usually say anything. Mostly because whenever I try to argue with [tactic](#) I get flashbacks to that one time he told a rape survivor that if she didn't try to give oral sex to her boyfriend she was *letting her rapist win*, and then the Red Mists of Rage do a number on my coherence. For the record, I'm always very appreciative when you make the effort to call him on the more bizarre things he says.

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By silence, I meant from him. He just ignores my objections most of the time. It's not that I thought I should have a chorus of people leaping to my aid.

I vaguely remember that. It was particularly :-O. Another spectacular one was when someone posted saying that she'd recently had sex for the first time in a situation of ick and dubious consent, she was only just starting to come to terms with the idea that it had happened at all, and would it be okay to just get tested and pretend that it never happened, tell future partners she still considered herself to be a virgin, etc. And he of course said no, that would be an awful thing to do, it would make you a LIAR and that will get you dumped and hated and despised. Oh and PS your value as a human being is dependent on how well you can take this on the chin.

Just absolute compassion *fail*. I really want to spork him sometimes. He talks big about 'honesty', not being ashamed, etc and it's not like I can't see the value in those but... I don't know, he fails to realise that sometimes the world is genuinely a little bit more complicated than that. And I actually don't believe that honesty is automatically preferable to tact or kindness in all situations. I would love for life to be that simple but I just don't think it actually *is*, you know?

Sometimes his comments are fine and lovely and even very insightful, but as the years go by it feels more and more like that's simply good luck that his usual tactics actually happened to be appropriate that time, rather than any real empathy and understanding towards people who aren't him.