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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.


Aroo?

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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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There isn't any ginormous wank really, although he has been warned for rudeness a couple of times I think. [sextips](#) commenters, unlike the [polyamory](#) commenters in that thread, 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. So all there is is a (large) bunch of comments in which to me at least he shows himself to be a smug git only interested in hearing his own voice rather than actually helping.

As far as I can tell, he seems to scan posts for key words, deliver the same spiel he does to any post with those key words in, and completely fail to consider context or nuance. I personally also have a massive bee in my bonnet about how he considers that anyone who is at all influenced by social norms must be an insecure wreck. Rather than, y'know, human. I've seen his certainty in his One True Way be very hurtful to people, and sometimes I think he wouldn't know what compassion was if it slapped him in the face.

I could find you some links if you like but it's partly the volume of the broken record comments that makes them so annoying. Also, and I normally would hate to go there, but there is something a bit squicky to me about some middled aged guy laying down the law at all these teenage girls about how if they have a problem with their boyfriend watching porn or wanting an open relationship they are deeply broken inside and need to get over it. I feel bad about it because he's not doing anything actually wrong, but it just creeps me out sometimes. He doesn't seem to understand that there's a disconnect from his perspective as an experienced adult in the poly scene with that of nervous teenagers who are still feeling things out.

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OK, that makes sense. Thank you. I share your concern about the dodgy dynamics.

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He has a valuable perspective to share.

He just likes to share it over, and over, and over.

And if it doesn't work for you? It's because you failed to understand his twoo insight, and the solution is for him to repeat it once more. It certainly could not be because people and circumstances are different.

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Yeah, I don't think it'd take me long to get really, really pissed off with that.

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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.