

actKM: To moderate or not to Moderate?

Moderation Downside

Moderation Upside

Previous Moderation debate

Tackling the downside

Demonstrates a lack of trust

Some people have a philosophical objection to 'censorship of any form'

Current moderation arrangements are interrupting a smooth flow of exchanges, especially across hemispheres (ie when we are sleeping in Oz messages are not being moderated).

Moderation arrangements are not sufficiently transparent for those not affected by them to have sufficient confidence in them.

Moderation imposes workload on those doing the moderation

Can address behaviour before things get out of control

This can assist ensure that difficult topics can be pursued more comprehensively

Prevents 'junk' email getting to the list

Intercepts accidental 'reply all' messages

Helps participants with reducing emotion

Joe Firestone - 23/9/05. Moderation should be based on a few rules and posts that don't meet the rules get a 'resubmit' till they do. Every subject will be admissible, as will every style of posting and argument, so long as it fits within the civility rules.

Benoit Couture - 22/9/05. Proposed a basic framework of rules for interactive dynamics.

Patrick Lambe - 25/9/05. At the end of the day, it's not about rules but behaviours... and mutual respect and confidence in ourselves and in others, despite our differences.

Physician, Heal Thyself - mid 2005

Virtual moderation team across time zones

Moderator discussion area in actKM Bulletin Board area

More moderators