6/25/25 4:19 AM EST - Personal Stance (CW 1: Mentions of proship(?kinda?), pedophilia, incest, and abuse.)

Also opinions.

I'm starting off by saying that just because I am into psychology and I go to school for psychology does not mean my plan is to pursue helping people with their mental health. I am not a licensed therapist in any way, shape, or form, nor have I attempted to "diagnose" anyone with disorders. I make it clear to people that I have only just begun studying psychology as it is and I'm not sure where people are getting false labels to place on me. I offer opinions about what I have knowledge of, and some will go out of their way to twist my words.

Proshipping is a term that is widely defined by many people and is often misused. However, one aspect of it deals with the **romanticization of <u>pedophilic</u>**, **abusive**, **and incestuous relationships**, and THAT is what I speak on. I am not referring to any ships that <u>do not</u> contain the support of illegal relations. Again, I will be referring to **only** pedophilia, incest, and abuse instead of proship as a whole.

Now there is a huge difference between media that includes those relationships but clearly shows that it is negative and harmful compared to taking pairings and romanticizing the relationship and publicly placing it onto a pedestal. That is when it becomes a problem because many people who have been victims in a similar light will relapse from this content. Not everyone has the option to block things out with success every time. I do not go out of my way to "argue" or "attack" people unless someone comes to me first or is PUBLICLY instigating people that I side with or am friends with. Occasionally I will privately DM someone about an issue if I think it may concern them. Publicly supporting pedophilia, incest, and abuse, creates platforms for actual predators and pedophiles to feed on media that supports their ideals and actions towards others.

From what I know, people on Pony Town and other social platforms do shame and quickly get upset towards those who enjoy pedophilia, incest, and abusive content, which, in my personal opinion, is an understandable reaction point from a quick glance of seeing potentially harmful topic. On the other hand, feeding into arguments eventually gets nowhere when speaking with people who may not agree,

which ultimately stresses out <u>both</u> parties and creates hostility. I'm aware that people have gone out of their way to publicly attack someone who indulges in said content, and occasionally I would butt in with my own thoughts, but as a collective, we should start to disengage with stuff we do not agree with and just <u>report it and move on</u> instead which as of the last few months is what I've started advocating for. Adding on, what is done in **PRIVATE** is none of my concern or anyone else's. We can protect individuals from potentially being harmed from seeing it by not talking about pedophilia, incest, or abusive ships in public.

Being on the 18+ server is not an excuse to make this content public because, again, it can harm other victims who do not want to see and relive it. There is also an off chance that impressionable minors who sneak on the server might get into situations or get groomed. I, for one, have seen this happen multiple times on the 18+ server, and it's better safe than sorry to keep that content away from the public eye for everyone's safety. It is not a problem if people use legal, art or videos as public coping mechanisms because that truly doesn't harm anyone; that is why it is LEGAL. While "lolicon," or art depicting the exploitation of children or minors, is ILLEGAL and often impossible to google in multiple regions across the world because even possessing it can bring jail time and fines. And while there's the slim chance it may not be illegal where you live, it still shows how across the globe it is widely viewed as fundamentally harmful, and it should be something to be mindful of.

I personally believe there's a difference between literature that shows a harmful relationship in order to <u>bring awareness and understanding</u> towards the harmful dynamic versus going and finding joy from said relationships. I personally don't read fanfics so I am not sure how they work, but when it comes to terms of stories in general I believe it's important to show the downsides of topics like these so people can learn and relate to possible situations they may have experienced. This stands as long as it isn't turned into romanticizing the topic or advocating that it should be wanted (for example a pedophilic relationship,) because of how harmful it is in reality and the potential desensitization that could follow.

What <u>other people</u> choose to do in response to proshippers or anyone should **not** be placed onto me, and I have said it countless times again because people tend to make other people my responsibility

when they are not because I am also just a single person who cannot solve everyone's issues. Do not place other people's words into my mouth because some confirm that other people say things and for some reason people have been relating it to me. I will take responsibility for what I say and do but what others do is their decisions and not mine, I will only step in if I'm not AFK or I find they are engaging in something problematic or harmful.

I will always offer <u>alternative</u> coping options to those who ask or seem interested in the conversation. I have never gone out of my way to call people "chronically online," victim-blame others for their trauma, or dox anyone. All I suggest is that there are other means of coping compared to <u>publicly</u> exposing other people to harmful content. Whether it came across that way in the past or not depends on the situation and is something I'm working to better myself with.

I try to keep my wording simple so my messages do not come across incorrectly, and if there are any misconceptions or concerns, I would appreciate it if I were spoken to directly about the issue so we can have a conversation about the matter. It's nobody's business, but a decent amount of people are aware I am also a CSA victim, so my thoughts genuinely come from a mindset of that experience. The only goal is to keep an environment where people don't have to stress about those who support harmful relationships and subjects to come into a public/social space and make others uncomfortable and uneasy.

INFORMAL SIDE NOTE (eventually be removed): I forgot to finish one of my old documents from a couple months ago which is on the second tab and has been taken out of context in multiple places, so I'll leave it for a little while before letting this one replace it for a bit. I do apologize if I have ever said anything harmful mid argument just because I tend to get heated when it comes to the topics of sexualizing minors and romanticizing ships that include pedophilic or incestual dynamics. Now I will not be naming anyone directly but, if there are any issues (applies to ANYONE), talk to me honestly and civilly because no issues or misconceptions are going to be solved otherwise. Realistically though, me or anyone else cannot stop what people do and therefore I personally prefer to avoid people who advocate that adult x minor relationships is healthy unless it's necessary because it's stressful, I am busy, and Pony Town isn't my #1 priority so stay lenient with me.

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Internet Watch Foundation Reports - LINK HERE

2 old wip (deleting eventually)

Fiction DOES affect reality, anyone who says it doesn't, is lying and choosing to spread misinformation. Whether it's to back up their own beliefs, or for the purpose of rage bait. Using this defense to justify proshipping is morally disgusting and there are multiple reasons why. It doesn't matter if you proship for coping purposes, or for your own twisted fantasies. There's no rational purpose that can make **promoting** pedophilic, incestual, or abusive relationships okay.

This statement is not intended to downplay anyones trauma, it's intent is spreading awareness about a mindset that has real life impacts on other victims and minors. Starting off, no, it's not your responsibility for what other children access on the internet, that responsibility falls in the hands of their parents and guardians. But that doesn't change the fact that engaging and creating content that belongs to pedophilic, abusive, incestual, or illegal ships and or relationships creates platforms for REAL LIFE pedophiles and groomers to enjoy and justify their actions into continuing their assault on others. It can also make younger audiences/fans of this content believe these aspects and relationships are valid because of the romanticization that proshippers choose to portray them as.

By saying that people are "chronically online" for caring about fictional content "over" real life victims is highly insensitive due to online content being a huge factor in assaulters consuming ideals and morals that promote and encourage their actions. In fact, many regions in the world have made it illegal to possess, distribute, or search for FICTIONAL imagery of minor characters being portrayed in explicit / sexual material for these very reasons. (*) (Under section 1466A Title 18, "it is illegal to produce, distribute, receive, or possess with intent to transfer or distribute visual representations, such as drawings, cartoons, or paintings that appear to depict minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct and are deemed obscene.")

Adding on, social scientists note, "Pornography that portrays sexual aggression as pleasureable for the victim increases the acceptance of coercion in sexual relations" (Surgeon General, 1986). Also found in the recent edition, Myers' Psychology. This section is UNFINISHED because I had to return the book

We can also observe similar laws emerging and being considered in regards to AI content towards abusive/pedophilic AI chat roleplay bots, AI art generation bot, and AI voice chat bots. One google search can show you many articles regarding pedophiles using AI image generation as an opening to obtain free child pornography without having to worry about consequences due to the lack of laws currently surrounding the concept. And just recently, there have been cases in K-12 schools dealing with students having nude AI generated pictures of themselves being spread throughout communities. Those students are all children under the age of 18. But all of this is fictionally generated, that doesn't make it okay now,

does it? We can even look at records of individuals' mental health declining or being drained due to AI chatbot usage, especially for those who use abusive, noncon, and similar degrading bots.

You have the right of the First Amendment if you fall under the American constitution, even outside of the U.S, people deserve their rights to free speech, thought, press, and religion and I will always defend that statement. But with that power, you have to be ready to accept the consequences that follow your choices to use that freedom. Not everyone is allowed this privilege, so use it right, for the people that don't get a say. For example the many victims of any of the listed above and more.

I'm aware not everyone has options, not everyone has money, and the society we live in needs to change in order to receive the proper assistance but it takes one step at a time in order to reach that conclusion. And promoting proship content in similar manners does NOT help this case whatsoever. People are nurtured differently than others, but it's no excuse to avoid educating yourself on topics that people are trying to explain to you right in your face. It's time to drop biases and promote ideas that will benefit not only yourself, but the people that exist around you. Empathy is free.

I promise you, whether you are reading this out of curiosity, reading this because it applies to you, or reading this for awareness, there are resources available. You can talk to people, friends, strangers, therapists, and family. Not everyone has that, so there's also self care options that could help, exercise, hobbies, nutrition, shows, sleep, etc. It takes time, and I don't have every answer suited for each person and I so wish I did. Community sources such as volunteering, engaging at senior centers, or social gatherings, can help loneliness outside of online connections. It's important for people to have real life socialization to provide happiness which is scientifically and psychologically proven through testing and experimentation. There are many social workers and lines to call and message regarding your issues, there are openings and chances I promise you that, you just have to be able to take them.

Resources and lines are listed on the page BELOW!

Includes report tip lines for online pedophiles, child porn distributors, child exploitation, etc.

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(*) Location Legality of Explicit Materials regarding minors - LINK HERE

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Some of the resources were gathered from here, this carrd also provides even more information on varying topics which could be categorized similarly. - https://fictiondoesaffectreality.carrd.co/

AI Bot Ethical Issues - https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC10291862/