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Dear All News Outlets,

Ever realize that there is something in this world that you love to do unconditionally and you never turn your back on it. Basically brought you out that deep dark hole that you were in. What if I told you there was a whole community based on something that you loved with thousands of people around the world to just group and relate with each other. The discourse community that I would like to write about is the online gaming community or aka gamers. In today I feel like in today's world, my discourse community receives unwanted hate by these big news outlets. I would like to write a letter to explain that in today's world, we go through so many issues and people don't realize how toxic it can really be. Please do not read this letter as another hate mail that comes into these stations, I am here to spread my truth. My discourse community always get picked for the villain in every situation and I fail to realize why. This letter has a focus to target big news outlets that love to spend false titles just for a new hot topic or clicks on their website like NBC and CNN. I am sending this letter out to really clear the air about what's the real cause A white man walks into a school and shoots up the school, what is the first story the news is going to push? That video game was the cause of the shooting. An African American male gets shot in a not financially stable neighborhood, the first thing they are going to run with he was probably doing something terrible like he's playing some type of in real life GTA and that way of thinking has to stop.

Some articles can show that people with social anxiety do still need and want human connection and online gaming. I don't really like these news outlets that put this perception that video games and online gamers are 100% to blame. Sure, anything you see when it comes to advertisements, videos, or games can influence you but it's how you take it. The benefits of being our discourse community aren't really talked about enough. Some of these benefits are reducing stress, meeting new friends that you wouldn't meet in real life, letting us disconnect from any problems, and penalty more. Games like myself

use video games as a mental health fall back to sit down and actually have fun that our days don't provide with anymore. Makes me feel like that little kid again that just eats and sleeps that new call of duty that just came out. Please News outlets, stop picking on us. When these news outlets just love to spin the narrative that our discourse community is the reason to blame. According to the Villanova media room, "Because video games are disproportionately blamed as a culprit for mass shootings committed by White perpetrators, video game "blaming" can be viewed as flagging a racial issue," Markey said. "This is because there is a stereotypical association between racial minorities and violent crime." This is really how most of today goes, a white can do the worst but the news will save him from getting slayed in the media. t. But that is not really the true issue.

Everything in this world has a cause and effect tied to everything you do in this world. In 2019, President Trump told NBC "We must stop the glorification of violence in our society. This includes the gruesome and grisly video games that are now commonplace. It is too easy today for troubled youth to surround themselves with a culture that celebrates violence." In addition, "We've always had guns, always had evil, but I see a video game industry that teaches young people to kill," Our own president puts the blame on us during moments in America where we need to stand together and support each other. During his term, what's stopping him from waking up and turning his views into a political gain and say let's ban all M for mature games because it would make America better for the future. All these News outlets do really understand what they are starting from all these false accusations to my discord community, giving them such a bad rep when really all we wanna do is just stay up all night and just have fun with your favorite people in your life. So Please news outlets, stop trying to ruin the only thing some of us have left in this world that makes us happy at the end of the night.

Sincerely,  
Stephon Senecharles

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