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...are the children actually cancelling Sesshomaru now? Seriously? You all don't have better things to worry about?

This kind of vicious attack on fan media is often so misplaced, misrepresents real issues to justify simply disliking something, and encourages a creepy gatekeeping culture that drowns out genuine problems.

Being a fandom anti is like being an Evangelical Christian, it really is.

And the reason is because being an anti is a culture that's based on negativity, not positivity. You have to be mean and aggressive about any perceived issue AND you have to be all-in about it. You can't express any feelings that oppose the mob or you're out.

This is not the same thing as simply not liking something. Sometimes people just don't like something and sometimes they can explain why, other times they can't. Sometimes they find other people that don't like something. But that's usually not the foundation of their group.

Anti culture in fandom, much like Evangelicalism, is organized around attacking others and misrepresenting issues, media, and situations to justify and double down on these attacks.

And much like Evangelicalism, anti culture is very black and white. You're either with them or against them. There is NO nuance, there's no room to agree on one point and not another. You have to be all-in or you're considered part of the problem.

And often times their arguments are based off of not having consumed the media at all, or on a very reductive look at the media (if they consumed it). There's not usually a lot of critical thinking. It's extremely reactionary.

TL;DR anti culture is extremely hypocritical and bullshit that's my TED talk

Anyway, you are allowed to not like something. You are allowed to talk about why you don't like something.

Being part of a mob is usually pretty gross, esp. when directed at the fictional characters/stories themselves