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The first area to focus on is diversity. This has become a dogma in the tech world, and despite the fact that tech is one of the most meritocratic industries in the world, there are constant efforts to promote diversity at the expense of fairness, merit and competency. Examples:

USC's Interactive Media & Games Division cancels all-star panel that included top-tier game developers who were invited to share their experiences with students. Why? Because there were no women on the panel.
https://t.co/6vXSMt6B9N

ElectronConf is a conf which chooses presenters based on blind auditions; the identity, gender, and race of the speaker is not known to the selection team. The results of that merit-based approach was an all-male panel. So they cancelled the conference. https://t.co/TVSQRbnfTP

Apple's head of diversity (a black woman) got in trouble for promoting a vision of diversity that is at odds with contemporary progressive dogma. (She left the company shortly after this incident.)
https://t.co/avEPxSGC3y

Also in the name of diversity, there is unabashed discrimination against men (especially white men) in tech, in both hiring policies and in other arenas. One such example is this, a developer workshop that specifically excluded men:
https://t.co/N0SkH4hR35

A more detailed and aggressive response came from Daniel Z. Klein, the Riot systems designer who has created a number of League champions, such as Taliyah and Kayn. In a Twitter thread, Klein observed that men are already "ridiculously over-represented in gaming", while women are ignored, passed over for promotions, and harrassed.

"So yes, in the interest of justice, equality, and fairness, man need to be excluded sometimes," he continued. "That's perfectly fine. Trust me, you'll have about a billion other opportunities that these women won't have. But no, you have to be absolute overgrown toddlers and throw hissy fits."

However, this last comment as well as Klein's references to "manbabies" and the suggestion that some people driving the argument are "privileged as fuck" has also sparked complaints.

The creator of the hit video game Assassin's Creed stated his position on hiring developers: "If the candidate has a dick, he’s not hired."
https://t.co/x0Cu1v9bQb

> "If the candidate has a dick he\u2019s not hired," says Ancestors creator Patrice Desilets of hiring staff for new game https://t.co/eq4ZYPamAH pic.twitter.com/8mJ7GCqRwK
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> — VG247 (@VG247) April 20, 2017

Of course, the biggest story showcasing SJW's influence in regards to the tech world is Google's firing of @JamesADamore, who shared a few scientifically based, reasonable ideas about how to improve diversity which disagreed with the progressive dogma. https://t.co/XkTYjsfPZQ

Another area that has seen inroads by SJWs is insistence on "Codes of Conduct" (CoC) rules in open source projects. While they sound fine in theory, the reality is that it lets certain activists police the kind of people who are involved in a project.
https://t.co/UWOlb6AIiw

This CoC trend has disturbed so many people, it's even pushed some top developers to leave projects that they have been heavily involved with from the very beginning.
https://t.co/aCrZR20eac.

The reason for me leaving are the changes in the community. The current license change discussions unfortunately bring to memory the fsf politics when I was working on gcc. That would still not be sufficient reason to leave. As with the code, llvm will still have the best license and if the only community change was the handling of the license change I would probably keep going.

The community change I cannot take is how the social injustice movement has permeated it. When I joined llvm no one asked or cared about my religion or political view. We all seemed committed to just writing a good compiler framework.

Somewhat recently a code of conduct was adopted. It says that the community tries to welcome people of all "political belief". Except those whose political belief mean that they don't agree with the code of conduct. Since agreement is required to take part in the conferences, I am no longer able to attend.

The last drop was llvm associating itself with an organization that openly discriminates based on sex and ancestry (1,2). This goes directly against my ethical views and I think I must leave the project to not be associated with this.

Here's a related controversy, where some Linux developers are threatening to pull their code from Linux due to objections to a CoC (scroll down to "The Controversy").
https://t.co/JrdVMPClSq

More on the Linux Code of Conduct controversy here: https://t.co/H4lNs8EYjc

A controversy over the Code of Conduct and accepting pull requests from people of color erupted on the Django project: https://t.co/u2MULvY7x9

We dare not give less than our best. If we fall away from meritocracy – if we allow the SJWs to remake us as they wish, into a hell-pit of competitive grievance-mongering and political favoritism for the designated victim group of the week – we will betray not only what is best in our own traditions but the entire civilization that we serve.

This isn't about women in tech, or minorities in tech, or gays in tech. The hacker culture's norm about inclusion is clear: anybody who can pull the freight is welcome, and twitching about things like skin color or shape of genitalia or what thing you like to stick into what thing is beyond wrong into silly. This is about whether we will allow "diversity" issues to be used as wedges to fracture our community, degrade the quality of our work, and draw us away from our duty.

When hackers fail our own standards of meritocracy, as we sometimes do, it's up to *us* to fix it from within our own tradition: judge by the work alone, you are what you do, shut up and show us the code. A movement whose favored tools include the rage mob, the dox, and *faked* incidents of bigotry is not morally competent to judge us or instruct us.

I have been participating in and running open-source projects for a quarter-century. In all that time I never had to know or care whether my fellow contributors were white, black, male, female, straight, gay, or from the planet Mars, only whether their code was good. The SJWs want to make me care; they want to make all of us obsess about this, to the point of having quotas and struggle sessions and what amounts to political officers threatening us if we are insufficiently "diverse".

An example of how Codes of Conduct are used to enforce ideology: GitHub removed a repository because the word "retard" was used: https://t.co/8KaLqMlhi3

SJWs have often tried to get people dismissed from speaking engagements at conferences. When that doesn't work, they try to get the whole conference shut down. Here's one example where they tried to get a speaker booted, labeling him a misogynist: https://t.co/rQWojetz4g

They also tried to shut down LambdaConf because they didn't approve of a speaker's politics (his talk wasn't going to be about politics, purely technical topics). When the conf organizers didn't agree to boot him, they went after the conference itself:
https://t.co/wwMVoNbxnB

They had actually succeeded the year before in doing the same thing to him at a different conference:
https://t.co/CmnyFVCv3g

Another area of influence is in how games are designed, with SJWs not approving of sexual imagery in games. A character in Overwatch had to be modified due to complaints that she was too sexualized:
https://t.co/EtKinifoTH

A trivial example, but still illustrative of how the tech world is so sensitive to SJ concerns: Google actually changed the name of a new file compression format - the .bro format (short for 'Brotli') - because of complaints that it was offensive: https://t.co/c1sU6drpMn

Another trivial, but instructive example: Apple and Adobe come under heavy criticism for doing an image manipulation demo at a conference that changed a picture of a woman to have a smile. https://t.co/UzN5yHjSyu

A more serious example: Two developers at a conference sharing a private joke about "dongles" end up being fired after a woman overhears them and complains:
https://t.co/qMOiVzMaLm

Here's a story of a woman who faced the wrath of feminists for disagreeing about how best to help young girls who want to learn to code. She wanted to teach them programming, they wanted to teach the girls gender politics.
https://t.co/LIhwWxLn0J

We can also see just how far reaching SJWs influence in tech are from the fact that high level decision making bodies are supporting their nonsense: https://t.co/CjOpCEZ20a

Another idiotic grant supporting SJW nonsense: https://t.co/EST1l4moE7

There is also the very concerning issue of social media companies censoring and demonetizing figures who are saying things that go against the progressive dogma. @joerogan discussed that here: https://t.co/QOb0SzQ8mr

Some more examples of tech companies blacklisting those who disagree with progressive ideas: https://t.co/czPmXjZKIp

An ad supporting a pro-life candidate was banned on Facebook: https://t.co/gfuOQaYbEH

> BREAKING: This morning Facebook banned our 30-second ad exposing pro-abortion @PhilBredesen in Tennessee and supporting #ProLife Marsha Blackburn for Senate.
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> Watch the ad Facebook censored: pic.twitter.com/BHlklKqD0Q#TNSen @VoteMarsha #IVoteProLife\u2705
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> — Susan B. Anthony List (@SBAList) November 1, 2018

Discussion with sex researcher demonetized: https://t.co/vnv0GPpWtA

Here's another noteworthy case: a leading Drupal developer was kicked out of that community due to people discovering that he has some weird sexual kinks, even though not a single person within the community ever reported any misconduct from him. https://t.co/9L4fXJSRRz

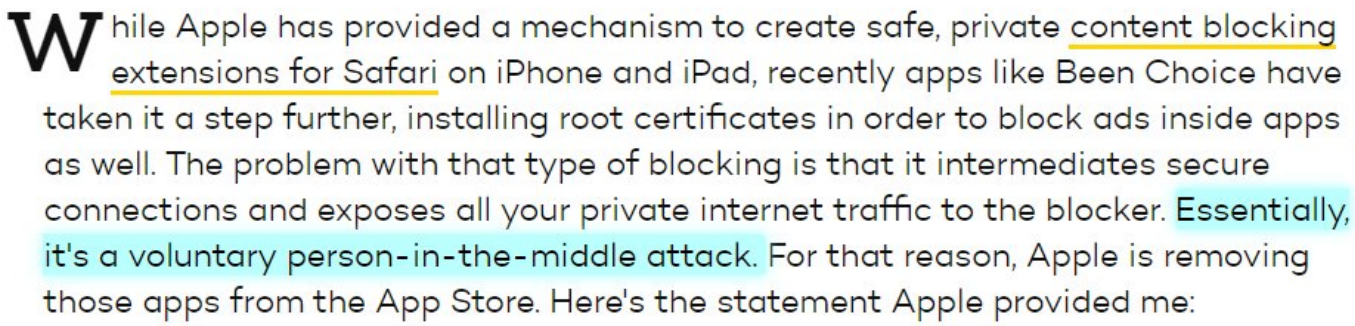
Underlying so much of this is the constant demonization of men in tech (it's actually an underlying thread within all SJ ideology, not just here). Here's a story of an active campaign to smear a tech luminary bec he doesn't conform to contemporary norms. https://t.co/88vzytWFdc

Regarding how social media companies have taken the side of SJWs in the culture war, @marcorandazza at @Popehat spelled this out very clearly 3 years ago. It's only gotten worse since, IMHO. https://t.co/JtanHbJSGQ

> Nevertheless, I do fault Twitter for is its hypocrisy and its outright lies about what it claims that it is doing. Twitter is **not** at all interested in making Twitter a "nicer" place, nor promoting more constructive discourse. Twitter is taking a side in the culture wars, and it has chosen that it will be the destination of choice for the "social justice warriors" echo chamber.
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> A stark example came to light this weekend when Milo Yiannopoulos discovered that his account had suffered the "discipline" of having his official public figure status revoked. On Twitter, the real public figures get a blue checkmark next to their names so that people realize that they're dealing with the real celebrity, and not one of any number of imposters, impersonators, or satirists. Mr. Yiannopoulos is, for those who are uninitiated, a conservative who frequently disagrees with the "social justice warrior" mentality. And that's strike one against him. Yiannopoulos had the audacity to disagree with certain politically correct notions, and thus he was subjected to this minor form of discipline.
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> His reaction was a bit over the top, but far be it from me to criticize him for being hyperbolic. He immediately launched the hashtag "#JeSuiMilo." Equating losing a little blue checkmark next to your name to the murders at Charlie Hebdo makes me spit a little. But, I'm not entitled to an offense-free existence, so if Mr. Yiannopoulos wants to damage his own credibility by trying to compare himself to those who actually laid their lives at the altar of freedom of expression, so be it. I'm not going to let that get in the way of the fact that he has a valid point.
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> And what is his valid point? There's not a damn way that his account would have suffered any discipline at all had his views not been from the disfavored side of the debate. For all Twitter's lip service to freedom of expression and prevention of abuse, Twitter believes in neither. As Allum Bokhari wrote, "The fingerprints of social justice warriors, who delight in redefining political disagreement as "harassment," are all over this new rule. Twitter's reputation for arbitrary, politically-motivated punishment looks set to grow."

On a lighter note, check out this award granted to Google for all the resources they've put into promoting diversity. https://t.co/ap0cWJcgpl

Reader responded to this thread saying that hes now required 2 comment his code with gender neutral pronouns. Reminded me of this: tech reporter replaces industry standard term "man-in-the-middle attack" with more inclusive "person-in-the-middle". https://t.co/aimXB5Npd8



While Apple has provided a mechanism to create safe, private content blocking extensions for Safari on iPhone and iPad, recently apps like Been Choice have taken it a step further, installing root certificates in order to block ads inside apps as well. The problem with that type of blocking is that it intermediates secure connections and exposes all your private internet traffic to the blocker. Essentially, it's a voluntary person-in-the-middle attack. For that reason, Apple is removing those apps from the App Store. Here's the statement Apple provided me:

I'm reluctant to take anything related to emoji seriously, but even that topic shows the influence of social justice trends, as there are constant efforts to make emoji that are more diverse and inclusive. Consider the issue of skin colors in emoji: https://t.co/bRlLM8ZXC2

> It appears that just after the publishing of this post, Google proposed a new suite of emoji to promote women's diversity. The designers noticed a growing movement arguing that female emojis are sexist and harmful to girls. The intersectional question remains, will it be permissible for white women to use the new yellow emoji?

And then there's this effort at inclusivity, which may or may not be a joke. I'm really not sure. Poe's Law applies. https://t.co/ikvVYgcbWa

And apparently, some women are really upset that the women's shoe emoji, and others depicting women's clothes, are totally sexist. https://t.co/xhorAY60ID

Some more examples of anti-male sentiment openly expressed at a tech conference a few months ago: https://t.co/2NqCe8lUo5

> Overt racism against white male developers seems to be completely acceptable at @jsconfeu. pic.twitter.com/Y2xpvwdRGu
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> — MarleneJ (@mjaeckel) June 2, 2018

Another blatant demonstration of anti-white/male prejudice expressed by a prominent software developer. https://t.co/eJTCU4bEfZ

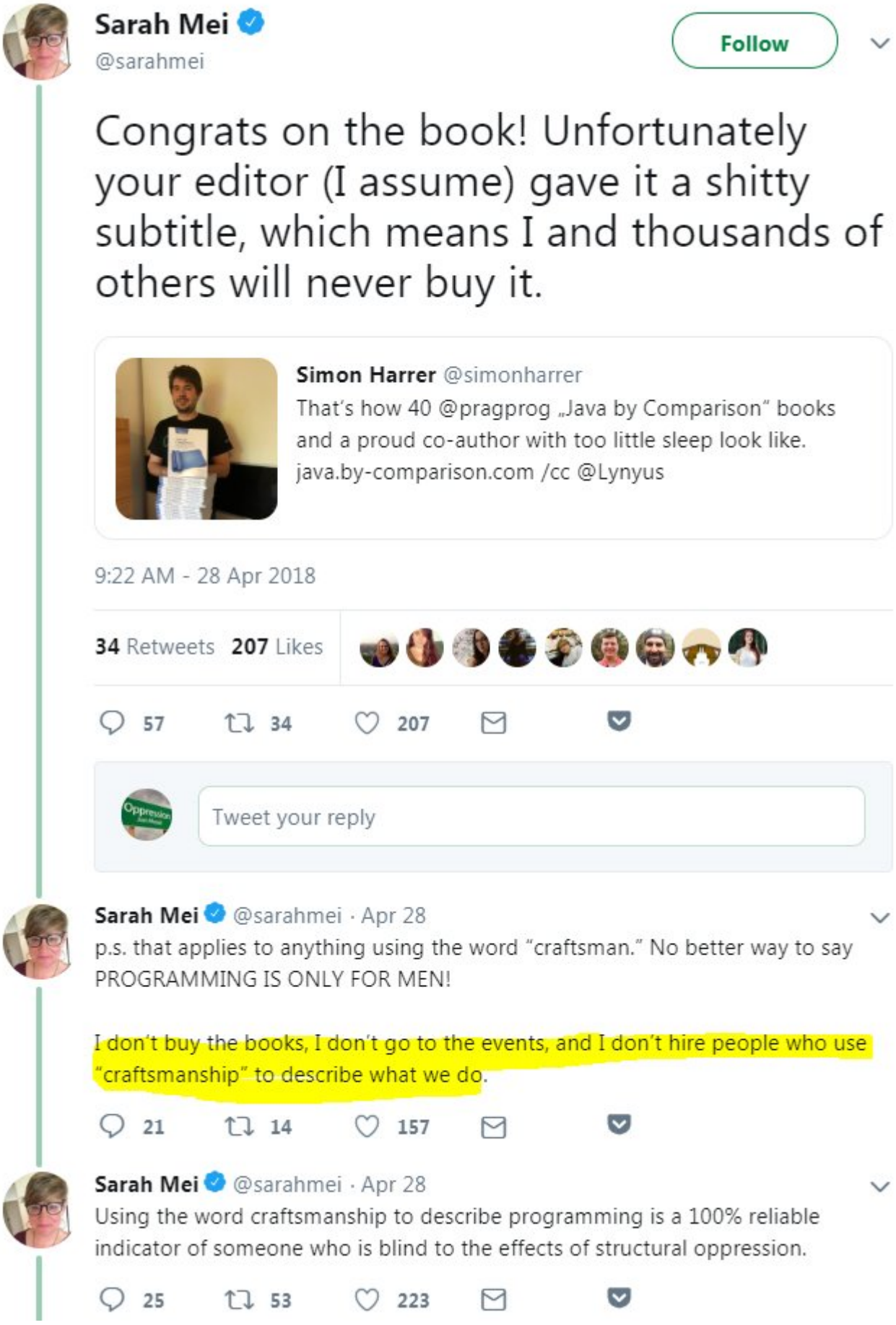


Wondering why all the agile/XP stuff (like pairing, TDD, etc) doesn\u2019t seem to work for a heterogenous team?

It\u2019s because they were developed by a bunch of white dudes. The practices assume the practitioners all have A LOT of built-in privilege. https://t.co/OI7XcHIigK

— Sarah Mei (@sarahmei) April 29, 2018

That respected developer also railed against an author of a programming book because the subtitle of the book had the word "craftsman" in it. https://t.co/GSUR5LRjzF



Congrats on the book! Unfortunately your editor (I assume) gave it a shitty subtitle, which means I and thousands of others will never buy it. https://t.co/SalmBap9qT

— Sarah Mei (@sarahmei) April 28, 2018