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I wrote [my reflection on Netroots UK](#), saying I would be using the delete button more, on Saturday afternoon, although I waited to Sunday to publish it.

At the time I wrote it I did not know of the Arizona shootings.

I have waited to reflect on them too, but having done so I am glad I made the decision I did. I remain shocked at the commentary tolerated on much of the right wing blogosphere, which is crude, offensive, violent, often incoherent and yet is obviously acceptable to some of those who seek to comment here, and whose commentary is blocked for that very good reason.

I think it is everyone's duty to stand up against this culture of abuse, from which, as Congresswoman Gifford said, consequences flow. And if others don't agree, I don't mind because I will be taking action, if only by hitting the delete button on those from either side of the debate (but almost always, I regret to say, the right) who promote such abuse.