

## A note to trolls

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Very high volumes of troll traffic is turning up here right now.

I am - probably first the first time ever - deleting maybe one third of all comments at the moment because they come from first time posters who are often abusive, offer no argument, add nothing to debate and bizarrely think I should post their comments despite those facts.

There is, I would remind all those thinking of doing something similar, a [comments policy on this blog](#). I have never given anyone, even if they have posted thousands of times, the automatic right to comment here. I certainly do not give that right to anyone breaching the comments policy, as anyone posting in the style posted above will have done.

To also be clear, it usually takes a fraction of a second to identify posts of this sort and deletion follows immediately, so you are hardly wasting my time doing it. So, respectfully, why waste your own? All you prove to yourself is just how foolish you are. I know you don't like the fact that my comments are widely read or viewed (more than 60,000 times yesterday) but unless you actually have a polite counter-argument you're not going to address that fact.

And, just in case you do think you have such an argument, if it looks like your comment has come from a trolling factory because it appears remarkably similar to that of other people of apparent like mind, it too will be deleted. You have to be able to think for yourself to appear here.