Matpats Transphobic Incident

On the 14th of April, Game Theory uploaded a theory called "Does Fortnite make you violent?".

In this theory, he started off by making fun of a Twitch-Streamer who did a "strip or lick"-challenge. He did this by having a fat man strip. Because you know. The idea of a man licking a fat man is funny and not the least homophobic or fatshaming.

This joke goes into a long line of Matpat making fatshaming remarks by calling himself fatpat although he probably doesn't weigh more than 140 pounds. So this was neither surprising nor new.

Then the video started. It begins harmless enough with him mentioning a survey he did perform among his fans. Then he mentions that people added more than 600 genders and from then on the next full minute consists of genderjokes. Including the old "Apache-Helicopter"-Joke. (Screenshots on next Page)
From then on out, the video was a typical Game Theory.
Due to the Gender-jokes in his video, the comment section started to fill up with “Apache-Helicopter” and other transphobic jokes as well. One of them was even pinned at the beginning.

Then the backlash on Twitter happened. (names and pictures cropped for privacy reasons)

Hey @MatPatGT I hope you realize that literally anybody who wrote an object instead of an actual gender is literally just trying to undermine the existence of trans people. The fact that you went on to only include male/female in your results came off as transphobic.

@ShinjiSchneider @home · 14. Apr. 2018
@MatPatGT would have preferred if you hadn’t given the “lol i’m an Apache Helicopter”-transphobic assholes a platform in your video and especially highlighting them in your comments.

But the “theory” (more like study) was interesting nonetheless.

Matpat decided to reply to the following one.

So, ehm... Fuck @MatPatGT and this nearly full minute of vile transphobic “jokes” regarding non-binary identities.

Not even original jokes, the same old shitty stuff that the trans community have suffered for years. Just shy of a dolphin mention.

Screw you.
Pay attention to the words used:

Witch Hunt.

Where have we heard that one before?

MatPat

Clearly, I respect the community so much that I left the field completely open because I wanted everyone to be able to express themselves exactly as they identify.

The responses I cited were intended as jokes by the people who entered them.

Point your witch hunt somewhere else.

It would usually be beneath me to make a stupid Trump-Comparison with Matpat, but there is actual relevancy here.

After his reply things started to escalate quickly. I just link to the post itself for anyone who wants to read the whole thing. [https://twitter.com/MatPatGT/status/985258779997421568](https://twitter.com/MatPatGT/status/985258779997421568)

But basically a lot of Matpats fans jumped into the discussion to defend him, make transphobic jokes/insults and attack the OP.

But not only in this tweet and the replies itself, but on the Twitter page of the OP herself. Hundreds if not thousands of people attacked her, threatened her and basically forced her off twitter for a while.

Including more “famous” youtubers like LonelyGoomba. (definitely not related to GaijinGomba)
Matpats reaction?

He posted this reply 4 hours later after several people mentioned, that he didn’t even use any data mentioning the gender (besides male/female) in his theory.

Just to clarify:
- No data was thrown out due to gender response.
- @arhourigan just let me know that "Attack Helicopter" has a transphobic history. I wasn't aware and I'm sorry for including it. I assumed it, like most of the answers, was just a dumb meme people wrote in.

So.
He admitted that it were transphobic jokes (Austin apparently had to explain it to him) and he mentioned that he still used all the data. That “the smartest show on the Internet” doesn’t even know where the gender-“meme” comes from is a story for itself.

It’s also noteworthy, that he mentioned the data first. Because this is just another example that Matt mostly cares about his theories, but not people.

Why do i say that?

Because nothing has changed since then. The video itself is still up. He never posted an apology or made any corrections. He just ignored the jokes and his fans attacking a transperson.

And why is that special?

Let’s take a look at his video one week prior. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FJoQDqn0WRw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FJoQDqn0WRw)

Game Theory: Persona’s LOST Shadow... FOUND! (Persona 4)

1,818,435 views

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He messed up some things in his theory and pinned this comment below the video 3-4 hours later.

"I'm sorry. I screwed up with this one"
mistakes in this video, the lack of clarity in some of the jokes, and to promise you that i will continue to work at getting better about all these issues - Matpat"

THIS is his reaction and apology for a botched theory.

His reaction to discriminating and insulting minorities? Calling it a witch hunt.

This is especially grueling because it was Matpat who was calling out PewDiePie when he made racist jokes.

"Words matter. Especially when you are influencing an audience of millions of viewers"

Matpat has spent the past years building up a “Nice Guy” persona. His tweets have always consisted of being inclusive and talking about tolerance and admitting mistakes.

MatPat • @MatPatGT • 21. Aug. 2018
Dear Creative People,

It’s easy to feel like you’re not good enough when you spend your time studying the work of other people you admire.

But your work matters. To the people outside of your creative bubble, what you do is unique and wonderful.

You are not an imposter.
A person is twice as likely to be a victim of suicide on Wednesday than any other day of the week.

Tell someone how important they are to you today. It might just save their life.

You are worthy of love.
You are worthy of love.
You are worthy of love.
You are worthy of love.

Your value as a person will NEVER decrease just because other people don’t see how much you’re worth.

Don’t let other people undervalue you make you undervalue yourself.
All of this doesn’t let me think anything else except that MatPat is a fraud. Someone posing as a nice guy in order to sell his brand.

**Update:**
On January 3rd 2019 he got called out for his Heartbound Livestream by the developers “Pirate Software” because he didn’t link the game in his livestream and plastered everything full with Undertale references, Tags and other Clickbait (including “the new Undertale”) which caused his viewers to mistake Pirate Software for Tobyfox and spam them with messages.

MatPat replied as follows.

**“I did nothing wrong”**

MatPat Phonescape  @MatPatGT · 3. Jan.
- I'm sorry to hear you're disappointed in our recent playthrough of Heartbound, but what you see as disrespectful, I would argue is the opposite. Let me explain...

**“My Team messed up”**

MatPat Players  @MatPatGT · 3. Jan.
- First, I don’t review the thumbnail, tags, description, etc. prior to livestreams going up any more. That’s handled by two members of our team. However, I trained them, so their decisions are on me.

**“I make Clickbait so more people see it”**

MatPat Players  @MatPatGT · 3. Jan.
- That said, their goal is to make livestreams as searchable as possible. And for games with limited searchability, that’s important as it gets them the audience and attention they deserve. It’s the same rationale behind our Deltarune videos being branded as Undertale 2.

**“Be glad we do it, because more people will see your game then”**
- Regarding links, we don't tend to link back to the games we're playing -- that's not an intentional slight on you, it's just rarely something we do for games that aren't fan-made or free. We'll talk about having a more standard policy around that.

“We never credit the people whose games we play unless we get paid to do so. It's bad for business”

I might have added a few of my own thoughts there….

This led to Tobyfox chiming in:

**tobyfox** @tobyfox · 4. Jan.

Antwort an @MatPatGT @PirateSoftware

You should link to ANY game you play. Creators need all the help they can get.
And think carefully if you’re misleading your audience with how you present your videos. You went too far this time.

The whole controversy also brought up other things. For instance that Gametheory keeps using other peoples artworks without referencing them or asking them for permission.

What a nice guy.