Minecraft's new Moderation Features have some Players Worried

Minecraft is a place for players to express themselves in many different ways. You can play using the area as an Dungeons & Dragons map or recreate your favorite games or just hang out with friends. It's probably because of this that the new moderation tools are making people worried.

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Let's be honest: moderation tools are vital for internet users since people aren't always good given the chance. However they also need to work, and a few Redditors have shared their opinions on the subject and they're not very impressed. The most comprehensive post on the matter comes from JewelTK, who posted a video to discuss the issue from the perspective of someone who hosts a couple of servers.

The video contains some harsh language, so be aware of that if going to watch it in full, but there's a warning at beginning of the video about it. While the specifics of their concerns are more nuanced however, you can divide the issue into two sections. It is possible to use the system to ban people who shouldn't be banned, particularly in retaliation to being removed from servers. Another issue is that players have different standards of what's acceptable and different communities have their own rules. Being judged by people who don't understand could lead to bannings that seem unfair.

Java chat reporting from the point of view of an Minecraft server host

Redditor Quillka has suggested that these specific reporting tools should be limited to official Microsoft Realms, mostly for the same reasons as above. They argue that "It is impossible to assume that the majority of Minecraft's player base that consists of people of all ages will conform to being perfectly kid-friendly." It's easy to understand their argument. While the filters for profanity ensure that children are secure in chat rooms across the world, in smaller and more controlled communities, groups of adults talking to each other shouldn't have to be concerned about swearing. Popbobsnob also offers "propaganda" that can be described as a lot of creativity in less balanced arguments.