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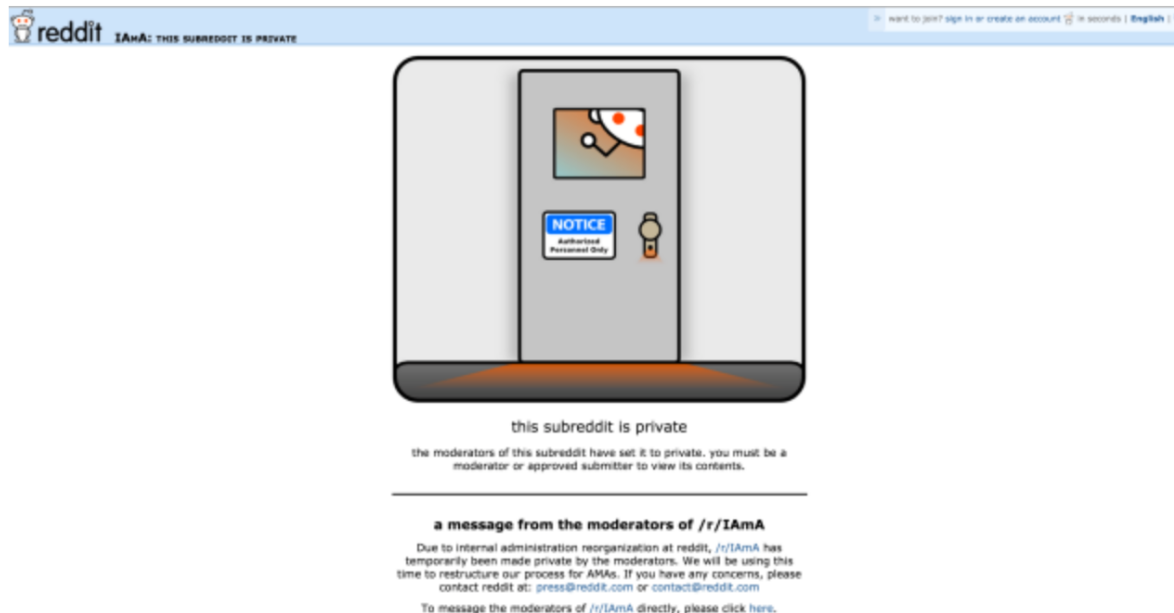
Reddit In Chaos After Allegedly Firing AMA Coordinator Victoria Taylor



Ashley Feinberg


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If you tried to visit [r/IAMa](#) (one of Reddit's biggest subs) recently, you were probably greeted by the image above. And if you've been absolutely anywhere else on the site at all in the past few hours, you probably noticed that everyone is flipping their collective shit over speculation that Victoria Taylor, the high-profile coordinator that kept IAmA afloat, was suddenly and

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We apologize (self.announcements)
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We screwed up. Not just on July 2, but also over the past several years. We haven't communicated well, and we have surprised moderators and the community with big changes. We have apologized and made promises to you, the moderators and the community, over many years, but time and again, we haven't delivered on them. When you've had feedback or requests, we haven't always been responsive. The mods and the community have lost trust in me and in us, the administrators of reddit.

Today, we acknowledge this long history of mistakes. We are grateful for all you do for reddit, and the buck stops with me. We are taking three concrete steps:

Tools: We will improve tools, not just promise improvements, building on work already underway. [u/deimorz](#) and [u/weffey](#) will be working as a team with the moderators on what tools to build and then delivering them.

Communication: [u/krispyrackers](#) is trying out the new role of Moderator Advocate. She will be the contact for moderators with reddit and will help figure out the best way to talk more often. We're also going to figure out the best way for more administrators, including myself, to talk more often with the whole community.

Search: We are providing an option for moderators to default to the old version of search to support your existing moderation workflows. Instructions for setting this default are [here](#).

I know these are just words, and it may be hard for you to believe us. I don't have all the answers, and it will take time for us to deliver concrete results. I mean it when I say we screwed up, and we want to have a meaningful ongoing discussion. I know we've drifted out of touch with the community as we've grown and added more people, and we want to connect more. I and the team are committed to talking more often with the community, starting now.

Thank you for listening. Please share feedback here. Our team is ready to respond to comments.

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Ellen Pao / Reddit:

Ellen Pao apologizes again, announces new role of Moderator Advocate to be moderators' contact with Reddit, pledges improvements to mod tools — We apologize — We screwed up. Not just on July 2, but also over the past several years. We haven't communicated well ...

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Key Questions

- Who owns an online community?
- How much should startups listen to their users?
 - Facebook news feed?
- How do we deal with harassment online?

News #2: Hacking Team

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- “**Hacking Team** is an Italian company that sells intrusion and surveillance tools to governments and law enforcement agencies.”



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Hacking Team, which sells intrusion and surveillance tools to governments, breached; attackers release 400GB of internal documents, source code, and emails — Hacking

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As more details about Hacking Team's deals with repressive regimes like Sudan emerge from breach, company responds with vague denials and threats on Twitter — Hacking Team

responds to data breach, issues public threats and denials — On Sunday evening, someone hijacked the Hacking Team account ...

A screenshot of a table with multiple rows and columns. The table appears to be a list of deals or transactions, with columns for 'Country', 'Deal', and 'Status'. The rows are highlighted in yellow, and the text is small and difficult to read. The table has a header row and several data rows.

More: CNET, Ars Technica, Wired.co.uk, Help Net Security, Forbes and Business Insider

Key Questions

- How do we handle cybersecurity in a cloud- and mobile-based world
- What are the ethics of running a tech company?

News #3: Decentralized Media



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The Decentral Authority

We've been big fans of [Reddit](#) since it was part of the first Y Combinator class ten years ago this summer. We've watched closely as it emerged as a community powered mostly by its users. There was a period when the entire company was one or two developers. And yet not only did Reddit survive that period, it actually thrived during it. It is a quintessential example of the lightweight people powered app that we look for and love at USV.

The growing pains that Reddit is going through as it evolves into something more are particularly interesting to us. We've always wondered if a people powered community that is owned as much by its users as anyone can work as a traditional corporate entity. We've been through similar situations in our career (Geocities and Twitter among them) and we know how hard it is to reconcile the needs of the users, the management, and the shareholders.

I am not going to come down on the side of any of these stakeholders in this current situation. They all have very valid needs and desires and there are no easy answers to the struggle that Reddit faces. I am particularly sympathetic to the need to manage the trolling activity. Twitter also struggles with this issue. Free speech has an ugly underbelly and when you stare at it up close and personally, it makes you want to nuke

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- **Idea:** Use Bitcoin's blockchain as the means by which we can create a media platform without centralized control

Key Questions

- Can such a community survive and even thrive?
- How do we handle reputation in an anonymized user-generated content site?
- How do we make access to the site easy for new users?

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Machine ethics: The robot's dilemma

Working out how to build ethical robots is one of the thorniest challenges in artificial intelligence.

Boer Deng

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News #4: Robot Ethics

- ““We see more and more autonomous or automated systems in our daily life,” said panel participant Karl-Josef Kuhn, an engineer with Siemens in Munich, Germany. But, he asked, how can researchers equip a robot to react when it is “making the decision between two bad choices”?”

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- “To teach Nao to navigate such quandaries, the Andersons gave it examples of cases in which bioethicists had resolved conflicts involving autonomy, harm and benefit to a patient. Learning algorithms then sorted through the cases until they found patterns that could guide the robot in new situations.”

Key Questions

- How do we manage the ethical dilemmas that come with the technology we build?
 - Drones and robots