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HUMOUR

The art of voicing opinions nobody asked for

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Humans are opinionated beings. When presented with any situation, most of us will form an opinion. The tragedy of the world however, is that sometimes our opinions are unnecessary – maybe even unwelcome. That doesn't hinder us from having our own viewpoints though.

Sure, you can always visit the group chat and rant to your three friends, but being cooped up in that echo chamber would mean missing out on the Socratic euphoria of educating strangers on the street. If you're faced with this dilemma often, then fear not, we have devised a foolproof way you can share your unsolicited input with the world without any holdups.

Rid yourself of self-awareness
Are you perhaps judging someone for being guilty of something you yourself have done in the past? Do you hold double standards about the situation? Throw it all away, it will only slow you down.

Did that one person on your Facebook post a review of a film they've recently enjoyed, which, according to your personal taste, is puerile and overrated? You are a hundred percent entitled to talk down to them. So what if you're just an average joe? You've watched *Pulp Fiction* and *Fight Club* about twenty times now. Certainly you have a sophisticated, obscure taste in films compared to that loser watching superhero movies.

Buzzwords
Maybe you're not the type that can express themselves persuasively. That's normal. The majority of us face the same issue. Now, to tackle this situation, you can try expanding your vocabulary. That process will take you a while, so here's a quick shortcut to being more convincing in defending your opinions – buzzwords.

To defuse any counterargument, try to add an "ism" at the end of completely regular words to add a little razzle-dazzle. My personal suggestion would be using "whataboutism"anytime you're caught guilty of double standards. The way to successfully implement buzzwords into your arguments is throwing a bunch of them at a time really fast, which will automatically gaslight your opponent into thinking these are common words anyone should know.

The convolution theorem
If your expression of opinions is not in a verbal setting, then you have the edge. Hit Thesaurus on every other word. Don't worry about the proper applications of the convoluted words though. The average Homo sapien won't be able to parry the obstacle that your sesquipedalian glory will manifest.

Take up writing
Proclaim that writing is your passion. It doesn't matter whether you have a platform, go ahead and share that 1500-word status update that will exceed an HSC candidate's Bangla 2nd Paper essay in terms of length. If you can cement your reputation as a writer, you'll find that your opinions are being given more value than that of the layman's.

Never admit that you're wrong
Don't be afraid to resort to personal insults if your opinion isn't well-received. Being able to successfully play the part of a victim also works in a stellar way. If an argument ensues and you're left feeling unsatisfied, consider posting a picture of Tywin Lannister with the caption "The lion doesn't concern itself with the opinion of the sheep" right afterwards.

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Things to consider before you build
YOUR PC

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While buying a laptop or ready-made PC is relatively straightforward, the option to buy a custom-built PC is more appealing as it allows more flexibility in terms of choosing components and adjusting the budget. The process can be exciting but for someone who is not a tech enthusiast, it can be overwhelming as well.

Buying a PC is a long-term investment, given how expensive it can be. Thus, you want to get everything right. Here are some of the things you want to consider before you head on to buy one.

Firstly, you have to be sure why you want to build a PC and set the budget accordingly. Your PC won't be able to match your needs if you don't purchase the required parts or opt to buy something cheaper.

While getting a good deal is great, it shouldn't be your main concern. People often look for cheapest options and don't bother to check the reputation of the sellers.

Unfortunately, if a seller gives you a deal too good to be true, there's probably a catch. Many have suffered after stores gave them faulty components or took too long to replace or repair parts under warranty. It is better to buy components from a trusted dealer with good customer service even if it costs a little bit more.

After you have set your budget, it's time to start selecting your components. As mentioned before, you have to select your components based on why you want a computer. For example, video editing may require a GPU (graphics processing unit) with more VRAM while a PC for casual use may not need a dedicated GPU at all.

Along with that, you need to make sure the parts you will buy are compatible with each other. For example, certain processors require certain motherboards to function, certain GPUs require certain processors to prevent bottleneck.

While the shops you are buying from may help you out on these matters, it is better if you know exactly what you need so that the sellers can't take advantage of you and make you spend your valuable money on something you don't need.

Another important but often overlooked factor is selecting the right Power Supply Unit (PSU). A PSU protects other components from getting burned due to power surges or excessive voltage. Selecting the right PSU requires you to find out how much power the components of your PC will consume.

Computer store websites often have a "build your PC" feature where you can input the details of your components and it will show you how much power it requires.

Thus, if your PC consumes around 300-400 watt, you want a PSU of around 500 watt or more to keep your PC safe. Factors such as bronze/gold certification and whether a PSU is modular or semi modular should also be considered.

With the recent price drops on several PC parts, it's a good time to build the PC you have long planned and waited for. Regardless of what type of PC you are building, keeping the above-mentioned points in mind will help you make sure you build the best PC possible within your budget.

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