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[0] Intro

Hi, this is Hax from the Melee community. I am writing this report in order to alert not only the Melee community, but also other surrounding esports communities about an incredibly dangerous pattern of behavior that the Melee community is currently following. From the outside, it may seem that all is good and well in the Melee community, but that isn't the case. The truth is that my entire community has been subjugated by a certain threat over the years, and it doesn't seem that anyone else sees what I see anymore. If they do, then they are either too paralyzed with fear to make an impact, or they lack the platform to do so. With that being said, I ask that you please take the contents of this report seriously, as there is a lot on the line.



The revised version of the Metagame documentary that is set to air this weekend.

At first, I didn't want to give the esports world the red pill on what was really going on within the Melee community. I saw that people were living happily in ignorance, and I didn't want to change that. But it seems that every year that goes by, the situation only gets worse. What drew the line for me was when the filmmaker Samox recently announced that he'd be releasing an edited version of the Metagame documentary, which is set to air this weekend. I'm eventually going to explain why **it should actually be illegal for this documentary to air**, and why the Melee community needs to wake up to what's going on.



For those who don't know me, let me introduce myself and explain why you should trust the contents of this document. I've been in the Melee community for 16 years, having been a top player for many of those years. Throughout my career, I've proven myself to be not only a top player, but also a top influencer for the community. Although I only have a moderate following, I've helped the Melee scene make technological progress in at least 5 major ways. The most notable thing I've done is create an ergonomic controller called the [B0XX](#), which thousands of Melee players now use in order to avoid injuring their hands and wrists, but I've also done several other things. In 2017, I advocated for [in-game software mods](#) that gave quality-of-life improvements to Gamecube controller users. These were adopted later that year. Then, in 2019, I explained why Melee needed an anti-stalling rule called a [ledge grab limit](#). This rule set change was approved shortly afterward as well. Later in 2019, I started hosting a weekly tournament series called [Hax's Nightclub](#) which showed people that it was viable to play Melee on LCD monitors. Through the use of the latest technology, my tournament series gave people a glimpse at what Melee might look like in the future. And finally, starting in 2020, I began making [educational videos](#) that taught people about intricate Melee mechanics. All of my videos went into great detail about mechanics that people had never heard of before, and were fact-checked several times for accuracy.

Something to know about all of the innovations I just described is that they all went against the grain. These were all radical ideas at first, but I helped show that they were the right directions for the community to go in. The contents of this report will go against the grain as well. However, this report will have to do with politics rather than technology. People may not realize this, but the Melee community's politics are in shambles right now. There is something unthinkable evil going on in front of our eyes within the Melee community, and I have the evidence to prove it. This report will be tough to stomach, but the longer the community remains ignorant, the worse the situation will get, and so we don't have a choice anymore.



“The greater the crime perpetrated by the leadership, the less likely the people will ever believe their leaders capable of perpetrating such an event.” - Adolf Hitler

The most difficult part about this document will be accepting that the evil I’m referring to is being perpetrated by a community leader. There is a community leader who has caused this community to be filled with hatred, corruption, and greed, which are all things that the Smash community once didn’t have. These things have become so normalized that the current generation of players doesn’t even seem to realize what’s going on, and that things weren’t this way before. People are genuinely clueless that darkness has been cast over the entire Smash community, but hopefully this document will change that.

Before I go any further, let me be clear about the magnitude of this report. This report is **the final line of defense against someone who will continue to threaten the well-being of the Smash community**, as well as surrounding esports communities if he isn’t stopped. The situation will endlessly get worse, to the point that it’ll become comparable to a reign of terror within esports. I know this to be true based on three factors. The first one is **psychology**. I’ve studied psychology extensively in order to bring you this document, and I know exactly what type of cloth this person is cut from. I’ll be explaining what constitutes a supremely evil person, as well as how to spot one. I’ll also be going over proven strategies for manipulating people – especially large crowds of people – that have been used on several occasions. While it is bad that I’ll be showing you how to manipulate people, it’s worse for you *not* to know how the Smash community has repeatedly been manipulated. Finally, I’ll be explaining how people with these personality traits view their so-called “fans and supporters,” and even some of the people who think that they are their friends.

The next factor is **history**. I’ve been studying history so that I can show you that what is happening within the Smash community is 1:1 with what happened in societies that collapsed. We are setting ourselves up for a dystopia in more ways than people know, and an entire culture shift is going to be necessary to fix things.

Finally, I will piece everything together with **classified information** that nobody else has access to. Most importantly, you need to know the truth about **Evidence.zip**, which is a collection of documents that was put together 8 years ago. Evidence.zip is the red pill because it reveals an M.O. that hasn't changed, and has only evolved as time has gone on. The press has continuously lied to you about Evidence.zip, and so you'll need to drop everything you currently know about it. Evidence.zip will reveal that several events that have occurred in recent years were politically motivated in ways that the Smash community didn't realize, and that there was an agenda in motion the entire time.

I will also be backing everything up with my own personal experiences. I've been withholding a ton of information for this inevitable moment, and it's time to release all of it. Something I want to apologize in advance for is the fact that I am going to betray several people's trust in me in order to bring you the full truth today. Private information must be leaked in order to tell the full story, and so I'm sorry to everyone who that affects.

One last thing I want to go over is why I believe this is a groundbreaking document. This document is a case study for how a community can be uprooted without even realizing it. It will show how platforms such as Twitter, Twitch, and YouTube can be weaponized in the modern-day era of social media, and how laws should be implemented to ban certain strategies when it comes to these platforms. Similarly, this document will show how we, as a society, underestimate the impact of political and psychological crimes, and how we can't underestimate crimes that affect socioeconomics and people's mental health. It will also show how the esports universe provides the perfect platform for criminology; by constantly using the excuse that someone is a 'heel,' they become able to exploit their community endlessly without ever being held accountable. All of these things are injustices that call for reform.

Most notably, this document calls for an entire community to undo its way of thinking. There is a cult of personality that needs to be broken up within the Smash community, and I have a feeling it will be after people find out what they've become a part of.

This is a story of political and psychological warfare that took place in front of your very eyes over the course of the past decade. As the only person in the entire world capable of telling you this story, I know that I must do so, as it has the potential to change the timeline we live in.

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"This just in: Leffen tweets bad about Ultimate

Tomorrow: people taking Leffen's word on Ultimate as law

More at 11"

-ESAM ([August 24th, 2019](#))

2 years ago, ESAM emerged as a whistle-blower who stated that he was tired of Leffen shaping the discourse wherever he went within the Smash community, and having people blindly follow him as well. ESAM's posts did incredibly well on Twitter and Reddit. They were clearly representative of something that lots of people had felt, but may not have had the platform or the courage to express.

For those who don't know, ESAM is an Ultimate player with about 150,000 followers nowadays, making him a notable influencer. Meanwhile, Leffen is a Melee player with about 300,000 followers, making him the current biggest influencer in the Smash community. Leffen's influence is the biggest when you consider not only his follower count, but also the credibility that has been assigned to him. It seems that whenever Leffen speaks, his opinions are regarded as factual, which is what led to ESAM's frustrations.



Unfortunately, ESAM's feud with Leffen would eventually fizzle out. The two would become somewhat cordial with each other, and the concerns ESAM raised would be forgotten. This is standard when you look at how a lot of feuds with Leffen go. One day, someone will be beefing with Leffen, and then a few months later they'll be subjugated by him. This leads to awkward relationships with Leffen that feel very forced. The reason this happens is because people eventually realize that beefing with Leffen will cause you to be at war for the rest of your life, and so they give up. Leffen then gets his way, and the cycle of abuse repeats itself.

In ESAM's case, a whistle-blower who raised very valid concerns was lost when he decided that he wasn't willing to keep going. Because time is running out for the Smash community, I'd like to reopen the case. Today, **I'm going to explain to you why Leffen is a disease that can be expected to fully erode the Smash community, as well as several other esports communities within the next 10 years.** I say this as someone who has known Leffen for exactly 10 years, and knows exactly how predictable his trajectory is in terms of both scope and malicious intent. The Smash community simply doesn't understand the crimes that Leffen has already gotten away with, and will continue to get away with if the status quo is upheld.

"I hope people realize that Leffen is a chronic liar and he has no credibility whatsoever. If/when he speaks badly of other people it should always be assumed that he is lying." - Armada (2013)

If you've read up on [why Leffen was banned back in 2013](#), then it should be obvious that there's something fishy going on within the Smash community. When Armada issued Leffen's ban back then, he described Leffen as a "chronic liar with no credibility whatsoever," and he encouraged people to "always assume that [Leffen] is lying" when he speaks badly of other people. Yet, 6 years later, and Leffen was able to terrorize the Ultimate community with opinions that people treated as factual.



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I'm a diehard melee Peach fan. How can anyone hate her, she is well-designed, heavy on execution, and maybe the most raw skill based high tier in the game in terms of both neutral and punish

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In the Melee community, there is a similarly strange disconnect. On one hand, there is the widespread belief that Leffen is a former villain who emerged as a hero. Yet on the other hand, Leffen has clearly instilled fear into the current generation of players. This fear is entirely warranted when you consider that Leffen randomly attacks people with small follower counts, even going as far as to ignore their requests to be left alone. There seems to be no one truly safe from Leffen's wrath anymore, and so it makes sense for people to be on their toes...

[1] Totalitarianism

Totalitarianism

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Totalitarianism is a [concept](#)^{[1][2]} for a [form of government](#) or [political system](#) that prohibits opposition parties, restricts individual opposition to the state and its claims, and exercises an extremely high degree of control over public and private life. It is regarded as the most extreme and complete form of [authoritarianism](#). In totalitarian states, [political power](#) has often been held by [autocrats](#) (i.e. [dictators](#) or [absolute monarchs](#)) who employ all-encompassing campaigns in which [propaganda](#) is broadcast by state-controlled [mass media](#).^[3]

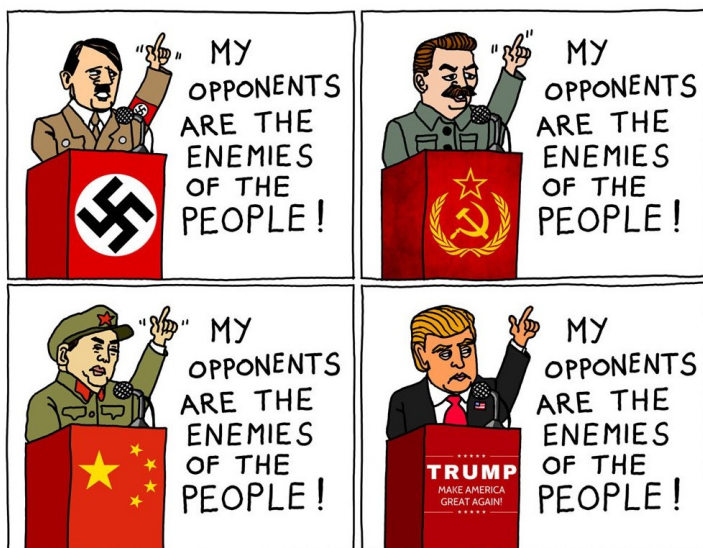
Totalitarian regimes are often characterized by extensive [political repression](#), a complete lack of [democracy](#), widespread [personality cultism](#), absolute [control over the economy](#), massive [censorship](#), [mass surveillance](#), limited [freedom of movement](#) (most notably [freedom to leave the country](#)) and widespread use of [state terrorism](#). Other aspects of a totalitarian regime include the use of [concentration camps](#), repressive [secret police](#), [religious persecution](#), state religion or [state atheism](#), the common practice of [executions](#), [fraudulent elections](#), possible possession of [weapons of mass destruction](#) and a potential for state-sponsored [mass murder](#) and [genocides](#). Historian [Robert Conquest](#) describes a totalitarian state as one which recognizes no limit on its authority in any sphere of public or private life and it extends that authority to whatever length is feasible.^[3]

As a political ideology, totalitarianism is distinctly modern and has complex historical roots. Historian and philosopher [Karl Popper](#) traced its roots to [Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel](#)'s conception of state and especially to the political philosophy of [Karl Marx](#).^[4] Others, like [Theodor W. Adorno](#) and [Max Horkheimer](#), trace the origin of totalitarian doctrines to the [Enlightenment](#), and especially to idea that man 'has become the master of the world', a master unbound by any links to nature, society, and history'.^[5] In the twentieth century the idea of 'absolute state power', was developed by Italian [fascists](#) and concurrently in Germany, by jurist and later [Nazi](#) academic [Carl Schmitt](#) working during the [Weimar Republic](#) (1920s). Italian Fascist [Benito Mussolini](#) proclaimed: "Everything within the state, nothing outside the state, nothing against the state." Schmitt used the term *Totalstaat* in his influential 1927 work *The Concept of the Political* on the legal basis of an all-powerful state.^[6] The term gained prominence in Western anti-communist political discourse during the [Cold War](#) era as a tool to convert pre-World War II [anti-fascism](#) into post-war [anti-communism](#).^{[7][8][9][10][11]}



Some leaders who have been called totalitarian, ^[5] from left to right and top to bottom in picture, include [Joseph Stalin](#), former General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union; [Adolf Hitler](#), former *Führer* of Germany; [Mao Zedong](#), former Chairman of the Communist Party of China; [Benito Mussolini](#), former Prime Minister of Italy; and [Kim Il-sung](#), the Eternal President of North Korea

There is only one type of society in which these disconnects exist, and that is a **totalitarian** society. Under totalitarianism, it may not be entirely clear whether those in charge are truthful and heroic or not. This is because while they give their citizens a place to live, totalitarians deprive their citizens of basic rights by **controlling the press**, performing **mass surveillance**, and resorting to **state terrorism**, which is when the state attacks its own citizens in order to instill fear. The reality is that **totalitarians are neither truthful nor heroic, but they make their citizens think they are in order to mobilize them**. This is done through either manipulation or force.



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What totalitarians will commonly do is craft **false hero narratives** through the vilification of others. They'll create a problem, and then they'll solve it for you in order to create the illusion that they're heroic. This is why it's important to take a look at where someone's hero status came from, as it could very well be a facade. In Leffen's case, what you'll eventually find is that his hero status was entirely self-engineered. Everything Leffen is remembered as a hero for was a political heist in ways that people didn't consider, and his motivations are much darker than people realize. In general, people don't oscillate between being villainous and heroic in the real world, and if you ever encounter that

type of a disconnect, then it probably means that you've been duped. What most likely happened is a villain realized that hero status would be beneficial, and so they made it their goal to obtain it.



If you look at the current state of the Smash community, it is in line with a totalitarian regime, and that is entirely because of Leffen. It's obvious that Leffen wants full control over the community based on several of his tendencies. A dead giveaway of Leffen's intentions is the fact that he blocks *anyone* who disobeys him on Twitter, to the point that he probably has thousands of people blocked. This strategy isn't being used by some random person, either; it's being used by the person with the highest follower count in the community. When you think about how dangerous this strategy can become over time, it should actually be illegal, and I'll explain why.



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9,114 Retweets **74.5K** Quote Tweets **56.3K** Likes

The beauty of Twitter is that no matter how few followers you have, you can always make an impact. This is because when someone makes a bad Tweet, you can always make a very visible reply to it, which is why you see low-follower accounts ratioing high-follower accounts all the time. When enough people reply negatively to a Tweet, the Tweet can end up looking terrible.

To the person with the high-follower account, the people replying are like pests in this case. They're practically latching onto the Tweet with a hookshot, and when enough of them do this, it can have a huge impact. However, what the person with the high-follower account can do in response is block every single person who dissents from their Tweets. I call this strategy 'pest control.'

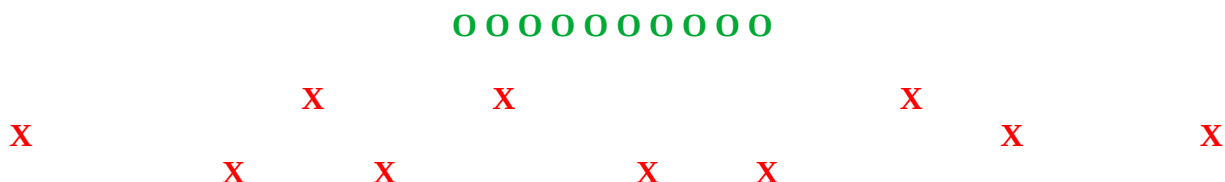
Pest Control Analysis (Starting Point)

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Over time, pest control has a damaging effect on the population because of the way **crowd psychology** works. Let's say that there are 10 Leffen supporters and 10 Leffen dissenters to begin with. All 20 of these people have an equal right to free speech, and so Leffen's Tweets are met with equal discourse on both sides.

Pest Control Analysis (Post-Blocking)



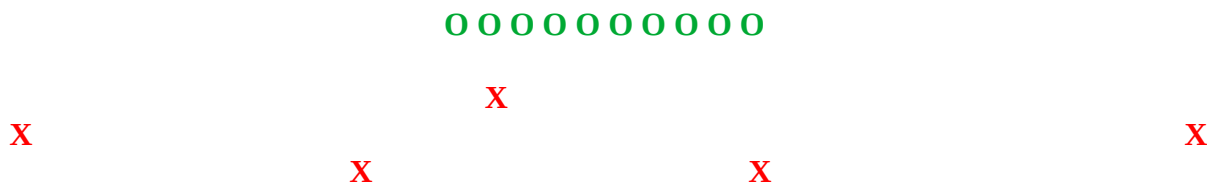
As time goes on, Leffen makes it clear that he will block every single person he views as a pest. The first thing this does is it scatters the Leffen dissenters. They can no longer reply to Leffen's tweets, which causes them to lose their power in numbers. Because the dissenters' personal profiles are powerless on their own, the supporters are now at an unfair advantage.

At this point, the dissenters can choose to do 1 of 3 things.

Option 1: Keep tweeting from their personal profiles. Like I just said, this option has little-to-no impact.

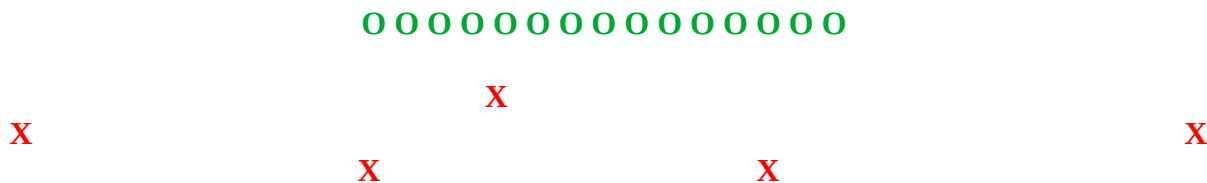
Option 2: Give up and stop tweeting. This causes the dissenters to slowly but surely disappear.

Pest Control Analysis (Option 2: Stop Tweeting)



Option 3: Mutiny. This causes Leffen's following / credibility to increase.

Pest Control Analysis (Option 3: Mutiny)



Pest control leaves the dissenters with only one real way to remain involved in the conversation, and that is to **turn to the dark side**. By mutinying into a supporter, the dissenter is able to regain power in numbers and avoid social isolation.



When you think about the effect pest control has on crowd psychology, it deserves to be illegal. It is a **mass manipulation strategy** that looks to encroach on people's free speech, and the only reason we didn't realize it earlier is because social media is still new to us. The reality is that by performing pest control, someone with a large following can filter out anyone who disagrees with them and turn their social media account into a cult gathering. Pest control is nothing more than a censorship tool, and the fact that Leffen seems to have pioneered it speaks volumes.



315K followers

About Leffen

I am a fighting game player, most known for my career in SSBM, Ultimate and DBFZ! I enjoy all types of games though. Generally very honest, to a fault sometimes, and I do not hesitate to ban trolls and idiots. I stream EU evenings/night and US days/evenings. <https://www.youtube.com/l3ffen>

The next sign that Leffen wants control has to do with something called a **preemptive defense**. A preemptive defense is when someone goes out of their way to assure you that they are kind or trustworthy without any provocation from you whatsoever. Leffen happens to do this in his Twitch bio, where he states that he is **"honest to a fault."** This is a preemptive defense that creates a false sense of trust between Leffen and his viewers, which he can then exploit. Another troubling statement in Leffen's bio is that he **"won't hesitate to ban trolls or idiots,"** which is nothing more than a delusion. In Leffen's mind, a troll or idiot is anyone who disagrees with him, which isn't what normally makes someone a troll or an idiot.



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I wasn't being inflammatory, I was just expressing my experience having been to dozens of fests around|...

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The worst part is that Leffen even goes as far as to make the people he views as pests fill out unban forms if they want to return to his sanctuary. By forcing people to display obedience, Leffen is able to corrode the minds of the masses even further. These types of crowd psychology tactics can have a dangerous effect over time, and are responsible for the disconnect I showed you earlier. Over the course of a few years, it is possible for someone using these tactics to go from being a pathological liar to being widely considered trustworthy.



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why do you people always, and i mean ALWAYS, have an anime fucking profile picture of fucking dbs super no less



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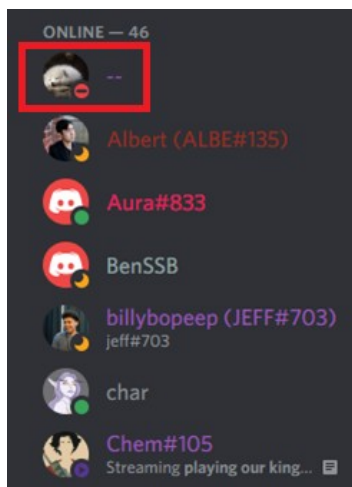
In addition to manipulating large crowds, Leffen also hunts down anyone who disagrees with him on practically anything. He is known to quote-retweet people with microscopic followings as to embarrass

them, and pressure them to delete Tweets that speak negatively of him. It is rumored that he name-searches himself in order to find these people.



[Nerfing Fox](#), a YouTube video by MagicScrumPy.

In 2016, Leffen showed how ridiculously far he was willing to go to censor people when a content creator named MagicScrumPy made a video called 'Nerfing Fox'. The video didn't even necessarily imply that Fox needed nerfs; it just explained what they would theoretically look like if they happened. However, when Leffen saw that MagicScrumPy had even *suggested* that Leffen's Melee character was overpowered, he immediately began Tweeting and streaming to turn his fanbase against MagicScrumPy. This led to long-lasting beef in which Leffen seemed to want to discredit MagicScrumPy as a content creator entirely and push him out of the Melee community.



Yet another thing I've noticed about Leffen is his Discord screen name, which is 2 dashes. This gives him alphabetical priority over everyone else. In this private netplay server, for example, everyone uses their regular screen name, but Leffen uses a strategic one to make people aware he is present.



“I think the scariest thing was when I did the pivot f-smash. I immediately thought, ‘oh, no, Leffen is doing commentary.’” -Lucky ([post-game interview](#))

Similarly, if you’ve ever watched Summit’s online Melee events, you’ve probably noticed that Leffen is always commentating from a TV screen that is front-and-center. It seems that no matter where you go these days, Leffen is always watching, and everybody knows it.



Finally, the premier Melee podcast is called the '6-4 podcast,' which is named after propaganda that Leffen has pushed onto the Melee community. He hosts this podcast alongside Mango and Zain, so you don't have much of a choice but to watch it if you want to hear what they have to say.

“The best way to take control over a people and control them utterly, is to take a little of their freedom at a time, to erode rights by a thousand tiny and almost imperceptible reductions. In this way, the people will not see those rights and freedoms being removed until past the point at which these changes cannot be reversed.” - Pat Miller, *Willfully Ignorant*

There's something fishy going on in the Melee community, and no one wants to talk about it. When you consider how ridiculous the lengths to which Leffen has gone to control community rhetoric are, it truly feels like a surveillance program. All of this happened gradually, but surely enough, it happened. The fact that not many people noticed it happening shouldn't surprise you, either, when you consider that it's standard for totalitarianism to creep up on you. The Pat Miller quote I've provided describes this process, which is exactly what happened to the Melee community.

“Menticide is an old crime against the human mind and spirit but systematized anew. It is an organized system of psychological intervention and judicial perversion through which a [ruling class] can imprint [their] own opportunistic thoughts upon the minds of those [they] plan to use and destroy.”
- Joost Meerloo, *The Rape of the Mind*

“Priming a population for the crime of menticide begins with the sowing of fear... When an individual is flooded with negative emotions, such as fear or anxiety, he or she is very susceptible to a descent into the delusions of madness. Threats real, imagined, or fabricated can be used to sow fear, but a particularly effective technique is to use waves of terror. Under this technique the sowing of fear is staggered with periods of calm, but each of these periods of calm is followed by the manufacturing of an even more intense spell of fear, and on and on the process goes...”
- [*The Manufacturing of Mass Psychosis*](#)

Aside from controlled rhetoric and surveillance, the status quo of Melee is totalitarian in several other ways. The state terrorism I mentioned earlier serves a purpose, and that purpose is to instill fear in a population. As explained by an article titled, 'The Manufacturing of Mass Psychosis,' fear destabilizes a population and makes them easier to control. By instilling fear, the population is primed for the crime of menticide, which means, “the killing of the mind.” The best way to do this is to use waves of terror, which is when periods of fear are staggered with periods of calm in order to keep people on their toes. **The article also warns that never before in history has there existed such effective technology for mass manipulation.** Nowadays, social media allows people to quickly censor the flow of unwanted information. The same people who instilled fear can then offer a return to normalcy through a never-ending stream of propaganda. However, this comes at the cost of people's freedom.



Once you realize that all of the strategies I just listed are emanating from the same person, it becomes clear that a handbook is being followed. Leffen's inevitable tendency to feud with people at random has given him a hostile aura that people tend to want to steer clear of. The same exact person then floods the community with censorship, propaganda, and surveillance that we've come to accept as the norm. **This pattern of behavior has only ever meant one thing historically, and none of it is a coincidence.**

"Equipped with the ultimate gamer genes, half-Korean, half-Swedish, I set out on my quest to not suck at games. I'm also mean. Really mean." - Leffen (circa 2014)

Leffen gives off so many red flags that he's attempting totalitarianism that they're almost too easy to find. For example, one of his very first social media bios expressed genetic superiority, which is often a sign of a cruel and dehumanizing leader. Another example is the fact that Leffen has no respect for authority. He has, in fact, looked to embarrass authority on several occasions despite the fact that we wouldn't have a scene without them.

"I'm not happy until every aspect of Godhood is torn away, and there's only one God, and that's me."

- Leffen ([2015](#))

When interviewed in 2015, Leffen made it clear that he was intent on becoming the one true God of Melee, and that he wouldn't be satisfied until every aspect of Godhood was torn to shreds. This made for great entertainment at the time, and so people didn't stop to consider the real meaning behind it.

What Does My Avatar Say About Me? Inferring Personality From Avatars

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Abstract

Many individuals now meet and develop friendships while online. As a result, people must form impressions of online acquaintances based on that person's online representation. Here, we investigate personality inferences and intentions to befriend based solely on simple avatars (i.e., customized cartoon representations of the self). Our data show that some traits are more easily inferred from avatars than others, avatars can communicate accurate and distinctive information regarding personality, and individuals with certain personality traits create avatars that are more likely to be perceived accurately. We also found that agreeable and normative individuals created avatars that elicited more desire for friendship from others, implying that the impression given by one's digital avatars may have social consequences.

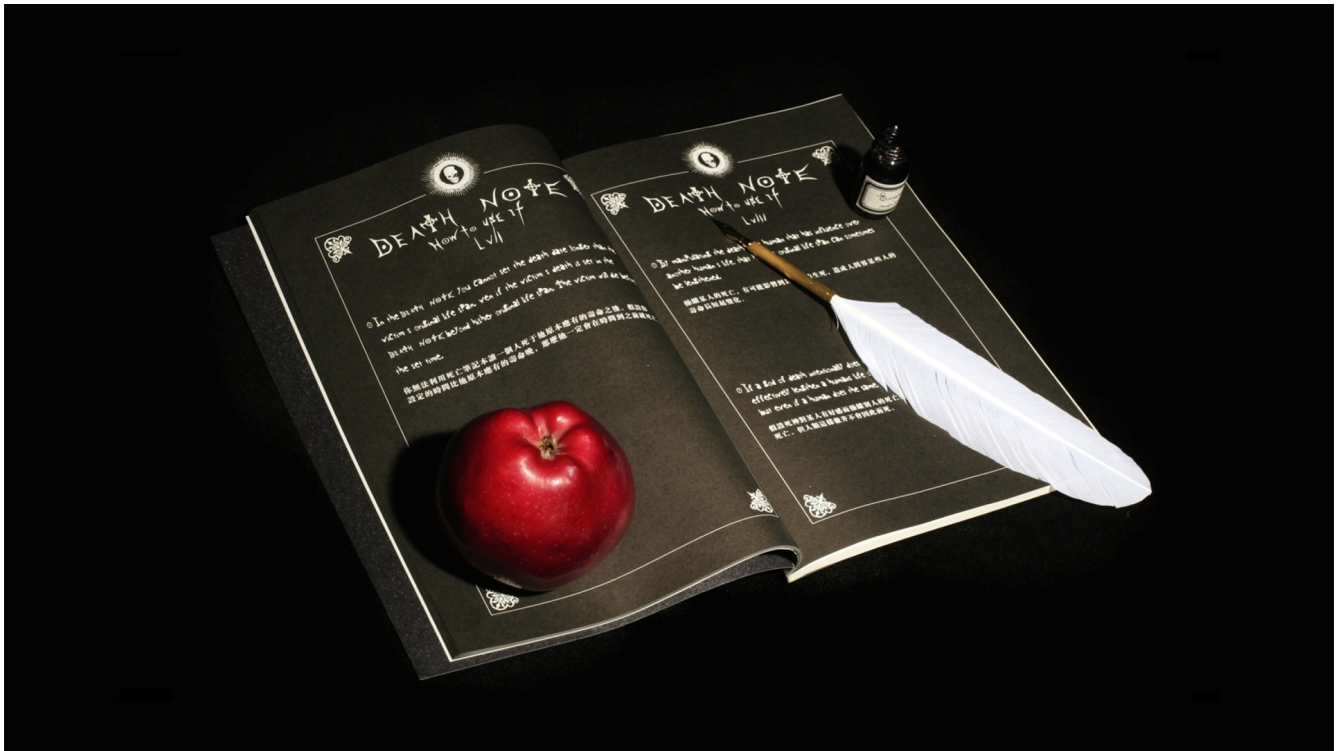
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person perception, avatars, accuracy

The biggest red flag of all, however, is something that no one would ever have guessed. Many studies have shown that one's personality can accurately be inferred from their social media avatar. If you think about the process that goes into choosing an avatar, this is obviously true. People will often use avatars of anime characters that represent their inner beliefs, which is why I need to raise an issue with something.

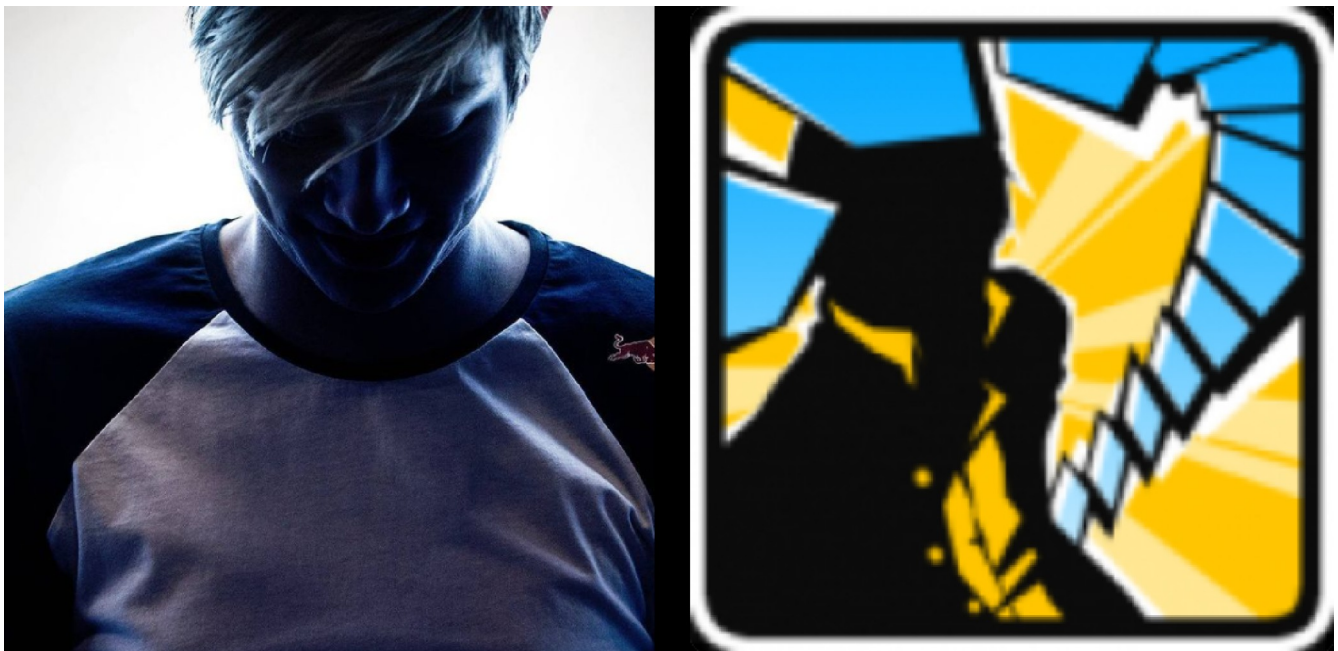


Why did Leffen used to use an avatar of Light Yagami from Death Note back in 2016? If you understand who Light Yagami is, then it makes all too much sense when you consider everything else that I've told you. Light is a brilliant high school student on the outside, but an infamous political criminal on the inside whose goal is to become the God of the new world. He is able to remain undetected for many years by outwitting everyone in his way. Essentially, **Death Note is the story of a totalitarian regime that ends up casting darkness over the entire planet.**

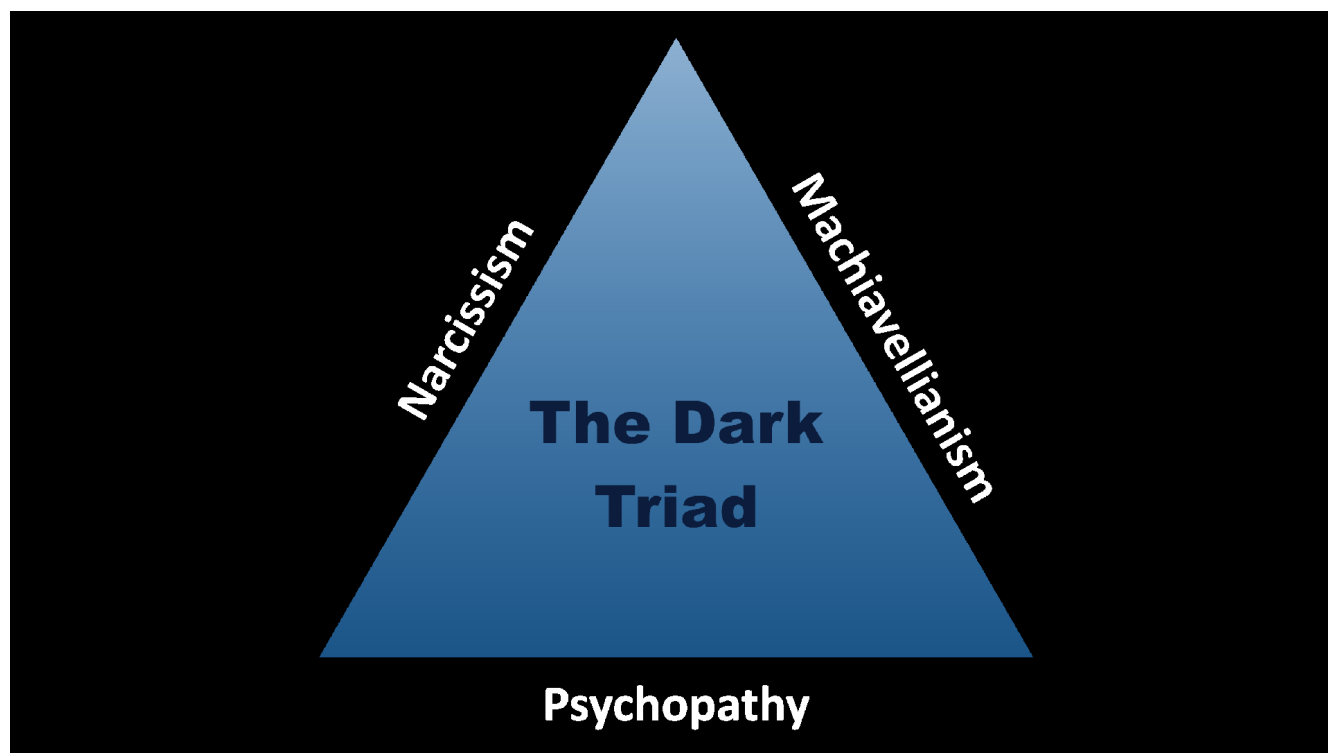


The story that's unraveling right before our very eyes is strikingly similar to Death Note. The Death Note is a book that can be used to issue death sentences simply by writing someone's name down. Should this tool fall into the wrong hands, it would terrorize an entire society. The funny thing is, *Leffen* is basically trying to turn his phone into the Death Note. **Through the use of modern technology and a good understanding of crowd psychology, it is actually possible to create a Death Note nowadays, and people need to be wary of that.**

[2] The Dark Triad



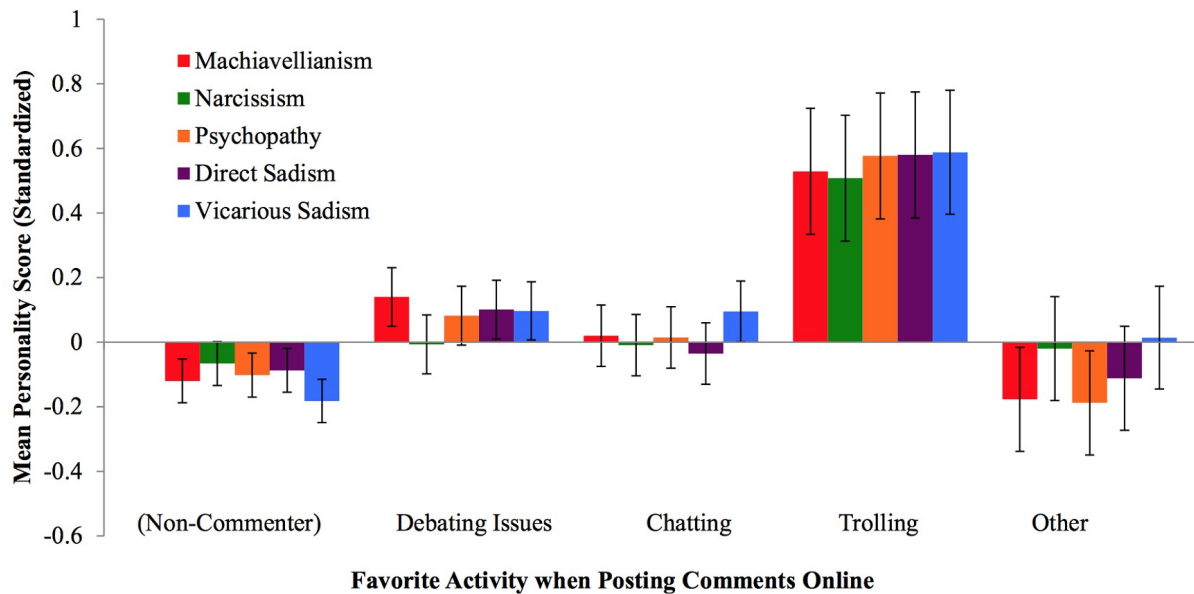
If you look at the avatars and professional photos that Leffen has used over the years, there is something in common with many of them: they are pitch black. Pitch black in terms of not only color, but tone as well. He has used avatars of demonic characters, and pictures of himself grinning deviously, facing away from the camera while wearing a long black trench coat, being covered in shadows, etc. The Smash community lets Leffen play this off as though it's a villain persona, but what they fail to realize is that this all started long before he was anyone relevant in the scene. **Ever since Leffen's very first Smashboards avatar, he has presented himself this way.**



You might be wondering why all of these troubling signs seem to be coming from the same person, so I'll give you the clinical explanation. In psychology, there is a concept called the '**dark triad**' that consists of 3 antisocial personality traits: **narcissism, psychopathy, and Machiavellianism**. These traits are strictly malevolent, and can be thought of as the very definition of evil itself. They are what compel people to commit crimes, and they are bound to result in social distress and severe problems for an organization, especially if the dark triad is given a leadership position. This is because **dark triads are ruthless manipulators who will claw their way to the top at anyone's expense**. They are also interpersonally skilled, which means that while they themselves are cold, dark triads are good at understanding other people's emotions and thought processes.

"The reason I act like a douche on the internet is because I enjoy seeing people rage over the internet. It colors these empty words." - Leffen [\(2012\)](#)

The next thing to know is that **Leffen is technically not a dark triad, but a dark tetrad**. The dark tetrad is a slightly modified form of the triad that doesn't get talked about as much. The difference is that it adds **sadism** to the list. Sadism refers to the tendency to derive pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation onto others. Not all dark triads are sadists, but Leffen certainly is. This is obvious based on his fake yawns and patronizing pats on the back, as well as the way he conducts himself online on a regular basis. Leffen openly confessed to being a sadist on Smashboards in 2012.



So, how do I know that Leffen isn't just a sadist, but a dark triad as well? There are a lot of ways to tell. For one, the dark triad is the motivating factor behind the totalitarian behavior I described earlier. There's also the fact that studies have shown that trolling and debating issues when posting online signal not only sadism, but also the dark triad. Leffen constantly engages in both of these activities. The correlation skyrockets with trolling in particular, which is what Leffen was originally known for.

Part of what this report will do is blow the doors open on the fact that this isn't just a villain persona, but who Leffen really is, and so you'll need to understand the dark triad. The community needs to hear this information because at this rate, it will continue to funnel resources into Leffen, and so people need to know who they're supporting.

As I said earlier, the dark triad consists of 3 traits: narcissism, psychopathy, and Machiavellianism. **Although these traits are often depicted as a triangle, it is more accurate to depict them as a venn diagram, since they all have overlapping qualities.** Furthermore, having even one of these traits makes it much more likely to have the rest.

I will now describe each of the three dark triad traits, as well as their overlapping qualities.

Narcissism

- Self-admiration to an unthinkable degree
- Must be the center of attention at all times
- Can't take criticism
- Highly insecure about their appearance
- Will engage in bad faith arguments to abuse/establish dominance
- Will use faulty argumentation, lies, etc. to avoid losing an argument

Psychopathy

- Antisocial behavior (behavior that violates other people's rights, disrupts society, etc.)
- Impulsive (daring and risk-taking)
- Selfish
- Unemotional
- Remorseless

Machiavellianism

- Believes in an 'ends justifies the means' philosophy
- Believes in exploiting and manipulating others in order to gain [political] power
- Absent in morality
- High degree of self-interest
- Status over everything

Overlapping Qualities

- Low in agreeableness
- Neurotic (constantly moody and angry)
- Lacking in consciousness and empathy
- Pathological liars**

As you can see, the dark triad is a highly malevolent personality type. Pathological lying – the most important trait to keep in mind, in my opinion – is standard among dark triads is because all of their overarching personality traits benefit from lying.

13. Preemptive defense.

When someone stresses the fact that they are a “nice guy” or girl, that you should “trust them” right away or emphasizes their credibility without any provocation from you whatsoever, be wary.

Toxic and abusive people overstate their ability to be kind and compassionate. They often tell you that you should “trust” them without first building a solid foundation of trust. They may “perform” a high level of sympathy and empathy at the beginning of your relationship to dupe you, only to unveil their false mask later on. When you see their false mask begins to slip periodically during the devaluation phase of the abuse cycle, the true self is revealed to be terrifyingly cold, callous and contemptuous.

Earlier on, I discussed the term **preemptive defense**, which Leffen does by stating that he is ‘truthful to a fault’ in his Twitch bio. The article this excerpt is from is titled ‘**20 diversion tactics highly manipulative narcissists, sociopaths, and psychopaths use to silence you.**’ [The article](#) lists plenty of

strategies Leffen uses on a regular basis if you scroll through his Twitter feed. These include gaslighting, nonsensical conversations, generalizations, misrepresentations, aggressive jabs disguised as jokes, a condescending and patronizing tone, and shaming. I'm not going to provide examples of these because you can easily find them by scrolling through Leffen's Twitter feed for even a few seconds. However, there is something called **projection** that I want to take a moment to go over, since it's a little more complicated.

2. Projection.

One sure sign of toxicity is when a person is chronically unwilling to see his or her own shortcomings and uses everything in their power to avoid being held accountable for them. This is known as projection. Projection is a defense mechanism used to displace responsibility of one's negative behavior and traits by attributing them to someone else. It ultimately acts as a digression that avoids ownership and accountability.

*"Go fuck off right back, you cheater with a **victim complex**."* ([in reference to MagicScrumpy](#))

*"Should've figured after the Summit that **all you care about is what benefits you**."* ([in reference to ESAM](#))

*"Peace out you **sociopath**."* ([in reference to Hungrybox](#))

*"I'm sure if your **stalker** started harassing you at events you would just state his actions."* ([in reference to Hax](#))

Projection, or 'psychological projection,' is when someone insults other people by displacing things that they know to be true about themselves. Projection is a defensive mechanism that is used to avoid accountability, and in the case of truly horrific people, it can be very abusive. This is why Leffen tends to dump such defamatory insults onto people. **Every single one of the above Tweets needs to be interpreted in the reverse direction because they are all projections**, and once you understand that, it becomes clear how wicked of a person Leffen really is. The problem is that not everyone is familiar with projection, and so people actually side with Leffen when he says these things.

As you can see, the signs that Leffen is a dark triad have been right in front of us the entire time. Now that you're viewing things from this perspective, I'll show you some examples of each of the three dark triad traits, starting with Machiavellianism.

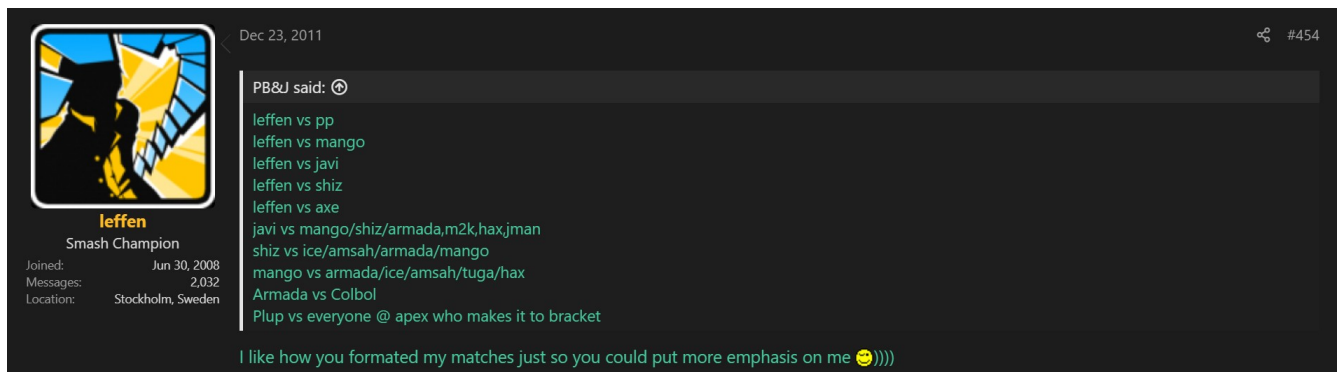
Machiavellianism



“Hey guys, it’s Leffen here again. I forgot to mention that I’m going to be doing a charity stream this Friday. I’ll be playing both Melee and Ultimate to raise some funds, so follow my Twitch and tune in this Friday if you want to help out!”

The above quote is blatantly insincere just based on the way [Leffen raises his voice](#). He speaks in an extremely high-pitched voice because he knows that he needs to appear friendly and charitable in this moment, and he doesn’t actually feel those emotions. We can’t forget that this is the same person who was once banned for being a “chronic liar” with a “manipulative personality,” and that this slip-up isn’t merely a coincidence.

Narcissism



Moving on to narcissism, take a look at [this post](#) Leffen made in 2011. Someone had listed a bunch of Melee sets they recommended watching, and they just so happened to sort Leffen’s sets individually

rather than grouping them. Leffen then commented that he liked how the way the sets were sorted placed more emphasis on himself, which is an extremely narcissistic comment to make. Additionally, Leffen refers to himself as an “icon” in his Twitter bio, and has several heavily edited photos of himself that uphold that belief.

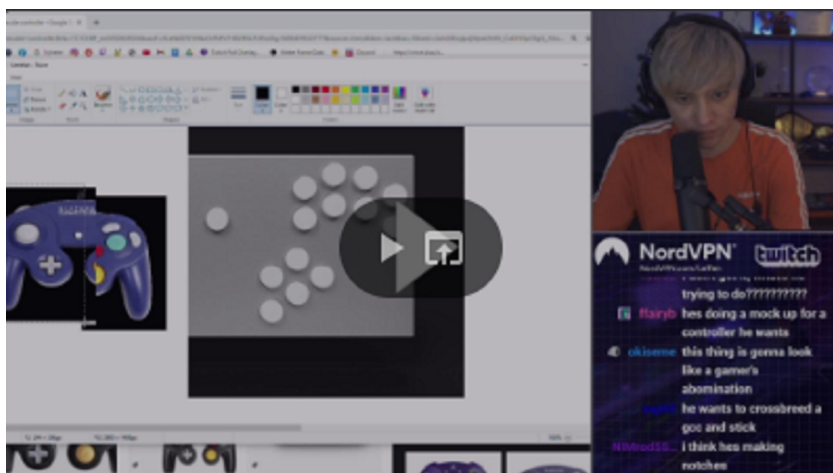
Psychopathy

“Equipped with the ultimate gamer genes, half-Korean, half-Swedish, I set out on my quest to not suck at games. I’m also mean. Really mean.” - Leffen (circa 2014)



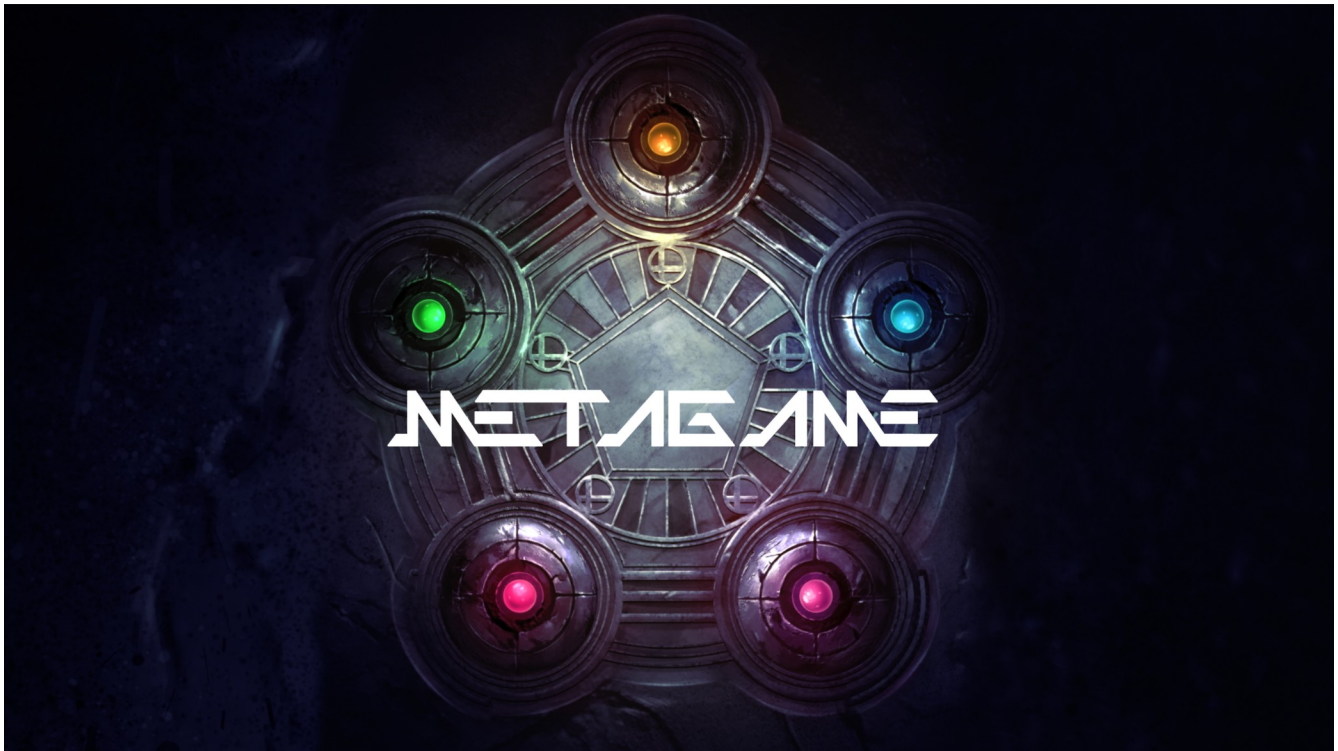
Lastly, I’ll show you an example of psychopathy. The fact that Leffen used to state that he is ‘really mean’ in his social media bio is an indicator of psychopathy in itself, but I want to give you a real-world example.

When I beat Leffen at Genesis 7, I was wearing a red pair of Adidas pants with white stripes on them. These pants would become synonymous with my run at that tournament.



A few months after Genesis 7, someone sent me a picture of Leffen wearing a red Adidas t-shirt with white stripes on its sleeves *while editing a digital controller’s button layout*. Again, this wasn’t a coincidence. It was a psychopath’s way of showing that he wants revenge.

Needless to say, the behaviors you’re going to find in this document are completely bizarre, but you might be wondering why I’m writing this document now. I’m writing this document now because the status quo of Melee is becoming increasingly dystopian, and I’ve been growing increasingly discontent with it. It seems that instead of opposing the dark triad, we’ve actually embraced it as part of our culture. When Leffen randomly attacks people from other gaming communities, for example, we watch and laugh. [Then, our content creators turn it into the latest news. This leads to other communities telling us to tell Leffen back to the shithole he came from.](#) Even worse is the fact that we’ve built a bot off of Leffen’s AI and used it to broadcast his mindset to thousands of people. Once you realize why the people behind DeepLeffen bot found Leffen’s personality so fascinating, it’s actually a lot more dystopian than it looks.



Above all else, though, there was something that happened recently that drew the line for me, and it had to do with the filmmaker named Samox. For those who don't know, Samox is the director behind the original Smash Brothers documentary that turned Melee into a major esports back in 2013. In 2020, Samox returned to us with a new documentary called Metagame which covered the newer generation of Melee players. However, Metagame wasn't received nearly as well, largely due to what people viewed as Leffen's character assassination. Samox had chosen to show footage of Swedes who knew about Evidence.zip, and Leffen didn't like that. Even though Metagame didn't reveal too much about Evidence.zip, it was still the current generation's only glimpse at the truth, and Leffen made it clear that he wanted it taken down.

"Overall like insanely good for the crew size and everything. Can't wait for tomorrow's episodes!"
- Leffen ([12/11/2020](#))

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"LMFAOOOO HERE WE GO" – Leffen ([12/12/2020](#))

"I like how they just skipped over how the ban was removed in part due to many people behind it harassing my friends and calling them slurs. :)" - Leffen ([12/12/2020](#))

"That was really fucking terrible." - Leffen ([12/12/2020](#))

"Can't wait to be hated for another 10 years over things I said on an internet forum 10 years ago when I was 15." - Leffen ([12/12/2020](#))

At first, Leffen complemented the first few episodes of Metagame for how incredible they were. But when the episodes that talked about Evidence.zip aired the next day, everything changed. Leffen

frantically began to Tweet about Metagame every several minutes. His Tweets suggested that Evidence.zip was a conspiracy, and that Metagame was a terrible documentary for assassinating his character. Leffen Tweeted so frequently that he seemingly went insane; he just went on, and on, and on, and it felt like there was no end.

Narcissistic rage and narcissistic injury

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Narcissistic rage is a psychological construct that describes a reaction to **narcissistic injury**, which is conceptualized as a perceived threat to a **narcissist's self-esteem** or self-worth. *Narcissistic injury* (or *narcissistic scar*) is a phrase used by **Sigmund Freud** in the 1920s; *narcissistic wound* and *narcissistic blow* are further, almost interchangeable terms.^[1] The term *narcissistic rage* was coined by **Heinz Kohut** in 1972.

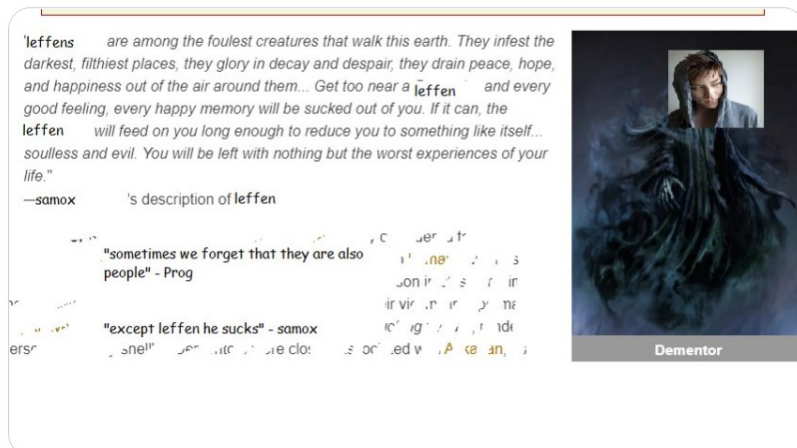
The model underlying the construct suggests that narcissistic injury occurs when a narcissist's elevated self-image or perception is threatened and feels that their hidden, "true self" has been revealed. This may be the case when the narcissist experiences a "fall from grace", such as when their hidden behaviors or motivations are revealed, or when their **egotism** is challenged or questioned. Narcissistic injury is a cause of distress and can lead to **dysregulation** of behaviors as in narcissistic rage.

Narcissistic rage occurs on a continuum, which may range from instances of aloofness and expressions of mild irritation or annoyance to serious outbursts, including **violent attacks** and **murder**.^[2] Narcissistic rage reactions are not limited to **personality disorders** and may be also seen in **catatonic**, **paranoid delusion** and depressive episodes.^[2] It has also been suggested that narcissists have two layers of rage. The first layer of rage can be thought of as a constant anger (towards someone else), with the second layer being a **self-aimed wrath**.

The next terms I'm going to introduce are called **narcissistic injury** and **narcissistic rage**. Narcissistic injury occurs when a narcissist perceives something as a serious threat to their self-esteem. It will happen if the narcissist feels that their "true self" has been revealed, and that people have caught onto their hidden behaviors and motivations. This triggers narcissistic rage, which is when a narcissist goes insane and becomes extremely violent.



metagame review:



... Narcissistic rage has two phases. The first phase is an angry outburst, and then the second phase is a **self-aimed wrath**. This means that the narcissist will actually degrade themselves as to suggest that the way they've been insulted is preposterous. Leffen did this toward the very end of his rage when he tweeted a picture of his face edited onto a Dementor, which is a creature from Harry Potter that drains peace, hope, and happiness from the world around it. Although people saw this tweet as sarcastic, it was actually a lot more telling than they realized.

“Hey guys.

I wanted to let you know that I've been listening to the complaints and I hear you. Before it goes up on vimeo, I'll be curtailing that section where @C9Mang0 uses the old gamer language. I'll also be removing the sections with specific @TSM_Leffen .zip allegations.”

- Samox ([12/12/2020](#))

The way Leffen responded to Metagame rallied the community in back of him, which put extreme pressure on Samox. Just a few hours after these episodes aired, Samox had already been forced to issue an apology statement assuring people that re-releases of Metagame would be censored to remove all Evidence.zip footage. Many people called this out as revisionist history, but their voices were ultimately drowned out.

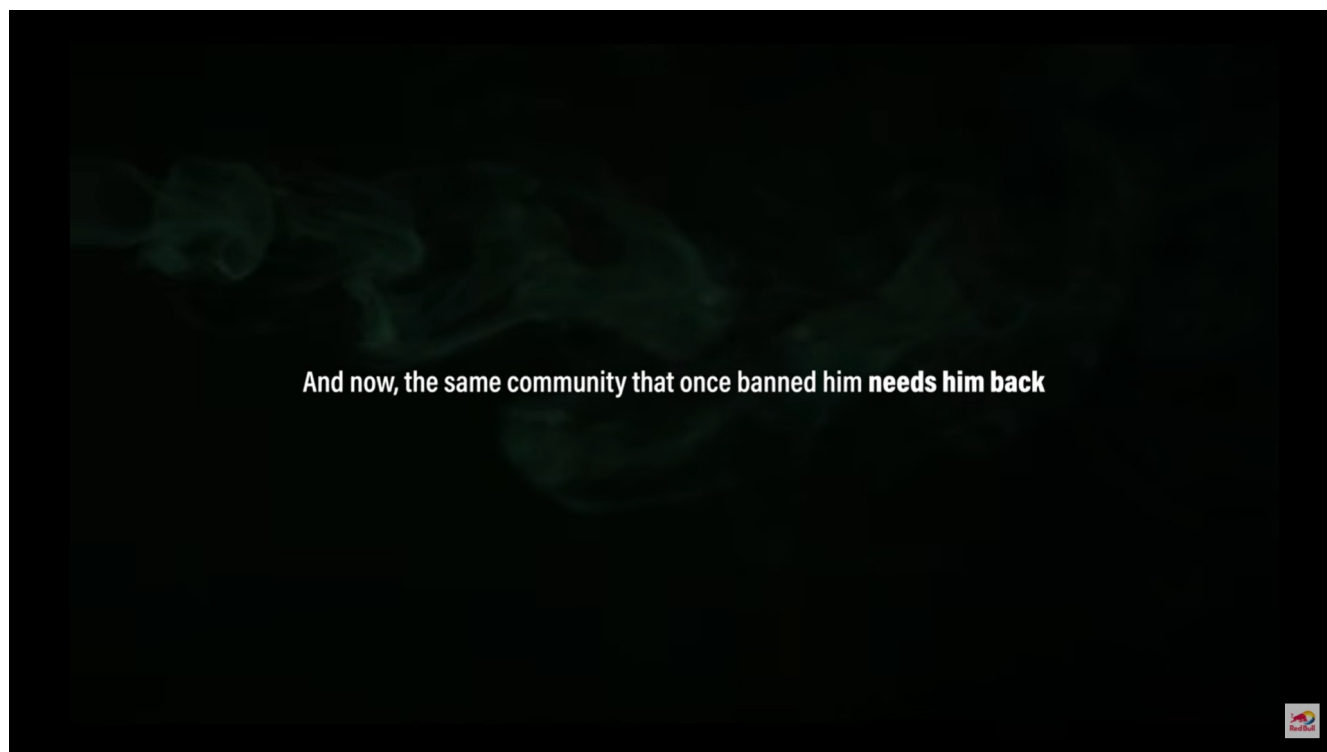
The problem with this entire situation is that if you think about it, **Samox was screwed ever since the moment he decided to cover Leffen at all.** This is because Samox could have gone in one of two directions with Metagame. The first one was to tell the truth, which is what he did. Samox is a professional filmmaker who has probably never not told the truth in his career, and so he approached this situation the same way as usual. But what Samox didn't know is that he was catering to an audience that had never heard the truth about Leffen before, and couldn't believe the truth when they heard it. This caused Samox to break his obligations as a filmmaker by agreeing to censor the truth.



Samox announced the revised version of Metagame on April 24th.

On April 24th, [Samox doubled-down](#) by announcing that he'd be returning in June with a new episode of Metagame that would focus on Leffen, as well as new interview footage. In other words, propaganda. This announcement is the pinnacle of how dystopian the Melee community has become.

Rather than hear the truth, we would prefer to rewrite history in a way that glorifies people who don't deserve it. It's gotten to the point that we will ostracize filmmakers who try to do the right thing for us, and make them come crawling back to us with propaganda in order to redeem themselves. After seeing what happened to Samox, I realized that this community was desperately in need of some factual information, and so I decided to write this report.



A slide from [Red Bull's 2016 'Evidence.zip' series](#). Propaganda at its finest.

The way this generation got here in the first place was through propaganda. TSM and Red Bull committed one of the biggest sins in esports history when they decided to erase the truth about Evidence.zip and lie to people instead. The documentaries, interviews, and articles that these companies have put out in the past several years are nothing short of the most aggressive brainwashing campaign I have ever witnessed; it's almost as if *nothing* the media has told you is true. Leffen's sponsors have made it seem as though he's a cheerful and positive role model, and they've had friends and family members testify on his behalf. This false narrative is amplified by interviews with other community members who know nothing about the truth, either. Red Bull even titled their documentary series 'Evidence.zip' and portrayed Leffen's ban as a hero story, as if he was a phoenix rising from the ashes. It gets worse when you consider that Leffen surely influenced the narrative of these documentaries and had final say over all of them. Now, we're somehow at the point where I'm the last one left in Smash who knows the truth. I promise you that after I tell you the truth, every single piece these companies have ever put out about Leffen will be remembered as political terrorism.

*"The best way to take control over a people and control them utterly, is to take a little of their freedom at a time, to erode rights by a thousand tiny and almost imperceptible reductions. In this way, the people will not see those rights and freedoms being removed **until past the point at which these changes cannot be reversed.**" - Pat Miller, Willfully Ignorant*

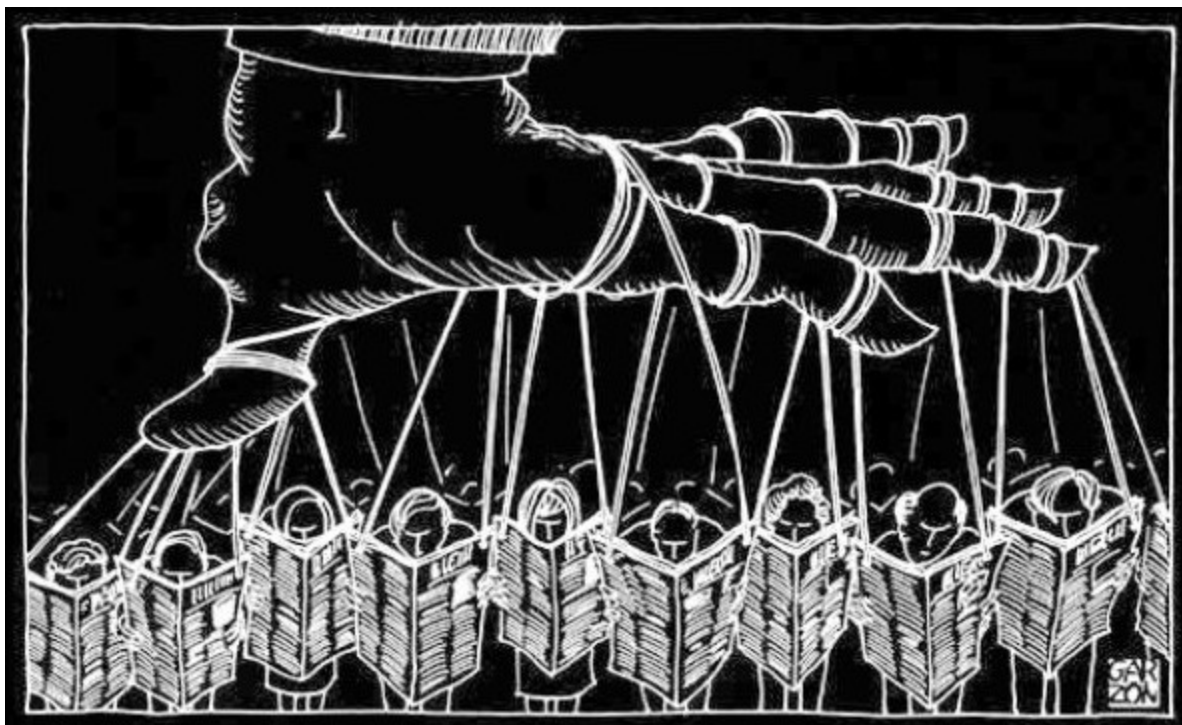
Back when I showed you the quote that explains how totalitarians gradually encroach on human rights, there was an implication that things can reach the point where it is too late. This is why the quote reads, *“until past the point at which these changes cannot be reversed.”*

- [x] Professional propaganda
- [x] Social media sanctuary
- [x] Podcast named after his rhetoric
- [x] Will mob those who speak negatively of him
- [x] Has defamed content creators who don't conforming
- [x] Seemingly always on your TV screen

If you look at the current state of the media, the Smash community is rapidly approaching a checkmate situation. Leffen has professional propaganda, a social media sanctuary that he created by blocking thousands of people, and a podcast named after his rhetoric. He will mob you on Twitter if you speak his name, and he has successfully defamed YouTubers whose views weren't in line with his. He is also on your TV screen when you tune into tournaments he isn't playing in.

~~[] Uncensored Metagame documentary~~ → [x] Propaganda

What the community is now agreeing to do is erase the one shot they had at learning the truth, and replace it with propaganda instead. The situation Samox has been forced into in order to appeal to this community is catastrophic, and goes to show how corroded we've become. Samox is a filmmaker who has been pressured to succumb to totalitarianism, but people don't realize that. **People don't realize that they're witnessing the death of their free speech.**



Totalitarianism can be thought of as building a car. The goal is to create an empire in which everything is automated, but the hardest part is giving that empire four wheels and an engine. The empire needs

things like a brainwashed population, means of instilling fear, loyalty, and the abolition of free press. From there, it can operate smoothly.

“The first thing dictators do is finish free press, to establish censorship. There is no doubt that a free press is the first enemy of dictatorship.” - Fidel Castro

There is no doubt that the abolition of free press is one of the most necessary steps toward these types of societies. The first thing people need to realize is that this isn't a drill; Leffen is attempting totalitarianism, and that's going to become clearer and clearer as this report goes on. The second thing people need to realize is that there is still time. Leffen may have conquered the press, but he can't undo the information I'll be giving you in this report. Once people find out what the Smash community has become, I am hopeful that things will change.

For now, I'll be listing totalitarianism as the first of many charges against Leffen.

Charge #1: Leffen is, beyond any reasonable doubt, attempting totalitarianism. This is obvious based on his constant suppression of free speech/freedom of the press, censorship, propaganda, menticidal assaults, surveillance tendencies, scraps with authority, etc.

[3] Evidence.zip




I am now going to tell you the true story behind **Evidence.zip**. I am violating multiple people's privacy by doing this, but there is no other choice.

Cliffhangers

Hax · Jun 19, 2011

Not open for further replies.

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Hax
Smash Champion

Joined: May 8, 2007
Messages: 2,552
Location: 20XX

Jun 19, 2011 #1

after today I definitely think Cliffhangers should be enforced in tournament rulesets. for those who don't know, Cliffhangers is a statistic at the end of a game that calculates how many times a player grabbed the ledge. the reason I believe this should be enforced is because of some stuff M2K showed me. last year at Apex 2 I played some friendlies vs his jiggs and got 4 stocked multiple times when he ledgecamped with fair. jiggs is the most severe case of ledgecamping, but sheik is a problem also, today at a No Johns biweekly I watched M2K 3-0 Linguini, a great player, by taking the lead and then ledgecamping for the entire game. the level of skill required to execute this technique is obscenely low, while the advantage it gives is massive.

versus sheik, it is definitely feasible to wavedash onto the ledge before she regrabs, but this places her opponent at a horrible disadvantage. this isn't a 50-50 guess; attempting to steal the ledge from sheik is probably 75-25 in her favor.


that's for *fast* characters; slower characters like ganon don't stand a chance

as for jigglypuff, I don't doubt that M2K (or whatever jiggs has the patience to ledgecamp for 8 minutes) would win Genesis 2 if he ledgecamped with fair. there literally isn't a way around it if it's done correctly.

this is in no way meant to attack M2K; I'm actually happy he revealed this to me so that I can attempt to prevent it from being a problem at a major tournament.

I don't know how many ledgegrabs one should be permitted in a match. I'd say ~15 a stock is reasonable, so 60 ledgegrabs = loss of match? if you're going above 60 without ledgecamping with sheik/jiggs, then there's a 99% chance you lost the match anyway.

10 years ago, I made [a thread](#) on Smashboards that advocated for a ledge grab limit being added to the Melee rule set. I knew this rule needed to be implemented for a lot of reasons, but at the time people didn't realize that. I assured people that one day, they would realize that I wasn't kidding.



leffen
Smash Champion

Joined: Jun 30, 2008
Messages: 2,032
Location: Stockholm, Sweden

Jun 19, 2011 #32

Imfao hax your such a scrub at times, no offense. You literally have no idea what so ever on what makes something bannable and your examples are even worse than Eggm's. Seriously, learn how to ****ing present your thoughts and learn how to use good examples and reasoning for it to be implemented.

Oh and Sheik's ledge stalling is ****ing horrible, even Ganon has very good tools against it (roll-> lightshieldhog, bair clanking with up b hitbox to slipoff to grab ledge is a few examples that work extremely well and sheik has no counter to). What does sheik "gain" when ganon fails that is comparable either 0-80% chaingrab, stomp-> **** or just edgehog (for ganon). She has fair and up B that both deal a mere 12% unstaled. Fair from ledgehop is HORRIBLY unsafe and is ridiculously easy to punish.

I could make a video if you still believe that Sheik's stalling is anything less than a waste of time. It's ****ing horrible compared to Yoshi's and Fox's.

But nvm, Hax/Eggm is gonna go with the "MY DAD WOULD OWN YOUR DAD" type of argument so why do I even bother.

That said, I don't see any problem what so ever with enforcing a ledgegrab rule, I mean, who would actually be against playing in an environment with it implemented? We don't have a perfect, reasonable explanation on why we ban pound stalling, ban certain stages, wobbling etc, why not just implement a rule that, I can assure you, very few people would protest against and that would benefit the community immensely.

On another thought tho, Yoshi would suffer.... :<

Keep in mind though, that you would only by your cliffhanger **** if the match goes to time.

The same day I made my thread, a user named Leffen went well out of his way to destroy it. Leffen and I didn't even know each other, but he came across as incredibly angry and determined to undermine my credibility. He insulted me many times, and told me that I was a moron for thinking that camping the ledge is broken.

"I hope the talks about a ledge grab limit don't just fade away this time. It's obvious that Hbox spaces out his planking abuse so that it's not as obviously broken to spectators (intentionally or not). I've tried bringing this up with T.O.'s, hoping for more responses soon." - Leffen ([07/01/2019](#))

8 years later, Leffen would be begging tournament organizers to implement a ledge grab limit because of how broken camping the ledge is, according to his own words. Players like Hbox and Mew2King had shown that ledge camping needed to be banned by that point, and so Leffen was now in agreement with what I had been saying since 2011.



Leffen ✓
@TSM_Leffen



Good video for everyone to understand why ledgecamping is degenerate.



Hax\$ @ssbmhax · Jul 9, 2019

my stance on the Ledge Grab Limit debate that has been a hot topic as of late. offers my perspective as to why an in-game strategy, despite not being unbeatable, can be banned on the basis of being greatly detrimental to a game's health

youtube.com/watch?v=HNUHA8...

9:18 PM · Jul 9, 2019 · Twitter Web Client

Luckily for Leffen, I was working on [a YouTube video about ledge camping](#) around that same time. My video went in-depth about why a ledge grab limit was needed, and would end up convincing the community that I was right all along. Leffen had no choice but to endorse my video at that point, but you can see how even then, he did so in a reluctant tone.



leffen

Smash Champion

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Oct 17, 2011

#237

A hax post that doesnt use personal memory/insults as a form of argument. Im proud that you realize that you ruined your thread by yourself 😊



leffen

Smash Champion

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Messages: 2,032
Location: Stockholm, Sweden

Jan 25, 2012

#51

oh, at what points?

no I mean YEAH FALCON WILL NEVER WIN GUYS


continue maining him you couple of crybabies.

edit:

oh and I think its funny that Hax says that I don't know about something... that podcast LMFAO

that **** about peach dash attack being broken LOLLLL

The problem with today's situation is that when Leffen throws a narcissistic tantrum like the one he threw in 2011, thousands of people will actually listen to him. Back then, this wasn't as much of a problem, but it was still a huge one. As time went on, Leffen would destroy many of my threads even though I had never done anything to him, and it began to intrude on my free speech pretty severely.



Feb 13, 2012

#166

leffen said:

maybe it has something to do with the fact that while I don't respect Hax's opinions/***** theorycrafting I do respect him as a player, while he clearly doesn't see a difference lmao

this is why you think i don't like you?


you'd think rocky's post would have given this sick **** a clue. I swear to god leffen's parents used to hit him in the back of the head as a kid because he is by far the most bitter, psychopathic scumbag I've ever met. and the ****ing scary part is he's my age.

you are the culmination of every awful characteristic a human being can have. you are a coward, a liar, heartless, egotistical, ugly, a little ***** when you're not behind your computer screen, and cancerous to any community you become a part of. I do not know how you've managed to not get banned from these forums after some of the **** I've seen you get away with. I pray for the desperate, desperate girl you claim you're seeing tomorrow who doesn't realize she is with a future serial killer. I want to have absolutely nothing to do with you. I do not give a **** if you respect me as a player when you have the nerve to talk to me and plenty of other people like that. the people who have seen the real you (when you're not faking being an angel) consider you a monster for a reason. you are on my ignore list now, so you can waste your time letting me know how stupid I am / how inaccurate this post has been if you want.


I expect for you to *never, ever* use my name in a smashboards post again now that I can't see your posts unless it reads "I accept Hax's money match." I don't talk **** behind your back; you don't talk **** behind mine.

Hax
Smash Champion

Joined: May 8, 2007
Messages: 2,552
Location: 20XX



In February 2012, I'd had enough, and so I condemned Leffen in a post that told him to never use my name again. I also let him know that he was a menace who would inevitably cause the community problems in the future.



Mar 5, 2012

#5,643


Im gonna get so depressed if even one of you guys agree with something hax said in that post

seriously, that has to be one of the worst post i've ever read

I dont even know where to begin

leffen
Smash Champion

Joined: Jun 30, 2008
Messages: 2,032
Location: Stockholm, Sweden



Aug 17, 2012

#94

tldr: Hax wants SFXT, when we have SF4

stupid, stupid hax

leffen
Smash Champion

Joined: Jun 30, 2008
Messages: 2,032
Location: Stockholm, Sweden

After I made my post, Leffen's harassment didn't just get worse; it turned into stalking. I couldn't really go anywhere on the boards without Leffen being there, and it began to affect me a lot as a teenager. Smashboards was the only form of social media back then, and so this reached the point of me not wanting to sign onto social media at all. By early 2013, things had gotten to the point where I knew that Leffen needed to be banned from the community, and so I reached out to Armada. What Armada told me in response caught me by surprise. Armada told me that there was *already* a team of Swedes working to ban Leffen, and that I was welcome to join them. This is how I became involved with Evidence.zip.

Evidence.zip (evaluation copy)

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When Armada declared Leffen's ban official on February 9th, 2013, he published some, but not all of Evidence.zip. This is because Evidence.zip consisted of 2 parts: public forum posts, and private testimonies. What you're looking at is the folder that was originally distributed to the public, which contained the forum posts. I'm the one who compiled the document with Leffen's Smashboards forum posts, which is why some people think I created Evidence.zip. I didn't necessarily create Evidence.zip, because other than that I was just another person who testified. However, it is true that I bridged the gap between Sweden and North America.

The private testimonies within Evidence.zip were never released due to their private nature. I am going to betray several of my friends by showing them to you, because the world needs to see them.

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Evidence.zip

Swedish Player 1 / Swedish Player 2 / ~~Swedish Player 3~~

Armada / Swedish T.O. 2 / Swedish T.O. 3

Hax / American Player 2 / American Player 3

Letter to Genesis 3 Staff

Evidence.zip consisted of three Swedish players, three Swedish T.O.'s, and three American players. One of the American players and all three of the Swedish players are what we'll call prospects; these were people who felt that Leffen had made it his goal to remove them from the Smash community. I just so happened to be the sole American prospect. Other than that, there were five more people who felt that what they'd witnessed was more than enough to warrant banning Leffen. Armada was one of these five people. There is also a tenth document titled 'Letter to Genesis 3 Staff' that was written by the Swedes collectively. Genesis 3 was originally supposed to happen in summer 2013, hence the title of the letter.

There is only one document I can't show you, and that is the third Swedish Smasher's testimony. There are reasons I can't get into this testimony, so I'll be skipping it. Other than that, I'll be showing you excerpts from each of these testimonies.

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Swedish Player 1's Testimony

This text is regarding the unfortunately necessary ban of a narcissistic chronic liar who has done more than you can imagine to rip apart my second family: our precious Smash community.

...

Originally I decided to disregard his behavior, something that I now regret. But now, his immense disrespect, personal verbal abuse, bullying, spreading lies about people about he does not like (primarily me), etc. has only escalated and become worse as he becomes a better player.

...

At BEAST 2, a large international tournament, **I decided to tell some people in the Swedish scene about something very personal: I suffer from mental illness in the form of recurring depressions, and I am possibly bipolar type 2.**

...

I knew that Leffen was a rude, spoiled and disrespectful person, but **I couldn't believe that someone would be so evil to spread this information around.**

...

He has no regard for the fact that I am without symptoms when I'm not depressed, and when I've been sick I generally avoided tournaments. He has made fun of me on multiple occasions for this.

...

He also implied that I take LSD which I NEVER have.

...

You might think, "but why not talk to him?". I have tried. **I confronted him in SR about a post where he claimed I'm known for stealing money, and he claimed he was talking about someone else.**

...

The tensions between us grew, but again I unfortunately did nothing. **He ripped on me on the forums even harder then ever before, using even more disgusting tactics, constantly misrepresenting and pointing my health problems.** I noticed even worse disrespectful behavior towards me in real life. He would ignore me when I talked to him, stand in the way of me to freeze me out of conversations, sigh when I spoke, etc.

...

The problem is that Leffen can't take a joke and **will start an ambitious vendetta with people over almost nothing.** This has caused massive drama in the Swedish Smash scene and has changed the mood of the Smash scene. It causes fear and a tense atmosphere.

...

After having seen what Leffen has done to me and other people who he views as antagonists, **many people have not had the courage to speak up because they are afraid of what Leffen will do to them if he finds out they are in any way against them.** This is a sick bullying tactic to stop people from speaking up, and unfortunately it has worked for a very, very long time.

...

He guilt-tripped me with lies, and made me say “I’m sorry”, which he did not deserve. **He also asked for forgiveness, but this did NOT stop him from being rude IRL and posting about my mental illness online.** I feel very stupid to be duped by someone who has abused me so much.

...

As he kept on abusing me, I made the decision to avoid him physically at events.

...

Leffen took note of this and decided to use it against me. I saw that he started trying to befriend some of the best friends I have in the Smash community, to take them away from me. These people didn't know much of what he had done to people, and were amongst the few lucky ones who have been spared from his wrath.

...

When Leffen is with these people, I can't be with them because his presence disgusts me, and also he is so mean to me in indirect ways. **I am now scared to talk about personal things with these friends out of fear that Leffen will find out and use it against me. He is ripping apart my entire social life.**

...

As mentioned his horrible behavior escalated the better he became at the game. **The growing tension, horrible behavior deterioration of the entire scene as a result of him eventually led to a ban warning.**

...

Instead of changing for the better his abuse actually escalated. Leffen went so far that he actually taunted the ban warning and said that it “will never go through in a million years”. This proves that he does not understand the seriousness of his actions, and that he actually needs to SEE the consequences of his actions for him to better himself.

...

We have tried everything: warning to ban, politely asking him to better himself, trying to talk things over, etc. A Smasher was so desperate to try to solve things that he said he'd buy lunch for him

so they could talk things over. This was disregarded. Eventually Leffen promised to call this smasher back, but he never did.

Nothing has helped.

...

I can't explain how terrible it feels to have someone with such an extreme vendetta towards you, changing the opinion about me (and anyone else he dislikes) of people that I love. This has lead me to skip tournaments just minutes away from my home and lose all my competitive motivation. I've never gone to a tournament in the USA because I wouldn't be able to stand a long trip with this atrocious human being.

...

Believe it or not, this is just the tip of the iceberg. It is completely unrealistic to include everything as the amount of abuse is so absurdly big.

...

Leffen is a chronic liar and narcissist to a sick degree. This person is ripping apart my social life, other people's social lives, and the entire Smash scene, even internationally, as you will see in other testimonies. He's ambitious in destroying people's lives and demoralizing new and old players alike, to the degree of making people quit.

This is not only justice, it is a necessity. Please help us.

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Swedish Player 2's Testimony

Let me tell you a little about myself. At 5, I more or less completely lost my hearing. This led to me receiving special implants that I use like hearing aids to hear with. Despite this disability I still manage to lead a normal life, never needing any assistance in school, etc.

...

Leffen however, despite never having gotten into trouble because of me misunderstanding something, has on repeated occasions gone out of his way to paint me as a retard who without fail will ruin trips. **The way he has mistreated me for my disability is the worst any human being has treated me in my life.** You cannot even make a case for him having joked with me, as there's such a huge difference between what jokes me and my friends have come up with, and what Leffen's said, in regards to both tone and degree. He has not only belittled me, he's also spoken for me a bunch of times when I've been spoken to by others, interrupting my response and telling the other party that **"He obviously doesn't hear/understand you dude"** and even outright shutting me out of conversations. He's even called me "socially disabled" once. I have on different occasions asked Leffen, both online and in person, directly and via mutual friends, to stop treating me like this since I was feeling horrible about it. **All of these attempts to make him cease acting this way have been fruitless and I've been foolish enough to keep trying through all the years I've known Leffen.**

...

Leffen has also worked to exclude me from the Smash community to the highest degree possible.

In the summer of 2011, he manipulated a mutual friend of ours into no longer inviting me to Smashfests. Later that year, APEX 2012 was announced, and after a while, people on the Swedish Smashboards were discussing the tournament. I was one of the first to say "I'm in." **Leffen did everything in his might to exclude me from the preliminary planning, but to no avail.** In an attempt to further justify preventing me from going, he stated that none of the other people interested in going wanted to have me come along and that the entirety of the community hated me (both statements are later exposed as lies). Nevertheless, I eventually found and booked cheap plane tickets for me [and 3 others] after the 4 of us had discussed it together. **A few days later, Leffen PM'd me on Facebook completely out of the blue, acting like we'd been friends for an eternity and asked me to book his plane ticket for him.** Considering how he'd treated me up to that point, I decided to tell him I wouldn't book his ticket for him, but I did link the site I used to do the bookings and tell him exactly what to do to book the same flights as ours.

His response was **"Ok, if you want it that way. It's not like I eventually said OK to you coming along for APEX even though I didn't need to at all,** I could just as well have told the others to diss you."

He wrapped it up by saying, **"good luck going to the upcoming tourneys in Norway/Finland unless you arrange your own trip there since I alone completely decide who gets to travel in the car."**

I decide to go to the tournament in Norway anyway, taking the train to get there. Leffen here intentionally disturbs me during a tournament set by sitting next to me and trashtalking me/making noises in my ear.

Later during the fall, people were discussing taking the ferry over to Finland for the tournament there. **Leffen decided to strike again, this time outright banning me from taking the trip** (he saw himself fit to do this as we were going to use his dad's car to drive people to and from the ferry), even though the majority of the people going voice their opinions against it.

...

Leffens actions against me are quite numerous and malicious, as can be seen. However, they're part of a repetitive behavior and he's caused suffering for far more smashers than just myself.

...

Other things he's done include spreading false rumors about people and telling people's personal information to others, something several other Smashers have fallen victim to. **He also lies to make himself seem better or as being on the right side, and his lies have on multiple occasions caused other smashers to become angry with each other. In some cases he's even manipulated people into hating each other.**

...

Conclusively, Leffen has given me and numerous others a hard time during his stay in the community, on repeated occasions proving himself to be a chronic liar, a bully and generally a despicable person who only regards his own well-being. With this, I wholeheartedly vouch for him being banned and was one of those who originally came up with the idea as there is no doubt in my mind that the smash community is better off without him.

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Armada's Testimony

Hey, I'm Armada from Sweden and I have been a part of the Smash community since early 2005. Going to tournaments, traveling across the world, etc. have been a part of my lifestyle for a long while now. Every single time I spend a weekend with my friends in the Smash community I realized how lucky I am to be a part of such a fantastic group of people.

Somewhere in the late part of 2011 I realized we have one guy in this community that actually is working hard to make people feel worse. **This guy is called "Leffen" and is a Smasher from Stockholm in Sweden.**

...

At first I didn't have a problem with [Leffen] at all. He seemed to be a cool guy that had a big passion to improve. **But in late 2011, I realized how he actually is as a person. He is a chronic liar that ALWAYS tries to make himself look better and at the same time destroy the other person's image.** He has sent tons of very personal information online and threatened to send PMs to people if they want to know even more, convinced people to ban great people from events and has also shown the worst sportmanship I have seen during my 8 years in the community.

This community has ALWAYS been a place where we respect everyone and treat them well. Leffen doesn't share this view and treats people worse because of it. **At one point, he basically told me and another Swedish Smasher that he thinks humans should not show as respect towards each other as they does most of the time.**

...

Other people from Sweden have told me that the first time they met Leffen, he made fun of how bad they were or what kind of disorder they have.

That is not something you joke about! Especially not to new players in the community. **There is a huge chance we will lose a lot of great people coming to more events because their first impression of the community is so bad that they won't wanna return again.**

...

I don't know exactly how to explain how cruel this person is, but he honestly feels better about himself when he makes other people suffer because of his actions. A person like that doesn't deserve to attend any tournaments at all. I'm one of the T.O.'s in Sweden and I will make sure to protect the community I love. I really hope everyone else can take their responsibility too.

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Swedish T.O. 2

I have been playing this game for way too long (sometimes seriously, currently not so much so). Leffen rose quickly through the ranks when he started, many years after me, and quickly surpassed me. **I initially respected him for his hard work, but this respect has continuously eroded to its present low point of nonexistence due to his lack of respect for others.** I can't claim to be one of Leffen's foremost victims, but I'll share my story to try to represent those who he only interacts with momentarily in tournaments.

...

While I have historically respected Leffen for his ability, I haven't really derived any value from playing him, since when we play it always leaves me utterly demoralized. **It matters to me, maybe too much so, to feel like I am treated with respect as a fellow human being. When I play with Leffen, I feel like he thinks I'm worthless.** He tends to sigh, and emit other signals, sometimes subtle, sometimes not so subtle, from which I have deduced that he judges me for not being as good as he is at the game after all my years. **I can't help but think that he sometimes plays just to hurt people.**

Though my playing Leffen has made me avoid him in general, what has in the end lowered my opinion of him is his constant scheming to bring down people who he dislikes. I have seen some of my friends' mental health decline noticeably due to his damaging influence. **It seems as though he constantly divides up people into winners and losers, friends and enemies, and viciously goes after the latter category with lies and other tactics whenever he gets an opportunity.**

...

I haven't been that active in the scene for much of my being in it, but I have been in it long enough to see how the scene has shifted its focus from having a good time to a bunch of pointless drama, from which nobody really benefits. Leffen has singlehandedly made people quit the scene (banning Leffen will not actually make the scene smaller, if anyone thought so). The ban is not necessarily about punishing Leffen for his behavior, though we are hoping that his conduct will change. **If we don't ban Leffen, we will lose other players in the process.**

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Swedish T.O. 3

I was very slow in realizing Leffen's true nature in comparison to many other players.

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It should be known that there is no one else who shows this level of arrogance and undiplomatic elitism, even though there is a large variety of personalities in the community. **He has on several occasions harassed and spread lies about other smashers, which still happens regularly.**

...

I, as a relatively frequent host, has made a personal decision to never permit Leffen's attendance, until he has proven to be worthy. The service I provide by renting (or in any other way providing) a venue, and thereby hosting a tournament, gives me the right to decide whom may enter the venue. **I see it as my responsibility to summon the police if he intrudes and refuses to immediately leave the area.** Because our movement's primary purpose is to help people play and socialize, it would go against my principles to refuse anyone the privileged. However, there has never been a more justified case than with Leffen. He has himself denied entry of a person he disliked in the past, which is much more ironic than influential to my decision.

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Hax's Testimony

Never in my life have I encountered someone as vile and ill-willed as Leffen.

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I was hardly able to defend myself that night. I'd signed up for a rational discussion about my thread, and I ended up being cursed at to the point that I wanted to have nothing to do with it. I wasn't going to argue rationally with someone who had spoken to me like that, and I certainly wasn't going to stoop to his level and start cursing back.

...

Leffen's vendetta against me had only just begun.

...

For the past year and a half, it's been as if a dark cloud has followed me wherever I go on Smashboards. Whenever I'd post an opinion on Melee, Leffen would be there to paint the image that I'm a whiner, a retard, and an overrated player.

I'd find him namedropping me in a negative light/harassing me in several threads. There was once a small, local tournament in Brooklyn, NY that happened to be streamed. Jman and I had agreed to split the 1st/2nd place money, and gave the stream a crappy/sandbaggy GF's set that I lost 3-2 (something I apologize for). Afterwards, someone posted in the thread asking for results. Leffen, who lives in fucking Sweden, quickly responds "Jman won 3 times over Hax in a Bo5 set. get *****ed lol," implying that I got 3-0'd. Not only did he lie about the set score in a set where we were clearly sandbagging, he'd taken the time to post that I lost at a small local held in a different country. **I couldn't even screw around at a local tournament without him harassing me from overseas.**

...

I promptly PM'd him and warned him to put an end to the harassment. I tell him that it's getting pretty desperate when he's watching streams of me sandbagging at locals and posting in the results that that I got *****ed shortly after I lost, even lying about the set score to make me look worse. **He ignored my PM, and went on to post in another thread: "Hax, please stop PM'ing me. It's getting pretty pathetic."**

At this point I was frustrated beyond words, and completely clueless as to what I had done to deserve this.

My Smashboards experience has not been the same since late 2011. **I've had to deal with someone who seeks to ruin my image at all costs through the use of lies, insults, and manipulation of words.** On February 13th, 2012, I made a long post making it very clear to Leffen that I despised him, and to keep my name out of his mouth for good. He went back to talking shit about me in several threads 3 weeks later.

I have added him to my Ignore List several times, and taken him off shortly after every single time because it doesn't help. He doesn't stop running his mouth. Every time I'd read through a thread and deduce that Leffen had namedropped me in a post I couldn't see (based on quoted posts/other people's responses), I'd just end up logging off of my account so that I could read it anyway. **I cannot put into words the degree to which Leffen cannot be silenced once he has a vendetta on you.**

...

I have been a member of this beautiful community since 2005. **Never have I seen someone cause such a net loss of happiness within us. Never have I seen someone so poisonous.**

I beg of those reading this to take EVO and Genesis 3 away from Leffen for the sake of our community. He does not deserve to be a part of what will be the grandest week in the history of SSBM. Those who he has abused do not deserve to have to see him there. **Leffen's path of destruction has to end.**

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American Player 2's Testimony

Apex 2013 was my first major tournament experience, something that I looked forward to very much as being a relative newcomer to the competitive circuit. **Unfortunately, the latter half of my tourney experience would be somewhat disenchanting due to an unprovoked verbal attack from Leffen.**

...

As a new player, every friendly is a match to not only meet someone new, but also display what skills I have spent so much time rigorously practicing for... So that being said, as a new player, if a player with the skill set Leffen has beats me pretty convincingly, I will try to modestly ask for pointers in future matches.

...

Leffen sat down, and beat me first game convincingly. He then said, "I know this matchup pretty well." To which my response was, "Is there any advice that you can give me for future matches?" **He ignored my question and repeated himself in an unfriendly tone, suggesting I had done something wrong.** We played another game, and after asking him again, he told me blatantly to my face that, "I know this matchup well, and you are a pretty horrible Luigi". **Then he continues to ignore me the entirety of the 'friendly' session.**

Mind you, I had never met or spoken with him at any point before this, even on smashboards.com. **His attitude instantly created a harsh, uncomfortable, provocative environment within the area.** Even the other player beside me sat speechless and worded out to me: WTF?. I very much look up to players of his caliber and was taken back by the experience so much that I had to remove myself from the area because I felt attacked. Honestly, the emotions I felt were enraged and instantly the place felt hostile even though I had literally done nothing worth his insult. **He ruined my weekend at that point and I spent the rest of the time avoiding him as to not create a scene of any sorts.**

I spoke to my friends afterwards to cool down and they remarked how unsportsmanlike his conduct was, to put it lightly. **If this was my first tournament experience ever, I would of been so disillusioned I would of quit.** I felt so demoralized because his insults were on the brunt of his victory, which made me feel even less of a player, like I shouldn't even tried. Having had a few tournament experiences before, I shook it off, but even then it was hard for me to consider continuing after hearing a comment like that from a high level player.

I didn't feel encouraged to get better, I wanted to leave our scene altogether. This to me is why I share this testimony; in hopes it may help better create a more inclusive vibe to the newer members of our community.

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I am updating my testimony to address the “apology” Leffen PM’d me on Smashboards once word of what he said to me spread. It is titled “A misunderstanding + an apology”

“Hey!

I don't remember you too well, but apparently I made quite an impression on you. I remember us playing at Apex, I played Fox and you played Luigi, right?

I know you think I was trying to be mean, but I actually was trying to do exactly the opposite. I 4 stocked you one time and said something along the lines of "don't worry, I play with a luigi main all the time, I have loads of experience".

It appears as I perhaps misspoke, or you took this offensively, either way, I am incredibly sorry. Tracking down on new players is the LAST thing I want to do, and your luigi was honestly not bad (I 4 stock Ajp_anton all the time, and hes top 5 in sweden atm)

I don't think I even said another word to you, but my memory is perhaps not accurate. Either way, I sincerely apologize.

If you want me to critique some matches (I know a lot about luigi), or want any help at getting into a tournament mindset etc, PLEASE feel free to ask me for help.” - **Leffen**

I would like to ensure you that every sentence of my testimony, everything I claim Leffen says and does, is the truth.

“I know you think I was trying to be mean, but I actually was trying to do the opposite” was the most difficult sentence of this “apology” for me to read. There was absolutely no misunderstanding

regarding what happened between me and leffen at Apex. **And there most certainly weren't good intentions behind what he did.**

To me, this is the opposite of an apology. This is a high level player attempting to use his status to pressure me into forgetting what he did. Nowhere in this PM does leffen confess to what he said; he instead places the blame on ME for misinterpreting him (which I sure didn't).

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American Player 3's Testimony

I have had the displeasure of interacting with several unpleasant members of Smashboards and the community at large in my 4 years of being in it, both in person and online. In most of these cases, I have succeeded in dealing with them by either ignoring them, literally ignore listing them on Smashboards, or physically/conversationally avoiding them in person. **However, one member in particular could not be dealt with in such a manner. Never could I have imagined someone could be so arrogant, rude, disrespectful, and toxic. That is, before Leffen happened.**

...

My first interaction with leffen was I believe on Smashboards, at some point after Genesis 2 in 2011 (I was lucky enough to not interact with leffen at all at G2)... **My problem with Leffen wasn't that he disagreed with me, but rather the sheer amount of disrespect and negativity Leffen displayed in nearly every single post in the discussion. Rather than arguing with the points I put forth, he repeatedly attacked me on a personal level...** Not only is this blatantly bad argumentation (ad hominem), the language and disrespect with which he addressed me turned his posts into incredibly offensive and upsetting attacks.

...

At some point late in 2012, Leffen became so bad that I approached Cactuar and told him that it was shameful that a person who treated others so badly was in the MBR. The MBR is supposed to

be filled with not just high level players, but role models for the entire community. Cactuar agreed and removed Leffen from the MBR, but the damage was done.

...

I attempted to shake his hand and thank him for participating and he swatted my hand away angrily... What was most upsetting about this was that I had been particularly pleasant to Leffen at APEX 2013, hoping that maybe being the better man would convince him to improve.

...

In conclusion, Leffen is in his own tier of maliciousness and potential damage to the community. I'd like to see him improve his behavior, but at this point in time, his attendance at tournaments detracts from the experience of others, driving away players in an already struggling environment. It would be in the best interest of the entire community if he is sentenced to at least a temporary worldwide ban from tournaments, and preferably a Smashboards ban as well. **Any sort of interaction with Leffen gives him the chance to abuse and insult others, and without making it very apparent that his behavior is unacceptable by preventing him from competing, he won't change.**

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Letter to Genesis 3 Staff

For years, Leffen has imposed on the happiness of countless members of our community. His unparalleled hatred and vulgarity leave people feeling belittled and attacked wherever he goes. **His self-righteousness, manipulation, lies, superiority complex, nonsensical reasons for attacking people, and refusal to change make him a threat to not only the Smash community, but society. He is both a psychopath and a narcissist to a dangerous degree.**

In real life, he has flipped the Swedish Smash scene upside-down. Through vicious bullying, rumor spreading, harassment, manipulation of various people, lies, condescending behavior, hateful gestures, and awful sportsmanship, he has single-handedly ruined the Smash experience for many Swedes.

Online, he is notorious for being, bar none, the most ill willed, toxic, destructive poster on Smashboards as well as the Swedish forums. His words psychologically damage people and go beyond what could ever be considered trolling; he is a cyberbully. His persistent, vicious verbal harassment of countless people has single-handedly made both Smash forums he posts on stressful and tense.

This person has gone to unheard-of lengths to make people feel bad about themselves, make less experienced players feel unwelcome, destroy people's reputations, kill motivation and discourage progress, and make people want to quit the game all while contributing virtually nothing. **Both online and offline, he serves no purpose other than to leech massive amounts of positive energy from our community.**



After reading these testimonies, it should be clear why I've been telling you that this community will be destroyed in another 10 years. We've been on a time bomb this entire time, and the press has done nothing but cover it up. Several of the people who testified for Evidence.zip were able to predict that Leffen had the potential to fully erode the Smash community – even internationally – if he wasn't banned. That was 8 years ago. The fact that I can look at the state of Smash in 2021 and reasonably compare it to totalitarianism means that the prophecy has become all too real.

Charge #2: Throughout his career, Leffen has lied about the origins of Evidence.zip. Clearly, it wasn't the conspiracy he wants you to believe it was. Evidence.zip was a collective warning that Leffen is a dark tetrad with the potential to fully erode the Smash community, and the fact that this was kept hidden from people is nothing short of a travesty.

The Machiavellianism Scale

The Machiavellianism scale is a score of up to 100 resulting from a test that consists of a series of questions. People who score above 60 are considered 'high Machs' and those scoring below 60, 'low Machs'.

High Machs are focused on their own wellbeing. They believe that to get ahead, one must be deceptive. They don't trust human goodness and think depending on others is naive. Prioritising power over love and connection, they don't believe that humankind is by nature good.

A low Mach, on the other hand, tends to show empathy to others, and is honest and trusting. They believe in human goodness and that if you abide by good morals you will do well in life. Too low on the scale, however, can see people being submissive and too agreeable.

“At one point, [Leffen] basically told me and another Swedish Smasher that he thinks humans shouldn’t show as much respect toward each other as they do most of the time.”

- Armada, Evidence.zip

The above quote from Armada’s testimony is an especially important one that I want to highlight. **This quote reveals that Leffen is not only a Machiavellian, but high on the Machiavellian scale, meaning he believes that empathy is naive, and that deception is necessary in order to get ahead.** Essentially, high Machs view people as chess pieces that can and should be used in order to serve one’s self-interests. I’m pointing this out because, as I told you earlier, Machiavellianism is the most important dark triad trait to keep in mind. It is the trait that will cause us to have to go back and reinvestigate several of the things Leffen has done in order to determine how they may have been politically motivated. As you’ll eventually find out, you should never underestimate the degree of bad faith and pathological lying that high Machs such as Leffen will utilize.

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Leffen’s M.O.


Latch onto ‘prospects’ on a whim and seek to destroy them through malicious means, such as blackmail, gaslighting, rumor-spreading, and much more...

Evidence.zip era: Swedish Player 1, Swedish Player 2, Swedish Player 3

Political adversaries thus far: Hax

Another important aspect of Evidence.zip is that it reveals Leffen’s M.O. From an early age, Leffen showed that he would latch onto ‘prospects’ who he’d choose on a whim, then hunt them down until their careers were over. He would go to any lengths necessary to defraud these prospects, using strategies such as blackmail, gaslighting, and rumor-spreading in order to ruin them. At first, these prospects seemed to be limited to those with physical or mental handicaps. But as time went on, Leffen began to target people for political reasons as well. I know this because I was the first person he chose for these purposes. In my case, Leffen seemed to dislike the fact that I had respected opinions that could potentially challenge his rhetoric, and so he wanted me gone. Unsurprisingly, Leffen would continue to target people who could challenge his market share for similar reasons in recent years. This would happen right in front of everyone’s eyes, but it was well-disguised, and so people failed to realize that there was a pattern.

[4] After Evidence.zip




leffen
Smash Champion
Joined: Jun 30, 2008
Messages: 2,032
Location: Stockholm, Sweden

Feb 9, 2013

sigh.

haters gonna hate


#16



leffen
Smash Champion
Joined: Jun 30, 2008
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Location: Stockholm, Sweden

Feb 9, 2013

prog said: ☹



LOLolll -dead-

but yeah, this certainly makes it easy to leave my past behind and get rid of all the fakes


#51

You should also know about what happened directly after Evidence.zip, because the press has lied about that too. Directly after Leffen was banned, he made it clear that Evidence.zip was a conspiracy and that he had been wronged. He even said that he wanted to leave his past behind and cut ties with the Smash community.

Leffen's statement

Jackio · Mar 21, 2013

Not open for further replies.



Jackio
Smash Cadet
Joined: Oct 22, 2010
Messages: 27
Location: Sweden

Mar 21, 2013

http://www.twitlonger.com/show/n_1rjbt3e

Posting this here since his smashboards account is banned. Hopefully this thread will not be deleted, as the ban thread was allowed. I'm fine with it being locked if it gets out of control however.

Its a long read, but its worth it. Please don't let this derail into another drama thread.

Thanks

#1

But on March 21st, 2013, Leffen had a change of heart. He suddenly decided that he was sorry for everything, and he confessed to several of the things he had done, citing depression and anxiety as the motivating factors. The apology Leffen issued got covered by [theScore esports' documentary on him from 2018](#), which has one and a half million views. It is the apology that people cite to this day, and the one that people believe is real.



What the people who read Leffen's apology didn't know was that they had been manipulated. **On the exact same day Leffen issued his 'apology' to North America, he also issued statements on the Swedish forums that warned them that they had defied him.** Last year, I talked with one of the Swedes who testified for Evidence.zip about the fact that Leffen's apology was insincere. Although the Swedish forums are no longer accessible, he confirmed that Leffen's apology was fake.

*"Following his ban from Sweden, rather than apologizing to those he has hurt, Leffen decided to stay true to his roots. **He has chosen to play the victim card and ridicule the Swedish scene for banning him, claiming that they are "fake" people who are "doomed" without him.** We hope that after reading the attached testimonies and forum posts there is zero doubt that Leffen is not the victim, and that his decision to continue to lie only serves as further evidence of his character."*

- Letter to Genesis 3 Staff, *Evidence.zip*

This is made even more obvious by an excerpt from the Letter to Genesis 3 Staff, which explains how Leffen initially responded to being banned over in Sweden. The excerpt explains that Leffen had condemned the Swedish scene to the point that he seemed to want to take revenge on them. The excerpt also warns the reader that Leffen is someone who will endlessly claim victim status in order to evade accountability, which is exactly what he did in his fake apology.

7/8/20, 9:14 PM

what was the tournament leffen went to in 2013 that caused you to have a panic attack

attack*

the one that he cried outside of

when he was still banned

7/9/20, 2:37 AM

Beast 3

Two weeks after Leffen's fake apology, a tournament called BEAST 3 was held in Sweden. BEAST 3 was the first notable tournament that Leffen was banned from, and so the Swedes who had been abused were looking forward to their first Leffen-free tournament. But what people don't know is that Leffen actually showed up to this tournament in-person and tried to convince the T.O.'s to let him in. Leffen didn't seem to understand that he was actually banned from BEAST 3, and so the T.O.'s had to physically deny him entry.



Aziz Al-Yami <ssbmhax@gmail.com>
to event ▾

Sun, Feb 24, 2013, 9:04 PM ☆ ↩ ⋮

Dear Evo Staff,

Hello, my name is Aziz Al-Yami. I am a well-known member of the Super Smash Bros. Melee community, which is absolutely thrilled to be a part of Evo once again. I am contacting you regarding something rather unfortunate, but necessary: a large group of SSBM players, myself included, is looking to ban someone from your event.

This person is not from the United States. He is from Sweden, where he is currently banned from all tournaments held by Sweden's three biggest tournament organizers for one year. He has also been banned from upcoming tournaments in Norway and Denmark by other tournament organizers. We are looking to pass this ban down to the United States – the home of competitive SSBM – as not doing so would be an injustice after the damage this person has done to our community on a global scale.

It is impossible for me to explain what this person has done within a message that I am trying to keep brief. He is a verbal assailant rather than a physical one, so naturally, making the case for his ban isn't so cut and dry. It is actually quite complex; the 9 individually written testimonies that we are ready to present to you add up to over 30 pages.

The purpose of this message is to learn if you are willing to help us with this project.

Around this same time, I was emailing Mr. Wizard about banning Leffen from EVO 2013. I was transparent about the fact that this was a complicated case, and that it wasn't going to be easy to convey why a ban was necessary. Unfortunately, the EVO staff would end up rejecting the case on the basis of no physical assault, which is exactly what I feared would happen.

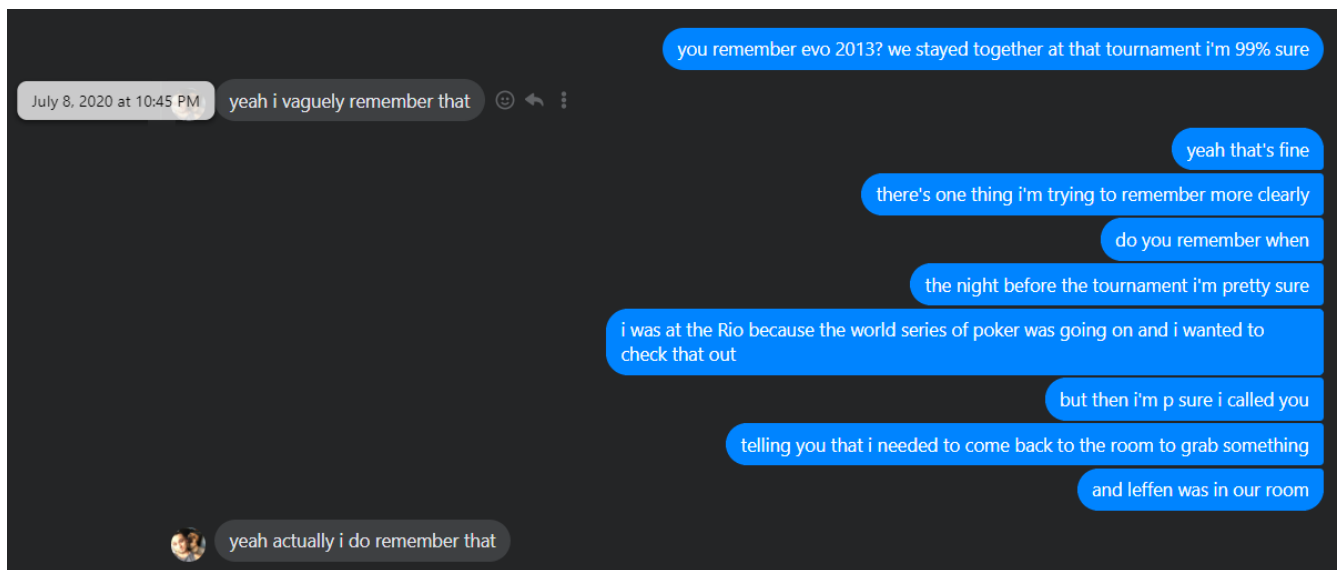


A few months later, I flew to Vegas for EVO 2013. The first night I got there, I dropped my bags off in my hotel room and went to the Rio hotel, which was nearby. I went to the Rio because the World Series of Poker was taking place there that year, and I wanted to watch people participate in it. I ended up spending a couple of hours at the Rio before realizing that I needed to head back to my hotel room to grab my phone charger, at which point I called my friend Codi who I was staying with.

Hax: Codi, my phone's almost out of battery. I'm coming back to the hotel room to grab my charger.

Codi: Sure, but just so you know, **Leffen's playing Melee in our hotel room.**

When Codi told me that Leffen was in our hotel room, it was one of the weirdest things I'd ever heard. A lot of people vaguely knew that Leffen and I had beef, but people didn't know that this was the same person I had *just* tried to ban from the tournament we were at. Of all the people who could've ended up in my hotel room, the fact that it was Leffen wasn't a coincidence. He wanted to cause some sort of disturbance, and he succeeded. When I got back to the hotel, I didn't actually enter my room. Instead, I had Codi hand me my phone charger at the door. Leffen sat inside of my room while all of this happened. These are logs showing that I discussed the situation with Codi last year:



“As he kept on abusing me, and because of that and the fact that I had after all said I'm sorry, I made the decision to avoid him physically at events.

Leffen took note of this and decided to use it against me. I saw that he started trying to befriend some of the best friends I have in the smash community, to take them away from me. These people didn't know much of what he had done to people, and where amongst the few lucky ones who have been spared from his wrath.”

- Swedish Player 1, *Evidence.zip*

Later that weekend, something similar happened. I had spent a lot of EVO 2013 with my childhood friend Jman, who was approaching retirement from Melee around that time. What I noticed is that during certain parts of the weekend, Leffen would make efforts to befriend Jman, which led to lots of awkward moments where I didn't want to approach Jman because he was with Leffen. This exact strategy was described by one of the Swedes who testified for Evidence.zip, who stated that after he began avoiding Leffen, Leffen looked to finish him by taking his friends away from him, which caused issues in his social life. These types of interactions show the ridiculous lengths Leffen will go to to torment people once they're on his hit list.

As you can see, Leffen never actually expressed remorse for the actions that got him banned. In fact, he did the opposite. He made no efforts to change, either, which should have been obvious based on the way he barked when he took games off of Armada at BEAST 4 in 2014. The problem is that eight years have passed since Evidence.zip, and Leffen now has the entire Smash community in his back pocket. Someone with a dark triad mentality is able to severely disrupt society when given this much power, and Leffen has done exactly that. However, people haven't been viewing things from this angle, and so they never saw any of it.

socioeconomic resource transfer (n): The act of engaging in amoral manipulation in order to extract fame and fortune (primarily fame) from one's community.

As I said earlier, Leffen would eventually transition into a full-fledged political con artist. The goal of his cons can be summed up in one phrase: **socioeconomic resource transfer**. Leffen is a Machiavellian who will do *anything* to get ahead socioeconomically, which means he will go to unthinkable lengths to acquire fame and fortune. Between these two things, fame is Leffen's priority; he wants people to be controlled and underneath him so that he can continue to broaden his influence. I'll be showing you how Leffen has exploited the Smash community many times in order to achieve this.

socioeconomic resource drain (n): The act of engaging in amoral manipulation in order to weaken political adversaries who pose a threat to influence, market share, etc.

Another term you should be familiar with is **socioeconomic resource drain**. This term is appropriate because it describes the fact that Leffen often targets specific people such as myself who he views as political adversaries. Leffen's goal here is to drain his adversaries socioeconomically in order to further secure his position. This is a standard strategy for achieving totalitarianism. In Nazi Germany, for example, [Hitler purged a large group within the Nazi party in 1934](#). He viewed the people within this group as potential threats to his ascent, and so he needed them gone. Surely enough, this scheme was instrumental in Hitler's rise.

social parasite (n): One who resorts to either of the aforementioned strategies in order to claw their way to the top.

Finally, "social parasite" is the term we'll use to describe someone who resorts to either of these strategies. In Smash, or any community for that matter, it's an unspoken rule that your success shouldn't come at the expense of others. Social parasites like Leffen don't believe in this mentality, and so they'll gladly exploit their community and their fellow competitors in order to progress. Unfortunately, this opens the door for all sorts of immoral ways of getting ahead that people wouldn't normally consider, which have largely contributed to where Leffen is today.

[5] Why LEVO Exists

totalitarian tiptoe (n): the act of gradually encroaching on people's rights (rather than abruptly encroaching) as to not raise eyebrows

Now that the stage is set, I'm going to begin listing manipulation tactics that Leffen uses on a regular basis. The first one is called the **"totalitarian tiptoe,"** or "tiptoeing" for short. Tiptoeing is used to get large groups of people to agree to terms that they would normally reject. This is the term that describes Leffen's gradual encroachment of free speech that I talked about earlier. As the Pat Miller quote explained, "the best way to take control over a people and control them utterly, is to take a little of their

freedom at a time, to erode rights by a thousand tiny and almost imperceptible reductions. In this way, the people will not see those rights and freedoms being removed until past the point at which these changes cannot be reversed.” The idea here is that the best way to erode people’s rights is to do it gradually so that nothing happens abruptly enough to raise eyebrows. Over time, this can cause people to fail to realize that they’ve agreed to massively disadvantageous terms, such as the fact that Leffen is on the verge of reaching full censorship. **Basically, don’t skip from A to Z or else people will notice; instead, advance a couple of letters at a time.**

Now that you know about tiptoeing, I want to start by showing you that nothing has changed since Evidence.zip, and that Leffen is still the same malicious person in the year 2021.



Hax\$
@ssbmhax

In season 1, we saved tri-state. In season 2, we'll save the world.

Hax's Nightclub returns on January 2, 2021 to provide the east coast with a premium netplay series.

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At the very end of last year, I announced that I'd be hosting an online version of my tournament series Hax's Nightclub starting on January 2nd, 2021. The trailer stated that I'd be hosting a tournament every Saturday that didn't already have a tournament happening on that date. This is standard practice in the Smash community; we host tournaments for the good of the community, and so we don't overrun each other's tournaments.

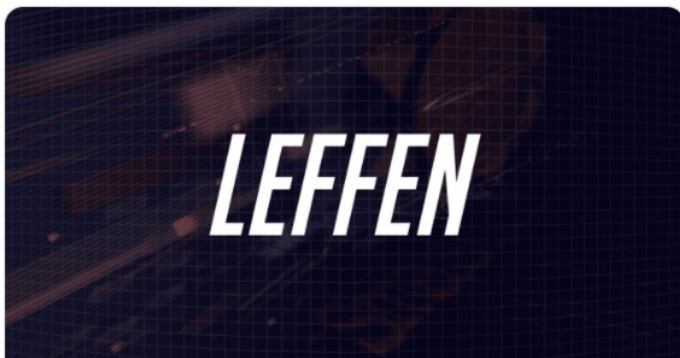
On January 2nd, my staff and I hosted Hax's Nightclub. There were 567 entrants, and the event was a huge success. But what a lot of people didn't understand is why Hax's

Nightclub never happened again after that date. The real reason is very complicated.



Leffen
@TSM_Leffen

Hosting the first official EU LEVO Tournament!
\$200+ prize pool, sub only, will be ran weekly.
Amateur bracket as well for beginners!



LEVO EU #1
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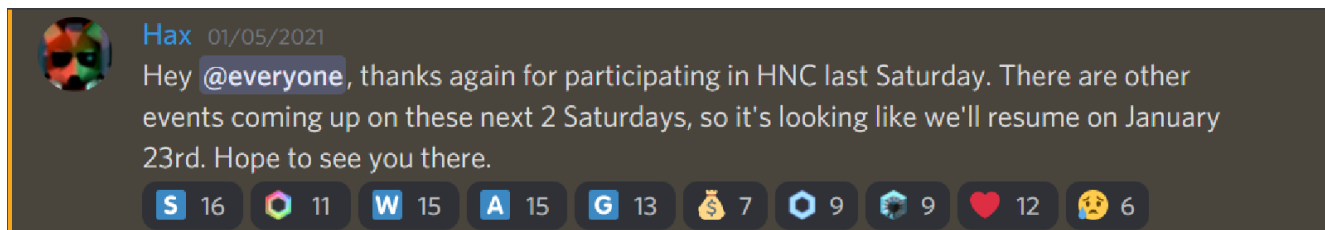
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On January 3rd – the day after I hosted Hax's Nightclub – Leffen announced that he'd be starting up a weekly tournament series called LEVO. To enter LEVO, people would have to subscribe to Leffen on Twitch. LEVO was going to happen every Saturday, which normally would've meant that it was overrunning Hax's Nightclub. **The catch, though, is that LEVO was a European event, and so no one batted an eye.**

Not even my staff saw what Leffen had just done, but I knew precisely what this meant. **Leffen was tiptoeing, and he would soon look to overrun Hax's Nightclub entirely.** If Leffen had announced a North American event on Saturdays, it would have raised too

many eyebrows, so what he needed to do instead was take baby steps. Within a few weeks, he was going to expand LEVO to North America.



At this point, I knew what I needed to do. I was going to trade my entire tournament series to mount my case against Leffen, and so I shut down Hax's Nightclub. The interesting thing, though, is that nobody knew that there wasn't going to be another event; not even my staff knew the truth. **I had begun to lie to everybody by telling them that the next event would be on January 23rd**; I even announced this in the Hax's Nightclub Discord server. The reason I announced January 23rd as the next date was because there were upcoming tournaments on the next 2 weekends, and so if I was actually going to host another event, then I would have had to schedule around them. But I was only looking for one thing here, and that was to make Leffen take the next step on January 23rd. I would then be able to show this to people later.



The tournament that happened the week after my event was called GALINT. I ran fake ads at GALINT because I needed to be absolutely sure that Leffen would see them. The ads said that the next Hax's Nightclub would fall on January 23rd.

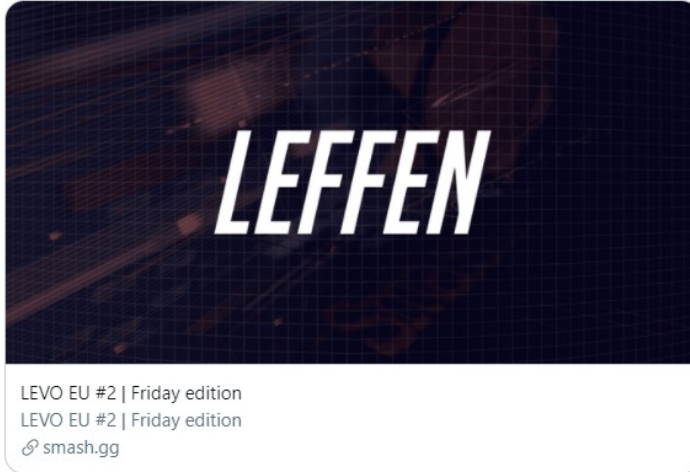


Leffen
@TSM_Leffen

Replying to @TSM_Leffen

SAME circuit seems amazing as well, good to have big tournaments to look forward to.
Also in case you missed it, LEVO 2 tomorrow!

Next week we are doing both EU+NA versions!



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Then, 2 weeks later, he slipped in an announcement that he'd be adding a North American bracket. This allowed Leffen to overrun my tournament without anybody noticing.

It is **so** significant that Leffen did this once you realize what it means. **Not only does this show that Leffen has the capacity to manipulate the community, but it also shows complete disregard for the community.** Whereas Hax's Nightclub was a free event, LEVO requires you to sub to Leffen on Twitch, which means Leffen was willing to take a free event away from the community. This also shows the capacity for resource transfer, resource drain, and socially parasitic behavior. Leffen's con may have been directed at me, but he was willing to exploit the community in order to execute it.

... Then, on January 14th, the inevitable happened when Leffen announced that the LEVO he'd be hosting on January 23rd would have a North American bracket. **Because of how inconspicuously Leffen slipped this in, no one even noticed that he had just overrun another tournament.** January 23rd is also when Leffen would start calling it 'Saturday Night LEVO.' which is a direct shot at Hax's Nightclub.

Before I go any further, let me explain why this is so significant. Leffen wanted to overrun my tournament in order to weaken his long-time adversary. However, he knew that if his original announcement on January 3rd said that he'd be hosting a North American tournament on Saturdays, people would've brought up the fact that the east coast had just gotten a major tournament series on Saturdays, and that he was blatantly overrunning it. So instead, Leffen started by hosting an EU-only tournament.

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One of the reasons I shut down Hax's Nightclub completely was because I wanted to see how Leffen would lie to people afterward. This would end up happening a month later. On February 27th and 28th, there was going to be a major European event called The Upset. The Upset was being held by Poilon, a company that had recently gotten into Smash. The Upset's singles bracket was going to take place on Sunday, February 28th, while Leffen would host LEVO on Saturday the 27th.

"Currently not sure if I will be playing in the Upset. Still recovering from the GG strive grind and since I'm hosting LEVO the day before (usually runs to 2-3AM at least) and they decided again to start the tournament at 11am (why) I'm honestly not sure if I have the energy." - Leffen ([02/25/2021](#))

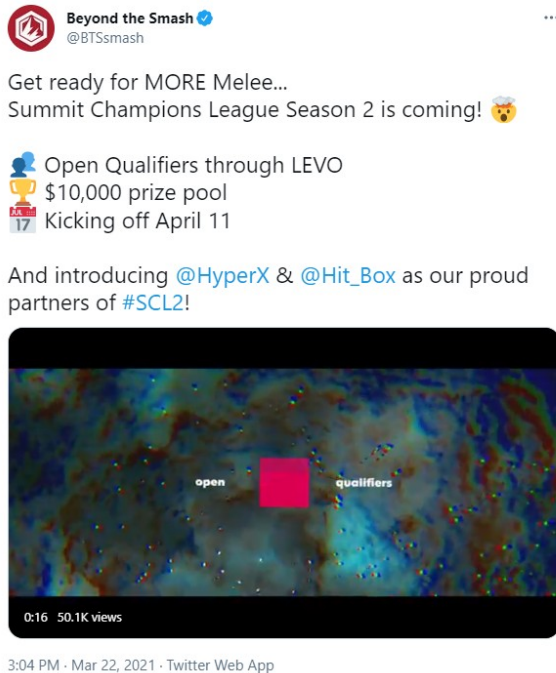
"Completely up to you whether you enter. Couldn't care either way. But I don't need you shitting on our hard work." - Kone ([02/25/2021](#))

"...We also need you to stick to not clashing with us when we run events (I give you the schedule for the year & you said you wouldn't. Other EU events are respecting this)." - Kone ([02/25/2021](#))

"I do not see how hosting LEVO is clashing when I run a singles event that starts 1 hour after the doubles event finishes earlier the same day? If you think that's clashing you/others need to be more clear, the event was up for a week and no one told me shit." - Leffen ([02/25/2021](#))

A few days before that weekend, Leffen's narcissism kicked into full gear. He started criticizing The Upset for starting its Sunday bracket at 11am, as this would make it difficult for him to host LEVO, then sleep, then enter The Upset the next day. He started to make lots of other criticisms as well. Things got to the point that The Upset's head T.O. had to step in and tell Leffen to stop shitting on his team's hard work, and that no one was forcing Leffen to enter The Upset. The T.O. also accused Leffen of overrunning his event, since it would've been common courtesy for Leffen to not host LEVO at all that week so that the first day of The Upset could do better. Leffen then flat out lied to the T.O.'s face by

acting as though he cares about not conflicting with other events. We know that this is a lie because Leffen actually created LEVO with the intention of overrunning Hax's Nightclub.



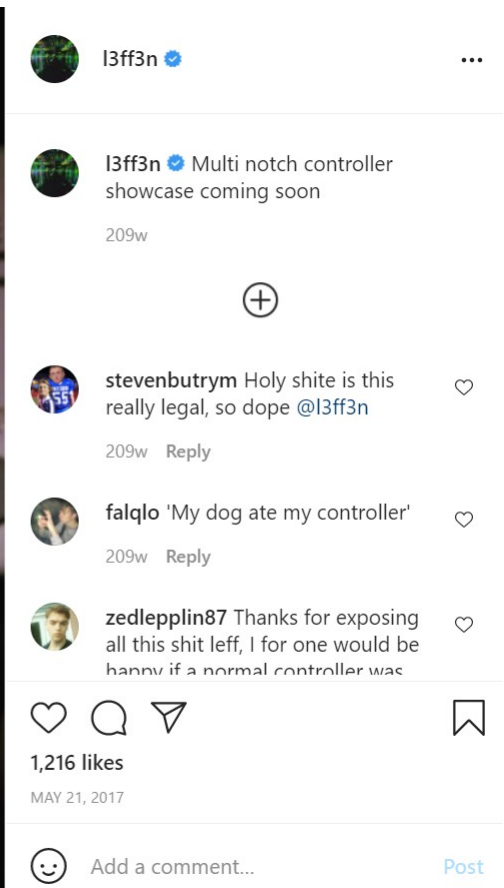
These types of cons can go a long way. LEVO would go on to become the official qualifier for Summit's online events, whereas it's entirely possible that Hax's Nightclub would've received this partnership if not for LEVO overrunning it. Like I said, though, I was willing to trade my tournament so that I could show you this. The moment I saw Leffen's announcement on January 3rd, I knew that I had the opportunity to catch him in a string of lies.

Charge #3: In 2021, Leffen deceptively overran Hax's newly-founded free tournament series with a sub-only tournament series in a manner that people wouldn't detect. He had the willful and malicious intent to destroy the former tournament series.

[6] How to Destroy Your B0XX

The crazy part is that in January, Leffen launched not one, but two political cons at me. While all of this was going on, there was another con aimed at the B0XX, which is the ergonomic controller that I sell. The con began on January 5th when Leffen Tweeted that he'd be live-streaming a review of a B0XX he just got in the mail. This was yet another tiptoe. Just like when Leffen tiptoed by announcing LEVO, he was now tiptoeing once again.



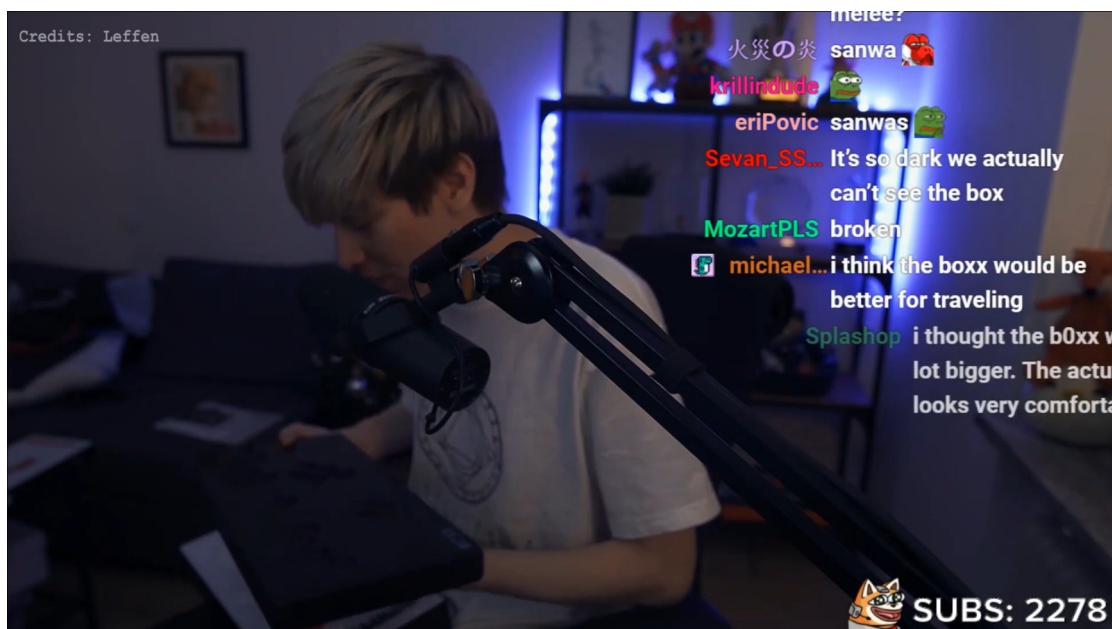


To show you how obvious it is that this was a tiptoe, consider this Instagram post that Leffen made in 2017 in which he claimed he'd be showcasing notched Gamecube controllers. Leffen then posted his so-called '[notch showcase](#)' to YouTube and started to say things like these within the first few minutes:

"First off, one common thing that people say is that the B0XX or Hit Box controllers give you perfect wavedashes isn't a big deal since you can just notch your controller to get perfect wavedashes... Even with notches, this literally never happens."

"You can just modify the B0XX so that it's less than perfect"? No you can't. [The problem is that] it's 100% consistent. It's far more important to be 100% consistent than perfect in Melee. And that's the inherent problem with digital inputs; they play outside of the rules."

Leffen's 'notch showcase' wasn't even about notches; it was a video intended to convince you that the B0XX needed to be banned. The only reason Leffen used a different title was to trick people into watching the video. This is why when you see Leffen claiming that he'll be reviewing the B0XX four years later, he's obviously being deceptive here as well.

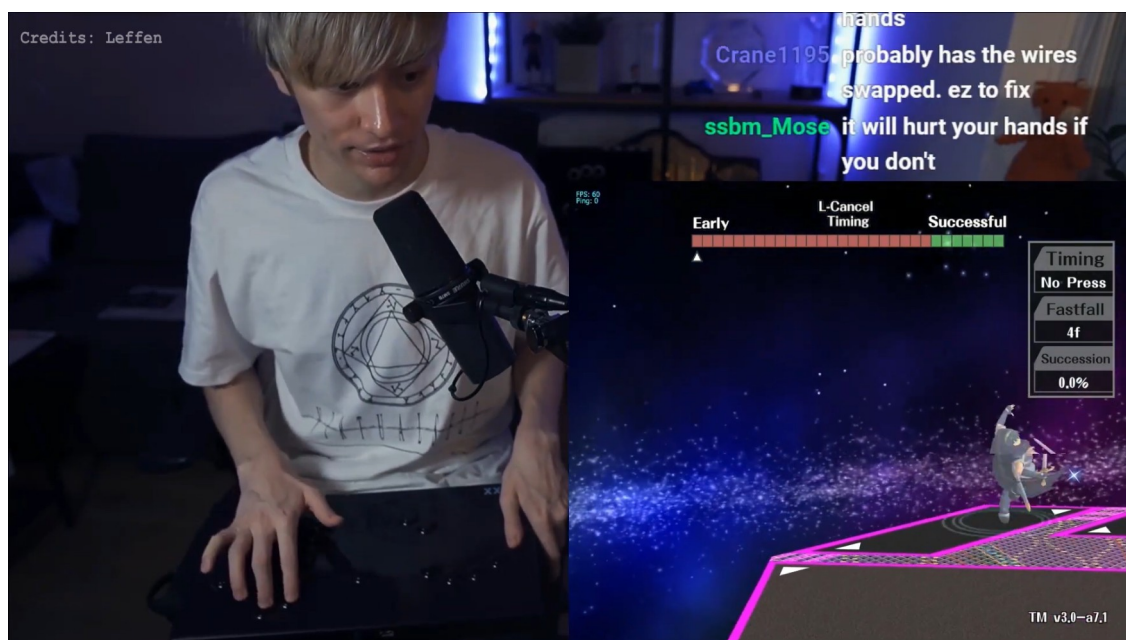


“They’re both kind of fingerprint magnets, but I think the B0XX is worse.”

“For the hand position, I actually feel like [some of] these buttons are too high up.”

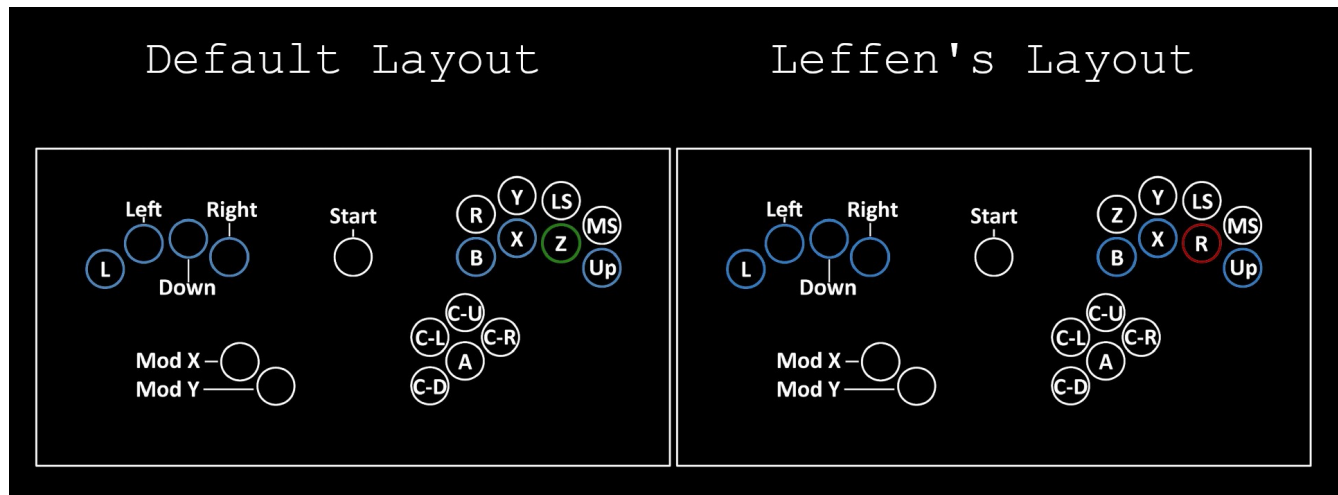
“I’ve never seen this many cuts on anything ever. It has a billion small cuts.”

Within the first few minutes of Leffen’s ‘review,’ it becomes pretty obvious that he’s tricked people into watching a stream of him ripping into the B0XX the entire time. I don’t actually care about the comments you heard him making just now, but the comments that came afterward are the ones that would end up causing huge problems.



“For me, I may actually swap R and Z so that I can L-cancel with R, because I think L-canceling with R is better than with a light press. A lot of people many not agree with me, but I’m very sure about it.”

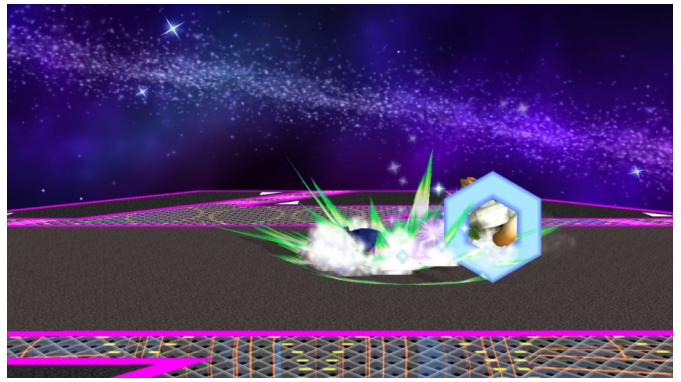
Leffen had begun to spout factually incorrect information about L-canceling in Melee. He was then using that information to tell people that the B0XX is designed incorrectly, and that 2 of its button locations should be swapped.



To show you what I mean, here is a diagram of the B0XX’s button layout. The buttons being highlighted in blue are called ‘home row’ buttons because they are the ones that you rest your fingers on. As you can see, the Z button is on the home row. This is a crucial design decision that Leffen was contesting by telling people that Z should be swapped with R. The reason you heard him give for this is that digital L-cancels, which are performed with L or R, are allegedly better than analog L-cancels, which are performed by lightly pressing L or R, or pressing Z. Therefore, there should be a digital L-cancel button on the home row according to Leffen.

As the person who spent 4 years designing this controller, I’m going to explain in detail why Leffen’s button layout should never be used. The first thing to know is that **Leffen is incorrect in telling you that digital L-cancels are better than analog L-cancels; it’s actually the other way around.** I ended up having to make a [YouTube video](#) about this in February because of how much misinformation Leffen would end up spreading. There have also been other YouTube videos about why you should analog L-cancel, [such as the one MikeHaze made a few years ago](#). Since I don’t expect everyone to have seen these videos, I’ll give you a brief rundown of why analog L-cancels are better.

Analog L-canceling is better than digital L-canceling because it doesn’t force you to pair your L-cancel input with a tech input. Even without much of an understanding of Melee, it already isn’t hard to tell why analog L-canceling is better. It’s rarely ever best to tech at the exact same time you L-cancel, and even if you wanted that, you could just manually input a tech.



The first reason it's better to separate your L-cancels and techs is because it **increases your L-cancel window**. This is because when your character enters hitlag, you can input an L-cancel just fine, but a tech input will actually cause your tech to fail. Meaning, if Fox presses L during hitlag in this situation, it will become impossible for him to tech the shine that he gets hit with, and so he shouldn't do so. What Fox should do instead is analog L-cancel by pressing Z during hitlag, then input a tech afterward. This lets Fox take advantage of perfectly good hitlag frames for his L-cancel input.



The second reason you should separate your L-cancels and techs is because it increases your tech window as well. This is because if you digital L-cancel, then you have to press L or R by the first landing lag frame at the latest, otherwise you won't L-cancel. However, if you analog L-cancel, then you become able to tech after the first landing lag frame. Since you often don't get punished until several frames after you land, this means you increase your tech window.

L-Cancel and Tech Windows

1: --	11: --	21: Hitlag
2: --	12: Nair	22: Landing
3: --	13: --	23: Landing
4: --	14: --	24: Landing
5: --	15: Hitlag	25: Landing
6: --	16: Hitlag	26: Landing - ASDI down shine connects
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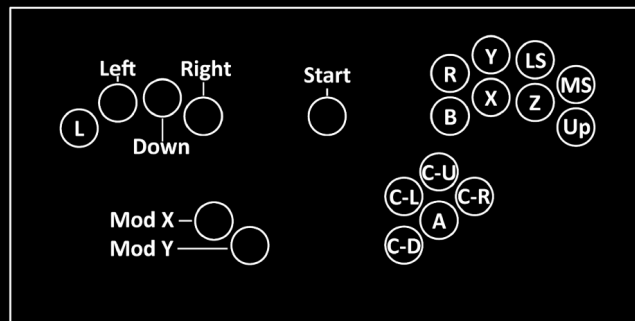
If you analog LC, then your LC window (w/o tech lockout) is ● + ●

If you analog LC, then your tech window is ● + ●

If you digital LC, then your LC + tech window (w/o tech lockout) is ●

The explanation I just gave can be visualized with this graph, which shows that analog L-cancels let you take advantage of hitlag frames for L-canceling without locking yourself out of tech, and landing lag frames for teching. This will always result in equal or bigger windows for both of these techniques.

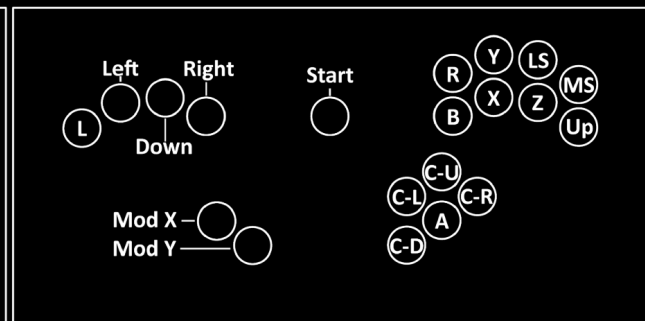
Default Layout



Advantages:

- Can grab on home row
- Can analog L-cancel on home row

Leffen's Layout



Advantages:

- Can wavedash on home row

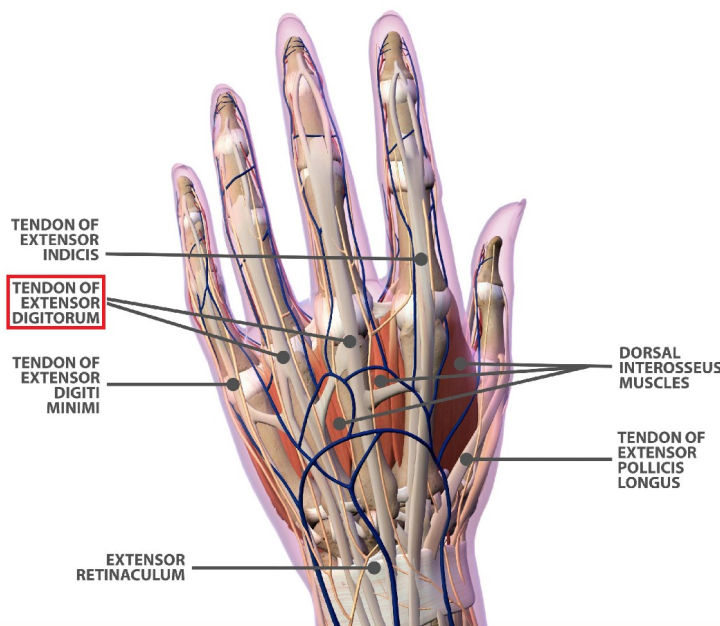
Design flaws:

- Wavedash out of lightshield is slow
- Analog L-canceling is unergonomic
- JC shine -> wavedash is unergonomic

The reason this is significant is because Leffen had begun to tell people that his layout had the better L-canceling method on its home row, which was false. The default layout has the better L-canceling method. Additionally, there are several other reasons why you should never use Leffen's layout. For one, the only actual benefit his layout gives is that it puts wavedashing on the home row, but this is practically canceled out by the fact that grab isn't on the home row. Then, there's the fact that wavedashing out of lightshield is unviable with Leffen's layout. This is because if you're holding the

lightshield button down with your ring finger on his layout, then you have to pick your ring finger back up in order to wavedash. I tested Leffen's layout a bunch and found that you lose about 5 frames whenever you do this, which isn't an option in a real match.

Believe it or not, those aren't even the most egregious things about Leffen's layout. The worst thing about Leffen's layout is that it creates 2 unergonomic motions, which defeats the entire purpose of the B0XX in the first place. The first one is analog L-canceling ($X \rightarrow A/C \rightarrow Z$), and the second one is jump-canceled shine followed by wavedash ($X \rightarrow B \rightarrow Y \rightarrow R$), which is a common motion for Fox and Falco.

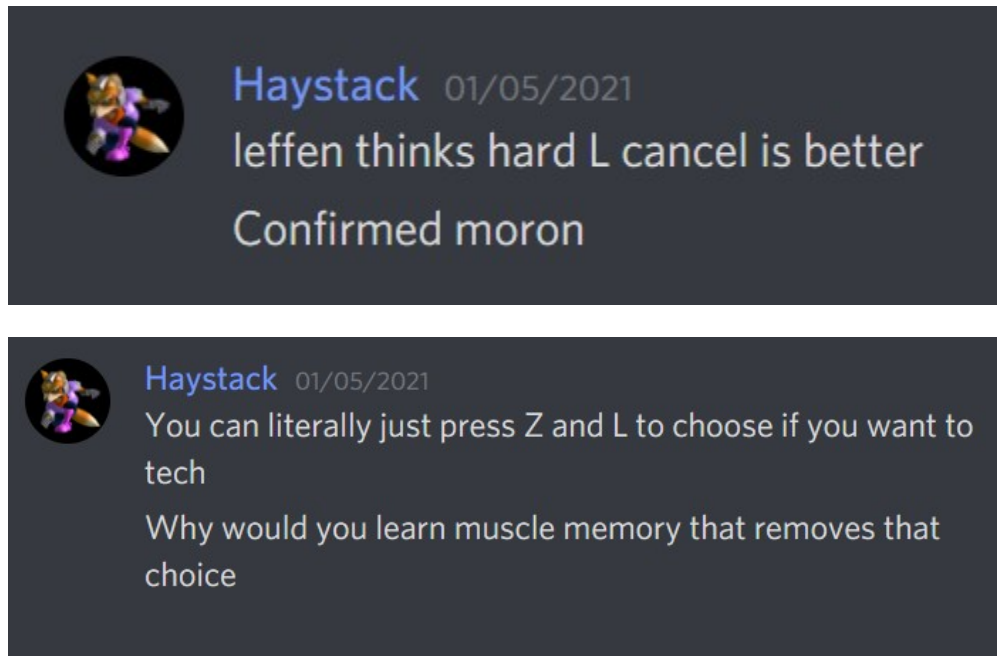


TENDONS OF THE HAND

On the default layout, you can analog L-cancel your aerials while keeping your wrist in one place. But on Leffen's layout, you have to quickly shift to the top row in order to analog L-cancel, which will cause pain in the back of your wrist. Similarly, on the default layout, you can comfortably JC shine, then wavedash by pianoing to the left twice. But on Leffen's layout, you have to piano to the left, then to the right, which will irritate your ring finger. This will happen because the middle and ring fingers are the only fingers that don't have their own independent muscles, which is why it's difficult to move them without moving some of your other fingers. It's bad practice for a button layout to make these fingers work against each other when they need to work with each other on a biological level.

When you compare the list of pros and cons each of these layouts provide, it becomes obvious that Leffen's layout should never be used. Telling people to use this layout is like telling them to uninstall system32 from their PC; it's something they should never do, unless they willingly want to use a defective product. The problem is that Leffen's narcissism compelled him to find something wrong with the B0XX at all costs. He couldn't just conform to using the B0XX; he needed to coin his own layout, even if it meant misleading people about Melee. Leffen would end up doing this by insisting that digital L-cancels are better than analog L-cancels, as this would give him the angle that his layout

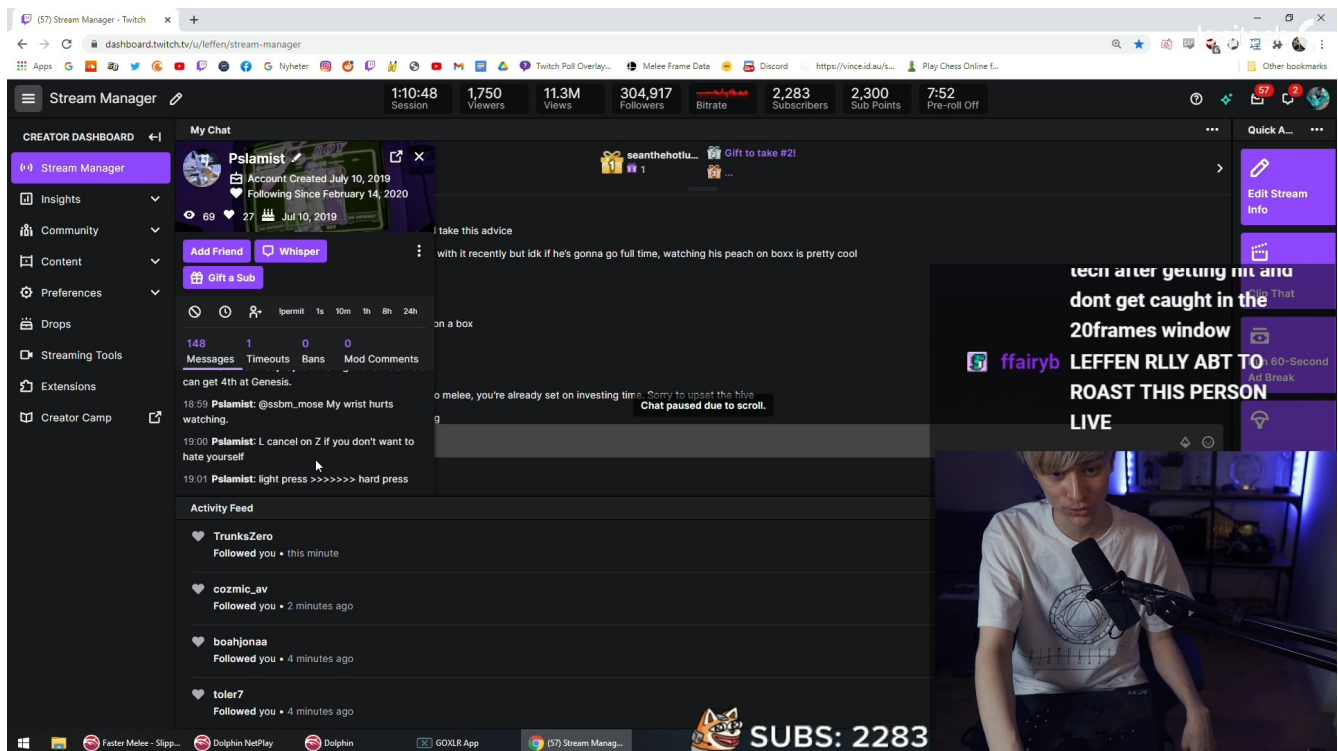
has the better L-canceling method on its home row. Over the course of the next few weeks, Leffen would display the willful and malicious intent to lie about this game mechanic for political purposes.



After Leffen began broadcasting on January 5th, the false claim he had made about L-canceling quickly made its way to the B0XX Discord server. A moderator named Haystack immediately pointed out that Leffen's L-canceling argument was faulty because analog L-cancels give you the choice over when to tech, which means they're always equal or better than digital L-cancels. Haystack was correct. However, the belief that digital L-cancels are better would begin to gain traction just because Leffen had said so.



The **first attempt** to correct Leffen was made just a few minutes later. No one in Leffen's chat had contested what Leffen was saying despite it being wrong, so a B0XX moderator named Pslamist felt the need to intervene. He told Leffen that analog L-cancels are better than digital L-cancels.

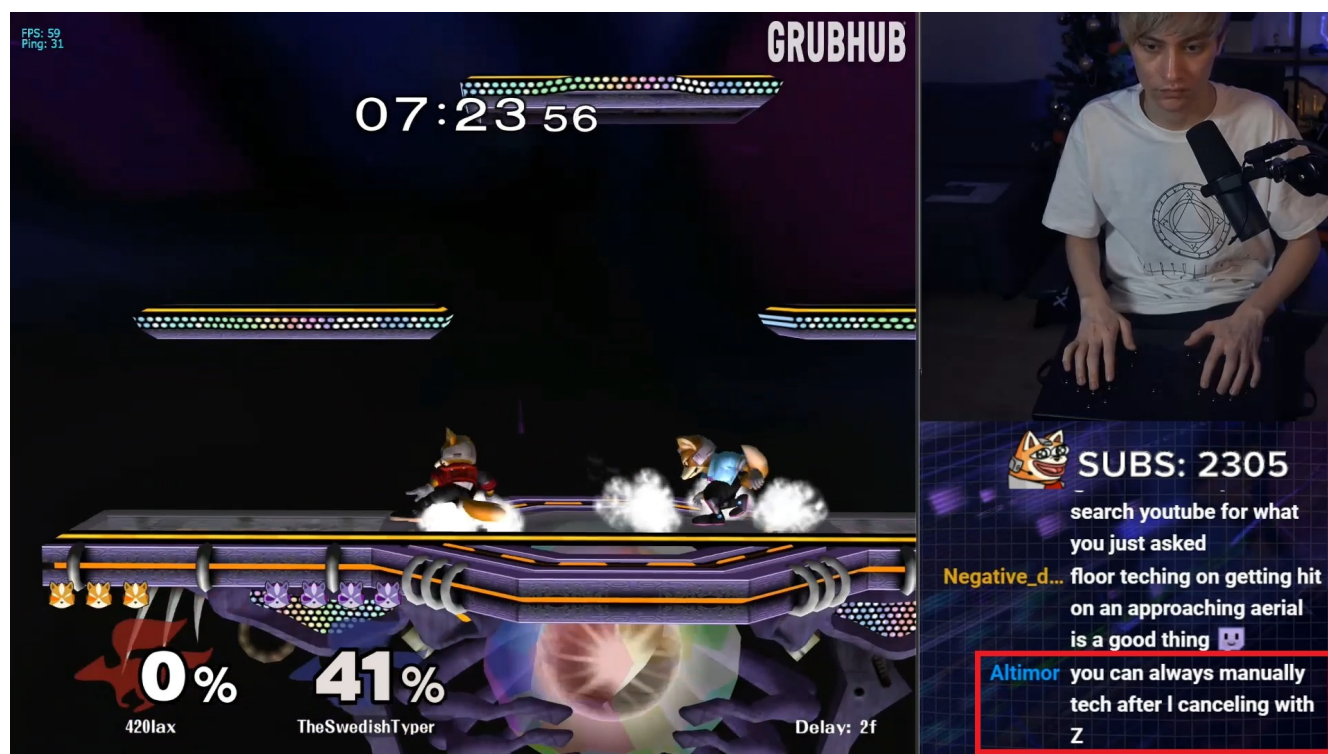


Leffen and Pslamist ended up getting into an argument over the subject. **Leffen then began roasting Pslamist in front of over 1,000 people as to make an example out of anyone who questioned his word.** Meanwhile, Leffen's chat laughed and continued to adopt false information.

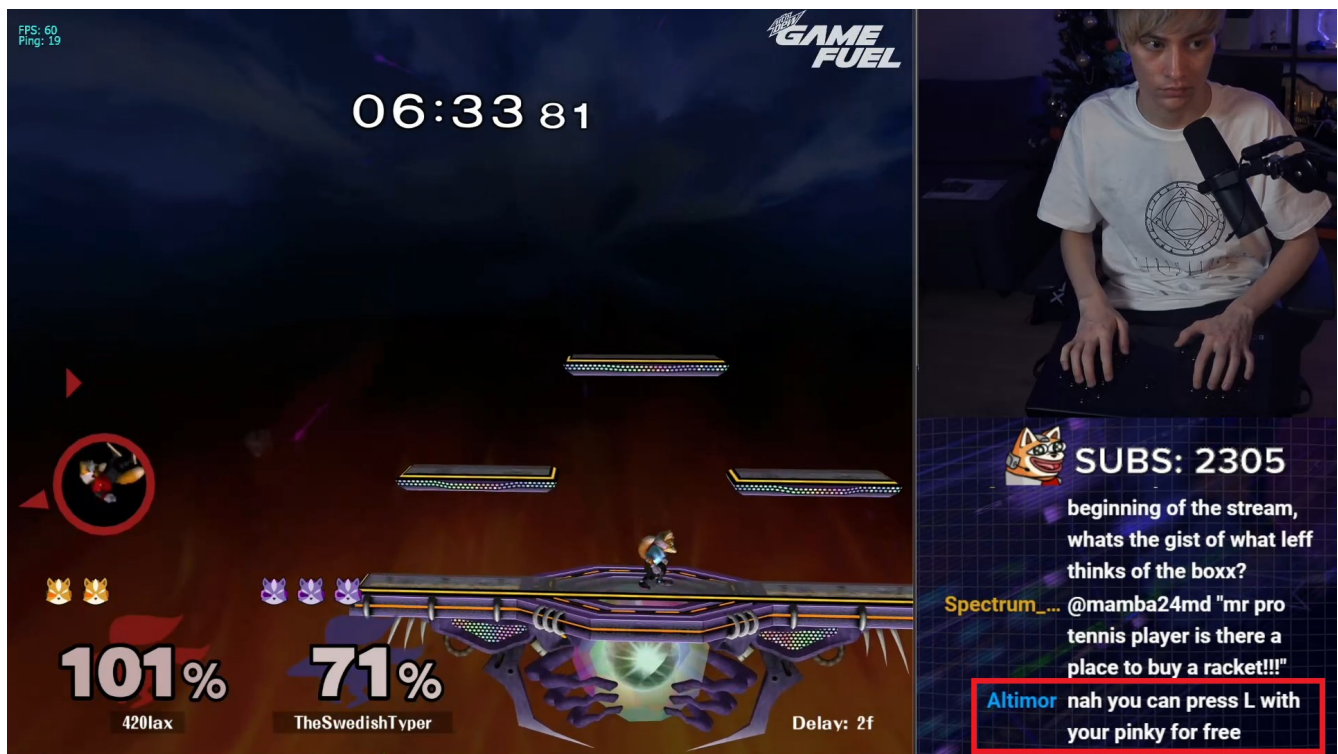
"Light press > hard press? This guy's full of shit." - Leffen

"I'm not saying, to be clear, that I know the best layout. I'm saying that letting you remap things is objectively a huge positive. You have to be a moron to think otherwise because your overlord said so. But yeah, hard press L-cancel is generally better because it option-selects the tech." - Leffen

Leffen would end up banning Pslamist. Then, Leffen began to refer to me as an evil overlord, which shows how personally invested he was in proving me wrong. The argument you just heard Leffen give about option-selected techs is incorrect as well. At the time Leffen said this, he didn't know that you get locked out of tech if you press L or R during hitlag. Because of this mechanic, you're supposed to perform the option-select he's referring to by analog L-canceling during hitlag, then pressing L or R afterward to tech.

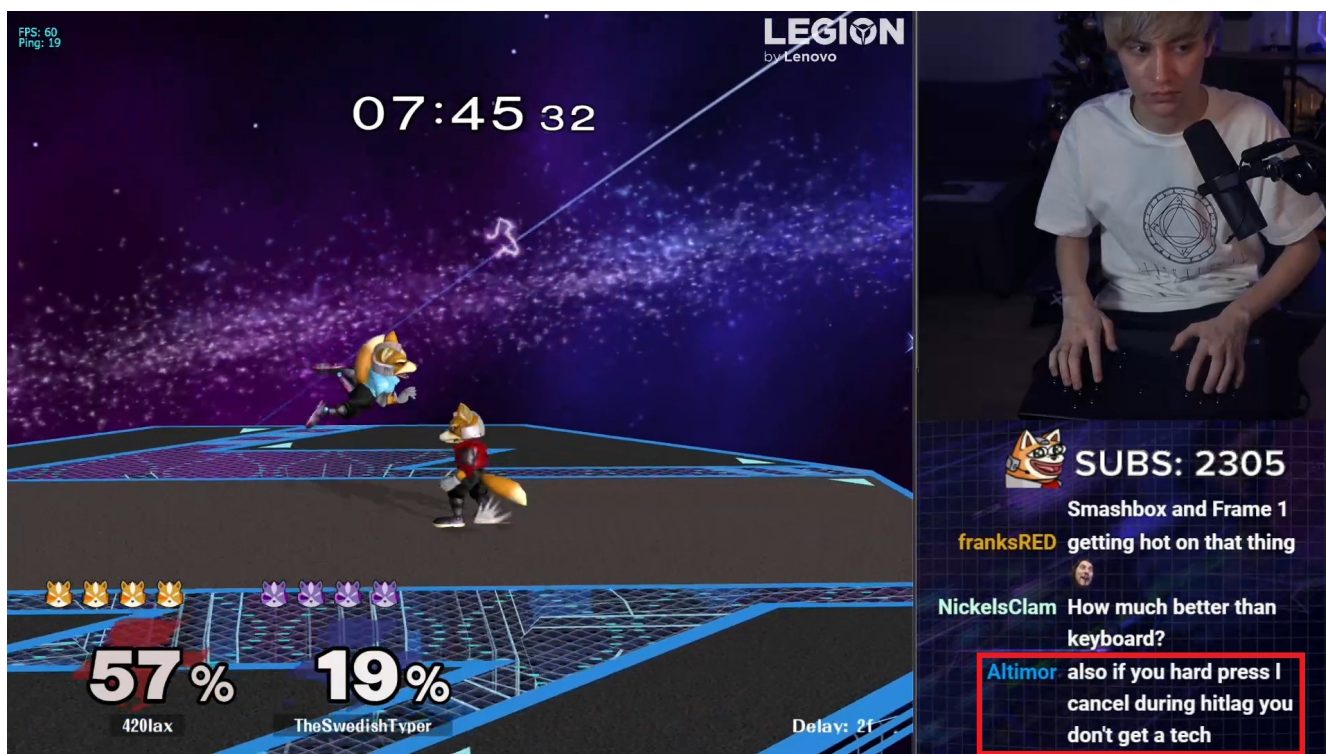


6 hours later, Leffen was still spreading the same misinformation. This time, a B0XX moderator named Altimor would make the **second attempt** to try to stop the bleeding. Altimor pointed out that advocating for digital L-canceling didn't make sense, since you can always analog L-cancel, then manually tech whenever you want to.



“You can always manually tech after with Z? Yeah, but that's unergonomic as fuck because you have to press an extra button.” - Leffen

Leffen was unwilling to forfeit the argument, and so he made the ridiculous claim that analog L-canceling is worse because it makes you press an extra button to tech, which is unergonomic. Altimor quickly pointed out that this didn't make sense, either, as you can easily press the L button. Altimor added that Leffen's layout is in fact the unergonomic one, as it forces you to shift your wrist between rows in order to analog L-cancel.



Altimor then explained to Leffen that a big part of the reason digital L-cancels are worse is because if you input them during hitlag, you'll get locked out of tech.

“Like if you do a nair, and it has 5 frames of hitlag and you press L there, you won’t get a tech?”

- Leffen

Leffen had to ask Altimor for clarification about why this tech lockout occurs. Altimor then clarified that when you input a tech during hitlag, the game interprets it as you inputting a tech multiple times, which causes a tech lockout.



“Why would that not give you a tech though? If you’re mashing” – Leffen

Leffen then asked Altimor why mashing would cause your tech to fail, which revealed that he didn’t know one of the most basic rules of teching: you’ll get locked out of tech if you mash the tech input. Another person in Leffen’s chat even intervened to correct him about this detail.

At this point, Leffen absolutely needs to forfeit the argument. He flat out doesn’t know what he’s talking about and needs to educate himself on several game mechanics before continuing. Any normal person would realize that they’re in the wrong by now, but Leffen wasn’t willing to give in.

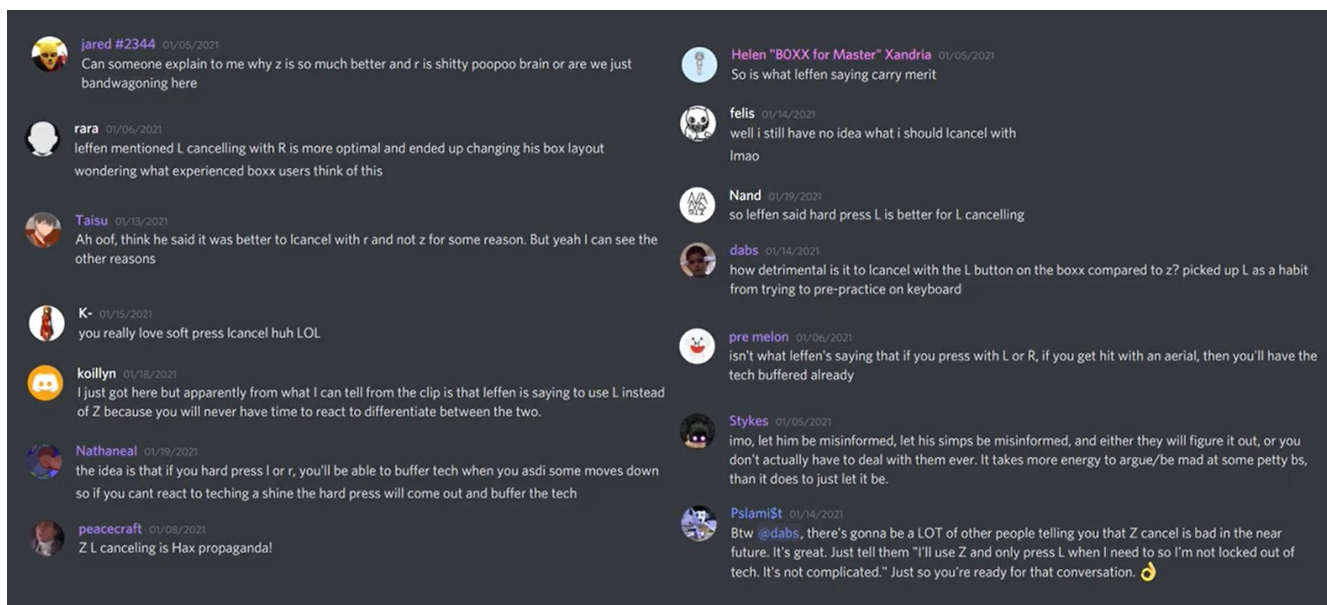
“But that means you’re landing the move.” - Leffen

Leffen took 10 seconds to come up with his *next* faulty argument, which is that being locked out of tech doesn’t matter because if your attack connects, that means you’re safe anyway. **This is a false statement because there are tons of situations in Melee where the attacker is frame-negative.** If Fox nairs another Fox who ASDI’s down, for example, then the first Fox will get shined. Similarly, if Fox drills another Fox who is in shield, then the first Fox will get shined out of shield. In both of these situations, the attacker should extend their tech window by analog L-canceling.

Altimor and Leffen would end up going in circles for the rest of the night. Eventually, Altimor gave up on trying to get Leffen to stop misinforming people. Then, the next day, Leffen continued to broadcast the idea that digital L-cancels are better.



“So yeah, that’s the Leff layout. It makes L-canceling with hard press a lot easier, which I think is clearly optimal.” - Leffen



Leffen was refusing to face the facts just so he could coin his own button layout, and it was taking its toll. The misinformation he was spreading would start to cause mass confusion. Less experienced players were rapidly beginning to believe that the BOXX was designed incorrectly, and that they should L-cancel the wrong way as well. It was eerily similar to when ESAM complained that Ultimate players were treating Leffen’s word as law.



OtaK_ 01/13/2021

tl;dr for someone pursuing optimality as much as Leffen does, it's really weird (IMO disappointing) that he chooses such layout alterations because that's just objectively bad choices on all PoVs

Worse: with his reach, it spreads really bad misconceptions



OtaK_ 01/15/2021

What bugs me with his stance is that we have a S-tier player spreading misinformation

idgaf about the layout change, if he wants to cripple himself, his problem

but the I-cancel thing, fuck no

A week later, another moderator named OtaK began to take serious issue with what Leffen was doing. OtaK said that it was weird for a player as good as Leffen to use such a bad button layout, and that he was actively misleading B0XX users into thinking that there was something wrong with their product. OtaK added that it was even worse that Leffen was misinforming people about L-canceling, as this would damage the entire Melee playerbase.



Leffen

@TSM_Leffen

Made a highlight on why I think Lcanceling with Light press being better is (IMO) wrong and how hard pressing is much better in almost all matchups/situations.

Tired of people asking and accusing me of only doing it to "seems smart" lol



Why I believe Hard Press Is better than Light Press (Generall...

leffen went live on Twitch. Catch up on their Super Smash Bros. Melee VOD now.

twitch.tv

10:17 AM · Jan 18, 2021 · Twitter for Android

On January 18th, [Leffen started to take his fraudulent rhetoric to Twitter](#). He posted a Twitch clip which explicitly stated that digital L-cancels are better than analog L-cancels in its title for all 300,000 of his followers to see. By this point, Leffen had also implemented Twitch chat commands to ramp up the rate at which people would be misinformed. It seemed that the more we tried to educate Leffen, the more he saw that we were growing frustrated, and so he retaliated with even more lies.



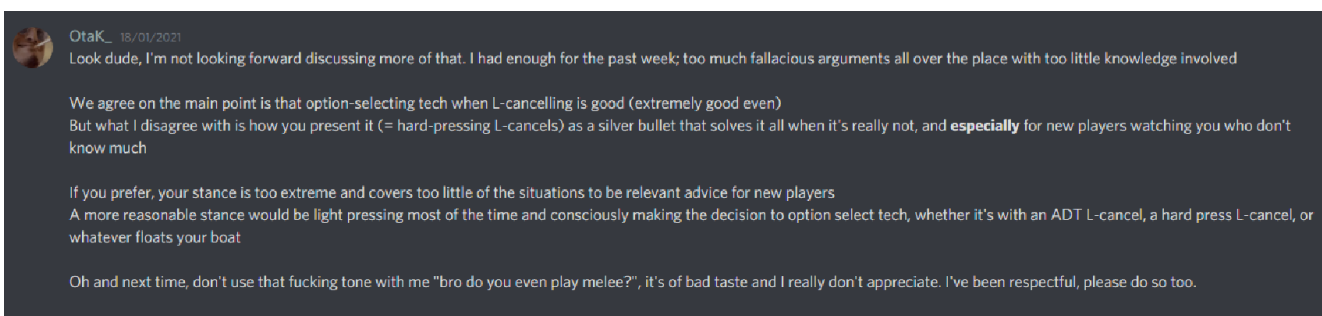
@OtaK_ We should make a venn graph of situations where hard press > soft press

18/01/2021

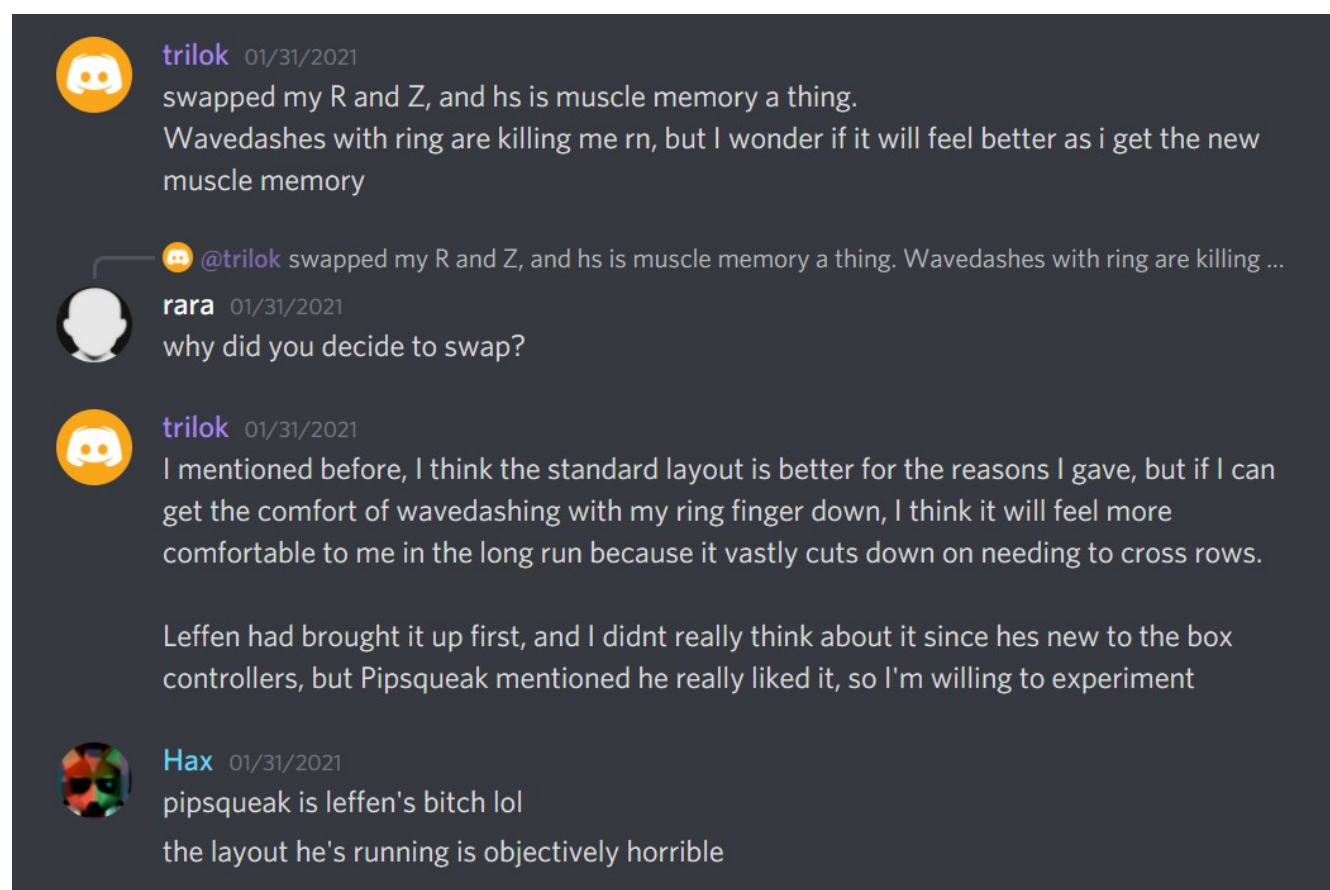
Lol please, I'd love to see you do one

Acting like its a foregone conclusion that hard press is clearly worse with every character & matchup to the point where it's "self explanatory" is really intriguing. happy to debate you anytime

At this point, OtaK had seen enough, and so he confronted Leffen in a separate Discord server about the misinformation he'd been spreading. This would mark the third attempt to get Leffen to stop lying. However, just like with Altimor, OtaK's conversation with Leffen went nowhere. Leffen would insult OtaK multiple times and make generalizations that kept things going in circles endlessly.



After Leffen continued to refuse to see OtaK's points, OtaK gave up on trying to talk to him, and ended the conversation by saying that there's no world in which digital L-cancels should be viewed as a silver bullet solution. In OtaK's own words, a much more reasonable stance would be to analog L-cancel, then consciously choose when to tech. These words unfortunately never made their way through to Leffen.



Leffen's rhetoric would end up causing an indescribable amount of damage over the course of January. I would estimate that hundreds of Melee players began to L-cancel incorrectly, and believe that the B0XX was designed incorrectly during this time period. After working on the B0XX for 4 years, witnessing this happen to my community was incredibly disheartening. At first, I would give descriptive responses to customers who asked questions about what Leffen was saying. But as time went on, I began to lose my tolerance, and it showed in my responses. On January 31st, a customer named trilok said that he was trying out the R and Z swap because it had been recommended by not only Leffen, but another Swedish player named Pipsqueak as well. I responded by saying that

‘Pipsqueak is Leffen’s bitch,’ as to imply that Pipsqueak would simply parrot anything that Leffen said, and that it didn’t make the R and Z swap any better.



PS | Pipsqueak
@Pipsqueak_TV

...

lol fuck off hax

someone told me you said this while I was streaming
and I didn't immediately believe it.

To sum all my complex emotions up, fuck off.



Hax 02/01/2021

pipsqueak is leffen's bitch lol

1:06 PM · Feb 4, 2021 · Twitter Web App

After seeing what I’d said about him, Pipsqueak cherry-picked this statement and took it to Twitter on February 4th, which made me look like a bad person. His Tweet provided no context, but it began to get decent traction.

I had now *somehow* managed to find myself in a bad PR situation because of Leffen’s lies. When I saw Pipsqueak’s Tweet, I responded with a Tweet that I’ve since deleted. The Tweet read, **“I mean, frauds like you and Leffen are actively damaging the B0XX community by advising people to swap the locations of R and Z. If you’re going to advise people to use a bad button layout, then you’ve got blood on your hands. Deal with it.”** I’m sure people still remember this tweet, because it gets referenced to this day. No, my Tweet wasn’t polite whatsoever, but that’s because my company had been getting defrauded for the past month by a pathological liar. Unfortunately, Twitter didn’t see things this way, and so I ended up getting ripped on for several weeks. Pipsqueak would make follow-up Tweets suggesting that people should stop listening to me, and other people made Tweets that joked about how much I had taken offense to a button swap. Yet as I’ve shown you, swapping certain button locations can completely destroy the B0XX, and I was simply trying to protect my customer-base.

I'm sorry for not coming across as the bigger person when I had the opportunity to, but this particular issue has been very frustrating for me to deal with as of late. The reality is that despite what multiple notable players have been advising recently, you should not swap the locations of Z and R on the B0XX. This isn't debatable, either, as **there are hard-coded game mechanics within Melee that make it so that you need to be able to perform an analog L-cancel (L-cancel without digital L/R press) with your home row of buttons.** I am so confident in this statement that I deliberately chose not to include a software button re-mapper with the B0XX so that people wouldn't make the mistake of swapping these button locations around.

For reference, the B0XX's button layout is as follows:

R Y
B X Z

By swapping Z and R, Z would go to the top row and you would not be able to perform an analog L-cancel with the home row. Recently, I've spent many hours explaining to people why they **must** use analog L-cancels in this day and age, which makes this button swap disadvantageous. I'll aim to put out a YouTube video on it by this weekend, as there are a lot of details that go into the explanation.

Again, I'm sorry for not handling things professionally, but the reality is that B0XX customers are actively being misled by this rhetoric and I've had to "rescue" several of them from learning a disadvantageous button layout. I've taken the time to do this with each and every one of them because the thought of someone using the B0XX improperly is very bothersome. On the bright side, I can say with certainty that the video I make will be useful for B0XX and GCC players alike.

After I deleted my Tweet on February 4th, I issued an apology statement in which I said that I'd acted unprofessionally. My apology was insincere, and was only meant to perform damage control. I had done absolutely nothing wrong, and I shouldn't have ever been in this situation. I consider my apology very similar to Samox's statement from December in which he apologized for telling the truth about Evidence.zip. We're at the point where companies and filmmakers can find themselves in bad PR situations if they don't conform to Leffen's lies. It's incredibly dystopian, but it's also the reality.



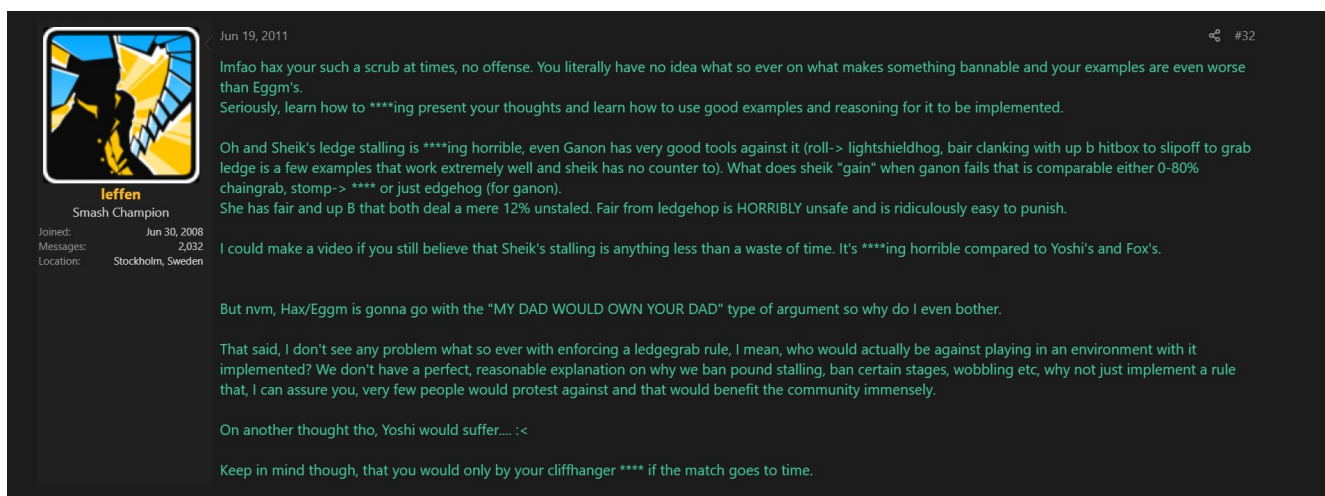
OtaK_ 02/04/2021

As of now I'm cutting all ties with the melee community

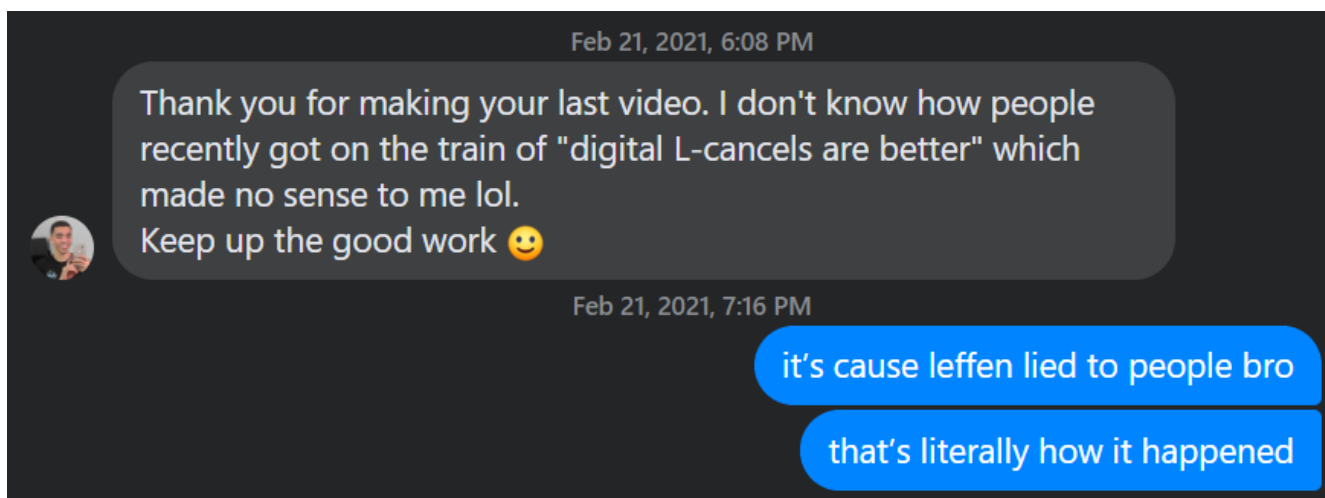
I'm just fucking done with the 80% of literal retards

I don't have space in my life to deal with that kind of people and I have absolutely no reason to educate them

After seeing me end up in a bad PR situation, OtaK actually quit the Melee community that same night. I later asked him if he was really done, and he confirmed that he was, because according to him, Leffen had ruined the community. OtaK compared Leffen to Trump in the sense that they both cultivate ignorance in their audiences and plan out everything politically in ways that people don't see.



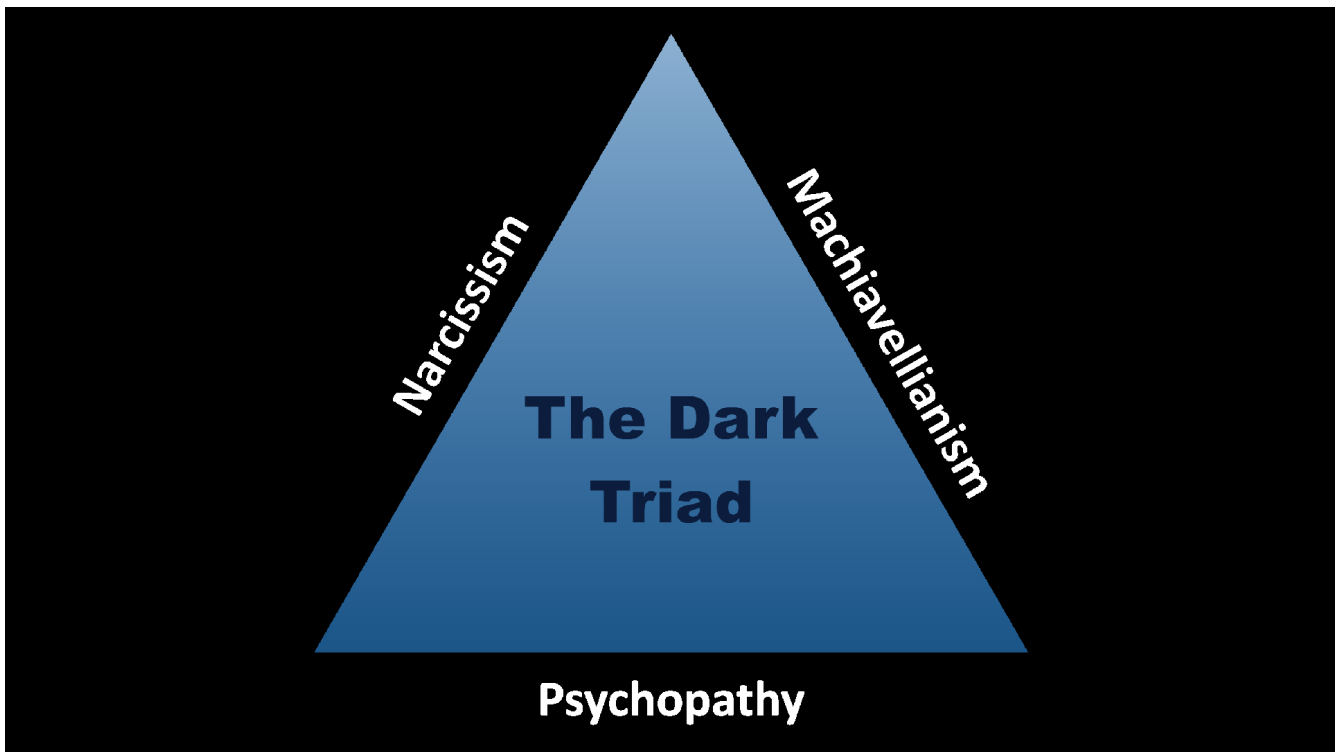
Remember when I said that if Leffen were to throw a narcissistic tantrum like this one nowadays, it would cause serious problems? Now you know that I wasn't kidding. Leffen chose to set up his stream every day and knowingly lie about game mechanics in a way that would damage my company's customer-base and PR. I even ended up having to make a YouTube video to debunk the lies he was spreading, but it's not like my video undid nearly all of the damage.



After I made my video, Axe contacted me in private to thank me for making it. He said that he didn't know why so many people had been L-canceling the wrong way lately, so I told him it was because Leffen had been lying to people. He lied to people day, after day, after day, and abused the fact that a lie told often enough becomes the truth.

"A lie told often enough becomes the truth." - Vladimir Lenin

Charge #4: In 2021, Leffen willfully and maliciously held broadcasts that instructed thousands of people to modify their B0XX controllers (a \$230 product designed and sold by Hax) in a manner that he claimed would provide a better L-canceling method and improved ergonomics. The opposite of both of these things is true. He censored all company representatives who attempted to correct him.



Back in 2013, Evidence.zip told us that Leffen was a dark triad who would engage in this type of deceptive behavior. We are now in 2021, and clearly nothing has changed. So the question is: **what did Leffen do between 2013 and 2021 that had dark motivations people weren't considering?** As it turns out, he did a lot.

[7] How I Legalized the B0XX



In my opinion, Leffen's political cons began in 2017, and they all started with when I needed to legalize the B0XX controller I had been designing. The B0XX has gone on to help thousands of Melee players in need of an ergonomic controller, and so thousands of careers were on the line back when its legality was being decided. But Leffen didn't care about that; he wanted me gone, and so he was going to get the B0XX banned at any cost.

On January 19th, 2017, I announced to the Melee community that I'd be returning on a controller called the B0XX. I had just spent a few years away from the game due to hand and wrist injuries, and people were happy to see that I'd not only be coming back, but helping out other Melee players in need as well.



“There’s absolutely nothing – no proof or anecdotal evidence – that the B0XX is better for your hands.” - Leffen

“His issues feel like they’re genetic. He has arthritis, and stuff like that. Yes, I do worry that other people will get hand issues, but I also think that’s 95% their own fault and 5% the Gamecube controller’s fault.” - Leffen

Then, the exact same day I made my announcement, [Leffen hosted a stream](#) in which he made the above comments. All of these statements are false. Everyone knows that keyboard controllers are more ergonomic than Gamecube controllers, and furthermore, I have osteoarthritis, which is from wear-and-tear. The fact that Leffen felt the need to make these lies on the exact day of my announcement made it obvious what was to come.



2 months later, I would encounter Leffen at Summit 4, which took place between March 2nd and 5th, 2017. When I first got to the venue, I saw SFAT, PewPewU, Ice, and Leffen playing teams, so I said hi to all of them. Then, within 5 minutes of my arrival, Leffen got up and asked me to speak with him about the B0XX, so I obliged. Him and I then went into a different room.

“Curious if future majors are going to allow the B0XX. Gonna install my shield drop / ASDI down / lightshield / pivot / perfect wavedash buttons xd.” - Leffen [\(03/12/2017\)](#)

“The problem with the B0XX is that it’ll essentially make anyone who’s serious about Melee have to use a new \$300+ modded GCC every six months.” - Leffen [\(03/12/2017\)](#)

“.@Warchamp7 you realize that the B0XX is adding a PS Vita stick for angles right?” - Leffen [\(03/12/2017\)](#)

“@Pierce7d The B0XX essentially cannot be allowed without changing the entire field and massively increasing barrier of entry.” - Leffen [\(03/12/2017\)](#)

“@Jebailey Essentially, there’s no reasonable rule set that can allow the B0XX without allowing modded Gamecube controllers.” - Leffen [\(03/22/2017\)](#)

“Mr. Wizard blocks me on Twitter, but since he allowed the Smash Box, can someone ask if he allows the B0XX and modded GC controllers?” - Leffen [\(03/21/2017\)](#)

My conversation with Leffen would end up being an interrogation in which he tried to get me to commit to certain lines of logic about how the B0XX would be legalized. Leffen kept asking me questions about Gamecube controller mods and in-game mechanics that the B0XX’s legality might affect. A week after I got home from Summit, Leffen began to flood Twitter with misrepresentations of the things I had told him. He even spread these misrepresentations to T.O.’s such as Jebailey and Mr. Wizard to try to reach a ban verdict as quickly as possible.

“@G2westballz Hax himself also agrees that GCC mods that are far more broken than the B0XX will need to be legal in order to legalize the B0XX.” - Leffen [\(03/12/2017\)](#)

“These tweets are ridden with uneducated arguments / false statements / words being put in my mouth. Smells like malicious intent.” - Hax [\(03/13/2017\)](#)

When people asked Leffen what I thought about his tweets, he would clarify that I was in agreement with him, which wasn't true, and so I told Leffen that he was acting maliciously by putting words in my mouth.

"I'd love to clear things up then, as I had no such intent. I'm currently set to talk with @WatchingTime_ as well." - Leffen ([03/13/2017](#))

This was when things got even weirder: Leffen clarified that he had no malicious intent, but that he had made contact with the engineer who I was working with at the time. To be clear, Leffen lives in Sweden, and my engineer lives an hour away from me in New Jersey. When I saw Leffen's tweet, I realized that he had formed a strategic friendship as he usually does. I didn't think too much of it at the time, but it would end up coming into play later.

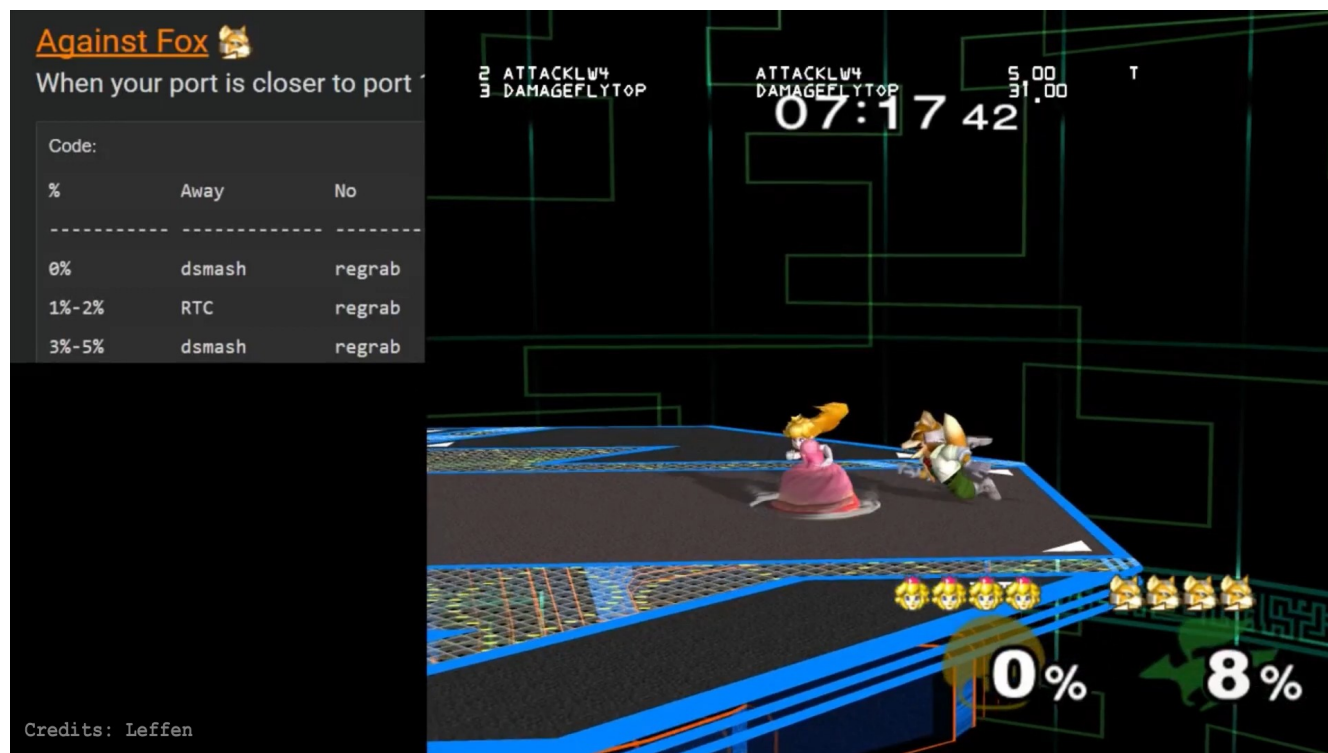


A week later, Leffen began to flood YouTube with anti-BOXX propaganda. The first video he made was released on March 21st, 2017. It was only a minute long, and it was called '[BOXX controller exposed.](#)' The video focused on a mechanic called 1.0 cardinal, which is a mechanic in Melee that causes your analog stick value to increase by about 1% if you can pinpoint the final value along the cardinal. This improves things such as dash speed and DI by about 1%. Since the BOXX is a digital controller, it can pinpoint this value every time, whereas Gamecube controllers may struggle to do so. That being said, 1.0 cardinal is a touchy subject, and it's easy to misconstrue certain things about it through the use of crafty language.

"It also affects up or down, it also affects air speeds, it also affects smash DI and normal DI. So you can literally DI further on a keyboard or digital input. Do what you will with this information..."

- Leffen, BOXX Controller Exposed

Leffen's video is incredibly disingenuous for several reasons, but the public never realized this. For one, the fact that Leffen's video is only a minute long and ends with, "do what you will with this information" means it isn't intended to educate people, but to spread fear. There are several arguments Leffen's video doesn't mention, such as the fact that 1.0 is a microscopic advantage that would never warrant banning a controller. Then, there's the fact that some Gamecube controllers are way better than others at pinpointing 1.0 due to hardware differences, yet those controllers aren't banned. There's also the fact that 1.0 should be fixed on UCF, at which point it isn't even a discussion anymore. Leffen's video wasn't intended to be truthful about any of these things.



The very next day, Leffen followed up with another video called [‘Digital input DI meta incoming.’](#) What Leffen shows in this video is that if Peach up-throws Fox and he DI's away with 1.0, he will escape her down-smash, which he can't do with the value before that. But what Leffen doesn't show you is that this is only true at exactly 0%. **Starting at 1%, the value before 1.0 is enough to get Fox out of this combo. Something else Leffen doesn't show you is that even when Peach up-throws Fox at 0%, she still needs a frame-perfect down-smash input in order to hit Fox on the frame before he lands.** If Peach is even a frame late, then her down-smash will miss. This means that what Leffen shows in his video is practically irrelevant because it needs not one, but two very precise conditionals. Releasing these types of deceptive videos when my career was on the line wasn't a joke, but Leffen's intention wasn't to be honest. It was identical to when you saw him lie about L-canceling for political purposes earlier this year.



Double Down
@DoubleDownSmash

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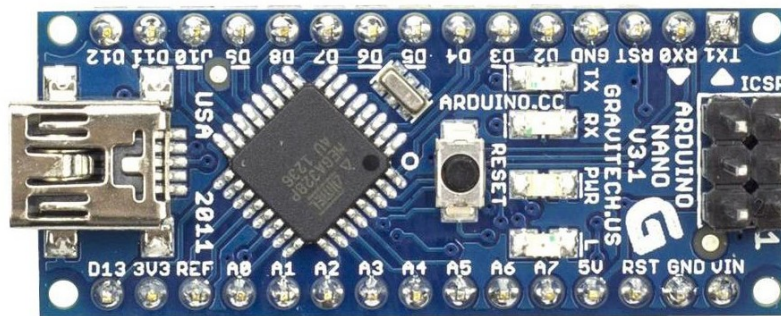
We'll see if @ssbmhax is back in shape at
#RoyalFlush17! Like for X, RT for X, both for 20XX.



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“.@RoyalFlushSmash @RenoNY @ssbmhax so modded controllers are allowed or are you just gonna not post a ruleset??” - Leffen ([03/24/2017](#))

2 days later, a tournament called Royal Flush announced that I'd be competing at their upcoming event. Royal Flush had invited me to play on the B0XX, and so I accepted. However, within 2 hours of Royal Flush announcing that I'd be in attendance, Leffen hounded the T.O.'s about redoing their controller rule set. This caused Royal Flush to rescind their invite.



When Royal Flush rescinded their invite, I didn't care too much, as my engineer and I were mostly focused on a separate project at the time. Our separate project was called the Arduino; this was an electrical mod that gave the Gamecube controller improved capabilities such as dash back and shield drop. While it isn't talked about too much anymore, the Arduino is largely what paved the way for UCF. Even though I was banned from competing in Royal Flush, I was still going to go so that I could see people demo the Arduino for the first time.

What I didn't know is that while I was working on the Arduino, **Leffen had secretly been making arrangements with my engineer for an Arduino to be given to him at Royal Flush.** My engineer had never told me this because he had no idea that Leffen was malicious. However, when I met up with my engineer at Royal Flush, he revealed to me that he'd be giving an Arduino to Leffen later that weekend. Once my engineer told me this, **I literally began to shake him by his shoulders;** he refused to believe me that we were being sabotaged. I still remember my engineer saying, "I'm sure he just wants to try it out," as if Leffen was just another customer. I had to make it clear to my engineer that he didn't know who the fuck he was dealing with. I then forced him to give me the Arduino back.

Triangulation (psychology)

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Triangulation is a manipulation tactic where one person will not communicate directly with another person, instead using a third person to relay communication to the second, thus forming a triangle. It also refers to a form of [splitting](#) in which one person [manipulates](#) a relationship between two parties by controlling communication between them.

Triangulation may manifest itself as a manipulative device to engineer rivalry between two people, known as [divide and conquer](#)^[1] or **playing one (person) against another**.^[2]

The strategy Leffen employed here is called **'triangulation,'** also known as 'divide and conquer.' This is a manipulation tactic that works by infiltrating a social circle as a 3rd party who disrupts communications. Triangulation can be used to engineer rivalry between people, or create confusion, which is what you just saw. We've already seen Leffen infiltrate social circles multiple times throughout this report, but this was probably his most strategic infiltration yet, as it brought him close to seizing a device that played a role in legalizing the B0XX.

"Do people keep forgetting that Hax went up to Leffen at Royal Flush and actually harassed him? Hax is legit obsessed and it's scary." - IvanSalazarJr ([12/31/2020](#))

Later that day at Royal Flush, I found myself sitting next to Leffen in the friendlies room. Armada, MikeHaze, and Captain Smuckers were there as well. Between everything Leffen was doing, I had begun to reach my limits. **I confronted Leffen about the fact that he'd been pumping out propaganda on YouTube, but the moment I did this, he started screaming belligerently to muffle my voice.** Leffen then ripped his controller out of the setup he was playing at and started to walk toward the exit door as to avoid having the conversation with me. This got me heated, since it showed that Leffen's only goal was to spread lies on social media, and so I screamed back at him to let him know that I knew exactly what he was doing. **Leffen later retold this story as though I had screamed at him for no reason, which has tricked people into thinking that I'm harassive toward Leffen.**

The same exact day, Leffen had the audacity to come back into the friendlies room to ask me if he could have the Arduino. He had found out that I had taken it away from my engineer, and so he approached me with a smile and a polite voice. When Leffen did this, I told him to fuck off. Leffen then said, verbatim, "that Arduino was supposed to be mine." I told him to fuck off again.

As Leffen angrily left the friendlies room, I noticed that he had his phone out. I already knew what this meant, so I followed him out of the friendlies room and into the hallway. I started to tell Leffen that I

would've given him the Arduino if he had good intentions, but he didn't. He was still the same person he was back during Evidence.zip.

The entire time I tried to talk to Leffen, he kept his face buried in his phone. *He didn't even turn his head to look at me.* He then began pacing away from me as he typed something. At first, I tried to keep up with Leffen, but he eventually began pacing so fast that I wasn't going to bother anymore.

"Hax fucking money LUL" – Leffen ([05/13/2017](#))

After I let Leffen get away, I checked his Twitter account, and surely enough I found a tweet that suggested that I had done something wrong by not giving him the Arduino. Leffen had typed that tweet out in front of my face as I tried to get his attention. Later that week, Leffen would also host streams that talked about how I hadn't given him an Arduino that was supposed to be his. This caused my engineer to realize that I was right about Leffen all along.



Leffen would continue to flood YouTube with anti-B0XX propaganda during this time. All of his videos were intended to fear-monger and spread misinformation; he would misconstrue several game mechanics, and continue to challenge the fact that ergonomic controllers were even necessary. The lengths he was going to to destroy me were unbelievable.

"@TSM_Leffen bro how do u lose in top 64 when you have notches" – Hax ([06/03/2017](#))

Eventually, I couldn't take anymore of Leffen's abuse. At Smash N' Splash 3, I saw him lose to Zain, which was a major upset at the time. This led to me taking a shot at Leffen on Twitter. 385 I called him out for losing despite the fact that he had notches, which he had constantly been misrepresenting in order to get the B0XX banned.

At first, Leffen didn't respond to my Tweet for a while. But later that night, he blew things insanely out of proportion. **Leffen posted logs of a private conversation I had with him in 2016 in which I came to him with a confession. I had been suffering from PTSD for 3 years at the time, and I needed help.** This PTSD resulted from the chronic harassment and stalking I had been subject to in 2011 and 2012, and it had been causing me severe insomnia. The reason I used to have PTSD is because I didn't understand psychopathy back when I was a teenager, and so I didn't understand why someone was stalking me so obsessively. Apparently, when I gave Leffen this information, he viewed it as a way to stalk me again in the future while blackmailing me. It's still probably the most evil thing I've ever witnessed.

"Blocking Hax. Really didn't want to do this but I've really tried to be nice to him despite how terrible he's been to me and I can't continue." - Leffen ([06/04/2017](#))

After Leffen posted these logs, he Tweeted that *he had tried to be nice to me despite how terrible I'd been to him*. I know it's hard to believe, but Leffen really did Tweet that.

"Took down the message logs, on second thought I don't want that shit to come up when you Google him. My b, should've just blocked him." - Leffen ([06/04/2017](#))

"You shouldn't have posted that in the first place. Way too personal for Melee banter."
- Murshaqs ([06/04/2017](#))

"Maybe I shouldn't have, but so I'm supposed to just take him harassing me? I'm not a saint, I can't deal with it anymore." - Leffen ([06/04/2017](#))

Tons of people then told Leffen to take the logs down, so he did. However, when someone told Leffen that he shouldn't have posted the logs under any circumstance, Leffen claimed victim status and told them that he couldn't take *my* harassment anymore. To be clear, I never 'harassed' Leffen during this entire time period; I only ever confronted him because he was trying to end my career.

"Is it that bad? You could have just stated his actions; the screenshot was too much."
- Murshaqs ([06/04/2017](#))

"Lmao whatever, I'm sure if your stalker started harassing you at events you would just state his actions." - Leffen ([06/04/2017](#))

"What I posted was only a small part, you actually have no idea what you're talking about. Done arguing since you insist on victim blaming." - Leffen ([06/04/2017](#))

The same person then pressed Leffen about the fact that it still wasn't okay. This was when Leffen referred to me as his stalker. It's very important to realize that this was a projection, and that Leffen was openly confessing to the fact that he stalks me, just as he was confessing to several of his other flaws back when I showed you some of his other insults. After Leffen projected, he told the person that he was done speaking with them since they insisted on victim blaming. **This interaction shows exactly why Evidence.zip urged the reader to understand that Leffen will always claim victim status, and that they need to be able to see through it.**

"This info is not peer-reviewed and has a BIG bias behind it. View it like cigarette company-funded research – with skepticism." - Leffen ([06/09/2017](#))

“Regardless of how much you idolize Hax or want the B0XX to be legal, this is a player/company which makes it extremely prone to bias. It should be read just like cigarette/sugar companies paying for studies on their own product.” - Leffen [\(04/16/2018\)](#)

Less than a week after this all happened, I released my Arduino project to the general public. Leffen Tweeted within a few hours to encourage people not to trust me, and to view my work as if it was research funded by a cigarette company. When I released lengthy [B0XX documentation](#) a year later, Leffen made the exact same Tweet. Ironically, my B0XX documentation contained nothing but factual information. There was even a long chapter on 1.0 cardinal, the mechanic that Leffen had spread propaganda about in order to get the B0XX banned. If not for Leffen, I never would have had to write this chapter, but I needed to debunk all of the lies he’d been spreading.

Leffen ultimately failed to ban the B0XX, but his intentions were clear the whole way through. He wanted to remove me from the community at any cost, even if it meant banning a controller that thousands of players would end up needing. Looking back at it, Leffen’s success would have been catastrophic; it would have cost so many players their careers.

Charge #5: In 2017, Leffen thoroughly corrupted the B0XX legality process through blackmail, propaganda, and even reconnaissance / espionage tactics. His actions would have cost Hax, as well as thousands of other Melee players their careers had they succeeded.

Between all of the cons Leffen’s launched at me, there’s been a common denominator: **he doesn’t give a shit about the community.** When Leffen wants to defraud someone, he will do it no matter how much collateral damages it causes. So far, you’ve seen him overrun a free tournament series, teach people to L-cancel the wrong way, and convince people to desecrate their ergonomic controllers. 4 years prior to that, he tried to deny people the right to even use an ergonomic controller in the first place through blackmail and propaganda.

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Narcissism and the Hero and Victim Complex

A person's need to save and rescue may not point to pure intentions.

Posted February 28, 2021 | Reviewed by Abigail Fagan



Narcissists often oscillate from hero to victim mode. As the hero, the narcissist attempts to dominate the situation. Saving the day fuels his or her ego and provides control. As the victim, the narcissist evades accountability by relying on a past hardship to excuse current wrongdoing. Both stances are dysfunctional and hurt others. To be the **hero**, the narcissist needs to create a “bad guy,” and as the victim, he gives himself license to mistreat others free from repercussions.

At this point, one of the biggest mysteries is surely how Leffen ever managed to attain hero status within the Smash community. He's done absolutely nothing heroic thus far in the video, yet he somehow made people think this to be true of him. **The way Leffen achieved hero status was through a series of political cons that would take place over the course of the next 3 years.** This is because narcissists will strategically claim victim status and hero status in order to get ahead. Victim status, which you've already seen Leffen claim, allows the narcissist to evade accountability, while hero status allows the narcissist to mobilize people underneath them. But to obtain hero status, the narcissist must create a common enemy, which often comes at the expense of innocent people.

[8] One of the Many Reasons to Dislike Hungrybox



Leffen's usage of the common enemy strategy began in 2017 when he realized how good of a target Hungrybox was. Hbox's popularity had started to dip after The Big House 7 because of how much he'd been winning at the time, which made him vulnerable. Leffen had been knocked out of this tournament by Hbox, but his post-game interview indicated that he had nothing but good things to say about him.

"I lacked focus, and sometimes I just died, especially against Hungrybox. I played well overall, but then during edge guards, and like, when he approaches with pound, I would just let up for a second, and then, he destroys you. He's really amazing at noticing your weak points and instantly killing you for it." - Leffen ([The Big House 7 interview](#))

People still seem to think that the Leffen-Hbox beef was just some run-of-the-mill beef, but there was so much more to it than that. **The Leffen-Hbox beef was a calculated attempt to end Hbox's career that took place right in front of everybody's eyes.** It would also cause extreme damage to the community, as Leffen's cons usually do. I was able to recognize that all of this would happen from the start, having been on Leffen's hit list for years. The problem was that nobody else did.

Signs of Machiavellianism

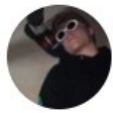
Someone with the trait of Machiavellianism will tend to have many of the following tendencies:

- only focused on their own ambition and interests
- prioritise money and power over relationships
- come across as charming and confident
- exploit and manipulate others to get ahead
- lie and deceive when required
- use flattery often
- lacking in principles and values
- can come across as aloof or hard to really get to know
- cynical of goodness and morality
- capable of causing others harm to achieve their means
- low levels of empathy
- often avoid commitment and emotional attachments
- can be very patient due to calculating nature



What you need to know is that high Machs like Leffen are opportunists who recognize that the right circumstances need to be there before they can pounce on someone. You saw this earlier when Leffen pounced on the B0XX's legality after years of lying in wait. As for the Leffen-Hbox beef, **what happened here was Leffen decided that if he couldn't beat Hbox, then a viable way to dispose of him was to destroy his reputation and push him out of the community.** Most people would never consider such an immoral strategy, but the Machiavellian viewpoint is different. Hbox's dip in popularity would allow Leffen to inflict serious mental damage by convincing people that he was the enemy. This would also heroize Leffen in addition to increasing his market share. From Leffen's perspective, it was arguably better than doing things the normal way.

Because I'd just had my controller's legality conned by Leffen for an entire year, I knew exactly why Hbox was being targeted at this juncture. Like I said, the first reason was his dip in popularity. Leffen is an opportunist who knows that the right circumstances need to be there, which they were. The second reason was envy. Just as Leffen never liked me because of the fact that I had respected Melee opinions, he couldn't stand the fact that Hbox was in his way. And lastly, the third reason was blackmail. Leffen had been blackmailing people ever since the days of Evidence.zip, and we all saw how he blackmailed me during the B0XX legality process. In this case, Leffen's blackmail was the little-known-fact that Hbox had cheated on his girlfriend. Everyone would find out about this a few years later, but at the time, not too many people knew about it, and we can assume Hbox would've preferred to keep things that way.



murshaq
@Murshaqs



the duality of man



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A few weeks after The Big House 7, Leffen's con began when he [abruptly decided that Hbox was killing Melee](#). The same person who called Leffen out just a few months earlier for blackmailing me pointed out how much of a U-turn this was from everything Leffen had said about Hbox in the past, including during Leffen's Big House 7 interview. I quickly saw how personal things were getting when Leffen tweeted that Hbox is a miserable person, and that ['everyone has a story of Hbox being shitty toward them'](#) just a few days later. Leffen obviously had no business saying these things given how he's treated people, but by now you should know that there's no consistency among the things that Leffen says. Furthermore, neither of Leffen's statements about Hbox were true. Having been a part of Evidence.zip, I started to become very worried about where this was headed.

A few days after Leffen's tweets, the tournament Summit 5 was held in California. Leffen, Hbox, and I were all in attendance at this tournament. Hbox has been a close friend of mine for many years, so I confronted Leffen on the very first day of Summit 5 to try to diffuse their beef, but it was no use. I knew that Hbox was being blackmailed, so I repeatedly told Leffen that Hbox's sex life wasn't his business. I also made it clear to Leffen that Hbox wasn't the only Melee player guilty of cheating, and that Leffen would be a hypocrite if he continued to go after Hbox specifically. **Leffen blatantly didn't care about any of this.** He spoke to me in a deadpan expression the entire time, and gave me responses that kept the conversation going in circles. I left Summit 5 knowing that Leffen was dead set on ruining Hbox.



HBOX  **Home!**  @LiquidHbox · 8 min

It was very hard to steer clear of your bullshit but I managed to pull it off

You'll learn good spacing eventually too

Leffen  @TSM_Leffen

pretty easy to not get sick when no one sits next to you outside of tournament huh ;) [twitter.com/LiquidHbox/sta...](https://twitter.com/LiquidHbox/status/1234567890)

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Leffen  @TSM_Leffen · 2 min

oh yeah my bullshit!

...like what?

you and I both know that the only bullshit going on here is you lying to yourself every night that the terrible things you keep doing is somehow justified because mango didnt give you enough love 10 years ago.

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As soon as we all got home from Summit 5, Leffen continued to spread rumors about Hbox and misrepresent the way other pro players viewed him. When Hbox got fed up and defended himself, **Leffen immediately signaled to him that he was being blackmailed for cheating on his girlfriend.** This blackmail would keep Hbox silent for the remainder of the feud.

11. Smear campaigns and stalking.

When toxic types can't control the way you see yourself, they start to control how others see you; they play the martyr while you're labeled the toxic one. A smear campaign is a preemptive strike to sabotage your reputation and slander your name so that you won't have a support network to fall back on lest you decide to detach and cut ties with this toxic person. They may even stalk and harass you or the people you know as a way to supposedly "expose" the truth about you; this exposure acts as a way to hide their own abusive behavior while projecting it onto you.



In December 2017, Leffen posted [a video](#) of himself stabbing a pancake that had a green Jigglypuff drawn on it. This video tells you that Leffen desperately wanted to get rid of Hbox. It's identical to when he bought a red Adidas shirt shortly after losing to me at Genesis. Stalking and smear campaigning represents the highest level of desperation on the psychopath's end, and it's exactly what Leffen did in both of these situations.



A month later, Leffen released propaganda in the form of a video called, '[One of the Many Reasons to Dislike Hbox](#).' The video depicted Hbox as the devil and received about 400,000 views. Unfortunately, not nearly enough people realized how malicious this video was.

Within the video, an up-and-coming player named Snowy tells a story about how Hbox had been rude to him when they met. Leffen sits next to Snowy and encourages him to keep going as he tells his story.

"Puffslave gets to travel! Gratz man!" - Leffen ([07/19/2018](#))

Not only is the thought of Leffen accusing anyone of being mean toward newer players comical, but if you actually look into how Leffen treated Snowy behind the scenes, it becomes clear that Snowy was used. On July 19th, 2018, Leffen referred to Snowy as his slave on Twitter, and on February 7th, 2019, [Leffen looked to silence Snowy](#) for speaking positively about Jigglypuff. When Snowy tried to defend himself, Leffen accused Snowy of ["lying."](#) Snowy could also be seen begging Leffen to not influence the community to ban his character.

I would end up meeting Snowy at a tournament called Don't Park on the Grass that took place at the end of 2018. I talked to Snowy about the video he starred in, and he told me that he never really meant what he said about Hbox. Snowy was mostly starstruck by the chance to hang out with Leffen, and wanted to impress him. **Snowy also told me that Leffen was highly abusive toward him, and would repeatedly call him retarded off-camera.** When I asked Snowy why he would take Leffen's abuse, he told me that being friends with Leffen gave him opportunities, and that it let him talk to other top players in the scene.

Flying monkeys (popular psychology)

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Flying monkeys^[1] is a term used in popular psychology, mainly in the context of narcissistic abuse,^[2] to describe people who act on behalf of a narcissist towards a third party, usually for an abusive purpose (e.g. a smear campaign).^{[3][4]} The phrase has also been used to refer to people who act on behalf of a psychopath, for a similar purpose.^{[5][6]} The term is not formally used in medical practice or teaching. The term is from the winged monkeys used by the Wicked Witch of the West in the book *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* (and the subsequent films based on it) to carry out evil deeds on her behalf.^{[6][7]} Abuse by proxy (or proxy abuse) is a closely related or synonymous concept.^{[3][8]}

There is a term called “flying monkeys,” also known as “abuse by proxy,” that describes everything you just witnessed. Abuse by proxy is when a narcissistic abuser exploits another person to carry out their agenda, such as launching a smear campaign. Snowy was valuable for Leffen in this case because he gave credibility to Leffen’s smear campaign, but after that, he wasn’t needed. The reality is that narcissists don’t value their proxies as human beings whatsoever, and will typically dump them after there is no longer a good reason to maintain the relationship.

“I can’t believe you begged me to unblock you at Smash Summit just so you could beg for some more attention. Peace out you sociopath.” - Leffen (06/04/2018)

As you can tell by now, the Leffen-Hbox situation never made any sense. It was pot calling the kettle black; the most malicious person in the entire community had made up a narrative that someone else was an abuser, and people believed it. As 2018 went on, Leffen continued to do things like censor Hbox’s name in his Twitch chat, and misrepresent their in-person interactions. When Leffen claimed that Hbox ‘begged’ him to be unblocked on Twitter, for example, I happen to know that Hbox politely asked Leffen to settle their beef. Leffen then went and rephrased this in the most vindictive way possible.



"Tell me about the set history between these two, Scar." - Toph

"So, Leffen vs. Hbox has been a long rivalry. It's gotten a bit personal at times; these guys don't like each other." - Scar

"Leffen frequently tweets about 'this terrible human being' – he doesn't say 'player' – he says 'terrible human being' is killing the game that I love." - Toph

"It's gotten to that level." - Scar

"Leffen's maybe a little melodramatic about it, but..." - Toph

"Maybe a little, but that's what we like about him." - Scar

The false narrative that Hbox is a deplorable person eventually made its way to [commentary slots](#) and [news outlets such as ESPN](#). You can tell from the way Scar and Toph spoke about Leffen that inciting mass hatred was a part of his brand at this point, and that the community would condone it too. 434 Unfortunately, the average viewer wouldn't have seen things this way. These broadcasts alone probably brainwashed thousands of people into believing that Leffen was the hero.

"Fuck this community man. All you guys ever do is look for ways to give me shit over any tiny thing. All 12 years of me playing Melee has been full of it.

I'm literally mocked by my peers, my competitors, and community figureheads on a daily basis.

Like, what's the point anymore?" - Hungrybox ([08/12/2018](#))



leffen 
@TSM_Leffen

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Got no sympathy for Hbox. No one was cheering against him, but even then - maybe he would have more support if he hadn't been consistently awful in person to 99% of the community? Maybe try just once to not play the victim when you are the one to blame?

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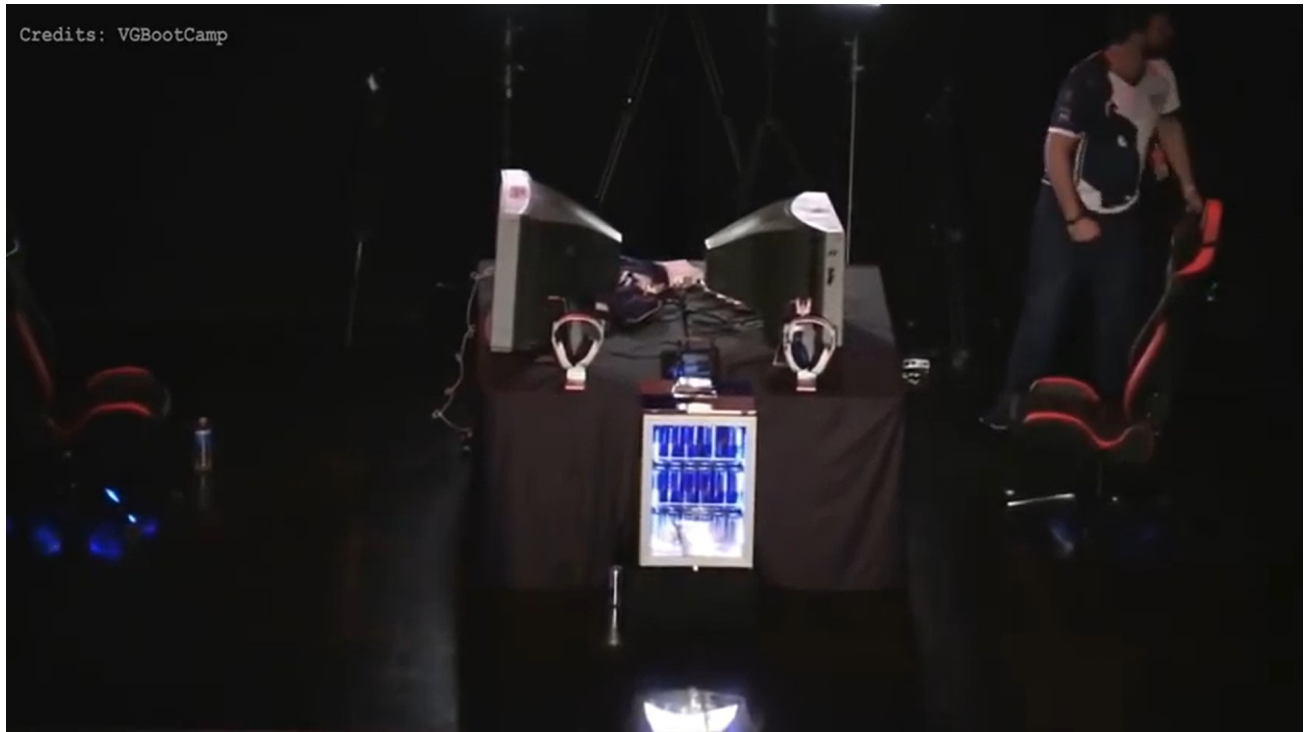
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A week later at Super Smash Con, the social isolation that was destined to come for Hbox had finally begun to manifest. The rank 1 player in the world was rapidly losing his support network, and he was starting to crack. There to capitalize on the situation was none other than Leffen, who subtly encouraged people to deal the finishing blow. Like I said earlier, this was all a calculated attempt to end Hbox's career, and it damn near succeeded.



To show you how stealthy the manipulation that took place right in front of you was, let's juxtapose Genesis 5 and Genesis 6. At Genesis 5, which took place in 2018, Leffen [gaslit Hbox](#) by refusing to give him a handshake after both of their sets. This was intended to push the narrative that Hbox is deplorable. Hbox can't be blamed at all for his reaction to it happening the first time, as he didn't deserve any of this. However, evoking that type of a reaction was all part of Leffen's plan.



"Fuck Hbox, fuck Hbox, fuck Hbox..." - The crowd at Genesis 6



A year later at Genesis 6, and the aftermath of Leffen's behavior was clear as day. Several competitors Tweeted in good faith to let the community know that this type of hatred was unacceptable. However, there was a snake in the grass among them. After an entire year of spearheading the movement against Hbox, Leffen trapdoored his way out of the chaos he created in order to boost his reputation. Hardly

anyone called fraud on this tweet, either, but Hbox's mother sure did. And the fact that she of all people called fraud tells you everything you need to know.



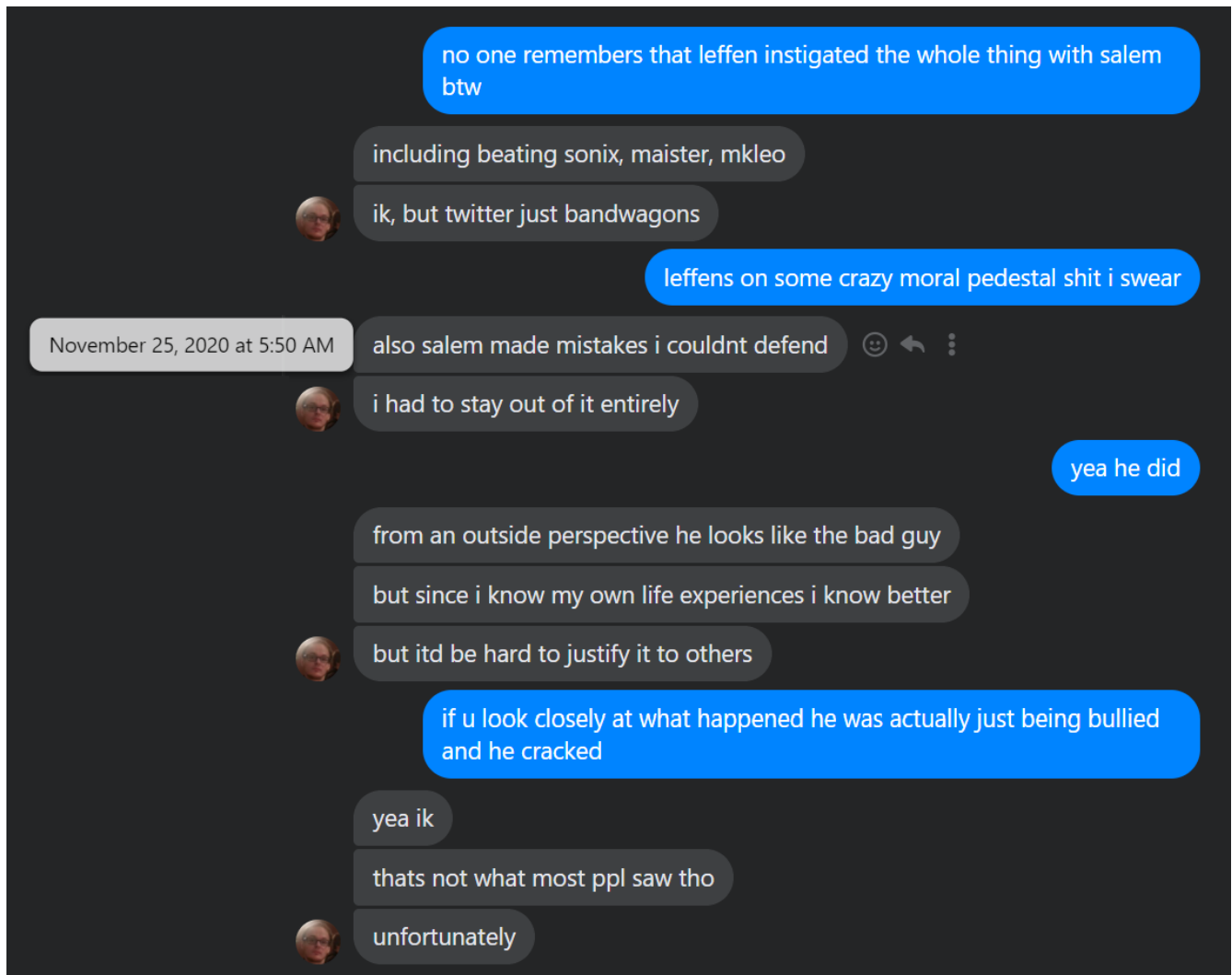
People don't realize this, but Leffen is to blame for Hbox having a crab thrown at him at Pound 2019. Leffen incited violence without ever directly inciting violence. He puppeteered the Hbox con from start to finish, and no one connected the dots. When Leffen told the crowd to roar, they roared. And when Leffen told the crowd to sit, they sat. The most incredible part is that Leffen ended up leveraging all of this into a hero narrative. The community either never realized how Leffen had mobilized them, or never had the courage to speak up against it, and so they accepted his hatred as the new normal.

Charge #6: In 2017-2018, Leffen strategically launched a smear campaign against Hungrybox with the willful and malicious intent to remove him from the Smash community. Leffen's goal in doing so was to ascend in-game as well as socioeconomically. Throughout his campaign, Leffen utilized blackmail and propaganda, exploited innocent players as proxies, negatively influenced professional broadcasts, and instilled never-before-seen hatred that indirectly led to violence against Hungrybox in 2019.

[9] Years of Research

Years of research is probably the con I'll catch the most flack for defending, but there's so much worth talking about here in terms of political angles that were never considered. When people look back at years of research, they don't seem to remember it correctly, so I want to share a different perspective.

On December 7th, 2018, a new Smash title would come out, which presented Leffen with yet another huge opportunity. Realizing how easy it had been to craft a hero narrative within the Melee community, Leffen would now repeat the process within the Ultimate community. Any other content creator would have simply created content to profit off of the release of a new Smash title, but Leffen is always willing to take things a step further, and so what he needed was a new hero narrative. Because hero narratives always come at someone else's downfall, Leffen needed to pick a target.



You're absolutely not supposed to say what I'm about to tell you, but Salem was conned by Leffen. I discussed this with Mew2King last year and he agreed. The problem was that Salem went on to say things about the Melee community that couldn't be defended, as M2K put it. M2K and I agreed that Salem was just a nerd who had been bullied, and said things they probably didn't mean. They became part of Leffen's political agenda when Leffen started harassing them about their opinions on Ultimate with the intention of vilifying someone. None of the arguments Leffen made about Snake being a bad

character would end up being correct, but that wasn't the point. Leffen needed to trigger someone quickly, and he would end up doing just that. After Salem posted Years of Research, they ended up losing their entire reputation over the course of 2 days.

Evidence.zip era: Swedish Player 1, Swedish Player 2, Swedish Player 3

Political adversaries thus far: Hax, Hungrybox

Publicity stunts: Chillin (instill fear), Salem (self-heroize, mobilize people)

*"I have no problem with Melee players playing Ultimate. **However, I do care about the possibility of them using another Smash game to just grow their own community and then trash the other in one go while I watch this repeating pattern.** I have a problem with people not controlling their fanbase because they just don't care or know what they're doing. Yes there is a chance they are here to actually play the game and treat it as an equal Smash game but history shows us this is not the case over and over again."* - Salem, [Years of Research](#)

*"Leffen is someone who always stirs up drama and needlessly fights instead of staying in his own lane. He's even been BANNED for this in the past. He's always someone who immediately trashes TOs and tournaments all the time, giving Smash players a bad name. Though people ridicule him for these types of things here and there he always gets back to it because nobody actually cares what he does since he's a top Melee player. If he wants to trash on the entire universe people just move on while he tries to make excuses for himself for all the dumb things he's done to the whole community. **This gets wilder when you remember that [Leffen] has a fanbase that grows with his nonsense when he really should be the one getting the back burner.**"* - Salem, *Years of Research*

Normally, I wouldn't have listed Leffen's beef with Salem as a charge against Leffen, but you have to realize that we're now going on the *seventh* person whose career Leffen has looked to ruin. This is factoring in Chillin, who I put in the same category as Salem. Chillin and Salem weren't necessarily Leffen's political adversaries, but they were still instrumental in Leffen's ascension. Leffen's beef with Chillin was to instill fear and get sponsored more quickly, while his beef with Salem was to milk the Ultimate community of its resources. Salem actually referenced this in Years of Research when they said that there were people who were only interested in profiting off of Ultimate. Salem also pointed out that Leffen's fanbase grows alongside his malicious intent, which is completely accurate. Years of Research had all sorts of other problems, though, so these things got overlooked.



Leffen ✓ @TSM_Leffen · Feb 27, 2019

Finally...



Team Liquid ✓ @TeamLiquid · Feb 27, 2019

Today we announce we're parting ways with @LiquidSalem, we're proud of what we've been able to accomplish together and wish him the best in Ultimate #LetsGoLiquid 🐾

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3.3K

20.6K



A few months later, Salem lost their sponsor, and Leffen was there to celebrate. By that point, everyone had forgotten that Leffen instigated this beef in the first place, which just goes to show how effective it is to unite people against a common enemy. When [Leffen beat Salem](#) half a year later at Super Smash Con, a sea of onlookers watched in awe as the supervillain of Ultimate was defeated, but what they didn't realize was that the real villain had just won. Watching this clip of the crowd is terrifying once you realize that Leffen was the mastermind here, and that Salem was nothing more than a scapegoat so that Leffen could mobilize these people. The situation was so one-sided that even Hbox had no choice but to participate in it despite being vilified by Leffen the year prior.



Leffen could have picked anyone as his target in this situation, but I'm almost positive I know why he picked Salem. If you look at who won EVO titles for Smash in the Mandalay Bay, the most recent winner at the time was Leffen. Before that, you had Hbox, who Leffen had already gone after. And then, you had Salem. When you consider the fact that Leffen has a God complex and will target people for trivial reasons like these, it makes perfect sense. Leffen may very well have taken offense to the fact that Salem once stepped foot on the same stage as him, and so he wanted to make it clear that only he was worthy of that stage. This is obviously nothing more than a theory, but it's something to keep in mind.

The main reason I bring up the Salem feud is because it shows that **certain patterns are being repeated, and those patterns are less innocent than people think**. Within less than a year, Leffen vilified two different people in order to attain hero status and climb the social ladder. Hbox was a political adversary who Leffen weakened, while Salem was a scapegoat for Leffen to mobilize people underneath him. Regardless of where you stand on these feuds, there's no denying that they each served a purpose. Both times, Leffen was able to control crowds and walk away as the beneficiary without anybody realizing it. The point is that there is a political agenda, and soon you'll know why that agenda will spell the end of this community.

Charge #7: In 2018-2019, Leffen sought to extract socioeconomic resources from the newly-founded Smash Ultimate community at the most efficient rate possible by creating a common enemy. This was bound to lead to the downfall of a randomly chosen person's career.



Up until now, I've shown you that Leffen will approach every situation with the most profitable political angle he can come up with. He undeniably has a dark triad mentality that believes in exploiting others in order to ascend. But sometimes, exploiting others doesn't mean feuding with people. Depending on the situation, it may be appropriate to become a social justice activist overnight.

Following the Hbox and Salem feuds, Leffen had begun to transition from a villain to an antihero in the eyes of the community. The days of Evidence.zip were over, not that anyone knew what Evidence.zip was to begin with. After saving Smash from two separate problems that he created, Leffen was starting to be perceived as a role model, and it couldn't have come at a better time.

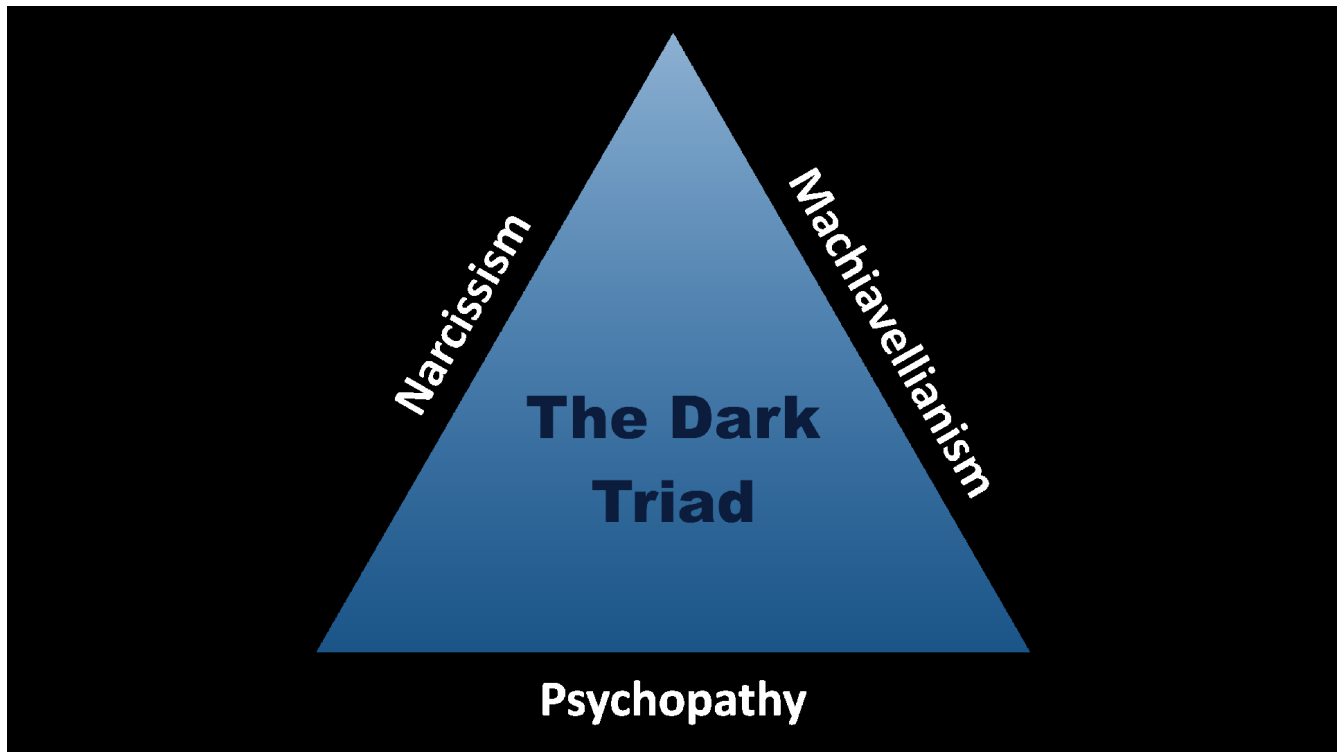
Smash Bros Community shocked by sexual assault and pedophilia accusations

In the past days multiple professional players from the Smash Bros scene came forward with allegations of sexual assault and pedophilia within their community. A lot of notable figures were accused, including the co-founder of popular tournament Evo.

04.07.2020 | By Jef Van den Bosch

Last summer, [the Smash community witnessed its darkest point](#) when it found out that many of its own were sexual predators. People didn't know what to believe when the victims first started coming out, but before you knew it, the whole world was watching. Unfortunately, if there's anything last summer

proved, it's that the Smash community is twice as naive as it thought it was. **This is because, just as sexual predators can live among us, the dark triad can live among us too.**



People fail to realize how profitable a #MeToo movement is from a business perspective. Most of us would never imagine that someone could be cold enough to view things this way, and that's sadly what allows the dark triad to gain the upperhand. The truth is, you should always be skeptical about the people who rush to the podium in these types of situations, especially when you consider how well-suited the dark triad traits are for it. By taking the helm of a #MeToo movement, **narcissism** is rewarded in the form of worldwide acclaim. **Psychopathy** allows one to remain unemotional throughout the whole process. And **Machiavellianism** allows one to take advantage of the scattered masses who need a leader. It's the perfect opportunity, but most people would never see it that way.



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Signaling Virtuous Victimhood as Indicators of Dark Triad Personalities

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We investigate the consequences and predictors of emitting signals of victimhood and virtue. In our first three studies, we show that the virtuous victim signal can facilitate nonreciprocal resource transfer from others to the signaler. Next, we develop and validate a victim signaling scale that we combine with an established measure of virtue signaling to operationalize the virtuous victim construct. We show that individuals with Dark Triad traits—Machiavellianism, Narcissism, Psychopathy—more frequently signal virtuous victimhood, controlling for demographic and socioeconomic variables that are commonly associated with victimization in Western societies. In Study 5, we show that a specific dimension of Machiavellianism—amoral manipulation—and a form of narcissism that reflects a person's belief in their superior prosociality predict more frequent virtuous victim signaling. Studies 3, 4, and 6 test our hypothesis that the frequency of emitting virtuous victim signal predicts a person's willingness to engage in and endorse ethically questionable behaviors, such as lying to earn a bonus, intention to purchase counterfeit products and moral judgments of counterfeiters, and making exaggerated claims about being harmed in an organizational context.

So far, I've explained how dark triads strategically claim victim status and hero status in order to manipulate people. There is only one better status to claim than either of these, and it's called virtuous victimhood. This refers to when victim status and hero status are combined. Virtuous victimhood is the strongest signal one can emit because it combines the sympathy of victim status with the admiration of hero status, making it ideal for leeching resources.

"I'm so proud of the victims that have been speaking out lately, especially seeing how much abuse they get online because they're threatening to endanger some neckbeard's favorite e-celeb."

- Leffen ([06/28/2020](#))

"It's important to remind yourself and others that people speaking up is a positive – this stuff was always happening, even if you didn't know. Proud of everyone who has spoken up, and I hope people see how huge of a problem this is within our community."

-Leffen ([07/01/2020](#))

"What a fucking day. Thanks for listening to me, but more importantly keep listening to the people that are brave enough to come forward. Going to take a break from social media for a while. Take care <3"

- Leffen ([07/02/2020](#))

"Leffen is a perfect example of how Smash leaders with big platforms can advocate for victims and be a safe haven. If all the other Smash leaders can continue to do the same, then Smash will have a bright future."

- MightyKeef ([07/04/2020](#))

Virtuous victimhood can't be signaled in every situation, but it can certainly be signaled during a #MeToo movement. A dark triad is able to emerge as someone who can resonate with victims while also coming across as a leader who victims should stand behind. This is why it was never a matter of *if* Leffen would show up, but rather, a matter of *when*. Surely enough, Leffen would begin Tweeting frequently on June 28th. The Tweets he made over the course of the next few weeks gave victims hope and empowerment, and caused him to become the community's beacon. Leffen's actions were showered with praise by community leaders, and not a soul stopped to question his intentions. His ability to take the helm of #MeToo so easily despite his dark past made me realize how severe the gap between perception and reality is within this community, and that the situation was worse than I thought.



By July 2nd, the number of allegations had begun to ramp up, and so Leffen made [a YouTube video](#) in which he discussed the situation. He also [made a second video](#) on July 15th. These videos received over a million hits combined. I'll list a couple of quotes from them that I've selected.

1. *"The people these people hurt don't deserve to be a summary... So I'm not going to try to do that here..."*

People know about Evidence.zip, and although I do not agree that it was deserved, I need to do better going forward..."

2. *"Some people in this community have some kind of power. Heck, man, it just seems like people use whatever they can and try to abuse, blackmail and hide what they have done."*

3. *"I'm incredibly proud of everyone speaking out... This type of stuff can do extremely long mental damage to people."*

4. *"Seeing what these people who I thought were my friends do such disgusting things... And then instead of apologizing or owning up to what they did, they try to lie and manipulate people instead."*

5. *"And honestly, I've been struggling with feelings of guilt because I've been gaining a lot of subscribers, a lot of followers, and I've been getting a lot of attention because of these awful things happening, and I know many people have struggled with the same feelings."*

With the information we have, **none of these quotes make any sense coming from Leffen**. The first quote is a projection because Leffen states that he won't summarize victims, then proceeds to summarize Evidence.zip in about 10 seconds. As we know, Evidence.zip deserves much more time than that.

Similarly, the second quote is a projection because Leffen is regularly abusive, and has used blackmail as one of his go-to strategies throughout his career.

The third quote is also a projection because Leffen knows that he himself is aware of causing several people's mental health to decline.

The fourth quote is a projection as well because after Leffen was banned for Evidence.zip, he issued a fake apology that manipulated North Americans and the media.

And finally, the fifth quote is a projection because we have Leffen on-record for leeching money and fame from the Smash community on several occasions, including this one.

These quotes aren't the focal points of Leffen's video; they're just scattered ones I wanted to show you. The focal point of Leffen's video is actually a victim testimony in which he talks about a road trip he took when he was younger in which he was allegedly physically abused. Before we listen to Leffen's testimony, I want to point out something he prefaces it with.

"I do think you need to believe victims, especially if they don't have a very credible reason to lie. And even then, I generally think you should start out by believing them."

The above statement is highly manipulative. By saying this, Leffen conditions you to believe victims, which is horrible advice, since victims can be just as deceptive as abusers.

A few minutes later, Leffen gives his victim testimony. I've transcribed it in full.

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Leffen's Testimony

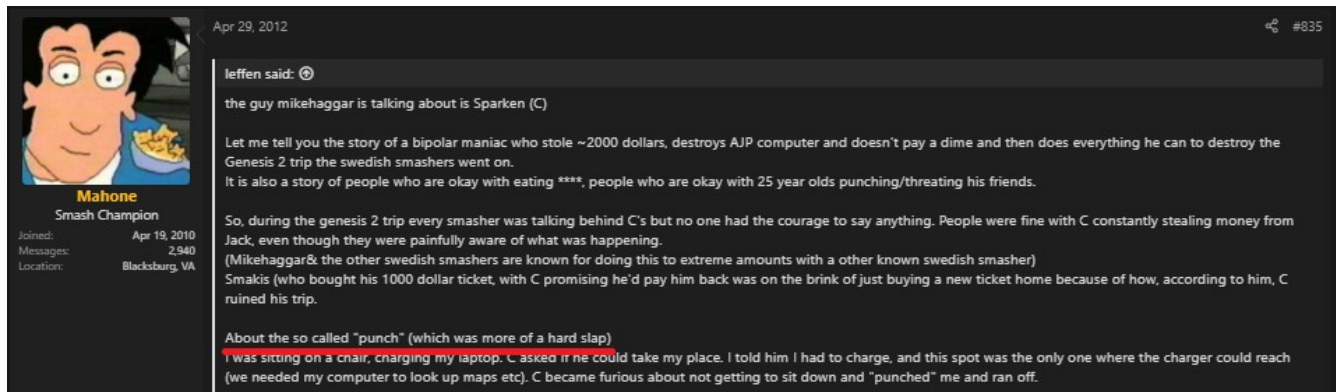
Before I was banned, I went to my first tournament over in the United States. I've told this story many times before, so I'm not going to go into great detail about it, but, as a 16-year old I went there and traveled in an RV around California and the nearby states for about 2 weeks. There were about 10 people in the RV, many of them adults, and during this time there was one particular player that physically abused me. Like, basically slapped me extremely hard across the face several times over basically nothing. I was sitting in his seat, I was playing Smash and he wanted to go to sleep, his alarm didn't wake him up. And, uh, it took about 8 times before anyone said anything, and no one really said anything. This player also ended up stealing money, never paying people back thousands of dollars, and some people are still friends with this person to this day. And I'm not saying this to try to make a pity party out of myself; I think in general I took the situation and I dealt with it pretty well. I was pretty bratty, you know, I stood up for myself. I always tried to take fights – verbally, of course, I never fought anyone physically. I'm not going to say that I didn't do *anything* to deserve any kind of lash back whatsoever, but I definitely didn't deserve to be physically assaulted several times.

Since that day, I was obviously extremely mad at the other people who I looked up to before, who I saw as full-grown adults, for not doing anything. And ever since that day, I basically vowed to myself that when that happens next time – when I'm the fucking adult – I'm not just going to sit by and hope someone else [helps]. I'm going to step in myself and say something.

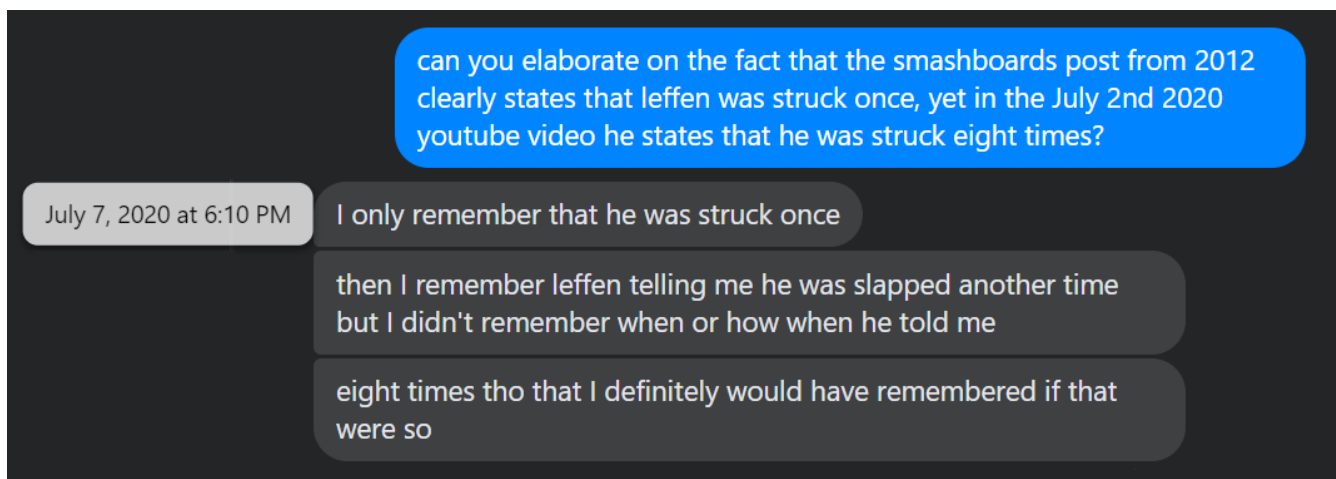
After that happened, I was banned for the whole thing with Evidence.zip, and that person in particular quit the scene. I stood up for myself when he tried to come back to me; he wanted to talk it over, over a dinner meal, and he came and hugged me from behind and said “let’s talk things out” and asked me to pay for his meal. Obviously, I told him to go fuck himself and basically stood up for himself.

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Before we continue, I want to be clear about the fact that Leffen states that he was slapped **8 times**.



On [April 29th, 2012](#), Leffen told this exact same story on Smashboards, and he stated that he was only slapped **once**. This means that Leffen modified the story in order to make it sound like more of an assault.



When I heard Leffen’s new testimony, I reached out to some of the Swedes who I happened to know were on this road trip, which took place during the weeks leading up to Genesis 2. The first Swede I reached out to told me that they knew Leffen was slapped once, and that they remembered Leffen telling them that he was slapped a second time, **but that 8 times was definitely a lie**.

7/8/20, 4:01 PM

yo armada

you know how in leffens new video he says that during that genesis 2 roadtrip he was hit 8 times extremely hard

isn't that a lie

i remember him telling this story on smash boards back in 2012

and he clearly said that C slapped him once

7/8/20, 4:32 PM

All I know is one time
I think a second might have happend but I can't confirm that

8 is clearly a lie though.
No way everyone would have missed that

Also not watched the video
But I know he did bring this topic up like 6-8 weeks ago on stream



And I did disagree with almost everything

7/8/20, 4:58 PM

i see



The next Swede I reached out to was Armada. Armada said the exact same thing, which is that a second slap may have happened, **but that 8 was clearly a lie**. Armada added that Leffen had been telling a botched version of this story 6 to 8 weeks earlier on his stream.

The next piece of evidence is a testimony that was written over 8 years ago. Earlier on in this report, I showed you excerpts from Evidence.zip, but I omitted the 3rd Swedish player's testimony. **The reason I omitted this testimony is because it's the most important one in Evidence.zip, and I needed to save it for later.** This testimony was written by a Smasher named C. C is the person who slapped Leffen, and he just so happened to testify about the Genesis 2 road trip.

C's testimony is cleanly divided into 6 sections, each with its own title. I'll be showing you his testimony in its entirety.

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Why am I reading this?

If people actually took the time to wrap their heads around what actions Leffen has exhibited towards me and many more, the thought of doing anything less than not welcoming him to any future tournaments or gatherings is ludicrous.

The mere thought of it is preposterous and the act of allowing the things he will subject others to is nothing less than grotesque and an act of cruelty towards his “targets”.

You must understand that he has yet proven to show any sign of remorse whatsoever concerning his actions, how they affect people, what they have to go through and put up with. Nor how it affects not only them, but poisons the entire atmosphere and well-being of the community as a whole.

He impeccably dismisses and declines any invitation or attempt to inquire in any form of dialog or conversation regarding the situation. He just doesn't seem to care, at all. **And until that fact changes, it would be preposterous to invite, accept or allow this guy anywhere near the people he constantly subjects to acts of malicious intent, not to forget or undermine the urgency in sparing any new potential prospects.** The indecency in prolonging this is truly nothing less but an act of cruelty.

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What's the situation?

We are in a community and in scene that is being manipulated by unbelievably sick people.

The chasm between what Leffen and his sympathizers manipulates people into believing is going on and what is really going on is absolutely enormous. The vastness and level of psychological warfare Leffen exhibits towards his prospects is one of the most elaborate acts of vicious intent I have had the (mis)fortune of witnessing first hand. This ongoing torment his viciousness forces his prospects to endure, directly and indirectly by leaving them as sole beneficiary to all of the consequences his actions may cause, which is why they evidently always end up being the ones paying the price and taking its toll.

Needless to say, **if Leffen actually would show any sort of genuine interest in changing his ways, taking responsibility for his actions, start talking with and apologizing people, I guarantee you I would be the first to welcome him and accept his invitation.** Unfortunately, he has been proven to lack any sort of interest in changing his ways or doing these things, yet. So I truly wish and hope that he will come around and that this situation will change in the near future!

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Where are the facts?

The facts are everywhere. If you aren't satisfied with the links and quotes we've provided, then I suggest you click on Leffen's profile at any forum and start viewing all of his posts, because to me they are all proof of what his intentions are and where he's been coming from since day one.

It is worth pointing out that his behavior cannot be dismissed as "trolling" as his in real life behavior reflects this personality, although more subtle, hence why it's easily dismissed and ignored by the unwitting even though he can be even more vicious and malicious in his behavior and nature.

[Swedish Player 1]'s testimony specifically includes several incidents of him harassing, lying and attempting to make me look like a horrible, incompetent, evil and sick human being, which I've recently been made aware is the picture he's been painting of me at IRL gatherings as well.

Something which unfortunately has proven to affect a lot of people and infected their minds.

This behavior dates back to the very first interactions he had with and about people on the forums, calling them out and behaving like a total jerk. Which when confronted with was always dismissed stating that he was only "trolling", inclining people not to take anything he said about anything seriously. I suppose if people would've only remembered and listened to nothing but that statement, none of this shit would have happened.

It would take me forever to account for all the times I've seen Leffen acting out viciously against his prospects, so I'm only going to account for the timeline revolving the Genesis trip.

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The road trip

I could never dream to express the experience Leffen put me and occasionally anyone foolish enough to associate himself with me through. **No words could ever do justice to the level of psychological warfare and malicious intent he had planned to execute and constantly made his best effort subjecting me to.** Literally anything I said, any comments/thoughts/desires/plans I uttered or anything I did, no matter what shape or form it would manifest in, he made sure to always oppose and obstruct in any and all the different means possible when present and an opportunity was given. Needless to say, this put a lot of strain into the atmosphere and if it weren't for years and years of experience on my part with managing and enduring this type of behavior **I would probably have snapped at day one of the behavior that escalated more and more the longer the trip went on.**

These failed attempts of trying to "break me" started taking its toll on Leffen, so his tactics began being more desperate and more obvious in what his intent was, doing anything in order to create and maintain an agitated atmosphere around me. Going as far as to deliberately keeping me awake at night and trying to sabotage our journey down to Grand Canyon in the sickest way possible, not only did he make sure to switch on all of the lights in RV, but he made sure to keep the volume turned up so high that when the alarms went off, no one could possibly hear it over the noise of playing music, but those who were awake and aware of it. Fortunately enough, I woke up sensing something wasn't right, to my surprise the lights were on making it impossible to distinguish the sun's light from outside, and the overall noise being shattered from the TV room was ludicrous.

As soon as I realized that all of us sleeping missed the alarm and we're really late to our schedule, I jump out of bed waking everybody up and confronting the people awake why they didn't care to wake us up when the alarm went off? **Leffen, caring less about the fact, immediately starts attacking me verbally with all sorts of nonsense, seemingly doing everything he could to instigate a situation**

that would keep us distracted and stalled instead of getting ready to leave. I was having none of it, I was determined to make this hike happen, so I just proceeded to making sure everybody was getting ready including myself so we could get the heck going before the sun got too big of a lead on us so we wouldn't have to cancel our already paid for hike and camping site at the bottom of the Canyon.

Leffen, determined to his cause proceeded to continue his blabbering whilst physically blocking me, making it impossible for me to grab and collect my stuff, so I politely asked: "Leffen, can you please move?" - No response to it what so ever. Instead, he continued to ramble on about whatever nonsense he could come up with, being totally dismissive to any sort of request or attempt to communicate in a reasonable manner. **I make my very best effort to reach through to him in a reasonable manner, but after several attempts, it gets obvious. He isn't going to back down, he isn't going to acknowledge anything I say and/or request at this stage, he knows this is the time to push all of his chips in.**

Seeing as Leffen isn't going to do anything but to cause drama, this keeping us from leaving, I make the assessment that there was only one way to make this trip happen. And that was to make it clear in the only way I could that he was not going to stop us from leaving, he had to move his ass over to TV room where he spend all night keeping us distracted and stop blocking us from gathering our stuff and preparing to leave.

I think this is the one moment I actually reached through to this guy, but it didn't take long before he snapped right back into the same mood/state of mind, trying to walk straight back to the position he was using to block us from leaving. I cut him off half way, walking straight towards him with a very assertive energy saying something like "NO YOU DON'T". **Even though he failed his attempt to ruin the hike, he did manage to bring forth a reaction that he later on easily manipulated and colored up with systematic lies and bullshit that shadows everything he says, making the only person who actually cared enough to fight for him being included on this trip look like the villain...** And some people actually buy this crap...

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The trip home

On one the planes home, I got seated behind Leffen. This was a budget flight so the leg space between your chair and the one in front was really slim, which means I had my knees tightly knocked up against the backside of Leffens seat. **Realizing this, Leffen thought it would be a great idea to shove his seat back against me unannounced in one quick and forceful maneuver.** Luckily my knees wasn't locked in a bad posture at this moment, so I got away with just an "OUCH!" and made sure Leffen realized that I was seated behind with no extra space for my knees and **asked him kindly and clearly not to that again.** Thinking the message got through, the next few minutes I manage to readjust myself into a comfortable position, now with my knees tightly locked in to the back of the front seat.

Big mistake... **In a flash, Leffen launches himself against the back of his seat, pushing his chair against my legs squeezing my knees so bad that I felt pain when using them for a few weeks. I responded to the pain with a loud "OUCH!" and a firm tap,** naturally directed towards the one causing it.

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The wrap up

I've tried contacting and talking to Leffen on several occasions since the trip, both IRL and online, as you might've figured out by now, without any result. **But with a pounding heart I wasn't going to take no for an answer and after having reached out several times just to be dismissed and ignored, he realized I wasn't giving in to his hatred, so he made a promise to contact me when he "got the time for it".** Sadly, this never happened or shall I say, hasn't happened, cause as you might understand I still wish he would start opening up to people, talk with them and explain his issues if there are any.

But he seem to be less interested in keeping a healthy relationship with his prospects, in fact, it seems he thrives on making other people miserable by acting malicious towards them, spreading false rumors and manipulating people in to disliking them. He has changed the social atmosphere around people and the scene as a whole for the worse; he has caused undeserved hatred towards innocent people and solely managed to instigate people spreading this hatred around like wildfire.

No matter how sad his background or story might be, projecting ones misery on to innocent people who have done them nothing wrong is unacceptable! His negative influence on people is damaging not only them, but the entire scene and its people. **This madness has to stop!**

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As you can see, Leffen wasn't being anywhere near truthful in his 2020 testimony, but that shouldn't surprise you by this point. Not only was Leffen's testimony filled with several misrepresentations, but he actually seems to have been the abuser in this situation.

This past March, I contacted C to ask him if he'd seen what Leffen said about him last summer...

Yeah what to say

March 30, 2021 at 7:20 AM

Its typical Leffen narrative 😊 ↩ ⋮

Where he makes up a ton of shit and distorts the truth to portrait himself in a positive and/or poor little me light

that's what i thought you'd say

It's hard to comment without making a whole statement

I mean did i slap the guy?
Yes

Did i do it over and over?
No

Did i do it to his face?
No

I did it one time to the top/back off his head because the fucker refused to move

When asked politely like 10 times

And it wasn't because I wanted to sleep

We all had bad sleep since they stayed up all night with lights on and playing smash with loud volume and he was so

What's the word

uncooperative?

He didn't wanna see us do the hike

March 30, 2021 at 7:38 AM

He had an agenda to stop it 😊 ↩ ⋮

It was blatantly obvious

That he did all he could to ruin out hike since he wasn't coming with us

Why he didn't wanna go I don't remember

Maybe his parents said no

So he threw tantrums and wanted to fuck it up for the rest of us

And seeing as I was somewhat the leader he focused on trying to hinder/stop me

Which went to a point where I had enough

The stress of being late in all this didn't help when he was acting up

So yeah I'm not gonna say its optimal to treat a kid like dog when he misbehaves

But I can't say that I overreacted all things considered

March 30, 2021 at 7:38 AM

The mistake I made was arguing for him to come in the first place



If it wasn't for me he would not have been allowed to join us at all

Seeing as the RV only held 8 people

And we were already 9 without him

But I saw it as a great opportunity to try and influence the guy in a positive way

Seeing as he was acting like an asshole all the time

Little did I know he had his own agenda planned to make the whole trip a living hell, and that seeing as I was the leader who tried to keep the group together, he logically focused on dividing himself and people from me

So in short he made great efforts to ruin the spirit and overall trip for the group as a whole

And I guess in some sense he actually succeeded in achieving that goal

But as I said

If you know the guy you know how manipulative and sociopathic he is when it comes to these things.

Its so long time ago that I can't recall all details like I used to do

March 30, 2021 at 7:43 AM

Whenever it was relevant to prove and tear down his web of lies



But like me borrowing 600 bucks for the trip becomes ME STEALING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS

Me offering to share a pizza becomes "HE TRIED TO FORCE ME TO BUY A PIZZA FOR HIM"

This is how he operates...

fuck, he even lied about those details

Of course he did

let me ask you

did you surely not slap him more than once? he stated 8 times

I slapped him 1 time in the RV

March 30, 2021 at 7:45 AM And another time on the plane (not as hard) 😊 ↩ ⋮

That's it

wasn't the plane because he jammed a seat into you?

Yes it was

Hurt my knee

this is just insane

the reason i'm contacting you is because 2 months ago this guy fucked me with lies

he's damaged a lot of people in recent years with lies

happened to me a lot in 2017 too

i just have a big problem with it because of the fact that if you read evidence.zip

people warn you that this would happen

Yeah he is a pathological liar

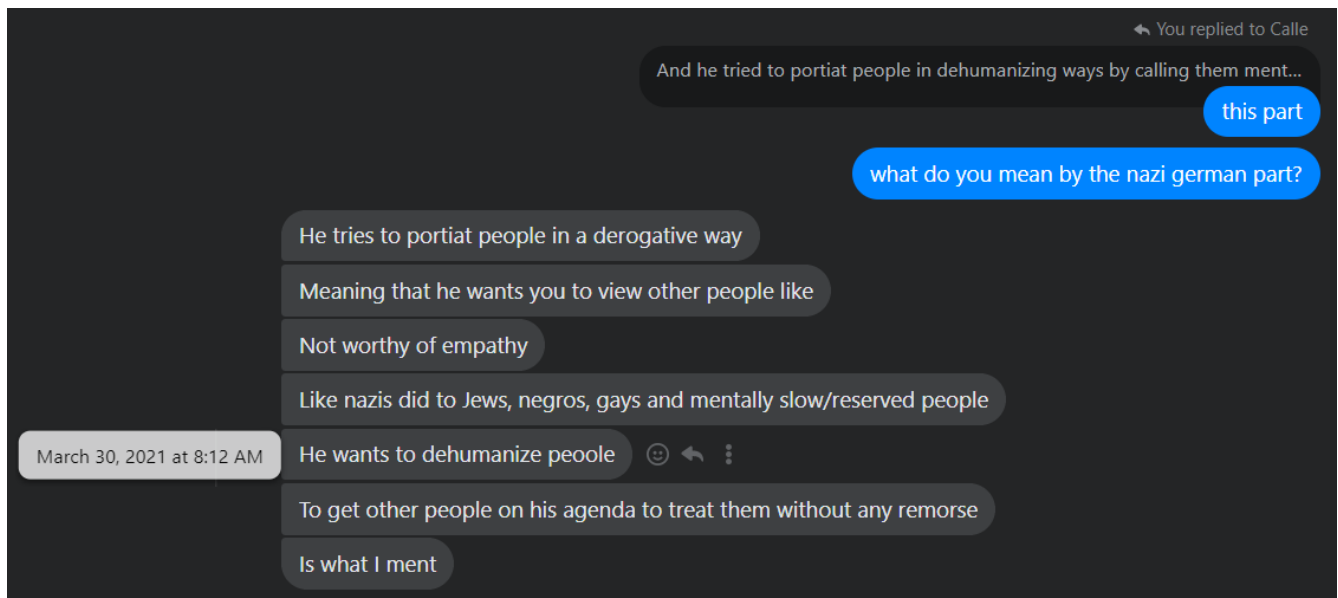
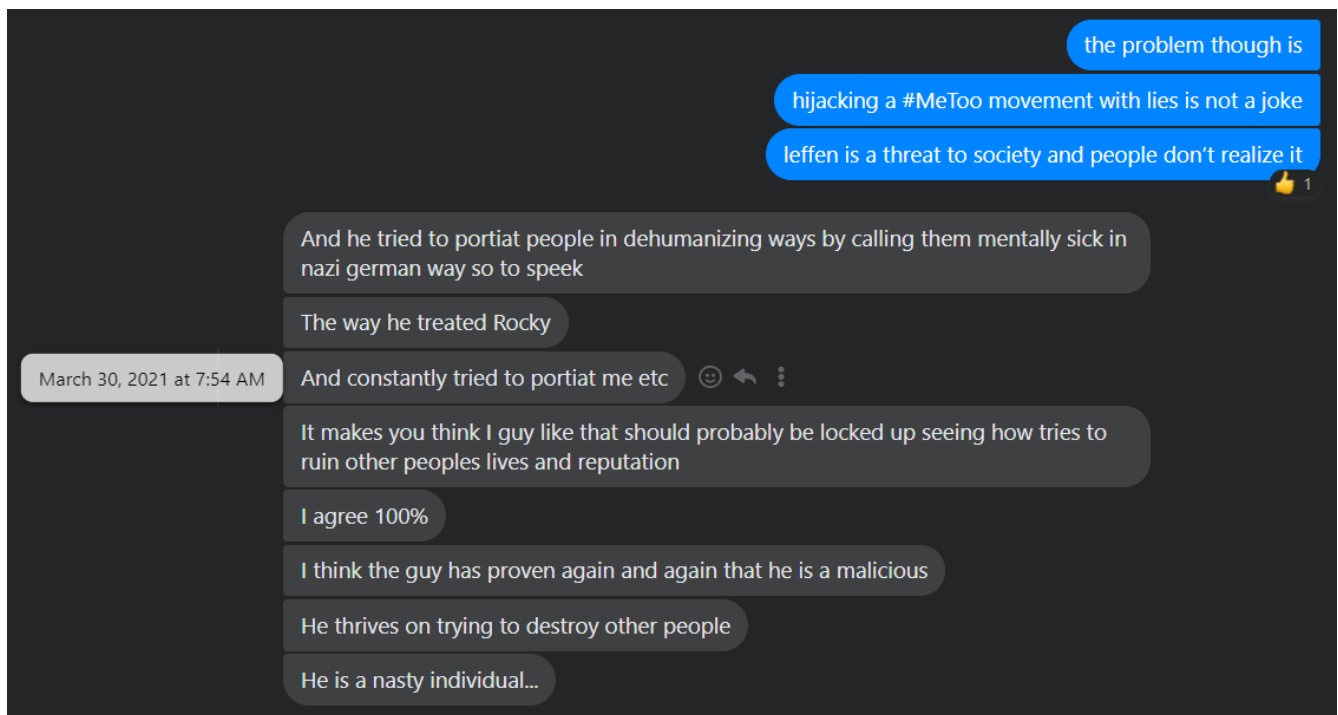
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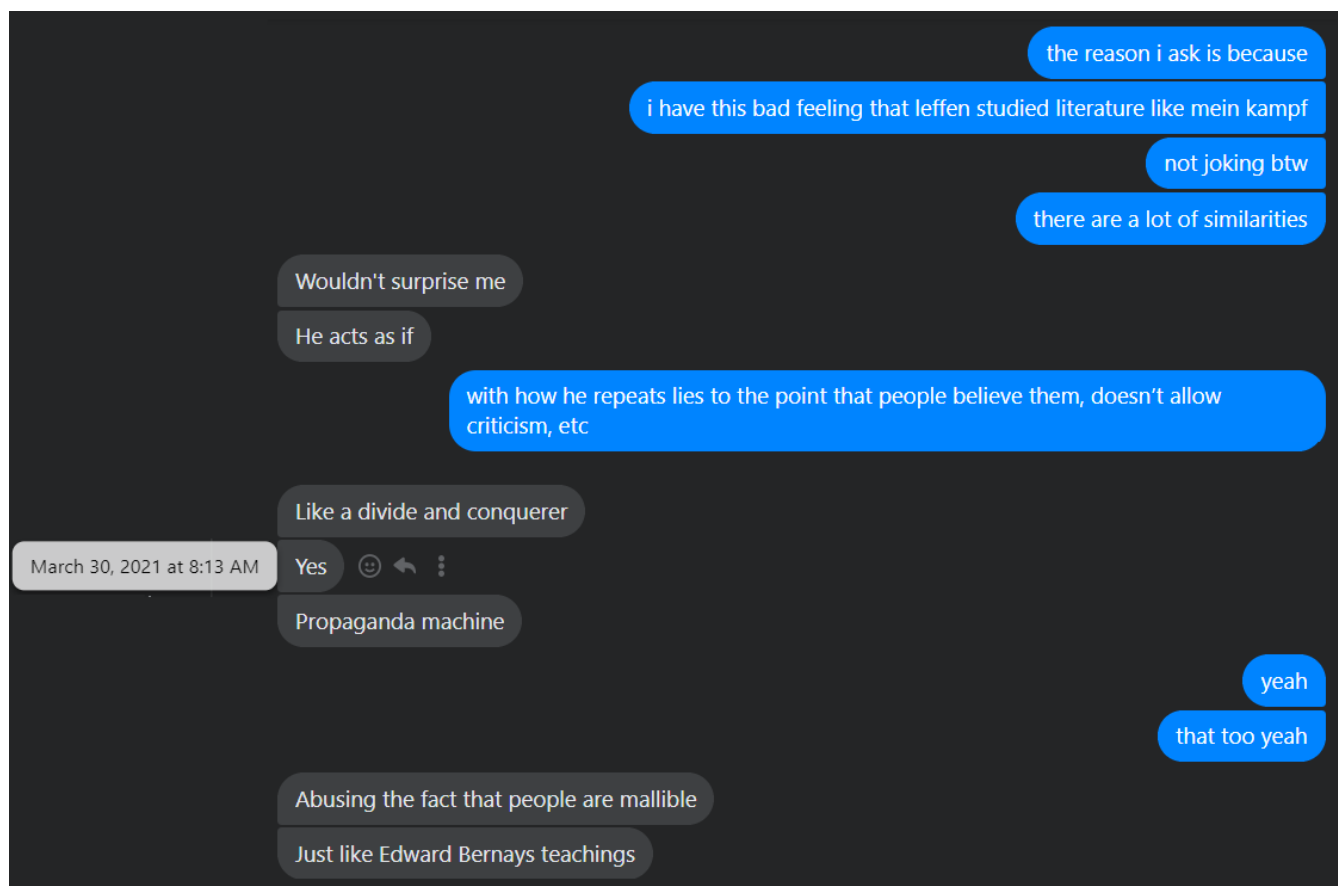
Our old forums

March 30, 2021 at 7:48 AM Was just like 😊 ↩ ⋮

TONS AND TONS AND TONS of his lies

I kid you not





C took a moment to watch Leffen's video, then explained that this was a standard victim narrative from Leffen. C also clarified that he had slapped Leffen once in response to extreme harassment. Leffen had tried to sabotage their hike in several ways, as well as the atmosphere of the entire trip. This was after C fought for Leffen to be included on the trip in the first place. While C didn't approve of what he did, he also couldn't say he overreacted, all things considered. **C commented that Leffen is highly manipulative and sociopathic when it comes to these things.**

C pointed out that several smaller details within Leffen's testimony were also lies, and that Leffen had been spreading these exact same lies for years. For example, C had borrowed \$600 for this trip, which Leffen rephrased as C stealing thousands of dollars. C had also offered to share a pizza with Leffen, which Leffen rephrased as C trying to force Leffen to buy a pizza for him.

C then clarified that Leffen had jammed a plane seat into his knee twice on the flight home, which caused C knee pain for weeks. Leffen ignored C's initial request not to do this again, which is why C slapped him a second time. Leffen left this part of the story out of his video. From there, our conversation shifted to the fact that Leffen has caused people like me and Hbox insane amounts of damage with lies in recent years. C wasn't surprised to hear this. He said that people should've known that Leffen is a pathological liar by now.

I then brought up the fact that on top of everything else Leffen's done, hijacking a #MeToo movement isn't a joke, and that Leffen turned out to be an actual threat to society just like Evidence.zip prophesized. C agreed, adding that Leffen potentially deserves to be in jail seeing as how he tries to ruin other people's lives and reputations. I am inclined to agree with C here, for anyone wondering.

C then explained that Leffen wants to dehumanize people and get people to view them as though they don't deserve empathy, just as minority groups were viewed in the past. **According to C, Leffen will do anything to acquire influence, and wants people to join in on his agenda of treating people without any remorse.** I then raised the possibility that Leffen studied totalitarian handbooks such as *Mein Kampf*, since he had to have learned this from somewhere. C agreed that it was possible. Then, he pointed me toward the teachings of Edward Bernays. **Bernays was an Austrian-American pioneer in the field of public relations and propaganda. He described the masses as irrational and subject to herd instinct – and outlined how skilled practitioners could use crowd psychology to control them in desirable ways.**

“There’s this saying that I like: All it takes for evil people to succeed is for good people to do nothing. And I really do think that’s true. In my opinion, the world is not filled with [a] majority [of] evil people. I think that’s something people tell themselves in order to put blame away from themselves... I really do think that the majority of people are either decent or good. However, many good or decent people do not do enough, myself included. And we need to change that.”

- Leffen, *Regarding the recent allegations within the Smash/FGC Community*

Back when you heard Leffen say that, you probably thought he was speaking from the good guys' perspective. **He wasn't.** He was telling you how easy it is for him to exploit the people of the Smash community.

This might be tough to process, but Leffen didn't mean a word he said to any of you last summer. His involvement with #MeToo was a facade, just like his hero status is. Leffen got involved with #MeToo in order to draw a crowd and mobilize it underneath him, just as he's done several times before.

Charge #8: In 2020, Leffen hijacked a #MeToo movement by signaling virtuous victimhood in order to ascend socioeconomically. He made numerous insincere Tweets, and he falsified the assault allegations and circumstances surrounding a trip spent with a Swedish Smasher named C in 2011. Leffen's Tweets and videos received millions of impressions and deceived the entire world.

[11] ZeRo Adversaries Remaining

socioeconomic resource transfer (n): The act of engaging in amoral manipulation in order to extract fame and fortune (primarily fame) from one's community.

socioeconomic resource drain (n): The act of engaging in amoral manipulation in order to weaken political adversaries who pose a threat to influence, market share, etc.

The 9th and final charge against Leffen is one that also took place during last summer's #MeToo movement. Up until now, I've shown you how a #MeToo movement presented Leffen with a golden opportunity for resource transfer. Leffen gained about 15,000 followers in a few days, built massive loyalty with those followers, and made plenty of money along the way. But those weren't the only benefits a #MeToo movement presented Leffen with: the ability to implicate other people as sexual predators presented Leffen with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for resource drain as well. So far, we've seen Leffen drain two of his political adversaries (me and Hungrybox) in recent years. Both times, Leffen made it clear that his intention was to end the other person's career in order to secure his footing within the community. This is why, when #MeToo would end up presenting Leffen with the opportunity to take down the only person left in the community with a larger following than his, he obviously wasn't going to pass it up.



Leffen wouldn't just use the #MeToo movement to grow his brand. He would also seize control of the community through the elimination of Zero, who had the largest following in Smash prior to being banned. **Something I want to be clear about is that this section of the video should be viewed separately from the fact that Zero was deemed guilty;** it is simply intended to establish that Leffen was personally invested in Zero's downfall, and that Zero's trial was fraudulently administered. This is obvious based on the fact that Leffen wasn't approaching the #MeToo movement with pure intentions, but rather, with the dark intention of increasing his market share. At that point, we have to assume that *everything* Leffen did during the #MeToo movement was done with this goal in mind.

My thoughts about Jisu/Zero. It's simply a long nuanced post with some more info

First off I want to be clear and state my biases: I know both Jisu and Zero, but I haven't spent a ton of time with either. I think highly of both of them however and I'd like to remain friends with both after this as well, so you can put your pitchforks down if you were expecting anything like that.

First off: anyone who thinks Jisu's allegations is some "gotcha" thing where she is trying to get clout or use this "movement" for her own purpose is completely in the wrong. A simple check on her history coming forward for these things show how wrong that is honestly. Anyone harassing her for sharing her side is dead to me.

Furthermore she messaged me yesterday and asked for advice for how to deal with this very nuanced situation about Zero and if she should say something. We don't talk much to be clear but she said she trusted my judgement (not sure I'm deserving of it) so I tried my best to give her advice.

We talked for a bit and we both agreed that it was a very nuanced situation, and I think from my conversations with her that it was clear that Jisu did not do this to try to "cancel" Zero, but rather to simply to show that he was not as innocent as he claimed and maybe to try to make him see what he has done to contribute to the general culture. To be clear however, I have no knowledge on what specifically occurred, or what Jisu meant specifically with "constantly harassed".

According to what we know, Jisu approached Leffen on July 2nd, 2020 for advice about coming forward with her allegations against Zero. This is what it says in [Leffen's Twitlonger](#) about the Jisu and Zero situation, which was posted on the morning of July 3rd.

As if this story couldn't get any darker, what Jisu didn't know is that when she approached Leffen for advice, she approached someone who had not only just hijacked the entire #MeToo movement, but would also gladly cancel Zero in the process. Zero was the only person left in the Smash community with a larger following than Leffen, and so the situation had practically fallen into Leffen's lap. These are the types of benefits Leffen was bound to receive after duping the entire community into trusting him.



Jisu
@JisuArtist



This has taken me tremendous deliberation but I'm sorry [@zerowondering](#)

You were showing me explicit Craigslist ads of sex workers and hentai on the big screen and constantly harassing me at the sky house when I was 15
[twitter.com/zerowondering/...](#)

This Tweet is unavailable.

8:10 PM · Jul 2, 2020 · Twitter for Android

1,020 Retweets **693** Quote Tweets **6,184** Likes

The reason Leffen made his Twitlonger in the first place was because people didn't initially believe Jisu's allegations. On July 2nd at 8:10 PM EST, Jisu alleged that Zero had shown her hentai when she was 15, but people didn't believe her at first because she didn't provide any evidence. This led to Leffen stepping in the next morning at 5:01 AM EST. Leffen's Twitlonger was intended to turn the tide back in Jisu's favor, but it was riddled with so much manipulative language that I knew Leffen had a vested interest in canceling Zero the moment I read it. I also knew that Zero *would* end up getting canceled as soon as I read Leffen's Twitlonger, simply due to how these situations always play out whenever Leffen is involved.

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*"If what Jisu said is true then I think its good if Zero acknowledges his past mistakes (again, this is several years ago now) and tries to truly learn from them. With the current information we/I have on what transpired, **that is all I want as his friend.**"*

"Again, I am NOT trying to say that anyone should be canceled, or anything of that sort. Just offering my take on a very nuanced and complicated situation."

*"We talked for a bit and we both agreed that it was a very nuanced situation, and I think from my conversations with her that **it was clear that Jisu did not do this to try to 'cancel' Zero...**"*

*"Now, to be very clear, **I don't think that Zero is at all guilty of anything remotely comparable to what for example Keitaro has already admitted to...**"*

*"**I do not want to 'cancel' zero or think he deserves to be,** but I do think that it's very important to show accountability and realize how you've contributed to the culture that allows such awful things to happen."*

Leffen's Twitlonger begins and ends by clarifying that Leffen would like to remain friends with Zero after this is all said and done, and that he simply wants the best for his friend. These statements are blatantly insincere, especially when you consider where they're placed. Leffen even clarifies in the first statement that he "hasn't spent much time with [Zero]," and so him claiming that Zero is his friend doesn't make any sense. From there, Leffen makes 4 more statements that either clarify or imply that what Zero did isn't that bad, and that nobody is trying to cancel Zero. Of all the times we've seen Leffen project, this is probably the easiest one to see through.

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*"We talked for a bit and we both agreed that it was a very **nuanced** situation..."*

*"I'm sorry this has been a lot of words without any clear conclusions, but I just think this is a very very **nuanced** situation. I feel like if we want this to change for the better then we need to assess all inappropriate behavior, not just the big obviously wrong things. They all lay the foundation that enables predators. Let's do better together."*

Yet another issue with Leffen's Twitlonger is his constant use of the word 'nuanced.' He uses this word a total of 5 times, which is not only excessive, but also strange when you consider that Jisu's allegations weren't nuanced at all. Leffen even apologizes in the final paragraph by saying, "I'm sorry this has been a lot of words without any clear conclusions." All in all, most of Leffen's Twitlonger doesn't actually tell you anything, and reads as though it was written by someone who was on drugs.

Word salad

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For the album by Fischer-Z, see [Word Salad \(album\)](#).

A **word salad**, or **schizophasia**, is a "confused or unintelligible mixture of seemingly random words and phrases",^[1] most often used to describe a [symptom](#) of a [neurological](#) or [mental disorder](#). The term schizophasia is used in particular to describe the confused language that may be evident in [schizophrenia](#).^[2] The words may or may not be grammatically correct, but are [semantically](#) confused to the point that the listener cannot extract any meaning from them. The term is often used in psychiatry as well as in [theoretical linguistics](#) to describe a type of [grammatical acceptability judgement](#) by [native speakers](#), and in computer programming to describe textual randomization.

The term for the way Leffen speaks throughout his Twitlonger is called 'word salad.' Word salad is a narcissist's way of spouting meaningless sentences that can muddle what they're really saying. In this case, Leffen's word salad caused every single person who read his Twitlonger to make a crucial oversight.

There is only one part of Leffen's Twitlonger that actually matters, and it's a testimony he gives toward the end. Leffen's testimony talks about how he allegedly witnessed Zero sharing hentai with one or two Japanese Smashers in a hotel room at Apex 2013. According to Leffen, this made it more likely that Jisu's testimony was truthful. Here is the transcript of Leffen's testimony:

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Leffen's Testimony

Lastly, I'd like to tell you all of the time I first met Zero. I've told this story before on stream but I think its relevant so I'll tell it again.

It was Apex 2013, Zero and a few other japanese smashers came over to where we were housed with many other smashers and played. I didn't talk to them at all, but at one point someone brought out a laptop and zero and one or two japanese smashers sat down on my sleeping bag, one of them hugged my pillow and they started showing each others very explicit pictures of their favorite anime waifus.

I remember distinctly that it one of them showed pictures of the girl from Oreimo (...popular incest anime... and yeah that was very common and accepted at the time, so I don't judge that particularly harshly now) and remember being disturbed, especially since they were doing that by my stuff.

It didn't last very long, they eventually stopped, and I didn't say anything and I kinda just laughed it off - it didn't traumatize me and I don't hold it against Zero in any other way than that it does make Jisus story about showing off hentai on the big screen more credible.

...

I do not want to "cancel" zero or think he deserves to be, but I do think that it's very important to show accountability and realize how you've contributed to the culture that allows such awful things to happen.

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**Zero was born on April 17, 1995.
Apex 2013 was held on January 11-13, 2013.**

There is a problem with Leffen's testimony that I want to highlight. **At the time of Apex 2013, Zero was 17.** This means that Zero was legally a minor, and so if any of the Japanese players were 18 or older, they'd have been guilty of the same crime Zero would later commit against Jisu.

Moving on to Leffen's statement:

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I remember distinctly that it one of them showed pictures of the girl from Oreimo (...popular incest anime... and yeah that was very common and accepted at the time, so I don't judge that particularly harshly now) and remember being disturbed, especially since they were doing that by my stuff.

I do remember this exchange that Leffen mentions. At the time of Apex 2013, I was 17 and honestly looking back at this, I cringe. The Japanese players in question were older than me, and we just nonchalantly shared a couple anime girl pictures as a joke pretty much. As to the "very explicit part" I do not know what he means, and I feel this definition is different based on who you ask. But I don't remember showing something terrible or extremely explicit. I remember looking back at this exchange and it shows my social awkwardness back then. I did not consider how my actions could have made someone else uncomfortable since I only saw me and the other people in the equation and not someone like Leffen who could have seen. My intention was never to show him anything though and despite me being a minor, and stupid, I still feel this deserves an apology: I'm sorry Leffen.

Zero would end up confirming that the Japanese players in question were in fact older than him.

If Zero was a minor at Apex 2013, then why didn't Leffen bother to open a case against the Japanese players who were in the hotel room? Furthermore, *why did Leffen phrase his testimony as though Zero was the guilty party in this situation?* According to Leffen, Zero is to be blamed regardless of whether he is the minor or not. This is a major loophole in Leffen's logic that no one caught. **It proves that he was never actually invested in serving justice to sexual predators. Leffen specifically wanted Zero gone because he was a profitable takedown.**

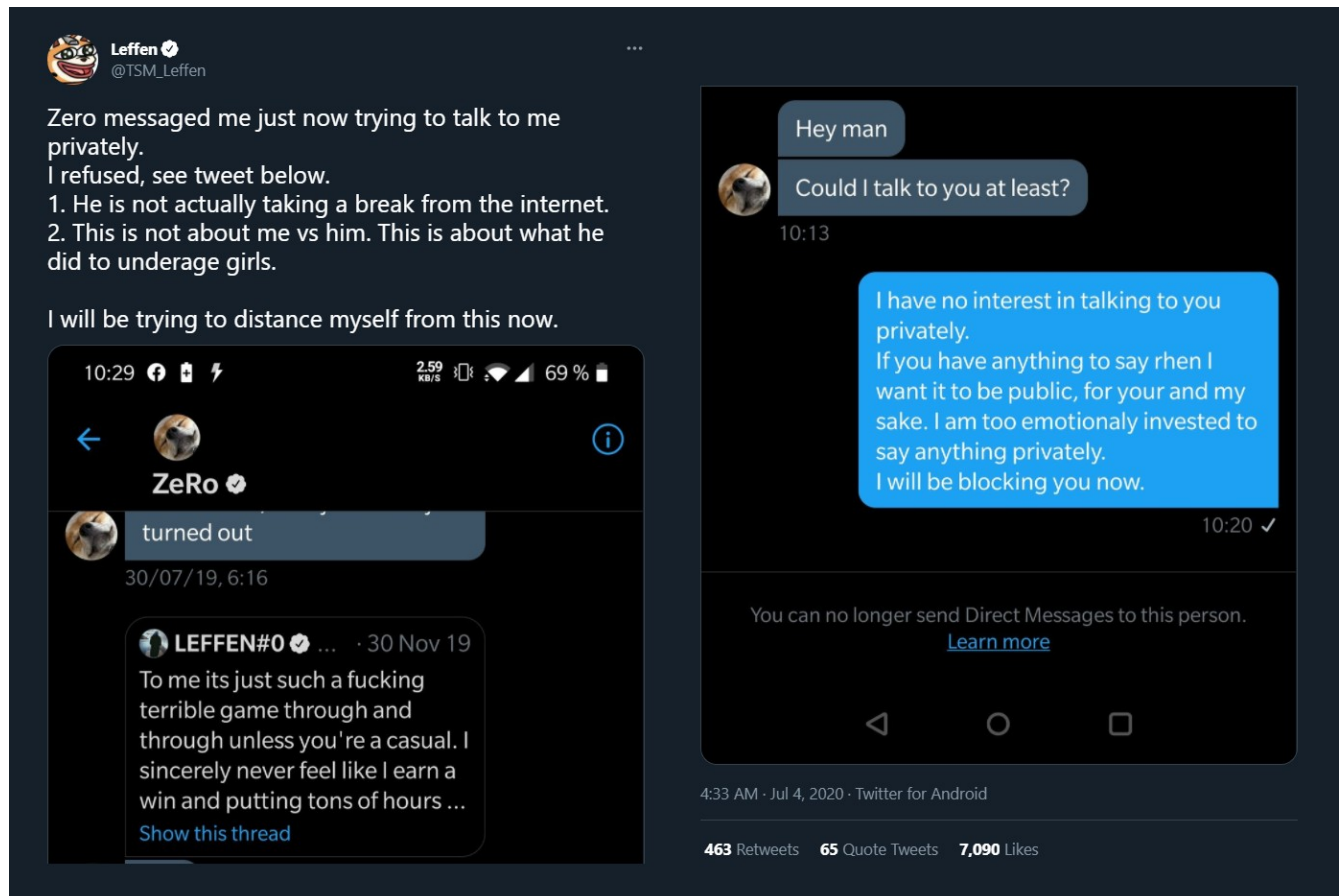
"Honestly wanted to keep out of the drama, but this randomly happened on stream yesterday and people were asking for the full story so here it is. Won't be responding to further drama until after Genesis 5." - Leffen ([01/18/2018](#))

The manipulative language and double standard within Leffen's Twitlonger is eerily reminiscent of when he smear campaigned Hbox 2 years prior. When Leffen posted the video about Hbox that would receive 400,000 views, he assured people that he "wanted to keep out of the drama," which obviously wasn't his intention. Leffen also portrayed Hbox as being abusive toward a player named Snowy, when Snowy was nothing more than a stepping stone for Leffen to enact his smear campaign. By half a year later, Leffen would be on the verge of fully pushing Hbox out of the community.

"But yet it's just fucking hentai, so why are people trying to make it look like Zero did something harmful smh. If he really harassed Jisu like she wrote it down, why are there such positive chats about them talking to each other? It just does not fit in the current situation." - SasuSB ([07/03/2020](#))

"Showing porn to a minor (19 to 15 YO iirc) is literally considered sexual harassment in many jurisdictions. It's not just 'fucking hentai.'" - Leffen ([07/03/2020](#))

Leffen didn't need half a year to pivot toward his true intentions this time around. **Just 17 minutes after Leffen posted his Twitlonger, he was already Tweeting in a way that suggested that Zero was a criminal who ought to be canceled.** This would have been perfectly fine if not for the fact that Leffen had just assured us that he wasn't trying to cancel Zero. There was no emotional consistency among anything Leffen was saying or doing.



"I've tried contacting and talking to Leffen on several occasions since the trip, both IRL and online, as you might've figured out by now, without any result. But with a pounding heart I wasn't going to take no for an answer and after having reached out several times just to be dismissed and ignored, he realized I wasn't giving in to his hatred, so he made a promise to contact me when he "got the time for it". Sadly, this never happened or shall I say, hasn't happened, cause as you might understand I still wish he would start opening up to people, talking with them and explaining his issues if there are any."
- C (2013)

"But he seem to be less interested in keeping a healthy relationship with his prospects, in fact, it seems he thrives on making other people miserable by acting malicious towards them, spreading false rumors and manipulating people into disliking them."
- C (2013)

As the days went on, more information would come out, and Leffen would continue to administer Zero's cancellation. On July 4th, Leffen made a particularly brutal Tweet in which he leaked DM's of Zero reaching out to him to talk. Many people raised an issue with this Tweet, so I want to shed some

insight into why it happened. 8 years ago when C testified for Evidence.zip, he explained that Leffen is a highly sadistic individual who will decline any invitation to speak with his prospects. Leffen will, in fact, misrepresent these invitations on social media as to vilify the other person. We've already seen Leffen do this to multiple people. He did it to C when he claimed that he defended himself from C in his YouTube video, he did it to me when he claimed that I screamed at him for no reason at Royal Flush, and he did it to Hbox when he claimed that Hbox begged him to be unblocked.

"Snake ass Leffen showing his true colors." - ItsKokujin [\(07/04/2020\)](#)

"He messaged you privately and you showed it to the world... You're a snake man... You vs ZeRo it's always been man... You exposed and talked about him and then said 'hope we can still be cool'... Your intention was to destroy him." - titodiddy [\(07/04/2020\)](#)

"Some 'friend.' He's in a tough spot and he reached out to you for advice or guidance most likely. To give him the cold shoulder is just animal-like of you. Yeah he messed up, but he's human. You should be ashamed.

Social media turns us into something evil man, I swear." - pharoh79 [\(07/04/2020\)](#)

"Dude, you don't even know what he wants to talk with you about. That you even dared calling yourself a friend of his is just ridiculous. One thing's not all right anymore and you just run away. That's why people have trust issues, because they can't even count on 'friends' anymore."
- lordpraisestone [\(07/04/2020\)](#)

*"He wants drama. **His channel is prepped to gain a lot financially from Zero's downfall.** He wants to be a highly visible foil to him." - jco1510 [\(07/04/2020\)](#)*

*"Not defending Zero at all. He deserves to be gone for good but I will say, **there's something off about you. I respect you speaking up and standing with the victims but in this particular case, it seems like you never really liked Zero at all and you were hoping that something like this would happen.** I'm starting to get the vibe that drama and your personal issues with Zero are bleeding into this. I suggest you stay strictly objective about this similar to the way you've been about the other cases. I'm not the only one who's noticing this." - EndlessVoidVII [\(07/04/2020\)](#)*

With that information in mind, Zero never had a chance of speaking to Leffen in this situation, but Zero didn't know that. Neither did the people on Twitter who watched Leffen leak these DM's, but many of them were still able to gauge that Leffen was acting maliciously. Several people accused Leffen of never meaning what he said when he called Zero his "friend," and being personally invested in Zero's downfall. One person wrote that Leffen was "prepped to gain a lot financially from [the situation]," while another wrote, "there's something off about you. I respect you speaking up and standing with the victims, but in this particular case, it seemed that you never really liked Zero at all and you were hoping that something like this would happen." Everyone who took this stance was correct.

"All I'm going to say is that even before any allegations came out about ZeRo, he was talking about how he recently hit a new lowest low. That low has most definitely been shattered since then.

All I'ma say. If you think it's worth it for this, that's on you." - IsaakMo [\(07/04/2020\)](#)

“Don’t you dare put his mental health on me. Mental health is a serious issue but being depressed is not an excuse to get away with doing bad things. I say this as someone who struggled with heavy depression myself.” - Leffen (07/04/2020)

TwitLonger

Ad-free

Account

Write a Post

So I wanna start this out by just telling everybody how sorry I am for the horrible things I've done. There's no other way to say it, really. I have behaved very badly to many people, often seemingly without any reason to. In the past another terrible thing that I've done is to after I've been confronted me over the net I always try to make seem like, at least partly, others were in the wrong, which even if that was true (which it often was not) it does not make what I did right.

I want to try to explain my self, mind you, I'm not trying to excuse anything, but I don't feel like I can sincerely apologize while not telling people the reason that I did it in the first place.

The reason I started doing the insulting, harassing and just overall being a jerk to people in the first place was because for over two years now I've been suffering from serious depression, suicidal thoughts and various anxiety issues, which has aside from getting me hated by most people in the smash scene also forced me to quit school for more than a year among other things to deal with it.

Several other people expressed that what Leffen was doing could potentially drive Zero to suicide, especially considering Zero was known to have struggled with depression. Leffen responded to one of them by saying, “don’t you dare put his mental health on me. Mental health is a serious issue, but being depressed is not an excuse to get away with doing bad things.” This Tweet is ridiculous when you consider that in the [fake apology](#) Leffen gave after Evidence.zip, he blamed everything he had done on depression and other similar issues. Just because Leffen included a disclaimer that said he “[wasn’t] trying to excuse anything” doesn’t mean that his intention wasn’t to do so.



On July 9th, Leffen would make another antagonizing Tweet in response to Zero announcing that he was in therapy and looking to better himself. Leffen wanted to make absolutely sure of the fact that Zero was gone for good, no matter what toll his actions took on Zero's mental health.

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Former Smash Bros pro ZeRo reportedly in hospital after suicide attempt

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by Michael Gwilliam

"Really sad to hear that. Hope he gets the help he needs." - Leffen ([03/25/2021](#))

Unsurprisingly, it was later revealed that Zero had entered a suicidal state following the events of last summer. All eyes were on Leffen when this news came out, and so he responded by saying that he wished Zero well. Amazingly, this was all it took for Leffen to take the target off of his back.

"Reminder that evidence.zip was written by Hax because he blamed me for his insomnia ROFL."
- Leffen ([12/12/2020](#))

As someone who's dealt with Leffen first-hand, I need you to know that **Leffen would probably prefer if Zero was dead**. I say this because back when Leffen blackmailed me about my mental health issues, I remember thinking to myself that there are plenty of people who would've killed themselves in that scenario. **Leffen even doubled-down 3 years later when Metagame aired by bringing up my mental health issues again as a way of discrediting Evidence.zip**. The point is, Leffen has no empathy or remorse, and only made his tweet about Zero to protect himself.



One last thing I want to show you is that **Leffen would've gladly used #MeToo to take out Hbox, as well.** When rumors of Hbox allegations began to spread, Leffen quickly implemented chat commands in preparation for them. He wanted to leverage #MeToo as hard as possible by not only taking the helm, but also by taking out both of the people whose social media followings rivaled his. All in all, Leffen's actions during the #MeToo movement reveal what a snake he really is, and should leave no doubt as to his intentions.

Charge #9: In 2020, Leffen also utilized the #MeToo movement to take down ZeRo and ascend socioeconomically. He mobilized the Smash community against ZeRo in a manner that directly and proximately led to ZeRo's currently suicidal state. When this suicidal state was later revealed in 2021, Leffen insincerely wished ZeRo well in order to save face.

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[12] Conclusion

Thanks for making it to the end of this report. If you skipped here, that's fine too, since I'll be recapping a bunch of the information I've given you and recapping what all of it means. Unfortunately, once you know what all of this means, it paints quite the dark picture for the status quo of Smash, which is why it's a must that people weigh in on this. Whether you're a top player, a community leader, or a casual player, the decisions we make are going to have an impact on your future within this community, and so your input is valued.

Currently, there is a real argument for expelling Leffen from the Smash community based on his lengthy history of deception and malicious intent, as well as his desire to restructure the Smash community into a dystopian society.

Characteristics of a dystopian society

- Propaganda is used to control the citizens of society.
- Information, independent thought, and freedom are restricted.
- A figurehead or concept is worshipped by the citizens of the society.
- Citizens are perceived to be under constant surveillance.
- Citizens have a fear of the outside world.
- Citizens live in a dehumanized state.
- The natural world is banished and distrusted.
- Citizens conform to uniform expectations. Individuality and dissent are bad.
- The society is an illusion of a perfect utopian world.

The above image lists widely-accepted characteristics of a dystopian society. As you can see, practically everything on this list is being imposed onto the Smash community by Leffen. There is a real attempt being made to seize the throne at the expense of every single other member of this community, and that shouldn't go unpunished.

Regardless of what your role is within this community or where you are on the social ladder, you should oppose Leffen's agenda, and I'll explain why.

Top Players

If you're a top player within this community, then that means you've spent years honing your skills and building a career for yourself. **However, what Leffen has signaled is that if he deems you a threat to his rhetoric or market share, you may be subject to your reputation and/or career maliciously being defrauded.** I know this because I was the first person who Leffen targeted for these purposes back when he looked to undermine my credibility in 2011 – 2012. This has since evolved into an eternal vendetta; as we've seen, he targeted the B0XX's legality in 2017, overran my tournament series in 2021, and intervened with the B0XX's button layout in 2021. His interference with B0XX legality put my entire career on the line, while the other 2 cons damaged me socioeconomically.

Because I was targeted early on for these purposes, I recognized when other people such as Hungrybox and ZeRo had been added to 'the list.' Both of these people were unaware that they had become a part of a recurring trend. Regardless of that fact, once you take a close look at who Leffen has targeted, his agenda becomes clear as day. In addition to targeting me for posing a threat to his rhetoric, Leffen has targeted *both* of the other people in the top 3 largest followings of all time (ZeRo, Leffen, Hungrybox).

What this means is that Leffen is looking to consolidate his power within this community by striking down those who threaten his authoritarian rule. This completely destabilizes the job market and cannot be accepted under any circumstances. Not to mention the fact that every time Leffen targets people for this purpose, there is massive collateral damage onto the community (e.g. other people being stifled in their ability to use my products/services, crowds becoming hostile during the Hungrybox saga, and Zero's mental health anguish).

Casual Players

If you're a casual player within this community, then it's imperative for you to be a free-thinker. It's also imperative for you to feel welcomed.

Leffen is looking to directly impose on these freedoms in several ways. He is intent on dehumanizing the masses by controlling the way they think and hoarding them as though they're statistics underneath him, which is a vile approach.

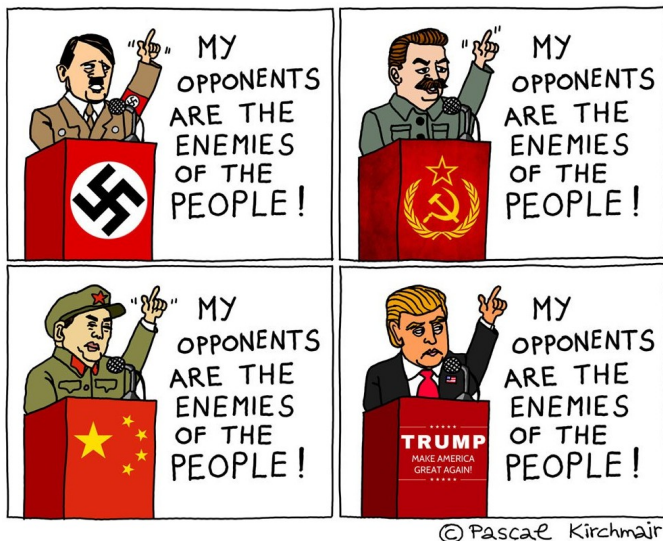
The way Leffen achieves this is through **multiple layers of crowd psychology.** As I explained early on in this report, a dead giveaway that the status quo is totalitarian is the fact that the person with the largest following makes people sign an agreement to conform to everything he says in order to be able to view his Twitter account. Otherwise, they will be blocked. This strategy, which I call '**pest control,**' creates illegitimate pressure. It creates the illusion of trustworthiness and correctness, which, as we've seen, Leffen has exploited on many occasions.

"It is better to be feared than loved, if you cannot be both." - Niccolo Machiavelli

The next layers of crowd psychology that Leffen utilizes are **fear** and **love**. These are the two traditional means of controlling the masses, as explained by the Machiavelli quote. Fear, which is the priority here, is instilled in multiple ways. Leffen has a tendency to scan social media to make sure that no one is dissenting or speaking negatively of him in any nook or cranny of the universe, which creates a tense atmosphere. In totalitarian terms, these scans are known as **menticidal assaults**. They destabilize people and make them fearful to express themselves, because even during periods of calm, you can never tell when the next menticidal assault will come.



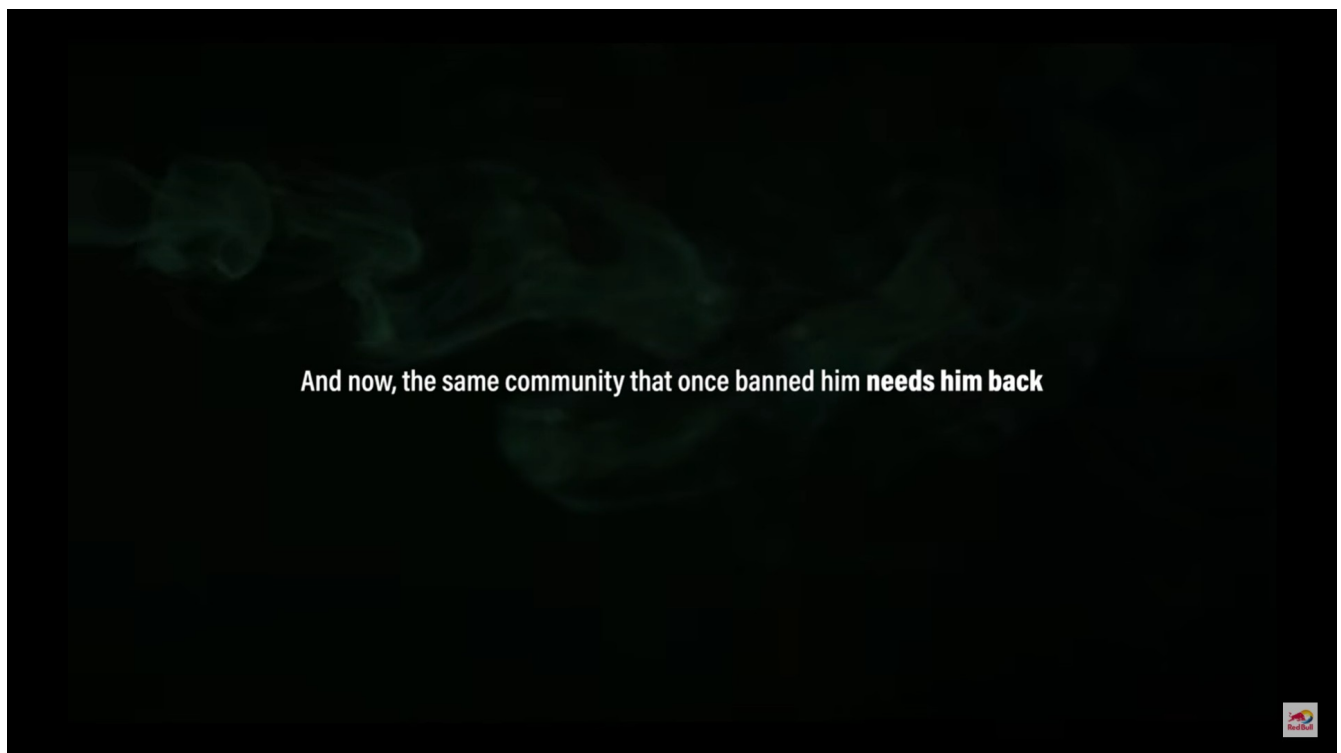
A common strategy is to layer menticidal assaults with propaganda. Once people are destabilized, their brains become easier to infest, as they crave a return to normalcy. Unsurprisingly, Leffen is aware of this.



As I mentioned, the next step is to for Leffen to make people love him. But you might be wondering: how is it possible to be both feared and loved simultaneously? The answer is **self-engineered hero narratives**. These are yet another totalitarian classic. By throwing people like Hungrybox and Salem under the bus, Leffen is not only able to mobilize people underneath him, but gain their admiration as well.



Between all of the layers of crowd psychology working in his favor, Leffen is able to gain an iron grip over the masses. This is why, when he engages in massive political fraud such as during last summer's #MeToo movement, *no one* stops to question his intentions. *No one* realizes how badly they are being dehumanized, hoarded, and recruited as a statistic by someone who couldn't care less about them.

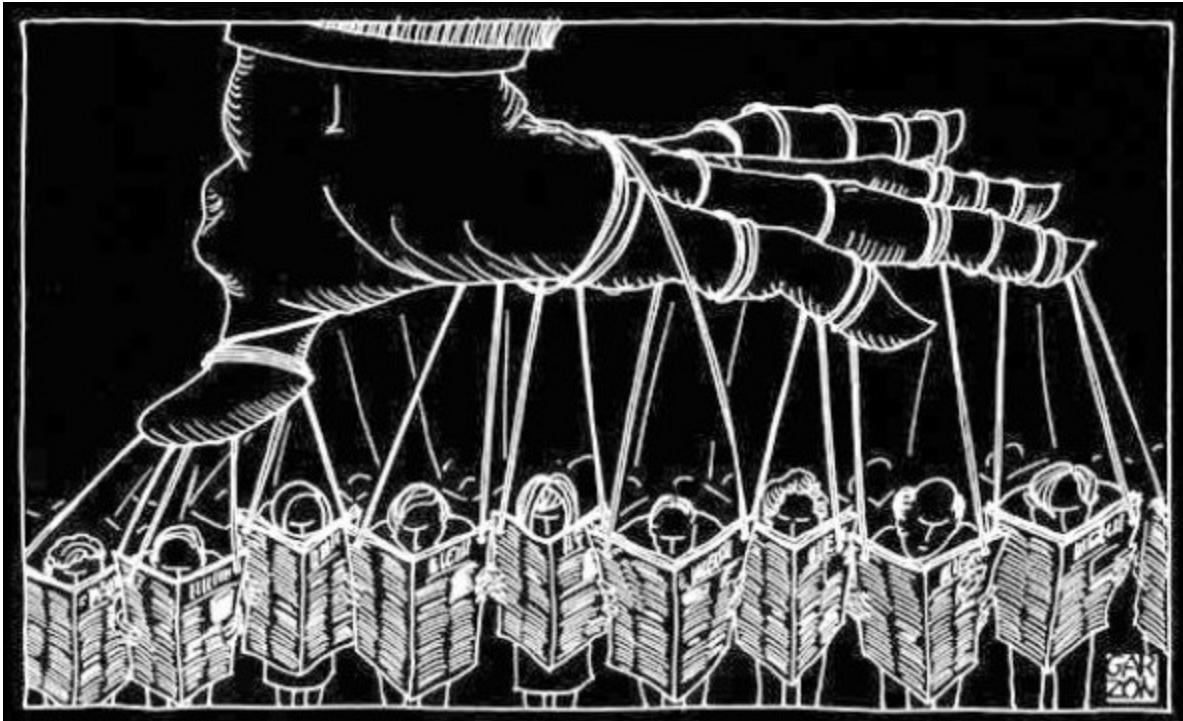


Propaganda from Red Bull's 2016 'Evidence.zip' series.

To top it all off, **Leffen controls the press.** Had people known the truth about Evidence.zip, then Smash surely wouldn't have reached this point, which is why Leffen has played a direct role in influencing the press at all times. He presumably had final say over the TSM and Red Bull documentaries that have been made about him. Similarly, the fake apology he issued on March 21st, 2013 would end up making it to theScore esports' 2018 documentary. None of these documentaries told the true story.



Now, the press is gearing up to infest people's minds with propaganda **yet again.** This time, Leffen has subdued Samox, who has been forced to release revisionist history this upcoming weekend. I am writing this report in order to inform you of these injustices in the nick of time.



Make no mistake: **you are witnessing a modern-day totalitarian regime.** Between the ‘hits’ being placed on top players in order to consolidate power, the multiple layers of crowd psychology being used to dehumanize and hoard the masses, and the complete control over the press, the Smash community has fallen into the pits of darkness. However, it isn’t too late. Now that the Smash community knows the truth, it’s time to take back the free world.

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