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Subject: Re: Is Oblivion's request for a male gaming partner unfair?

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This thread could use the input of a female gamer, in the absence of one at this very moment, I shall attempt to empathise:

(This entire section assumes that the channel in which the various hypothetical individuals are in is strictly for the purpose of game related chat)

What choice would a female gamer have though? You can't just ignore all the stupid idiots flooding the channel because:

Action: Ignore them all and only speak when the game requires (I shall call this the "Hardcore" action (Oh dear God, more jokes...) as it's the option a serious female gamer would probably take)

Probable consequence: They get louder until either they're kicked or the channel is unusable. (Also note that the channel is unusable in the proper sense until they're kicked)

Action: Talk to them until they shut up. Note that the responses by the female gamer can be anything except those which would be likely to continue the irrelevant conversation much longer. (A fairly common response, in my personal experience - I shall refer to this as the "Typical" action)

Probable consequence: Eventually, after a period of irrelevant chatting, the talk (mostly) dies down to the essential game-related chat. A fairly good outcome, and probably not too hard to achieve, and not requiring the presence of a moderator - just give sarcastic responses until the idiots shut up.

Action: Be an "attention whore". (That is, to deliberately continue the conversation in a way that makes it focus on them, the female gamer, cluttering the channel with irrelevant conversation). Well, I don't need to finish this, the female gamer is clearly abusing the channel's purpose.

Probable consequence: People get banned/kicked.

See how the response, I at least, find, is the most common is the only one that doesn't require moderator intervention, something that is fairly rare? I think we have a partial answer...

As an aside to the particular circumstance that started this: Oblivion mentions Skype, unless I'm very out of touch, that is not a typical VOIP choice for gamers, who would probably use Vent/TS to chat with teammates, so surely the whole "male/female" debate is moot, as any conversation between Oblivion and his hypothetically female partner would be in a private channel?

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