

Disclaimer: *To start, this is a living, breathing document. Think of it as someone jotting down notes to verify them in the future. The grammar is poor the spelling is suspect, it's a work in progress.*

According to numerous sources, Abraham Lincoln was known for not sending letters that he wrote. One of the more famous letters was the one never sent to General George Meade. It can be found here₁ if interested.

So why do I connect Lincoln to social networks? Because the ability to “reply” back to someone on social networks needs to expand past 133mSec.

Lincoln would write letters to people and then never send them. Meaning once he calmed down he didn't feel it necessary. Maybe all networks, but the most needed (Job and Resume boards??) networks could implement a minimum time before a reply could be sent out.

Heck maybe in that time the original post could be taken down or modified? Or maybe after a certain number of replies your time to respond would go up/increase?

This wouldn't work for friendly conversation. Or emergencies. Sharing family news, photos, all the good stuff.

It's almost like you need to take your blood pressure before being allowed to post a comment. Above a certain point would indicate your anger or agitation. As blood pressure or heart rate is lowered the conversation could continue? Virtual Calm Down controlled by the computer?? Not ideal.

How to encourage good online citizenship without controlling speech? Educational debates crucial to society...flame wars, rants, anger filled replies carry little value then to incite others to respond.

Maybe the sheer volume of people interacting is more the problem. In real life you don't have access to 1000s of people to speak with. Maybe limiting the number of friends or family could help?

You are given so many slots for family members. For those talk is uncontrolled unless asked for.

You are given so many friend slots.

You are given so many work slots.

You are given so many product slots.

You are given so many political – This area would have time restrictions. You can talk all you want but instant replies and such would not happen? Would it encourage a more thoughtful discussion?

1.<https://www.battlefields.org/learn/primary-sources/lincolns-unsent-letter-george-meade>