

Is trolling a new thing?

David Rudrum, author of *Trolling Before the Internet* reveals how 'trolling' is not as new as we may think. He explores how language has been used throughout history as a means of provocation, long preceding social media and the internet - and that 'trolls' may well have been around since the Tudor era...

What is the difference between troll and trolling?

In the beginning of the Internet, the words troll and trolling had completely different meanings. Due to the lack of knowledge found online, the world trolling was confused with the word troll, and eventually the word troll picked up an alternative meaning.

When did trolling start?

With this in mind, let me introduce, as my Exhibit A, a piece of evidence to suggest that the words 'troll' and 'trolling' have been in colloquial usage since at least about 1540.

What is a troll in Internet slang?

A troll or troller in internet slang is someone that starts arguments or upsets people by posting off-topic or extraneous messages in some type of online community. Their goal is to cause people to get emotional and to harass people online. In the beginning of the Internet, the words troll and trolling had completely different meanings.

Over the years, trolling has transformed from lighthearted pranks into a tool for social influence, both good and bad. But how did we get here? Let's explore the fascinating journey of ...

Bishop's (2013: 28) definition of trolls encompasses qualities we have come to expect from trolling behaviours: they post messages and image content via electronic networks intended to be ...

7.2. Origins of trolling While the term "trolling" in the sense we are talking about in this chapter comes out of internet culture, the type of actions that we now call trolling have been ...

But how did these provocateurs and manipulators come to be known as "trolls"? It's not directly related to the creatures of folklore. The term "trolling" originates from fishing. Trolling is when ...

From this, I extracted all the instances of trolling that I could find, and identified the consistent, major themes that users referred to as being a part of trolling. Once I had those themes, I amalgamated ...

Clearly then, political trolling is not a new phenomenon, even if the digital spaces where this kind of trolling takes place are a fairly new to this kind of rhetorical art. Digital spaces do, ...

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How did trolling come to exist? This article traces the origins of trolling as a form of rhetoric from Ancient Greece to the internet age, exploring ...

Trolling exists on a continuum, from relatively harmless pranks to genuinely harmful harassment. Some trolls engage in what they consider "playful" disruption--posting absurd ...

Trolling on the internet looks and feels like a new phenomenon. Abuse can rain down on a target instantly and from everywhere, in quantities never before seen. But as David Rudrum's ...

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