



Lifestyle Police

The entire time I have been “out” I have read posts in various groups and heard many discussions regarding the need for some form of “Lifestyle Police”, along with the furious debate as to why that is not possible and should not be. I believe “not possible and should not be” wins this one for many reasons. However, it bothers me and obviously many other people, especially newbies, that there is not someone to “police” predators and dishonorable people who use the Lifestyle as a place to find a continuing supply of new victims.

After reading a latest series of posts and comments, I had an epiphany on the subject. It was: there are no “Lifestyle Police” and should not be, but there are “Lifestyle Police” and should be! Now I will explain.

No person, or group of people, in the Lifestyle is capable of assuming the role of “Police” since we have no Lifestyle elections, laws, court systems, etc. Consequently, everyone in the Lifestyle has an obligation to help police the Lifestyle. So we do have “Lifestyle Police” (everyone in the lifestyle). If you think about it, it is quite easy, and non-threatening, to carry out your “Lifestyle Police” duties. All you have to do is the following regarding people who should be avoided based on their own actions:

Not have them on your social/Lifestyle networking site “Friends List”.

Not write “cool” things on their social/Lifestyle networking site profile/wall.

Not interact with them when you are at events or activities where they are present.

Not participate in events or activities that they are hosting or involved in.

On the other hand, doing any of these things legitimizes these people and enables them to have access to new victims, especially newbies.

And if you really want to be proactive, simply tell people you know who may interact with these people that you recommend they not do that.

One additional note: When you are “critiqued” for your actions, simply do what my sainted grandmother told me to do in such cases: “consider the source and ignore them”. Which is the same advice I got in my professional career from a very corporate and politically savvy executive. Based on my life experiences, including many Lifestyle networking sites, that has been excellent advice.

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