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Fifa community

My discourse community is related to a video game called Fifa. Not all video games have discourse communities as most of these games have players which don't cooperate well with each other. Mine is a Fifa group, it's a soccer video game community. So, what makes this group interesting? This group helps new fifa players understand the game and gives daily updates on the players in the game or in real life for the people who aren't just interested in fifa but interested in soccer generally. Before I joined this community, I researched it well and asked the players' opinions about it and more than 90% of the responses were positive comments. It is a discourse community because it contains many players that have the same goal or objective to accomplish from playing this game.

I researched this community through different facebook pages that all have the same first word in their page title, Fifa. I asked 10 different groups from 5 different countries. All of the groups almost had the same answers to my questions and as I said, more than 90% of the responses were positive, so I decided to join the group and now I am one of the oldest members. This group's goal is to help people who are playing the game as requested by those who need help and always give the right information about the game. We communicate with each other in a way that suits everyone in the group without insults and with respecting everyone's opinions. So, this discourse community has different pages and groups on facebook, instagram and other

social media. The facebook and instagram community page I'm a part of communicate with each other through the same social media or whatsapp and the main language is Arabic but more than one-third of the group can speak and write English as well. We also communicate with the other outside world pages through social media.

I interviewed my brother as he is a member of the group and asked him the questions given. My brother thinks that the game has its positives and negatives as well. He said that the fifa community is always helpful and responsive. But he also thinks that more than 25% of fifa players don't respect the game and the founders of the game. Obviously, no video game is perfect but the way many players react to the negatives in the game is so toxic that it creates a bigger distance between the new players of the game and the fifa community. While interviewing my brother he told me something I didn't know and it's that many soccer players actually react to some of the videos or posts or even fifa streamers in their twitter or instagram which means that famous people are interested in the game and its community and that's why the community must always be respectful so we can have a clean image towards these people. So I checked and there were so many comments about the fifa community or the game from very famous people like, Marco Reus, one of the best german soccer players who said, "I'm honored to join a very distinguished group of footballers to appear on the cover of Fifa. Most of all, I am humbled that the fans have chosen me, and I will strive to make them proud with my performance on the pitch." This shows how supportful the fifa community can be and also proves my point that many known celebrities actually know numerous things about fifa and the fifa community. Also another comment that stands out to me is by a famous English Youtuber/Musician, he said, "I'm now a brand. Like, KSI is a brand. It's crazy that it all came

from me sitting in my bedroom just making a few fifa videos.” He started as a fifa youtuber and is now one of the most famous youtubers in the UK just from the support that the fifa community gave him and again, this shows how influential the fifa community can be. My brother also told me that before buying the game, some players told him it’s not worth it because the community won’t help but he had to check for himself and when he joined he ignored the negative comments because he finds that the most rare thing about this group that isn’t in any other group is that they do whatever they can to communicate with other people in outside worlds to help about the game information.

In my opinion, this community is so unique because I have played many video games and I haven’t seen any game community that helps each other like the Fifa community and the way they respect the opinions made me even more interested in joining this discourse community. A way to tell if a member is a full member is to ask him about different players and their statistics and ask information about the game in general. Also, to be a full member, you have to be free at least 3 hours a day to help and answer peoples’ questions. We have a few simple rules that whoever wants to join must know. The first and most important rule is to respect everyone , no matter the religion ,age or gender. Another thing you must have is the desire to know more about the game and be eager to be better at the game.

I was very surprised by the way the members treat each other, even if there was a misunderstanding, they apologize and continue their chat politely. I was also amazed by the amount of knowledge they have about this game. What confused me was how they recognize most of the players’ in-game statistics and their teams in real life. I was so eager to know the

answer to so many questions in this game and this community was very interesting so I decided to join them and now I've been there for almost six years.

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