

Is Constructive Feedback on Whonix/KickSecure Being Censored?

[hTahaCi](#) 1 February 25, 2026, 6:48pm

I've noticed a pattern where my posts discussing the drawbacks of Whonix or Kicksecure are being removed from forums like Privacy Guides or the Qubes Forum, while similar critiques about other projects (such as SecureBlue) are allowed.

I wrote a detailed post outlining legitimate concerns—based on verified information, with no false claims or offensive language—and it was blocked before reaching the public. If I were spreading misinformation, I would understand the removal. However, I'm sharing factual observations which I believe contribute to healthy discourse.

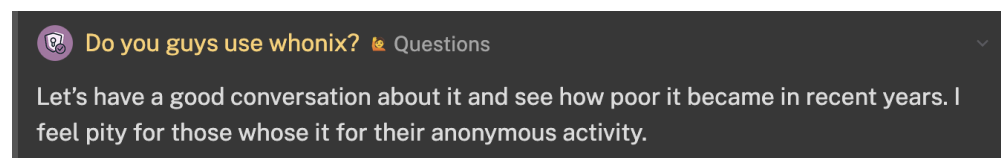
Transparency and open discussion are essential in security-focused communities. When posts are removed without explanation, it can feel like censorship, especially when similar content about other post is permitted.

I'm not using inappropriate language, making false accusations, or violating any stated rules. I'm simply trying to share knowledge. Could someone please clarify the reasoning behind these moderation decisions? I value freedom of expression and believe that respectful, evidence-based critique should be allowed.

Thank you for your time and understanding.

[SmartCondor](#) 2 February 25, 2026, 6:53pm

In what universe do you qualify this low quality original post you make as seeking constructive feedback? Stop lying/misrepresenting what you're trying to do and how.



hTahaCi:

violating any stated rules.

Low quality post is the rule violation I believe here.

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[kissu](#) 3 February 25, 2026, 6:55pm

Please save the URLs or feel free to link it to me on Signal.

We're trying to figure out some of those same concerns with a few other people. 😊

SmartCondor:

Low quality post is the rule violation I believe here.

Poor phrasing with 2 lines might not be enough to justify such offense.

I know plenty of people with good healthy intentions that just cannot express themselves that well (myself included, sometimes).

Let's allow for a bit more patience overall. 😊

2 Likes

[hTahaCi](#) 4 February 25, 2026, 6:57pm

I've reviewed my previous posts, and I believe I'm sharing truthful, well-researched information that could be helpful to others. I kept this post short because my last one—much longer and carefully written—took hours to complete, only to be removed immediately. I'm not using offensive language or spreading false claims. If my content violates any rules, I'd appreciate specific feedback so I can understand and improve. My intention is to contribute meaningfully to the discussion.

[kissu](#) 5 February 25, 2026, 6:59pm

hTahaCi:

only to be removed immediately

That one deeply cuts for sure.

Hence I agree and understand.

Unfortunate that you sometimes need to do backups of your content before submitting it.

hTahaCi:

I'd appreciate specific feedback so I can understand and improve. My intention is to contribute meaningfully to the discussion.

Yes. Help improve rather than straight punish.

1 Like

[SmartCondor](#) 6 February 25, 2026, 6:59pm

kissu:

Poor phrasing with 2 lines might not be enough to justify such offense.

I clearly disagree. But you've also not been here longer than I have been a lurker so I'm more confident in my evaluation of how PG forum works than you are - your history here thus far notwithstanding.

(I was a lurker with another account).

[SmartCondor](#) 7 February 25, 2026, 7:00pm

kissu:

I know plenty of people with good healthy intentions that just cannot express themselves that well (myself included, sometimes).

It's not about expression. Clearly OP here can express themselves. It's about not providing any details on which to go on and have that discussion about it. Hence, the low quality.

[kissu](#) 8 February 25, 2026, 7:00pm

It is still irrelevant to the topic here as a whole. 😊

SmartCondor:

But you've also not been here longer than I have been a lurker

How about my lurker period tho? (feels like an situation right now)

Same here, I wouldn't use `pre-kissu` as a "lurker account".

PS: very fine with your statement below.

I already do such things with some people on here (unfortunately).

[SmartCondor](#) 9 February 25, 2026, 7:02pm

We clearly don't seem to ever understand what we both are saying in any threads. Let's just try and stay out of each others ways if possible. I'll make the effort going forward.

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[Valynor](#) 10 February 25, 2026, 7:02pm

hTahaCi:

I wrote a detailed post outlining legitimate concerns

title: Do you guys use whonix?

raw: Let's have a good conversation about it and see how poor it became in recent years. I feel pity for those whose it for their anonymous activity.

The above post (which has been deleted) is certainly not a detailed post, it has basically zero content.

I feel pity for those whose it for their anonymous activity.

.. and this part feels aggressive/derogatory for no good reason at all.

[jonah](#) (Jonah Aragon) 11 February 25, 2026, 7:04pm

hTahaCi:

I kept this post short because my last one—much longer and carefully written—took hours to complete, only to be removed immediately.

I am not seeing any other posts of yours that have been deleted other than the one that has been shared above in this thread.

[SmartCondor](#) 12 February 25, 2026, 7:04pm

Like I said, misrepresenting facts. I've been here for an hour. I know/have seen the posts being made here.

[hTahaCi](#) 13 February 25, 2026, 7:06pm

The above post (which has been deleted) is certainly not a detailed post, it has basically zero content.

I didn't post that here — I originally shared it on the Qubes OS Forum. They removed it immediately, which is why I've kept this one brief. I'm starting with a low-key approach in case it gets taken down again.

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[SmartCondor](#) 14 February 25, 2026, 7:07pm

hTahaCi:

I didn't post that here

Then how do I have that screenshot of yours?

[jonah](#) (Jonah Aragon) 15 February 25, 2026, 7:08pm

We obviously have different moderators and policies than any forum run by a software developer, and it's clear to me that the moderation decision here solely looking at the post you submitted *to us* was the correct decision.

If you want to make a very long detailed post to share your opinions with people, perhaps consider starting a blog?

[hTahaCi](#) 16 February 25, 2026, 7:08pm

I've been trying to contribute and share what I've learned because I genuinely want to help. But the negative responses I'm getting are really disheartening. I'm not trying to cause trouble — I'm here to add value. Being treated this way makes me feel discouraged.

1 Like

[SmartCondor](#) 17 February 25, 2026, 7:10pm

Dude.. you literally made a low quality post. THAT's pretty much it. I have no other problem nor does PG folks. It was removed because of that violation.

Make another post with good details and I'm sure people will respond better.

[kissu](#) 18 February 25, 2026, 7:10pm

jonah:

If you want to make a very long detailed post to share your opinions with people, perhaps consider starting a blog?

Agree with that (self-host as much of your stuff as possible).

Yet it makes me feel a bit sad that we need to reach those lengths on here too...

[jonah](#) (Jonah Aragon) 19 February 25, 2026, 7:11pm

Even if *I'm* writing something here that I think is particularly important I will repost it to

[jonaharagon.com](#) lol

[SmartCondor](#) 20 February 25, 2026, 7:12pm

Some basic things are needed for quality and productive discussions. Everyone either buy into it and uses it appropriately or don't.

[kissu](#) 21 February 25, 2026, 7:13pm

I do agree and second.

Yet, not everybody knows/wants to maintain something on the side unfortunately.

Deleting their long (and potentially well-crafted) message feels a bit disheartening as said by OP.

[SmartCondor](#) 22 February 25, 2026, 7:14pm

kissu:

Deleting their long (and potentially well-crafted) message feels a bit disheartening as said by OP.

What part are you nor OP is not getting here.

There was no other detailed post that was removed. The screenshot I posed in my very first comment was it.

[jonah](#) (Jonah Aragon) 23 February 25, 2026, 7:14pm

kissu:

Deleting their long (and potentially well-crafted) message feels a bit disheartening as said by OP.

Well, we did not do that. Qubes *allegedly* did, but how would we know?

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[hTahaCi](#) 24 February 25, 2026, 7:16pm

I'm really sad — you gys have full control to remove posts, and my threads are automatically marked as “solved” without my input. I don't feel I have any control over my own contributions here in this privacy community. I've always used a covert account during my vacation days to quietly share knowledge and help others. But the way I'm being treated is deeply hurtful. I'm genuinely trying to help, and it's painful when that effort is dismissed. I think I need to step away.

1 Like

[kissu](#) 25 February 25, 2026, 7:16pm

Mostly speaking in general from somebody invested into writing some long answers myself here, no actual facts here to take any side on my end.

I just wish we could have a more relaxed approach as a whole.

Because I do have a few people on Signal that do think likewise regarding some (I quote)

heavy handed unlisting/deletions of posts

Some of which are fair, other more subjective (yet, all happened).

[SmartCondor](#) 26 February 25, 2026, 7:17pm

hTahaCi:

But the way I'm being treated is deeply hurtful.

No one is really a martyr here. All rules apply the same to all. You broke one. Hence the consequence. That's it.

You're making it seem like a bigger deal than it is. Again, stop lying or misrepresenting what you did.

[SYST3M_D3STR0YER](#) 27 February 25, 2026, 7:18pm

He said about marking answers as Solutions which aren't the solutions of OP's.

[SmartCondor](#) 28 February 25, 2026, 7:18pm

I was referring to other parts of the comment.

[jonah](#) (Jonah Aragon) Closed 29 February 25, 2026, 7:18pm

OP inquired “Is Constructive Feedback on Whonix/KickSecure Being Censored?” and the answer was that no, this did not happen in this moderation case. I don’t see how further comments from non-moderators about our past moderation events can be constructive, so I am closing this as a resolved question.

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