

## Steam Fights Review Bombing with Histograms

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Steam has had to do a bit of damage control in the wake of the racist PewDiePie comments and the game company responding by issuing a DMCA takedown of some content uploaded to YouTube by the racist. Gamers have responded by review bombing (writing and leaving bad reviews) of the publishers game and Steam has tried to step in by showing a histogram of the reviews. That way you'll be able to see if and when the review shift altered course and that it might be some poor basement dwellers getting their knickers in a twist. It sucks that Steam has to implement these measures because of a racist gamer and a bunch of poor sports who still live in their mom's basement.

*"As a potential purchaser, it's easy to spot temporary distortions in the reviews, to investigate why that distortion occurred, and decide for yourself whether it's something you care about," Kroll wrote. "This approach has the advantage of never preventing anyone from submitting a review, but does require slightly more effort on the part of potential purchasers. It also has the benefit of allowing you to see how a game's reviews have evolved over time, which is great for games that are operating as services."*

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