

Comment to the author of this blog post: <http://archive.is/nFWZI> (which is written about my comment below another post of theirs, a comment which they have therefore falsely termed "hate mail" and which they screenshotted for the above post because they moderated it out of the comments below their other post!). The response below (let's call it right of reply!) was posted as a comment below the above blog in late Jan 2017...

Hmmn, only just seen this post today. Discovered it by complete accident. Wondering if you will moderate out my response (I may utilise the option of using this comment as a blog in reply to yours however). Firstly (and maybe now you have an official diagnosis it's somehow more valid to wonder this), it might be areas of your empathy and understanding the intentions of others that has made you misunderstand and grossly misrepresent my comment to such a gross degree. To the point you have inaccurately referred to me as "a troll". Yes I am diagnosed and so are my children. Does it somehow validate the content of your post to question my diagnosis? My very thorough assessment also tested me for a string of other conditions as differential, or even co-morbid considerations and I can tell you I have no other conditions. Therefore the speculation on your blog post web page as to possible psychiatric causes behind my comment are simply erroneous (as well as far-fetched).

So perhaps if you are honest and brave enough \*not\* to moderate out this comment, you will give your readers the opportunity to read the facts, rather than your own and their assumptions and imaginings, of me being "narcissist" "projecting" "elitist" "vitriol" "chip on her shoulder" "feeling special" "irrational" "entitled" "passive aggressive" "deliberate rudeness" "intentionally misconstrue". Because not a single one of those is true.

**Quote:** "These types of accusations and suppositions (as well as the act of reading things into peoples' writing/speech that aren't there, i.e., making assumptions and implying hidden meanings that don't exist) are actually extremely neurotypical behavior."

I think my 3rd sentence above answers that one. So you have in fact misrepresented the entire autism community there. As well as demonstrated rank hypocrisy, because these are behaviours you have clearly exhibited yourself in your post and comments.

**Quote:** "But out of respect for the other Twitter-peeps who do, I've excluded their name from the screenshot below (although if you'd like me to disclose the person's identity privately, I will do so if asked; just direct message (DM) me on Twitter, or leave me your email in the comments)."

Wow. Bit cloak and dagger isn't it? To quote yourself, is this not negative NT-style behaviour? Gossip and malice done behind someone's back? And all very playground. Why would you, on the basis of your own assumptions (i.e. not taking my comment at honest face value but reading all sorts of machinations into it instead) make a public invitation to your readers to 'divulge' my 'identity' under the (mis)attribution of me having done wrong? Surely as an Aspergian you would appreciate up-front honesty? Surely you know where you are with that, with the cards politely albeit frankly, laid on the table - it's what Aspies generally prefer?

You further do a very NT thing, by distorting what I did in fact say. I did not use the word "pompous" as you can see for yourself. In fact I didn't call you a single name either, another misrepresentation. I labelled your post – your writing, I referred to what you had said, nowhere did I call you anything. As they say, label the behaviour not the person. I can't label you as I don't know you, any more than you know me. Yet you \*have\* in fact called me names. A "troll" (I am not),

*"arse" (re-used again in your reply to your commentators) you said I demonstrated "ire" was "defensive" and "protective"? Nope to all of them. I do in fact own what I wrote, I wrote a well-explained comment that backed up precisely why I was saying what I said. You on the other hand, made accusations and labelled me in a wholly misrepresentative way as well as called me names. Which makes you even worse than hypocritical and it is ill-judged to do something publicly that in fact only makes you appear badly. Especially being a doctor.*

**Quote:** *"They've never come out in support, either on Twitter or on WordPress."*

In support of what pray tell? Incredible as it may seem, I have a life, a life which includes supporting autistic children. I don't use Twitter to socialise and I only use Wordpress to blog myself, with the occasional comment on someone else's post that I read, through it having come my way (*not through searching myself*) via others. What is it I am supposed to be supporting then? My Twitter posts are 99% feeds from my FB, I have far better things to do than sit Tweeting and searching for people who want their egos massaged. I don't expect that from others myself. I really don't believe I was either *"unfair"* or *"illogical"*, like I said, I explained why I said what I did and although it was forthright, it was also polite. Yet in your post you have compared me to another person who actively insulted and hated on you in a way I never did. Water off a duck's back however. Just pointing out the gross error of your behaviours. Yet you call *me "defensive"*?

*"Primary care provider"*? Just pointing out facts here when I say that this in no way qualifies you to diagnose ASD, either your own or anyone else's. Yes you have now got a diagnosis, but that is irrespective of the aforementioned. You used your comment about being a doctor to justify why you would be correct in your self 'diagnosis' so you cannot expect to rely on something that invalidates you using it. You are correct, I am not a doctor. I didn't claim to be and didn't go online using any justification for any self-diagnosis either. I have only correctly stated what has been correctly diagnosed by qualified professionals. You sent the entirely wrong message out with the blog post you wrote about self-diagnosis and the end does not always justify the means. I still stand by my comment.

It's a shame you have reacted in such a way, it is your right of course to post what you want on your blog and if it makes you feel better posting in such a misrepresentative way, knock yourself out. I'm not in any way upset by your post or the comments, I laughed at some of it, it was that silly. Your commentators have massaged your ego and made you feel justified so you got what you wanted out of it. You ranted and got it off your chest and gratefully sycophanted to followers who backed you up. But neither you nor they, know me and have not portrayed me or my intentions accurately, therefore it's all irrelevant anyway. Enjoy blogging and continue to get out of it what makes you feel better. As for me, I will continue to tell the truth.