
PB&J Session Report:

Dank Memes and Us

25th November, 2023

I. Topic:

Dank memes and us- The depths of my soul a void I can't hide, yet admits the emptiness, memes bring a tide. Starting at my phone laughter fills the air for those silly moments, joy finds its liar.

II. Participants:

10-15 PARTICIPANTS

III. Agenda:

To have a candid discussion on the dank meme culture, exploring the world of dark humour and is dark humour, just an escape or excuse to be insensitive?

IV. Key Discussion Points:

- 1. Two memes were presented, vividly depicting the severity of their insensitivity, prompting a closer examination of their impact.*
- 2. The discussion delved into the insensitivity and sexism inherent in dark memes, questioning why such content is often found amusing despite its problematic nature.*
- 3. The exploration of empathy, or rather its lack, led to a deeper understanding of how it contributes to societal issues.*
- 4. A video featuring public figure Matt Rife was displayed, sparking conversation and analysis of its content and implications.*
- 5. Emphasis was placed on the importance of distinguishing between a joke and potential misuse of a stage, urging individuals not to exploit platforms for inappropriate content.*
- 6. The session highlighted concerns about the normalization of patriarchy and sexism in various forms of humor.*
- 7. Salman Khan's controversial tweet regarding feeling like a raped woman was discussed, raising awareness about the impact of such statements.*

8. *The disparity in reactions to jokes based on gender was explored, with a focus on the judgment and threats faced by women who make similar jokes that men might make without consequences.*
9. *There was a consensus on the potential for creating awareness through jokes while also stressing the need for immediate accountability.*
10. *The influence of Instagram on humor trends and the shift toward dark humor touching on racism, casteism, sexism, and crimes was explored in depth.*
11. *Humor as a coping mechanism was discussed, with an emphasis on the importance of not crossing certain boundaries.*
12. *The session addressed jokes related to mental health, acknowledging the fine line between humor and potentially harmful impact on individuals experiencing depression.*

13. *The defence of humor as a coping mechanism explored the connection between humor and neurotic feelings, emphasizing the need for sensitivity in discussing such topics.*
14. *The question of why sensitive individuals are often told they "don't know how to take a joke" was raised, prompting a reflection on the responsibility of humor communicators.*
15. *The discussion acknowledged that certain sensitive topics should be approached with caution, considering the potential impact on individuals.*
16. *The culture of roasting was explored, discussing its implications and how it influences humor norms.*
17. *The influence of audience demand on influencers making certain jokes was highlighted, revealing a dynamic where content creators respond to the expectations of their viewers.*

V. Conclusion:

Summing the session up, our Candid conversation covered a bunch of important topics, like how jokes can be a powerful way to make people think. We talked about memes, dark humor, and even how social media affects what we find funny. We also discussed being careful with jokes about sensitive things and the responsibility that comes with making people laugh. Overall, we all agreed that while humor is great for spreading awareness, it's equally important to quickly take responsibility for any unintended impact. This chat was a cool exploration of different sides of humor and gave us lots to think about for future talks on making jokes that are both fun and considerate.