

# Female video game journalists on what to do when the mob comes for you | Nieman Journalism Lab

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The weirdest harassment campaign Ash Parrish ever faced came after she wrote a cheeky, semi-facetious story for Kotaku about why the new Xbox Series X creeped her out.

Microsoft's flagship machine is equipped with an exhaust port consisting of dozens of circular holes. Parrish has trypophobia, which is defined as "an aversion to the sight of irregular patterns or clusters of small holes or bumps." [Ed. note: If you think this isn't real, Google it. [NOT GOOD](#).] The new console fit the bill perfectly, and Parrish wanted to have her fun. The blog post, entitled "[The Xbox Series X Has Too Many Horrifying Holes](#)," possessed wit, repartee, and a light sardonic dusting aimed to disarm anyone inclined to take it too seriously.

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