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you can often figure out who is behind a platform and where their priorities lie simply by taking stock of anti-harassment and moderation tools. if they barely have any straight out the gate, that's not a great sign! https://t.co/MYUZUQcyQD a platform's earliest days set the standard for everything else to come; it's when the seeds of community are first planted. if a platform lacks tools to keep users safe, it inevitably self-selects for people who need them the least and pushes out everybody else

we see this in video games all the time: games that prioritize robust anti-harassment tools and proactive moderation early on generally have better communities. games that launch without those tools descend into toxicity and take years to recover (if they ever do)