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Online falsehoods can come in many forms and public forums is one such area where falsehoods can be perpetuated. To put it crudely and for the lack of a better word, the reality is, there are a lot of people who are still very naive these days. They employ a happy go lucky view in life and thus are not cynical in the view of the world. However, precisely because of what society has evolved to become, these are the group of people who are the most vulnerable to being tricked as they feel that there will always been kindness in everyone and no one is intentionally out to hurt them.

We all know that's not exactly the case. There are indeed people who are really out to trick people and people ought to be more cynical in the view of the world.

Online forum is one classic example where "forumers" start threads to ask questions. However, more often than not the questions asked are not so much about "opinions" but whether something can be done or something can be approved when to be frank no other forum participants can provide definitive answers.

However, people aren't cognisant about that and aren't careful when replying "questions". They tend to provide definitive answers rather than caveating what they will say. Also a lot of times, people post outdated information.

This is something the committee should also look into.

Regards,
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