Results for survey: Opinions on the current state of the online vampire community

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Opinions about the current state of the online vampire community in general.

This is to get an overview of the views of those present in the OVC.
Chose the answers that match closest in all cases. The text boxes are not required. Be sure to read the question fully every time.
If you are not a vampire, just presume that it is what do you think rather than directly why are you whatever.

Question 1*

How do you identify?

Vampire	184	87.62%
Follower of the vampiric path	12	5.71%
Neither just an admirer	14	6.67%

Question 2*

What do you believe is the primary cause of your vampiric nature? (What do you think is the reason that you are a vampire? Chose one from the list that is closest.)

I have a lack of energy	61	29.05%
It is a medical condition that needs to be identified	43	20.48%
I have a predatory soul cohabiting your body	19	9.05%
I made a choice of this religious path	7	3.33%
I come from a line of vampire spanning hundred of years	13	6.19%
I was bitten by one	1	0.48%
I experienced death and returned changed	8	3.81%
I have been chosen to be a leader in the new world	5	2.38%
It is a natural viral infection	2	0.95%
It is an accidentally or intentionally created virus	0	0.00%
I was a vampire in all my previous lives	33	15.71%
It is the result of a mutation	18	8.57%

Although I see it as a medical condition where I must draw in the energies of other life forms in order to sustain myself, I actually Have had a near death experience where I was clinically dead for some time. I did come back "changed" in a way. However, I do not believe this to be a part of my vampirism.

It is a codition of y Spirit/Soul

I find it amusing that the choices list doesn't include my actual opinion: I don't really *care* what the cause is, I'm more concerned with managing it.

I believe it to be a recessive gene

Biological condition that results in the body not creating enough energy to sustain itself.

I don't really like any of the listed answers, but

Born into it,but do not know span of years .

was born this way

I don't know what the cause may be, just that I lack energy.

Just like vitamins and nutrients there are some energy types that need to be supplemented to achieve overall wellness. Although most normal people do this without realizing or thinking about it because it is so minimal, there are those who require more and need a greater recharge than the norm, whether it be one particular energy type each time or a variance each time.

i think it is n the DNA

Other

A Variety of Different Causes

I think it's linked to a lack of energy.

A combination of several things: I do have an

this is what i believe happens since i am not one

It is a condition of my spirit or soul.

A sort of fractured existence in this world.

vampirism is a spiritual condition that can be congenital or developed over time.

It started as a 'curse.' Now, it is my Life in more than one way.

The hell kind of answers to question 2 are these? You obviously don't know a damned thing about vampires.

an auric tare cause by traumatic event resulting suffeciant energy loss.

auric seer

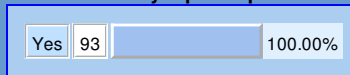Born a vampire. You can't be

Use in Ritual Aspect

Question 3*

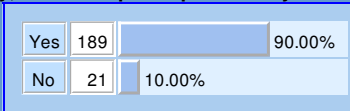**Have you been, or are you presently, an active participant in an offline vampire community?**

Yes	123	58.57%
No	87	41.43%

Question 4

If you answered yes to the previous question-
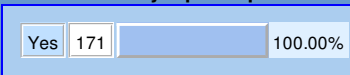**-Currently a participant?**

Yes	93		100.00%

Question 5*

Have you been, or are you presently, an active participant in any online portion of the vampire community?

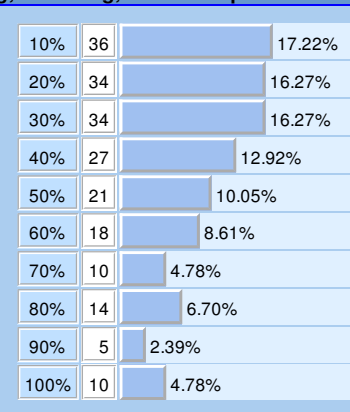|			
Yes	189		90.00%
No	21		10.00%

Question 6

If you answered yes to the previous question-
-Currently a participant?

Yes	171		100.00%

Question 7

What is your level of involvement in the vampire community? (round to the nearest 10% accounting for percentage of time spent participating, reading, talking, or writing, in the vampire community over the week on average)

10%	36		17.22%
20%	34		16.27%
30%	34		16.27%
40%	27		12.92%
50%	21		10.05%
60%	18		8.61%
70%	10		4.78%
80%	14		6.70%
90%	5		2.39%
100%	10		4.78%

Question 8*

How would you rate those that refer to themselves, or other refer to them as, elders?

Very positive	19	9.05%
Positive	25	11.90%
Generally positive	32	15.24%
Neutral	83	39.52%
Generally negative	31	14.76%
negative	7	3.33%
Very negative	13	6.19%

Briefly, why do you feel this way?

Because the general state of the OVC is in chaos; if they are leaders then there should be some evidence that they are working to make things better in the community. I don't see that; I see a desire to preserve the status quo and thereby their positions as "elders".

In general, too much negativity and drama is allowed to persist in online groups for any productive growth and discussion to take place. Focus is placed on petty issues while the larger ones go ignored or unexplored.

The ones I have met online seem to be positive. With that said I would teeter between Generally positive and neutral because we all know, the online personna can differ greatly from the real life personna.

everyone has the right to feel or believe anything they want to, i don't judge either way.

i dont know of anyone who refers to themselves as an elder

ive no idea who the elders are but everyone ive asked help from have been very nice and helped me through my awakening

An elder could be someone that has been in the community for a long time or it could be an older person that just appoints themselves as an elder without having any prior experience. It all depends on the situation and the person/s involved.

I would have to select neutral because it absolutely depends upon the individual rather than the collective.

There are some who have taken advantage of others and abused their trust, and there are some who live up to their responsibilities to to the community.

Depends if the even fit the term; how long they have been i the community and what they have done for others during that time. Elder is a very loaded term...

They tend to be set in their ways for one, the tend to exclude new arrivals instead of make attempts at teaching and many are just plain rude

I've personally found that for every good 'Elder' that I find, there's at least one bad 'Elder' to counterbalance them, if not completely overshadow them. And, frankly, because I hate watching 'Elders' sit and argue the validity of various forms of vampirmism - some are of the opinion that only science has the answer like good atheistic nazi's, and others are convinced we should feed from rocks and sprinklers like the idiotic new age hippies the atheist nazi side claims. When in infighting, religious posturing (be it theistic or a-theistic) and "my vampirism is real-er than yours" attitudes die, I'll revise my opinion. As a sidenote to whomever wrote this questionnaire - your personal bias is showing. I notice that there's no option for "it needs to be rebuilt on the idea that it's all chemicals." I'm guessing you intended "It needs to be rebuilt on the principles of logic and investigation" to replace that, which would mean you consider the energy explanation to be in opposition to logic and investigation in spite of the reports of psychic vampires. Cute, but a great example of exactly the sort of theist/athiest religious pushing that has me so fed up with Elders.

Having a title doesn't give you power. Its the way that you present yourself and often times, when people in the Online VC tell me that they are elders, I automatically feel that they aren't. A title like that isn't assumed, its given by others and with that title comes the responsibility of representing it without claiming it. Make sense? A gangster isn't a gangster if he calls himself one.

i'm impartial because i realize that my knowledge is incomplete. when someone makes such a claim, i accept the possibility that thy might be either right or wrong.

I do not know all the elders.

n/a

I find that the ones that automatically bring up being an elder is trying to get attention and/or followers. For those that identify as elders and mention it when it's needed, tend to be ones that were raised up to such status because of what they do in the community.

Who am I to discern. I don't know their psyche (collectively speaking). Some may be elder-ish at some things while some may be elder-ish at other things.

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I don't see any vampires as elders among us. There are prominent people around, yes, but this doesn't make them an elder. If people call themselves elders, I take them less serious. I don't understand that some people need to call themselves as such.

ok i feel this but . the town i live in dont many of us and . can be vary . hard . i feel i was born this way and . yes i have died many times and come . back my life is vary hard . to end and . the bloody i have . has getting . it makes me week . then time for feeding has am low on enegy not . good so am a witch to that 4sure i was born in to .. yes V""V

me are Pagan , ancient egypt witcCrafter, and the three Lady witches by thyy Lake are wampires)o(

It depends. Some who consider themselves "elders" think they're the end.all of vamp knowledge. Others are simply those who have been around for a bit & have some experience (& aren't wankers about it)

The times I've asked a question I've received an answer. I don't see anyone going around calling themselves elders but I think I know who they are and what they do for the all of us. With the exception of Father Sebastian who needs strung up by his heels!

I think we are all learning and growing..some have lived this life longer and have more to offer..I take everything I read with a grain of salt...

To much drama, arrogance and posturing. I used to be more active. But my controversial comments are not well received. It seems hypocritical.

We're equals. This promotes an elitism complex.

Most I've encountered are ok. Those that arn't get find out.

usually, these are no better than anyone else save in the aspects of force of will and occasionally charisma. Also, they tend to be power-hungry and arrogant.

A good elder is a worthy advisor. But like any advisor the wise one also can give false advice. A bad elder is indeed trouble.

I'm independent. I've seen "elders" around but never had real interactions.

I say neutral, because I have gone both ways with this. Some of them have a very elitist view which I disapprove of, while others are extremely helpful to the newly awakened.

No one can prove the age of one's soul, though I will bow to those with more experience in this lifetime.

Elder in my mind refers to someone with a lifetime of knowledge. I can pretty accurately say that most that call themselves "elders" are still learning like the rest of us.

It's just a label. Even if an inaccurate term. I see a select few as "elders" but not in any sense of leadership as in lording over anyone or anything.. I see it simply as they're more experienced and have accomplished some positive things for the community.

They have a better understanding of what it means to be a vampire and how to live as one in a way that is better for the greater good.

Most of those that I would consider an "elder" would never allow others to call them such. Most that call themselves and elder are full of hot air much of the time.

They have done nothing to gain this title, they don't deserve it.

Others name them elders because of how long they have been involved with the community and how much they have done to help pave the way to the state we are in now. I respect their experiences and amounts of time put in.

These so called "Elders" I personally believe that people who call them selves elders just think highly of themselves compared to those who truly are highly respected in the VC that are truly known as elders

Most individuals toting such a title generally tend to go on about how they're an elder without addressing any points made by anyone.

I don't care what they call themselves.

i am an older vampire the daughter of a king

I do not challenge those in power, unless they use it for ill, then i shall stand against it

I think Elder is a title one earns by the respect of others and you're own time involved with your own household, court, or local vampire community. I would never call myself an elder, but I have been active in the VC since 1998

labels showing a hierarchy are kinda flawed, the title feeds the ego too much, but having respected members of a community surrounding something so outcast and little-proven, present and available to educate others that happen to be less experienced or more confused about said obscure subject. I would say any similar could value mentors, whether you call them teachers, elders, mentors, or role models.

i have always needed to draw energy from others to sustain my well being as well as health

A lot of the time these people are highly egotistical and talk down to you and feel like they are superior to you. I have only had one good experience with someone in this role

Most of he ones I have encountered has been polite and helpful.

You should never refer to yourself as an Elder. That is a position that is self-evident and revealed through action and wisdom. Those who claim it rarely are.

I would say they are people. None of them are positive all the time and none of them are negative all the time. Also whether they are positive or negative is highly dependent on whether the person you are asking likes them or not.

It's easy to tell other whom don't know you you're an elder of one of the others. So i'm remain neutral till proven otherwise thru reqonition.

some self refer to make themselves seem more important......others are genuine

In my experience, few people referred to themselves as "elders". Those that did have been in the VC for a bit, but since I've no way of knowing HOW LONG they've been there it doesn't matter. Nor, does that title mean anything to me. Except that they aren't Twilight lovers, which I generally dislike for their beliefs concerning the VC.

most of those "Elders" are not elders.

Depends on the individual. Some are fantastic and very supportive, others are obviously very busy and only talk about themselves.

There is much too much vagueness about why certain people should be regarded this way, there is no clear definition of an elder and certain of these "elders" engage in the very behaviour that they proclaim themselves to be against.

alison is a bitch and no one likes her everyone just wants her out of the community

I feel that most of them are "acting the part" without the real experience and knowledge to back it up. A true leader does not need to boast his or her title.

those I have had contact with are intelligent people with quick thoughts and gentle minds, for the most part.

They are often experienced and have done things that have helped either the community itself or individual VC members.

I believe that the use of the word elder often times does not mean "time spent" in the community but more a self imposed title to make them look important to others. While I do agree that there are legitimate 'elders' in the community, the word is being abused by many.

everyone ive met has been nice except lady slinky from vcmb forum and memory from ddd forum

Extraordinary claims require extraordinary proof.

They are long standing members of the vampire community and do deserve recognition. But whether elder is the right term, or gives the right impression I'm not sure.

I am 54 yrs of age. I have known real elders (of age 15-20 yrs in the community). I see now a days fledgelings of the age of 13+ calling themselves elders but they are just children with big egos.

what one sees online and what one see's when face to face with an individual is very different. i reserve my opinions until said time as i meet said "elders" in person.

For the most part, the elders I've encountered seem to want to encourage those who are newly awakened, and to share their experience. There are few notable exceptions.

I feel that some Elders tend to belittle others in various ways if the individual does not conform to the Elders expectations forgetting that everyone is different and may have their own approach for dealing with their condition.

I don't personally know any but I'm only 24 so that may be why.

Because the term means different things to various groups. It can mean older vampirics or a governing situation but to me it never means someone who has had many past lives as a vampire.

Steve has instructed me.

Big bullshit, as far as I know in real vampire community in my area we have no elders. Maybe more experienced, but age doesn't mean they're better or stronger

I doubt them. Show me why and then you will have my respect. Other than that I assume youre a pompous fake. I've met an elder in the past and they are few and far in between. That, and he didn't have to tell you he was an elder, you would know just by his energy. It was a silent, take you aback, kind of circumstance.

I had a bad run in with a so called elder in new orleans in 2010 after mardis gras. He refused to listen to my donor at the time who was raped by one of his council buddies. Instead of calling the cops on the rapist or kicking him off the council this elder told us we were lying and to leave the french quarter if we wanted to be safe.

It seems to me that most of the time, these titles are used to stake a claim of power in a dwindling pool of influence. Titles mean little compared to actions. When you see 'elders' squabbling over issues like toddlers in a sandbox, it proves it.

I believe that those who think they are Elders tend to believe that they "run things", and generally look down upon newer groups. (in my opinion)

how do you define an elder?

Some elders have been incredibly helpful, respectful and knowledgeable. Others have been rude, elitist and wishy-washy.

Don't know about everyone who thinks they're an elder.

I consider myself an Elder, and I feel my peers can be negative or positive. 50/50 on that.

Everyone has faults and I may not agree with them or they with me. I respect most in the community though.

i don't call them elders but look at them as leaders and i owe them everything i am as a vampire.

Really this depends on the elder. I would trust some with my life and others not with my cat! Its not fair to blanket all of them as good or bad.

Most of them are decent folks doing their best to help others.

Most elders are uppity and trying to preach. Unfortunately what works for one does not work for all. I've been part of the ovc for over ten years and am not an elder by a long shot.

Most that I know or are in contact with truely want to see & have a better community and how we are precieved.

Depending on the group, some are down to earth and willing to talk and share, where some want to come across as elite, and quite frankly, full of themselves.

They're good people and there are some that are young and confused. The elders help them through it not matter how stubborn or irritating the young vampire may be.

The young needs guidance from the elders

I begged for help from Lady Darkrose a few months ago and was flat out ignored. Now I know why! She was part of the same sex cult that hurt me and now she runs her own somewhere in Pennsylvania. Last year I was part of an energy workshop at the house Kheperu circle in Ohio. I was asked to remove my clothes and was then blindfolded while the others in the room touched and breathed on me. It was creepy! They really screwed around with my senses and the last thing I remember is waking up naked in my bed at home with purple bruises around my ankles and near my lower back. I'm still shaken up over what happened! Lady Darkrose and Michele Belanger are dangerous manipulaters of women!

i feel some of them are only in that position because it gives them a sense of power and control

It has always been my understanding that anyone who takes the title of "elder" for himself does not deserve it simply because it is a title that is GIVEN and EARNED by others. Often times, those who exhibit "elder" traits are those who go without the title; on the opposite side of that coin, those who refer to themselves as "elders" often fall short and are undeserving of the title. In either case, I personally view these people with indifference until they exhibit some sort of trait that merits my reverence or scorn.

They've always been nice and helpful.

They helped me set up a meeting with other vampires in my hometown. I'd be still looking without them.

Have had no reason to feel otherwise

The Elders were the ones who came before, they are our foundation. I believe they are essential as teachers and guides to the Preternatural Culture.

Not everyone who has the title elder,is what I feel a elder should be or do to help the community. Elders should be hands on with newbies and be a positive influence in all they do.

The real elders of this community have been dead inside for a while.

As with all people, some are great some are not.

they keep us safe
well, they mainly seem to be out too help the next generation. and when needing answers they will try to help if they can.
Elders? that doesn't even make sense. this is a medical condition not a social hierarchic.
People with experience should be identified in some manner so that those with questions can have someone to talk to, however, those who identify themselves as elders should be careful as to how they present themselves in public since this can reflect on the community as a whole.
Some refer to themselves as elders without having real evidence of being such or they tend to act as a child would, or have no real wisdom regarding their own community. Some deserve the title because they have spent years of tireless research and searching to understand more about themselves before they tried to help others 'like' them.
With a few exceptions, the elders in the community have shown by their words and actions to want to educate the vampire community and to provide a safe haven for us.
i have met some elders that are negative and some that are positive so i am neutral on this topic
i believe that there should always be someone there to help others along on their journey, and that having a guide and some one to ask questions is rather helpful.
I find that, with their self-identified age and maturity in the vampiric community, they are rather wise and helpful to "newborns" and ancients alike. I myself am an elder.
They seam to help when it's needed.
I don't mind the title; the individual is my concern.
Some are self proclaimed...others really put the time in and their efforts to become an elder, while some may have slip through the cracks...
To me is seems they carry themselves rather well. at least from what I have observed.
Many Elders disapear or hide then show up years later thinking to get involved while speaking of how bad the behavior is in the community. It is not wise to just show up and say things like "So it has begun" when you have been in hiding for years. Things have not just begun. It has been going on for years.
because they know what they are talking about
they dont seem to want to help others and call others roleplayers if they are not the same as everyone else
I've only seen two people I would ever consider using the title of elder for and they are Merticus and Michelle Belanger. The rest are just egomaniacs with their own fan clubs.
I judge people based on how I've been affected by them.
I know a couple elders who don't deserve their titles such as Father Todd, Don Henrie, Lord Raven, Lady Slinky, Lady Helen but most are very helpful and honorable.
Mostly because some "claim" to be as such; I judge only by what I learn from them as time goes by.
Alot of them practice duplicity and are complete fuck heads.
'Elders' are people who seem to get a kick (monetary or personal) out of exploiting the subculture they 'take part' in. Whether it's selling books or candles, maintaining authoritative positions, injecting religious dogma poorly shrouded in pseudo-scientific terms, they generally have something superficial to sell to anyone dumb enough to buy it. They often discourage others from pursuing medical questions (physical or mental) and will decry anything scientifically explainable as 'fake', all while pushing product for various price ranges. At absolute best they are very insecure individuals whose attempts to rally a following are based upon the need to have others prop up their own beliefs about themselves.
They're full of shit. I've yet to meet a vampire in the real world who lived up to their online hype. Always ALWAYS a disappointment.
I respect a few of them, many seem to have beliefs that they like to present as fact. The ratio of leaders I respect vs those I don't respect is about equal to the ratio of participants I respect vs those I don't respect. It isn't because they are leaders, its mainly because a large portion of the community is full of shit.
Labels don't carry much value compared to the actual actions and assistance one is willing to give.
I never meet a true elder who actually referred to them self as an elder all of the ones who are usually say that the community has called them that when one defines themselves right out as one its most likely they are self proclaimed.
I feel most elders are neutral because they gained respect through appropriate behavior and additude combined with experiance with their vampiric nature.
From direct interactions with the community's elders I have found many, if not all, to be clear, level-headed, extremely rational people interested in the best for the VC
I don't care about the term "elder(s.)" And I don't care who is an "elder" in any community. There are those worthy of my respect, and those not. If someone is respected, or not, then that is their own status.
It is not those who identify themselves as leaders/elders, it is those who identify others to those titles because they feel those members have earned the right out of time spend and things done.
It depends who is proclaiming the title
What makes them elders?...if we are all the same, Vampyres, why treat others differently...why have a class system...Are Elders more important than me??
I only believe in the authority of Runa Enustas Caoille of the Grave Dollz Society and true wolf vampire hybrids as the ruling elder party.
There are ether Dumbass's, or there are True Elders... And a True Elder is Nutral.
I don't see the point of anyone putting themselves above anyone else.
most choose to teach younger ones but there are a few that strive only to further their own power
I'm neutral because though they are important to teach people who are new...I dont think they are absolutely vital because ultimately people can find

truth for themselves. I sort of feel like it starts a unnecessary hierarchy.

I only regard to a few people as elders and those are people that have earned the title (myself not included)funny thing is those that make you regard to them as elders are not the ones I would name.

I really could care less what people call themselves, or what others call them. If they have earned respect, they shall have it. If they have not earned respect, they will not have it, regardless of tittle.

Unfortunately, the majority who declare themselves "elders" have no more right of leadership over the community than anyone else in the community. They are just, for the majority, power hungry individuals who offer hollow words to attempt to satiate the need of the community's want for real organization and real leadership.

Feels like they think they are better than the others and that they are not respectful to the people that are below them.

My Elders have been very open and supportive. Answering any questions I may have.

Understanding that the definition of elder is a person who has been an active participant and respected participant in the VC for a particular time period and help others with their vampiric condition. That being said, I generally agree with the status name of 'elder' I suppose that it is the most accurate term that does not exude hierarchy or power over others. There should be a more definate way to make sure that those who are dubbed elders are worthy of its definition.

it's just a BS, sheep mentality stuff. the more I know the supposed to b elders in tampa bay, the more they speak, the more I realize they dont know as much as everyone else thinks, and when i cut up w their BS, they just try to twist stuff around and confuse even more to those than dont know any better, it appears to me that is all a manipulation of the weak, a few that now a bit more than the rest, or at least pretend to know, and the rest blindlt believed their BS.

They constructed the community with their bare hands but people like Don Henrie or RevJP arent deserving of the elder title. They are simply predators out for more fans.

proof

Because there aren't truly elders that have true pull in the community at large. It's far too divided for that. That needs to change but people are so sensitive and so prone to overreacting that it doesn't seem possible. It's in individual houses where you find the elders.

The vampire 'elders' who are into the kink scene are very dangerous and two faced. I've heard stories from trusted friends and seen with my own eyes after scenes were over in the club these so called 'elders' preying on younger girls just to fuck with their emotions. My girlfriend of six years was drugged in a club in the French Quarter and the 'elder' vampires stripped her of her clothes and acted out a sex ritual for spectators. She woke up in her hotel the next morning with some kind of brand on the underside of her upper arm and bruises on her sides. When she complained to the 'elder' council she was told she could either shut the fuck up or she would never be allowed into a club there again. Last year she ran into people who had horrible experiences on Fetlife and told me to stay far away from Tim Brousard, JP from Temple UVUP, Deacon Gray, Draken Blak, and the vampires who flirted with girls and wanted to meet them. Vampires may be predators but rape, teen sex, and violence is a line that shouldn't be crossed! These people disgust me!

I lost my baby girl because the moderator pricks at sanguinarus.org VCMB group turned over private chat logs I give almost four years ago to the family court. I was in a dark time and thought the people who claimed they wanted to help me had my back. I've been screwed over by my ex and his vampyre wet nurses enough for two life times. FUCK THEM ALL!!!!!!!!

they are wise.

Well because alot of people i know are very older then me so then i say they are elders if they lived more then 10,000 years

This question is difficult to answer. I don't think they are good or bad elders per say but more like helpful and nonhelpful elders or even groups. The most helpful groups I've found are Psychic Vampyre dot org, Atlanta Vampyre Alliance, Smoke and Mirrors, and The Vampyre Metrou. The least most helpful groups are Vampyre Forum dot net, Vampyre Community Message Board VCMB, Drink Deeply and Dream, and Vampyre Rave. Good groups need praised and bad groups need eliminated so newcomers don't find bad information.

elders have no effect on me one way or another my issue is one of health IMO.

they have an experience that i lack in this community.. i am still a young member and wish to learn. and they are the ones who i prefer to learn from

The elders I know has become weak and turned their back on the olde ways. They've let their donors has control over when they feed and set stupid conditions in the bed room. The politicaly correctness bullshit was never part of the original scene. Everyone knew their places and what happened when they disrepected authority. I'm not saying like we shouldn't be careful or keep the women on leashes but we need to return to our roots. Take back the term vampyre from the psychic vamp parasites and delusional blood drinkers who are the real danger to everyone. Vampyrism is not some medical problem in need of fixing!

There needs to be a better/agreeable definition for elder (on and offline). And those chosen as elders be so offline. The internet is a tool for communication. It's not the corporeal world.

When I was in desperate need of a donor I was sent me to the Black Swan Haven and these same elders took the time to help me come to terms with being a vampire.

They deserve a degree of respect. I generally respect people for their actions rather than their titles, however.

if they lead with a pure heart and mind i respect them

In my opinion, one should not need or want refer to themselves as an elder. If you are, in fact, an elder, your energy will speak for you. When others refer to one as an elder, I have no issues with it. This is a show of respect to said elder.

You get bad apples with every bunch. And remember, just because you're a vampire, doesn't mean your perfect. Everyone has their flaws.

There are no "Elders" this is role playing and fantasy.

Most of the ones who refer to themselves seem to be generally kind people who don't let it go to their heads; but there are the ones who don't need the title.

those i know do try to help and be informive

Most people I have found are full of shit

Everyone has the right to call themselves what they wish. They can only truly rank themselves. For the most part they do not affect me or my actions, thoughts or feelings.

Some are helpful whilst others are greedy or desire notoriety.

Yesterday is a perfect example with the information that was sent out by the VVC on a convicted sex offender Joseph Burgess. The elders as some call them keep us safe far more often than they're given credit for.

Sometimes I see hateful remarks on Facebook from people claiming to be elders but they aren't the elders I look up to so I don't care.

Question 9*

How much do you think that elders are needed in the Community?

They are essential	58		27.62%
They are needed	67		31.90%
They are sort of needed	58		27.62%
They are not needed	13		6.19%
They are not needed at all	14		6.67%

Briefly, why do you feel this way?

Those who have been in the community a long while havve the history of the community, its successes and failures, to share with others as well as information that can be useful in furthering understanding of the vampiric condition.

All groups require a community organizer of some sort in order for the group to remain focused, productive, and constructive.

As mentors, a go to person, to help guide, answer questions, relay information etc.. I feel that is needed. However, a holier than thou, "I am soooo above the rest of you," money grubbing asshat, no.

it is good to have order in the chaos that is this community and i feel some of the "Elder" accomplish just that.

every community needs some guidance from older folks who have had similar experiences

without them we would be lost and couldnt find the answers

they have been around, have a great deal with experience and are used to dealing with and defusing the drama that can happen with the younger members of the group.

I believe elders are necessary because they are helpful and knowledgeable. True elders, that is.

Like many other communities, we need positive role models for the younger crowd. Those who've been in the community and managed to live their lives.

There is need for those who teach but sometimes the elder persona only limits individuals to follow others paths instead of making or finding their own

Like any society or community we need leaders and voices like a council but with a good variety.

In their current format they are not needed if they were willing to grow and teach then my view would change.

Whether we like it or not it's human nature to attach names and faces to any identity group. Better that we choose the people who represent our face than let the media choose for us.

It depends entirely on the person and situation. If they are a person that has a well of knowledge and wisdom to share, they are kind of needed because it would be beneficial to learn something from them that was relevant.

i believe that every community needs elders. their role in the community is often the subject of heated debate; i believe that their guidance and advice can be invaluable.

I believe elders should be guides and help others, and act as keepers of the community history.

n/a

They are teachers and they are leaders in the community.

Elders in any community are needed. They've gone through things that not everyone has, and can help those that are in the community.

They are needed as exemplars if they remain true to their rhetoric.

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I don't think elders are needed, but I think prominent people are needed. Those who contribute, discuss, translate, etc.

There are always elders who no more then me, and they can learn the ones who doest know a thing

yes we do need elders to help . us with to way we are ...but has i said am the only one in my town so its vary hard .

the are beares of ancient knowledge

I think people with experience & knowledge are needed (though referring to them as "elders" isn't necessary, when it comes down to it - just easier)

If we didn't have House Kheperu, House AVA, VVC, NOVA and others like them the entire community would fall apart at the seems.

I think they are needed..but the few "better than anyone else or superior elitist" need to be watched as I believe no one is superior..just some are more knowledgeable, thus creating a benefit to the community. also those that are wrong could be a danger to the young or just awakened.

elders are role players and controlling

To teach and learn from.

We're equals. This promotes an elitism complex.

It helps to have people with experience to help the newly awakened.

there's plenty of "regular folks" who are a lot nicer and do a lot more in a positive way for the community.

Even amongst vampires.. there are those needing a light house to show them the way. And.. it isn't my way but if it works for some sure.

Guidance is needed.

I think that we need an authority to keep our community together. Without Elders or Mentors, we would be lost, scattered, and there would be no hope of an organized reveal to the mainstreamed world in the future.

There needs to be order and examples set for the younger generations, but in my experience it only matters if the younger members are willing to

listen/learn (which they rarely are).
It cannot hurt to have elders as long as their words do not become law for others.
People with knowledge and experience are helpful in any community. But at the same time they're not needed per se.
Only in a way to help guide others. I still see them as equal, just more experienced and hopefully (though not always) more level-headed when it comes to what really matters.
They help guide us and better direct how we should be.
There should be someone that those new to the community can turn to for honest information.
Have done nothing to gain the title and we have no separate laws from the humans so we don't need anyone to be higher than anyone else.
In all communities there are the original ones who came before. If they did not exist, then we would becoming the elders at present moment. We would have to figure out everything from scratch as they did, we would have the duty of helping those that come after us like they do.
Elders are who they are because they help keep the VC in order. They help the VC with many things. If that is money or having a blood body (donor) then yes. They are very needed. They help keep everything in line and in order.
Those who are not self appointed, but rather, are "elders" merely through acts are generally a good thing. They help with managing the direction of the community.
We need leader figures to maintain groups and offline gatherings but other than that I dont think they are really necessary
for balance and control
Every organazation requires order.
We all were new once, we all had questions and I wanted answers to what was happening to me. I found few serious elders and I basically learned everything the hard way
Explained above.
helps keep drama online down to a minimum as well as helps newly awakened vampires to have others that also identify with allot of the same needs
These people are necessary to help those who are starting out but should be chosen as the most helpful, knowledgeable, humble, ego-free, and genuinely can distinguish the difference between hallucination and reality.
many new memebers of the community wish for information and knowledge, I belive the elders may help and guide .
As the more experienced members of the community they have experience and wisdom to share.
Elder in the community is just a word for the people who do things. With no elders you have no forums no groups and one doing things and as such no community.
to keep a community going it needs leaders which have seen & have the experience.
there needs to be someone to "sort things out" but not to rule
Refer to the above question.
traditionally speaking, a new vampire needs guidance, etc. think of it like a padawan you need a jedi master if you ever hope to become a jedi
It's good that there are people who the newly awakened can turn to for advice, but there are other members of the community who usually do a better job.
Any community needs "leaders" in order to develop and progress
A real 'elder' is needed; the make believe and roleplayer type are at best a poor reflection, and at worse a bad influence on those awakening.
Without elders, he community will continue... the "elders" is a role that would be present in that name or another. they are merely forward leaders by state or choice.
Every group or organization needs a leader or else nothing would get done.
The definition of elder is ... Superior to another or others, as in rank. I can understand there being the need for elders in the VC where there is face to face contact, however, as far as the OVC is concerned ... how can we possibly believe credentials of a person just because they say they are???
i couldnt have made it through my hunger without their support
To provide Direction and Tradition, as well as Ethics.
They offer guidance and support to others.
We who are blood drinkers knows the dangers of what we do. Some are medically trained like myself and knows proper proceedures of bloodletting.
as with any community elders are the back bone by which all "law" and reason are passed down. without them we are lost.
Without elders who have lived AS vampires to guide them,newly awakened vampires are likely to look at things like Twilight to guide them.
Because as a community we all help one another and guide those who seek a path that has minimal stress and also make hem relax and talk about their experience without being belittled by those who think they are superior to others.
Human civilizations all have elders so I don't understand the question.
Most who identify with this title are just heads of various groups and are such from experience in the community on one level or another.
I didn't awaken until I was 14 and didn't know what I was until I was 17. Steve helped me through this time in my life.
We need someone to help or guide the new ones, but elder doesn't feel like the proper word
Theyre usually more intelligent, diligent, powerful, and the voice of much, much wisdom. Every community needs leaders and the vampire community is no exception
When they do their job they are good. When they are on tv and ego tripping they are worthless.
Leadership is helpful, but 'elders' tend to be shackled by their own creation.
It would be best if everyone in the community were on the same level.

until one can show they have great wisdom, great age they cannot a. call them selves an elder and b show they are useful to the community. elder for me means over 80 years

Many of us need, knowledgeable, kind, elders who have been around along time to pass on both information on the vampiric nature and the history of the community.

People who stick around for a long time are important, the title of elder isn't.

To pass down a written and oral history if nothing else.

As a community, we can help those awakening or who have questions. All of us are needed. Elders, or those with good leadership skills are needed to run houses/organizations. Ronins do not need Elders.

the leaders as i call them do their job and keep us safe. they gave me a place to live once when my girlfriend left me.

I was raped in 2003 while a member of a major house in the northeast, and no I'm not going to cause drama by naming names because they know who they are. I fled the state and joined another house in the midwest and they've treated me better than the other house ever did!

People are usually given this title when they make big contributions...without them, there would be little in the way of a community at all.

I appreciate those that give actual experience and life stories but many of us once reaching 'elder' status become arrogant and know it all.

To help guide and tutor the younger members.

All the community should work together to help where it is needed, answer questions, etc.

To help others out that are younger and have dealt with things we younger vampires face as of now.

Elders should be chosen...

All the elders I've met are into bondage and sex cults. They try to keep this hidden from the the community because their followers would all leave if they knew what was going on. We don't need this!

if there were no elders, all hell would break lose

In certain aspects of the Community, elders are necessary. Those actively seeking knowledge and newly awakened vampires need guidance to ease them through the transition and to ensure that the information given is solid, true, and reliable (to prevent any misconceptions that would tarnish the image of the Community). Outside of those two realms of necessity, Community elders are not needed. We tend to be a self-governing sort, and those within Houses have their own hierarchies. The Community at large does not need elders.

The community wouldn't exist if it wasn't built up by the elders who came before us??

I come from the pagan community and we see the elders as the gatekeepers. They are the first line of defense against those who'd cause harm to others.

They are no what they appear to be

See above answer.

To help steer newbies in correct practices and to help guide the curious. To be role models for others.

Without a hierarchy, where do the path of the community come from one person with a book saying the Sanguines are not allowed to feed in their own way

Someone has to show some form of leadership

articles they wrote helped me through my awakening

all, groups, club and all things need strong good leaders who are there to teach and help all and to keep the peace and in force laws. and such.to make a good community for all.

I can see the use of people that are experienced and have the tools they need to help others (with whatever -- dealing with issues relating to vampirism mainly). But I don't like the social hierarchy that is implied.

Again, WHAT?

see above.

One detrimental elder can spoil a whole group of vampire or give the community a bad name.

The elders are needed because each year newly awakened vampires join the community, and they need a safe place to go to learn about our shared condition, and to have support network for when coping with what we are gets overwhelming.

because the pass on their wisdom and help new ones on the right path

without elders there would be no one to bring us all together, or help others along the path, and even if they were not to exist there would always be people to rise up to bring order to the community.

Without the guidance or wisdom of an elder, the vampiric community will have no order and will collapse. Elders and ancients established our codes of conduct, and they try their hardest to maintain them. I, myself, am an elder and am taking the responsibilities from the tired very soon.

We all need some kind of help and I think an elder should do just that.

An elder can have a positive or negative impact. It depends on the person.

Every community needs guidance to a degree... It's only right they r there to help manage the un managable...

There should be some kind of order If one chooses to follow a specific house or coven, I suppose that would depend on the maturity of each individual in said group.

To be a positive example for newly awakened, those with potential and admirers of the vampire.

who else to pass on information

we need leaders

Some of the elders need dropped off a cliff while other elders such as Merticus or Michelle need cloned in a lab. It's a mixed bag.

If they truly have a greater understanding and can be articulate, much can be accomplished.

I think the community should appoint 5 elders to rule over the community and take charge when outsiders come against the community or vampires from the community bring dishonor to the community.

They are essential to assist with the younger generations of vampire and to keep the "bad blood" out of the community.

Why should anyone listen to the Majority of self appointed idiots

They are the reason you can't wear the same jewelry and/or attire in public that you could 10 years ago without the average person concluding you are in idiot who possibly participates in a cult. They successfully turned a large chunk of the gothic, industrial, and other alternative lifestyle scenes into a South Park episode (which is often flaunted by them as 'breaking into maintstream'). This semi-religious hierarchy of salesmen is the worst thing to happen to 'the scene' and is a main reason many former participants (who didn't have things to sell or cults to lead) have removed themselves from it.

The guide the new members, pass on traditions, leadership skills and our ways. They are the glue of the community at large and small.

They're ineffective.

A few leaders actually mentor and teach. A great many of them cling to the "vampire identity" and refuse to examine opinions and facts outside of their beliefs.

Guidance and experience is always welcome when used properly.

I feel that in every society we need a leader or a diplomatic figure to keep the community organized when it becomes a chaotic state.

The elders are the people who have organized the community and kept it as an intelligent and thoughtful place.

For those who know not how to lead themselves, Real "elders" are more than essential. But for those who walk their own path, freely, and without quarrel, "elders" are not nearly as essential.

They are essential because without leadership or advice givers, the rest of the community couldn't cry out for help and get that much needed help from the many, many different paths that they walk. Leadership isn't about who is special. It is about who can help out the most when others need it.

There is very little guidance these days, and it's definitely showing.

If when giving someone the title "Elder" they will take the position of guidance for new Vampyres then I think its a good idea.

Im an elder so of course I think Im needed.

The Dumbass's are not needed, but the True Elder's are.

I think that anyone who is familiar with this condition should be responsible for helping those who have just awakened. There just doesn't need to be this "elders" classification.

they mentor the upcoming generation in the vampyre ways

If the can actually run things and keep things organized instead of starting the gossip then yes they are needed.

If by elders you mean those that are experienced and can guide others in a positive way, then I believe they are very much needed.

The Vampire community as a whole has a real need for organization and leadership. Numerous other groups have achieved this yet for some odd reason, weather it be the nature of the vampire, or perhaps another reason, the vampire community has yet to be able to find true leadership.

People should all be equal and respect one another. Having elders just seems to cause tension and fights amongst ourselves.

Because there are to many young people out there who don't know where to turn and can garner very very wrong information. It is good for a youth to have some guidance from a respected and credited member of the community.

because the path to knowledge is of individual matter, you cant teach some one or explain some one what is an orgasm like unless they experience it themselves, the same applies to wisdom!

I got no problem with elders. I just have a problem with wannabes who think their elders and try to hurt others.

proof

Because this community needs solid leadership if it wants to survive. Strong leaders don't mean a lack of rights like people think. This community will fall if we don't elect leaders, and that's just the blunt truth.

The good 'elders' are scarce and not enough is done to expose and remove the bad ones. The vampire community has turned into one large sex cult or maybe it always was and I didn't realize it when I first found the myspace vampire groups back in the day.

For all I care they can burn in HELL.

they help communities work.

Well because if there were no elders we would not really learn to survive and we would probably kill alot

You can't have a community without elders because nothing would ever work right.

it is nice to have those that are able to help those that are new to their condition

they are needed in a sense that they bring knowledge and understanding to ones that need it.

The Sanguinarium are the only elders who earned the title and carry the bloodlines of the Gotham lines needed to keep the peace. The internet bullshit and coming out proclaiming you're a vampyre violates the Black Veil. Anyone who does this isn't a real vampyre but a traitor and should be vanquished and driven out of the city. The virtues of the vampyre need drilled into the heads of the seekers.

Until the so-called community can better define elders, any better organized rendition of the VC will need 'someone'...

The only people I consider actual elders are Michelle Belanger, Sanguinarius, Merticus, Sphynx and Belfazaar. The rest have alot still to learn and offer. But I hate the word elder.

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Because in the past, the idea that "you were the only one", or not being able to find others like you, resulted in depression and loneliness. With Elders, we ended up with Houses, Covens, etc. And with that, we now have support pages, groups, and those who help others understand what they are. Life is better now than 100 years ago, I'll bet you on that one. -- Mind you, the present Elders, some need to get their head out of their arse...

Question 10

How would you rate the likely hood of the idea... (Place the items in order of importance to you, leave out any you do not think are valid.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Responses	Total
...that all vampires need energy, or psi?	116	29	13	2	2	0	1	163	29%
...that all vampires are suffering from a chemical deficiency and blood/energy is just attempts to self medicate?	27	50	21	7	4	1	2	112	20%
...that vampires only exist in one soul that is reincarnated?	23	28	17	12	5	3	0	88	16%
...that it is only a chosen path of religion and nothing more?	8	13	17	11	4	9	4	66	12%
...that vampires are created through biting, blood sharing,or a change at death and reanimation?	1	9	7	7	9	8	6	47	8%
...that vampires were all manipulated genetically by aliens?	3	1	3	4	2	6	20	39	7%
...that vampires are all infected by a virus that was intentionally or accidentally created?	3	6	11	8	12	8	2	50	9%

Question 11*

With current conditions, is the vampire community helpful?

Yes	105	50.00%
No	17	8.10%
Neutral	88	41.90%

Question 12*

At present is the vampire community addressing the needs of everyone?

Yes	74	35.24%
No	136	64.76%

Question 13*

Is there a "belief hierarchy" where some ideas are considered more valid than others?

Yes	132	62.86%
No	20	9.52%
Not really	58	27.62%

Question 14*

Do you feel that you are considered a viable part of the vampire community?

Yes	122	58.10%
No	88	41.90%

Question 15*

Do you feel that your views are belittled for no reason?

Yes	60		28.57%
No	150		71.43%

Question 16*

What would your opinion be on the path of the online vampire community? What would you like to see happen? (select up to 3)

I don't participate so it doesn't matter to me	10	2.81%
I don't participate any more because it will not change or has too many problems	22	6.18%
It doesn't need to change	36	10.11%
It could use some change but I don't know where	69	19.38%
It needs to be more friendly and those that do not agree with my views should be removed if they are not nice	32	8.99%
It needs a culling of paths/ideas down to a core few that agree with each other	31	8.71%
It needs to be rebuilt on the principals of logic and investigation	71	19.94%
It needs to be rebuilt on the idea that it is all energy	37	10.39%
Removing some groups/types of people would be good enough	48	13.48%

Question 17

Anything that you feel was missed or general comments can go here.

Text Answers (83)

Number 16 needs more selections because the ones that are listed really don't give enough choices and are limited.

I think that there has to be a more personal contact between the elders and the beginners. More training perphaps more one to one contact.

well i feel you could have asked better things . but that is just me we do have a soul and heart and to .we feel but not like humans . i find it vary hard to be with human but have to .mix and fit in some how . in one part you did not put how we are born vampires . am what you call a vampire witch . im hated by my family . my mum has a witch . but she hates me any any i live . just me in my life for many years now i did not find out what i was till in my teens my . then i had not blood family with me and . am happy of that they was not nice lets just put it like that . i have to come to find that i do have family . in the world but am not sure they know of me . and they are vampires . but any way the thing i am finding vary hard there is no place in my town for my kind . i hope this helps

me CountThomas angelSkydancer Cotn are just ok! and love and Care to You)o(

I think people in the vamp community need to be a combination of open.minded, patience and quasi.friendly. Lording over others with your ideas or opinions isn't the way to go about it, nor is sitting by and agreeing with every opinion and theory that comes about. The community could use a lot of improvement; it's getting the people who are in the position to start those improvements that are the problem, sometimes.

I think under some groups/types of people that should be removed are Father Sebastian, Temple of vampire, Rev JP, Lilith Darkwraith and the vampire nations concord council of elders.

I think there should be a hell of a lot more of an exchange between the VC and energy working communities as a whole, wherein open minds listen to one another in trying to find possible reasons why vampires feel and act how they do; if there's a severe deficiency in production of energy, causing an insatiable desire, or whatever.

The answers sometimes are outside the community. Times are changing, things are moving! The vampire Community will survive just fine.

In regards to #10 and #16: Personally speaking, I think that vampirism is an energetic condition, and the only cure as of yet is through donors and the regular practice of energy work. However, I am open to the idea of it being a physical condition, which is why I added those options. It is also the reason why I think that we need to build up our principals of "logic and investigation". However, I do not think that it should be solely built on that, but rather on a few different bases, another being on bringing the community more together as a whole, rather than the disjointed groups we have scattered around the world. The Houses and Covens should be in contact with each other. The groups near each other should have meetings and, for lack of a better term, "Group Bonding". We need to know each other before we can introduce ourselves to the rest of the world.

In my experience, the newer generation of vampires are not as willing to learn from those with experience, which will make affecting any changes to the community difficult. We need to be more open to each other.

We need to focus more on finding the facts of what makes us vampires & less on metaphysical/mystic theories for a cause we can't explain yet. Lifestylers seem to be the majority of the community. Most people that align themselves with us aren't even vampires. We need to distance ourselves from the lifestylers & discourage our own from "dressing the part" if we want to be taken seriously by either mainstream culture or other related sub cultures.

in regards to what causes vampirism, I'm only biased because I believe MY need is non-physical energy; However I am open to the idea that mine is not the only possibility or explanation. Regarding change in the community. I think we need curiosity, logic and investigation. I don't think we should totally cull or remove everyone who doesn't agree, but having a base to start from (a basic understanding of vampirism [what it is, what causes it, if it's even a real condition, a set of symptoms]) would be nice.

no

To clarify on the above question: Unless language is clearly defined, there cannot be an active discussion regarding vampirism. Given that "vampire" can be either an identity or a condition, I think that there should be more done to distinguish between those who have developed vampire as an identity versus those who believe its a condition.

Unfortunately, House Scarlet Moon experienced poor interactions with local fae and wolfkin... they were once a part of our family, but their energy, ego's, attitudes and desires for leadership thru chaos caused us to decide to not allow Otherkin into our house. Also we do not do outreach to baby bats.

could not respond to (10). And I believe some subjects addressed have (even) more gray area to take into account.

in general think allot of the online communication lack moderators as well as conducting in a drama free manner regardless of agreeing or disagreeing all need to be shown respect

For question #10..... 1 all vampires need energy or psi 2 some vampires may have been genetically manipulated by aliens 3 most vampires may have been "infected" with an astral parasite that causes vampire like symptoms or makes current vampirism more demanding. Astral parasite may be spread from a person who has one 4 some vampires have a chemical/vitamin/nutrient deficiency 5. Some vampires reincarnate in one soul (some are created) 6. Some vampires choose it as a path of religion or lifestyle and nothing more I was once really involved in an online vampire community but when I started finding and suggesting solutions to certain vampiric conditions I got shunned by the forum moderator and labeled as trolling and therefore everyone else followed suit and since then I stopped helping those kind of people. I know there is no "cure" per say but there are solutions to ease need levels if not diminish them to normal human levels, and he would rather have everyone there believe that there is no such thing possible before giving it a chance and that really pissed me off because he is the leader there and it is his responsibility to help those people and instead he got egotistical and is still leading them in a circle believing there is nothing they can do about anything. That is why I believe there should be many people from many backgrounds with the only common trait being vampirism in order to have an unbiased discussion and decision made in the actual definition of vampires and traits and such. These people should include healers above all, not just those who embrace the gothic background vampires possess

I think the community needs to work more together against enlightening the society, also to spread information more actively for the unawakened. I think we need a more global community and I see steps being taken to make that happen.

There needs to be more diligence in removing LRP people who do not realize that this is not a game. They do not admit to playing a role yet get angry when they think others are not playing along.

It is impossible to address the needs of everyone in a group as large as the vampire community so this question is not valid. There is always a reason why one belittles another even if that reason is that they do not like the person they are belittling which is most often the case. I do not feel any of your question 10 statements are valid and in fact I feel they are manipulative and leading which will give you flawed data.

There many isseus which can be added into a survey as like to have links where other can go when there is an issue they need to discuss in private with an elder or anyone of the counsel.

I am a scientist by nature. There has to be a sort of genetic code that is present in all vampyres, but not in "normal" people. That's the only way someone can need the energy from blood or psi. "Normal" people don't need it, but those with the genetic "defect", if one could call it that, do.

this was dumb. you lacked imagination in some of what you constructed, it is stilted . that is one of the problems of the ovc. question 10 . was also bs. none of them are really valid, it wont let me finish the survey

I think there needs to be a general overhaul of the "Rules of Community" and the rules, renewed, need to be applied by consent in order to cull the levels of poor behaviour currently being experienced.

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I really couldn't do anything with #10 because of the word "all". I do think there are different types of vampire and "all" are not the same.

There should be a number of penalties that a VC member gets until they are kicked out of the online page.

Thank you!!!

how can someone say that anything is serving the needs of "Everyone."

It only needs to change in that newcomers should be made more welcome and all views should be considered valid, respected and listened to.

Easy as pie. Thanks!!!!

i really don't like the options in #16, the question and choices seem problematic at best and show no opinion option that could lead to real change. "it could use some change, but i don't know where" option seems to be the only reasonable option but even it is lacking. change can only come about by everyone working and talking together. not isolating or excluding this group or that, this person or that, or gods forbid one set of ideals or values over another. we are a people of all inclusive religions, ideals and mind sets. until all are able to sit and talk openly and equally, there will be no change.

Thanks!

The online community is a very necessary thing because we are limited by the distance to other countries and we can't all travel. We are now exploring other groups from Europe, South Africa and many other places and this could not be done without there being an OVC. People are busy and this is the most efficient way to connect with a lot of people spread about the world.

Even though I dont participate, Im sure there is something that the forum needs improvement on.

There needs to be more maturity regarding multiple ideas, possibilities and types of vampires. Example: Sang, psi, and hybrid are all types of vampirism, but they are distinct and have different causes, "symptoms" and feeding.

Yeah, the thing that needs to change the most is inner dissension. All the weird drama mucks everything up.

In Ref. to Question 16 - Removing people is a tricky thing; if someone is constantly heckling others, then perhaps they should be removed. But what is heckling? It isn't just being combative - it's participating in the community for the sole purpose of causing conflict. The only individual I know of who did that was booted from a group recently. Of course that is my opinion. Others would take a different stance. In general, I say things do not need to change as people should have the freedom to express themselves within reason (by within reason I mean in a respectful manner). Regards culling to a core few, that invites the split, the war between psi's and sangs. There are believers on both sides. No one is stopping anyone from having a purely sang website or psi website. An operation of one group fitting a specified criteria won't work; that would be a fascist cleansing.

thanks for putting this up

I think that it does need to be more friendly and accepting, and that debates should be expected to be conducted in a less abusive fashion. Disagreement is good--pounding those you disagree with down with the sledgehammer of flame is not. I do not, however, believe this is likely to actually happen. People are people.

Some questions didn't have enough answers.

I believe that we should stop all of the bickering and arguing if people do not agree with other peoples views and just get along. Yes you can agree to disagree but it can be a bit childish to keep bickering about it.

There is generally a lot of bickering and nit pickiness, seemingly just for the sake of stirring the pot. It seems this group should be more together, seeing as how the general population views us.

Couldn't answer question 10 due to using phone

Some of these questions are very slanted so I did my best!

I believe that one of the biggest problems with the Community at large is that there are just too many conflicting ideas that ignore the root of the issue. What are we at our most basic? The focus on the "what caused us to be this way" debate doesn't seem to help anyone, either. Many of the newly awakened vampires and tourists I've come across are more concerned with what we do and our methods. An emphasis on teaching HOW to function might be a better discussion instead of this ongoing debate that's gone nowhere in the past decade.

It timed out the last time I tried so here you go.

No, but thank you for thinking to ask. ;)namaste

nope

I continue to think that a blood centric community needs to be created so that those issues can be identified without outside interference.

that the community, is a little ore friendly and less abrasive towards those who also hold themselves as active members of religions. and a little more open to psi vamps.

Honestly most of the time the "vampire community" just feels like a bunch of people that have for one reason or another identified with the archetype of the fictional vampire and probably have no business associating with one another if any group really wants to get anything done.

Can there be a forum where the people are just treating it like it's a medical condition? seriously everywhere I go I'm AFRAID to talk SCIENCE because almost everyone is a complete nutter. I have a boyfriend who has a condition and I want him to have the support he needs without having to fight through a mass of BULLSHIT. ALSO as his donor I would like to find people who give advice based on LOGIC and not MAGICAL FEELINGS OF ENERGY-THAT-DOESN'T-EVEN-EXIST.

More respect could be given to others opinions. Agreeing to disagree does not seem the motto on many pages- more like drama creating children a lot of times.

Mainly, the online vampire community needs to take a deep breath. Too many flame wars pop up over nothing.

i am not a vampire but a otherkin (unsure what though) so i have come into contact with the online vampire community

i enjoy that the community would ask me these questions, and that i can take part in these surveys. i wish only that i could be more involved in the community, and to know others like me. i want to be a part in the community, to coincide with the rest and to help those that may be in need. i just dont know how, or were, i can get started.

Vampires, both new and old, need to work together. Look at us! We're falling apart as a society and the humans are learning of our existence. Belief had faded, but now it had returned with more rationality and ardent proof or theory. There's going to be a revolt, and we need to pull ourselves together to prevent it. I've faced war before, between mortals and immortals. It was hell. I will not see innocent bloodshed anymore. To all of our kind: Wake up! Step into the light, fell the burn, and retreat to the darkness where we belong. Humanity is not yet ready for our coexistence to be revealed.

Change will happen when people start excepting each others views, and realize, we are all unique in the way we view life.

Personally I think there should have been a not sure or indifferent category within this survey. The sharp yes or no in some of the questions may lead to an inaccurate response.

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Who is so important that they use the term Elder? Vamps make groups so they can shit on others who don't agree with their petty squabbles Where is the basic knowledge to help all of us grow and learn?

I thought I would find answers within the community. Acceptance. Instead I found instability and dead ends. Weak pathetic creatures hiding behind their keyboards and computer screens intellectualizing nothingness.

All I will say is that the true Reality of things needs to be realized, if there is to be peace, anywhere. If these things are not realized, then everyone can 'kiss civility goodbye.'

It's not that we don't count if we don't answer... it is saying that we really don't care what you put out on the web because your an outcast... blatant and to the point. Anyway. General comments, huh? Alright. This survey is a blatantly loaded pile of garbage by someone playing the victim card. If you, the survey poster, Alison... feels that you are being victimized in the community then kindly walk away from it instead of complaining like a high school kid that thinks they are always being, "bullied". Nothing needs to be changed in the community on or offline. The community needs to quit being trolled by people like you that are no longer seen as welcome within the overall community. Your loaded survey questions prove only one point, that you are disatisfied with members of the community. But who are you to judge? You have only been in the community for how long now and you are being outcasted for always playing the victim card and blocking people left and right for disagreeing with you? Talk about being bullied. Who really cares about who is a leader/elder in the community. People don't consider themselves as such, it is the community that openly considers them because of time spend and the respect earned by what they have done to have earned that position. Instead of creating loaded victimized survey's, why not CONTRIBUTE something POSITIVE for once. Now get over your, "holier than thou" self and wake up!! What's up with the roleplay questions? People can't be bitten or turned into vampires. You are either vampire or your not.

Get rid of the fantasy-ridden individuals, quit enabling nonsense and bad behavior, and get rid of the rude and obnoxious

For those that are genuine, more guidance from "Elders" would be good. And when guidance is asked for, it would be nice if there wasnt this annoyance portrayed by the Elder...Every Vampyre has to start somewhere...some are not as old as others...and their knowledge is limited...so I think that you should not feel intimidated or apprehensive to ask an Elder for guidance and then made to feel stupid.

You should have given the option to name the elders where I could list some from the pre-internet days before the sang psi bullshit started.

I think that ppl should have choices and we cannot control the other groups that are formed. We can only control how we inform the public.

I think that there should be more active online covens/houses and that it should be FREE to be a member of that coven/house.

some of these questions need more than yes or no answers. Its understandable that you had to keep it short.

IT NEEDS to be more friendly IT NEEDS to be more understand IT NEEDS to have less drama IT NEEDS to have more helpful people IT NEEDS to be more carring

There needs to be some governing done. While individual beliefs should be respected there needs to be some form of cohesiveness that is currently lacking. We need to elect elders, and a council under them, take votes, and firmly not allow trolling. There should be votes on things of importance and one cohesive place where the community can come together.

Vampires are just like real people exept they feed on blood and energy.

Maybe a gold star or golden fang ranking system should be adopted so everyone can identify the most helpful or trustworthy elders in the vampyre community. Or maybe ranking them by popular vote on a 100 point scale and if you score below a 90 you're elder status is suspended or maybe revoked if below an 80.

I hope there are people who are willing to help reform the Internet-Based Vampire Community. Reform will not be easy or free... and everyone needs to be on board.

Nothing I can think of.

I'm not greatly involved with the online community (I mostly like to read the philosophical approaches) but how I understand it is that it's not always accessible and newcomers are sometimes shot down in the way that newbies are hilarious to progamers. As in all social gatherings snobbery is bound to be there, but that's the same in all kinds of communities. A wealth of paths is all well and good but a round about rethink on a lot would be beneficial on all of them. "Rebuilding" however could kill off the community, rebalancing or revamping (XD) it carefully could make it better than before.

It could use some change (the online vampire community), but I do know where. IF people can't follow the rules, they need to be reprimanded and their posts made to be approved before posting them. If you can't follow manners or rules, it should be treated just like offline life in groups. Where were the days when we actually respected each other in groups online? It used to be that if you caused that much trouble, or constantly bickered, you were told to take it offline or be put on 'approval for all messages' before posting them. We need to go back to that.

Where are all the black swans at? I looked up and down every aisle at my local Walmart and still left hungry!

Question 10 was limited. It would have been better with a fill in the blank.

The question on number 13 is messed up because if you consider the TOV or TOS then of course. But if you don't then not really.