

As of recent, the website of Soyjak.Party has had an issue I will diagnose as the "Board Bloat Problem". To put it simply, too many boards take up the sites log, with little reason for the average 'teen to bother checking them. In this document, I will attempt to create a blueprint that could potentially create a full anti-bloatist Sharty, primarily through the Five Board plan. I suggest at least skimming through parts 1-4, as they present the reasons behind why three boards made the final cut, and why two must be created; for example, if you wished to know why I decided on keeping /qa/, you would need to read part two of the document.

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==PART 1, BOARDS AS WE KNOW THEM==

As of current, soyjak.party contains 22 boards. Here I will outline each of them and attempt to understand the reasoning behind the addition of them. I find it important to note the existence of /holo/, /kr/ and /fap/. The first two were created during the very early Soot era in order to house two of 4/qa/'s most hated groups, fans of Hololive streamers (of which had no /vr/ board on 4chan at the time) and fans of Kpop idol groups (who still have no board for themselves on the original 4chan, and are currently house themselves in two, very active, generals, one on /trash/ and one on /mu/). These boards were swiftly deleted, as a containment board for a whole group on a small website simply does not work, especially for topics that are more actively discussed on 4chan then they ever have been on the Party. The /fap/ board was also a containment of a whole subset, though (as a containment board should, may I note) allowed similar but technically unrelated topics to be posted. The topic of course, being pornography, and the board being designed to contain the frequent thread "Jak 'n' Fap", a thread in which a user would post a Soyjak image along with a pornographic image. Many were not a fan of this, the threads being frequent targets of gore, shit spam and dotspam. Today the threads have mostly died. The board, as one look in the archive will prove, was mostly a wasteland of spam and shitty 4 reply porn threads. Today, attempting to access the board will redirect you to the "Easy Peasy Method" site, showing that Kuz may have made the decision to purge /fap/ for ideological reasons, rather than for the better of the site.

/suggest/ - suggest

A necessary board, essentially what 4/q/ was. A board for Chuds to post their suggestions, complaints and the like. Added by Soot in order to house all the suggestions for the site, and it has essentially served that purpose. It is half a meta-complaining board these days, with rule 10 (supposedly soon to be rid of) solidifying its status as a place to complain about the site.

/soy/ - Soyjak

Undoubtedly the most active board on the site, /soy/'s main purpose is for discussion, creation and shitposting about the Soyjak meme. Despite this, a look at the catalog at any time will show that there is plenty of NAS ('Not A Soyjak') up at any given time, mostly spamming and meme forcing. Kuz himself has admitted this, and has stated that he believes the spamming groups are an integral part of the site's culture on his Telegram page. /soy/ has been on the site since it's inception, and can be considered the "main" board on the site. Everything else is secondary to /soy/. Threads which would pertain better to other boards on a technicality are posted to /soy/ anyway.

I am of the belief that /soy/ will always be the most important board on the site, and that even in the case of a theoretical activity boost on all other boards, /soy/ should always come first. Despite being a "Soyjak" focused board, I find /soy/ to essentially be the site's main activity center, a good chunk of /soy/ threads are quick, easy shitposts that gain 10 replies maximum, however it is frequent that a /soy/ thread is a discussion of a NAS topic, a blogpost, spam, or a call to action. Simply put it, personal army threads are better suited on /soy/ than on /raid/. If a project as large as, say, the Pixel Planet mural was posted on /raid/ instead of /soy/ a quarter as many eyes would have been put on it, and further Pixel Planet projects would have never come to fruition. This is why /soy/ should USUALLY be the first place something gets posted. /soy/ is the true /b/ of Soyjak.Party.

/qa/ - Question & Answer

A misc. board with very little to offer. A lot of NAS bait has been moved here, an idea I fundamentally agree with, but also one that cannot be executed in the state the site's in. This board is one of the original boards added to the site by Soot, as a supposedly better alternative to 4/qa/. With a cleaner stable of boards, /qa/ could potentially be an active place where shunned spam groups such as 'zelligspammers, and where long-term threads such as the 4chan moderator write-up could be stored. The board already houses some of these, the main example currently on the catalog being /twitter/. /qa/ is a board that could be kept as a free territory for some of the NAS spammers to exert their influence, similar to the former 4/qa/, where many single spammers would create multiple threads shilling their meme, while also retaining some of the meta-cross-site discussion of 4/qa/.

/g/ - Technology

The most active of "hobby" boards on the site, and the one I believe deserves the least chance to be merged. The board has been added and deleted before, and acts as a slow board, but one that hosts more discussion than the average Sharty board. I consider this unsurprising, since the only thing possibly unifying 'teens besides the love of Soyjaks (if even) is the ability to use a computer. I personally envision a sticky on this board for resources on ban evasion and the like, in order to not only strengthen the site's raids but to encourage newteens to come participate in them. Despite being a slightly active board, threads still only receive an average of 3 or so replies, and more shitposty threads receive almost none. The board in the 3 months since reinstatement has had 5000 separate posts, giving a total of about one post every two hours, better than most boards on the site.

/pol/ - Politics

Created by Soot as a containment board. One of the most active on the site, currently housing nearly 40000 posts. Despite this, few threads on the board ever reach past 5 replies, and a good amount of political discussion is kept on /soy/. Attempts have been made to house political posts on /soy/ on this board, but it's mostly failed, or the janitors just don't care anymore. A likely case, since just about every "political" discussion revolves around shitposting about chuds and troons. A good amount of the "serious" discussion here is kept similar to 4/pol/, but luckily a look at the catalog shows that few of these threads are true blogposts. The existence of this board implies exile of these topics from /soy/, but it seems to do just about nothing. If one were to delete /pol/, it would affect the rest of the site very little, and not cause a "mass flood of chuds" into /soy/ as some would want you to believe. A board that doesn't really contain anything.

/raid/ - Raid

One of the original boards on the site, created by Soot in order to house a place to organize raids. A look at the top threads on the board shows that most of the successful raids organized through the board were done through Twitch. The only other real, recent successful raid on the board was one on a Minecraft Discord server, which was advertised on /soy/ as well and likely would not have succeeded without it, and threads that outline ban evasion tools (move them to /g/). The rest are unsuccessful calls to action that would've done better on /soy/. Yes, I'm saying delete /raid/, and encourage raiders to come together on /soy/. It simply does not need to exist in the current Sharty climate. Note many (three) of the threads on the board are important, and deserve to be preserved on other boards.

/incel/ - Internet Celebrities

Created by Kuz, made to house the discussion of frequent, identified posters on the site, and today is mostly where attention whore threads and threads about Kuz's friend Sobot. And sometimes more notable ecelebs that are relevant outside of the Sharty. But it's slow, and mostly useless, since it mostly consists of attentionwhore threads moved from /soy/.

/int/ - International

Soot board, obtains about five posts a day. These types of boards will be called "misc. boards", essentially a board that has no set topic. 4chan currently has about five of these, six if one counts 4/int/, and seven if one counts the late 4/qa/. The site is large enough that each of these boards have developed their own, separate cultures and identities, in that a post you'd find on one would not fit on the other. The problem here is that the Sharty is not as nearly as large as 4chan, leaving little to say on these boards, other than the fact that they are clutter.

/a/ - Anime

Board created by Soot, one of the original boards, presumably to house the persistent bait on 4/qa/ that revolved around anime characters. Surprisingly slightly active, I estimate it gets around 10-15 posts a day. One of the many boards that simply house bait, which loses its power once separated from everything else.

/muv/ - Music & Video Games

A merge of the common /mu/ and /v/ boards. Created by Soot since he, correctly, realized how little activity these threads got on their own. Threads still receive very little replies on average, and the most notable threads on the board consist of abandoned game projects. The board has recently become host to the main thread for the Soyecraft server, but most threads pertaining to that topic have been posted to /soy/ the past few days, which is, as I see it, fine. I suggest the Soyecraft thread be moved to a theoretical /q/, more on that later.

/qst/ - Quest

A recent Kuz board. Very little activity in the two months it has existed. Giving quests their own board has killed them more than encouraged them, and the only quest getting any real activity on the board being the Good Boy Quest, which has operated slowly on the dead board. Instead of giving this single quest its own, personal board, just let them back in /soy/. They are some of the true highlights on the site when they have any serious activity.

/tv/ - Television & Film

A very, very slow board, one of the original boards on the site, usually receiving a post a day. 4/tv/ is one of the more shitpost-friendly boards on the site, so an overlap with the Sharty seems inevitable, though very little activity has come of it, no less any actual discussion. A 'teen has little reason to post here instead of 4/tv/, which makes me curious why Soot had the smart idea to merge /mu/ and /v/ but kept /tv/ out of this merger.

/r9k/ - ROBOT9999

A misc. board created by Soot, suggested by a /qa/non in the original thread advertising the Sharty. Nothing happens here, and it mostly houses demoralization posts, some moved by moderators, others created specifically for the board. The boards most interesting threads were created more than a year ago, and it's really just a waste of storage space.

/r/ - Requests

While mostly an inactive board, receiving an estimate of about eight or so posts a day, the function of /r/ is seemingly irreplaceable. Created by Soot as a place to allow people to request the creation of OC 'jaks, or get assistance in creating their latest 'jak. Despite the inactivity there, I have seen few opponents to it's existence, and it has created more than a couple images worth of OC. Perhaps a cleaner stable could allow the board to slowly bring in more and more activity, and as an OC factory, the board is one of the few inactive boards that deserves a place on the site. Remember, the very central idea of the Sharty is to create as many 'jaks as possible before the meme becomes irrelevant, and this board is perfect for that exact purpose.

/giga/ - Gigachad

One of the original boards on the site, a place for the now extinct Gigachad meme. Originally created as a counterpart to /soy/. It had been locked for several months before being unlocked by one of Kuz's mods. The board gets about a thread every two days, and it remains one of the slowest, most useless boards on the site.

/x/ - Paranormal/Schizo

One of the early boards Soot brought to the site, likely due to 4/qa/'s obsession with schizophrenic people at the time. Most threads are of the dead art of schizoposting, and would receive more attention on /soy/. Few threads on the board ever get more than one reply.

/b/ - Random

Another misc. board, except it allows off-topic NSFW content. Useless board, with it's most replied-to thread being a samefag hentai thread. One of Soot's original boards for the site, and I can't wrap my head around the reason for its existence, most likely to keep NSFW out of /soy/ and /qa/, or due to an obligation to have a /b/ as every other imageboard must.

/sneed/ - Sneed

A board added by Soot after demand from Sneed spammers. Dedicated to the Sneed meme. Largely inactive, gets maybe 4-5 posts a day. Largely kept due to legacy, and from what I've gathered, to prevent a spammer from spamming /soy/ out of anger.

/webm/ - Videos and GIF

A board added by Soot to house threads for sharing videos and GIFs. Two posts a day, and doesn't contain much content that couldn't prosper on other boards.

/bant/ - International/Random

The most recent addition to the site. Another misc. board. Seems to be an attempt by Kuz to keep all homosexual content in one place, despite the board supposedly being focused on the "international" subject. Quickly became inactive after being added. Perhaps the most egregious example of the bloated stable on the Sharty, being added after the Omori spam, and now seemingly being a host for Touhou threads. I have a much simpler solution for all of this, being the already existing /qa/, but it seems Kuz is set on moving this content into /bant/ instead. Put it simply, the existence of this board is stupid, and there's better places to move this content, even if not /qa/, the best example being /nate/.

/nate/ - Coal

Hidden Soot board. Mostly a dumping ground for shitty posts and memes the admins don't like. Hidden for a reason, and doesn't really take away any activity from other boards. Still another useless misc. board.

/test/ - test

Where the old stickies currently reside. It's empty besides that.

==PART 2: THE CASE OF /fap/: CONTAINMENT BOARDS AND THE DELETION OF A BOARD==

Only a short while ago Soyjak.Party hosted a Kuz-created board known as /fap/ - Fapping. Created as one of Kuz's many containment boards, except this one was only made to contain a single spammer: the Jak 'n' Fapper. The existence of this board didn't really kill it, and the board was mostly unrelated gore and the occasional porn thread, showing the fundamental idea of this whole document, creating a board to contain a single strain of spam on such a dead website only creates more bloat, especially on a website that revolves around bait and spam. When you tell these baiters to go in their own room, they have nobody to bait, and thus are only more encouraged to go back out and start posting on /soy/. Compare this to 4chan, where most of the containment boards contain things that were actually over-discussed, and not spammed by a single group of people. The idea of a containment board on a website such as this is inherently flawed. If you truly wish to contain these groups from /soy/, it's wisest to give them all one single, large space to dwell in. /qa/. You could argue this is the thesis for the current 4/trash/ and the later stages of 4/qa/, where groups from the latter had to move from the former, with nowhere else to really go on the site. These spam groups get to keep a place on the site and only really ever disturb each other. The exiling of these groups to /qa/ may also turn the board into a true sequel to the original 4 /qa/, allowing these groups to prosper and succeed here will also allow 'jacking to become a reaction against these groups, rather than these groups being a reaction against 'jacking, soyquoting may truly prosper in a board like this.

Consider also, /sneed/, made because of meme threads demanding the board's creation. Isn't having its own board antithetical to Kuz's idea of Spammer Darwinism? In his own words, he believes the imageboard to mostly consist of "warring factions" each attempting to force their own memes, and he truly believes it is not his job from dictating the winners and losers of this system, but only to prevent a single winner from forcing everything else out. This is why meme boards like /cado/ would inevitably crash and burn, these subcultures must be competing with other strains of spam for dominance in order to truly prosper.

The case of /fap/ also shows that the purging of these bloat boards is not so far-fetched. After all, /fap/ is still preserved in its own archive on the Log Warehouse. The history on these boards could easily be each moved to another of the new, slower boards. After all, even with five boards, Soyjak.Party will still keep most of it's activity in the fast-moving /soy/. And it's not like these threads are still receiving many replies. If you wished to remedy the problem of these threads being lost in the archives, I'd suggest a feature on the archive that directly links you to some of the more historic /soy/ threads. The archive is perhaps the most important reason why we do not need these boards anymore, the few posts made on them will be perfectly preserved.

==PART 3: THE CASE OF THE BLOAT BOARD==

A majority of boards that aren't /soy/ can be put into the category of bloat. Consider the fact that we have six misc. boards as of current, all slow and useless. Isn't it silly to have all these off-topic boards on a website dedicated to shitposting once considered off-topic? We also have all these media boards, all these boards meant to contain the funner parts of /soy/, and boards that just do nothing. Let me outline this for you:

/soy/: /soy/

Misc. shitposting boards: /qa/, /int/, /r9k/, /b/, /bant/, /nate/

Meta, non-specific spin-offs meant to keep things out of /soy/: /raid/, /incel/, /qst/, /r/, /giga/, /sneed/, /webm/

Hobby/discussion boards: /g/, /pol/, /a/, /muv/, /tv/, /x/

Seems horrible. Why keep all these misc. boards when /qa/ already exists? /qa/ is, after all, a necessary keep, having the possibility to contain all the spam in one, lawless place, and giving the opportunity to bring back something that can at least emulate the constant fight for influence on the original 4/qa/, and give 'jacking a culture to counter, rather than having the FOTM anime spammer in an odd twist be the counter-culture instead. And to look at the case of /raid/ and /qst/, why keep these things separate from /soy/? These DISCOURAGE these things rather than encourage, funnily enough. When was the last time you saw a good quest? When was a good raid ever organized on /raid/ rather than /soy/? Organizing these things on /soy/ instead gives not only more eyes on them, but more engagement, and makes them more special, these kinds of things make /soy/ a fun place to be in, and are some of the few threads to reach 200+ posts, keeping these boards only promotes amateur attempts at these. And /webm/, a filesharing board, will generate half as much activity in a year as a "funny WEBM" thread could in a day. I'd like to bring up the hobby boards here, which together would accompany a much too massive subject. Which is exactly what I propose, a place to not only encourage a cleaner /soy/, but to give a place for those who wish to discuss their hobbies a larger place to do so. I suggest a "casual" board, one in which blogposts and the like are not only allowed, but encouraged, essentially becoming a "'jak 'n' X" board, a place where you can mention real life/hobby things while getting to post 'jaks at the same time, after all, vent threads are some of the worst on the site right now.

On the case of /incel/, merge it into /suggest/ to make a /q/, a place to complain about the site, and talk about some of the notable retards who have been brought to the sites attention.

==PART 5: THE FIVE BOARD PLAN==

For the reasons outlined in the above paragraphs, I propose a full on Five Board Plan, a complete cleaning of the stable to give the following boards:

/soy/ - Soyjak (The main board.)

/qa/ - Questions & Answers (A companion to /soy/, a place where FOTM spammers can fight, and a place for long-term threads.)

/cafe/ (URL debatable. Propose better names if you can.) - Blogposting & Hobbies (A place more focused on casual discussion rather than the spam and shitposting on the

rest of the site.)

/r/ - Requests (Requests.)

/q/ - Suggestions & Meta (A place to talk about site drama and cows, and also a place to suggest things to jannies directly.)

==PART 6: CONCLUSION==

I envision a better site, which can essentially operate as a true alternative to 4chan. In giving the site a smaller boardlist, posts and discussions which would normally be ignored or buried in the sea of /soy/ can get a chance to shine, and Kuz's idea of Spammer Darwinism can prosper as he believes. I have created this document in an attempt to clearly and concisely present my reasoning for a possible cleansing of the site, and I would like to hear suggestions or criticisms pertaining to this plan. At the end of the day, that's all this is: A plan. A plan I believe has a good amount of reason behind it. Kuz, if you are possibly reading this, please consider these words, and consider how much cleaner and prosperous this site could be if it was structured like this, If you do not believe in a cleaner site I would at least ask you to consider the possibility of a /cafe/, as a way to merge the hobby boards without creating a Frankenstein that doubles as a way to clean /soy/ of blogposts, and the deletion of /qst/ and /raid/. to encourage better, funner threads on /soy/. After all, this is a writing of love, a writing to try and give a way to make the site cleaner, better and more active, and to give /soy/ the catalog it deserves. Keep on 'jakkin.