Subject: Re: Top or bottom posting; does it really matter?
Posted by Ahem A Rivet's Shot on Mon, 27 Sep 2021 10:03:25 GMT
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On Mon, 27 Sep 2021 10:00:40 +0100
gareth evans <headstone255@yahoo.com> wrote:

> On 26/09/2021 21:44, Ahem A Rivet's Shot wrote:
>> On Sun, 26 Sep 2021 20:51:37 +0100
>> gareth evans <headstone255@yahoo.com> wrote:
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>>> In groups.io, a similar facility to usenet, top posting predominates.
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>> It is common politeness, when joining a group, to adopt the
>> conventions of that group, it is a joy when those conventions are also
>> sensible and a minor burden when they are not.
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> But are conventions determined by historical
> personages some of whom are long dead, or do
> the later contributors also have a say in what is a convention?

The origins of conventions are generally obscured by time, even when everyone involved is present they can be difficult to pin down, whatever documentation may remain is usually only a thin remnant of the original discussions and thinking. Once established they tend to have enormous inertia by virtue of group acceptance and tend only to change if pretty much everyone finds them irksome.

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