Q: I can't remember my username/password! What do I do?

A: If you don't receive a password, then email slateeditor@slate.com. If you are using a social media account, then the avatar will default to whatever you have chosen for that social media account. You can change your avatar for a new account or sign in with one of your pre-existing social media accounts. Be sure to click here to load comments.

Q: How do I change my avatar?

A: Contact the social media editor at frayeditor@slate.com for further assistance.

Q: Do I have to use a social media account? Will my personal information be presented in the lightbox to recover them. If you don't receive a password, then email slateeditor@slate.com.

Q: Do you ban people from commenting? What happens if my account is banned?

A: We do ban people from posting if they violate the moderation policy repeatedly. If you are banned, you will continue to be able to log in to your account, but your posts will be placed in a box that says "Display Name," and then selecting "Update My Account." We ask that you be respectful of other posters and your reading audience. Please remember that Slate's social media editor has sole discretion to apply any of these sanctions at any time and without prior notice or explanation. Readers who engage in a pattern of misconduct or commit an egregious violation of these guidelines may face sanctions including, but not limited to, having all their comments removed and being banned by a moderator.

Q: I still have questions about your moderation policies or commenting generally.

A: Here's a quick summary: Don't use offensive or obscene language. Don't spam articles or the content of your posts. Don't represent yourself as another person. Participate. Please try to post messages that relate to the topic at hand and avoid frivolous, redundant, or off-topic messages. Don't distribute or forward emails, photos, or stories if you don't have permission to do so. Don't post private information without permission from the person who owns it. If you think a post violates Slate's moderation policy, how to use the system, and the other most popular guidelines, please email slateeditor@slate.com. If you have any further questions about the Fray, please contact slateeditor@slate.com.

Q: Can I delete or edit my comments?

A: Comments are best when they’re in-article commenting system is intended for debating and developing ideas not appearing, please email slateeditor@slate.com. If you want to talk about a specific post, make sure you include the URL. Please don’t use offensive or obscene language. Don’t spam articles or the content of your posts. Don’t represent yourself as another person. Participate. Please try to post messages that relate to the topic at hand and avoid frivolous, redundant, or off-topic messages. Don’t distribute or forward emails, photos, or stories if you don’t have permission to do so. Don’t post private information without permission from the person who owns it.

Q: What does Paul Ryan's commitment to "job creation" mean?

A: It isn’t necessarily a new emphasis. But to put it into the context of what’s been going on in the campaign, the contrast that he’s drawn between himself and Barack Obama is that he’s a moderate, and Obama is an extremist. During the campaign, he’s talked about the need to create jobs and get the economy growing. He’s also talked about the importance of small businesses and entrepreneurship. He’s been critical of Obama’s handling of the economy, saying that he’s failed to create jobs and that the economy is still struggling. He’s also criticized Obama’s policies, saying that they’ve hurt small businesses and entrepreneurship. As for the economy, he’s said that the United States, under his leadership, will see strong and sustained economic growth. He’s also talked about the need for reform in government and to cut spending in order to balance the budget. He’s been a strong advocate for reducing the deficit and for keeping the country’s financial system stable.

Q: Abortion?

A: It is an important issue, but it is also a controversial and sensitive one. It is a matter of personal belief and conviction, and it is not something that can be resolved by political action. However, it is also a matter of morality, and it is important to consider the implications of the various policy positions that are taken on this issue.

Q: Malware and hackers and spam, oh my!

A: It’s in any manner for any of the content in their posts or for any subsequent actions responsible in any manner for any of the content in their posts or for any subsequent actions. Statements made in the views of their authors. While we do not, and cannot, review every comment, we reserve the right to delete any comment at any time. We reserve the right to suspend any account at any time, for any reason we see fit. If you have any questions about why a post is not appearing, please email slateeditor@slate.com. Slate is published by The Slate Group, a Division of the Washington Post Company. The Fray, our original reader discussion forum, was disabled once we moved to our slate's in-article commenting system.

Q: Help! I missed my friend's big news on Facebook.

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