



Why Did TheDecipherist Get Banned?

1.1M Views, 96% Approval, Zero Warnings, Permanent Ban

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Update : It was apparently an orchestrated attack from a hate parade that triggered a BOT. I have now been removed from that block but for now I am keeping this post up to see whats happening

If you're Googling this, here's the short answer: **nobody knows. Including me.**

I was permanently banned from r/ClaudeAI on February 18, 2026 at 1:56 AM alongside permanent bans from r/sysadmin, r/devops, and r/docker – all at the exact same time. No reason was given. No rule was cited. No warning was ever issued.

Here's what I contributed to r/ClaudeAI before the ban:

1,111,500 views. 28 posts. 940 comments answered. 11,964 shares.

The Complete Guide to Claude Code series (V1 through V4) alone generated **881,000+ views** with upvote rates between **94% and 98.1%**. These guides were translated into 11+ languages. Boris Cherny, the creator of Claude Code at Anthropic, organically endorsed them. Developers worldwide used them as reference material they preferred over official documentation.

The V4 guide had **291,302 views and a 96.1% upvote rate**. The V2 guide had **222,140 views and a 98.1% upvote rate**. These aren't borderline posts. These are posts where 19 out of every 20 people who voted said "this belongs here."

WHAT DIDN'T HAPPEN

- I never received a warning from the r/ClaudeAI mod team. Not once. Across 28 posts and 940 comment interactions.
- I never received a temporary ban.
- I never had a post removed.
- I never received a mod message asking me to change anything.

The very first communication I ever received from r/ClaudeAI moderation was a permanent ban.

WHAT DID HAPPEN

Two days before the ban, I published a 7,400-word article called "Docker Swarm vs Kubernetes in 2026: The \$166/Year Reality Check" across four technical subreddits. It hit **303,000 combined views** in 8 hours. Engineers across the US, UK, Germany, and Canada were having substantive technical discussions.

Then at 1:56 AM on February 18, I received four permanent ban notifications simultaneously – r/sysadmin, r/devops, r/docker, and r/ClaudeAI. That's not independent moderation. That's coordinated.

The r/ClaudeAI ban came with no explanation. The only subreddit that gave a reason was r/sysadmin, where a mod called my content "AI-generated posts" and "self-promotion." Both accusations were wrong. I wrote a 7,400-word article backed by 10 years of production experience and spent hours answering 130+ technical questions in real time. The one link in my post went to a free article with no paywall, no ads, no affiliate links, and no email capture.

THE PART THAT SHOULD BOTHER YOU

They kept all my posts up. Every guide. Every article. Still there. Still generating views. Still driving traffic to r/ClaudeAI. They just don't want me posting new ones or replying to comments on my own content.

They want the content. They just don't want the creator.

Meanwhile, Google's AI Overview calls my guides **"highly regarded in the AI coding community"** and cites my r/ClaudeAI posts as sources. Google is sending developers to my work. r/ClaudeAI banned me from discussing it.

MY TRACK RECORD

Go through my entire Reddit history. You won't find a single curse word. Not a single personal attack. Not one hostile exchange. Every critical comment I received got a measured, technical response. My individual comments on r/ClaudeAI were pulling

2,000–7,600 views each. I wasn't just posting content. I was in the comments for hours answering every question from every person at every skill level.

The r/ClaudeAI sidebar says: *"Showcase your project in a way that helps educate and inspire others."*

291K views and 96% approval says the community agreed I was doing exactly that.

WHERE TO FIND MY CONTENT NOW

Everything I write is on thedecipherist.com and on r/TheDecipherist. No gatekeepers. No removals for being too popular.

The full story with complete data, screenshots, and timelines: [BANNED – 1.58M views. 96% approval. Banned from 6 subreddits in 48 hours.](#)

For anyone who used my guides and is wondering where V5 is going – it's coming. Just not to r/ClaudeAI.