

I am in the process of making a portrait of a meme, the Wojak. This is a full-size figure made from approx. 200 kg of clay (dredged up earth). Out from the earth is this character born, the same goes for the iPhone he/she is holding.

The Wojak AKA the Feels Guy is an internet meme which is a simple, black-outlined cartoon drawing of a bald man with the expression of feeling a vague or regretful longing. The meme is often used when different members on forums shows "sympathy" for each other.

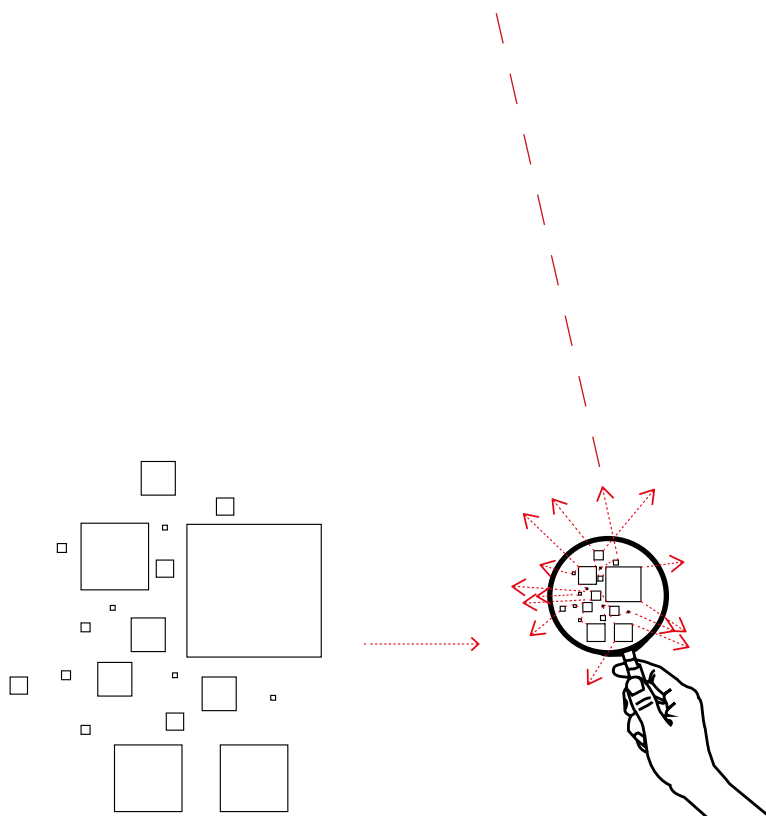
**Example:** Member of 4chan: *All woman are cruel, evil bitches. They don't want to give me any sex.*

Another member of 4chan replies: *I feel you bro*



This cartoon meme has become (amongst many others) the personification of the hidden internet user. The self-pitied Wojak unites them and becomes a symbol of a way of thinking, a mindset.

The earliest known Wojak is from 2010 posted by a polish user on the defunct German imageboard Krautchan, often as a visual supplement with posts about not having a girlfriend.



# The Wojak

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# Me at the zoo

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jNQXAC9IVRw>

The Wojak is watching a video loop. The first video ever published on Youtube by one of the founders. "Me at the zoo".



# El Tio De Cerro Rico

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The posture and scale of the Wojak is inspired by El Tio De Cerro Rico. This is the devil watching over the mineshaft entrances in the mines of Bolivia where much of the nickel used in the devices has its origin. Extremely primitive and badly maintained mines create dangerous scenarios for the workers. They give these Altars/sculptures of the Devil of Cerro Rico offerings in forms of cigarettes, coca leaves and moonshine before entering the mines. They pay the devil so that we can stay entertained.





