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Consider that Late Registration came out in 2005.

A 15 year old would only know Kanye as a maga hat embarrassment.

The Selfish Gene came out in 1976. Anyone under 44 only knows dawkins in his bigot form.

The milkshake duck time horizon

Dawkins, for instance, has now been a bigot for much longer than he was a respected scientist.

Kanye has been an embarrassment for much longer than he was a talented rapper.

It's like how a 120-year old has spent half their life as an elderly person.

At some point, the milkshake duck has been one so long that no one remembers the milkshake anymore.

It's just the racist duck, or the terf duck, or the virulently islamophobic duck. Or all three, and for brevity simply called the asshole duck

Which implies there's a honeymoon period. That window of time when people still remember the milkshake, when the duck's later actions are contrasted with that milkshake.

Noted biologist who ___
Noted rapper who ____
Noted YA author who ___

At some point, the honeymoon period ends.

Virulent bigot who wrote ___
Maga-hat wearing fool who sang ___

Terf scum who wrote bestselling series ___

And at that point the duck has passed the asshole singularity.

Crossing that asshole event horizon, they are helplessly pulled toward the asshole singularity.

It's impossible for them to ever escape and return to being that beloved duck.

Years stretch out. Young people don't remember a time the duck was anything other than an asshole, and older people get hit with the looming threat of mortality when they recall how long ago the milkshake happened.