



# NETNOGRAPHY REPORT:

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# COMMUNITY SELECTION

## Nintendo Life - Nintendo Switch 2

The screenshot shows the Nintendo Life website interface. At the top, the logo "nintendolife" is displayed in white and red. Below it is a navigation bar with icons and labels for "Topics", "News", "Reviews", "Features", "Games", "Guides", "Videos", "Forums", and "Better eShop".

The main content area features a large banner for the game "CRIMSON DESERT". The banner includes the text "OUT NOW" and "STEAM Mac App Store EPIC STORE". A video player shows a trailer for the game, with an ESRB rating of "MATURE 17+" and content descriptors: "Intense Violence", "Blood", "Strong Language", and "Drug Reference". The trailer shows a character in a desert environment with a sword and shield. At the bottom of the banner, it says "CRIMSON DESERT MAR 19, 2026".

Below the banner are three news articles:

- NEWS** Sega Announces Demo Update For Sonic Racing: CrossWorlds  
Test out Extreme Gear Machines
- NEWS** Capcom Wants To Know Your Thoughts About Monster Hunter Stories 3: Twisted Reflection  
Tell 'em how you feel in this new survey
- PSA** Super Mario Bros. Wonder + Meetup In Bellabel Park Demo Now Available At Switch 2 Kiosks (North America)  
Try before you buy

At the bottom of the page, there is a row of small image thumbnails for various games and content.

# RESEARCH QUESTIONS

- What do Nintendo Life Switch 2 forum users value most when making gaming decisions (e.g., price, game library, performance, or future releases)?
- How does participating in forum discussions alter users' opinions or decisions about games, consoles, or purchases?
- Who are the most influential users in the forum, and what makes their opinions more trusted or persuasive than others?
- What shared interests, experiences, or identities create a sense of community among users in the forum?
- What key differences (such as play style, opinions on Nintendo, or spending habits) lead to disagreements or division among users?

# DATA COLLECTED

**Number of Topics:** 500

**Number of Replies:** 19,700+ total

## Interesting Quotes

“Switch 2 games are more expensive, demand more storage, and battery life is lesser. Unless you've identified at least one or two must-play games, you may as well hold and see what's happening next year.”

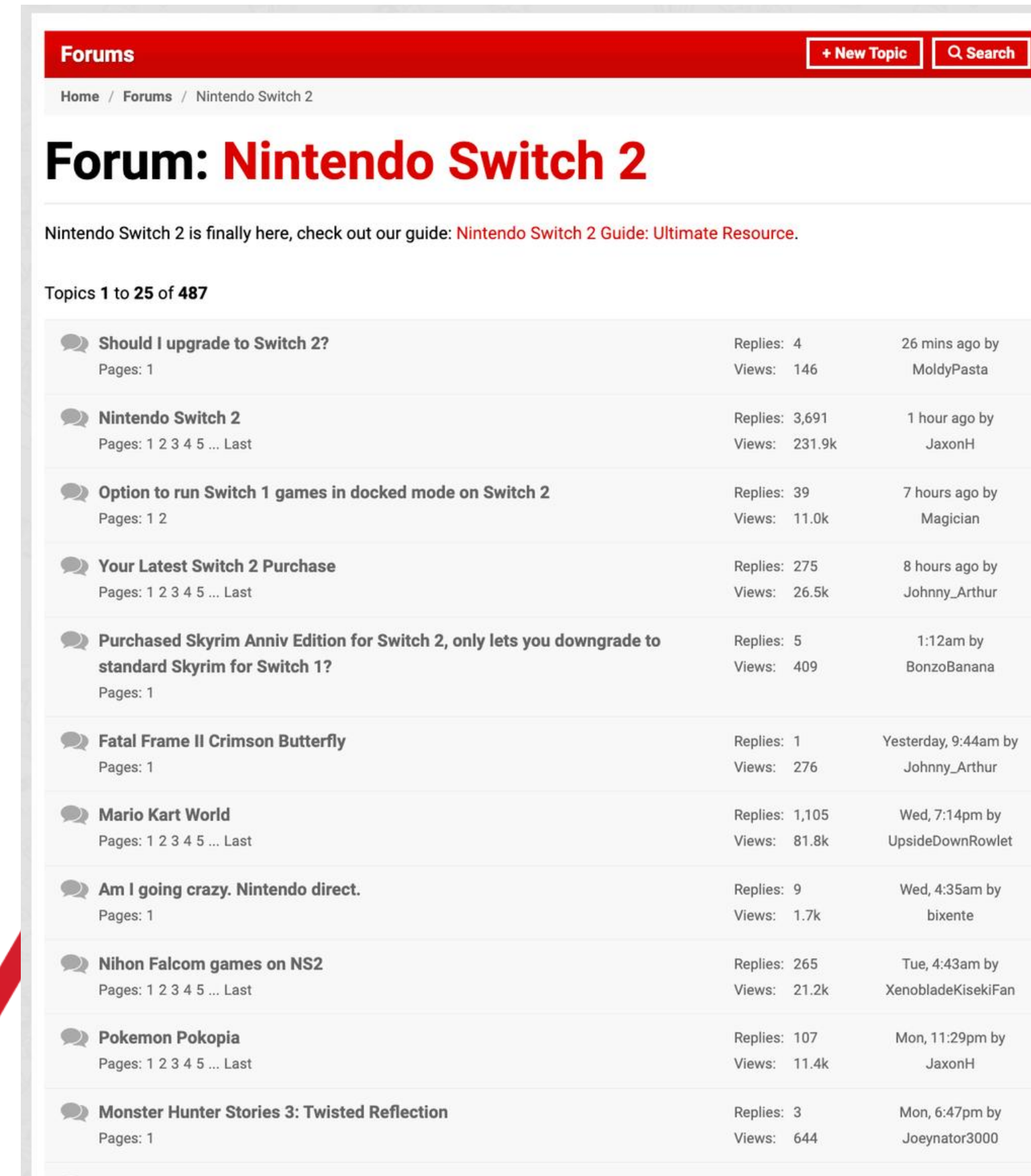
“The original post about some buying things they hate, I think has merit. But contorting that to demean all the people who actually enjoy a game you personally disliked, well, that's something else entirely.”

## Threads:

Nintendo Switch 2

Should I upgrade to Switch 2?

Pokemon Pokopia



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## Forum: Nintendo Switch 2

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<a href="#">Should I upgrade to Switch 2?</a> Pages: 1	Replies: 4 Views: 146	26 mins ago by MoldyPasta
<a href="#">Nintendo Switch 2</a> Pages: 1 2 3 4 5 ... Last	Replies: 3,691 Views: 231.9k	1 hour ago by JaxonH
<a href="#">Option to run Switch 1 games in docked mode on Switch 2</a> Pages: 1 2	Replies: 39 Views: 11.0k	7 hours ago by Magician
<a href="#">Your Latest Switch 2 Purchase</a> Pages: 1 2 3 4 5 ... Last	Replies: 275 Views: 26.5k	8 hours ago by Johnny_Arthur
<a href="#">Purchased Skyrim Anniv Edition for Switch 2, only lets you downgrade to standard Skyrim for Switch 1?</a> Pages: 1	Replies: 5 Views: 409	1:12am by BonzoBanana
<a href="#">Fatal Frame II Crimson Butterfly</a> Pages: 1	Replies: 1 Views: 276	Yesterday, 9:44am by Johnny_Arthur
<a href="#">Mario Kart World</a> Pages: 1 2 3 4 5 ... Last	Replies: 1,105 Views: 81.8k	Wed, 7:14pm by UpsideDownRowlet
<a href="#">Am I going crazy. Nintendo direct.</a> Pages: 1	Replies: 9 Views: 1.7k	Wed, 4:35am by bixente
<a href="#">Nihon Falcom games on NS2</a> Pages: 1 2 3 4 5 ... Last	Replies: 265 Views: 21.2k	Tue, 4:43am by XenobladeKisekiFan
<a href="#">Pokemon Pokopia</a> Pages: 1 2 3 4 5 ... Last	Replies: 107 Views: 11.4k	Mon, 11:29pm by JaxonH
<a href="#">Monster Hunter Stories 3: Twisted Reflection</a> Pages: 1	Replies: 3 Views: 644	Mon, 6:47pm by Joeynator3000

# TYPES OF PARTICIPANTS

## **Insiders**

Most users know Nintendo, understand console cycles, and talk comfortably about future titles and hardware. They're not casual outsiders, but they've been around and follow gaming closely.

## **Devotee**

Some users show strong loyalty to Nintendo by talking about future Mario/Zelda/Splatoon like they're guaranteed buys. They're more emotionally invested and optimistic.

# TYPES OF INTERACTIONS

## **Geeking**

Most interactions are people sharing knowledge and explaining console generations, hardware upgrades, and future game expectations. It's very info-driven.

## **Building**

Users build on each other's posts by adding advice, sharing more reasons, and they are generally really supportive. It feels more like people trying to help rather than debating or competing.

# RESEARCH SUMMARY RESULTS

- Users value price, game library, and how much they'll actually use the system, with a big influence from future game expectations and whether games will continue to be supported.
- There is a high level of technical knowledge from insider-type users, and these experienced users act as informal leaders since their confidence and detailed explanations make others trust their advice.
- Because of these knowledgeable users, the forum tends to shape more cautious, informed decisions, especially around whether something is worth buying right now.
- The community is built around shared knowledge and discussion, with users regularly helping each other and posting updates about their progress in different games.
- Differences come from how people judge value and expectations, especially between those excited for future potential and those who want proven results first.

# HYPOTHESIS

- If users in the Nintendo Life Switch 2 forum are serious gamers (vs. more casual players), then they are more likely to buy a game or console early and justify it with future games, compared to casual players who would wait and only buy if it seems worth it.
- **If users in the Nintendo Life Switch 2 forum are more well-versed in Nintendo games (vs. not well-versed), then they are more likely to have an easier time interacting and understanding posts within the community, compared to casual gamers who might get overwhelmed.**
- If users in the Pokémon forum see a new feature that looks cool but isn't clearly proven (vs. one that clearly adds to gameplay), then they will look at past games and other people's opinions to decide if it's actually good or just a gimmick.

# APPENDIX



# FAUSTO'S NOTES



**superpato7979** Thu, 10:10pm Edit Delete Reply Quote Report #3,681

I am thinking of buying the switch 2. Are there enough games now? I am more of a pc gamer I play games like valorant, stardew valley and risk of rain. I use to play pokemon when I was a kid is it worth it to buy the new switch to check out the new pokemon games?

superpato7979



**Nep-Nep-Freak** Thu, 10:30pm #3,682

@superpato7979

"I use to play pokemon when I was a kid is it worth it to buy the new switch to check out the new pokemon games?"

I'd say absolutely, especially once Pokémon Winds and Waves comes out. Though I say this as someone who has Pokémon tied for their favorite media franchise, so I'm probably biased 😊. In other words, you might not want to take my comment seriously.

My top 5 favorite games:

- 1: Hyperdimension Neptunia Re,Birth1
  - 2: Pokémon Violet
  - 3: Super Smash Bros. Ultimate
  - 4: The Legend of Zelda Link's Awakening (2019)
  - 5: Animal Crossing New Horizons
- Mario Maker 2 Maker ID: MNH-8JB-PKG  
Switch Username: Blanc  
Switch Friend Code: SW-5325-5009-2423



**darkfenrir** Thu, 11:28pm Reply Quote Report Ignore #3,685

@superpato7979 If you think you'll enjoy Pokopia it's definitely not a bad choice as well 😊 It somehow had become one of the few games where I end up feeling like I still want to continue improving my cities despite hitting credits.

Like, this is very surprising to me since 99% of the time I almost always just lost interest in a game once I hit credits xD

No idea if Wind and Waves will be superb or not, I know I'm buying because it's set in SEA, so it's a must for myself to get it even if it's bad (of course I'll be happy if it's good, but no matter what I have to support it lol)

darkfenrir



**Bolt\_Strike** Thu, 11:14pm Reply Quote Report Ignore #3,683

@Nep-Nep-Freak @superpato7979 I would hold off on recommending Winds and Waves based on one trailer, we know so little about the game right now and they may be hiding some negatives about the game. What we've seen certainly looks promising and this game is worth keeping an eye on, but we've only seen small snippets of very basic gameplay so it's too soon to outright say if the game is worth buying or not.

As to the question of if there's enough games, the third party support is okay I guess so maybe for you, but there is absolutely not enough first party games yet.

Anyway, speaking of Phenac City in Pokemon XD, it's honestly kind of impressive in a sense that

SPOILER

[Edited Thu, 11:18pm by Bolt\_Strike]

Bolt\_Strike

Switch Friend Code: SW-5621-4055-5722



**squiddu-real** Thu, 11:27pm #3,684

to extend on bolt's comment, specifically ignore his comments on first-party games. not everything will be to your liking, but there's already a pretty good variety of game types available if you're willing to look around.

third-party support is pretty good, certainly much better than the switch 1 at launch.



**JaxonH** Fri, 12:09pm Reply Quote Report Ignore #3,692

Kena Bridge of Spirits drops in like 6 days. The games just keep coming!

@SViper

No, it shouldn't affect save files. You're good.

@superpato7979

Only you can answer that question. Asking online is just gonna get you a bunch of yes and no responses, accomplishing nothing.

Look at the games already released, both 1st party exclusives and 3rd party. Look at the benefits of backward compatibility ensuring framerates stay maxed and docked mode image quality is now output portably. Look at the games announced for the system that are coming, both 1st and 3rd party. Look at the benefits NS2 offers over NS1 such as much more stable 9-axis gyro, mouse mode, HD Rumble 2, rear mappable GL/GR grip buttons, etc.

Lastly, consider all the games which will inevitably release on the console over the next decade. If all that makes you think, "nah, not really interested" then buying would be a huge blunder. But if it makes you think, "yah, that sounds pretty enticing actually" then you should have already bought one.

If you're into Stardew Valley, the NS2 version is peak btw. Mouse mode works great and, the obvious benefit of being hybrid handheld. Pokemon Winds/Waves looks fantastic, Pokopia is super addictive, and I'm guessing games like Fantasy Life i would be right up your alley. Which is also great on NS2.

And while I'm not a big Pokemon guy, Scarlet/Violet runs at like 4k 60fps and many love that game. Personally I'd rather play Winds/Waves but again, I'm not the biggest Pokemon fan (yet).

Psalms 22:16 (1,000 yrs before Christ)

They pierced My hands and feet

Isaiah 53:5 (700 yrs before Christ)

He was pierced for our transgressions

Switch Friend Code: SW-1947-6504-9005

# FAUSTO'S NOTES

**CONSUMER VALUES:** THEY PRIORITIZE QUALITY AND EXPECT NINTENDO STANDARDS AND SEE A BIG FUTURE FOR THE NINTENDO PRODUCTS AND COMPANY DUE TO THE LARGE INVESTMENT THAT IS BUYING A NEW SWITCH 2

**INFLUENCE:** USERS ARE VERY WEARY ON FUTURE NEWCOMERS PRODUCT PURCHASES EVEN IF THEY ALREADY OWN IT. THEY EXPLAIN THAT THE CONSOLE AND GAMES MAY NOT BE FOR EVERYONE OR CAN COME WITH SOME TRADE OFFS.

**LEADERS:** THE LEADERS ARE VERY INFLUENTIAL AND THEIR INPUT IS WORTH LOT THEY CONNECT LOGIC WITH EMOTIONAL SENTIMENT. THE LEADERS TAKE INTO ACCOUNT WHAT YOU SAY AND PROVIDE EVIDENCE AND UNDERSTANDING TO THE QUESTION OR DISCUSSION.

**WHAT BRINGS THEM TOGETHER:** THE LOVE FOR THE CONSOLE THEY WANT TO SEE IT SUCCEED AND EVERY ONE OF THE NEW GAMES THAT COME WITH IT.

**WHAT DRIVES THEM APART:** THE SKEPTICISM OF HOW GOOD A GAME WILL BE JUST BASED ON EARLY FOOTAGE AND BIAS ON NINTENDO IP.

# NATHAN'S NOTES



**nj26tendo** Fri, 5:28pm

#3,694

Do you guys genuinely think the Switch 2 is worth it as a console? I find that Nintendo tends to be very expensive compared to other platforms and I don't game that much. Maybe if they added backwards compatibility with old games it would be better, I have an old Wii with lots of games still.

nj26tendo



**darkfenrir** Fri, 5:36pm

#3,695

**@nj26tendo** for me it's super worth it because handhelds (and exclusives). On pricyness, imo it's around the same as other platforms but for me Steam's just cheaper because of the regional pricing, but if comparing between USD pricing? It's just around the same tbh

darkfenrir



**Bolt\_Strike** Fri, 6:53pm

#3,698

**@nj26tendo** In terms of first party exclusives no. Wait a year or two and maybe I can recommend it, but most of the IPs worth buying a Nintendo console for do not have a new entry yet, they're mainly coasting on ports.

If you want to play old games, they want you to buy an NSO subscription. It has every system up to and including GC. As for Wii specifically, that doesn't exist yet but I suspect it'll arrive in about the next 5 years.

[Edited Fri, 6:53pm by **Bolt\_Strike**]

Bolt\_Strike

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**squiddu-real** Fri, 10:33pm

#3,699

"most of the ips" is code for mario, zelda and animal crossing

remember, your chicken parm is not safe around me!

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**JaxonH** Fri, 6:02pm

#3,696

**@nj26tendo**

It does have backward compatibility with Switch 1 games, and now runs them in "docked mode" for higher resolution and detail when playing handheld.

But for older games, that's what NSO is for, which gives access to NES, SNES, N64, VB, Genesis and GB/GBC games. Only \$20/yr, and also provides cloud saves, online access, GameChat, GameShare, etc.

But I recommend NSO+ which also grants access to GBA games which imo has one of the best libraries, but also GameCube which, when rendering in HD, many games feel like modern remasters (F-Zero GX for example, which can even be played online BTW, or Zelda Windwaker which still holds up, or WarioWorld, or Fire Emblem Path of Radiance, etc).

It's \$50/yr but if you do like I do, join up with 7 other members here on the site and sub to the family plan for \$80/yr, splitting the cost among all 8 people for just \$10/yr each. I've been doing that for half a decade now, and just Paypal the admin \$10 every October for another year of NSO+

But even if you just do a solo plan, \$50 would get you access to a WHOLE lot of classics from virtually every Nintendo gaming device ever made (save DS, 3DS, Wii and Wii U, but almost all Wii U games were ported to Switch, and NS2 is backward compatible with Switch). So really just 3 systems missing, plus there's a Sega console tossed in.

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# NATHAN'S NOTES

- **Consumer values:**

Consumers value the availability of games via the various consoles and platforms. I mentioned backward compatibility and got a clear response showing that this is a concern currently being addressed.

- **Influence:**

I found that they did influence me more than I influenced them as I went in there asking a question. I got mixed opinions on whether the Switch 2 is worth it, but my opinion has been reinforced that I don't need it as of now.

- **Leaders:**

There were clear opinion leaders in the thread due to participation and apparent knowledge. He responded to my comment with paragraphs of information.


- **What brings them together:**

A strong sense of connection as a community, being anti big corporation. Not super fanboy, much more balanced discussion.

- **What drives them apart:**

Different opinions on the current value of the Nintendo Switch 2 platform for the majority of casual gamers.

# NATE'S NOTES

 **NatefrmAZ** Yesterday, 10:37am #20


I'm in a similar spot but I've actually never owned a Switch before. I've played them at friends' houses and always loved stuff like Wii Sports Golf, so I'm finally thinking about buying my own console.

**@traz08** I'm also looking at Pokopia but I can't tell if the upgrade is worth the extra money for a casual player. Since I don't have a system yet, should I just jump straight to the Switch 2 for the better graphics or just find a cheap original model? **@Megas75** mentioned that boost mode which sounds cool, but is it really noticeable if I'm not a hardcore gamer?

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 **rallydefault** Yesterday, 12:29pm #21

**@NatefrmAZ** If you're going to spend hundreds of dollars regardless, buy the best system, which is the Switch 2. It can play all the games.


If you buy an original for a couple hundred and enjoy a bunch of games, that's great and all, but months down the line when stuff you want keeps coming out only for Switch 2, you're gonna have to pony up even more money than if you just got it in the first place.

rallydefault

 **Bolt\_Strike** 10 hours ago #22

**@NatefrmAZ** If you don't have a Switch 1 I would definitely recommend a Switch 2. The Switch 1's lineup is top tier IMO and the Switch 2 will only get more games, so you'll have no issue finding tons of games to play.

Bolt\_Strike  
Switch Friend Code: SW-5621-4055-5722

 **BonzoBanana** 6 hours ago #23

I was very late buying a Switch 1 and bought a Switch 2 about a month ago. My experience with it is generally positive. I was a bit frightened about where Switch 2 pricing was going with RAMegeddon so didn't wait for more exclusive games like I normally do. Overall I'm very pleased with my purchase and enjoying it. I still feel my Switch Lite is the better portable console and that is the console I carry with me out of the house. I also own a PC, Steam Deck and PS5 plus older retro consoles. I only have one full on Switch 2 exclusive which is Mario Kart World but a few upgraded Switch 1 games like Skyrim Anniversary, No Mans Sky and a few others. I've got tons of stuff to play through and happy with my purchase. It's definitely been a better purchase than I expected mainly because although the display panel isn't amazing it is not as bad as I expected. It's fully usable if not the smoothest experience in motion. Now that you can play Switch 1 games in docked mode while portable its massively improved the experience for me. It's been a huge upgrade especially for the games in my Switch 1 library. I still feel the Switch Lite and Switch OLED are fantastic cheaper options though. I think at this point the Switch 2 is a good purchase but perhaps in a year when many more games are available it will be far better purchase. I'm in the UK so would have benefitted from the new European spec Switch 2 which is more repairable and upgradeable next year in line with EU legislation. However I'm happy with what I have.

BonzoBanana

# NATE'S NOTES

- **Consumer Values:** Prioritizing long-term value and future-proofing over initial savings. Users value "buy once, buy right" to avoid needing a second upgrade later.
- **Influence:** Peer advice is centered on preventing "buyer's remorse." Experienced users successfully steer newcomers toward the newest hardware by highlighting potential future software locks.
- **Leaders:** "Multi-platform owners" act as the primary influencers. These users provide credibility by comparing the Switch 2 to other high-end tech like the PS5 or Steam Deck.
- **What brings them together:** A shared loyalty to the Nintendo library. The common ground is the "top-tier" games list that bridges the gap between old and new hardware.
- **What drives them apart:** Technical vs. Casual priorities. Hardcore users focus on specs like RAM and repairability, while casual users are more concerned with simple portability and entry price.

# TAYLOR'S NOTES

## [My post](#) - traz08

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Nintendo Switch 2 Games Pokémon Question

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**traz08** 4 hours ago #1

I currently own the original Switch and mostly use it for Animal Crossing and Just Dance, and sometimes Mario Kart when I have friends over.

It seems like Nintendo is starting to make newer games only for the Switch 2 (like Pokopia), so I'm wondering if it's worth upgrading. Are those newer games actually that different from older ones like Animal Crossing, or is it pretty similar?

traz08




**WoomyNNYes** 3 hours ago #2

**@traz08** That's how game console generations work. Console gens are normally about 6+ years apart, and the tech/power upgrade is so large that the previous gen won't have enough power to run the newer, shinier, next gen games. The next animal crossing, 3d mario, 3d, zelda, will be switch 2 exclusive. Other than Tomadachi life, I'm not sure any more big Nintendo titles will be coming to Switch 1, and Nintendo has stated that their development is now focused on Switch 2.

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## Responses



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Granted, if you buy a console early in it's life, it's a bit of a gamble because you are trusting Nintendo to bring the games. Currently, Nintendo usually doesn't like revealing games more than six months in advance. I think, partly because the marketing likes the reveals for creating buzz each year, and also because other companies may try to copy new game innovations from trailers if Nintendo reveals the games too far in advance.

For me, I mainly play docked and wanted the power & speed of the new hardware, Switch 2 plays switch 1 games, and I know I likely want the next Splatoon, 3d mario, 3d zelda, etc. And other unannounced games usually come along that I want. Splatoon has been one of the most played games on my switch 1 & 2.

[Edited 2 hours ago by WoomyNNYes]

WoomyNNYes




**UpsideDownRowlet** 3 hours ago #3

**@traz08** If you mostly just use your Switch for Animal Crossing and Mario Kart with friends, I would advise you to not upgrade yet. Switch 2 is no small investment, so it's only really justifiable to purchase the system if you expect a sizable quantity of games you are interested to come to the system.

If you're someone who only has a system for 1 or 2 games that you're interested in, I'd strongly recommend you to hold off on upgrading to Switch 2 until there is a lite model or a fairly large discount (probably from a holiday sale in the mid-late life-cycle of the system). Until that point, your Switch 1 will probably continue to deliver quality gaming for you, whether you stick to your usual titles or expand your horizons to new kinds of games.

"well it appears I am upside down. what ever will I do?"

Currently Playing: Hollow Knight: Silksong, Pokémon LeafGreen  
Nintendo Switch 2 Username: Owlax



**gcunit** 3 hours ago #4

**@traz08** Going by what you've written, it didn't sound worth it yet.

Switch 2 games are more expensive, demand more storage, and battery life is lesser. Unless you've identified at least one or two must-play games, you may as well hold and see what's happening next year.

[Edited 3 hours ago by gcunit]

You guys had me at blood and semen.  
What better way to celebrate than firing something out of the pipe?  
Nothing is true. Everything is permitted.

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# TAYLOR'S NOTES

## My Observations

- **Consumer values:** People mostly care about price, what games are available, and how much they'll actually use it, rather than having the newest tech. Something I didn't realize is that people are buying based on what they think will come out, not just what's available now.
- **Influence:** The replies influenced me more. I'm leaning toward waiting now after seeing their reasoning and how many people said to hold off unless there's a must-have game.
- **Leaders:** It seems like more experienced gamers kind of lead the conversation by explaining things and giving advice. There are staff/admins, but it wasn't super clear who they were.
- **What brings them together:** They're all Nintendo/Switch players and know the same popular games, so it's easy to relate. They also share the same situation of deciding whether to upgrade, which makes the discussion feel relevant to everyone.
- **What drives them apart:** It mostly comes down to play style (casual vs. more serious gamers), how they see the value, and whether they want to buy now or wait. Some people are okay taking the risk early, while others really want proof it's worth it first.

# KAYLEIGH'S NOTES

The screenshot shows the Nintendo Life website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with a hamburger menu, the 'nintendolife' logo, and a search icon. Below that, a secondary navigation bar includes 'Nintendo Switch 2', 'News', and 'Reviews'. A 'Forums' section features a '+ New Topic' button and a search box. The breadcrumb trail reads 'Home / Forums / Nintendo Switch 2 / Pokemon Pokopia'. There are two category tags: 'Nintendo Switch 2' and 'Games'. The main heading is 'Topic: Pokemon Pokopia'. A text block says 'Nintendo Switch 2 is finally here, check out our guide: Nintendo Switch 2 Guide: Ultimate Resource.' Below this are buttons for 'Post Reply', 'Watch Topic', and 'Search Topic'. The post count is 'Posts 101 to 120 of 122'. The first post is by 'Sylamp' on 'Sat 14th Mar 2026, 5:49pm' with post number '#101'. It includes 'Reply', 'Quote', 'Report', and 'Ignore' options. At the bottom, there's a mobile-style navigation bar with icons for back, forward, share, bookmark, and copy.



**kshack** 0 secs ago

#122

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I definitely didn't see this one coming either lol. The Ditto mechanics actually look really cool though—it feels like they could do a lot with that. Do you think it'll actually play differently or just be more of a gimmick?

kshack

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- **Consumer values:** Consumers really value innovation and unique gameplay, especially with new features like the Ditto mechanics. They're excited by creativity, but at the same time they still care about whether the feature actually adds depth or just feels like a gimmick. I also noticed they rely a lot on past Pokémon games to judge whether something will be successful.
- **Influence:** The replies influenced me by making me think more critically about the feature. At first it just looked cool, but after reading responses, I started considering whether it would actually change gameplay in a meaningful way or become repetitive over time.
- **Leaders:** Leaders in the forum seemed to be users who gave more detailed explanations or comparisons to past games. The people who sounded the most knowledgeable or had strong opinions tended to get more responses and kind of guided the direction of the discussion.
- **What brings them together:** What brings them together is a shared interest in Pokémon and excitement around new releases. They all understand the mechanics and references, so it creates a strong sense of community and makes it easy for people to jump into conversations.
- **What drives them apart:** What drives them apart is mainly their expectations—some people are more optimistic and excited about new ideas, while others are more skeptical and focused on whether it will actually be well executed. So there's a divide between people who are open to change and people who want proven quality.

# HEAVEN'S NOTES

**Consumer Values:** Users in this community value title performance and have expectations for how games are made. They also seem to value knowledge as they all talk about the games themselves with their experience and their opinions of topics.

**Influence:** Since I already own a Switch 2, it didn't really influence me to buy a Switch 2 but I was more influenced to buy different games that I have heard of but haven't actually bought and played.

**Leaders:** Many members are very vocal but aren't necessarily admins or mods for the actual website. It seemed that the more regular commenters have been around for a long time. While they aren't direct leaders, they do seem have to have the most amount of influence, and people generally tend to listen to them.

**What brings them together:** The Nintendo brand and the different games that they all play. They seem to bond and share regularly about what they experience and how they feel. They like sharing knowledge that they have and like giving opinions and responding to each other.

**What drives them apart:** Their expectations of what they want in terms of games. Some people seem to enjoy some games and others don't but they are generally cordial and respectfully respond to each other. They have differing opinions on how they felt about particular games.

# HEAVEN'S NOTES



**MapleGM** Thu, 7:39pm

#3,679

**@Bolt\_Strike** I've been considering getting XD, but I'm afraid it doesn't hold up in 2026 compared to when I played it as a kid. Is it worth getting to play? I already caved to FireRed.

MapleGM



**Bolt\_Strike** Thu, 9:18pm

#3,680

**@MapleGM** For reference, at this point I just beat Snattle in Phenac City so I'm about halfway through the game.

It's okay, the experience of snagging Pokemon is pretty novel for a Pokemon game, the story is a bit darker than most Pokemon games, and I'm already seeing a decent challenge at this point in the game (and to my memory it gets even more challenging from here, I'll have to see if it's as bad as I remember). But the Pokemon selection is fairly limited (doubly so when compared to some of the new regions like Galar and Paldea) and no compatibility with HOME means you're not sending anything anywhere.

I would say if you already have the Expansion Pack, it wouldn't hurt to make use of it for this game. But I wouldn't really buy an Expansion Pack specifically to play this game.

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**Don** Thu 22nd Jan 2026, 6:19pm

#61

Anyone know at what chapter can we buy weapons? I just got to chapter 11 and am a little concerned about running low on weapons. I couldn't find any option to buy weapons or items at the base.

Don



**JaxonH** Thu 22nd Jan 2026, 11:21pm

#62

**@Don**

Chapter 8, iirc. You've been able to buy, and forge, weapons for 3-4 chapters now.

Psalm 22:16 (1,000 yrs before Christ)  
They pierced My hands and feet  
Isaiah 53:5 (700 yrs before Christ)  
He was pierced for our transgressions  
Switch Friend Code: SW-1947-6504-9005



**Late** Thu 22nd Jan 2026, 11:26pm

#63

**@Don** At base: Outfit -> Click a character -> Shop. Don't understand why they decided to bury it so deep. It's awkward since it still asks you who you want to buy an item for afterwards.

Check out my Gaming Nonograms thread here on Nintendo Life if you are into Picross or other similar games.



**Don** Fri 23rd Jan 2026, 1:34am

#64

**@Late**

Thank you 🙏 I'm glad this option is now available. Will be spending a good chunk of that 20,000 I got from the king.

[Edited Fri 23rd Jan 2026, 1:36am by Don]

Don



**Don** Fri 23rd Jan 2026, 1:35am

#65

**@JaxonH**

Thanks, can't believe I didn't know that. With Anna's tutorials constantly popping up, she didn't mention this, or maybe I skipped over that.

Don



**JaxonH** Fri 23rd Jan 2026, 11:54pm

#66

**@Don**

Ya it's a bit convoluted.

My advice- forge every chapter. Cause you only get one forge opportunity between each chapter. So make a new weapon every time.

I prefer iron forged weapons since they're cheaper, and I max out the Mt while minimizing the Wt. I leave Hit alone unless it's a Hand Axe. And definitely don't touch Crit because that can jack up price from 5,000G to 15,000G

# HEAVEN'S NOTES



**JaxonH** 5 hours ago

#3,707

People buy what they want. And their reasons are typically justified. If someone buys a brand because they like it, well... there's a reason they like it in the first place. Doesn't mean every game will deliver how you want, but we live in the information age with reviews and gameplay and trailers and even demos. If someone chooses to buy something, *whatever* their reason, there's nothing to be said. It's what they wanted and what they chose.

And though many won't want to hear this, most big, popular games deliver for the majority of people who buy them. Even games where I genuinely question how, like Pokemon Sword and Shield on original Switch, I promise you there are legions of gamers out there who will attest to how much they loved it.

The original post about some buying things they hate, I think has merit. But contorting that to demean all the people who actually *enjoy* a game you personally disliked, well, that's something else entirely.

All the NSMB games were high quality. Most people who played them weren't chronic gamers who owned 4 different consoles and played all 4 like some us. And they were still good games, even if overdone. NSMB2, the one panned the most- I beat it, had a ton of fun, and didn't regret it.

But sure, if you don't think a game appeals to you, or think it's priced too high, simply don't buy it. As opposed to buying anyways only to come online and complain about it for the next 6 years.

Anyways, playing Astral Chain on NS2 in Boost Mode and getting curb stomped not knowing how to properly damage chimera enemies with these little guard satellite enemies protecting them. Finally figured it out. Beat an entire chapter mission when originally just planned to fire it up and see how it looked. It's so addicting- I'd forgotten how much I love it. And the environmental puzzles using various Legion special abilities like Slash or Arrows is incredibly engaging. But the combat... haven't quite mastered it yet, but I'm getting better.