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Israeli Elections
by A

- Tuesday, 17 February 2009, 12:38 PM

I was just wondering what the world thinks of the Israeli elections... Are people outside Israel even aware they're happening? Or do we just have an overinflated notion of ourselves...

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Re: Israeli Elections
by S

- Tuesday, 17 February 2009, 09:38 PM

Heard something about you, and it's definitely not something that you are just over stating.

It's a big deal, but in America, the media despises anything that isn't about celebrities, sports, or things that won't make your jaw drop. It's all about the shock value and the ratings.

We have freedom of speech, but they honestly fail to use it, because nobody really pays attention to things that aren't one of the above. Self imposed censorship...

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Re: Israeli Elections
by D

- Tuesday, 17 February 2009, 10:35 PM

I'm sorry, but I personally think that...

Americans are getting stupider and stupider

Look at the grades, our country, the only superpower in the world, is 11th in the Math test in the 8th grade... We're i think 4th or 7th in 4th grade... So, we're getting worse...

That's pathetic! We should be the greatest country in the world, yet we are the stupidest!

There is no freedom of speech... Because although the law allows us, citizens will kill you for explaining your view. Whether its physical or flaming, debates are turning down into mass insults. Did you ever see the Family Guy episode where Lois runs for mayor? That is a very true scenario... They attack the person, not their policies and views. Most people would say, "Oh, that guy is stupid because he's stupid"

It's circular logic. And, it's stupid because it proves itself by saying itself that it's true. We can't even help eachother because if we try, we go bankrupt

"Circular Logic works because Circular Logic Works"

Okay, i'm done

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Re: Israeli Elections
by A

- Wednesday, 18 February 2009, 09:16 AM

It really would be great if the superpower was made up of intelligent (Ok... Spelling's NOT my forte) people, but that's the thing about a superpower. It's in control, so it feels it can ignore the outside world, it becomes insular, and it becomes stupid. Then the stupid people fall... That's just the way it is. You don't get into power because you're stupid, you get stupid because you get into power.

And I have to say, I agree with the whole circular logic is stupid thing... If you can't prove you're right, you're probably wrong.

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Re: Israeli Elections
by P

- Wednesday, 18 February 2009, 05:22 PM

Gosh. So it works like this, right? You work and get paid by your boss, who gets the money from the consumers. But part of your pay goes to the government as taxes, and the government uses the money. And as a consumer, you have to pay for stuff, and then the money you pay goes to the workers who then also have to pay income tax. So more money goes to the government. BUT the government under Bush has been misusing the money on the wars. So the moeny pays for weapons, bullets, missles, etc. But those things get used up and wasted since we shouldn't even be at war, so the money that paid for those weapons is GONE.

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Re: Israeli Elections
by E - Thursday, 19 February 2009, 10:03 PM

I agree with you 100%! The U.S.A. is an economic-addicted country, it's interesting though... when our economy gets better, our education actually gets worse because a majority of people works at menial jobs such as factory-workers, janitors, bus drivers, and all that.

In countries like Taiwan or China, the government's emphasis on education actually causes economic downfall. So, bottom line: If you want a better education with other reasonable people in a country of reason, you're not going to find it in America. Sad, but true.

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Re: Israeli Elections
by A - Friday, 20 February 2009, 04:17 AM

Frankly, American education isn't so bad... at least in some places. Practically every day I look back upon my years of American education with envy for those who still have a decent education. Next year, I'm moving to this school that's basically one of the best in the country, all elitist, all the smart anglo girls go there, and I was talking to my sister who was there, and she was saying she hated it because it wasn't challenging. When one of the three best schools in the country isn't challenging (my sister's smart, but she's not a nerdy genius... we moved to the US for 3 years and there she was completely challenged) it's REALLY sad... but... I'm moving from terrible joke to decently bad, so at least it's a step up. But people in US- appreciate your good education, treat it well. Don't let it go to the dumps, and hope the beauracracy never gets too big... that's why we have month long teacher strikes every other year (that, and I thinkk they're not allowed to strike 2 years in a row).

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Re: Israeli Elections
by S - Sunday, 22 February 2009, 12:33 AM

The government can only spend what it takes.
Remember that.

Also, it isn't entirely Bush's fault. Take a look at the Regan administration. Millions of dollars borrowed to promote a facade of growth. It was merely borrowed money through which the country grew, and by the time interest and continued habits worked their magical way, Bush had a massive debt to work off.

It wouldn't have mattered who the president was at the time. If he hadn't gone to war, he would have been seen as a weak president. Americans are boisterous, no offense. We love the big finish, the last second touchdown, the knockout punch. We wouldn't like a president who would take it lying down.

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Re: Israeli Elections
by A - Sunday, 22 February 2009, 12:27 PM

notice how the conversion slowly (or very quickly, more belike) turned from Israeli politics to American politics... but anyhoo:

Can't say I think Bush was particularly brilliant (I've been hanging around brits too much... starting to talk/write like them. Or maybe that's just all the british romance novels. But whatevs...) But the thing most people don't seem to understand when they say things about Politics, Government, etc, is that they don't, never have and never will know the whole story. Teh government, CIA, army intelligence, whatever it is, keeps a lot of info to itself, and so we can't really judge. Perhaps Bush got false info and that's why he acted the way he did... or whatever. The thing is, no matter what they tell you, no matter what the constitution sais, no matter what people say, the people in charge don't tell you everything (or anything for that matter.)

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Re: Israeli Elections
by E - Tuesday, 24 February 2009, 05:41 PM

Well, what do you expect from government in a democratic society? The government will always keep things from us, take the Manhattan Project during WWII and the ridiculous Area 51 conspiracy. In fact, the government are even doing that in modern days. Take the Mars thing, NASA found "something" shocking and the government is withholding information. There will always be ranks and corruption

within a country. I cannot even begin to count all those propagandas used in this world, it's already hard to count the past, nearly impossible to count in present days, and there's no way to count the future. It is my dream to live in the perfect culture, an island made of solid gold and protected by a huge force field and people will let common sense guide them, there will be no lies or secrets. But I'm waaaay ahead of myself.

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Re: Israeli Elections
by A - Friday, 27 February 2009, 04:52 AM

Clearly, the US is much worse at keeping things secret than Israel is... We don't even know what's being kept a secret from us...

Yet again, I lead a conversation to books... Have you read Wladen 2? It describes this community, that in some ways sounds basically ideal... It's really fascinating!

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Re: Israeli Elections
by S - Saturday, 28 February 2009, 11:11 PM

It's not corruption.
The government has a right to keep secrets for itself. Spies from China, Russia, and other rival nations are not only common, but expected. I've heard the FBI file on suspected spies in the government is hundreds, thousands long.

The less that know about it, the better.

The Manhattan project was a potentially war ending plan that could have been easily sabotaged or stolen, in which case, we might have lost the war.

Sure, it's all great to be able to know everything they know, but for the security of the nation, is it the smart thing? Are we going to tell everyone the contingency of our defense standards and weapons development when spying is so prominent?

Ah, a Utopia. Of course, being made of Solid Gold will attract the thieves, and who are you to judge who shall be let in and who shall be left out? The world, my friend, is not black and white. There are various shades of gray, white that's gone a bit grubby, and black that someone tried real hard to clean off.

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Re: Israeli Elections
by J - Friday, 13 March 2009, 11:56 PM

dont you think its funny how america went to war with a country that produces A LOT of gas just when our gas price was rising up to a crazy price???

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Re: Israeli Elections
by P - Saturday, 14 March 2009, 09:52 AM

No, I think it was stupid.


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Re: Israeli Elections
by E - Tuesday, 17 March 2009, 05:16 PM


It's very ironic that during the WWI, the United States of America went out to the world to spread democracy and block communism. It was then that the America government started to depend on foreign exports on gas. America's interests were conflicted between democracy in countries to the very countries that held all oil.

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 Re: Israeli Elections
by A - Wednesday, 18 March 2009, 05:46 AM


America tends to have this tendency to go in and save the world... Way too late.... What's with that?

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 Re: Israeli Elections
by E - Saturday, 28 March 2009, 10:34 AM


Have you seen, although I don't entirely recommend it, the movie "Team America: World Police"? If not, don't watch it. If you did, notice how the movie illustrates America's foolish ways of "saving" the world.

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 Re: Israeli Elections
by J - Monday, 30 March 2009, 09:35 PM

i dunno y. but apparently american citizens dont want to go to war, but then something happens.... for example in WW2, pearl harbor was attacked and in WW1 a british ship with american citizens on it was bombed by a german submarine. so...

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 Re: Israeli Elections
by S - Monday, 30 March 2009, 11:57 PM


American citizens, like many others, are incredibly nationalist. They love their country, and when someone hits their country, it's a disrespect, and they want to hit back.

Still, consider the context.
The event that began American's involvement in WWI was a direct result of our meddling in European affairs by shipping the Triple Entente (Allies) weapons. The Germans obviously weren't going to stand for this, and all it took was a simple mistake for the Germans to target a civilian carrying ship.
Although it was probably carrying weapons below in the holds anyway. Weapon selling was extremely profitable for ship captains, and a civilian ship wouldn't have much trouble stuffing some of the latest American technology into it's holds.

Pearl Harbor was actually a response to America's tenuous hold in the Phillipines. For months before this, small skirmishes between the Japanese and the Filipinos had pretty much eradicated American presence in the Pacific Theater. After completely controlling most of the islands in South East Asia, the Japanese felt (correctly) that the Americans would not sit by while they continued to take over much of the Pacific, and utilized a pre-emptive strike on the mostly unprepared Americans.

In both, Americans had already been at war with the supposed "enemies," and would only really want to go to war because something close to home happened. In one case, it was civilian death, in another, it was an attack on (almost) American soil

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 Re: Israeli Elections
by A - Wednesday, 1 April 2009, 02:47 AM

Yes... America didn't want to go to war... If America had stepped in earlier, it could have prevented over 6 million Jews from being systematically murdered. And if they were anti-semites- There were the gypsies and anybody else who didn't fit the bill.... Dwarfs, mentally handicapped, etc.

America didn't want to go to war, but it was there moral duty as a strong nation, as probably the only nation (with Russia's help) able to defeat Hitler, to enter that war. Over 11 million people were murdered! I'm not talking about soldiers and such, I'm talking about systematic murder!

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Re: Israeli Elections
by P

- Wednesday, 1 April 2009, 06:36 PM

I think it's really common sense that decides whether a country should go to war or not.

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Re: Israeli Elections
by S

- Tuesday, 31 March 2009, 12:02 AM

Weapons and Bullets are generally privately owned, which just circulates money back into the community. The only problem is when they began to buy from foreign manufacturers, which most firearms aren't.

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Re: Israeli Elections
by J

- Friday, 13 March 2009, 11:51 PM

ok.... i agree with u.... but i didnt really get the 3rd line... i think... the thing about math tests.... and also.... i dont think stupidest is a word... i might be wrong tho... just throwing it out there... cuz i never heard anyone use the word....

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Re: Israeli Elections
by S

- Tuesday, 14 April 2009, 02:23 PM

97% percent of the state and fed's politicians are corrupt, crooked, greedy and deceptive. Politicians are politicians and our fault for not acknowleging.

If you want freedom of speech, don't be a politician.

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Re: Israeli Elections
by E

Thursday, 30 April 2009, 10:14 PM

lol, the only thing is though that once you start using your freedom of speech well and outgoingly, you start to become a politician. Also, America has the habit of being retarded when it comes to war. For example, Bush orders the highest-ranking officer in the army, a four star general who is basically in charge of the whole army, to go to war in Iraq. The general says that, in order to sustain the war in Iraq, at least 100,000 soldiers would need to be overseas. Bush disagrees, saying that, according to his calculations, only 30,000 soldiers are needed. The general and Bush argue and the general transfers to a different part of the army. And guess what: the amount of troops sent to Iraq increases from 30,000 all the way to 100,000. Way to go Bush...

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Re: Israeli Elections
by S

Sunday, 3 May 2009, 07:40 PM

They're not corrupted, it's just that there are so many pressures and foreign interest groups and such out there that it's almost impossible to make a drastic move without offending SOMEONE.

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