

Iron Fist's Final Year

The following comments by the late IRON FIST were scraped from the Blogmocracy Archives in December 2016. They are unedited, in chronological order, and do not include referenced comments posted by others. IRON FIST was a prolific poster on Blogmocracy, logging in over 64,000 comments from 8 August 2009 to his final post on 5 August 2016, an average of 10.3 posts per day. RIP IF.

Good morning! I'm not having a particularly good morning. I am in a lot of pain from my surgery yesterday. This hurts considerably more than my bariatric surgery. That is really no surprise. The bariatric surgery was all laparoscopic, so I was dealing with 4 or 5 1" incisions. This was not, so I have one incision that is about 5" long, and then two smaller ones. They had to cut through my ink, which sucks. Once I am in remission I will be able to get that touched up, if I need to. It looks like she was able to get the incisions put together pretty seamlessly, so I may not need any touchup.



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Fist**

I had my appointment with the pain management clinic today, and for now they are going to keep my Percocet at the current level. They may adjust it, if the cancer starts hurting me more. Obviously, I'd prefer that not to happen. Sure, Demerol might be fun, but if the pain gets worse that means chemo isn't working.

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How's Momcat and readergirl?

@ [eaglesoars](#):

Yeah, I am not happy with it, but I can't really force them to up the dosage. And even if they did, the Mafia Princess insists on controlling the dispensation of my pain medication. Very codependent of her, but I'm not going to fight her about it. I know what you mean about pain being fatigue. I feel pretty wiped out. I won't be able to do my martial arts workout for at least a week. I don't want to do anything that could tear open my incisions. Interestingly enough they didn't stitch me or staple me closed. They have glued all of my incisions together. I am not sure I trust it to be as sturdy as stitches or staples.



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@ [rain of lead](#):

Interesting. It doesn't sound like anybody wants them there. And, too, this sounds like a considerably different situation than the Bandy

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Fist standoff. In that one he was grazing on Federal land, which his family had been doing over 100 years. These guys set some public lands on fire. They don't say how much land was burned, but it is hard to make a case that they have a right to set fires on public land.



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@ [eaglesoars](#):

@ [AZfederalist](#):

Thanks! It is just something I have never ran into before.

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Fist**

@ [AZfederalist](#):

Yeah, I don't get that either. Once you have served your time, you've served your time. And as far as these "militias" being false flags, that is entirely possible. Forming a militia is about the same as forming a gang. You don't need any special license, education, and so forth to form one. All you need are a few like-minded people, and, of course, a certain minimal level of firearms. Certainly in this case they do not have the support of the Right-wing community, which was not the case when it was the standoff with the Bandy ranch.

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[rain of lead](#) wrote:

ANYTHING to push the gun control meme



**Iron
Fist**

Of course. It is interesting to see the Democrats trotting out gun control now, after 20 years of silence on the issue (for the most part). I think that is a political mistake. They have been quiet for good reason. Gun control does not do well at the polls. It'll be real interesting to see how it does next year. The Democrats are running their campaign as though the whole country is as Leftwing as the patrons of a Gay Bar in San Francisco. That simply isn't the case nationally.

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@ [RIX](#):

What they probably mean is that Trump gets 46% of the aggregate male vote, meaning that Hillary takes the rest, except for whatever percentage of the male vote is undecided. The same is true of the female vote. For this data to be really meaningful they really should have given you Hillary's numbers here, too. Without that you don't really know how strong or weak a candidate Trump is.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Thanks, man, that is very helpful. I intend to keep up with my martial arts workout and riding my motorcycle once I've healed a little bit from my surgery. Right now the pain is so great standing and walking that I am trying to do as little of that as I can. The Mafia Princess is watching over my pain medication, so that I can't over-take it. That is a two-edged sword, because right now I am in considerable pain. As for keeping the PEG tube flushed, as I understand it the pump that they are going to be putting me on takes care of that. It has one chamber for the food mix, and one chamber for water. It will feed me on a timed schedule, something like every two hours. I won't be gaining any weight like this, I don't think, but I will hopefully not be losing any more weight. I am down below 160 now, from 195 in August. I don't mind being at this weight, but I sure don't like the way I got here.

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@ [rain of lead](#):



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Fist**

Cruz is the strongest alternative to Trump. I still want to see what the voters actually do in the voting booth. I remember when Howard Dean was supposed to run away with it according to all the polls, something that lasted until the Iowa Caucuses where he crashed and burned. If Trump has the ground game to get voters to the polls in anything resembling these numbers, then he will be our nominee. I'd much prefer Cruz, but again, this is something we are going to have to see if he can turn out his voters, too. I don't expect Bush to make a comeback, though. I think he is done, as is, I am sad to say, Fiorina. The contest is between Trump and Cruz, and maybe Marco Rubio. If the Establishment all lines up behind him, there is a chance that he'll pull it off. But the Establishment is splintered between Bush, Rubio, Chris Christie, and John Kasich. They are, in other words, in the place that conservatives usually are, when we are in the position that the Establishment usually is. I think the nominee will likely either be Trump or Cruz.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):

Good point. We'll be sure to do that.

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@ [RIX](#):



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Fist**

I am doing OK today. I had my feeding tube and port for my chemo surgically implanted yesterday, so I am in considerable pain today. I have Percocet, and that helps a little, but the Mafia Princess is real stingy about letting me take them. She keeps them for me because if she didn't I'd take a lot more of them than are prescribed. Oh, well. I start chemo Monday. I am not looking forward to that, but it is something that has to be done. Barring an outright miracle from God, chemo is the only shot that I have at surviving this thing. I was doing a little research on it yesterday, and the prognosis for esophageal cancer is pretty grim. I am not going to lay down and die because of that, but I do have to admit that I am somewhat depressed about the situation.

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[coldwarrior](#) wrote:

that said, you are better off in the above stated strengths than 99% of the other cancer patients i have seen.



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I have these advantages going into the treatment, and that may be critical to my survival. My faith is strong. God Himself saw to it that my faith would be strong going into this. Whatever the outcome, I am not afraid. But I don't want to leave my wife, my cats, and my friends. There is still so much that I want to do. Too, I feel that I am called to the ministry, and at some point I intend to attend seminary. Why would God call me only to see this come and take my life? I don't expect that this will be easy, but I **have** been through worse in my life. The accident that gave me my PTSD was orders of magnitude worse than this.

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4:08 pm](#)

@ [Lily](#):



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Fist**

Thanks! I need all the prayers that I can get, and I have people literally all over the world praying for me. It is great to hear that you are showing some improvement, Lily. I pray for you, too. I know you've been through a lot with your health.

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[Lily](#) wrote:

After my heart surgery my mother went ballistic when I asked for a refill of my pain meds which I took sparingly ... she didn't think I needed

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them.

The Mafia Princess hates addiction and drug use immensely. She has family experiences that cause her to feel this way. I am much more tolerant of such things, which is a sea change from the way I was when I was a kid. When I was a kid, I felt about it the same way that she does. I try to live on the straight and narrow for her, and I **have** quit drinking entirely. It has been over 2 1/2 years since I've had a drink, and then that was for one day after another 2 1/2 years sober, so essentially I have over five years sobriety. But I love Dex, which is an OTC medication. The Mafia Princess can't abide it. It is something that I am working on. God has completely removed my desire to drink, to such an extent that if my psychiatrist poured me a drink, and said that in her professional opinion I **needed** a drink, I would not take it. I pray that God does that with the Dex for me, but He hasn't yet. So I do the best that I can.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

I see what you are saying, and that is something that they've said they will work with me on. The nurse-practitioner that saw me today said that they might need to change what I am on eventually, though he was more focused on my being able to keep my drugs down. I really hope that I never get so bad that I need Oxycontin, or Dilaudid, or Demerol, or whatever. Demerol would certainly take care of my pain, but I would have to be hurting a lot worse than I currently am before that would come into the picture. What I would like them to do is double the dosage of the Percocet. That isn't going to get me high, or anything like that, but I think it would knock the pain down really well. We'll see what they do. Theoretically, once I start the chemo the tumors will begin shrinking, so the pain should start to decrease. That is what we want to happen, in any event.

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[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

@ Iron Fist:

Don't be concerned with any individual drug. Just manage the pain. When I had the craniotomy they gave me demerol w/ a valium kicker. I was the happiest brain surgery patient that ward had ever seen! If the pain is managed properly you will need LESS drugs. I asked that the valium be given with every demerol dose instead of every other, which

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they agreed to, and I was off all pain meds two days early and home one day early.

Keep in mind, that surgery was necessary to manage trigeminal neuralgia, the 2nd most painful condition known to medicine. I managed that pain for 8 years before the drugs no longer worked, so I know whereof I speaketh. I'm not just blowing it out my ass (like I usually do).

Ouch! I don't know what that disease is, but it sounds painful. Neuralgia means "nerve pain" if I remember my Latin roots correctly, and nothing hurts quite like nerve pain. I have diabetic neuropathy in my feet, so I know something about that. I'd love a prescription of Valium, but I doubt I will be able to get one. I've had the Demerol-Valium combination once, when they pulled my wisdom teeth. It really knocked me on my ass. They could have pulled all of my teeth, and I wouldn't have cared until the drugs wore off



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@ [Lily](#):

I am on Gabapentin for it, and it helps. My feet still hurt, but much less than they would without it.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Ouch! That sounds damned unpleasant as hell. Does it still bother you?

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Fist**

@ [rain of lead](#):

If your daughter likes fantasy literature, and she hasn't read them already, I highly recommend George RR Martin's *Song of Fire and Ice*. That is the book series that HBO's *Game of Thrones* is based on. It is really, truly excellent. I also enjoyed Glen Cook's Black Company series, but I'm not sure a girl would enjoy it. There are a few strong female characters in the series, but it is the story of a mercenary company in a fantasy setting. She might enjoy it, she might not. The *Song of Fire and Ice*, OTOH, is as good as *The Lord of the Rings* in my opinion. Better, in some ways. It isn't a tale simply of Good versus Evil, but competing people who are more complex than that.

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9:40 pm](#)



@ [Bordm](#):

A politician lying? Unpossible! Yeah that is an interesting figure, assuming that it is true. I figure that there have to be at least 20 million illegal immigrants in the country now, because 12 million was the figure given back in 2008, and we've basically had Open Borders and a drastically curtailed interior enforcement for the last 7 years. Under that kind of policy, bumping it up a mere million more per year is most likely dramatically smaller than the actual figure.

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Speaking of Open Borders, check [this happy horseshit out](#):

The Border Patrol nabbed two Pakistani men with ties to terrorism at the U.S.-Mexico border in September in the latest instance of illegal immigrants from so-called "special interest countries" using the southern border as a point of entry to the U.S.



Muhammad Azeem and Mukhtar Ahmad, both in their 20s and from Gujrat, were caught Sept. 20 by agents south of San Diego and just over the international border from Tijuana. When agents checked their identities through databases they got hits on both of them: Mr. Ahmad popped up as an associate of a known or suspected terrorist, while Mr. Azeem's information had been shared by a foreign government for intelligence purposes.

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Very interesting. If they caught these guys, what are the odds that there aren't others that they haven't caught? I'd say almost 100%. It wouldn't **quite** be 100%, because there is some slight chance that they haven't **yet** made it in, but that is truly unlikely.

@ [rain of lead](#):



I remember the days when I could read two or three different books like that, but I was more likely to read the books one at a time. I just read at an incredible rate, and I would spend hours of the day reading. When I got to college, I had to modify that to a degree. I don't read nearly as much these days. I now spend the evenings when I used to read, and instead blog, or similar things. I know if and when I go to seminary I will have to be reading a lot more. If I should live long enough to do so, that is. I believe that I will, but I saw the odds against me yesterday, and while I still believe that the issue is in God's hands, and God has shown

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me that He will work miracles in my life, there is still a bit of shock when you read that you have only a 4-21% chance of being alive in one year. That depends on how far it is considered to have spread. If it is considered to be only spread to “near” organs and tissues my survival chances are in the ballpark of 21%, while if it is considered “distant”, I am looking more at 4%. I believe that God will intervene if it becomes necessary. We will just have to watch and pray, and hope.

@ [RIX](#):



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The Obama Administration also denies that there is a problem with drugs coming across the Southern border, but that traffic is fucking huge. And while everyone that comes across the Southern border illegally is a drug mule, a substantial number work off part of their payment to the people smugglers is by carrying some kind of contraband across with them.

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10:39 pm](#)

@ [Calo](#):



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I haven't read it. Most of what I have studied that touches on the Western medicine field were things I studied in Advanced Science classes in high school. I have studied anatomy (the better to be able to kill people), and had a couple of biological psychology classes, which were brain anatomy and function. I have studied Traditional Chinese Medicine a great deal for the combat applications.

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10:50 pm](#)

@ [rain of lead](#):



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I know how you feel. It seems that way to me, too. It has been a pretty rough year for me. The first half went so bad, but after my birthday in June things went downhill. Oh, well. I got my motorcycle in the second half of the year, so it wasn't all bad. I am hoping next year goes better. Hopefully by this time next year I am in remission, and we are looking at President-elect Cruz.

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10:27 am](#)

@ [yenta-fada](#):



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Fist**

Happy New Year to you, too! I'll most likely be asleep when the ball drops. The Mafia Princess and I don't wait up, and we've never gone to a New Year's Eve party. There'd be a lot of drinking, and while I can be around drinking (I met the Infidels at a bar, didn't drink, and didn't miss it), there's really no sense in putting myself in that position.

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4:28 pm](#)



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@ [texasam7](#):

Amen! And Happy New Year to you! I think 2016 is going to be very interesting.

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5:19 pm](#)



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@ [RIX](#):

All of these European countries that are bringing these Muslims in are importing their own Palestinian problem. It won't happen tomorrow, though they've already seen an increase in crime, especially rape. But in the next five years they are going to realize that these people are there to conquer them, not to assimilate and become Europeans.

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[This is what I am talking about:](#)

The article below is about the apocalyptic level of culturally-enriched violence in Grønland, a district of the city of Oslo.

Grønland is only two subway stops from the Parliament, and one from the Central Station, fairly close to the government offices that were bombed by Breivik.

It looks like Karachi, Basra, and Mogadishu all rolled into one. People sell drugs openly just next to the Grønland subway station.



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It's not Norway or Europe anymore, except when there is welfare money to be collected. The police have largely given up. Early in 2010 Aftenposten stated that there are sharia patrols in this area, and gay couples are assaulted and chased away. "Immigrant Fatima Tetouani says that 'Grønland is more Muslim than Morocco.'"

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6:00 pm](#)

Readers should remember that Aftenposten, which is the largest newspaper in the Oslo region, is normally pro-Islamic and very Multicultural.

This will be played out all over Europe if they don't do something to stop it, and they needed to start before now. Immediately isn't soon enough. They are losing their countries. And Obama and the Democrats want to bring them here.

Good morning and Happy New Year! It is going to be an exciting one. We have an election, wars and rumors of wars, domestic terrorism, foreign terrorism, and a President who wants to become the American Robert Mugabe. Did I miss anything? Probably. It is going to be one hell of a ride. I've got to kick this cancer shit's ass, so I will be able to fight when the war comes here.



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Fist**

On that front I am doing about as well as can be expected. I am still in a **lot** of pain from my surgery. This is understandable. This surgery hurts a lot more than my bariatric surgery, and it's no wonder. Instead of four or five small incisions I have one pretty large one, and two smaller ones. It is the big one that is killing me.

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I had wanted to go for a motorcycle ride tomorrow, but I am going to have to see how I feel in the morning. My feeding pump comes with some kind of "kangaroo" pack that will allow me to carry it, so I will be able to ride at some point. That is important. I also have to be able to do my martial arts workout. I don't expect to be able to do that until after my first round of chemotherapy.

[mfhorn](#) wrote:

May 2016 be the year I get a decent job, and America gets a decent President.



**Iron
Fist**

Good luck on both counts! I am very fortunate in my job. I really couldn't ask for more. And the Mafia Princess has a great job working with great people, and doing exactly what it is that she loves to do, writing manuals. She works with a Chinese woman who translates what my wife writes, and then my wife takes the Chinese version and copies it into the skeleton of the manual (i.e. The images and layout of the manual). I don't see how she does that. She can't read Chinese at all, so I'm not sure how she's able to do it. I can program in half a dozen programming languages, but Chinese is an entirely different animal.

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Anyway, both I and the Mafia Princess have about the best jobs that we could conceivably have. God has been so very good to us. My He shower you with blessings as well.

@ [PaladinPhil](#):

Thanks! I have no intention of ever surrendering, but I have something of an idea about how difficult a struggle is ahead of me. I will need God's help to make it through this. But last year God went to miraculous lengths to inform me that He was real (who hasn't had their doubts about that? I now know God exists with the same kind of certitude that I know Russia exists), that He recognized how hard my life had been, that He had been with me through all of it, and (most importantly) that He loves me. That is really, really awesome. At the time, I did not understand why God would do that. Now I believe that He did it to shore up my faith for this, so that I could make it through this with my faith intact. I still don't know why me, when He doesn't do this kind of thing for the vast majority of believers. It is certainly nothing that I have done. I am far from being some kind of Saint, that God would speak to me. But I can't deny what happened. I am in awe of my God, whom I now know truly cares about me. Now that my eyes have been opened I can see all throughout my difficulties where God's Grace was with me, usually through the actions of other believers.



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[lobo91](#) wrote:

@ Internet Septic Tank Engineer:

The point is that they plan to import millions of people to take even more jobs from those of us who are already barely scraping by.



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And that is **exactly** what these visas are intended to do. One of the few things I disagree with Ted Cruz on is his continued support of the H1-B visa program. Those are people who will compete directly with me for jobs, and they will undercut me salary-wise, which is by design. You do not have a shortage of tech workers in the United States. You have **full employment** in the tech sector. The people pushing for these H1-B visas want to bring in more people than there are jobs for them in order to drop salaries across the board. That is wrong.

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@ [1389AD](#):

I slept really late this morning, and then had to shower this morning. I've just now gotten around to looking at the internet. I am feeling better today than I've felt in a couple of weeks. I am on the feeding system now, and that has me feeling better. I weighed 165.9 this morning. Most

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of that weight gain is food that has been pumped into my intestines. I may do my martial arts workout later. I want to keep that up as much as I can.

@ [Brick](#):



I wish I'd bought the Russian SKI that I had the opportunity to buy about 25 years ago, but I just didn't have the money. It is just a collector's item. I have better weapons, if it came down actually using it. But they are nice weapons, and the Russian ones are the highest quality SKIs ever made.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):



Peter Singer is alive only because it is illegal to kill him. If nobody beat me to it, I'd kill him myself if it were legal to do so. Not very Christian of me, I know, but I am far from a perfect Christian.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):



Happy New Year to you, too! The Mafia Princess is taking down the Christmas decorations. I am already counting down to next Christmas. I hope to be in complete remission by then. I am figuring that I'll have to do a 3-6 chemo treatments to get me there. That is just a guess, though. I have my first week of treatment starting Monday. I'll be glad to get into it, even though I know it is going to massively suck. I want to get this done, so I can get on with my life.

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@ [yenta-fada](#):



Thanks! That is my cats.

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@ [Brick](#):



It has been that way for a while for me. I think WordPress did an upgrade that broke a lot of Blogmocracy, and Coldwarrior has been fixing it as he has time.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):



He has made himself filthy rich selling the Global Warming Hoax®. I

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Fist** consider him to be the most successful snake-oil salesman in all of history. Not a honorable title, but, then again, he is a man devoid of honor, so I doubt that particularly bothers him.



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@ [Macker](#):

True enough, but sometimes God needs a little help from His friends

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at 8:38 pm](#)



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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Germans who believe that Germany belongs to Germans? The nerve of some people! Don't they realize that all Western nations belong to whatever group can successfully invade them, and right now, with a lot of help from Quisling Western governments, that would be the Mohammedan Horde. This is what the Left want to bring to America, too. We (the West collectively) should be hanging these traitors, and closing our borders to all Islamic immigration, period. This is one thing that Trump is very correct about.

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at 5:41 am](#)

ER update:

We've gotten my tube cleared. Apparently this is common. The Mafia Princess had started crushing my pharmacopia, and putting them in water, and putting it through my tube. This was because I was throwing a lot of my pills up. That is what clogged my tube, though, so that is no longer an option. They are going to get me on as much liquid medication as they can, and then we are going to crush my pills, and mix them with something that I can slowly sip. It'll taste nasty, but I have to get my pills in me.



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They don't know what is causing the pain in my right side. They thought maybe a kidney stone, but this pain feels more like it is in the liver/gallbladder region than my kidney. But I do have so many kidney stones, that it is certainly possible that that is what it is. If it is, though, it hurts the worst of any kidney stone that I have had.

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at 9:47 am](#)

Anyway, that is the state of affairs right now. I had hoped to go riding this afternoon, that I just don't see that happening now.



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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Yeah, if you ignore the, what, [93.8 million people](#) who have dropped out of the labor force, you can call what we have "full employment". Now my question is is she really so stupid that she believes that shit, or does she know that she's full of shit, and she's just such a partisan hack that she'll say it anyway, and hope nobody knows the truth?

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at 10:59 am](#)



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Fist**

@ [rain of lead](#):

@ [MacDuff](#):

Thanks so much! I just have to do the best that I can, and then rely on God to get me the rest of the way. This pain in my right side is the worst pain I have had throughout these current difficulties. Oh, well. This too shall pass.

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at 11:03 am](#)



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@ [yenta-fada](#):

It is hard to believe even Feinstein said something that stupid. There is no way she really believes that. You can point to dozens of mass shootings now, almost exclusively perpetrated against unarmed victims, and you don't have a single instance of this happening. OTOH, you do have a number of instances where one or more of the victims was armed, and the number of victims was dramatically reduced compared to the instances where the victims were all unarmed. Of course, Feinstein is a Democrat and, as I have pointed out a number of times Democrats give the concept of "truth" no special or even meaningful value. If a lie will further their agenda, and the truth works against it, then the lie is preferable to the truth.

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at 2:56 pm](#)



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@ [eaglesoars](#):

People who say "We can't kill our way out of this" when they are talking about battles and wars is simply too ignorant of history to be worth paying much attention to them. The only reason you pay attention to them at all is so you know who to ignore when the shit hits the fan. There are things you can't kill your way out of. Divorce, for example, unless you simply want to go to prison. But if it deals in battles or wars killing your way out of the problem is what the victors usually do.

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at 9:20 pm](#)



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Fist**

@ [eaglesoars](#):

So according to this elitest asshole the people in Middle America's opinions don't matter? That sure as hell sounds like what he is saying. He may indeed be a rocket scientist, but that doesn't mean he knows dick about Constitutional Law. The Second Amendment matters a hell of a lot more than his personal preference. If he isn't comfortable with that, I suggest he move to Europe.

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at 9:25 pm](#)



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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Yeah, the people spouting this happy horseshit aren't interested in victory. If you'll recall, back before the 2012 Election Obama himself said that he wasn't "interested" in an American victory. If Romney had cared about winning an election, we'd have all become intimately familiar with that little bit of "wisdom" from Obama. Obama wasn't interested in victories, which is good because he hasn't exactly racked any up.

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at 9:31 pm](#)



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@ [rain of lead](#):

Hey, man! Somewhat better, though I am still in quite a bit of pain. They got my feeding tube unplugged. While they told us that we could pulverize my medications and put them through the feeding tube, it turns out that the type of feeding tube that I have, where it inserts directly into the small intestine, is not the kind that you can do that. The other type of feeding tube, where they go into the stomach is the kind that you can do that with. They couldn't do that type of feeding tube because of my bariatric surgery leaving too small an area for that once the cancer has taken its share of my pouch. Oh, well. This was a small thing in the grand scheme of things.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):

They could have put me in charge of the retaliation following 9-11. I'd have done unto Afghanistan what the Romans did to Cartage. It would have meant killing a lot more people than died at Cartage, but I will pretty much guarantee that America would never been attacked from that direction ever again. It wouldn't have necessarily ended all Islamic terrorism in one fell swoop, but it would have been a damned good start at doing that. It'd also be interesting to see what happened with that whole "Muslims love death the way Christians love life" meme that the Muslims always love throwing out there to try to intimidate us. When you hold someone as a POW. Only until there is a lull in the fighting, then

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you coercively interrogated them, and then executed them.

@ [rain of lead](#):



**Iron
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Exactly. You have to figure that if people who want you to lose are giving you “friendly” advice, then it is probably the last thing that you actually want to do. Does anybody believe that these people want Trump to beat Hillary? Their “advice” should be evaluated based on what they really want to accomplish.

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Well, we’ve gotten one of my cancer drugs in me, something called Taxol. It is supposed to slow the growth of the tumor, and then shrink it. My beard is supposed to fall out in a month or two. War. I am starting the second drug now, something called [Cisplatin](#). It is similar to the Taxol in the way it works on the tumor. When they are done with this (it takes, about 2 hours to get it all in me) they will put in my last drug. I don’t have the data sheet for it, so I don’t remember the name of it. It will be what I am on for the rest of the week, 24/7. I don’t know if I will take the Taxol or Cisplatin again. The latter drug has a lifetime limit for it because of the severity of possible side effects of it. Mostly that it can cause deafness once the dose exceeds a certain level. Obviously I’d rather go deaf than die, but I hope it doesn’t come to that.



**Iron
Fist**

@ [eaglesoars](#):

No, I’m in the hospital. I’ll be here through Friday. Dr. Hanna says he can better manage the side effects of the drugs if I’m in the hospital. I’ll be doing 5 days of treatment, followed by three weeks of break, followed by 5 more days of treatment. I don’t really know anything about treating cancer, but that sounds aggressive. That is certainly what I need. On paper my odds don’t look very good. I think that there is more to it than just the raw statistics of survival rates. At the end of the day I know that God is in my corner. That is something that shouldn’t be overlooked. But that doesn’t necessarily mean that I will survive this. I wish that it did. It means that God will use this for good, and His glory, and that in the end it will be for my good and the Mafia Princess’s good. We would like that to be my survival. I am going to assume that it means that I will survive. I do not believe that God has brought me through all the rough, black magic and certain death hell that he has brought me through simply to let me be struck down by a rare fatal disease. We’ll have to let it play itself out and see. I can say “Not my will, but Thine” over the matter, and



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mean it. God could take something as horrific as Sam's death and, over the course of time, show me that His will could take that horror and turn it into a great blessing for me, though certainly one that came at an enormous cost. That was orders of magnitude worse than this. I've always said I'd have rather been diagnosed with cancer on the Sam died than go through true I went through, and now I know beyond any doubt that that is true. Anyway, I am not afraid to die. I just was really hoping to grow old with the Mafia Princess. Also, it looks like a really big war is in the offing, and I'd like to play my part. I guess I can conceivably do it from my sick bed if I must, but things aren't working out the way I had wanted them to right now. Oh well. They either will, or they won't.

@ [rain of lead](#):



**Iron
Fist**

I was going to do that, but the Mafia Princess doesn't want me to. There is the off chance that it won't all fall out. I'd rather let nature take its course. According to the literature they gave me with the drugs that it will be a month or two before I know whether I will lose it or not. I don't know how long chemo will run. I don't think my doctor knows how long I will be on the chemo.

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@ [Calo](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Yeah, my doctors have been warning me I was in for a tough path of it. As I understand it, there is a lifetime maximum dosage of the Cisplat, which kind of scary. What do I do if it starts working, and I hit the wall? I honestly don't know what I would do. This is the kind of decisions I've been having to make for myself all of my life. I've grown up relatively free of fear of my fellow man, maybe to an unwise extrememmit. It is not that I don't think that these people are dangerous as fuck. A 16 year daub> gangbanger with a low IQ, no morals, and a gun is dangerous. Far more dangerous than myself at that age. The former's far more immediately dangerous than someone like me because I was quite capable of weighing the pros and cons of an action, and coming to themmo for it or not tim conclusion that the risk of prison from snuffing the person outweighednthe just pleasure of snuffing him. A real world story about that. When I was in my early 20s I was still trying to make a name for myself in music. I was OK. Nothing super special, but I could to,do the,it.e. the job done. In the course of forming the band I became pretty good friends to a few of the other members Z, and one day when we were all up at my grandmother's house I showed a couple of them where I hid my Berretta 92. The next day when I was at work the lead

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vocalist and rythem guitarist stole the pistol. I thought long and hard about killing them both. My walk with God was far different than my walk with Him now. Fear of jail, not the fires of hell, saved those SOBs' lives. I had an AK47, and unlike these guys I know a lot about close quarters combat. There was only one way in or out of their apartment. Two of them with one gun if they had ammo for it. I simply don't remember whether they stole ammo for it or not. I do remember that they didn't take all of the magazines for the weapon. Anyway, it wouldn't have mattered if they did have ammo for it. Not in any significant way. But I almost certainly would have gone two prison for it. That made my decision for me. I could have killed them, but I was unwilling to do the time.

[Calo](#) wrote:

@ Iron Fist:

I'm just watching you wrestle with God for your life.

And, reminiscing about the book you forgot to write.

I haven't forgotten the book. It is going to be written. I may get to start it while I am doing this chemotherapy. The Mafia Princess is the Professional Writer in the family. It is something that she will have a lot of input into the final product. I have a title (*Sold My Soul to God*), and some basic ideas about chronological order. Some of the segments I am going to have to try and iget in touch with some old friends. I do not know that they will all be glad to hear from me.



**Iron
Fist**

The wrestling with God is just something that is par for my course. I've **always** been a believer, though at times I have fallen away to a certain degree. Some people would call some of what I believe heresy, but I believe in the doctrine of the Priesthood of the Believer as a core tenet of my faith. Both the Southern Baptist denomination of my youth and the Luthern Denomination of my adult life concur on this particular article of faith.

Back to my book, I hope to have a rough draft of it by my birthday in June. That is the goal, at any rate. "In a hole in the wall there lived a biker..."

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@ [Calo](#)

Is good to know. That means that while the final treatment may be in March the final evaluation may be in April. I certainly hope so. I have a morbid feat of March. Too many bad things have happened to me in March.

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@ [Calo](#):

Yes, today has been a relatively good day, if rough seas from chemo. They hit me with a couple of drugs to combat the nausea. One of them was Zofran, but I didn't recognize the other. Today is, as I understand it, the only day that they will be giving me the Taxol and the Cisplat. The third drug that they are giving me right now is 5FU. I have to admit that I find the name amusing. It appears to act similarly on the tumor. This one will be on a 24 hour regimen for the next four days. So far I have had no real side-effects, but for things like hair loss they say that one exposure can cause it 40-50% chance, IIRC, but it may take a month or two to develop. They've also moved some of my psych mess to the morning, rather than night, and my insomnia is back in full bore right now. The drugs they moved were my Doxepin, my Zoloft, and my Serequel. My psychiatrist had me take them at night to really knock down my resistance to sleep. Sleep deprivation and nightmares are the two most prominent symptoms of my PTSD, though I also have some anxiety disorder, or had until Dr. Naramore put me on the Doxepin. That was a real night-and-day change for me. One of the reasons that I no longer loath drugs the way that I did during high school is that I see the good impact that psychotropic drugs can have on the moderately to severely impaired person if his or her disorders are amenable to treatment, as mine have been. Some of what I am on now, like the Serequel and Doxepin, are real heavy hitters.



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@ [Calo](#):

I will have to endure. I will have been through worse. I will have my wife and my extended family, by which I mean people like Bill Wright (one of my last living senses) and Steev White. (My tattoo artist), and a few others. People who are closer to me than blood family, to see me through this to the final end. I honestly don't expect that to happen, but I know that because it is a stage 4 T3N1 esophageal cancer the most statistically probable result is that I die. If that happens, I believe that my soul is taken care of. I just worry about how the Mafia Princess will take it if I die. I



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know I'd lose the fragile Peace that I have in my soul if I were in her place facing the strong probability that she were going to die in the next 12 months. I am not worried for myself. I've never been afraid of death. When I was maybe ten years old I had an older kid from up the street pull a shotgun on me, and order me to go into my house. So recognizing that prudence is a survival trait, I went into the house. I went to my dad's gun cabinet, loaded up the .30 caliber carbine, and went back out to play. My intent was to see if he would do it again, and if he did I intended to kill him. He was long gone. Oh well. Still, that was me at ten or so.

@ [Calo](#):

I responded. That way you have my email if you need it. I've called my nurse about my insomnia, and she is going to see if pharmacy will release the Doxepin, Serequel, and Zoloft for me tonight. I told her I thought that would be better than trying a new sleeping pill to see if it would work. If they won't release my psych meds, then maybe we shoot for a couple of Valium, or some muscle relaxers, or the like. Better living through Chemistry!

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@ [coldwarrior](#):

Yeah, they gave me a handout on it, and while I am not a doctor, I've worked in the medical field off and on for nearly 20 years, so medical speak isn't entirely Sanscrit to me. I gathered that they were calling in the medical equivalent of tactical nukes to treat it with. The other stuff, the Taxol sounds like it kicks ass, too, and the 5FU sounds really powerful as well. They are going to have me on that 24/7 for the next few days. Then I am off to recover for three weeks. I am not sure if I am going to go back to work during that time or not. I've emailed my boss, but he hasn't emailed me his preference on the time. I suspect that he would want me to work, but I need to know that before I make that my goal. If he wants me to come back part time for the three weeks, I will have to see how I actually recover from the chemo before I know how much of that time I can actually work. Right now I am doing well, but I know that is the cancer/chemo playing sneaky. I expect for it to really suck on Wednesday and Thursday, and I could see the worst reaction not setting in until the first of next week, so I could lose all of next week working, too. I have good short and long-term disability insurance, so I am doing well enough financially. We aren't going to be taking a trip this

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s lop ring to see the Mafia Princess's mother in New Orleans this year. We had hoped to do that, but the money simply isn't there, and we aren't going to borrow in order to make it. Maybe in 2017.

@ [Calo](#):

Thanks! She is an incredibly special lady. When I chose her, it was the single best decision in my life. The way we met was entirely a God thing. She lived in San Jose, California, while I lived in Knoxville, Tennessee. We were both in the tech field, though. She is a Silicone Valley trained senior technical writer, I am a software engineer. I've been in the field since 1997. The Mafia Princess has been a texhnixal writer for less time than that. She was a Telecom project manager who'd worked with a number of pprominet names in that industry. But she burned out on that after about 20 years. One of the big strikes against us is that she is 12 years older than me. More on that, later.

So to look at us, we don't seem to be a very likely couple. She absolutely hates substance abuse, while when we met I was a hard-drinker, alcoholic, who would occasionally use illegal drugs if they were something that interested me. I was very much a biker, and at the time we met I was working weekends as one of the bouncers at one of the roughest, and possibly **the** roughest biker bar in town. We were an Outlaw hangout. I absolutely loved it.



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The way me and the Mafia Princess met was on LGF. When she came on board, she said something that got one of the Old Timers (IIRC, it was Ploome) panties in a twist, and they went after her pretty hard and fast. You may remember the dozen LGFers reacted to such things. Pretty soon she was being dogpiled by half a dozen or a dozen others, none of whom really had a fog in the fight. One of the best ways to puss me off is a group of the stronger assaulting an outnumbered, weaker opponent. A huge component of my warrior persona is that the Warrior defends the weak, unless you can show a very good reason for attacking the weak. I saw no such reason here, so I intervened. We became good friends. Around this time, my Sensi, Allen Wheeler passes away. He was the best man I've ever known, and with some admixture of two other men (another high-ranking Black Belt named Louis Grinnell, and the Outlaw, Sleazy, that I roomed with in Virginia) you have the strong Men who taught me how to live and thrive in a hard, rough, violent world.

The Mafia Princess never had such training. She is coming to the

conclusion that she needs a concealed carry permit. It is a step in the right. Direction.

I could go on at some length how we seem to be too different to make it as a couple, but that, too, is a God thing. Sufficent tomsay that ten years before she even .et me she had been telling her close friends that she believed that if/when she finally married, it would be to a biker. Now this would be meaningless if she had her own Barley, and never missed Sturgis and Dayton, but that is emphatically **not** the way she lived. Why she thought a biker only she and God knows.

@ [rain of lead](#):

That is plenty, man. Prayers and well wishes really, truly help. I, of course, believe that God does answer prayer, though in His time, not in ours. And sometime the answer to that prayer is not the answer that we want to hear, so we say that "God didn't answer our prayer." when, in fact, He did. And sometimes God answers the prayers that we didn't know it ask. My best concrete example of this in my life is God taking away my allergy to cats. If you'd given me the hint to pray to God to remove that allergy, I would have looked at you as if you'd grown the head of a spotted owl out of your shoulders. Not because I wouldn't have thought this task was well within God's capabilities, but because He has answered "No" to so many more important prayers than that one would have seemed to be. Yet now that He has done it, it seems so right, and cats are a huge part of my recovery and rehabilitation.



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Yeah, you have to be open to what God will do with your life, whether it is a miraculous recovery **or** painful death. I certainly hope for the miraculous recovery, but that isn't set in stone. And assuming that I go into remission, I will have to be monitored for the recurrence of the disease for the rest of my life. I do expect to be a survivor at the end of the day.



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@ [eaglesoars](#):

It's been a pretty good day for today. I am in the process of taking my night drugs, so I don't know how long I'll be around. It usually takes about an hour for them to really kick in for me.



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Fist

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As for the California law, that is real. No due process, just gun

confiscation. I figure that the Supreme Court will probably throw it out because of that in a few years. Another reason not to live in California.

@ [rain of lead](#):



**Iron
Fist**

We'll see how these people turn out to vote for Trump once the elections are held. If the Trump supporters will turn out to vote for him, then he will be our nominee. But I remember when Howard Dean was racking up stellar numbers, and how the pundits had him already beating Bush, a meme that lasted right up to the Iowa Caucuses, after which Dean was toast, butter side down. We'll see if Trump's people turn out.

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@ [RIX](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Yeah, I kind of knew that considering the source we wouldn't be talking about the pro-Planned Parenthood, pro-murder party. The Right to Keep and Bear Arms is a Civil Right. No matter how much the Left would like to believe, the "right" to murder your unborn children is not. There can be no doubt that every abortion kills a human being, while every use of a firearm, even the unlawful use of a firearm with the intent to kill, does not.

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And there are a **lot** more abortions every **day** than there are murders every **year**. This is an argument that you can win on, if we will just fight it balls-to-the-wall to win it.

@ [texasam7](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Yeah, I know what you mean. You didn't miss anything but some name-calling, and they weren't even creative about that.

@ [rain of lead](#):

Thanks, man! The nurses are treating me fine, and they are easy on the eyes, though I wouldn't dream of touching them. The Mafia Princess is the only woman for me for the rest of this life and all of the next.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Yeah, if I have to be in the hospital, I certainly could have done worse for my nursing staff. I am even in a private room. I think I've only had to share a room with someone else one time in all my many hospitalizations. I could be wrong about that, though if I am it is because

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I've never had to share a room at all. This is a nice, large room. If I am going to have to go through something like this, this is the way to do it. Dr.Hanna said it would be much rougher if we were trying to do this on an outpatient basis, though it has been my experience that that seems to have been the way that it is commonly done. One of the Mafia Princess's Co-workers has another type of cancer, and I think that he is on an outpatient routine. He doesn't have the 5 days of 24-hour chemo that I am going through. I was just remarking to my wife about how well they are keep the nausea at bay with this. My pain isn't that bad, either. The really bad pain that I had in my right side must have been a kidney stone, because it has moved out of there to my bladder, only it isn't quite as bad in the bladder. Painwise, it was the worst kidney stone that I've had yet. Even the one that felt like I was giving birth didn't hurt as bad as this last one. I actually woke my wife up on Sunday morning and asked her to take me to the ER, and I never do that.

@ [Lily](#):

God usually has the best plan, even when (and in my case especially when) it doesn't correspond with what our wishes are. I never had children, and never wanted children, though I could have never borne the thought of an abortion if one of my girlfriends turned up pregnancy. That never happened, and it is for the best. My genetics are kind of a mixed bag. I have a lot to recommend me, but then there are things like this cancer in there as well. I've had too rough a life to have had children, I am afraid, and the parenting skills I would have learned from my family are not good. The interpersonal relationship skills weren't very good when I was a kid weren't very good. It want that I didn't get along with anybody. I had lots of friends. But my parent's marriage was not one that I should emulate. My first girlfriend was really the best of the lot until the Mafia Princess, but she had something of a reputation, and I found it very difficult to accept that. She was the first girl I had ever kissed. All water long under the bridge. If it had worked out with her I wouldn't be with the Mafia Princess. I'd have never know what I was missing. I've been with her over 10 years. Time flies.

Today I've slept a lot today. That is probably the best thing that I could be doing for myself. The chemo would be bad enough, and the cancer itself, of course, but I also have a lung infection that they think is pneumonia. Lovely. It never rains but it pours.



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Fist**

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@ [RIX](#):

Hey, man, I've been sleeping most of the day. I put on my music, and relax. That is probably the best thing that I can do for myself. My blood sugar is running high because of the steroid that they've incorporated into either the chemo or the feeding tube. I think it is in the chemo. This cancer is no fun:(I got a little bad news on the job front. I am not going to be able to go back part-time during the chemo. I have short- and long-term disability insurance, but I may not have a job when I am in remission. My boss says he doesn't have a burning need to fill my position right now, but, of course, he can't predict what things will be like for the rest of the year. I hope and pray that I can go back to work at Team Health. It has easily been the best job of my life.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):

They did a PET scan about 3-4 weeks ago. That showed the cancer in my esophagus and stomach, my left buttock (in the skin), and a third cancer in the skin of my throat. That is why I am said to be at Stage 4 esophageal cancer, because it has spread beyond my esophagus. We also had a little something in my left lung, but they thought that might just be infection. I was already coming off of antibiotics for a lung infection, so they didn't bother with a bronchoscopy. It wouldn't change my treatment plan if it were cancerous, so there was really no reason to go in there to look.

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@ [Lily](#):

Thanks, Lily. I can relate how God spoke to me here. I have related that tale here before. There are, of course, parts of my life that I'd rather not talk about online, though I have been advised by a number of people that I need to write an autobiography. I figure on doing that sometime.



You are, I believe, familiar with the accident that I had with a shotgun when I was 18 that killed my best friend. That was, by far, the hardest thing that has happened to me in a particularly hard life. It was orders of magnitude worse than this cancer. It is part (though only part) of where my PTSD comes from, anyway, that has been a hard thing that I have dealt with for going on 28 years. Anyway, about 15 months ago I finally, through a **lot** of soul searching came to the conclusion that as rough as it was, the accident that killed Sam was a **blessing**.

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You see, Sam and I were headed down a very dark path. It want that we

were especially bad people, but we wanted to be tough, and really were hell on wheels. We were trying to get our intros into the Charleston Mafia when he was killed. We probably wouldn't have made it into the Mafia, as neither one of us was Italian, but where we would have ended up is probably either the Outlaws or the Hell's Angels. Either one would have sufficed, and we would have loved it, but either one is a really rough life. Sam's death didn't quite put an end to that, but a few years later when the opportunity arose to join the Outlaws, I didn't choose that path, and that was because of Sam's death. If he'd been alive we'd have jumped at the chance.

When it hit me that Sam's death had been a blessing, this triggered a real crisis for me emotionally and spiritually. I had always been religious, and by my lights a fairly good man, though I was really bouncing along about mildly Chaotic Evil in alignment (if that means anything to you) . so one day after this realization I was on my way home from work, and I was wrestling with this and praying, and I started seeing Bible verse quotations everywhere. Enough that it got my attention, and I told God that I would pay attention to the next one I saw. No sooner had I prayed that prayer Ghana car with Florida plated pulled around me in traffic, and **stopped right in front of me**. It had a Vanity plate that read "Deut 2:7". Nothing more, but it was obviously a message that God wanted to get through to me. Here is what it says:

Deuteronomy 2:7 NKJV

"For the Lord your God has blessed you in all the work of your hand. He knows your trudging through this great wilderness. These forty years the Lord your God has been with you; you have lacked nothing."

This would be meaningless except that it is **true**. I've had a rather difficult life. But while I have at times been poor, I have never lacked in anything that I needed. I've not had everything that I wanted, but I had the necessities, and I had extra for some nice things along the way.

At the time I had no idea why God Himself would choose to speak to me in such a dramatic way, and I still don't know "Why me?" and not other people facing hardships this bad or worse, but I believe that His purpose behind this was simply to shore up my faith for this struggle ahead. Cancer isn't the challenge that I would have chosen for myself, but my faith has to be in God, and that He knows what is best for me.

[coldwarrior](#) wrote:

@ Macker:

i worked with soviets officers during reagan and am married to a former russian who grew up under the 'fear' or reagan.



**Iron
Fist**

lemme tell ya. fear equals respect.

I could have told you that by the time I was 12. Maybe even younger. So when I read Machiavelli at 15 the manifest truth of the book was obvious to me. It was presented neutrally, rather than as an Evil Tome, and I ate it up. It really is the first, and possibly best, book on power politics. Even though its context was pretty much an Authoritarian principality, a lot of its advice is still extremely valuable.

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@ [Daffy Duck](#):

Thanks so much! I appreciate all of the people who are interested in my case. Today and tomorrow are my last two days of my first round of chemo. Then I am off for two weeks, and then back in the hospital for another week. I do three rounds total, and then they will reevaluate where my cancer is. I expect to do at least two sets of that. It may be more. I am hoping that the cancer is very amenable to treatment. That is something that we can only discover by doing.



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Fist**

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[Lily](#):

Thank you so much, Lily! I am glad you got my message. It has certainly been an eventful 15 months or so. I am in a bit more pain today, but they think that is the chemo. They've upped my Percocet considerably. I will have to get my pain doctor to approve that when I go home tomorrow. I'll do two more week long sessions of this, and then we will evaluate the tumors. I am hoping for complete remission eventually. If we can get the tumors shrunk enough we will reevaluate having surgery. That would be best, but right now the tumors are apparently too big, and too widespread. I am not eaten up without it, but it has spread more than we'd like. Oh, well. At the end of the day my life is in God's hands. I certainly hope to survive this. I want to spend the rest of my life with the Mafia Princess and my cats. We are looking at maybe getting one of my cats certified as an emotional support animal, so that I'd have at least one cat with me. I don't know how practical even doable that is, but I miss



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Fist**

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my cats. I see my wife every evening, though. This would be so much more difficult without her.

@ [Lily](#):

Obama is a truly frightening man. I won't try to psychoanalyze him, other than to say that narcissism is definitely in the mix of his various pathologies. I am not as sure about him being a full-bore sociopath. I think that he is Evil, and that is what we are seeing as sociopath. I'd have to know a lot more about his private life to be comfortable calling him a sociopath. Now, if we were to find out that he tortured animals when he was younger, well, that is sociopathic. There is more to sociopath than simple cruelty. The biggest hint to me that he may honestly be a sociopath is his extremist views on abortion, but he isn't really that extreme for today's Democrat Party. He was the only person in the Illinois Senate to vote against an "Infants Born Alive" bill, and that is about as extreme as you can get on the issue. There are a lot of Democrats that are right there with him on the issue, and a shocking amount of support for Planned Parenthood, even after it came out that they were, at times, butchering children for their organs. That is unreal.



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Fist**

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at 2:49 pm](#)

@ [Lily](#):

Thanks so much, Lily and Yenta. Yes, the people on this blog have been here for me, and I am most appreciative of it. This isn't by any stretch of the imagination the worst thing I've been through, but it is up there. I expect to survive this. I just hope that I learn whatever it is that God wants me to learn quickly. My faith has to be in God. There is a reason for this, though it may be many years before I learn that reason.



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Fist**

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@ [Lily](#):

Yeah, I don't like Obama even a little. He is a very Evil man. It took me a while to understand that. We've dumped the culture down to the point that real Evil isn't something that we think of. People might agree that the Nazis were Evil, but the Democrat Party? No, it couldn't be. They simply are wrong in their economics, right? It took a long time for me to come to the conclusion that the Democrats have to be getting the results from their policies that they want. This is true of a whole host of issues, from the genocide by abortion that you have going on in the black community especially, to the "failed" economic policies that have entrapped generations into poverty, to a "failed" foreign policy front that



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has spread chaos and death all over the world. If the Democrats didn't like the results that they are getting they would have changed their policies in order to try to get results that they do like. They've been running some of these cities for over 50 years, and they have ran them all into the ground. It has to be deliberate, and that is Evil.

@ [eaglesoars](#):



**Iron
Fist**

I go home tomorrow, after I finish this last bag of chemo. I'll be glad to get out of here. I just had a visit from a therapy dog, so that was nice. He was a doberman, and they are usually sweet dogs. I have missed my cats. I am so looking forward to being home with the Mafia Princess and the cats. I miss my birds, too. I at least have great support from my family and friends. I can't imagine going through this without my wife. She'll be in tonight around 7. I am so fortunate to have her.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):



**Iron
Fist**

I have a maroon bellied conjure named Tyscheria. She isn't as hand tamed as she used to be. She is the only thing that I took from the last woman that I was living with before my current wife, and she just didn't have what it would take to keep the bird. She wanted to get her after she'd been out of the house for about 6 months, but I turned her down flat on that. I'd already given her a nice car, so that was enough. I don't hate her, but I am truly glad to be rid of her. Even before I met the Mafia Princess I was glad to be rid of her. And there is simply no comparison between the two women. I am so lucky to have my wife. She has been the greatest blessing in my life.

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@ [rain of lead](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Hey, man!

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@ [eaglesoars](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Yeah, that would be her. She's got to be going on 15 years old, because we had her for a long time before we broke up, and we've been broken up over 11 years. Time flies.

[2016/01/07 at
6:24 pm](#)

@ [eaglesoars](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Birds are fun. I used to have a cockatiel named Baby Girl. She was another rescue. I kept her until I got Lilith, and Lilith couldn't abide her, so I gave her to my youngest sister. She died a couple of years ago. When I lived in Fountain City we would let her and our other cockateil fly around the apartment. Baby Girl used to sit beside me at the dinner table and eat off my plate. Those were pretty good times, even though the woman I was living with wasn't a winner. At least I didn't marry her. That'd have been miserable.

[2016/01/07 at
6:56 pm](#)

@ [rain of lead](#):



**Iron
Fist**

You know that. I know I'll have to come back in two weeks, but at least I'll have those two weeks off to recuperate. I miss my time with my wife, and my cats and birds.

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6:58 pm](#)

@ [coldwarrior](#):



**Iron
Fist**

They'll end up dead.if I'm outnumbered a skillion to one I am going to kill as many as I can. This is real, serious bullshit, and if we continue bringing these vermin into the United Statesnit is inevitable that something like this occurs. Muslims basically aren't civilized when you take them as a group. Individual Muslims, of course, may vary from this.

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11:00 am](#)

@ [RIX](#):



**Iron
Fist**

I have come to the conclusion that too much diversity is a negative thing for society. You don't tolerate cannibals in the name of diversity, and the same is true of rapists like this. It is really unreal to hear the same kind of Leftists that want to turn any consensual heterosexual act into "rape" on college campuses then turn around and say tat we must tolerate rape in the name of cultural "diversity". It is not a sane position that they are arguing. I don't understand why we tolerate these insane Leftists, or give them any say in the way that our culture develops.

[2016/01/08 at
11:06 am](#)



**Iron
Fist**

Damn, man, this is what you **need**: [57 mm antitank gun](#). Seriously, if I had \$56K to spend on guns I don't see this as being where I'd spend that money, but it is cool that this heavy a weapon would be for sale. If I had the money, I'd more likely buy an M-2 heavy machinegun. You can get into a semi-auto M-2 for \$5-6K. Much more reasonable. Even that is a bit of overkill. I've got a close friend that has a legal full-auto M-2, and he

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doesn't have any place to shoot it around here. Knob Creek may be the closest range that can take a .50. I love my weapons, that is for certain. Right now I can't afford to buy anything. I got that really good knife for Christmas. It isn't fancy, but it is beautiful, and the balance is a dream. If I had about double to put in it, I'd see about doing some filework on the unsharpened part of the blade, and might have the hilt a little more rounded, but those are nit-picky little things. I love the knife, and am certain that I went with the right knife when I decided on it instead of the MercWorx blade. Nothing wrong with that knife, either, but I like the blade shape on the one I got more.

@ [yenta-fada](#):

Nobody gets out of life alive. Our only hope is in the Resurrection. But on that issue I am unafraid. I am not even mad at God about this. I have been so blessed, especially over the last 5 years or so. But the hand of God has been on my life pretty much since inception. I didn't always see it, but in hindsight I can see it clearly. I could have never planned my life to end up where I am. There simply was no way of my having the knowledge that it would have taken to get me here. Make no mistake, though, I certainly don't want to die. I have way too much that I want to do to die right now. But my life belongs to God, and if He chooses to take it, then I can't complain. I am ready to get out of the hospital, though.



**Iron
Fist**

It hasn't been fun, but it also could have been a **lot** worse. That is why they put me in the hospital for the chemo, so that they could manage the side-effects of the chemo better. I consider myself fortunate that we discovered the cancer when we did. This is apparently a very aggressive cancer. If we hadn't found it for a few more months, it might have been too late.

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I have so much to be thankful for. My wife, my cats, my bike, my job, all of my weaponry, and on down the line. I have more blessings than I ever dreamed possible. I'd always expected to die before now, so each day is a gift.



**Iron
Fist**

@ [RIX](#):

Yeah, I saw that the mayor was using this to call for more gun control. I think that Democrats want things like this to happen, so that they can use them to bamboozle the stupid voters into supporting their agenda. After all, Grubber bluntly said that the Democrats rely on the stupidity

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of the American voters to pass their agenda. This is less of hypothesis than it is simply a stating of the facts of the matter. It should be obvious to anybody paying attention that the Democrats have no intentions of doing anything positive about crime.



**Iron
Fist**

Well, I am back in the ER tonight. It is a combination of things, principally that my feeding tube is blocked again. Lovely. I have no idea how long I will be here, but I am pretty miserable. Oh, well. It is a small thing in the grand scheme of things.

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10:25 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

@ [texasam7](#):

Yeah, I need to be reading the Bible more. I can't expect God to just tap me on the shoulder to let me know His will. That it happened once is a privilege. I think now that that was to prepare me spiritually for this fight with cancer. This is going to be a challenge, that is for sure. But I know that ultimately my soul is Saved. That matters more than anything.

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10:38 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

@ [Calo](#):

Yeah, it is hard to believe that I've already made it through a full round of chemotherapy. I have 2 weeks off, and then it is back for round two. I want to get past all of this, but I know that this may be a struggle that consumes the rest of my life. We just don't know where things are going to go from here. As far as my feeding tube goes, we were trying to flush it in order to insert the feeding line when we ran into this. My bowels are really plugged up, and we think that may be the issue. But we are at the ER just to be sure. I have no idea how long we'll be here, but once we get a room I hope it goes quickly. Ideally we'll get back there and they will be able to flush it. We just have to get back there and find out.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [Bumr50](#):

Yeah, it is pretty unpleasant, but I am a lot better than I was. And it could indeed be the opiates. In fact, I'd bet that they at least are contributing to it. We're trying to get to where we can test and see if my J-tube is clear. If we can flush it, we'll go home.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [Bumr50](#):

And yeah, the Mafia Princess is with me. She's pretty frustrated with the

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Iron Fist situation, but it is what it is. I am so blessed to have her. We've had our troubles, but as long as we've got each other we'll be OK.

@ [Calo](#):



Iron Fist

Yeah, that's the way I see it. This is a minor thing. They have a room just about ready for us. My tube is still blocked, so they are going to have to do something. Oh, well. We've only been waiting a little over an hour. I hope that it'll go quickly once we are background in the room.

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@ [Calo](#):



Iron Fist

We're back in the room now. They've got me wired for sound, as it were. Blood pressure, something on my chest(EEG?), oxygen sensor on my finger, the whole nine yards. They just took my blood, so they are testing that, too.

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@ [Bumr50](#):



Iron Fist

Thank you so much! You have no idea how it boosts my spirits knowing how many people are praying for me and wishing me well. I expect to live through this, and prayer is part of what will get me through. I try to remember to thank God for all of the good He has done in my life every day. My wife is the greatest blessing that He's given me, but I really can't count all of it. I didn't realize that God was with me through the most difficult time in my life at the time, but I can look back with hindsight, and see where He was there, even then.

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@ [Calo](#):



Iron Fist

Most of my nurses this week have been easy on the eyes. That is nice, but not necessary. I notice such things, of course, but there is only one woman in the world for me. I wouldn't trade the Mafia Princess for anyone in the world. When we first got together there was another potential woman in my life. She was very beautiful, intelligent, the full package, but it was an effortless decision. The best decision of my life, I expect.

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@ [Bumr50](#):



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Iron Fist No beeps, which I assume is good. I figure I have another hour to go. [at 12:07 am](#)
Maybe less. The doctor just stopped by to see if they'd flushed my tube yet, so he will probably light a fire under them. It really shouldn't take very long. The nurse is here now. Yay!

 **Iron Fist** [@ Calo:](#)
Everything finally flushed. When she did it, she pulled some of the fluid back into the syringe, and you could see the particles of whatever plugged me up. Some medication. We won't be putting crushed pills through the J-tube. We didn't do it in this case, but the nurse in the chemo unit clearly had. I won't allow that in my next round of chemo. Oh, well. Live and Learn. [2016/01/09 at 12:45 am](#)

 **Iron Fist** I am back in the ER. Lovely. It is my blocked intestines. They shouldn't have sent me home last night. This is pretty miserable. I am not sure what they are going to do to clear them, but I am certain it will be unpleasant. [2016/01/09 at 6:19 pm](#)

 **Iron Fist** [@ lobo91:](#)
Of course. Liberals always blame the victim. To my mind, the events in Germany are indicative of how badly everybody needs to carry a gun. Even if you wound up in a firefight with these scum, you are in better shape than just as an unarmed victim. [2016/01/09 at 6:42 pm](#)

 **Iron Fist** [@ Calo:](#)
They are going to first try one of these new shots that reverses Opioid induced constipation. They are also going to take an x-ra, just to be sure there isn't something strange going on. Having the nasal tube would really suck. I had a nasal tube when I had the wreck that tore up my left arm, and that was the worst pain I've ever felt. I didn't fight them when they were flopping my broken bones around, but when they put in the nasal tube it took three guys to hold me down. I'd prefer to avoid that if I can. We are hopeful that this shot will do the trick. [2016/01/09 at 6:47 pm](#)

 **Iron Fist** [@ Calo:](#)
That was good. I read about that bitch the other day, and the author here is right: she is a classic fascist. While she would no doubt deny that, if [2016/01/09 at 6:55 pm](#)

Fist you gave her a treatise on Mussolini's Statist Fascism she would no doubt agree with most, and maybe all of it.

@ [Calo](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Yeah, I am hoping that it works. We've already tried putting Milk of Magnesia (diluted with a lot of tap water) in my J-tube. I have passed a little gas and fluid, but nothing else I am in considerable pain. They are supposed to give me a shot for that, too. They just did the x-rays. That, at least, was relatively painless.

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at 7:11 pm](#)

@ [yenta-fada](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Thanks! I will check it out. Anything that gives me some relief would be most appreciated. When I was getting set up with my Percocet for kidney stones, he asked me if I could tolerate the pain, and I said that I could, but I didn't see suffering when there was an alternative. He apparently agreed, because he set me up with the dosage even that I requested. Of course, I'm not doing it to get high. The dose is 10mg every 8 hours or so. But they make the kidney stone pain more tolerable, which is the goal. I've been on a much more frequent dosage while I was doing the chemo. Every three hours, which still isn't getting high. The cancer is somewhat painful, just in and of itself. Add in the neuropathy and kidney stones, and I have all the pain I could ever want

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [lobo91](#):

Good luck, man. I hope they can get you some relief.

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[lobo91](#) wrote:



**Iron
Fist**

Iron Fist wrote:

@ [lobo91](#):

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I'm really curious about what process the Germans are supposed to have used to "integrate" these people in the first place. These are the same morons who keep shoving "multiculturalism" and "tolerance" down our throats on a daily basis.

It's apparently never occurred to them that the practices of some cultures are so odious as to be intolerable by civilized society.

Exactly. I have become convinced that there is easily such a thing as too much "cultural diversity". I have no problems with, for example, the Chinese immigrants who came here **legally** and choose to keep much of their native culture, even to the point of the various China Towns in a few of our largest cities. The Chinese aren't a threat. When is the last time a Chinese dude walked in on the Christmas party at his work and started shooting people? I mind the Mexican illegal immigrants who do the same because so many of them are intent on supplanting American culture with their own. You also have more organized (and semi-organized) crime in the Mexican community than you do in the Chinese community. Sure, you have gangs and even Triads in the Chinese community, but they are far fewer if for no other reason than that there are more illegal Mexicans than there are illegal Chinese.

But there have to be limits. American culture, indeed, Western Civilization, is worth defending. Is American culture perfect? Of course not. But it is pretty damned good when you compare it to other cultures around the world, especially if you consider maximizing individual liberty as one of the essential duties of the State. You don't see that even in most Western European nations. You are seeing some movement in that regard in Russia and Eastern Europe. I am especially impressed to see the direction that Russia has moved on what are Second Amendment issues in America. They still aren't as good as we are in that regard (except, of course, for places like Chicago and California), but you so rarely see the right to keep and bear arms expanded that it is of more when it is done anywhere. It is all the more impressive that it is taking place in nations that have been commonly oppressive on a number of different levels.



**Iron
Fist**

@ [eaglesoars](#):

I loved her unabashed rhetoric on this individual. I usually prefer not to call people names, but sometimes it is warranted. In this case especially. I have no real use for people who attack the Second Amendment. The

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Second Amendment guarantees that the civilian population is at least somewhat armed against overreach by the State. We put up with a lot, but the decision to launch an insurrection is not to be taken lightly. Essentially, I believe that we have to let them fire the first shots, which they have already done in some limited situations (the Waco Massacre and Ruby Ridge, among others). Still, a hot Civil War is not how I would react. It takes a lot to get me to that point. If we were to see an effort to do things like door-to-door weapons searches, then I think armed resistance at that point is warranted. The fact that so many people agree with me on that point is one strong reason that we haven't seen Obama or Clinton try to do it.

@ [yenta-fada](#):



**Iron
Fist**

I agree. They think that they can control Islam, but the Islamonazis will always have the upper hand, if for no other reason than that people who are willing to commit acts of violence always have the upper hand on people who are unwilling to fight for themselves.

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at 7:51 pm](#)

@ [eaglesoars](#):



**Iron
Fist**

It is interesting to see things like that go on. That is because the Left have spent the last 40-50 years demonizing Christianity, and we Christians have allowed it to happen without sufficient resistance. That is something that has to change. We are in a true Cold Civil War, and we have to recognize that it is a true war. The fact that we aren't shooting at each other doesn't change that. I always say "Politics is War". That is a variation of Klauswitz, who said that War is Politics carried out by other means. It is also something that Mao said, just as he said that Politics comes out of the barrel of a gun. Just because Mao was a Communist doesn't mean that he was wrong on everything .

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at 8:06 pm](#)

@ [eaglesoars](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Thanks for digging that up! It is something that seems obvious once you think about it, but the Left has been hammering at unrestricted "diversity" a the best possible way to run a country that people just don't think about it. Coupled with their assault on the value of Western Civilization, and you have the makings of a very destructive political culture. We can see that in things like that stupid mayor of Philadelphia who said that the Islamic terrorist who shot that cop had nothing to do with Islam while the perpetrator was totally up front about the fact that

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his attack was motivated by Islam. That is a level of cognitive dissonance and outright denial of reality that you usually only see from serious drug addicts and the like. The Left are addicted to the disease of "diversity", just like a heroin addict is addicted to smack.

@ [yenta-fada](#):

Yep. Most people don't really realize how deadly a weapon a knife is. Most people don't have my training, but someone with no training flailing away with a blade is almost as deadly as someone who knows what they are doing. The primary reduction in their lethality is because they aren't going to be targeting specific targets like the femoral artery in the leg. They will just be hacking away, whereas I'd go low and go for the femorals as my primary target. I'd rather cut someone's femoral artery up at the hip joint than trying to go for their throat in most instances. People don't think to try to protect the femoral artery whereas everybody knows to protect their throat.



**Iron
Fist**

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at 8:20 pm](#)

@ [yenta-fada](#):

Yeah, it is, or at least appears to me to be a slow cultural suicide. By refusing to do the hard things that it would take to put a stop to it, the Israelis allow this kind of thing to go on, and even flourish. I am not sure how you counter such a thing. Education would seem to be the place to start, I would think. The people of the West need to be educated on the value of Western Civilization. It has really only been for about the last 10-20 years that the Left has succeeded in demonizing Western (Christian) culture. When I went through public schools, they were still teaching American Exceptionalism. We even had things like allowing the Gideons to give out New Testaments to people who wanted one in school, and nobody sued over it. You wouldn't see that happen today. The hard anti-Christian Left would file a suit if a school even considered such a thing today. Like Eaglesoars pointed out earlier, you have Muslims successfully sue to suppress Christian influence in the schools, to the point of successfully suing to force kids not to sing Christmas Carols at Christmastime. Unreal. We need to become as actively anti-Muslim as the Muslims and the Left are anti-Christian. It'll be interesting to see what the Courts do if we do such a thing.



**Iron
Fist**

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at 8:49 pm](#)

@ [eaglesoars](#):

I was able to log in, though as rsjsteel rather than Iron Fist. I am not sure

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at 9:04 pm](#)



Iron Fist why the Iron Fist login didn't work. My comment. Is awaiting moderation, but it was pretty tame, so I'd expect it to be approved.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

I agree. They aren't all willing to go Jihad, and there are, no doubt, some good Muslims out there somewhere, but you are right that they are completely irrelevant. They are too small a minority to matter. I'd guesstimate it at less than 10%, and that is probably unrealistically optimistic. As they say, the "radical" Muslim wants to cut off your head. The "moderate" Muslim wants a "radical" Muslim to cut off your head. They all support Sharia law over civilized society. While the "radical" Muslims are out there killing people, the "moderate" Muslims are there to scream "racism" and "Islamophobia" if someone proposes anything that truly would combat the "radical" Muslims. That is their part in the Jihad.



**Iron
Fist**

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at 9:13 pm](#)

@ [eaglesoars](#):

@ [yenta-fada](#):

Goodnight, both of you. It has been a fun diversion while I've been waiting on this drug to kick in. I'll see you both tomorrow.



**Iron
Fist**

[2016/01/09
at 9:16 pm](#)

@ [lobo91](#):

Medical marijuana isn't an option in Tennessee, and I wouldn't know where to get it illegally. In my youth, maybe, but I've never bought any. LSD, yes, but no pot. I'd avail myself of it when it was available at parties and the like, but it has never been a big thing with me. I think it should be legal, but I'm not a fanatic about it.



**Iron
Fist**

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at 10:27 pm](#)

@ [rain of lead](#):

Me and Sam had a woman set her dog on us one time. We drew our knives (we weren't carrying guns at the time), stood back to back where it couldn't get behind us, and I explained that I was going to cut off her dog's head if she didn't call it off. She did. I have since learned the basics of fighting a dog when unarmed. They are indeed dangerous. It is the people that don't take appropriate care of their animals that are the real problem.



**Iron
Fist**

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7:13 pm](#)



@ [rain of lead](#):

Hey, man! I didn't have to go to the ER today, so that is definitely better. I'm not 100% over what had me in there, but the doctor told me it could take as much as a week for everything to get in the proper balance. We are learning. This eating mainly through a feeding tube absolutely blows, even though I can eat some sweets successfully. Is kill for Steak Diane from the Cheesecake Factory. I love that shot. It is maybe my favorite dinner entree of all of them, though I love Chicken Bryan from Carrabba's about as much. I won't be able to eat either one until I am done with chemo, and probably heal from the surgery to remove the cancer and undo my bariatric surgery. They think that they can do both with the residual stomach that I have left. According to the PET scan my remaining stomach appears to be cancer free. All in all, while Stage 4 sucks, and is pretty damned scary, I could be in a lot worse shape. The 5 year survival rate form Stage 4 isn't good, but there have been major breakthroughs in cancer treatment, and the current survival rate uses outdated data in its calculations. I believe that I will beat this shot, God willing.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

I lived in the country most of my childhood, but I've never been chased by a bull. We'd cross cow pastures where there were bulls in the field, but we always gave them a wide berth, and so never had any problems with them.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Interesting if true, though like Lobo I could only guess about that, and that wouldn't even really be an educated guess. If it is true, though, it'll never show up in American news outlets.

[2016/01/10 at 10:04 pm](#)



@ [AZfederalist](#):

Yeah, I haven't read the Book of Job in 25 years, I don't guess, but I remember the utter lack of sympathy his friends, and even his wife showed to him. IIRC, everybody assured that God was punishing him for something heinous, and that he needed to confess and repent, when the truth was there was no awful sin, and he want been punished for anything. I think I know something of what Job must have felt, though in some of my misfortunes there was clearly some culpability on my part,

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and I was dealing with the consequences of my actions. Even this cancer may be partly my fault. Heavy drinking is often correlated with esophageal cancer, and I drank like a fish for over 15 years. Now, the correlation isn't anywhere near as solid as the one between smoking and lung cancer, it is still a possible contributing factor.

[Calo](#) wrote:

@ Iron Fist:

About 15 years ago, when I lived in the hills of California, I used to walk my dogs at 945 every evening, to enjoy the fireworks from Magic Mountain before disappearing down the hilly trails.

One evening, there were 5 coyotes waiting for me and my pups before descending down the trails.



**Iron
Fist**

I turned around and went home. Why tempt fate.

Why indeed? We are prone to coyotes around here now, but you were more likely to see foxes rather than coyotes whence I was a kid. Now I think that they are trying to reintroduce wolves. And, of course, we have bear in the area. I've even seen a bear one time on a busy highway in Powell (north of Knoxville), 7-8 years ago there was a report of a bear literally just down the street from where I live. And, of course, we are ate up with deer (and deer ticks; I caught Lyme disease last year from a bite I got in my back yard) and Wild Turkeys. Sometimes you'll see 10-15 of them in a field of a morning.

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@ [AZfederalist](#):

Yeah, I think that I will do that this week. Me and the Mafia Princess have been reading the [The Love Dare](#) book, and then we have a daily devotional that we are trying to get every night. The Love Dare is pretty good, though we are finding that we do most of what they recommend already, or are working on it. But I'll have plenty of time to read the Bible while she is at work. I know that I need to be reading the bible more under any circumstances.



**Iron
Fist**

[2016/01/10 at
10:34 pm](#)

@ [eaglesoars](#):

People like that are appalling in their invincible ignorance. They are

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2:22 pm](#)

Iron
Fist

almost always flaming Leftists, often somewhat murderous in there desires, if lacking the courage of their convictions to actually act on those murderous convictions. Think Bill Ayres lite. Ayres, of course, did act on his to

@ [eaglesoars](#):

People like that are appalling in their invincible ignorance. They are almost always flaming Leftists, often somewhat murderous in there desires, if lacking the courage of their convictions to actually act on those murderous convictions. Think Bill Ayres lite. Ayres, of course, did act on his to a degree, but he wanted to murder millions. Ayres wanted to be the new and improved Martin Bohrmann, with ten times the body count. And Obama saw fit to raise his kids around that man, something that McCain should have had a field day with, but McCain wasn't really interested in winning the Presidency. I think that if he'd won the nomination in 2000 instead of Bush, he'd have thrown that race too. I think that Buzzsawmonkey and Flyover Country have him rightly pegged as the Palooka who wants to take the dive. McCain isn't even interested in making it look competitive. One of my biggest reservations about Rubin stems from the fact that McCain clearly wants him to win the nomination. But that may stem more from a desire to puss into Ted Cruz's cornflakes than to get Hillary Clinton elected. It is my understanding that Rubin actually does the best of all the main contenders against Clinton in the polls, though IIRC all three of them, Trump, Cruz, and Rubin actually narrowly beat her in the latest polls.



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On David Bowie, I have to say I am not a big fan. His kind of music isn't really my kind of music. I **did** really like *Labyrinth*, which was really a part that couldn't have been cast better. I always thought that if they ever made a movie on the Elrich saga he would be **perfect** for the lead role of Elrich, who was, in the books, an albino sorcerer-king possessed of an enormous runeblade named Stormbringer that was capable of sucking out the souls of its victims, and feeding the energy vampire-like to Elrich. Those are great books, but I'm not sure how well they'd translate to the big screen. It is always sad when someone dies prematurely, and I especially hate cancer deaths. There is a **lot** of cancer in the world today. I don't know if I am just noticing it more, or if the incidence of the disease has really increased.

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@ [lobo91](#):

I g actually agree with her about Hillary and gun control, though that is a reason to oppose Clinton, not support her. But people like this simply do not care at all about the Constitution. They do not revere the document, nor do they consider America to be exceptional, blessed by God, and, when you get down to brass tacks, worth defending and protecting. It is something fundamentally flawed in their education, and that is by design. Martin's mother looks to have come through public education a generation or so after me. When I came through they were still teaching American Exceptionalism, but by the time my youngest sister, who is 14 years younger than me came through they were not. That is just one of the places that the Left has succeeded in flanking us. We need to really take America back.



**Iron
Fist**

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Oh, and check [this out](#). X-ray prints of various firearms. This one is an MP5. You've got to love that.



**Iron
Fist**

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@ [RIX](#):

Of course. That is something that she knows how to do. It is funny, in a way, how people like this are getting the spotlight. I guess her endorsement carries weight in the black community, but I would think it would hurt her in other, lesson overtly racist demographics.



**Iron
Fist**

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@ [PaladinPhil](#):

That makes sense. Thanks!



**Iron
Fist**

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7:19 pm](#)

@ [eaglesoars](#):

Yeah, I think that is interesting as hell. Not surprising, but interesting. It would be awesome to watch him sneak out of town and overseas while Ted Cruz is sworn in a President. That would be the perfect end for his awful reign. Priebus is on Greta right now, and he says that the GOP will back Trump to the hilt if he is the nominee. That'll puss off the Weekly Standard crowd, but it is what they should do. It really shouldn't be a question.



**Iron
Fist**

[2016/01/11 at
7:27 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

@ [rain of lead](#):

Yeah, it was miserably cold over here today, too. I can't ride right now because of my health, but I'm hoping that will be better in the next week or so. Right now I am stuck in the house. Wah.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [rain of lead](#):

Not particularly well. I finished my first round of chemo on Friday. That has my white cell count down massively. We started me on Neulasta today. We will check my counts next Monday, and see what I look like then. My doctor didn't seem particularly concerned about that. They expected my white cells, to go down, but I don't think they were expecting it to be as bad as this. I am not really supposed to leave the house, so I am going to be stuck here all week. I hope to start watching *Game of Thrones* since I am more or less bedridden. I am hoping as I recover from the chemo I feel like getting back into my martial arts routine, and if it will warm up I will be riding, even if it is just driving circles around the town.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [eaglesoars](#):

Yep, good birth may count for something, but it is what you make of your life that matters. I was born basically middle class, and that gave me some advantages, but I had to work for everything that I have. Nobody gave me anything, not even my National Merit Scholarship. I made some mistakes along the way. Some that were awful. But I managed to stay out of prison, and that was a near thing at times. My fault, of course. I did have issues with the police that I feel were unfair (some extremely unfair), but a lot of it was merited. OTOH, the biggest laws I violated were laws that I consider Unconstitutional. I was willing to respond violently when necessary, but as I've related before, I've twice had to use a gun in self-defense (and had a third time when I needed a gun and didn't have one. I survived that one because of my martial arts training), and in neither case did I have to fire a shot. Both incidences ended positively for me in the end, though I was arrested in one of those incidents.

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Iron

@ [rain of lead](#):

Does Netflix have *Game of Thrones*? That is the one I want to see most. I absolutely love the books, and I have heard that the translation to the

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Fist screen is very good from someone who loves the books the way I do (possibly even more). I've thought about getting Netflix before, but I normally don't watch enough TV to matter. But since I'm going to be house bound, that will no doubt change. I need to start reading the Bible more, too.

@ [rain of lead](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Good. Now let him take the hint, and drop out of the race. The same is true of Fiorina, unfortunately. I figure that they will hang on through Iowa and New Hampshire, but unless there is some kind of massive upset that the polls haven't captured, they are done, as is Ben Carson, and Job Bush.

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@ [rain of lead](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Thanks. I'll have to check out Amazon Prime. One other option is to see about getting the DVD used. I definitely want to see the show, though.

@ [lobo91](#):

Man in the High Castle is another one I want to see. I read the book when I was in high school or college. I don't remember which, but it was pretty good.

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at 10:38 pm](#)

@ [eaglesoars](#):



**Iron
Fist**

I always thought that the WTO was a bad idea. Any time you surrender your sovereignty to an international body it is probably a mistake, and that goes double for the United States. It is not a stretch to say that most of the world is out to get us. It isn't just the Russians and the Chinese.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):



**Iron
Fist**

I'll probably watch it, too, just to see what lies he tells. I know better than to expect the truth from him. What a sad state our nation has fallen to! Obama is just symptomatic of a much broader loss of confidence in the country. We need to remember the Manifest Destiny, American Exceptionalism rhetoric. Kids are being taught now that American Exceptionalism is a dirty concept. The teachers who teach that should be fired. America is an extremely exceptional country. We are the oldest continuous government in the world. For all that the Left bitches about how horrible America is, they do

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so from a place in the Peace and Prosperity that American Exceptionalism has created. I don't understand the economics of what y'all are discussing. The only economics classes I've had was the one class in high school. That taught me some useful concepts, but was really only a brief overview of the subject.

@ [coldwarrior](#):



**Iron
Fist**

I understand that. And the racial hire is doing his damndest to make sure that the damage he's done to America is permanent. His goal is the destruction of the United States of America. It really is that simple. Once you accept that fact, everything that Obama has done makes perfect sense.

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@ [yenta-fada](#):



**Iron
Fist**

That is the truth. Look at Afghanistan. We fought a long war there, and in the process Afghanistan became the world's largest supplier of heroin. And we are fighting a "War on Drugs"? Damn, I wish that the government would fight a war on my prosperity! Oh, they are fighting a war on my prosperity. They are fighting against prosperity. They are just successful at that.

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@ [RIX](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Exactly. They've invited the terrorist sympathizers deliberately to rub America's nose in the fact that they, and really the whole Democrat Party, support America's enemies in the War. This kind of treasonous act would have gotten FDR impeached. Of course, FDR was a different type of Democrat. He didn't support the Nazis in World War Two. This current crop of Democrats, OTOH, would be foursquare behind Hitler and his Merry Men.

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at 3:47 pm](#)

@ [lobo91](#):



**Iron
Fist**

I am an alcoholic, so while I haven't had a drink in several years, I have a tolerance for alcohol that is through the roof. But if I played that drinking game I'd wind up in the ER with alcohol poisoning before the end of the speech

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at 3:50 pm](#)

@ [RIX](#):



**Iron
Fist**

It always comes down to race for the Left, a certain sign that they are the ones who are really racists. I could give a rat's ass about the color of Obama's skin. My opposition to Obama has nothing to do with his race, and everything to do with the fact that he is a gun-grabbing, anti-American socialist. I disagree with him on pretty much all of his policy positions. Change his policy positions, and depending on what they changed to, I could conceivably start to support him, though I would never trust that such a huge conversion was genuine.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Yeah, that would be fun. They pumped my stomach when I tried to commit suicide, and it was so bad that when they tried to put the charcoal down my throat, I sat up, pulled the tube out, and initially refused to let them do it. When the medic gave me the option of drinking that nasty shit, I took him up on it, and drank it down. Then I passed out again. I only had something like 60 lorecets in my system. It is truly a miracle that I didn't die. That had been my intent, but Sam found out about it, talked to me enough to figure out what was really going on, and dialed 911. He made it to my house at the same time the ambulance. They wouldn't let him ride with me though. It is ironic that he saved my life, and then I took his about 9 months later. Very Shakespearean tragedy.

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at 4:06 pm](#)

@ [coldwarrior](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Yeah, that was a Real risk. I was lucky on a number of levels there. Just another time that God has stepped in to save me from myself. God has been very good to me.

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@ [RIX](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Yep, and as I said earlier, that obsession with race shows that they are the real racists. Races essentially meaningless. Culture, religion, and so forth are much better predictors of people's actions than trivial matters of skin color.

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at 5:34 pm](#)

@ [eaglesoars](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Obama just wishes that he could suck Rouhani's Dick, live in the Oval Office, probably. Him as Monica Lewinski, and Rouhani's as Bill Clinton. What a truly revolting man we have as President.

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at 5:36 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

@ [rain of lead](#):

It is a much better day than the weekend. My bowel blockage has ended. That is a tremendous relief. My pain level is also much better, partly because of that. There is still a good bit of pain, but it is much more bearable than it was over the weekend.

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**Iron
Fist**

Marco Rubio is on with Bret Baier, and he sounds really good. I don't know that he will deliver on his rhetoric. He is sounding a lot better on immigration, and he is right that the situation has radically changed with the rise of the Islamic State, and the rise of the so-called "Lone Wolf" terrorist attacks. You saw that starting early in the Obama Administration, though, with Nidal Hasan. Has Obama ever acknowledged that Hasan was an Islamic terrorist? I don't think so, but I could have missed it. Itmhas certainly been kept low key, if he has.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [rain of lead](#):

More reason for more people, especially women, to carry guns. God made man. Sam Colt made him equal. That includes women. The only way you can negate the physical advantages that men naturally have over women is with a weapon, preferrably a firearm. The terminal velocity for a .45 ACP round is the same whether it is fired by a man or a woman. The opposition to women in frontline combat units isn't because men are more deadly with a firearm than a woman, but because of the difference in physical strength to carry the load of weapons and other gear into combat, because of the difference that physical strength can make in a woman being able to overcome physical obstacles that you run into in combat, including things like carrying a wounded comrade out of the line of fire, and (and this can't be ignored) the natural inclination of men in the unit to protect the female of the species, and the difficulties that are caused by interpersonal relationships within the combat unit.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [coldwarrior](#):

Heh. I am on my tablet, and accidentally hit the submit button. But that is an excellent riff on what got posted. I finished the post, but you quoted it, so it's all good.

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at 6:35 pm](#)

Totally OT, but this sweet thing. I can't afford it, but when you look at what you are getting for the money, at \$650 it is almost a steal. Real elephant ivory scales, a super nice double-edged long dagger blade, and so forth, well, there's not much I would change about the weapon. I'd do the fittings in stainless steel or nickel-silver rather than brass, but that is a small thing. I am going to keep an eye on this beauty, though. If somehow the money became available I think I would buy this before I'd buy the Glock 30S that I also want so badly.



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Fist**

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

@ [coldwarrior](#):



**Iron
Fist**

If you read the detailed description it says elephant ivory. Like Coldwarrior says, if the ivory was brought in before the ban, it is legal. That is what makes the knife such a steal. You can't custom order elephant ivory scales from Randall. I took a look at Randall's page for customizing heir blades, and the base price for this knife is \$395. The elephant ivory scales would easily cost the additional \$250, if you were able to find the ivory and have it fitted to the weapon. I am not sure that I like the ivory well enough to actually do that. If and when I get a knife like this, I'll probably go through Randall, and customize the weapon a little less ostentatiously, but I do love

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ivory grips on weapons.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

Probably. It wouldn't be the first time. This is Jimmy Carter redeaux on a smaller scale, but we'll have to see how long the Iranians hold these sailors. If they let them go fairly soon, it probably won't effect the election must, but the longer they hold them, the more it will impact the election. I don't think Obama really cares if Hillary Clinton gets elected or not. If he did, he wouldn't be talking about implementing Australian-style gun confiscation in the United States, which pretty much forced Clinton to endorse.it as well. The Left have always insisted that confiscation wasn't their real goal, and now Obama has pretty much said that confiscation is the goal. We always knew that, of course, but getting the Democrats too admits it is a whole different thing.



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@ [coldwarrior](#):

I could use some peyote, but to say that the Mafia Princess wouldn't approve is a massive understatement about how she feels about recreational drugs. She's even leery of the pain medication that I am on, but she knows I'd put my foot down if she tried to forbid them altogether.



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@ [lobo91](#):

The Democrats are very out of touch with reality if they believe pretty much anything that they are actually saying in public. I don't really know if they are flat out crazy, but I don't think that really matters. They are Evil to the core, regardless of their sanity.



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@ [lobo91](#):

Of course not. It isn't like they are law-abiding Americans who want too buy a pistol. Those people are scary! This is just an Islamic terrorist supporting regime with a nuclear weapons program that has taken 10 US Naval personel prisoner (dare I say hostage?) The difference in the threat is unmistakable. Obama and the Democrats see the big threat as being the American citizenry.



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@ [lobo91](#):

He is late (IMHO) as a demonstration of his contempt for the Congress, Democrat and Republicans alike. He doesn't see any reason that he should have to work with those people.

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He actually mentioned terrorism, though he didn't mention that these terrorists worldwide are pretty much exclusively Islamic.

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@ [Canoe Convoy](#):

The Mafia Princess feels the same way. I'm listening to him while I browse the internet. So far he's been pretty mild. His emphasis on work being necessary to climb out of poverty is sounding almost Republican. He is still obviously a Leftist, but so far he has been relatively mild. He's attacking "Big Banks", which is kind of rich considering how tied to these "Big Banks" his entire Administration is. But he hasn't really

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passed meet off yet. That must be because of the drugs



@ [RIX](#):

I fell asleep. He wasn't particularly offensive, which was a surprise. Now we get to hear from Nikkei Haley. We'll see what she says.

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Well, I'm back in the ER. I have pneumonia, and my BP is running pretty low (90/60). Lovely. They are going to admit me to the hospital, but they want to run a series of tests on me first. They won't even give me pain medications, which sucks. I was hoping for dilaudid, and once we get these tests done I hope that they will give me pain medications soon. I had my last Percocet at 6:30 this morning. It has long worn off.

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@ [RIX](#):

That is because Islam is at war with the United States, and, in fact, Western Civilization. We should reciprocate.

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@ [RIX](#):

Thanks! Now they are telling me that my BP problem is probably

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**Iron
Fist** because of sepsis. Lovely.

 **Iron
Fist** @ [eaglesoars](#):
They figure it either comes from the pneumonia or from the bowel issues I had over the weekend. They don't think it is because of dehydration, but they are giving me two IVs just in case. I am really tired of this, but it looks like it is going to be my life for a while.

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 **Iron
Fist** @ [RIX](#):
Yeah, Tokyo Rose probably didn't have high ratings, either. Working for the enemy is treason, and everyone should remember that Al Gore is the one whose opened that door for them.

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at 6:41 pm](#)

 **Iron
Fist** @ [rain of lead](#):
Yep, that is what I am telling myself. I knew this was going to be rough. It is being rougher than I expected, though. Sepsis is no laughing matter. It can kill you.

 **Iron
Fist** @ [Lily](#):
Thank you so much! I am doing the best I can to keep my spirits up. No pain pills really sucks. I hope that we can get some into me before they put me in my hospital room. They haven't decided yet whether I'll go to a normal room, or ICU.

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 **Iron
Fist** @ [lobo91](#):
Yep, all of these terrorists are radical misunderstanders of Islam, especially the ones like Al Baghdad, who has a doctorate in Islamic Studies from a prestigious Islamic university. Barack Obama, who had Islamic Studies at the kindergarten level clearly knows more about Islam.

**Iron
Fist** Frankly, I think that is utter bullshit Z , and all of these Leftist apologists for Islam know that. They are traitors who are trying to help the enemy in a time of war. Treason isn't protected by the First Amendment. Lock their asses up.

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 Well, I am still in the room in the ER, still without pain medication. My blood pressure has come up some(120/56, which I can't believe is right),

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Iron Fist so maybe they will finally get some pain meds in me. I am in all kinds of pain right now. I can take a lot of pain, but it isn't the way I prefer to live.



Iron Fist

Thanks, everyone! The situation is this: the hospital is far over full. They don't have any rooms in the hospital, and won't have any rooms up on the floor until sometime tomorrow. I am likely to be in this room for the rest of tonight. They won't give me any pain medication until my blood pressure goes up. I haven't had my night drugs yet, and I am starting to get pissed about not having my medication. It is after midnight, and I am still not even being fed through my J-tube. The guy on the floor said that this was really pretty typical. My other trips to the ER didn't involve admitting me to a floor, so we were in and out in both 3-4 hours. Before my wife leaves, I **will** take my Lunesta. If I'd known it was going to be like this I'd have not come without taking my afternoon dose of Percocet. Live and learn. If they won't give me pain meds, they should at least give me night drugs and let me go to sleep.

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Iron Fist

@ [lobo91](#):

That's probably best because at least while he is playing golf he isn't making things worse. Obama usually makes anything he touches turn to shit.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):

Thanks! I knew sepsis was serious, but I don't know anything about the treatment of it. They haven't given me any pressers, or much of anything else other than antibiotics. My latest BP is (93/52). It has been as high as 110 over 60 or so. All they've done to increase my BP is give me fluids. That's it. They say they are fixing to move me to a different room in the ER. Or so they say. They have been very haphazard about my treatment. They tell me one thing, and then do something else entirely. I can't figure if they just plain don't know what they are doing, or just don't know how to communicate with each other and the patients. My wife is calling my oncologist. If we'd known the situation with the rooms here we would have gone to a different hospital. My PCP thought it would be better for me to be over here. That seems to have been wrong. One of the nurses tells us that this is commonplace, while another tells us that it is almost never like this. Which one do I believe?



Iron Fist

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Fist

@ [coldwarrior](#):

It sounds like I may have the beginnings of septic shock. Not good.

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Iron
Fist

Well, it is now almost 4:00 and they have finally gotten my meds in me. The finally got me to where the BP was stable enough to give me my pain meds. We'll see how that goes. I am taking my night psych meds right now. I still don't know why I've been here almost 11 hours and I am just now getting my 8:00 meds. There appears to be a problem with one of the nurse practitioners. When we mentioned her to the Patient Advocate he kind of rolled his eyes and cursed her under his breath. They clearly know that she is a problem.

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[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

Has it occurred to anyone yet that they're not afraid of the jihadis, they're afraid of US?



Iron
Fist

Yep, they are so **afraid** that there is going to be a hard anti-Muslim backlash that they are creating the conditions that make one all but inevitable. I think if that happens, especially in Europe, you'll see the true definition of "Jack-booted thugs" played out. While they are reluctant to offend Muslims, they don't mind **killing** their own people. That may, indeed, be the reaction that they are trying to get, to give them an excuse for cracking down on the Right-wing. These people are evil and devious.

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@ [yenta-fada](#):

This was inevitable as long as the government totally ignored its responsibility to protect its own citizens in favor of protecting the "right" of Islamic terrorists to terrorize, especially to sexually terrorize women. They should really hang some of the bastards who are responsible for this situation. And these "biker gangs" are right. Patrols alone probably won't be enough. There will almost certainly be violence at some point, and the State is quite likely to take the side of the Islamic Terrorists against their own people. At that point they should drag these treasonous officials out into the street and hang them.



Iron
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Fist**

@ [Aussie Infidel](#):

That pretty much sums up how I understand it. It is a racket, not much different than the numbers rackets that the Mafia is famous for. That kind of organized crime I can understand.

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at 5:02 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

@ [yenta-fada](#):

Yeah, at least Hildabitch didn't call in airstrikes on our troops. I would see the Left-wing "elites" of Europe doing effectively that.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [rain of lead](#):

Hey, man! Would you believe that I am still in the ER? They thought that they had me a bed about 4:00 but somehow they double-booked it, and I got the shit end of that stick. I pretty much slept all day today. That is not really a surprise because I didn't get to sleep until almost 5:00AM.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [eaglesoars](#):

I couldn't keep pizza down, so that wouldn't help. I've had what little food I can eat, so I am fine. I have my feeding tube in and working, so I am getting my nutrition and hydrated. I miss being able to eat normally, though. That sucks worse than losing my beard will.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [rain of lead](#):

I can't watch the debate. We don't have Fox Business here in the hospital. War. Go Cruz! He's my go to guy. I like Fiorina a bit better, but it just doesn't look like her year. Cruz-Fiorina would be really good to me. I know Cruz will fight no matter who the Democrat nominee is. I've seen the Republican fight too damned hard to win the nomination only to go soft when confronted with the Democrat in the general election. We have to do better than that this time.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [Macker](#):

And the fact that they often don't face the just consequences of their actions. Start killing terrorists, and you will have fewer terrorists.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [rain of lead](#):

Thanks! I thought about that, but then I wouldn't be able to blog it. They have a bed for me! Thank God. I am surprised by that. Somebody checking out late, I guess. I've gotten my pain pill, so I am not hurting so badly now.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [rain of lead](#):

And it should get boos. It is a settled issue, really. While it is true that the Supreme Court has never weighed in on the issue, not every Constitutional point has to be litigated before the Supreme Court. There are basically three classes of people for the purposes of this clause, non-citizens, Naturalized citizens, and Natural Born citizens. The Constitutional prohibition applies to non-citizens and Naturalized citizens. Nobody has raised the question before the Supreme Court because it has been unnecessary. The birther shit was bullshit when it was directed at Obama, and it is bullshit when it is directed at Cruz.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [eaglesoars](#):

Yeah, it will be nice. I'll be happy when I get there. It is apparently a "9th" floor number That is actually on the 6th floor of the hospital. Lovely. I'll at least have a real hospital bed. This one is miserable.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [eaglesoars](#):

I believe that you are correct. Expanded background checks would not have changed any of the mass shootings, ever. But stopping mass shootings is not the aim of any of these gun control measures. If they wanted to do something against mass shooters, they'd be pushing for more people to carry guns for self-defense, not trying to find a way to reduce civilian carry.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [rain of lead](#):

And they will be as effective against Cruz as the birthers were against Obama.

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@ [Bumr50](#):

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**Iron
Fist**

It isn't going to change my mind, so there really isn't much point in my watching it except for the entertainment value. If anybody does make some earth-shattering statement I'll hear it.

[at 10:04 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

@ [rain of lead](#):

2A questions are great, but with the exceptions of Kaisich and Christie pretty much agree on everything. Even Bush and Trump talk a good game on the Second Amendment. How they would govern, I don't know. I don't trust much of any politician. Cruz seems to lie and dissemble the least, as does Fiorina. IIRC, in both of their cases they thought that they had them caught in a lie, but then they exonerated themselves.

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Fist**

@ [RIX](#):

Not likely. I think it was a setup. Why were those boats so far off course? I might conceivably make that big a navigation error, but I am not a sailor, and have never driven a boat out of sight of land. For a trained sailor, with redundant GPS navigation systems, and all the other shiny toys that are to help the sailor function on the high seas, I just don't believe that it was an accident. I think the sailors were following orders Togo to where they were intercepted, and then the Administration told the Islamonazis where they could be found, to produce exactly the kind of results that they got. It is yet another thing to make America look weak in the face of Iranian aggression. We certainly know that all of the key players is capable of such deceptive actions. From Obama and Carter, down through the ranks treason is not only thinkable, but appears to be the order of the day.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [Calo](#):

I'll second readergirl13. Maybe you could straighten this hospital out. The Mafia Princess has been doing a bit of that today. She's here with me now. I am still having bowell issues, and the CT scan is showing a partial blockage at least. They don't seem to know what to do about that. Everybody agrees that it is serious, just not what to do about it.

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Iron

@ [readergirl13](#):

{{{{Readergirl13}}}} }

You all would be welcome any time, provided I can medically have

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Fist visitors. We have guest bedrooms, so you wouldn't have to worry about getting a hotel unless one of our moms is in, or you just want to. My sisters are coming up tomorrow, but they have to get hotel rooms because they are both allergic to cats.

As for how I am feeling, I am better than I was, but far from able to leave the hospital. My sepsis appears to have been knocked down, if not out. My blood pressure is much better today than it was two days ago when I was admitted. OTOH, I have this bowel blockage, and that is definitely unpleasant. I won't go into detail what the treatments are going to have to be, but trust me that I have to be pretty miserable to be willing to go

through them to get relief

@ [Calo](#):

It is my understanding that this is some kind of mechanical blockage. Even the doctor last Saturday night didn't believe that the primary cause of my blockage was pharmacological. He just wanted to try that because it was an easy fix if it happened to work. They are considering trying it again, but since they don't think it was what got me over the hump last time, then we aren't certain about it.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

You have to love the way his old-money arrogance has panned out for him. He's spent what, \$50-60 million trying to buy his way to the top, and hasn't budged in the polls for all of it. That "Piss on the voters, I'm a Bush!" attitude has just blown through a wad of cash, and he doesn't stand any more of a chance to get the nod that Kaisic or Fiorina. And nobody is going to want Jeb as VP. Donald Trump is an asshole to a lot of people, but he at least acts like he likes the Republican base. Jeb, Kaisic, Christie not so much, and Jeb is by far the worst of those.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [eaglesoars](#):

While I'd love to see them eat those words, I am still pulling for Cruz. Cruz is as big a thumb in the Establishment's eye, but I think he'd be the better President. Trump talks big, and, honestly, I like a lot of what he says, but I think that there is a lot of ground to cover between talking pretty and getting policy implemented. Trump is a very successful man, but governing a nation is considerably more difficult than running a company. Trump is used to being able to fire subordinates who displease

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**Iron
Fist**

him, or who do not perform. In government that simply misnt the case.
Sure, pe

@ [lobo91](#):

Thanks for that! I didn't know all of that about Tramp's abuse of imminent domain, but I'd heard some about that. Pretty slimy. The bit on Natural Born versus Naturalized citizen I did know, though not a specific court case to back it up. Those who are ginning up a controversy, including Lawrence Tribe, are playing politics, not Constitutional Law. I can't believe that Tribe knows less about Constitutional Law than I do. I can believe that I know more Con Law than Obama does, but not Tribe. He either knows his bullshit about it not being settled law is bullshit, or he really, seriously, needs to be fired.



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@ [coldwarrior](#):

I don't know the economics to know if that is correct or not, but I have enough basic commonsense to see how that could work. We can't keep interest rates at near 0 forever, but people adjust their pending behavior as though we could. Then when the rates go up people will have to tighten spending, and that means a decrease in demand. Voile! Instant recession. Does that hit the mark?



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@ [coldwarrior](#):

OK, so how do you create velocity for money, especially if that isn't simply demand? It sounds like the problem in our economy is a lack of velocity, but as I understand it if the velocity gets too high, and the monetary supply is too great, that that is where you get hyperinflation. Tricky business, at least from what I understand of it.



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Fox is reporting that Iran has freed four hostages. I don't know which ones, though. I know that there is one of the guys that they aren't sure if he's alive or dead. He may not even be in the custody of the Iranians. This is good news, but you have to wonder if we haven't already given too much, and gotten too little, in this "nuclear" deal.⁹



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@ [texasam7](#):

Hey, man! I am better in some respects, about the same in others. I have had some relief from my bowel blockage, but I also had confirmed that my cancer has spread to the lymph nodes in my mesentery. My surgeon that put in my J-tube said that it is covered in little hard knots that are cancer. So in that respect I am worse. That appears to be where a lot of this bowel blockage is coming from. I am currently having a lot of success drinking white grape juice, which is great. I've not been able to drink more than a few sips at a time for a while. I am still optimistic about my chances. The raw numbers are against me massively, but God is on my side. I am not sure the why of the cancer, but I hope to understand that in time. I hope to live a long time, but if God chooses to take me, my life has always been His to take. I will fight to the end, but I do not fear death. I know what my afterlife is going to be like, in a general way. What I worry about is my wife. I don't know how she will bear it if she loses me. She will have the cats, but it will be a hard, hard thing for her to lose me. I pray to God that doesn't happen.

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**Iron
Fist**

[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

@ Iron Fist:

what do things look like on the sepsis front and how's the white blood cell count?

@ RIX:

I like Hayes but on this he's in my Eat Shit and Die bucket. Trump is hardly my first choice but the more they get all pissy about him, the closer he's getting to BE my first choice.

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[at 2:57 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

On the sepsis front, it looks like the antibiotics are kicking it down. Not only that, the doctor just told my wife that it was not really sepsis, but rather a systemic infection that comes from my pneumonia. My blood pressure has come back up to normal. My white count is **high!** The Neulasta really works. A week ago it was almost nonexistent.

On Trump I know what you mean. The man rubs me the wrong way. I agree with his stated positions on most issues, but I just don't trust that he means them. I also don't believe that he knows how he is going to deliver on his promises. Everything is about the "Deal", but not

everything is a matter of making a deal about it. I don't know that Trump understands that.

@ [yenta-fada](#):



**Iron
Fist**

I don't expect them to let me go until Monday at the earliest, but the white count level is definitely good news (I asked my doctor to be sure). I am watching the news right now, and they are talking about how bad a deal Obama's "not-a-treaty" with Iran is. Basically, Obama wanted to pay Iran, as Caliph, \$150 billion in jizya. All else is just bullshit.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Threats of violence should almost always result in force being applied to the person/organization making the threats. There are rare exceptions to this rule, such as when applying said force looks to result in your certain annihilation, and there is a path with honor that permits you not to react. Too, said force doesn't necessarily mean that you have to kill the son of a bitch. The barrier for entry as a justified homicide is such that simply killing them for making a threat is usually unwise. OTOH, letting them know in no uncertain terms that you are armed, organized, and prepared to kill them at any provocation that you can legally get away with it is often enough force to cause them to change their course of action. That is sufficient for self-defense, and is a path with honor. Be prepared to back it up, though, if the step up.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):



**Iron
Fist**

True enough. Remove the civilizing force of the rule of law, and all bets are off. The proper response to a verbal threat in such a case may be to simply snuff the guy who threatened you. That is something that you have to evaluate on a case by case basis. Here in America we are witnessing the collapse of the rule of law. Obama has been acting outside the Constitution basically for the last two years, and even before that he mainly gave lip service to the idea that the Constitution limited his power as President. The next big one will be if Clinton is indicted, something that I don't expect to happen. She is guilty as sin of a variety of crimes, but I don't think that this Administration will charge her, and I expect hers to be one of the pardons Obama issues at the end off his term whether she is indicted or not. So much for equality under the law. And that is something that the voters should keep in mind when the Democrats prattle on about wanting "equality" as a key component of

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their rule. What they mean by “equality” isn’t what normal people think of as equality.

@ [coldwarrior](#):

I think you are probably right, there. She’s too damaged to make a successful run for the Presidency unless we get another Palooka candidate, and right now that doesn’t look likely. You can hammer the Hildabeast from too many directions at the same time, and they will be self-reinforcing attacks that ultimately go back to her arrogant corruption. The fact that nobody but the deluded trust her on any issue, great or small, has to hurt her. And there won’t be a Ross Perot around to split the vote this year, the way that there was for her husband. I don’t know if people would fall for another Perot at this juncture. Maybe if our candidate were bad enough, but no matter who winds up with the nod this time I don’t see that happening here. I loathe Kaisich, but would vote for him over Hillary. I feel the same way about Christie and Bush. I am hoping for Cruz or Rubio, though. Neither is without flaw, but both are very, very good, especially when compared to their competition.



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Fist**

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@ [mfhorn](#):

Sanders. He is a real believer in Socialism, which means he is capable of mass murder. He is better on guns than Hillary or Biden, but not by much. And he’s been modifying his position there. It shows something pretty horrifying about the Democrat base that the avowed Socialist has to swing Left of his normal position on anything to shore up votes from his base. I think their base would prefer Vladimir Lenin to anybody that is running right now. Scary, scary.



**Iron
Fist**

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at 1:00 am](#)

@ [buzzsawmonkey](#):

WTF? Surely there us some mistake. What would they have banned you for? Even when you disagree with someone you are polite and respectful. You’ve got that one asshole that has a hard-on for you, but he’s scrollover country to me, and that would be the only person that I’ve noticed who dislikes you.Q



**Iron
Fist**

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@ [buzzsawmonkey](#):

I’ll do that. I can’t believe that after tempers have cooled that they will let the ban stay. You are too good a contributor to the board to ban you



Iron

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Fist permanently. I find it distressing that it was either Katherine or Louisiana Mom that banned you, as I like both of them. Like Coldwarrior, I didn't know people could get banned from Weasel Zippers. I see people post things that make me cringe, and they are not warned, nor are their posts deleted (and for the most part I don't think they should be deleted. They said it, now let them own it). Really distressing.

[coldwarrior](#) wrote:

Obamanomics has created the most anti-business environment in postwar history. Businesses face a record onslaught of regulation, a world-high 35% tax rate, higher minimum wages, hostile legislators who routinely demonize profits and success, an erratic Fed and growing uncertainty about the U.S.' political future. Why invest?

it aint the fed and interest rates. its the democrats and the republicans who agree to this nonsense.



**Iron
Fist**

we are over regulated, over taxed, and over 'controlled' by fedzilla.

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That is beyond question. I had no idea that it was as bad as it is. Part of that is because economics are not my strong suit, but part of it is because the fucking Mainstream Media will not report honestly on the true costs of over-regulation. There needs to be some regulation, unfortunately, but those should be basic things. You don't want businesses dump toxic waste on playgrounds, or simply pour toxic waste raw into rivers and such. But it is a far cry from that to the Byzantine regulatory regime that we now have.



**Iron
Fist**

@ [lobo91](#):

Atkisson is one of the good guys. I don't know about her political leanings, but that is really the way reporters should be. She is willing to bring the heat to all sides of the issues.

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**Iron
Fist**

Buzzsawmonkey, I put in a word for you over on Weasel Zippers:

OT, but Buzzsawmonkey brought it to my attention that he'd been banned form Weasel Zippers last night. I would like to throw in my \$0.02 in his favor. I didn't read through the entire exchange that he had that

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got him banned, but I find it hard to credit that whatever his position it merits banning him from the board. Tempers apparently flared, and things were said that would have been better left unsaid, but a ban for that seems heavy-handed. I'd like task that the PTB reconsider his ban. Thanks.

@ [buzzsawmonkey](#):



**Iron
Fist**

I will do that if the opportunity arises. I was kind of surprised to see the people who weighed in against you. I don't think I would have said some of the things you said, but tempers flare, and things get said that were better left unsaid. If you are going to post in debate forums you have to grow some thickness of skin, or you are going to be perpetually offended. That's a hell of a way to spend you valuable time.

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at 3:24 pm](#)

@ [buzzsawmonkey](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Yeah, I'd say some of what you said was over the line, but, as you say, Weasel Zippers tolerates a lot of posts that are beyond the bounds of propriety or good taste. This was nowhere near any of that. In truth, those posts wear on my patience, but it isn't my place to police the place. I do hope that they reconsider your ban. I don't think that it is just that they ban you, when so many others are let stand.

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at 5:10 pm](#)

@ [buzzsawmonkey](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Good, man! I hope those involved take some time and let the passions of the moment cool, and go on about their lives. Life is too short to let a little heated argument spoil it.

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at 9:11 pm](#)

@ [rain of lead](#):



**Iron
Fist**

You couldn't pay me to watch the Democrat debate. I intend to take a break and watch *Sons of Anarchy* instead, while I wait for my night drugs to kick in. That deals with a better class of people

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at 9:13 pm](#)

@ [rain of lead](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Much better than Friday, that is for sure. I am not in anything approaching the kind of pain that I was having Friday. I've even been able to eat a bit of solid food and keep most of it down. One of the things

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that I missing is being able to eat regular food. I don't know when I'll be able to go get a steak dinner, though. That is likely to be a while. Little things that you take for granted become huge deals when you can't do them any longer.



**Iron
Fist**

@ [buzzsawmonkey](#):

My pleasure, man. I consider you a friend, and you stick up for your friends. That is part of the values system that I was raised with.

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at 9:18 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

I don't necessarily see this as a bad thing, but you really have to wonder if they have suddenly realized that if it comes down to open warfare between the Leftist elites and the rest of America **we** would control most of the food producing land in the nation? Maybe they have, maybe they haven't.

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at 7:51 am](#)



**Iron
Fist**

@ [PaladinPhil](#):

You are probably right. The people on the Left aren't generally very deep thinkers, and they don't believe in the hard realities of cause and effect, nor personal responsibility. Anything that goes wrong is someone else's fault.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [PaladinPhil](#):

In America (and the West in general) malnutrition and starvation are nearly nonexistent. Instead, it is obesity that is the scourge of the poor, not starvation. And people like to slam capitalism because inequality.

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at 9:45 am](#)



**Iron
Fist**

@ [buzzsawmonkey](#):

That is the way I see it. Trump says pretty much all the right things. Like Coldwarrior, I agree with his positions, but like you I see no "there" there. He talks about what a good dealmaker he is, but fails to realize that much of a President's duties are not making deals. How do you make a deal with the Islamic State? For that matter, how do you make a deal with the Islamic Republic of Iran? You don't make deals with pirates and cutthroats.

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On other issues, I don't see where Trump has any idea of how to really implement what he claims that he will do. You can promise the moon, but delivering it is an entirely different matter.

Cruz is the best bet that we have that looks like he can win the nomination. He isn't perfect, either, but nobody is going to be perfect.



Iron
Fist

@ [buzzsawmonkey](#):

I'll say something again. I don't know that anybody cares about my opinion on the matter. I don't see banning because of a personal snit between two people, I don't care if one of them is a moderator.

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@ [Carolina Girl](#):

@ [buzzsawmonkey](#):

I poted the following on the Bill Clinton/Juanita Brodderick thread:

OT, but buzzsawmonkey has brought it to my attention that he's been banned again by the same moderator, **after** Zip reinstated him. I do not think that this is either fair nor just. One of the things that is valuable about this place is that it is a place where we can **disagree**, even forcefully disagree, and remain on something of an equal footing. It is my understanding that Buzz said some things that were insulting, and that is unfortunate, but many posters say things that I would rather be left unsaid. If the posts haven't been deleted, then the record of what was said should be able to stand for itself. If Buzz was in the wrong, then the record will show that. But banning him is heavy-handed. He is also a valuable member of the community. He brings a unique, and I believe valuable, point of view to the discussion. It would be a shame for him to be banned from the community for some indiscreet words. Just my opinion, for what it it worth.



Iron
Fist

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I dont have Zip's email, or I'd email him directly on this matter. I dont know that my opinion carries any weight over there, but I will do what I can.



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Fist

[buzzsawmonkey](#) wrote:

readergirl13 wrote:

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the subject matter is whether or not athletes are paid fairly or not.

What is “fair,” and who decides?

Exactly. There are places where fairness is a legitimate issue, such as how you treat others, how you deal with those who are weaker than you, and so forth, but fairness has no place in deciding what one’s wages are. You get paid roughly what the market for your skill is. You have a say in this, because nobody is going to **force** you to take a job at any given wage, but it will be the value of your skills to your employer that will determine what your wage is. If you price yourself out of the market, then you simply won’t be able to find a job. And some skillsets are worthless. Simply having a college degree, for example, is no longer a guarantee of well-compensated employment. The why of that is a separate issue, but the fact of it is indisputable. What you value yourself at doesn’t mean that that is what your market value is.



**Iron
Fist**

Interesting. Someone deleted my post about Buzzsaw monkey, and they did it in such a way that it doesn’t even show up that I’ve made any comment. Not kosher at all. I don’t see any way to find out **who** deleted me.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

I just set the following myself:

I don’t know whom to address this to, but I am writing concerning Buzzsawmonkey’s banning. I made the following post on the Bill Clinton/Juanita Broderick thread, but it was deleted without any explanation. I believe that I deserve to have my opinion heard, even if it is imply disregarded regarding this matter.



**Iron
Fist**

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record will show that. But banning him is heavy-handed. He is also a valuable member of the community. He brings a unique, and I believe valuable, point of view to the discussion. It would be a shame for him to be banned from the community for some indiscreet words. Just my opinion, for what it is worth.

Thanks for your time and attention.

-Steve Johnson (Iron Fist)

It sounds like it may have already been taken care of, but it doesn't hurt that I weighed in. That'll reinforce the certainty that Buzz couldn't just be banned without anybody noticing or taking umbrage at it.

@ [readergirl13](#):

The whole notion of "fairness" is a moral question. You can't argue fairness without first deciding the moral question of what constitutes "fairness". There is no platonian essence of "fairness", no universal construct that determines what is "fair", and what is not. This gets into a broader problem I have with Leftist thought. They claim that all morality is relative, that there is no Good nor Evil, and then proceed to brand anyone who disagrees with them as Evil, and attempt to get them shut down, so that their "evil" thoughts can't corrupt the body politic. This isn't being beyond morality. It is using the apparatus of the State to enforce their morality on a population in which the majority disagree with their morality.

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@ [Carolina Girl](#):

But you have to delegate control. One person couldn't conceivably ride herd on a blog the size of Weasel Zippers. That said, you do have to ride herd on the moderators, or you will get abuses of power like this.

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at 6:30 pm](#)



@ [yenta-fada](#):

Yeah, and I was a scary, scary son of a bitch when I was in high school. I was so scary that one of our principals actually told the father of a friend of mine that he wanted to expel me, but was afraid of what I would do if he tried. This pleased me and my boys to no end.

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**Iron
Fist**

Hey, Buzz! If you happen to see this, it appears that your moderator stalker is removing your posts at Weasel Zippers again.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [eaglesoars](#):
Crowcage

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [buzzsawmonkey](#):
Yeah, this is pretty ridiculous. It is really pretty petty. Someone is power tripping, which is never a good thing

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at 8:36 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

I just got an email from Zip. He said my comment shouldn't have been deleted, and that he was working on getting everything resolved. You can't ask for more than that.

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at 9:59 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

@ [rain of lead](#):
You've got that right. I am so fortunate to have my tablet. I got it on a really good deal when I lost my iPhone off my bike back in September. It only cost me \$50. Another way God is looking out for me, I expect.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [readergirl13](#):
If you happen to be reading still, good essay. I doubt most college freshmen have that good a grasp on the workings of capitalism. It'll be real interesting to find out what your teacher does with it.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [Calo](#):
Yeah, I am still awake. The medical front has been fairly quiet today. My pneumonia seems to be better, though I am still on antibiotics. My white cell count is over 45, so I can say with complete certainty that Neulasta works, and works well. The only fly in the ointment is that I am still having trouble passing solid waste. They've tried a number of things with mixed success, but nothing that really fixes the problem. Also, my platelet count is a bit low, but it is rising, so my oncologist isn't concerned about that. I still can't sleep much, even with the Lunesta. The cancer is a damned stressful thing. I am still upbeat in my outlook on all

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of this, but I know that I still have the fires of Hell to go through for a while. And to top it off, my beard has started coming out by the handful. That is depressing. At least I'll still have my tats, or the Mafia Princess might not be able to recognize me when my beard is gone. She's never seen me clean shaven, or with hair on my head. She's seen pictures of me from a time when I was both, but they are 15+ years old. IV changed a lot since then.

@ [coldwarrior](#):

@ [Calo](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Yeah, two more rounds, and then we will see. My oncologist wants to give me two more weeks off before starting the next round of chemo. I am feeling much better than I did last week, though. I was very tired and listless last week, but I am alert now, though I wouldn't say I was energetic.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Exactly. Graft and corruption seems to follow the government at every turn. This is not new, nor is it limited to America, but neither are we immune to it. We don't need cancer research to become politicized the way "climate change" research is. I, of all people, want as much cancer research as is practical, but the author makes good points about the need for steady funding rather than politicized spurts.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Incompetence knows no bounds. You'd have thought that they'd have found this during prototype testing. You'd have thought that if they'd missed it there they'd have found it during acceptance testing. To not find it until deployment indicates a complete failure on the part of their QA teams. Unfuckingreal.

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@ [brookly red](#):



**Iron
Fist**

I agree. She may help boost turnout for Trump, though. We'll see what the voters actually do. Trump may very well be our nominee. If he is, I will vote for him. I don't think he is our strongest candidate, though, for a variety of reasons. If he wins, I just pray that he governs according to what he's promised, and that he really is as good as he thinks he is. We've

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already been burned by one hope and change President. If we try that again, I hope the Right-winger delivers better for the country than the Left-wing President did. At least with Trump we can be certain that he is trying to do right by the country, instead of trying to destroy it.

@ [yenta-fada](#):



**Iron
Fist**

I am doing pretty well. My bloodwork came back good today. If we can conquer the problems I am having with my digestive track I will be able to go home from the hospital. That will be welcome. I am not happy about Palin endorsing Trump, but what are you going to do? The voting starts in two weeks. We'll see what we will see, then. I am keeping in mind that the guy who is the frontrunner before the voting starts rarely is the guy who gets the nomination.

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@ [Phantom Ace](#):



**Iron
Fist**

See, I don't see it that way. I don't like Trump, and I don't want him as our nominee, but I don't see him as being particularly Leftist on most issues. He says pretty much all the right things. My problem is that I don't trust him to deliver on his promises.

The one place where you are right is his support of Single-payer Socialwized Medicine. In that particular he is in Bernie Sanders territory.

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If Trump is our nominee, I will not be pleased, to say the least, but I **will** vote for him. It'll pretty much be an Anybody But Clinton vote, but I believe this is too important.

@ [buzzsawmonkey](#):



**Iron
Fist**

That is the thing I don't like about Weasel Zippers, too. Racism is counterproductive. I realize. That at least some of these people are being politically incorrect for the sake of being politically incorrect, but that is pretty juvenile.

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The Mafia Princess is here, so I am going to spend some time with her.

@ [eaglesoars](#):



Iron

Yeah, that is troubling as well. I am very much afraid that Trump would also carry on Obama's love for Rule by Decree, rather than with the

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Fist legislature as a coequal branch of government. I am hopeful that the Supreme Court is getting ready to smack Obama down hard for his Immigration Diktat, but we won't know about that until the end of June.

@ [buzzsawmonkey](#):



Yep, that is the way I see Cruz as well. One thing is sure. He has the courage to step out and do his own thing when it is a matter of principle. That puts him at the front of the pack when it comes to politicians. His principles and mine appear to line up nearly perfectly. Mynone position where I disagree with him (strongly, I might add) is the H1-B visas. Cruz is aall for them, while I see them as a threat to my livelihood. But that is one issue, and the President by himself can't do anything about that.

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@ [readergirl13](#):

That is what an argumentative/persuasive essay is supposed to do. Well done.

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@ [texasam7](#):

Nope, still in the hospital. I hope to go home tomorrow, though. That'll be a full week in the hospital, but there was nothing I could do about that.

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@ [rain of lead](#):

I don't like him, either, but he has a certain following. Iowa is looking close, and it is a must win for Cruz. He might could have shored things up by selling t on ethanol subsidies, but if he had, he wouldn't be the man of principles that we believe him to be.

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@ [rain of lead](#):

Sounds great! I am stuck at the hospital, while the Mafia Princess is stuck at home. That sucks. I had hoped to get out of the hospital today. I guess that could still happen. I've been in the hospital a full week. Time flies.

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@ [rain of lead](#):

The headline should read "Trump calls for reducing gas mileage and ruining your engine to buy votes in Iowa". One more good reason to

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support Cruz. The typical politician thing is to do exactly what Trump is doing. So much for him being “different”. The truly different thing is to do as Cruz has done, and stick to your principles when it is costing you votes. That is a seriously rare quality, and one we desperately need in our leadership.



**Iron
Fist**

@ [buzzsawmonkey](#):

Sounds like he is making shit up to me.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [Bumr50](#):

Leftism is, at its core, a very anti-human Ideology. They dehumanize the masses, and then kill them in wholesale carload lots. Don't think that isn't happening here. No, there are no conspiracy theory FEMA.camps where people are being exterminated, but abortion takes about a million lives a year, and has done so every year for more than 40 years.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [RIX](#):

That's the way I see it. Iowa is a must-win for Cruz. I hope that he does it. We'll get to see how Trump deals with being number 2. I really hope that a lot of these Trump voters reconsider when it comes down to voting. I don't think Trump is the best we have in this field. Not by a long shot. I think I'd prefer him to Bush, Christie, or Kaisich, but that's about it.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [buzzsawmonkey](#):

Your lips to God's ears. I hope that you are right. While the polls don't look it now, I still really expect Rubio to be our nominee. I know you see him as the Second Coming of John McCain, and you may be right about that, but he will be a stronger candidate than McCain. The reason I think he'll get it is that he is apparently going to be the guy that the Establishment lines up behind to stop Cruz and Trump, and the Establishment still swings a mighty big mallet in the overall scheme of things. Rubio/Cruz may be the best that we can hope to do. Better than Trump, IMHO.

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@ [rain of lead](#):

No, not today. The roads just wouldn't permit it. There were two bad

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**Iron
Fist** wrecks back to back on the road that comes to UT hospital from our house. There is no other way for her to get here. We took the wrecks as a warning not to get on that road. I'll get to see her tomorrow night. It looks like they are going to keep me here until Friday. Everything is about well, but we don't want a repeat of when I came home from chemo two weeks ago and I was back in the ER that night.

@ [rain of lead](#):



**Iron
Fist**

A couple of weeks. From my blood work my oncologist said he wanted to give me two weeks to recover, and that was Monday. I'll be back in for a week of chemo. I am not looking forward to it. I am ready for it to be my birthday, which is in late June. I hope and pray that I am in remission by then. That is time to get in 6 rounds of chemo, which seems to be the magic number. In bad news my beard is coming out in handfuls. I knew I'd lose it to the chemo, but I didn't expect it to be this soon. Oh, well.

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@ [RIX](#):



**Iron
Fist**

I'll be back on the bike as soon as all this snow is over. I am so looking forward to that. One of my friends over on Weasel Zippers had some recommendations for me about coping skills to deal with the cancer, and one of his recommendations was to make plans for after I am in remission. I am already doing that. One of the big ones is to become a full-fledged member of the Infidels Motorcycle Club. I was just getting ready to prospect with them when I was diagnosed. I am in contact with one of them (Bootlegger) by email. That door is still open to me. They want to see me get well so I can start riding with them. I've been on one ride with them, but I was diagnosed the very next Monday. Oh, well. I am going to make it into the Club, hopefully by my birthday.

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@ [rain of lead](#):



**Iron
Fist**

I thought about it, but the Mafia Princess wants me to keep it as long as I can. Happy wife, happy life.

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@ [buzzsawmonkey](#):



**Iron
Fist**

I agree with you on this. I worked to fight against the "Assault Weapons" ban in 1994. We lost that battle, but won the war, so to speak, when we kicked the Democrats out of the House and Senate, but then most of us

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went on with our lives as though it was over. You are entirely correct when you say that the real fight starts after you've won the election. I tried some of that. A number of us that had fought in 1994 tried to form a grassroots group, Tennesseans for the Second Amendment, to work at a State level, but that didn't go very well. You basically saw two of the elected officers abuse our member database for their own private agenda, and that ended in a lawsuit that cost a friend of mine a pretty Penney to end. We took control back from the rogue "leaders", and shut the organization down. A lot of that happened while I was working on getting my computer science degree. Also, I was young at the time, and people tend not to listen to people who are young, even if those young people happen to have degrees in the discipline at hand, and the older people don't. That is a weakness that I try to guard against in myself now that I am more mature.

Anyway, I also agree that Conservatives seem to be more comfortable losing. I don't know why. This isn't true of **all** Conservatives, but of enough of them. OTOH, the reason the Tea Party didn't form into a more formal structure had less to do with being comfortable with losing than it did with that none of the people involved really knew what they were doing, so they didn't know how to capitalize on the mass movement. The Left-wing has professional revolutionaries. Barack Obama, as a Community Organizer, was one. On the Right, it is much more the Citizen-Soldier model. After the huge rallies, these people went back to their day jobs.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

Or the NRA. The NRA has matured as an organization since the early 1990s. I really like the ads that they are running on Fox, and the work that they've done making sure that no new gun control laws have passed the legislature. And we've been winning the gun debate at the State level, slowly but steadily, since 1990. Even the AWB was a setback at the State level. And it went away in 2004, and there is no danger of it getting through the legislature any time in the foreseeable future. We aren't losing across the board. We have a really good board position, as it were, with a solid majority of States in Republican hands. This would be making a bigger splash if the media were not, for the most part, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Democrat Party.

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**Iron
Fist**



@ [Aussie Infidel](#):

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**Iron
Fist**

And arm up. An advantage that the people of the United States have over almost all the other populations on the Earth is that we can arm ourselves, something James Madison takes note of in *Federalist No. 46*. That isn't the do all, end all panacea, but it does mean that the politicians have to be somewhat careful about what they do, lest the people take into their own hands the enforcement of the Social Contract. An example of this working can be found in the way Tennesseans handled the corrupt governor, Don Sundquist, when he tried to force an income tax down our throat in the mid '90s. We didn't drag anybody out in the streets and hang them, but the citizens of the State did go to Nashville and essentially lay siege to the Capitol Building while the Legislature debated the issue. If they passed it, there might very well have been violence. They didn't, and the issue has never been brought up again.

[at 8:22 pm](#)

@ [coldwarrior](#):

I saw it, but considered the source, and didn't say anything. I like Rodin, and I've known him long enough that he sometimes waxes hyperbolic. Sometimes he says things like that, that are truly indefensible, but I am a duck. Stuff like that just rolls off my back. I didn't used to be. I don't know if it is just that's I'm older, my martial arts training, the work of God in my life, or the serious psychological pharmaceuticals that I am on, but I am a lot more Zen in my middle age. Things that would have gotten people cut 30 years ago don't even raise my blood pressure anymore.



**Iron
Fist**

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at 11:09 pm](#)

@ [mfhorn](#):

I find that hard to believe. I'd need to see the methodology that they used to come up with that, but I think that they are skewing the results somehow. I wouldn't believe it if they had a poll with Cruz beating Clinton by 15 points. 5 points is believable, but not 15.



**Iron
Fist**

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[mfhorn](#) wrote:



**Iron
Fist**

@ Iron Fist:

Yeah, seeing the method & sample would be interesting.

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Obama's bad, but Bernie would be even worse.

I have no doubt about that. I can't conceive of Sanders winning no matter

who we put up, but sometimes the electorate does weird things. I expected Obama to beat McCain. People were tired of Bush, and Obama was preaching a beautiful sermon. I knew it was a lie, but who am I to stop a juggernaut of Invincible Ignorance that doesn't **want** to be educated?

Romney was more of a surprise. If Romney had campaigned as hard against Barack Obama as he campaigned against Newt Gingrich he might very well have won in 2012. Of course he **didn't**, not anything close to it, and so Obama had 4 more years to destroy the country. Whomever we put up will have to fight for the win. I **know** Ted Cruz will fight the Left. I am not so certain about Donald Trump. If he's our nominee, I pray that he does.

@ [RIX](#):

Rape is why all women should know how to use a gun, and should carry constantly. Very few women would be a match for me in a physical confrontation, even in my current weakened condition. That isn't just the martial arts training, but size, strength, and ruthlessness. Throw a gun in the mix, in the hands of the lady, and that equation radically changes. Even if I have a gun too, we are on a more level playing field. And there is nothing that stops a woman from being as deadly with a gun as a man. One of the best shots I've ever known was a woman, and she was scary accurate. 100% of rapists who are shot and killed when trying to commit their crime never do so again.



Iron
Fist

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@ [doriangrey](#):

You should go with my hairstyle. It is super low maintenance. As for my beard, I am going to keep it as long as I can, but it is already coming out in handfuls thanks to my chemotherapy. Oh, well. I'll grow it back once I am in remission.



Iron
Fist

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at 11:43 am](#)

@ [coldwarrior](#):

Not yet. I am hoping to go home today. If I don't the weather may keep me trapped here until Sunday. I haven't seen my doctor yet today. They are predicting more snow for tonight/tomorrow morning. They can't really predict the weather around here.



Iron
Fist

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [coldwarrior](#):

Hey, man, I am going home tonight. I should be home between 7:00 and 7:30. I can't wait. I've been in the hospital a week and a day. Time flies, but it hasn't been a lot of fun. I've been looking at shit for my Harley on

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EBay all afternoon. I have a lot of chrome to add to her



**Iron
Fist**

@ [Lily](#):

I've never seen a ghost or haunt, but I've had a communication from the Lord God Almighty, so I know the supernatural exists. I also know beyond doubt that there is a Devil in Creation, and I believe in demons as well (though I've never knowingly come into contact with one). Why not ghosts? Just because I haven't experienced it personally doesn't mean that it doesn't exist. Something Atheists really ought to keep in mind when they are theorizing about the nonexistence of God.

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at 6:07 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

Well, I am home. The Mafia Princess is out and about going to Kroger's and to pick up prescriptions that we dropped off on the way home. I got to at least set on my bike, and turn over her engine. She sounds good, but Cherry was a little louder. I like a loud bike. I am going to sink a fortune into her dressing her out, I am afraid. Cherry had all of that on her when I bought her. The insurance appraiser ballparked her custom touches at \$12K, and I only paid \$18,500 for her. Of course, I sold her for \$6K, but I sold her to one of my best friends, so I feel good about it. It was sufficient to get the down payment we needed to get the payment where we can afford it.

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I love my new bike better, though. I've already put almost 4K miles on her, and that is despite her being in the shop, and me being in the hospital. I love riding nearly every day. I always wanted to get there on Cherry, but never seemed to be able to make it. Now for joining a motorcycle club.



**Iron
Fist**

@ [texasam7](#):

I've never messed with Ouija boards, ever, but I played around with Tarot cards for a little while when I was a kid, and studied (but never practiced) ritual magic a bit. I've read some Crowley, and A.E. Waite. I never tried to prove that the shit worked, though. Like you, I have

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problems enough without fucking with sorcery and black magic.

Speaking of weird shit, though, I had something totally stage happen to me back over the summer. As everybody knows, before I got sick I was going to the gym at 3:00 in the morning on a regular basis. One morning I went to Walmart about 3:00 to get Dex (an OTC drug that I was taking for a while). They were out of Dex, so on my way back to my car, out of nowhere, a woman calls out to me "Sir! Would you like a drink of alcohol?" I haven't had but one drink in the last 4 1/2 years. All I did was say "No, thanks!", and kept walking. IMHO, right there was temptation directly from Satan. I have no doubt that if I'd succumbed to temptation the woman in question would have done more than just give me a drink or ten, but I was interested in that, either. Weird shit. I get such things that happen to me, though that is probably the weirdest thing that has happened to me.

@ [Calo](#):

Thanks! I'm certainly happy about it. Erika was in the bed with me earlier, and Rikka came to me to be petted as well. Everybody missed me, I believe, except maybe Pipping. He's our semi-feral cat. He doesn't bite or scratch, but he won't let us pet him. When we first got him he would let me pet him, but after we'd had him about 6 months he suddenly stopped letting me pet him. He will climb up on the Mafia Princess' lap for treats, and he likes to be near us. Every once in a while he will get up in the bed with me. We keep hoping that he will come around.



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Fist**

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@ [lobo91](#):

Exactly. Except her 3:00 AM call came in the early evening, and she still didn't answer the call. Whomever we run for President should beat her to death with that.



**Iron
Fist**

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@ [Daffy Duck](#):

God never provided me with Powerball numbers, but God has spoken to me, as I have related several times. It was a really scary thing to go to my psychiatrist, who has been treating me for depression and PTSD, and tell her that God Himself had spoken to me. After all, she could have me committed. I explained the whole thing to her, though, and she agreed that it was a genuine thing, and not a delusion.



**Iron
Fist**

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At the time I couldn't conceive of **why** God would speak to me. I still don't know why God chose me, of all people, but I think the why of it was He knew this cancer was coming, and he wanted to shore up my faith to be able to make it through this. It may be that without the words of encouragement from the Almighty the cancer would have been too much for me to stand.

Be that as it may, I **know** God exists the way that I know Russia exists. It isn't a matter of hope, or even faith. God has made Himself known to me in an extremely personal way. I am in awe and humbled. I know I've done nothing to deserve it. When God spoke to me, He didn't command me to take up thensword, and smite the Saracens, or to found a Church, or anything remotely like that. He assured me that He exists, and that He has seen my suffering through the many hard years, and that He **cares** about me. That is all, but how **huge** a thing it is to me personally.

[doriangrey](#) wrote:

Today officially sucks. Just got back from the hospital, my little brother has Lung Cancer.



**Iron
Fist**

Dorian, I am sorry to hear that. I know exactly how you and he must feel right now. Finding out you have cancer is a real kick in the crotch. But treatments are better than ever. Survival rates are going up. I'll keep you all in my prayers. And tell your brother to keep his spirits up, as best that he can. Having a positive attitude is very important in surviving cancer. Remember that all of us are in God's hands, and God doesn't make mistakes.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [rain of lead](#):

It is still raining over here. That means I can't go riding. I don't mind riding in the rain normally, but I am still recovering from pneumonia, so it probably isn't advisable for me to do so today.

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[lobo91](#) wrote:

RIX wrote:

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Fist

@ eaglesoars:

what IS it with the circular firing squads? Aim for the enemy already

It's getting ridiculous. I am watching some of Jeb attack ads on Rubio. You would swear that Marco is Lucifer himself.

And when we do get a nominee, he'll go out of his way to tell people what a great president the Dem nominee would be, like McCain did with Obama.

Having said that, I'm pretty close to being done with WZ. They're so far in the tank for Trump that they should be required to register as a PAC.

A lot of the posters there are pro-Trump, but the blog itself isn't necessarily behind him. I just took a scan of the front page, and while there were a couple of articles about Trump, they seemed reasonably neutral to me. The thing I'd complain about is the way Buzzsawmonkey was treated by a couple of mods, but Drew stepped in and squashed that.

On Trump himself, I agree with the National Review people who wrote against him. I don't want to see him as our nominee for a variety of reasons. I think either Cruz or Rubio would be a better, stronger candidate. But, as I've said before, if Trump is our nominee I will vote for him. He isn't as objectional to me as John McCain was.



**Iron
Fist**

@ [rain of lead](#):

That sounds like a lot of fun! I won't be able to do that once we get snow instead of rain. I am looking forward to being snowed in with the Mafia Princess.

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12:44 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

@ [Lily](#):

I am much more comfortable at home, in my bed with the cats. I've got Rikka and Erika in the bed with me now. I am ready to be in remission, though. I have next week off except for a couple of doctor's appointments, and then it is back into the hospital for chemo for another week.

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Fist

@ [Lily](#):

You've got that right. I know staying off the bike is the right thing to do. I just want to be out on the road. Maybe next week, if it dries out.

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Iron
Fist

@ [Lily](#):

That's the way I feel about him. He mostly says the right things, but I don't trust him to follow through on it. I also don't believe that he has much of a grasp on the size of the task he wants to set himself to. He thinks that it is going to be like negotiating with Atlantic City for another casino. I don't believe that he understands that the actors he will be dealing with in international relations aren't necessarily bound by the laws and norms of civilized society.

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Iron
Fist

@ [buzzsawmonkey](#):

Exactly. They want their own Obama who will ignore the Constitution and impose an agenda that they want. It's inviting, but I reject that temptation. My support of our Constitutional Republic is one of the cornerstone principles of my political (and religious) ideology. The people who are looking to Trump as a savior have moved away from this.

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Iron
Fist

@ [coldwarrior](#):

I disagree. Have you looked at who some of these NRO people are? Thomas Sowell is among them. Is he a "chickenhawk"? It also troubles me to see you using Leftist epithets against other Conservatives because they do not support the same candidate that you do. I don't like it when Rodin/Phantom Ace does it. I don't like seeing it from you, either. You are, of course, free to do as you like, but name-calling is not an effective form of argumentation.

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Trump's Cult of Personality is one of the things that troubles me about him. He is just a man he acts as though once elected he will just make everything "great" because he is "great", and everything will just fall into place. As I've said many times, I will vote for Trump if he is nominated. That is not the same as supporting him. Does that make me a "chickenhawk"? I support Cruz because I believe that he will more likely deliver on his Conservative rhetoric. With Trump I am afraid that once elected he **won't** deliver on his rhetoric. If he delivers, he will be a decent President. But I'd like to be hearing more specifics of **how** he is going to

accomplish what his lofty rhetoric promises.

@ [rain of lead](#):

It is sleeting, but not snowing yet. We are supposed to get the snow more like 7:00. I'd run to the store, but the Mafia Princess wouldn't hear of it. She worries more about the snow than I do. I grew up around here. They can't predict the weather around here for shit. We've got most everything that we need, but for the last couple of weeks I've been craving grape soda, and I am on my last can of that. I expect that we'll be able to get out tomorrow, though, so it isn't like I am going to be deprived for long.

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[RIX](#) wrote:

@ rain of lead:

Speaking for myself, Lowry and Kristol etc are not relevant. I really don't need to be lectured by them about ideological purity. They all travel in the same circles, and get their opinions from each other.

The issue is not who is the most conservative, but who would do the best job for the nation.

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Exactly. My concern about Trump are mostly not ideological. It is true that he has switched his positions on a number of issues, which does concern me, but I am more concerned about his lack of specifics about **how** he plans to implement his lofty rhetoric. Start giving detailed plans for implementing what you are advocating, and you will answer critics whom are worried that you don't mean what you say much more effectively than you would simply by insisting you mean what you say.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

I am with you on all of that. Trump is a carnival barker, full of sound and fury, but I don't see anything about how he intends to actually implement any of his promises. Cruz is my first choice. I don't care if the Washington Cartel doesn't like him. Indeed, that recommends him to me. It may give him difficulties passing legislation, though. That is where we, as the voting public, comes in.

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Rubin is who I expect to really win it, though the polls don't indicate that

right now. Ultimately, I can't see the Establishment embracing Trump, even to stop Cruz. Rubin, OTOH, I could see them holding their nose and voting for as the least evil of the choices for them. He is less than ideal for us, but might be the best shot we have at it, too.

Of course, nobody has voted yet. Everything may look very different after we've gotten a few actual elections under our belt.



**Iron
Fist**

@ [eaglesoars](#):

I remember watching that when I was a kid. A long time ago. I don't know if we are having snow yet. It is supposed to be on its way. I'll believe it when I see it.

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7:12 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

@ [eaglesoars](#):

Remember when snow was supposed to be a thing of the past due to Global Warming? Global Warmest is a job that is less demanding of results than professional baseball. With baseball if you are "right" 4 times out of 10 you are a superstar. Global Warmists don't have to be right at all to get their Federal grant money.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [eaglesoars](#):

I don't believe the last part is accurate. It says that only 1.5% of transmissions are from gay sex. I think they've reversed the gay and heterosexual numbers. It is quite difficult to actually transmit HIV through heterosexual sex, while we all know that gay sex is, in America, either the number one or number two cause of HIV transmissions, with the bulk of the rest coming from IV drug abuse. They've been predicting a massive heterosexual outbreak of HIV for most of my life, and it has never materialized.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [Internet Septic Tank Engineer](#):

How many white MAPs have there been in the NBA? It isn't particularly surprising, but demonstrates a great deal of hypocrisy, to note that most blacks have no problem whatsoever with professional sports being an absolute meritocracy, but freak out if any other profession is. Me, I'm in favor of an absolute meritocracy in all circumstances. I don't want my doctor to have graduated on an Affirmative Action slot, nor do I want my Software Engineers chosen for their skin color rather than their

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ability to code. Skin color is a stupid thing to judge people on. Martin Luther King hit the nail on the head when he said to judge him on the content of his character rather than the color of his skin. That is the Conservative position on race now, and that is as it should be.



**Iron
Fist**

Well, I'm on my way back to the ER. I was using the toilet, and Erika came to get petted while I was sitting there. She got tangled up in the feeding tube, panicked, and wound up pulling the part of the feeding tube that is surgically implanted about 2" out of place. It isn't life threatening, but the doctor told us to get me to the ER. At least the roads are still fairly clear. We are driving slowly, and hope that this doesn't turn into another 30 hours in ER nightmare the way it was the last time I went to the ER.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [RIX](#):

They are a formidable couple of women. Their very existence no doubt makes Hillary Clinton's teeth itch. People like them aren't supposed to exist.

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**Iron
Fist**

We made it to the ER safely. The roads were really pretty good, considering. It is still snowing, but not real hard. And the ER is practically empty. Maybe we can get through this quickly. I am afraid that I'll need surgery over this, though.

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Fist**

@ [Calo](#):

Two of the nurses that we've come to know (since I've been in the ER so much lately) have said that this isn't a particularly serious or difficult thing. I've already seen the doctor. One thing about weather like this is that it keeps everyone who doesn't have a real emergency home. I love Erika. The Mafia Princess is pretty pissed at her, but I am not. My mind is still serene, despite all of this. I am surprised by this, and grateful for it.

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In other news I did manage to do about half of my martial arts workout today. I did the Hsing I and the two Bagua sets. I had to rest about 2/3 of the way through the Hsing I, and then again between the Bagua sets, but at least I got something of a martial arts workout in. I hope to do better tomorrow. I have come too far to quit working out because of my health again. It was a terrible mistake the first time that I did that, but I was

dealing with a whole lot of things, and my crashing health was just the straw that broke that particular camel's back. The only thing that I am not training the way I want to is my Arnis. I had someone else to work with, but I haven't done so since I was diagnosed with cancer. I hope to get back into that at some point. I want to teach the stick drills to the Mafia Princess so that we can train together. With my Sensei coming back to town, we will both start taking from him as soon as he starts having classes again. In sure Thatcher want take very long.



**Iron
Fist**

Well, I am home from the hospital. They x-rayed me to be sure that my J-tube hadn't come out of my small intestine, and everything was fine. The doctor flushed the tube well, and then stitched it in in its new position. I

am about as good as new No 30+ hours in ER tonight.

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**Iron
Fist**

It is 5:00 AM, and I still can't get to sleep. I threw up my Lunesta, so I am SOL. I'll hopefully be able to at least nap today. The Mafia Princess wants to sleep in this morning, and I don't have a problem with that in the least. I've been debating gun control on Facebook. Not something that is really conducive to my falling to sleep. I think I'll go take my morning pain pill, and see if that can help me sleep.

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5:00 am](#)



**Iron
Fist**

@ [MacDuff](#):

We didn't get as much snow as we were supposed to get, either. I am happy with what we got. It is enough to be beautiful, but not enough to be difficult. We're going to get out and go to the store later. I won't be able to ride my bike for a few more days, though.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [rain of lead](#):

Love the little kitties! I don't know what my life would be like without my cats.

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**Iron
Fist**

Why is it considered a "Noble goal" to reduce "extreme" wealth? Who defines this "extreme", and what do they propose to do about it? Personally, it is no skin

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Iron Fist off my nose that Bill Gates is fabulously wealthy. Without Microsoft and the PC revolution, I would likely be working as a welder. Not that that isn't an honest trade, but it is physically demanding work, and breathing the fumes of flux and steel isn't exactly conducive to lung health, and I have enough problems there. Reducing extreme poverty, OTOH, is a noble goal, but how do you get there? The causes of poverty are many, and poverty itself is not a constant. The poor in America have flat screen TV's and cable TV, and all the food that they can eat. The poor in Bangladesh or Haiti are an entirely different story. By world standards Americans in poverty are doing as well as people of the Middle Class. Indeed, by Third World standards our poor are doing quite well.

@ [venta-fada](#):

Despicable. Yeah, going to a Mosque to gloat over a murder is despicable. As bad as our leadership in America is, you haven't, to my knowledge, quite seen that, though you had Dick Durbin(D-al QaedaD-go on the floor of the Senate and read al Qaeda propaganda straight into the Congressional Record, John Kerry calling our troops terrorists, and Ted Kennedy being all atwitter about Abe Ghraib. Traitors all, but they didn't quite go so far as to celebrate the actual murder of a US citizen.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [eaglesoars](#):

All of that is undoubtedly true. British Colonialism, and colonialization as a whole, was a civilizing force in much of the world. The uncivilized resented that, and when Decolonization happened, it was, for the most part, the uncivilized who took over. The best example of this would be in Mugabe's Rhodesia/Zimbabwe. There without question the uncivilized took over in force. With the exception of the Belgian Congo, where the colonizers were monstrous in their own right, decolonization was a disaster for the native people. India is also another example where things didn't go absolutely to shit with decolonization, but is there a third? Third World history as a whole isn't something that I know a whole lot about. You are right that Western Civilization has poured trillions of dollars into the Third World with precious little impact on the living standards of the indigenous people. Robert Mugabe's is living high on the hog, but the average Zimbabweans aren't.

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Fist**



@ [RIX](#):

Thanks formasking! I am doing OK. I am in a good bit of pain, but I'll manage. The dose of Percocet they have me on really isn't enough to kill the pain, but it makes it more bearable. That was true when I was dealing with just the kidney stones. They haven't gone away just because I came down with cancer, unfortunately. I'll cope with it the best that I can.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Yep. No doubt they were afraid that they'd be called racists if they did such a thing. That should not have stopped them, but that is water under the bridge. I am of mixed mind about their hit piece on Trump. As Greta pointed out last night, most people don't know who most of these people are. Their opinion of Trump therefore carries no real weight. That isn't true of some of them (Thomas Sowell would be the name that jumps out at me the most), but even someone of his stature isn't known to most people. Want it Shakespeare that said "A lot of sound and fury, signifying nothing"? That is really my take on it. Trump may win or lose, but this piece in NRO.wont have any measurable impact on that.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Where I lived in South Carolina we had a pretty large Indian community, right down to a Hindu Temple that was a beautiful piece of architecture. So while I don't know a lot about Hindu beliefs, I have lived around them a good bit, and they are decidedly not like Muslims. They were perfectly assimilated, good neighbors, and even friends. Even here in Knoxville there were a number of Indian friends, including one beautiful young lady that I almost dated. She wound up starting smoking, and after my first wife smokers were out. She later got pregnant from another guy, and when she was feeling very vulnerable about it she told me how much she wished the child were mine. She wound up getting an abortion, and went back to India for an arranged marriage. I also had a friend at UITnamed Krishna, and he was funny because he looked Indian, but had as heavy a Southern accent as I do. That should be no real surprise, as he was born and raised in East Tennessee. IIRC, his parents worked out at one of the government facilities in Oak Ridge.

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Anyway, the long and the short of it is that my experiences with Hindustani people have been uniformly positive, and I have a good bit of experience with

them.

@ [AZfederalist](#):

They create the problems that they then “solve” by reducing our freedom and taxing our asses off. Witness the Chicago crime rate. They have absolutely zero interest in really solving the issue. If they were concerned with getting the “gun homicide” rate down, they would be targeting the gangbangers who are doing the shooting. I remember reading something in the mid 1990s in the *New York Times* where they were trying to drum up support for the Unconstitutional gun sweeps (warrantless search and seizure looking for guns in the Chicago Housing Projects) where they claimed that they couldn’t go into some of these housing projects because the drug gangs had men with machineguns in the stairwells of the projects protecting their turf. I don’t know if that was really true, but this would have been just a few short years after the Waco Massacre, so they were quite wiling to kill mostly white kooky cultists for unlawfully possessing a machineguns, but somehow the BATF couldn’t be troubled when it is the Boys in a Hood protecting their drug manufacturing apparatus in Chicago. Those Boys are an important cog in the Democrat machine in Chicago, so what are a few machineguns amongst friends?



**Iron
Fist**

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

The Mafia Princess makes a spinach artichoke dip that you’d probably like. If I don’t forget it, I’ll have her send you the recipe.



**Iron
Fist**

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

That is good to know. We’ve only had to use our emergency vet clinic once, but that saved little Sally’s life. if we hadn’t brought him in when we did he would have died. It was something with his kidneys. It cost us more than \$1000, but it was worth it.



**Iron
Fist**

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@ [Macker](#):

I don’t mind that Beck is endorsing Cruz. Overall, I doubt that it matters much at all. Beck is a minor player, though I reckon that things have gone well for him



Iron

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Fist since he moved away from Fox. I was never a big fan of Beck's, even when he was still at Fox.

@ [buzzsawmonkey](#):

I agree. Even the best President can only do so much, especially when bringing the Executive branch back into its proper Constitutional role is one of the biggest "reforms" that we need. I think that Ted Cruz is our best shot at that, though I still think Carly Fiorina would be even better. This is just not her year. Cruz doesn't pander, or pander as much as is typical. The best example of this is his principled stand against the Ethanol Mandate. That has the potential to cost him votes in Iowa, but he has taken it anyway. That is real leadership on the issue. Trump, OTOH, has no problem wasting that money.



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Fist**

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[texasam7](#) wrote:

@ eaglesoars:

Electing Democrats hasn't stopped the establishment from getting their perks so far.



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And that is **all** that the Establishment Republicans really care about. They don't care about passing policy, or, for that matter, governing. We saw that 2004-2006 when the Republicans could have done so much, and instead chose to govern no different than Democrats. This let the Democrats get to the **Right** of the Republicans on fiscal matters, at least in their rhetoric. Of course, as soon as they were elected, they let their true colors show. That is why they are out of power now. But the Republicans that are up there now aren't really much better.

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[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

One of the reasons Cruz is feared is because HE

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destroys the establishment model. He doesn't care about getting along, he cares about getting things done.

And that is the biggest reason that I am a Cruz supporter. He wants to really do what I've been calling on the Republicans to do ever since the **first** Bush Administration. He wants to pass Republican policies. We did some of that in the later 1990s. Hindsight shows that Newt Gingrich was pretty effective at passing policy, though I believe that even then we could have gotten more done if Bob Dole had been interested in really getting things done.

That is water under the bridge. They did what they did, and didn't do what they didn't do. We have to look towards the future. Primarying Establishment types is one of the things that we **can** do, as Eric Cantor found out. We aren't going to be successful at every one of these that we try to do, but we can send a real message when we are successful.

I am concerned about passing policy. I don't care who has the fanciest offices in the Capitol Office Building. The Establishment Republicans do care about such things, and i am willing to give them to them provided that they, in return, start pushing the agenda that I want to see them pursue.



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@ [rain of lead](#):

That is good! I've always liked Bloom County, even though Breathed is something of a moonbat.

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@ [Bumr50](#):

I think whomever we nominate is going to be a serious contender no matter whom they nominate. I think Cruz can win, and is more likely to win than Donald Trump. Rubio is probably the most electable candidate, though, if that is your primary consideration. I really expect for Rubio to be our candidate when all is said and done. We'll see. Nobody has even voted yet, so we don't know how any

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of these elections are going to go,



**Iron
Fist**
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@ [texasam7](#):

Yeah, I made it back home from the ER yesterday morning. The cat didn't pull my feeding tube completely out. I am in considerable pain, though. That'll hopefully clear up over the next few days. Thanks for asking!

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [buzzsawmonkey](#):

I think she would look better in a prison orange pantsuit.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [RIX](#):

Does Cory Booker have any real idea who George Washington even is? My bet is that when it comes down to brass tacks he doesn't. Oh, he knows that Washington was the First President, but I doubt that he has any idea what kind of Ideology Washington had.

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[buzzsawmonkey](#) wrote:

Iron Fist wrote:



**Iron
Fist**

I think she would look better in a prison orange pantsuit.

Still my favorite Hillary campaign song:

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This Old Hag

–apologies to Stuart Hamblen, and “This Old House”

This old hag once was a lawyer
This hag worked on Watergate
This old hag was fired from that job

'Cause ethical she ain't This old hag bought cattle futures
That were cover for a bribe
But she managed to skate on that Because evidence she'd hide

But to everybody's wonder
She is now a candidate
And to hear her people tell it She's right next door to a saint Every where
she goes she's followed
By a foul corruption scent She's the Democrats' front runner
Wants to be the president

This old hag attacked the women
Her husband abused and raped
She worked as her man's enabler
Helped to get him out of scrapes
She likes to pose as a champion
Of women's equality
But the only woman that She truly cares about is she

But to everybody's wonder
She is now a candidate
And to hear her people tell it She's right next door to a saint Everywhere
she goes she's followed
By a foul corruption scent She's the Democrats' front runner
Wants to be the president

This old hag worked for Obama
As Secretary of State
She set up the Ambassador
And she left him to his fate
She ran all her email business
On a private server, too
Which is why our security
Is now well and truly screwed

But to everybody's wonder
She is now a candidate
And to hear her people tell it She's right next door to a saint Everywhere
she goes she's followed
By a foul corruption scent She's the Democrats' front runner
Wants to be the president

This old hag has a foundation

That collects cash everywhere
The Chinese or the Islamists
What's the source? She doesn't care
If they want to give her money
She believes that it's all good
And her assistant is a honey
From the Muslim Brotherhood

But to everybody's wonder
She is now a candidate
And to hear her people tell it
She's right next door to a saint
Everywhere she goes she's followed
By a foul corruption scent
She's the Democrats' front runner
Wants to be the president

As Hannibal Lecter said about Miggs after he committed suicide, "Not anymore."

@ [RIX](#):



**Iron
Fist**

There is nothing to be gained by still being anti-Reagan in this day and age. And A Reagan is the most respected President of either Party in my lifetime. Opposing him now just want get them anywhere with today's electorate, or they'd still be opposing him.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):



**Iron
Fist**

I have almost never rode a bike without a helmet. The only times that I haven't worn a helmet is riding around at slow speed in a parking lot. I always wear a helmet when I am on the road. That said, I don't think that the law should require you to wear a helmet. I'd leave that up to the individual, except maybe in the case of minors. My youngest sister lost a friend/boyfriend in a motorcycle accident because he want wearing a helmet. Like I said, I'd never ride without one, but adults should be able to make their own decisions about such things.

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@ [AZfederalist](#):



**Iron
Fist**

I don't know about insurance actuarial tables, but that correct that the populace isn't in danger from law abiding citizens carrying guns. The predicted "Wild West" shootouts never happened. Of course, the real

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Old West didn't have shootouts like they showmen the movies. The wildest western towns in the post-Civil War era had homicide rates that were very low compared to modern cities like Chicago or Washington, DC. The reason that things tie the Shootout at the OK Corral and Billy the Kid are still having movies made about them is because things like these weren't common at all.

@ [eaglesoars](#):



**Iron
Fist**

I think that the polls are kind of cooked. I don't think they are falsifying the data per se, but rather there are a lot of people who are saying that they will vote for Trump, but I don't think a lot of them will show up to vote. I could be wrong about that, of course, but we want know about that until the votes are actually cast.

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@ [mfhorn](#):



**Iron
Fist**

That was, to my knowledge, limited to Tombstone, Arizona. Everywhere else you were allowed tie carry in the West. I am not sure when they started regulating carrying guns in places like New York City. A brief search of Google didn't turn up anything detailing the history of NYC gun control.

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It will be interesting to see what happens with oil prices over the next couple of years. Obviously, they aren't going to come down much, but will the excess production combined with reduced demand continue? There are a lot of indicators that the economy is slowing, and that means demand will also likely continue to be slack. All of this is just what I've gleaned about the industry. I am certainly no commodities trader, or other kind of expert in the field.



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Fist**

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@ [rain of lead](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Snake Plisskin? I thought you were dead!

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@ [mfhorn](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Yeah, but we aren't inclusive enough if they don't have steak for every meal, or fancy French food. You know, I don't think I've ever had French

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cuisine. I am so deprived



**Iron
Fist**

@ [rain of lead](#):

Hey, man! Things here have gone relatively well. It took me a long time to get out of bed, this afternoon. I've been staying up late at night, so that is why I am not getting out of bed until later in the day.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [yenta-fada](#):

That doesn't necessarily mean Trump will be a good President. I worry about what will happen, and he is elected President. Beck, *et al*, is correct that Trump doesn't talk a whole lot about the Constitution. How much does he really know about the Constitution? I can see him wanting to run things with a pen and a phone the same way Obama does. With Cruz I know where he stands on that issue.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [coldwarrior](#):

Yeah, what do they call Hillary's "Pay to Play" State Department? Public "Service"? I have no doubt that the Russian Government is corrupt, but I find it unlikely to believe that they are more corrupt than the current American regime.

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at 9:05 am](#)



**Iron
Fist**

@ [Lily](#):

This Pope appears to be a Pope who is far to the Left of any other Pope in my lifetime. Like our Leftist President, this pope appears to have a suicidal love for Islam. That won't stop Islamic terrorists from doing unto them what they refuse to do to the Mohammedans.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [Carolina Girl](#):

They are charging CMP for trying to purchase fetal body parts, but don't charge Planned Parenthood for offering these body parts. Say what? They are saying on Fox that it is a runaway Grand Jury.

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Iron

@ [Lily](#):

Lily!!! The Pope is perhaps the most widely respected religious leader in the world. As such, his first duty is to God and his flock, but he also owes

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Fist a duty to all Christians, everywhere in the world. For him to meet with this butcher, not to witness to him, but rather to support him on the world stage. It is quite strange to see.

@ [coldwarrior](#):

They are unwilling to defend Western Civilization against the Saracen hoard. They don't believe that Western Civilization is worth defending. This sickness of the West comes from the success of the Left in setting and controlling the narrative, and the fact that the Right has more or less abandoned the field when it comes to defending Western Civilization completely. We've let the Left educate our young all of my life. That is a big place that this kind of behavior comes from.



**Iron
Fist**

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@ [yenta-fada](#):

I am doing pretty well today. I am still sleeping a lot, but then I don't get to sleep until late. I saw my oncologist today. He cleared me to ride my motorcycle, so that is good. I am trying to get together a few people for a ride up the Foothills Parkway on Saturday. That a nice, easy ride. It isn't like, say, doing Cherochalla Skyway and the Dragon.



**Iron
Fist**

As to the Europeans not doing the "man" thing, I think you are 100% correct. They have so feminized their society, with such a warped version of "femininity", that they aren't capable of stepping up when the time comes. They are the end result of decades of teaching children that the worst thing you can do is to defend yourself against aggression. That Cultural Suicide is preferable to defending Civilization. That all cultures are equal except Western Culture, which is bike and must be destroyed. What kind of not-men would you expect such a culture to produce?

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@ [buzzsawmonkey](#):

I think it stems from a desire for revenge not just on the Left, but on the putatively Right-wing Establishment. The Establishment has had decades to make their case, and have given us decades of failure. Trump says he will change all of that, and people are looking for a savior, not a President. But nothing is set in stone yet. No one has voted yet. We'll see what the actual voters will do.



**Iron
Fist**

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at 7:21 pm](#)



@ [Mojambo](#):

Yeah, I don't find "Let.It.Burn" to be helpful. I am not as big a Trump hater as you, Buzz, Rodan, or, for that matter the Mafia Princess, but I sincerely hope that Cruz wins in Iowa, and winds up being our candidate. That said, I will vote for Trump if he is our nominee. Buzz may be entirely right about him, but that doesn't mean that Hillary Clinton or Bernie Sanders is a acceptable alternative. Cruz strikes me as the better bet because I know that Cruz really means his rhetoric, while I believe that Trump is just saying what he knows the Electorate wants to hear.

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@ [Mojambo](#):

Jeb will never be President. I expect our final nominee to be Rubio, no matter what the polls purport to say. Maybe even Rubio/Cruz. But if Trump does win Iowa, New Hampshire, and South Carolina, then he may sweep the primaries. If the people who say that they are for Trump turn out and vote for him, then he will be our nominee. And I expect whomever we nominate to win if they are willing to actually fight for the win.

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@ [Mojambo](#):

You'd like the post I just made over at Weasel Zippers:

Any Republican frontrunner is going to draw fire.if Trump were to drop out tomorrow Cruz would be the one taking it in the teeth. I watched the first debate, and I didn't feel then that Trump was asked anything improper. Again, if Trump can't handle Kelly without diving into name-calling, what is he going to do with Putin? Even if you could convince me that Kelly was biased against him, and was taking cheap shots at him, how Presidential is Trump looking to walk away, take his toys, and go home? Remember how Ted Cruz took on the moderators in the CNN debate? **That's** how a President handles unfair criticism. **We've already got a President with a razor thin skin. Why should we elect someone else with a razor thin skin just because they are putatively on the Right?**

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It'll be interesting to see if he follows through on his threat to boycott Fox, and very interesting to see what happens to the ratings if he does. I know **I'm** not watching to see Trump spout his platitudes.



**Iron
Fist**

@ [RIX](#):

Exactly! There's no need to be uncivil here. We are generally in agreement on the issues. We have serious differences about how to get there, but unlike our disagreements with the Democrats, we all have similar policy goals. I think that we disagree on how we get there, not where we want to go. Lets save our invective for the real Enemy.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [rain of lead](#):

Yeah, I don't see name-calling as being very productive. It is a point where I generally set that person to "ignore". I have reached a point in my life that I no longer feel it necessary to meet invective with further invective.

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**Iron
Fist**

Oh, and I really like the way Cruz has handled this debate about the debate. Bet you Trump won't show up for that one, either.

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@ [MacDuff](#):

Agreed. I've been debating this over at Weasel Zippers, too. Trump has a lot of support there, but there are others, like me, that haven't drank that Kool-aid. Trump thinks he is bigger than the process, and it is never safe to give such a man power. We don't need (though some people appear to want) our own Right-wing version of Obama, and that is the role that Trump appears to be auditioning for. I make no bones about the fact that I am for Cruz. I'd hoped Carly Fiorina would do better, but she isn't. Cruz stands the best chance of getting the nomination if Trump isn't going to get our nomination. I am worried that Trump will run the table. We won't know for several weeks how these first primaries are going to turn out. If Trump is our nominee, I'll vote for him. The Mafia Princess is adamant that she won't vote for him under any circumstance. That she just won't vote for President at all if Tramp's the nominee. I hope that we can do better than Trump, but we'll have to see how the votes come in.



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Fist**

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Iron

[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

RIX wrote:

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Fist

The main reason, jobs!

He has said things like he'd stop companies like Ford and Nabisco from relocation off shore. Of course, he didn't go into details about how he'd do that, but any method I can think of would be illegal.

He's a business man. It would have been better to talk about how he would change the business environment to help them stay.

Indeed. Things like that matter. Has Trump not thought of it in this terms? You would think that as a businessman, that would be his **first instinct**, rather than not apparently occurring to him at all.

Cruz is on Hannity kicking Tramp's ass about not showing up for the debate. I like that.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

I think that Rubio will wind up with the nomination, and his likability is one big plank in that platform. I think the Establishment will eventually unite behind Rubio, and they swing a mighty big hammer. I prefer Cruz, though, and right now he's the one making the numbers in the polls. If Trump doesn't just run away with it, we may really be facing a brokered convention. Odds are against that, but this isn't an ordinary election cycle.



Iron
Fist

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@ [Bumr50](#):

Interesting. I don't remember hearing about that. Typical Obama. The man is not any form of Christian. I am very reluctant to judge the position of another man's soul, but Obama has made it plain in ways both great and small that he is no stripe of Christian. At all.



Iron
Fist

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@ [MacDuff](#):

Yeah, I don't see her changing her mind, but that likely doesn't matter. Whomever is the Republican nominee is going to win Tennessee. Al Gore couldn't win here, and even then it was close. A little thing that the Punditocracy has never really acknowledged. If Gore had won Tennessee, it wouldn't have mattered who won Florida. But we knew Gore, and so he didn't stand a chance here. There's no way Clinton or



Iron
Fist

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Sanders (or Elizabeth Warren, for that matter) wins Tennessee.

Totally OT, did you see that my oncologist has cleared me to ride my trike? I am looking forward to riding this weekend. I may ride before then. I go into them hospital for my next round of chemo next Monday, so I want to get what riding in that I can.



**Iron
Fist**

@ [Bumr50](#):

Yeah, it'd be interesting to douse Obama with holy water just to see if he'd melt

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [Bumr50](#):

Yep, I agree. Religiously Obama is an Atheist, but if he could bring himself to believe in anything greater than himself, he'd become a Mohammedan, because he has tremendous respect for Islam. And you are right that he flat out hates Christians and Jews.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [Bumr50](#):

Yep, I would like to see more pushback, really from everywhere. This is a Civilizational struggle. A Clash of Civilizations, if you concede that the Mohammedans actually have a true civilization, something that I would question.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [Bunk X](#):

HHeh™ I love things like that. Did you know that the Marines require all of its members to train in the martial arts? It is their own style of martial arts, that partakes of traditional martial arts, Jiu Jitsu, Krav Mega, and so on. Rank in the art is required as part of what you have to do for promotions in rank, as I understand it. I've never worked with anyone that had trained in it (it wasn't part of the Marine Corps curriculum when I worked with them my senior year of high school), so I can't say as to the kind of warrior they turn out. But I think that they probably turn out some formidable people, just because of the quality of warrior that they start with.

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@ [MacDuff](#):

Thanks, man! I firmly believe in the power of prayer. Last week was pretty rough, but I got out of the hospital on Thursday night. I had to go back to the ER when Erika pulled my stitches for my feeding tube loose, but I am feeling much better. I am thrilled to be getting back on my bike. I may ride over to the tattoo shop tomorrow if it isn't raining. Normally I

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wouldn't care about rain, but I am just getting over pneumonia.



@ [readergirl13](#):

Out OT the mouths of babes Live every day like it is your last. One day it will be.

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@ [Phantom Ace](#):

Cool, thanks! Years ago I read a book on pre-20th century warfare by Victor Davis Hanson, and Leptano was one of the pivotal battles covered. The Mohammedans have never been great soldiers, but you've got to admit that their disdain for their very own lives makes them formidable to have to fight. All you can do is kill them. That is perfectly acceptable to me.

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@ [Bunk X](#):

Wow, congratulations. Martial arts brings so much to a person's life. Self-defense is part of it, but the True Art is as much about the perfection of one's character as it is perfection of one's technique. My life would be so drastically different if I hadn't gotten into the martial arts. It is up there with my being a Christian as a cornerstone of my being. It sounds like your kids are starting off right. You should be proud, and I am certain that you are.

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Good morning, everyone! I am back at the hospital, this time for a blood transfusion. I am apparently drastically anemic. Lovely. We are waiting for the blood to come from wherever it comes from. I don't particularly **want** a transfusion. It isn't against my religion, or anything like that. I don't care if the donor was black or white, or pace or chartreuse, for that matter, but I did worry about Hep C or HIV. I appear to be the only person in here at this hour. We wanted early morning so that the Mafia

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Princess could drop me off, and still get to work on time. Mission accomplished

@ [Macker](#):

We could land all 1.3 billion of them on the Sun, and it wouldn't hurt my feelings one bit. We would almost have world peace if we got rid of the Muslim violence. That doesn't mean that we have to kill them all, but we are going to have to kill enough of them that the survivors prefer peace to being butchered. When you are dealing with a Death Cult whose members look forward to death (and killing) that they are willing, and in some cases are eager to commit suicide as long as they get to kill Infidels. We have to make it such certain death to feel this way that the survivors seriously rethink their faith. They don't all have to convert to Christianity, but they are going to have to accept the teachings of Christ on war and violence, stoning of adulteresses, and shit like that. If they refuse, then we have to kill them. It really is that simple.



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@ [rain of lead](#):

We found out I needed it yesterday. We could have done it yesterday, but the Mafia Princess really had to get back to work. Shen is missing enough because of my cancer. Her work has been very understanding, but she is a 1099 contractor, so if she doesn't work, she doesn't get paid. The same is true for holidays and vacations. We are hopeful that they will make her a permanent employee. Her immediate boss wants to do that, but so far no joy. Like me with Team Health, her job at Ouster is the best job she has ever had. God has blessed us beyond measure. Even with the cancer, I am still one of the luckiest men in the world.



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Fist**

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@ [texasam7](#):

Thanks, man! I'm home now, and the Mafia Princess is setting up my feeding tube. The transfusion was painless, and only took about an hour to complete once they had the blood on hand. It turns out I am O+, which, IIRC means I can accept any kind of blood. In any event, the hardest thing about the transfusion was getting up at 5:30 to get me showered and all to make it to the hospital by 7:00. While the transfusion was going on I was on my tablet looking at custom parts for my Barley. I'm going to wind up putting another \$10 grand into this bike with customization, especially



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Fist**

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when I get the custom paint done. That'll be a couple or three grand before it is all said and done. My tattoo artist probably won't charge me that much, but AI want him to have a good payday out of it, so I'll be paying him accordingly. He may charge a stright \$90 an hour, which is what he charges me for my tattoo work. He's worth every penny of that. Custom wheels are on the wish list, but that will be another \$3 grand, so not for a while. There's a reason custom bikes go for \$50-60 grand, or more. I'll have to customize her as I can afford it. She's already a beautiful bike, and has a couple of grand in customization already, including better mufflers and a sound system. I want to crime out her engine, and get some different handlebars. I also want an engine guard, which isn't strictly necessary with a strike, but I have one picked out that will look really nice. Just the engine guard and new handlebars are going to set me back about a grand. A motorcycle is an expensive toy. I never did all of this to Cherry because she was dressed out to the nines when I bought her.

@ [coldwarrior](#):



**Iron
Fist**

I think it is a tactical mistake on Tramp's part as well, but Trump is such an unconventional candidate that it is hard to say if this will help him or hurt him. What is more likely two hurt him are his comments the other day about how much he liked Nancy Pelosi, *et al.* *Even that may not hurt him, but if I were Cruz I'd have ads up everywhere using Tramp's own words on that issue to undercut him.*

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@ [lobo91](#):



**Iron
Fist**

To the Left there is really nothing more vile than self-defense. Most of them won't come right out and say that, but you can tell that is how they really feel by their actions in that regard. It isn't just their drive forrrgun control, or their lack of interest in keeping known dangerous criminals off the streets. They oppose self-defense everywhere. Who can forget that moonbat in Colorado who told that rape victim that she should have urinated on herself to make her "unattractive" to her rapist? Pulling out a pistol and shooting the tucker dead just doesn't cut it for the Democrats. Just as nearly all Mohammedans support the Jihad against the West, so, too, do most democrats support the Jihad against the natural right to self-defense.

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Well, I am awake now. Nice to see there's no blood on the floor while I was

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asleep it is 34 outside, so I'll make the Mafia Princess happy and not go for a ride today. I want to, and I've ridden in colder weather than this, but I am still recovering from my pneumonia, so it probably wouldn't be wise for me to ride. If it were 15 degrees warmer, though, I'd ride over to the tattoo shop, and visit. I am very blessed with the tattoo artist that I have been working with all of these years. We have been through a lot of life together, and have become as close as family. He came to visit me in the hospital last week, which really cheered me up. There's so much negative going on in my life right now. I need some positive things happening, too. I can't get another tattoo until I am done with chemo, but when the doctor clears me for it, I am going to really hit it hard.

@ [RIX](#):


**Iron
Fist**

The place of "moderate" Mohammedans in the Jihad is to scream racism and "Islamophobia" whenever anybody does anything that is effective against the "radical" Mohammedans. They aren't neutral, innocent bystanders. They are enemy in the field, fighting the information side of the War with Islam. They aren't likely to go shoot up a Christmas Party or bomb a train station, but the sure a God support the terrorists who do so.

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@ [Phantom Ace](#):


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Fist**

Muslims have to kill. It is as much a part of their religion as the Divinity of Christ is a party of ours. If they don't have infidels to kill, they'll start killing each other. This is one of the ways that the evil roots of Islam manifest themselves.

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@ [RIX](#):


**Iron
Fist**

That is exactly what tit is like. And all these SOBs that are trying to ban Confederate memorials and the Confederate Flag are evil haters who hate the South, and bruise Southerner's feelings, so they need to stand the fuck down, or maybe we'll take a play out of the Mohammedans playbook, and "radical" Southerners start cutting off some of their heads.

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@ [Phantom Ace](#):


**Iron
Fist**

Sweet! I don't see me spending that kind of geld on a drone, though. The

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Fist electronics are amazing, and I can even see some military utility to adding drones like this and the skill to fly them to my arsenal, but I just don't have the money, and probably wouldn't fly it if I had it. I have a little indoor RC helicopter around here somewhere that I bought to play with when I was recovering from one of my various illnesses over the last 5-6 years, and I think I have played with it less than 10 times. It takes real skill to pilot a drone, and I just don't have the time or initiative to develop that kind of skill.

@ [Phantom Ace](#):

Sorry to hear that. Hopefully you'll get the parts soon, and be back to flying. It must be a pretty awesome thing to pilot military drones, especially the ones that can be used to kill enemy combatants on the ground. That would be kind of like being a sniper. A radically different skillet, in some ways, but the same kind of God's eye and hand of death role on the battlefield. If I had it to do over again I would probably go into the Marines, and shoot for Scout-Sniper. I don't know that I could cut sniper school, though. I am not naturally a very proficient shot, but that can be improved upon with the right training.



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Fist**

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [eaglesoars](#):

Skeet!

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [Mojambo](#):

Pretty much. He is whining about Megan Kelly. How does he expect to stand up to international relations? Does he really believe his own press so much that he believes he'll just play *Let's Make a Deal* with Putin and the Ayatollahs, and they'll just fall in line because he is such a great guy? He appears to really believe that, which means he simply doesn't see reality. Putin will eat him alive.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [readergirl13](#):

Not really my kind of book. I am not much for love stories, though I guess in part my life has been something of a love story, at least for the last decade. Right now I am focused on the upcoming election and on surviving cancer. But thanks for the recommendation.:)

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [Bumr50](#):

I've never understood how a cop could "lose" a gun. I've had a gun stolen from me, but I've never lost one. My bet is that a lot of these "lost" guns were in reality sold on the black market. When I was 17 I bought a .357 magnum from a cop. I don't reckon it was his duty gun, but he sure didn't mind selling to a teenager.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [readergirl13](#):

I am doing pretty well. I had to have a blood transfusion this morning, though. I am extremely anemic, which is one of the reasons I am so godawful tired. I am hoping that helps with that. I start my next round of chemo on Monday, so I won't have much of a break from the hospital. The chemo that they are doing on me is a week long, 24-hour-a-day regimen. We are being aggressive because my cancer is aggressive. I have been able to eat a bit better than I was, and I am hoping I will be able to eat even better after my second round of chemo. My oncologist is pleased with where I am after my first round. I have to do at least two more rounds of chemo before we really reassess my tumor. I don't really expect to be in remission after three rounds of chemo, but after six rounds I hope that I will be.

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[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

RIX wrote:

<http://www.thegatewaypundit.com/breaking-cnn-says-they-will-host-trumps-counter-programming-to-gop-debate/>



**Iron
Fist**

@ Gateway Pundit Interesting, CNN has picked up the Trump event from Drake University tomorrow night.

It begins at the same time as the debate.

Game on!

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That's going to be interesting. Trump is always bragging that without him, the ratings tank. We'll see.

Yeah, it is going to be interesting to see what **really** happens tomorrow night. I am hoping for stellar ratings. I will be watching it. I hope Cruz mops the floor with everybody else. It is time for some people to drop out. I know no one will until after Iowa, but why are people like Random Paul

and Job Bush still in the race? Bush has spent somewhere north of \$50 million on his campaign, and he has lost market share. Maybe he'll pull a rabbit out of his hat, but I really don't see it happening.



**Iron
Fist**

@ [readergirl13](#):

Good night! Sweet dreams! I hope to Join you shortly, but I usually have trouble falling asleep.

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Fist**

@ [mfhorn](#):

want me. I use Chrome. I've noticed problems in the browser with the keyboard on my Android tablet. That is really the only complaint I have about it. The problem persists in both Chrome and Firefox, but not in other applications like email and other text editors. It is a sporadic event, sometimes not showing up for hours, and sometimes rendering typing impossible. It is annoying, but I'd be screwed without my tablet with all the doctor's appointments and hospital stays.

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**Iron
Fist**

I don't much give a rat's ass about professional sports, but I will say this about them: they are pretty much a solid meritocracy, and one in which blacks excel far beyond whites. People afraid of a black quarterback? Please. It is ludicrous on the face of it. 50 years ago that might would have been true, but today the remark is ludicrous on the face of it. If people are afraid of **anything** black, it is the black thugs in the street. That is understandable. But to extrapolate from that some fear of a black quarterback is borderline crazy.

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Fist**

@ [yenta-fada](#):

Heh™ That about sums it up. Except that Clinton would never hire anyone contentious enough to question the orders to destroy these emails. Or any other order, I suspect.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [eaglesoars](#):

The future must not belong to those who mock the Nazis. Everybody knows that.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [rain of lead](#):

I'm feeling pretty good. I rode my bike over to the tattoo shop, and saw my artist and his wife. Really good people. It was cold, but it was good to ride. I haven't ridden my bike since they put my feeding tube in. I've been in the hospital so much. I am hoping to go on a longer ride on Saturday. I absolutely love my trike. I don't know if I'd be able to ride my Springier in the health that I am in. I want able to ride her for several years because of my health. I loved that bike, but I didn't get to ride her the way I am Angel. And, of course, my wife wouldn't ride the Springer with me. She'll ride the Freewheeler.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [eaglesoars](#):

Yeah, I loved that. It is really too cold for a long ride, but a little 30 minute ride want bad. If I get to ride Saturday, I'll dress a little warmer. I am wanting to do a 3-4 hour ride Saturday, but I may decide that will be too long. I am looking forward to this debate. I hope Trump doesn't show up. I don't know if it will hurt him. He seems invulnerable to what would wreck other campaigns. But I don't think his thin-skinned petulance will help him any. Who knows? We'll see how he does next week. That is the real test of these candidates.

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[rain of lead](#) wrote:

@ Iron Fist:

@ RIX:



**Iron
Fist**

I'll be glad when the caucus is over and the results of the only polling the really counts is in

get the first 3-4 states out of the way, shake out the bottom tier losers and deadwood and let the games begin

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I am with you there. I want to see if Trump's people turn out for him. If they do, he is probably our nominee. If they don't, he crashes and burns. Like Hillary Clinton, he's built a lot of his appeal on inevitability. If he starts off losing, that erodes that.



The debate has started, and Trump, as expected, didn't show up. Cruz is already making the most of it.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Exactly so. There is nothing nefarious about it. If Trump had been on stage he would have gotten the first question instead of Cruz because he's the frontrunner. That is why he got tough questions when they did the first debate. I've heard the original question from Megan Kelly that got all the controversy kicked off, and it was a fair question. Trump does have a history of being insulting towards women that he disagrees with, often in fairly personal and degrading terms. If he doesn't think for a minute that Hillary will use that against him, he is too out of touch with reality to be President. Romney had nothing remotely comparable to Trump's ecomments, and their #WarOnWomen assault was a big factor in his lusing in 2012. Romney never really figured out how to answer that attack. It is imminently pertinent to ask Trump how he will deal with it when those attacks come. Becuse those attacks are coming as surely as the Sun will rise in the East if Trump is our nominee.



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@ [Buckeye Abroad](#):

Hey, man! I've been doing pretty well this week. I've managed to stay out of the hospital. This is the first week since the New Year started that

I've managed to do that I got to ride my motorcycle yesterday. It was a cold day for it, but at least I was in the wind. I went over to the tattoo shop, and visited a little with my brother and his wife. My tattoo artist and I have been through a lot together. He was telling the guy he was working on how I've gone from just a customer, to a really good customer, to his best customer, to a friend, and now to be family. Steev is a great guy. He's a friend that I can rely on. Today I have two doctor's appointments. One with my pain management clinic, and one with my GP. I go back into the hospital for my next round of chemo starting Monday. All in all I am doing pretty good, all things considered.



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Sorry to hear about your legal troubles. I hope they get resolved quickly and painlessly.



@ [Buckeye Abroad](#):

I thought that Cruz did well, but Rubio did better. It was nice not having to listen to Donald Trump. There was some piling on on Cruz, but for the

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most part I thought everything was reasonably fair. But, then, I don't think Megyn Kelly was out of line at all with her questioning of Trump in the first debate. Nobody landed a knockout punch last night. I had hoped to see Cruz do better, but I guess he did acceptably. We'll see what the Iowa voters do Monday.

@ [Aussie Infidel](#):

Makes me wonder why I continue to pay my bills to these bastards. Me and the Mafia Princess are finally current on all of our loans, and are looking towards being debt free except for Angel and the house in a couple of years. Of course, we now are going to have a lot of medical bills to pay, but that is just what it is. But to see these banks going down this road again is appalling. Things like this are why I am not against all regulation. Banks, for one, have shown us that they can't be trusted without regulation. The problem is, though, that you can't trust the regulators, either. The whole system is corrupt. I am not sure what you do about that, though.



**Iron
Fist**

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

It was a joke. It didn't go over very well because Ted Cruz isn't a good comedian. Harris Faulkner is saying that Cruz had a rough night on Outnumbered, and I have to admit that she has some solid points. I thought that Cruz did better than they think he did, nobody, including me, thinks Cruz won the night. That honor goes to Rubin for the main debate, and Fiorina for the earlier debate.



**Iron
Fist**

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I don't think Trump's not showing is going to damage him in any significant degree. We'll find out in three days time if that is a correct assessment.

@ [Daffy Duck](#):

Yeah, I can think of a few solutions myself, and I think that Dorian's stout hemp hemp is a great possibility. I don't really expect that to happen, but it would be a just solution to the problem. My dad used to say that we should elect Legislators for life, and then reaffirm that term every two years. If they lose their reaffirmation, then you hang them. Maybe when their life is on the line they'll worry about whether they are representing their constituents.



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Fist**

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Fist

@ [eaglesoars](#):

Yeah, I caught that, too. That is over the line. I didn't think her questioning Trump about his public treatment of a number of women was out of line, and he proved her point with his response to her line of questioning, but she didn't selectively edit Trump's words to make it look like he supported a position that he didn't, in reality, support. That is playing dirty pool.

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[Flyovercountry](#) wrote:

@ Phantom Ace:

Ya Think?!

Actually, I have a little compassion for her, living in a society where the initial thought is to not help to treat this woman, but to accommodate her delusion. **There is however a much bigger problem here, which is that societal trend to accommodate such delusions, and then force the rest of us to play along. If she feels that she is a cat, then who are we to point out that reality and DNA say something different?** This acceptance of cognitive dissonance on a universal scale is the same thing that gets people like Barack Obama elected, as you yourself pointed out above.



Iron
Fist

This is the logical outcome in a society where "transsexuals" are treated as if their delusions are reality, and reality itself is the delusion. That is a scary as shit feature of Progressive thought. What makes the "transsexual" "rights" movement so fucking dangerous is that they are trying to raise **children** to embrace these delusions as though they were real, and they are holding up the mentally ill as role models to follow. The Democrats are always **claiming** that they are doing all manner of delusional shit For the Children®, but in reality their social engineering is designed to undermine these "children's" ability to live and function in a society where reality is a real bitch, and losing touch with it is seriously dangerous.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Read up on [the Lorai Corporation](#). I am done at the doctor's, so I will follow up on this when I get home.

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[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

Iron Fist wrote:

but in reality their social engineering is designed to undermine these “children’s” ability to live and function in a society where reality is a real bitch, and losing touch with it is seriously dangerous.

no. Here’s what it is. They are trying to demonstrate that human nature is endlessly plastic and limited by NOTHING. If there are no inherent definitions, then THERE IS NO AUTHORITY. Like, say, God.

I told this story before, but at a party there was a woman who decided she had something to prove about her IQ at my expense. She went on and on about how there is no objective reality. As a philosophy major I should be conversant with all this, blah blah blah.



Iron
Fist

So I smacked her across the face. Asked her how her reality was doing.

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I love it! That is how I feel about people who claim to be Anarchists. Kick them in the balls, and ask them how they like Anarchy now. Anarchism is almost always a front for someone who wants totalitarianism. The ones for whom it isn’t, the ones who think that they want to “Smash The State!” are of questionable IQ. They are the kind of people Lenin was referring to when he called them “Useful Idiots”. They don’t realize that there are only two things keeping me from killing them: the fact that it is illegal to kill them, and the State that they so despise **will** come after me with both barrels, and my Christian faith, that precludes simple murder. OTOH, if they try to carry out their murderous agenda on me, I am both morally and legally allowed to defend myself. Morally I believe that I am **obligated** to defend myself.

@ [rain of lead](#):



Iron
Fist

Pretty good. I had two doctor’s appointments today. My first one was with my pain management doctor. He changed my schedule for my pain medication to the every four hours that they had moved me to when I was in for my chemo treatment. That doubles my pain regimen, which is just necessary. I was afraid that they wouldn’t do that, because it is a pretty big jump, but they did it without any problems.

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My second appointment was with my GP, and that also went well. I have another spot on my stomach that is probably cancer. My GP was initially afraid that it was cirrhosis, which would be a bit unfair given that I haven't had a drink in essentially five years, but when she got the records from the hospital they had done a good liver panel, and my liver apparently is really good. I had one with my psychiatrist a couple of years ago, and it was in really, really good shape then. She sat down with me and went over the results, and my liver may be scarred up, but what is there is really working well. If it is another spot of cancer, though, the chemo will get it, I hope.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

Yeah, that's another group of "morally superior" scumsuckers that it would be enjoyable to take down. what the "no private property" scum really want to do is legalize theft, but only for themselves. Nobody can steal their stolen goods from them, of course. Because that would be

wrong



Iron
Fist

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

I must have healed then, because my bariatric surgeon was really concerned when he saw the condition my liver was in 5 years ago. He actually waited in the recovery room to discuss it with him after my surgery. Now, when I first started seeing my GP my liver function was seriously impaired. My doctor called it Alcoholic Hepatitis, and it was pretty bad. So we have yet another place where God has stepped in and done something for me without being asked. Now, I prayed for years to be delivered from my desire to drink, and that finally happened a couple of years ago. Now I wouldn't have a drink is my psychiatrist poured me one in her office, and told me that in her professional opinion I needed a drink.



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I thank God for that every day. Despite aal the bad, God has blessed me in too many ways to count. Sure, there are more things that I **want**, but I have everything that I **need** and quite a bit left over for toys of various kinds. The latest example would be my new knife. That was totally a gift from God. I found the maker because of a little blurb in *Blade* magazine, and he had an ultra-cool knife that was exactly in the price that I could afford. There is another knife that I want more, button it is twice the

price of the one I got, and with a 10" blade is really a short sword. I could still carry it legally, and probably will when I eventually get it. It'll be a while before I have that kind of money to spend on another knife. I have a lot of jewelry for my Harley that I want first, and jewelry for myself as well. One day, though. One day.

@ [yenta-fada](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Thanks! I agree. Yes, addiction to pain meds is a problem, and can be really serious, but at the same time telling people who are in serious pain to just suck it up really isn't acceptable, either. All in the name of a false morality that says drugs are bad, so suffer, peasant! Fuck that.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

They never biopsied my liver because when I told my GP how much I drank he simply assumed, correctly, that it was alcohol related. If I'd kept drinking the way I was I'd probably have cirrhosis by now. But as I said it's essentially been 4 1/2 years since my last real relapse. I had one incident almost 3 years ago where I drank for one day. That was because my Lunesta ran out, so I wasn't sleeping, I had ulcers in my nose, and a serious respiratory infection, and I just said Fuck it. But that was one day, and it had been 2 1/2 years since my last bout. That was after Akasha died. It really hurt losing my little girl.



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In any event, that is all behind me now. I doubt that I ever drink again. I really don't want it, and since I don't want it, it would be foolish of me to drink anyway. I've gotten over the self-destructiveness that was driving a lot of that. Now, if they legalized marijuana (medical or otherwise), I would probably indulge myself, but I've quit taking Dex because the Mafia Princess insisted, so she and I would butt heads over marijuana. OTOH, they know marijuana helps chemo patients with the side effects of chemo. She isn't too much of a hardass about my pain medication, while it were prescribed by a doctor, she might go along with it. That isn't an option here in Tennessee yet. That may change, but it will probably be a while.

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@ [rain of lead](#):



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Hence the efforts of the Left to tie the Second Amendment to hunting, rather than self-defense and defense against a tyrannical government that are the real reasons for the Second Amendment. Once they do that,

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then they outlaw hunting, and so no one has a “legitimate” reason to own a gun, so they can ban them. The Left have been playing a long game against the Right to Keep and Bear Arms. They’ve been losing on the issue at the Federal level, and in most States, but you have a few States like California, New York, and (of all places) Colorado that are bucking the trend. This despite two strong pro-Second Amendment decisions. I really don’t understand how the Supreme Court can hand down one decision on Gay Marriage, and it becomes the law of the land everywhere, but they hand down two pro-Second Amendment decisions and nothing much changes. The Court is failing us on the issue, despite having handed down pro-Second amendment decisions.

@ [Calo](#):



Interesting. It may not be physically addictive, and still be psychologically addictive. That doesn’t mean that it would still be a step forward. Just the fact that at clinical levels it doesn’t appear to depress respiratory function would be a reason to use it, unless there were some equally debilitating side effect. It sounds promising, though.

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[Daffy Duck](#) wrote:

@ AZfederalist:

Clinton’s are great at parsing.

What is the definition of IS?



This will not raise taxes one dime.

Right, raise it 2 dimes, or 200 dimes, they didn’t “lie.”

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Let me try: I don’t have a single “assault rifle.”

/ no lie.

I don’t own any assault weapons, either. Absolutely none of my weapons are designed for the crime of assault. Everything that I own are **self-defense** weapons.

@ [Daffy Duck](#):

Never make the mistake of thinking that the Supreme Court is above politics. Every Justice has a political agenda, even the ones who want the government to return to being within the limits of the Constitution. These political considerations always (or almost always) help shape the Court's decisions. The two Second Amendment decisions should have put the Second Amendment as at least equal to the "right of privacy" magicked up in *Roe v Wade*. After all, "Shall not be infringed" is the strongest language used in the Bill of Rights. Once you find that it is an individual right, which was the *Heller* decision, and that it applies to the States through the 14th Amendment (*MacDonald*), that should be all she wrote for gun control, but somehow it hasn't been. I had a year of Con Law, and I understand some of the why. Essentially the Supreme Court hasn't decided the level of scrutiny that the Second Amendment deserves. If you are being logically consistent the Second Amendment can only get Strict Scrutiny, but because the Supreme Court has declined to find that way, it is still up in the air. If they ever do assign Strict Scrutiny to the Second Amendment, then most, if not all gun controls are as over as public school segregation. That is how it should be, and would be a Civil Rights victory on the order of desegregation.



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@ [Calo](#):

Behaviorists always get under my skin to a degree because the founder of Behaviorism as a psychological discipline, B.F. Skinner, never worked with human subjects at all. Other Behaviorists that have followed him have done experiments with humans, but the temptation to use animal subjects is still very great. The problem with this is that the psychology of a rat or pigeon is going to be different than the psychology of humans because you are dealing with a nonhuman intelligence versus a human intelligence. You aren't simply comparing apples and oranges, but comparing apples and orangutans.



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@ [Bumr50](#):

Leftism is a cult, and the value of diversity at the expense of individuals is one of the Five Pillars of Leftism. So if the rapist in question contributes enough to "diversity", then female Leftists should accept the rapist, lay back, and think of the Kollektiv.



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@ [pineapple](#):

Yep, I agree. Our system of government is the best that has ever been designed by the hand of man. Indeed, I believe that the Founding Fathers were inspired by God to create our system of government. But God was working through fallible mortals. Our system isn't perfect. I won't go so far as to say that there are no checks and balances, but when the level of corruption in the system is high enough, you wind up with people who will do whatever it takes to keep the gravy train running, and if that means letting Obama run wild so that you don't have to do the hard part of governing and keeping the other branches of government in check.

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Fist**

@ [rain of lead](#):

Goodnight! I am hoping to get to sleep by Midnight, myself. Talk to you tomorrow.

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Fist**

@ [Daffy Duck](#):

I liked Mike C. a lot. He was an Atheist, which worries me for his immortal soul, but he was always respectful of us believers. I believe that he'd passed away when I had my Burning Bush moment in the Wilderness, so I was not as openly a Christian then as I am now.

Anyway, he was a hell of a nice guy. Another one of us taken by cancer. I hope that he rests in peace.

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Fist**

@ [Calo](#):

Any thread where it was just me and Mike C. Was likely to become a gun thread. That was something that we both loved with a passion. IIRC he wasn't a motorcycle guy. He was more into hot rods and rat rods than bikes. But guns and other more conventional weapons were too cool for school with him, a sentiment that I agree with wholeheartedly.

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Fist**

@ [RIX](#):

@ [coldwarrior](#):

Yeah, that is the kind of society that the Left wants to create. One where rapists are welcomed because somehow to be against the rapists is "racist". You should have heard some of the rhetoric that's been directed at me over race and crime when I've been debating race and homicide as it relates to gun control. Being called a "racist" means you are presumed guilty for a crime that is worse than rape or even murder in the eyes of

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the Left. This Leftist bitch that says she welcomes the rapists in Europe because she'd apparently rather be raped than to have someone hurt the rapists' widdle feelwings is really typical of the Left in the early 21st Century. In truth, the Left don't care about crime victims except as far as their status as victims can be used to pass a Leftist agenda.

@ [coldwarrior](#):



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Fist**

Maher is right on this. It is amazing the cognitive dissonance coming from the Left that they think the "Christian Taliban" (an extremely offensive term) are a greater threat than, you know, the actual Taliban. Unreal. Maher appears to get that. And he is the only Leftist of any stripe that I've seen call Leftist intolerance of all things Christian as "intolerance" at all. Good for him. I disagree with him on most issues, but he seems to be an honorable enemy on this issue.

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From the comments at Weasel Zippers:

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Avatar

HARP2

5 minutes ago

This is the

actual message you get when you phone the Australian
social



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services/benefit office! Fantastic....

'GOOD MORNING, WELCOME TO "CENTRELINK"

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THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIAL SERVICES AND BENEFITS OFFICE'

"Press '1' if you
speak English."

"Press ' 2 ' to disconnect until
you can

Have a nice day



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Fist**

@ [Internet Septic Tank Engineer](#):

That was pretty good. I showed it to the Mafia Princess. She got a kick out of it, and then enquired as as to what kind of mushrooms were

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@ [RIX](#):

Certainly I will pray for him. First that the diagnosis winds up not being cancer. As for their scheduling him and it not being bad news, it took them over two weeks to get my initial biopsy back, and they knew from looking at it that it had to be cancer. The chances of it not being were vanishingly small. I'm not trying to rain on your parade, and you should hope for the best, but you have to temper that hope with a realistic assessment of what he is facing.

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@ [lobo91](#):

Of course it was done with malice aforethought. The best face that you can put on it was that she was trying to avoid having to produce any evidence other than her word should she ever be challenged to produce anything in the form of a FOIA request. and that she was planning on trying to avoid complying with such requests, as she has indeed done, gives the appearance of impropriety, and, indeed, it is obvious that she is covering a lot up. The question really isn't has she broken the law, but rather how far down that particular rabbit hole has she gone? Is she hiding pay-to-play bribery through the Clinton Administration, a Fast and Furious Middle Eastern Edition where they were running guns to Syrian Al Qaeda terrorists, or whatever else. Given the way the Clinton's think about such things the answers are probably all of these things, plus other things that we just don't know enough about what was going on to ask the correct questions, and we can't trust anyone involved in this whole thing to volunteer any significant details.

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@ [doriangrey](#):

Correct. We were hoping that all of my tumors were benign, though once we knew that the "boil" on my left asscheek was cancer we knew that I not only had cancer, but that it had already metastasized. Oh, well. It could have been worse. As far as we can tell the cancer hasn't moved to any of my other organs. There were a couple of little hot spots in one of my lungs, but that was probably from the lung infection that turned into pneumonia. What I was most concerned with is that the cancer had spread to my liver, kidneys, or, worse still, my brain. None of that has apparently happened, and now that we are hitting it with hardcore

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chemo maybe none of that will happen. We are just watching it and praying that it improves. I am in the hospital all next week for my second round of chemo. We are going to do two more rounds of chemo, and then try to assess what is happening with my tumors. I am anticipating at least 6 rounds of chemo, minimum, to get me into remission. We'll just have to see.

Well, I am back from a 2 1/2 hour ride with a friend of mine. The Mafia Princess road with me. It was a little cold, but it **is** the ass end of January. I go back into the hospital for another week (5 days) of chemo tomorrow morning, and if this round is as bad as the last round it'll be a week or ten days before I feel good enough to ride again.



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We are going to see *13 Hours* this evening with this same friend and another of my best friends. I've known these two guys since Elementary School. One of them I used to eat lunch with in **kindergarten**. I have been truly blessed with my friends through the years.

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@ [RIX](#):

Yeah, these allegations are why we don't donate to Wounded Warrior. They are theoretically doing God's work helping our wounded soldiers. These men and women deserve everything we as a nation can do for them. And the men and women who run the show deserve to be well paid, but that doesn't translate into huge salaries, expensive vacations, and all, and worse are the allegations of waste and abuse. A penny wasted is a penny that doesn't help anybody. If the leadership were running an efficient operation, their compensation for running a tight ship would be less of a questionable thing. This is really sad.



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@ [coldwarrior](#):

I am still behind Cruz, but I agree that this mailing shouldn't have been made. That said, I have gotten worse from the GOP. A couple of years ago it was popular for the GOP to send out fundraising mailers with "FINAL NOTICE" plastered across the front as though I were delinquent on a bill, and they were getting ready to shut my power off or something. Needless to say, I round filed it, and eventually they stopped sending them. After the way the GOP did what's her name in New Jersey I quit giving to the Republican Party as the Party for good. I will still give to individual candidates. I've donated to Fiorina, Cruz, and Rubio. Maybe



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Walker as well. I still think Walker would have been our best foot forward, but there weren't enough people who agreed with me on that to keep him in the race. I like Fiorina, Cruz (despite his flubbing this particular task; no candidate is going to run a perfect campaign), and Rubio. Trump is down towards the bottom, above Kaisich, Christie, and Jeb, but if any of them are our nominee (and somebody has to be our nominee) I will vote for them in the General Election. This election is too goddamned important for me not to vote because my preferred candidate didn't win the nomination. At the end of the day it is all in God's hands. If He wants Donald Trump as our Nominee, so be it. He knows a lot more about what is going on than I do.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

I'll let you know on the ride back from the theater. That'll probably be sometime after 9:00 PM. Frankly Z, I am surprised that this movie ever saw the light of day. When the Clinton's didn't want the movie detailing how the 9-11 Conspiracy flew under the radar, and placed the blame squarely on the first Clinton Administration, Hollywood squashed it thoroughly. IIRC, the movie was called *The Path to 9-11*, or something like that. For obvious reasons, I've never seen it.

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@ [buzzsawmonkey](#):

Not a damned thing that I can think of. Like you, I am extremely skeptical of Tramp's Road to D conversion to the Right. I guess it isn't impossible that he is genuine. Look at the way Charles J of their opposite conversion with Obama's election. I haven't seen Trump explain his conversion than I've heard the *why* of Charles' conversion.

It is going to be interesting to see what happens tomorrow. It could be anything. They just report that the weather is going to be awful in Iowa tomorrow night. That could fuck things up, really in interesting times. At least I got to ride my bike tonight.



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Fist**

@ [coldwarrior](#):

I think that this is it:
<http://bit.ly/2iti84n>



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Fist**

Well, I've now seen *13 Hours*. Damned good movie. There was very little for me to complain about bit slow starting, but they were introducing the characters, and setting up the story. They didn't

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that Stevens was trafficking surface to air missiles, only that they were buying such thing from the market. They didn't say anything about what they were doing with them once they had gotten them. Of you know, I have long suspected that they were selling these weapons to Al Qaeda in Syria in the Furious-Middle Eastern Edition. I don't know that I'll ever see that proven, but that is what is going on. It would explain why they have been begging to such absurd lengths to cover up what is going on there. If they were buying them and destroying them to keep them out of the hands of terrorists, there would be no need for a cover-up.

Anyway, this was a great movie. They did an article interviewing the surviving operators about what was shown in the movie, and these guys said that the movie got the small arms pretty much correct. Some liberties taken with them, partly because the operators didn't want to give the enemy any intelligence about the kinds of weapons to expect in this kind of situation. That seems reasonable. The only thing that I noticed was that it showed one of the operators wearing a pistol in a thigh holster. In the article it explicitly said that **none** of these guys wore a thigh holster in the real firefight. I read the article on my tablet, so I don't have the article at my disposal to double-check that. I'm not really sure what is wrong with a thigh holster, though, but I'm not an expert on such matters.



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Fist**

@ [eaglesoars](#):

I took care of it. There was a stray > symbol in the text in 198. That blows things up.



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Fist**

@ [lobo91](#):

Thanks! I knew people who were experienced didn't do it, but I didn't know why. The drop holster is cool, I guess, but I'll trust the judgment of the people with experience, and don't have that kind of money for any of my toys. I don't have body armor, either, which is a situation I intend to rectify at some point. I'll pick up really good body armor now for pretty reasonable prices. Body armor isn't a restricted item in most states. It is just a matter of having the disposable income.



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@ [Phantom Ace](#):

You are correct that things look pretty dark. Personally, I've been doing pretty well. I have only been laid off once in this economy, and that was entirely voluntary. It also was a huge step up in my job. My title is Senior Software Engineer instead of senior software developer, but that is OK. They've told me what I need to get to the Senior Software Engineer job title, and I agree with their assessment that I am not there yet. They want to see me mentoring people, and helping them along in developing their skills, all while continuing to improve myself. My title is Software Engineer, and they expect my coding to reflect that. I am an Engineer. That is an entirely different level of programmer than simply being a software developer. They have been working with me to improve my abilities. This is really the first job that I've had where they want the best (or one of the best) software developers on the team. But I never called myself an engineer because engineering is an entirely different level of writing code. They've had two of my bosses

through improving my abilities . I've never had that before. I am somewhat concerned that I will because of my illness. My boss has said that he isn't in a hurry to fill my position, but if I am out position for a year or something, I can certainly see them replacing me. I pray that I am back to work when that happens.

My cancer is the paramount thing in my life, though. I have to defeat the cancer, or all of this is meaningless to me.

@ [Phantom Ace](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Thanks, man! I think that I will. I have people literally all over the world who are praying for me. My exotic locale is in Thailand. He is the son of one of my mother's clients. I've got people here and there, Zipper, who could really be anywhere in the world, and I have my local friends, church members, and family like. I am very blessed with a lot of real friends. People who will stick with me when the going gets tough. My life is full and rich. I refuse to die.

@ [Lily](#):



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Fist**

Thanks, Lily! Yeah riding was a blessing. We road up to Norris Dam Z, which is a pretty big concrete dam hydroelectric plant. Smoothing done back in the '30s when government was still doing positive things for the country. That hasn't been the case really all of my life.

@ [buzzsawmonkey](#):

Oh, man, I'd be afraid to advise you on that. In most jurisdictions that would be legal, but in California it would not be (the last time I checked California laws their maximum blade length was 2.5 inches). [New York Knife laws](#), and they are confusing. Here is the section on carrying a knife::

It is illegal to carry a dirk, dagger, or stiletto with the intent to use it as a weapon against another person. New York does not have concealed carry laws, therefore it is legal to open or conceal carry any knife. It is legal to own and that the carrier does not intend to use unlawfully against another.



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[This is important] The law provides that when a person is found in possession of a dirk, dagger, or stiletto there is a presumption that the possessor intended to use it as a weapon against another. This presumption can be rebutted in Court; however, a person can still be arrested and charged with a crime, even if they did not intend to use the weapon unlawfully against another.

The determination of whether a person intended to use a knife against another may be left up to the jury. A person still arrested and charged with crime, even though he or she did not intend to use the weapon unlawfully. In *People v. Richards*, the Court found that because Mr. Richards had not brandished the knife, he was carrying, nor had he threatened to use it for any unlawful purpose, but told the arresting officer that the knife was for self-defense, he could not be said to have the intention of unlawfully using the knife.

self-defense is a justifiable reason to use a weapon, it is therefore not an unlawful one, and M conviction for criminal possession of a weapon was reversed.

There's a lot of meat in those few paragraphs. I really could have bolted the entire thing and been I tried to call out what I think is most important. Are you a lawyer? I am not (nor do I play one c

), but I have had law classes, including a year of Constitutional Law. That doesn't mean I ne understand all of the nuances of this kind of case. I do note that they presume your **guilt** if you a knife which sounds unconstitutional as hell to me. But I am not a lawyer.

@ [buzzsawmonkey](#):

I'm sorry that I couldn't be more help. I know the laws around here, and I have a pretty good gr they were in California ten years ago, but that is about it. Add to it the fact that every State can h laws, and, depending on those State lawb, even municipalities can have their own laws that are restrictive than the State laws. One of the big goals of the Knife Rights lobby. (<http://www.knife> getting preemption laws in all 50 States. Tennessee didn't have this for a long time, but we passe preemption act before we liberalized our knife laws.



A "gravity knife" is a type of folding knife that you open by pressing a button to unlock the bla weapon blade down, and let gravity open the blade, which then locks out. If I am going to have knife, I'd rather carry a switchblade. That is legal here in Tennessee.

Of course, I carried a switchblade knife that a buddy of mine smuggled into the United States fr Germany. It isn't really a quality piece (I have some much better quality switchblades now), but something to add to my "bad boy" image. A switchblade is really for intimidation. Even my go particularly good tactical/fighting knives. Personally, I don't like a folding knife for a fighting k better thanks having nothing, but if I am in a situation where I am going to pull a knife on some have already killed somebody. And you've seen pictures of my EveryDay Carry knife. If I can't blade, I have a couple of switchblades I carry.



@ [eaglesoars](#):

It is 7:00 Centralmttime, so I imagine that the time is picked to allow people with regular 9-5 jobs home, and get dinner and cleaned up, andmbenable to make it to the Caucuses. It seems late to r are in a different time zone.



@ [lobo91](#):

I like those. A buddy of mine had one that he carried concealed at the back of his neck. That was ordered to to put his hands on his head, he was putting his hands on a knife. We were pretty da

criminals, really.

[here is one of my next knife purchases](#). The price is about the same, and functionally they serve I love my knives. Guns are the better weapon, most of the time, but I do love knives.

@ [eaglesoars](#):



Heh™ They are giving breakdowns of the Entrance polling, and Cruz is slightly ahead. The top four across all Demographics, with Trump and Cruz battling it out for First and Second place, and then Carson. The order of the results differ depending on the demographics, some times greatly, but they are the top four. demographics gave a good speech. I like Carson. It is just that I prefer Cruz and Rubio. We'll see what really happens.



Cruz wins, Trump is in Second, but Rubin is almost on top of him. While Cruz won, I'd say that Rubio is almost as good as second. He has so far exceeded his poll numbers. Nobody predicted this well. This validates what I've been saying about polls. They provide some insights into public opinion, but they are done right, but most of them are bullshit. These caucuses and elections are the polls that Rubio is sounding good in his victory speech. And notice unlike the Democrats who denied God in the 2012 convention, when Rubio thanked God for his performance, the crowd **cheered**. We are Christians, and if the Democrats want to fight us about it they are going to find that Christians will

@ [eaglesoars](#):



Oh, I realize not all of us are Christian, and I certainly don't intend to disparage anyone who isn't. I'm tired of being told by the Establishment that I should be ashamed of my Faith, that my Faith is on the Left, and must be purged from the public stage. Also, I think World War Three is ultimately going to be a religious war with the Christians, Jews, and maybe even Hindus and Buddhists (to the extent that Hindus and Buddhists participate in the War) on one side, and a neo-Marxist/Islamic alliance on the other. That war is going to be so nasty that it will make both fronts of World War Two look like a civil war patty cake in comparison. The Muslims are savages. The Left are no better, and possibly are even worse. We've not seen the American Left with the kind of power to pulled off Cambodians' Killing Fields, gas chambers and ovens. I'd say that what Obama has done on the economic front is a poor man's Stalin's campaign of man-made famine, but America has too strong an economic infrastructure to be able to starve Americans to the extent that Stalin starved the Ukrainians. I bet that galls him to



@ [Bumr50](#):

That is true, and I do find that troubling. I am strongly against that position on immigration. But there are things that are of paramount importance to me: the Muslim Problem that we see springing up on the Middle East, and the horrible situation with the economy. At least Rubio is strong on those issues. Whether either Cruz or Rubio is our nominee, and that they seriously destroy that Democrat, no matter who

nominee is.

[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

Onward Christian Soldiers! (you know, how many times did I sing that hymn in Church and the so quaint?)



It has always been one of my favorite traditional Hymns. Not quite as favored as *Amazing Grace* or *Hymn of the Republic* which is my absolute favorite. Those have always been my favorites. Sam had *Amazing Grace* played on bagpipes at his funeral, but either his parents didn't know, or they didn't want in a position to be making any demands, though I did see to it that Sam was buried with his pocket knife, unless his parents were so crass as to remove it after I'd left his wake. I didn't check before I buried him into the ground to be certain that they didn't. Doing so would have been anathema to you or your parents were a realize piece of work. Worse than mine, and you know how bad mine were.



@ [MacDuff](#):

They are going to all play "dirty" before it is all over. That is because "dirty" wins. We all comply every election cycle, but nothing changes because there are no incentives for it to change. As long as we reward this kind of behavior, we will get more of it.



@ [Lily](#):

Exactly! PC rules that help the enemy destroy American culture and civilization are tools of the enemy and should not be given any respect. I am not much of one to advocate breaking the law, but when one sees the law is committing cultural suicide the time to break the law has come. Likewise laws that violate Constitutional Rights. You do have to temper your desire to abide by the Constitution and your desire to get out of prison. For example, I don't break the NFA, that forbids machineguns, short-barreled rifles, shotguns, silencers/suppressors, and other, sometimes obscure and nonsensical things. It would be worth it to violate the NFA, and I believe that NFA is unconstitutional. But there is not enough to be gained from violating it to make it worth the risk. OTOH, if they forbade handguns, semiautomatic weapons, etc. well, you have to draw the line somewhere.



@ [Bumr50](#):

Yeah, Ted Cruz won with the highest vote total in the history of the caucus. Trump was first loser. I don't understand the people who say that Rubio "won". Trump barely fended him off to be second. Yet he got more delegates, but with the proportional distribution of the delegates, such a win doesn't mean anything. The same is really true for Cruz as well. This thing is just getting started. I like the way that it has turned out though. I could live with a Cruz/Rubio ticket. That would be similar to the Reagan/Bush ticket. I don't think that Rubio is as objectionable as Bush was. It'd be fun watching the inner bigot of Democrats come out.

attack the first Hispanic ticket in American history. It would be fun!

@ [eaglesoars](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Yep, if either Sanders or Clinton is the nominee, they are old and white. They will throw out there that Hillary is a woman, but she is an Old White Woman. And Sanders is an Older White Man. Their demographic magic card is Old and very White this time around. Not that they will let that stop their racist attacks on Cruz or Rubio if either of them are our nominee. I still expect that Rubio will be our nominee. I could be wrong about that, but we will see how these elections play out.

[2016/02/02
at 4:43 pm](#)

@ [eaglesoars](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Yep, that is one of the reasons I support Cruz. Cruz is a masterful debater, and he has pretty much shined in these debates, though I don't think he won any of them outright. Part of the reason for that is that the moderators never wanted to see Cruz win, so they didn't call on him as much as they did some of the others. We'll see if that continues now that the field is narrowing.

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at 4:57 pm](#)

@ [RIX](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Yeah, Sanders is a "Useful Idiot" level of Socialist. He is not necessarily any less evil for that. He would still no doubt have reeducation camps and maybe even Killing Fields for the Enemies of Socialism, but he really believes the bullshit that he is spreading. I think Cruz will eat him alive if he's the nominee.

[2016/02/02
at 5:04 pm](#)

@ [rain of lead](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Lovely. In some ways Roberts was right. ObamaCare is a tax. But that means that it is still unconstitutional because taxes have to originate in the House, and ObamaCare originated in the Senate. I don't know why that case hasn't been brought. It would have been interesting to see what the Supreme Court did without the case.

[2016/02/02
at 7:56 pm](#)

@ [Flyovercountry](#):



Iron

I've never seen *Vanilla Sky*, so I don't get the reference, but we are

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Fist through the looking glass. As always happens the candidates are busy trying to tear each other down. While I don't find it especially helpful to me, somebody pays attention to these things, or there wouldn't be so many of them. The email about Carson leaving the race being mistaken doesn't bother me. It was an honest mistake, I believe, and Cruz apologized for it. The attempts to smear Cruz by connecting him third and fourth hand to "shady sounding" organizations is dirtier pool, but if the connections can be inferred, you can count on the people against Cruz to publicize them. What would be really dirty pool would be if the campaign paying for the attack ads had its own people set some of these shady sounding groups up just to "support" Cruz for these attacks to capitalize on. I don't know Thatcher that is happening. I'd like to think that it want, but politics ain't beanbag, as someone once said (might have been Johnson). Dirty tricks are part of it, and can be effective if you aren't caught in a timely manner.

@ [eaglesoars](#):



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I think that is a good answer to this controversy. This was a mistake, but it seems to me like an honest mistake. I doubt seriously that it made any difference in the vote. Carson would needed to have doubled his voters, and pulled them all from Rubio to have made any difference in the actual results. I would think that to the extent that this changer things at all, it was very marginal.

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@ [RIX](#):



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No, he's blown millions of dollars, and has only gone down int the polls. He isn't going to win the nomination, but. Am sure that he knows that. His goal now is simply to knock Rubio out of the race. Petty and vindictive. I think we dodged a real bullet when we didn't get Job as our nominee. I am still hopeful for Cruz or Rubio (in that order). Rubio is probably more "electible", but I think Cruz is better ideologically. Both men are strong Second Amendment supporters (as was all of the field except Christie), so on my main litmus test both pass with flying colors.

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On the cancer front, my ttumor is hurting the worst that it has so far. It is a good 7 on the arbitrary 0-10 pain scale that they have you rate your pain on. They've given me my Oxycodone, so hopefully that will kick in here in a bit.

I don't think I've mentioned it, but I had a good teleconference with my

boss, and two people from HR. The first thing the HR people wanted me to know was that my job was not in danger, and that I should focus on fighting the cancer, and not worry about losing my job. This is a **huge** relief. We were worried about it, naturally. Billy (my boss) had told me that he saw no pressing reason to replace me when my FMLA time runs out in the middle of this month, but that as this grinds on he could make no promises. The HR people, OTOH, have more authority in the matter than my boss, so their assurance is golden. While that does nothing to treat my cancer directly, not having to worry about that is more of God taking care of me where I can't take care of myself.

I used to get annoyed at people that were going around praising God for everything, mainly because I thought that God was involved most of the time. My religious experience and subsequent observation of my life, before and after my experience, has shown me that in **my** life that isn't the case. I can see the fingerprints of God on so much of my life, from the abusive home I was born into, to my gang affiliation and even Sam's horrible, tragic death, God has been in control, shaping me to be the man that I am. I can only assume that He does this for all believers, and probably for nonbelievers as well, though they, of course, do not recognize this.

So I've taken to thanking God in the smallest of things. He has been a fortress for me all of my life, though I couldn't see it. He hasn't wrapped me in bubble wrap, and locked me away to where I couldn't grow. No, I have not led a sheltered life. Quite the opposite, really. I have been forged in the hottest fires. I honestly believe that I have experienced Hell on Earth, though I could be wrong about that. I didn't think the most awful thing about true Hell, which would be the Eternal separation from God. God was there with me, bank and feeding the flames as He saw fit, in order to shape me in the way that He would have me to grow. None of this was done out of malice, and I don't believe that it was to "punish me for my sins". I actually had a minister tell me Sam died because we listened to Heavy Metal music, which was simply not true, and was him projecting his mortal, fallible opinion of the music that I listened to onto God, a usurpation of Divine Authority that was itself sinful. I've long ago forgiven him that sin against me, but I never contacted him again to guide me spiritually.

Anyway, that is why I now thank God even in the smallest things. I can't quite bring myself to thank God for my cancer. I believe that He has a purpose in it, and I hope that I learn the lesson quickly, though in my experience it sometimes takes me years, even decades, as it did with my

coming to understand that Sam's death had been a blessing to me, and the why of that. But the lesson is there. God isn't doing any of this out of malice. There is a Divine purpose to it all. And Imlong ago gave my permission to God tomshape me as he saw fit. I can't complain that this is something I didn't ask for.

I might not have had the **courage** to ask God to shape me into what he wanted me to be had I known the price, but when I look at the end product of what he has produced, I am not displeased with the results. I am a very successful man. I am a biker, a Software Engineer in a large, successful company, and I am a very accomplished, high ranked martial artist. I intend one day to be a minister as well. Going through this cancer may be how God is preparing me for that. Certainly, I believe that the alcoholism and substance abuse was to teach me a lesson in humility, suffering, and forgiveness. To understand the hell of a compulsion that can destroy your life. You see, I had little mercy in my heart for an addict. I considered it an extreme flawmof character, and I still believe that it is that, but we all have flaws in our character. That alcoholism is mine makes me no less a good man. I've been essentially dry for 4 1/2 years. I had day that I have drank in that time, and that want really a relapse. My last relapse was when Akasha died of feline leukemia. That was 4 1/2 years ago, and lasted, IIRC, 19 days. It was then more years since my last drink, but I don't remember themexact time.

I have learned that hard lesson, and have changed my beliefs on substance abuse of all kinds. I no longer look at a crack addict in their awful addiction and look at them as scum worth being eliminated from the gene pool. They are tremendously flawed and even tormented human beings, but I see them and say there but for the Grace of God go I.

@ [Phantom Ace](#):

Yeah, we intend to see that. It appears to be told from the perspective of a Roman soldier whomis investigating the disappearance of Christ's body. That is a pretty cool angle to take on it. I hope that it is good. It looks promising. Didmyounsee my revieemof *13 Hours*? It is an excellent movie. Some of the most realistic combat I've ever seen depicted in a movie. All ofmthese recent military movies have been good in that regard. I think they are hiring soldiers to guide them in that, and they are listening to their guidance. Anyway, it was a good flick.



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@ [RIX](#):

Yeah, not having to worry about my job is huge. I was quite worried, myself, and it was really wearing on my wife's nerves. She could see me losing this job, and not ever being able to get another. That is effectively on disability for the rest of my life. I'd be physically able to work, but no one would hire me because of the cancer. I don't know how realistic a fear that is, but it is something that I could see happening.

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My pain killers have kicked in. I still have pain, but it is a 4 or 5 rather than a 7+. Less pain is good.



@ [Lily](#):

Yep, that is why they want me in the hospital for my chemo. They can better control my medications, and deal with the complications as they arise. It isn't fun. I miss my bed, my cats, my weaponry, and my bike. My wife comes to visit me every day, so while I miss her, it isn't as much. It would really suck if I couldn't see her for days. We've only been apart for a day or two at most for over 10 years, and the days we didn't see each other were mostly days that I was in the hospital. I really started getting sick in 2009, and I don't guess I've ever recovered for very long since. My health was a big issue that kept me off my springer for so long, and now I am having to deal with that to a lesser degree with my strike. I can ride my strike despite being sick, which I might not could have if we'd gotten the springer running, and I had her as my sole mode of transportation. Yet another place God was looking out for me. I can't help being sick, but I can ride now, and I am loving that.

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@ [Carolina Girl](#):

Yeah, Trump is beginning to look a little nuts. Suing for losing a primary that you simply didn't try very hard to win? That your winning strategy? God help us if Trump wins the nomination. This alone shows that he isn't fit for office. I've never heard of someone suing in the primaries. Hell, other than Al Gore, I've never heard of anybody suing in the General Election. Nuts. We'll see how his putative followers deal with this. I am sure some of them will love it, but I think that a lot of these people simply want to see disruption. Not all of them, surely, but some of them.

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@ [MacDuff](#):

Exactly. Trump wants to be the center of attention, and can't deal with it gracefully when he isn't. Is that whawhat want for another four years? Will his antics be any better than Obama's simply because an R follows his name instead of a D?

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@ [yenta-fada](#):

Thank you! Yeah, that is about perfect. My nurse gave me my pain medication a little early, so my pain is back down to bearable levels. I am trying to get them to increase both my frequency and dosage on my pain meds. It is worth asking. I was doing my pain meds every 3 hours at about this time in my last round of chemo, so I expect them to do that. I don't know about increasing my dosage, but if I don't ask, I won't know. And check this out:

Well, I just had an interesting visitor from down the hall. He claimed to be a Holistic Medicine Man, who has studied with the Amish for a long time, and he offered me, free of charge, his "cure" for cancer. Basically he said to get some pure maple syrup, take it and put it in a glass, sprinkle it with a tablespoon of baking soda, and then add hot water to thin it. Then you let it cool and drink it. The maple syrup is supposed to act as a catalyst and transport the baking soda to the cancer. He says that the way people who've studied what he has studied see cancer like a mushroom in the body, and that the baking soda kills mushrooms. I don't know the science that bears that out, but I will accept it in the spirit that it was offered, and try it. I don't see any harm in it. I've learned through both miracles in my life from God, and my studies in Eastern Mysticism, that the world is not always the straightforward, rational thing that we'd like to believe it to be. For all I know, this guy was sent to me by God just to tell me this. Probably not, but I won't rule that out as a possibility.



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@ [yenta-fada](#):

I can drink carbonated drinks, so I wouldn't imagine that it would fizz any more than that. These are desperate times for me, so desperate measures are acceptable. It sounds harmless enough if it doesn't work. I am also going to try to get some of my friends who are reiki attuned to give me some energy treatments. That won't cure the cancer, but I have seen it work on countering the fatigue part of dealing with cancer personally. We had a little kid down at the dodo who came down with terminal cancer. They would bring him down to the dodo on Sundays after chemo, and we'd all give him 15-30 minutes of reiki, and the change



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in him was astounding. He went from listless and pale to being up and running around the dodo like you'd expect from a healthy kid in the course of a treatment. It want sufficient to cure the cancer, but it certainly gave him some relief from the side effects of chemo.

{{{{Yenta}}}}

@ [coldwarrior](#):

Yeah, Jeb's jihad against him gives him street credit, really. I don't think that Bush is a subtle enough politician to have figured that out. I don't think for a second that that is whymeh is doing it. I think that when it is all said and done Rubio will be our nominee. I'd prefer Cruz, and maybe that will happen, but Rubio is acceptable to me, and I think he fills that niche for a shitload of people. He is the most acceptable second choice for a lot of people who are all over the political spectrum on the right. He is a solid enough Right-winger not to offend too many people, if they will get over his mistake (and he admits it was a mistake) with the Gang of Eight. He now knows what snakes both Schumer and McCain are. He had to learn the lesson the hard way, but now that he's learned it he should be a better candidate for it.



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@ [coldwarrior](#):

Ok, I was hoping that you'd weigh in on this. It doesn't sound advisable that I try it, then. Oh, well. Sometimes those rough and ready remedies can do some amazing things, other times not. It was still an interesting interlude. Thanks.



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Fist**

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Crystal. He seemed like a nice enough, but that doesn't mean he knows what he is talking about. Oh, well. Trust but verify. I'll take Coldwarrior's expertise over some guy I don't know.



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In other health news they have agreed to move my pain medicine back to every three hours, but they want my main oncologist to sign off on doubling the dose, and he hasn't called back yet. It is half a win.

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@ [rain of lead](#):

Hey, man! It is hot in my room. I ordered a fan before 4:00, and they still



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Iron Fist haven't gotten it to me. Sometimes this hospital is very good, and sometimes it sucks.

@ [coldwarrior](#):



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He knows the right things to say, and he's a showman, so he can say them in a way that entertains. That sells, and may even be enough to win him the nod, and win him the Presidency, but PTBarnum was a masterful showman, and he'd have made an awful president. I think there is a lot more Barnum than Lincoln to Trump. He doesn't want to draw that comparison, of course.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):



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What the nurse said was that the day nurse didn't order it. She's put in the written orders now. I am not happy. I know mistakes happen, but I was complaining that it was taking so long for hours. Somebody should have checked, instead of just telling me that it was going to take time. If I hadn't been an asshole about it, it would have never gotten here. It still hasn't, by the way. One of the nurses thought she had one squirreled away somewhere, but apparently that was gone. Now they are being late with my pain medication. I am not happy about that.

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@ [Carolina Girl](#):



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Yeah, that's a hellmof an endorsement. I actually believe that Carter is right in his analysis of the two candidates. Cruz is a man of principles, while Trump is more malleable on issues. He has basically said this himself, though not perhaps as bluntly. It is easy to see how Carter would see a man with malleable principles as a plus. What isn't so clear is why any Conservative would consider it to be so, or even to be acceptable.

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@ [Carolina Girl](#):



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0that is unfortunate, but that is just the way it is. I will be happy with either Cruz or Rubin as our standard bearer. I think it will wind up being Rubin. He seems to be the one that everybody is endorsing when they drop out. It may take a while to get there, but I think that is where we are headed. Kind of like how McCain won it in 2008. I don't find that a particularly comforting comparison, but it is what it is. Cruz is ideologically the better candidate, and I am not troubled by the thing

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with Carson, or even that mailer. The thing with Carson was an honest mistake. Maybe they shouldn't have ran with it, but CNN is the one who put out the report. I don't think it made any difference in the results, no matter what statistical legdermain that Karl Rove magic's up to say that at is theoretically possible that it did. Bull me no shit, Rove. I was never particularly impressed with Rove, and his career since the end of the Bush administration has solidified that feeling into one of general contempt.



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@ [MacDuff](#):

It went run on my tablet. I am using Chrome for Android. Oh, well.

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@ [lobo91](#):

There can be no doubt that Obama and the Democrats are trying to destroy the very fabric of our nation. They can't win elections with the electorate that we have, so they intend to replace the electorate with Third World denizens of dubious provenance and loyalties. It is truly a diabolical scheme, and treason against the Republic. But then treason has been the Democrat's stock and trade for all of my life. Witness the fact that John Kerry, a traitor's traitor, has had a successful career as a Democrat politician, even to the point of being a Democrat Presidential candidate, and has just succeeded in selling the United States out to Iran as our Sec State. The Democrats are evil. Pure evil. And 40% of the populace wants them in power.

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@ [RIX](#):

There's been some speculation that Merkel is some kind of sleeper. It is a very interesting coincidence that both America and Germany appear to have elected leaders that are intent on the destruction of their sovereign states at the same basic time in history. If it is a coincidence. We live in interesting times. That's one reason I simply can't die right now. Things are simply too interesting for me to be willing to lie down and die.

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@ [Carolina Girl](#):

I don't do Murder TV. That is the province of the Mafia Princess. And I was never fascinated with the OJ.Story even when it was happening. Sure, he probably got away with murder, but to the extent that I cared I

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thought that the jury made the right call. The prosecution was horrible, someone on the police force planted blood evidence, and Mark Furman perjured himself. You can't convict a man in the face of that much malfeasance on the part of law enforcement. At least I couldn't. I'd have hated to serve on that jury, because there was really no justice to be had in the case. I blame the prosecutors the most for that, and the dumbass cop who planted evidence.

[Lily](#) wrote:

@ RIX:

Yeah we know what Germany can do!

Yeah, the Mohammedans really ought to be thinking about Germany's history with Genocide when they are deciding to invade in a "soft" invasion. Maybe that trait has been bred out of the German psyche, maybe it **hasn't**. I personally am skeptical about that. Especially when dealing with an aggressive foreign invader that intends to destroy the German culture, and is attacking and raping German women. Whether you believe that it is the way God created us, or believe that it serves an important evolutionary imperative, men are designed to want to protect their women. It is really unnatural to feel otherwise. The Mohammedans are playing with fire, betting that the German male has been so emasculated that they can do this to them and get away with it. Maybe they have been. I've never been to Germany, so I don't really know the German culture well enough to say. I will say that in the face of this egregious an assault that I hope for the sake of Western Civilization that the Germans remember how to be **uncivilized** when the situation calls for it. You **kill** motherfuckers like the "migrants" that have invaded Western Europe. That is the only **rational** way to handle them.



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@ [yenta-fada](#):

Yep, the open Southern border pretty much guarantees that the drug trade will flourish, and it is. You can't convince me that isn't deliberate. It is making too many people too much money. There isn't any real attempt to stop the drug trade, just efforts to use it as an excuse for things like militarizing the police, and dangerous practices like Civil Forfeiture that amount to legalized theft. And the human trafficking is horrible, and is accepted as normal. Oh, they'll occasionally bust somebody with 20-30 illegal in a van, but that is about it.



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@ [yenta-fada](#):

Hey! I didn't sleep well last night, and today has been kind of a rough day, but I've had two visitors. My counselor and a Pastor Intern from my Church stopped by. The Pastor Intern brought Communion, so that was good. I shouldmbe finished with this next round of chemo tomorrow, so I will be back home to my wife and cats tomorrow night. I am looking forward to that. I'm still not able to eat much, so that sucks, but that is why they put the feeding tube in me. I am getting nutrition. I am still losing weight, though. I was 160 this morning. Lovely. This diet willtake the pounds off of you, but I really don't recommend it

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@ [yenta-fada](#):

Yeah, the chemo is always rougher by the last couple of days. I am told that is the way for everyone. I've also had a good email day. I of course stay in contact with my wife all day in email. This is something that we've done from work for years. We are in almost constant contact, even when we are working. But I also got an email from Bootlegger, one of the Infidels here in town. He explained to me that he and Chops (Tennessee Vice-President of the Infidels, IIRC; he's a Club officer) didn't make its over to visit me because they are both down with some kind of creeping crud. He didn't figure to bring that in and expose me to it, which wasRanger/mercenary.I really like these Infidels. They are really good people. I hope to be a patched member of the Infidels Motorcycle Club by Christmas. They are really cool people. Most of them are ex-military. Some of them are still active duty, and some of them are contractors overseas. They say that they have room for select Patriotic Americans, and they seem really honestly interested in me as a Prospect for the Club eventually. I've been on one ride with them so far. We'd planned other rides, but then I was diagnosed with cancer. They've been supportive of me through the cancer, even though they've only met me a couple of times. When I was rooming with Sleazy he told me that the way tomget over Sam's death was to surround myself with other brothers, and he also told me all I had to do to run with the Big Dogs was to get off the porch, by which he meant buy a bike and(I assume) join the Outlaws. It was tempting. The woman I was living with at the time wanted me to do it, but I just didn't feel like I could make that kind of commitment to the Outlaws. If Sam had been alive and the opportunity had arose (and I

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am sure it would have), we'd have no doubt jumped at the chance. Part of me would like the 1%er life, but the Mafia Princess wouldn't be with me if I were an Outlaw. The Infidels aren't a 1%er Club. If they were, my wife would not consider my joining them.

Then Bill Wright, my Sensei and friend/brother emailed me as well. Bill is the baddest badass I've ever known, bar none. Not even Mr.Lain, my 9th grade homeroom teacher who was a Vietnam Ranger/mercenary (he'd fought in Algeria after Vietnam), or my Outlaw friend/roommate Sleazy are in Bill's league. Bill is also the guy who bought Cherry from me when the time to sell my Harley came around. He has her running again, and has even been riding her a little. She's a hard bike to ride. She is very heavy. Angel is heavier, but handles easier because she is a trike.

So all in all it has been a decent day, even though I feel like shitm

@ [rain of lead](#):

Now that is good news. An appellate Court finally used the magic words "strict scrutiny". That is important. If that stands, eventually pretty much all gun control laws will fail the test. They not only have to show that the State has a compelling State interest in the regulation (something that really isn't easy to do with gun control. The crime statistics of the llas 20-25 years disprove the thesis that legally available guns cause any increase in crime. Indeed, the correlation is the exact opposite. Restricting guns in the hands of the law abiding is strongly correlated with an increase in crimes of all types, including crimes with illegal guns), but they also have to show that the law in question restricts the Constitutional Right to the least degree possible to achieve that purpose. Something that simply isn't true of any gun control laws.



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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Yeah, it can be really rough. I used to know a woman who's been Property of the Pagans, and she didn't remember that time fondly, to say the least. I've never been so deepmin the biker world that I've dealt with people who were Property, though, off course, I've seen the girls in the Property patches around. Is always figured that they were Party girls who loved the lifestyle, but this woman set me straight about that. That said, I also dated a biker chick who hung out with the A Warlocks, and while she hadn't been Club Property, she was a Party girl who enjoyed it. Different strokes for different folks. And I've seen the thing on Leather



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and Lace. Hard women, or so they seemed to be to me, and really they would have to be if they wanted to be accepted. It doesn't hurt that the President of that Club is married to a Mongol. They are a pretty weird Club (the Mongols) from what I have heard. Special patches for having sex with women with STDs, and even (putatively) dead women. I don't know the truth or falsehood of such allegations. I've never met a Mongol to my knowledge. I probably will when I go to Sturgis. I don't know when that will be.

In any event, I hope to be at least a Prospect before the end of the year. I'd hoped to be getting done with my time as a prospect by my Birthday in June, but I won't have the time to do it by then, even if I start really working on it by April. But it'll happen, eventually, I suspect. We have to really get to know each other, and then we'll know if they are as enthusiastic to have me as I am to be one of them, or if I am not a good fit, though the early indicators are quite good in that regard.

@ [Bumr50](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Have you had any changes in diet or vitamin supplements? I had gout for a while, brought on by prescription Niacin, that was prescribed for cholesterol. After I was on that I went on Allopurinol for a while. That cured the gout, but I've been off of it, too, for quite some time. Quitting the Niacin was what made the gout go away.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):



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Fist**

I think it is hilarious to watch the open vote fraud in the Democrat Primary. Hillary can't even win a primary in her own Party fairly, and they think she can take on the Republicans? That is a "willing suspension of disbelief" that I love to see. She is pretty certain to lose New Hampshire, too. I don't know about you, but I think we're "ready for Hillary". I can't really conceive of her winning the general election. Not if she is having to be so open about stealing the nomination that she was, again, supposed to win in a walk.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):



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Fist**

That's a good trait to have. It is one that I share with them. I really think that if for some reason I had to leave the United States, Russia or Switzerland would have to be my destination. Russia is expensive to live in, I reckon, and has more organized crime than I would like, but Putin is

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probably the best leader the Russians have had since Peter the Great. I'd take him over Obama any day of the week. He is a dictator, more or less, but he has recently come out as moderately pro-Second Amendment/self-defense. Russia isn't as good as the United States in that regard, but I don't think that any other nation in the world is as good on that issue as the better parts of the United States are.

@ [eaglesoars](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Australia has some of the strictest gun control laws (and weapons control laws) in the world. They actually confiscated most legally owned firearms about 20 years ago. That is why Obama and Clinton have been talking about making America's gun laws like Australia's. That's a deal killer for me, though I admit that Australia has a lot going for her, especially in that I wouldn't need to learn a new language.

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@ [Carolina Girl](#):



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Not to mention people like Leland Yee, who was bringing in fully automatic rifles (Israeli Favors, too, so nice weapons) and apparently even rocket launchers (RPG-7s) for sale to the criminal element. Yee is, of course, a Democrat legislator in California. While if I were going to take a chance on owning a fully automatic weapon a Favor wouldn't be my first choice, that is mainly because I don't like bullpups. I wouldn't take the risk, personally. I don't think full auto buys you enough to be worth the risk. Of course if all guns were illegal, that equation changes pretty dramatically.

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@ [buzzsawmonkey](#):



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That is bad. That is way worse than me. I've already said a prayer for him, and will keep him in my prayers. I can't really afford to send him any money, as I have medical bills of my own, but I can pray for a speedy and full recovery. I remember him fairly well, and considered him a friend. I am very sorry to hear this.

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@ [Lily](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Yeah, I slept much better last night, even though they didn't have the Lunesta for me. They gave me a Xanax, which was about as good. I was also so exhausted from not sleeping the night before. I am sure that played into it as well. I am done with my chemo for this round now. They

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are disconnecting me from everything now so that I can shower and start getting ready Togo home. I expect I'll actually get home between 6 and 7. I am so ready to go. I want to spend some quality time with my wife, my cats, my bike, and my weapons, all of which I was missing while I was in the hospital. I saw my wife every day, but it isn't the same.

@ [lobo91](#):

Yeah, I should have answered that one, too, but I don't know much more than you do. They make a little .410/.45 long Colt derringer that I'd kind of like to have. They're (or appear to be) pretty good quality for a derringer. Like you, I don't have much use for a derringer other than as something just to have as part of my collection. They generally aren't particularly accurate. I'd rather have a good fixed blade knife than a derringer if it comes to actually having to use it in self-defense, even if it is in a substantial caliber. That said, I have a little .22 LR.mini-revolver by North American Arms that my parents gave me when I started working as a bouncer. I never carried it, though. Like other derringers, it is more of a curiosity than a real weapon.



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@ [doriangrey](#):

That sucks, man. It looks like cancer is breaking out everywhere. I don't think my cancer is that same cancer cell, but I am not certain what my cancer cell is. I don't have a great 5 year survival rate because my cancer has metastasized, but I don't let the odds get me down. God is in the mix, so it is certainly possible for me to beat the odds. I hope that the same thing can happen for your brother.



**Iron
Fist**

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

It is kind of hard to whitewash that as anything other than aid and comfort to the enemy in a time of war. If there were justice, he'd be jailed for life, but that wouldn't be for very long. This is the kind of shit you should execute traitors for.



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@ [doriangrey](#):

yeah, that's going to be rough. I'll keep y'all in my prayers.



**Iron
Fist**

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [Lily](#):

Thanks, Lily! I am so ready to get out of here. I am in much better shape than I was after my first round of chemo. I was really in a bad way when they released me three weeks ago. I shouldn't have been sent home, really. Water under the bridge. I am just glad that I'm not in the same shape I was then, because I wouldn't be going home today if I was.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [doriangrey](#):

Yep, that's what you've got to do. And you will need to help keep his spirits up. Everything that I've seen since I was diagnosed has emphasized how important it is to keep your morale up. That can be hard, but it is vital.

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Well, I am back home! Yay! I have two cats in the bed with me, and have gotten to pet two more. Ronin and Erika were letting me pet them, and Hope and Pippin are in the bed with me. Pippin still won't let us pet him, but he is getting up in the bed with us. I saw Pepper, but didn't get to pet her. Maybe later.



**Iron
Fist**

I also got a couple of bike related packages, a skull and crossbones holder for the straps on my leather skullcap, and a patch that I am going to put on a vest. I won't have real colors for a while yet, but I asked, and they said I could wear whatever I want to when I am just a hang-around. After I am a Prospect, that will change some, and then if and when I stand up as a full member of the Club I'll have real colors. Then I'll have to retire this vest, but that'll be OK. I haven't had real colors since I was wearing the colors that Longshot painted for me on a sleeveless denim vest when I was in high school. Those have gotten lost over the years. I think that assuming things go the way I want them to I'll be a full member of the Club by Christmas. There's a lot that has to happen in that time, and a lot of that is going to depend on how I respond to my chemotherapy.

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This is the patch:



**Iron
Fist**

@ [eaglesoars](#):

Thanks! It is good to be home. This round of chemo went as rough as the first round, but we knew what side-effects could happen, and were able to

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ameliorate them somewhat. I like the patch because it is a little different from a straight skull and crossbones. It has some character to it.

@ [rain of lead](#):



**Iron
Fist**

I figured you'd like it. I have three skull and crossbones tattoos that you'd probably like, too. One on my right calf, a large memorial tattoo on the left side of my back, and then an Iron Cross/skull and crossbones on my left shoulder. I may wind up with another one sometime, just depending on where I go with my artwork.

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@ [rain of lead](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Yep, it is great to be home. I've already sat on the bike, and fired her up. If the weather and my health permits it, I will ride her tomorrow, even if all I do is make a big loop of the city on back roads and the expressway. We'll have to see what I feel like. That matters more than the weather, though if it is below 40 I probably won't go. I can ride in that kind of cold, but there really isn't anything pleasurable about it.

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**Iron
Fist**

It is kind of warm here, too. I'd have gone for a ride today, but my blood pressure is doing wonky today. I fell in the shower this morning when my BP tanked on me, so getting on the road on the strike probably isn't advisable. Maybe it'll be nice tomorrow, and I'll be able to ride.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [rain of lead](#):

There's a game? Would you like to play a game?

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@ [rain of lead](#):



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Fist**

Yeah, I want happy to see that. Rubio is right, and he's really the only one of them that will come out and say it. Obama is getting the results from his policies that he wants to get. It is the only possible explanation for what he has done, and continues to do. If he were simply incompetent, he'd be flailing around trying to find some kind of strategy that would work. He is entirely the opposite of that. He is calm and collected in pursuing the destruction of the United States.

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Fist**

@ [rain of lead](#):

Yep, scary movie. Kind of a peacenik movie, but I remember it. The scariest thing is that our cybersecurity isn't much better today than it was then, even without people like Clinton blowing holes in the security firewall because she didn't want to be bothered doing things the right way.

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@ [rain of lead](#):

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kdsJUxVIANk&sns=tw>

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [rain of lead](#):

Oh, I agree with that analysis, too. Rubin did real damage to himself. But he was right in his analysis of Obama. He needed to be a better communicator for his message. That is a real weakness that he has. It may very well cost him New Hampshire. We'll have to see what the voters do with it. I guess this could be enough to knock him out of the race entirely. We just have to see how it effects the votes Tuesday. Personally, it doesn't particularly trouble me. This is what politics is like. You don't improvise, because then you get off message. But Rubio hit the point too many times. It is a great point, but he should have taken the fight back to Christie on why he knows Obama is doing all of this deliberately. That he didn't is probably due to his inexperience, which is his biggest negative.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [rain of lead](#):

Yep, and Dee Schneider has been milking it ever since. Not that I blame him for that. Everybody's got to make a living.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [buzzsawmonkey](#):

Who was it that said consistency was a hobgoblin of small minds? (I know the actual quote is a "foolish consistency"). The Left don't believe that they have to be consistent or logical at all. They don't recognize the superiority of truth to falsehood. Being logically fallacious is really a pretty small thing when compared to that.

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Iron

@ [rain of lead](#):

We live in interesting times. I think that this is the most important election in American history, which would also make it the most important election

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Fist in history, period. Hitler's taking power in Germany (and founding the Third Reich) would be as momentous, but that wasn't exactly the direct results of an election. And depending on who wins, the results of this election could be as catastrophic for the world as Hitler taking power. Just consider what Hillary Clinton or Bernie Sanders taking the Presidency will mean for Iran's nuclear ambitions.

@ [doriangrey](#):

That is bad news. Everything and everyone that has discussed it with me has said how critical having a positive attitude is to beating cancer. It is one of my greatest assets in the fight. I am already Stage 4, and nobody has said anything about my being terminal, or only having X number of months to live, or anything close to that. My odds really are kind of grim, but there is no sense in letting that eat at me. At the end of the day my life is in God's hands. If He chooses to heal me, then I will live. If He chooses to take me, I will regret it, but I am not afraid. I think I am going to live, though.



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Fist**

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I will pray that your brother gain some hope. My hope comes from God, and the sure knowledge that I have in God's existence, benevolence, and love. With such assurances why should I fear?

@ [Buckeye Abroad](#):

Yeah, Rubio said Obama knows exactly what he is doing. That alone just about secures my vote for him. I like Cruz a little better, but this is a damned important issue, and Rubio is the only one with the balls to state what has been obvious for several years. I spent several years thinking that Obama meant well, but was incompetent, but I kept asking myself "If he were trying to destroy the United States, what would he be doing differently?", and coming up with nothing substantive. Then a few year ago I had an epiphany: it was all deliberate, and the Democrat Party in nearly 100% behind him in those efforts. How many Democrats have you heard denounce him for the Road to Ruin he has put America on?



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@ [eaglesoars](#):

That is my denomination now, and I agree with that assessment. The Point, where we go to Churgo, is Missouri Synod Lutheran under the hood. I've attended a lot of courses on doctrine since we started going there, and about the only disagreement they have doctrinally is on Infant



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Baptism, and when they made their case for the practice, they sold me on their reasoning. They tie infant baptism in with circumcision, something that unquestionably was commanded by God, and equally unquestionably was done to infants. That works for me.

The big deal-killer if they'd been against it was the Doctrine of the Priesthood of the Believer. It turns out that Priesthood of the Believer traces its roots directly to Martin Lutheran, and is, as it is with Baptist, a core part of the Doctrine of the Church, really second only to the Divinity of Christ, the whole Trinity thing, and, of course, the death, Resurrection, and Salvation that Jesus Christ brought to the world. With that squared away, the transition from Baptist to Lutheran was an easy one. Other differences, like the fact that Baptist baptize with full immersion while the Lutheran sprinkle, really don't matter to God, I don't believe. I was baptized by immersion twice. My first baptism was when I was 7-8 years old, and was by immersion. My second baptism was also by immersion, but it was on Christmas Day in 2010-2011. I don't remember the year, but getting baptized on Christmas Day, symbolizing my acceptance of Christ's Gift of Salvation for me, is pretty special.

I want to see all of the governors lose. It doesn't look like that is going to happen. Kasich is doing better than I like, Job is getting about what I expected, and Christie looks like he is toast. If he stays in the single digits, I don't see how he continues. Carson is done, and while it will piss off my wife, it looks like Carly is done, too. She needed to beat Christie, and right now she isn't doing that. Cruz and Rubio are doing about what I figured they would do. I'd like to see both of them beat Job, and right now that is looking possible. I figured that Trump would do about where he is doing. He will, I hope, do the best he does anywhere in the primaries. I don't know how likely that is, but it is my hope.



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@ [lobo91](#):

Real women don't vote with their pussies, and that was really the only reason she's given anyone to vote for her. Her lackies saying that young women are voting for Sanders because that's "where the boys are", or that women are going to Hell if they don't support Hillary are just doubling down on that bullshit. As we can see from the returns, that tactic failed for her.



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@ [rain of lead](#):

I am feeling OK today. Very fatigued, but that is to be expected from the chemo. My pain levels are tolerable, if not good. I've slept a lot, which is probably the best thing that I can do for myself. I am still having bad tennitius, which we think is a side-effect of the chemo. All in all I am doing about as well as I guess I can expect. I want to get all of this over with, and be in remission, but I won't even begin to hear on that front until after my next round of chemo.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

The Court is going to be that way at least until someone like President Cruz or Rubio replaces Ruth Badger Ginsberg. I think it tells you how Ginsberg feels about Obama that she didn't retire while the Senate was still in Democrat hands, and Obama could appoint that replacement. Even Trump, who engenders no confidence at all when it comes to picking Supreme Court Justices, would be better than Obama, Clinton, or Sanders.

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@ [rain of lead](#):

Cool, man! I'll do that. Thanks!

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

That is good news. I want Cruz to beat Bush. Cruz was never going to win New Hampshire, and nobody ever thought that he would. Neither was Bush, but Bush spent something like \$30 million in New Hampshire to fight and maybe lose for 3rd with Cruz.

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Well, it looks like Cruz outdid Bush. I consider **that** almost as strong a victory as Tramp's. Nobody thought Cruz was going to win this one. I'd have liked to see him come in at #2, but #3 is performing well for the Demographics of the State. I am looking forward to South Carolina. It will be interesting to see how the field does down there. Carson, Christie, and probably Fiorina are done. We donated \$10 to Fiorina, and I just sent \$5 to Cruz, but that has us pretty tapped. We'll help them through South Carolina, and then we'll see where we are. The Primaries are kind of like chemotherapy for the electorate. We want know if it's been effective until after it is said and done. I was a little surprised to see Rubin finish 5th,

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but Bush spent a stone fortune to see that that didn't happen. Bush couldn't quite defeat Cruz, but he beat Rubio. It appears to me that he'll burn through the cash he has trying to keep Rubio from getting the nod. That's pretty dispicable, if you ask me.

@ [Phantom Ace](#):

Hey, man, thanks for this thread! History, as you know, is one of my passions. I believe that you have to know where you came from to be able to realistically chart your path forward. This is as true of Nation-States and Civilizations as it is individuals and organizations. That is part of why the Left want to destroy and eliminate all references to the Confederacy as anything other than a caricature. The idea that someone like Nathan Redford Forrest could be a real-life action hero while being a tragically flawed man when it comes to other races (though he did overcome that to a large degree after the end of the Civil War) simply doesn't fit the narrative that the Left wants to tell about the South.



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Fist**

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I like the study of Rome as well. They were the highest civilization in the West (one can argue quite legitimately that both China and Japan were as well developed as the Romans at roughly the same time) prior to us, and the more we know about them, the more we know about what **may** be about to happen to us.

@ [MacDuff](#):

Nobody wants to admit the truth about Islam because they do not want to follow up that admission with the kind of plan that it will take to defeat Islam. Hell's Bells, these cocksuckers have trouble uttering the words "Radical Islamic Terrorists". Admitting that you need to lose the "Radical" part of that, and just say "Islamic Terrorists" probably scares the living shot out of them. Like an ostrich, they'd rather ignore an unpleasant truth than admit it and deal with it. We have to acknowledge that the Enemy us Islam. It is all Islam, though I hope and pray that that doesn't mean we have to completely exterminate the Muslims. Whatever their real numbers, there are probably around a billion Muslims in the world. Killing them all is an appalling thought. But allowing them to conquer and kill us because we didn't want to face up to the necessity of a very unpleasant course if action is much, much worse. It really is us or them. This is a clash of Civilizations, or, I think more accurately, Civilization versus Savagery. We cannot lose this one, and it infuriates me to see the weak men that we have trying to step up and take over



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after the disaster that Obama hath wrought.

@ [Mojambo](#):

Rubio has become my second choice after Ted Cruz, and it is a close choice. If Rubio had a sounder position on immigration, he might as up to my first choice. Even Cruz isn't perfect on immigration. While he is hell on wheels bout illegal immigration, he is for increasing the H1B visas, which is a direct assault on my wages as a software engineer. The H1B visas have never directly impacted my job, but the potential is there. There regally is little difference between outsourcing a job to India or China to pay lower wages and bringing in the workers from India or China to work here for those same lower wages. Either way you are undercutting the market value of American citizens, and that is wrong. I



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I am not a Chamber of Commerce Republican. We don't need to be bringing in illegals or, for that matter, legal immigrants to undercut American wages. I am not, by any means, against **all** legal immigration. Quite the contrary. Bringing in the best minds of the world is something that can benefit the United States, the immigrants themselves, and even the world, as these men and women will be able to collaborate with other fine minds that wouldn't have necessarily been available if they'd stayed back in their native country. But you have to do immigration **right**. You bring these people in rationally. You don't bring in Muslim "refugees" to terrorize your population. Indeed, I'd limit importing Muslims of any stripe. There are, no doubt, good Muslims in the world. My oncologist was educated in Egypt, and appears to be a fine doctor. He is supposed to be the best-known oncologist in this area. Is he Muslim? I haven't asked, and he hasn't volunteered the information. It really doesn't matter except in that he would make a good counterexample to the "All Muslims are bad" narrative ifs he is Muslim. He could be a Coptic Christian, though, or, for that matter, an Atheist. Any way you cut it, though, he is an exceptional guy. If you could import people only of his quality, then Immigration would not be a worry to me at all.

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@ [doriangrey](#):

Excellent points. I think that you are right about that. You can see it in the Washington Establishment, and even to a degree in some of the "leaders" at a State level. These people, for the most part, don't believe in God, but they still believe in the Divine Right of Kings. They see themselves as the Kings, of course.

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@ [Phantom Ace](#):

I agree completely, and I understand how having immigrant family could affect how you feel about it personally. My family really aren't immigrants until you go back before the Civil War, and even Revolutionary War. One of my ancestors, a man named William Bean, was the first white man born West of the Appalachians. Of course, my

Cherokee ancestors were here before him race, as you know, has nothing to do with my opposition to some immigrants. I really don't care what color a person's skin is. I care greatly about their religious and political ideology. I don't want to import Muslims, Communists, Fascists, Nazis, or Liberal/Leftists regardless of the color of their skin. I like the idea of rescuing Christians from places in the Middle East where they are facing persecution and even outright genocide, but we have to recognize the fact that the Enemy could easily pretend to be Christian, and thus infiltrate the West as though we were importing Muslims. I am really not sure what the best avenue to proceed is here. If we were willing to put boots on the ground in Syria and Iraq, we could set up safe-havens there to house, clothe, and feed these legitimate refugees while we attempt to seriously vet them for possible immigration into the United States, but I don't know if it is even possible to vet them thoroughly enough that there isn't too much risk in bringing them here.



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@ [buzzsawmonkey](#):

You don't think that the Democrats give a rat's ass about the "Will of the voters" do you? They only bother holding elections because they can't legally do away with them. But as for caring what the voters really think, they simply don't. It isn't just the Republican voters that they hold in contempt. It is all of the voters whom are stupid enough to vote for them. Lenin called these people "Useful Idiots", while Gruber simply said that the Democrats rely on the "Stupidity of the American voter" to pass their agenda. It all boils down to the same thing. Hillary will be the nominee unless she is so damaged that they have to jettison her, but even if that happens I don't expect Sanders to get the nod. They'll bring in Biden, or Elizabeth Warren, or some other ringer to show how "concerned" they are about corruption, or some such nonsense. Again relying on enough people being stupid enough to buy what they are shoveling to win the election. It is going to be damned interesting to see what their reaction is if they lose this race. I expect them to lose, but we won't know until the



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votes are counted.

@ [rain of lead](#):

Of course. Islam creates the conditions that its demented followers want. It is inconceivable to civilized people that anyone could want the things that come with Islam, including things like stoning adulteresses, raping children as a cultural feature, rampant murder and order-suicide, honor killings, terrorism, and the list goes on, but those are exactly the conditions that Muslims want. Look at how they bring all of that shot with them when they immigrate to the West. It isn't the geography that makeshifts Islamic countries universally Third World hellholes. It is the Mohammedans themselves who create those conditions. You don't even have to look to places in the West to see this. Look at Africa, and compare, say, Kenya to even Algeria, let alone Libya or the Sudan. The geography is similar, but the cultures are starkly different.



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@ [yenta-fada](#):

And then ignorant people try to deny the obvious connections between "Moderate" Muslims and Islamic terrorists. It is my understanding that Islamic "charity" isn't remotely what Christian charity is. Christian charity is like alms for the poor, providing medical treatment for the sick who can't afford to pay for it, meals for the hungry, and the like. Islamic "charity" is money for the Jihad. Money to support Jihad terrorists, and so forth. You can see this on display with the Red Crescent. Notice that when there are major natural disasters in Muslim lands, it is the Red Cross that provides relief, not the Red Crescent. The Red Crescent might assist in small ways in some of these disasters, but it is the Red Cross, often backed by the US Military, that does the heavy lifting. OTOH, we all have heard of Red Crescent ambulances being used to transport weapons and fighters in Gaza and the West Bank. I've never seen anything to indicate that that isn't how they operate everywhere.



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@ [RIX](#):

The Shores of Tripoli. The Mohammedans provided the excellent resources to blood the new United States Marine Corps. That was how Mohammedans contributed to the Founding of America.



**Iron
Fist**

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Yeah, if Bush ever thought he had a chance, surely that killed it. Though [Bush was forth, not fifth](#). He beat Rubio by less than a point, and tied him on the delegates. Cruz doing as well as he did was quite welcome. I can't wait until South Carolina, and Super Tuesday. We'll see whatever happens then.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

I believe so. Tennessee is the same way. You can only vote in one Party's primary, but you can choose whichever Party you want when you vote. We don't register to vote by Party affiliation. I'd never vote for a Democrat, though. Not even if I didn't like any of the Republicans running.



As for South Carolina, I don't see Kasich doing well there. Trump will be competitive, though, as will Cruz. Bush? Let me put it this way. Rubio has endorsements from Tim Scott and Trey Gowdy. Bush has an endorsement from Miss Lindsay Graham. He is banking on doing well with the military vote. That is really his only hope. If they turn out for him, he may do well. If they don't, though, he'll crash and burn. Lindsay Graham's endorsement want bring him a single vote that he wouldn't have gotten for being the Establishment candidate.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

You could be right about that. You actually know these people, while I am piecing together guesses about their motivations from watching the results of their behavior, and the text of their public statements. On a rare occasion I'll hear something more candid that got out through an open mic or whatever, but even there you don't know if it was a true accident or mistake, or if it is spreading the line of bullshit that they want to spread while making it seem to be a candid shot. I don't trust any of these bastards, really, even the ones I support.



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@ [RIX](#):

I like to see things like this happening to my political enemies. I want to see Bush out of the race like Christie. I hated to see Carly go, but the handwriting was on the wall. I still hope for Cruz-Fiorina or Rubio-Fiorina as our ticket. I also like Nikki Haley as a possible VIP.No Bush



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VP, though. We didn't need Bush I when he was Reagan's VP. You have to wonder how different things would have been if it was a Reagan-Kemp ticket instead of Reagan-Bush. Water under the bridge, and an opportunity missed. Without Bush I's fuckups, we probably don't get a Clinton Presidency. Who knows what all that would have changed. 9-11. Might never have happened without Clinton's recklessness to let Osama and his Merry Men run wild.

@ [RIX](#):



**Iron
Fist**

The way I read it, and I could be misreading it, is that they had a hard stop time constraint, and that it was a Rotary official who took him off the stage, which is not the same thing as if a random heckler got him kicked off the stage by being obnoxious. I don't know the ins and outs of it, but that is how it sounds to have gone down to me.

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@ [doriangrey](#):



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Fist**

This is really cool. There physics of it are way above my paygrade, though. I know the basics of a fusion reaction, but that would be about it. If they really can get all of this online it would be amazing, but I expect the Globule Warminging/Environut whack wing of the Democrat Party to fight this tooth and nail. Their desired end isn't cheap and plentiful energy for all, but expensive energy that is in short supply for the masses, while the Elites live it up on. What energy production that there is.

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@ [Lily](#):



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Fist**

I can't imagine coming from a Leftist household. My family has been conservative, and mostly Republican, since the Civil War. My grandparents on my mother's side were lifelong Democrats, but I reckon that they voted for Reagan over Carter. I know that my mother voted for Reagan. Under Carter my family had been doing very well financially, despite the fact that the economy was in the shutter for most of the rest of the country. I remember well my father saying that voting for Reagan was going to hurt us financially, but it was our duty to the Country, as American citizens, to vote for Reagan.

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He was right about it hurting us financially, but he was also right about the duty to the Country. I was raised that God, family, and Country were where our loyalties were to be. My parents were, in a lot of ways, puss poor parents. But they raised me to be a Christian, they raised me to

protect my own, and they raised me to be a patriot. We never did fully recover from the hit that we took during the Reagan Recession of the early 1980s. We weren't starving, or at risk of losing our house, or anything like that, but we never made it back to the kind of disposable income that we'd had in the late '70s. It was worth it, though. God, family, Country. We'd be a lot better off as a nation if more people had their priorities and values aligned that way.



**Iron
Fist**

@ [eaglesoars](#):

I'd rather have more ammunition than gold, and, trust me, I have a damned good stockpile of ammunition. I hope never to use it except for what I expend training, but I am damned glad to have what I have.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [Lily](#):

That is the way that I feel about it, too. The Left aren't "pro-choice" at all. They are pro-abortion. Just like I refuse to call abortionists "doctors". They are people who've been through med school, but they don't pass the "First, do no harm" test to be considered to be a doctor. They are abortionists, and abortionists are basically serial killers, in the same way that Martin Bormann was a serial killer. Abortionists kill all of their victims with their own hand, while Bormann, perforce, shared out the actual killing with his subordinates. The Nazis were killing on an industrial level, but abortion is a big, multibillion dollar industry in America. Where the Nazis were a more centralized engine of murder, abortionists in America are not controlled by any central authority. But they are killing on the same scale, over one million people a year lose their lives to abortion in America every year. Over 90K black babies are killed every year by abortionists. And people who question the rightness of this are considered to be "offensive". I will proudly offend on this issue.

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@ [rain of lead](#):

Hey, man, how's life treating you? I saw my oncologist today, and I am doing much better this week than I did my first week after my first chemo treatment. Well enough that we've scheduled my third round of chemo. It will start on the 22nd, and run through the 27th. After that we will do another PET scan, CAT scan, and other tests to see how my cancer is responding to treatment. From there we can chart my treatment going forward.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Yeah, everything was good. My counts were low normal, with the exception of mred blood cells, which was a point low, but still acceptable. I don't need a transfusion this time around. We've scheduled my next round of chemo to begin on the 22nd. Getting this third round of chemo out of the way before March. March is a traditionally bad month for me. It is the 28th anniversary of Sam's death on the 25th. March is always hard on me emotionally/psychologically, and this year I am dealing with cancer as well. I'll get through this, but I'll be glad to have it over with. I hope nothing else disastrous happens to me this March.

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@ [rain of lead](#):

That is all good to see except Trump's numbers. I want to see Cruz win the nomination. Rubio is acceptable to me as well. Other than that, though, my favorites have all fallen by the wayside. Cruz was always my #2 choice, even when Walker was my #1. Fiorina came up to number one as I learned more about her. Now Cruz is my number one, and Rubio is number 2. After that I really don't care for any of the others. If any of them get the nod, I will vote for them, but it will be a McCain/Romney kind of hold my nose and pull the lever kind of vote. Cruz or Rubio I will be enthusiastic to vote for.

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@ [rain of lead](#):

I'm going to vote as soon as I can. I am going to vote for Cruz, and he isn't going to drop out. The only other person in the field that I would consider voting for is Rubio, but he may drop out if he gets destroyed in South Carolina. Jeb, Kasich, Trump, and Carson aren't really my candidate. I think the only reason Bush is still in the race is to sabotage Rubio. I don't think Bush stands a chance of winning the nomination, and I think that he knows this. He is just so upset that Rubio didn't sit it out because it is Jeb's turn to run for President that he'll do whatever it takes to sabotage him. Now, I don't know why, exactly, Jeb thinks that it was his turn this year, anyway, but the entitled little prick believes it every bit as much as Hillary Clinton believes that it us her turn after eight years of Obama (and she no doubt feels that Obama stepped out of turn in 2008 when he took the nomination from her). These wastes of skin who believe that they are America's hereditary Ruling Class need to be shut up in the hardest manner possible. America does not have, nor does America need,

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a hereditary Ruling Class. If these people have merit of their own as potential leaders well and good. Let them run on their own merits. But, let's face it, neither Bush nor Clinton do have any real merits of their own. Clinton even less than Bush. Hillary Clinton's only real accomplishment was in marrying Bill Clinton. If she want Clinton's Old Lady, she'd have never amounted to jack shut, unless she found some other man to form a political alliance with. Bush at least was something of a successful governor in Florida, but he's been out of office for as long as he was on office. If he didn't have the Bush name he wouldn't be in the race today.

@ [RIX](#):

Trump has his supporters, and it doesn't look like they are going anywhere, but he hasn't really brought anybody new on board as people have dropped out of the race. If either Cruz or Rubio can start consolidating the non-Trump voters, then Trump will go down. Look at the [delegate count](#):



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Trump 17
Cruz 11
Rubio 10
Kasich 5
Bush 4
Carson 3

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Obviously Trump is ahead, but not by the kind of margin that should send everybody else to the house. There are still a lot of primaries to go. It isn't anywhere near over.

@ [rain of lead](#):



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Fist**

We're going to get it done next week. Maybe even Monday, because I will be out and about in the truck, and be picking the Mafia Princess up from work. It isn't that far from where she works to the polling place we prefer to use.

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@ [rain of lead](#):

Yeah, it has certainly been interesting, and I am excited to see who our nominee is. The Democrats are going to nominate Hillary Clinton, it looks like. Even if the FBI recommends indictment, I don't expect Obama's JustUs Department to actually follow through with it. She is easily the

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most corrupt person if any Party to run for the Presidency. It shows you the real morality, or what passes for morality, of the Democrat Party. I can't believe that she'll get more than 40% of the vote, but I could be proven wrong.

OT, I want [one of these](#):



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I've been looking for a good mace for my weapons collection for at least 15 years, but I've never found one that was worth a shit that wasn't a grand or so. This one is 1055 high carbon steel. The handle is hollow rather than solid, which helps keep the weight down. I am not sure how that would hold up if you were actually using it, but as long as the gage if the tubing is sufficient it shouldn't be a problem. I'd prefer a solid shaft, but beggars can't be choosers.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

I know I wouldn't buy food for me or my family (which includes my pets) if I knew it came from China. Period. I can't not buy anything from China, but where I have the choice I avoid it for some things. Some things I get because they are manufactured in China (think Poly-tech Legend model AK-47s). My daisho might have been manufactured in China. I don't really know. There are some forges in China that are turning out quality weapons, especially weapons that you want to have as decorative weapons. I will likely never use my daisho in combat, for example, but I wanted something that I could use if it came down to it. I love swords, and I got the second best modern production Japanese swords out there. The best weapons are made by a man named Howard Clark, and just the raw blade, unpolished and unmounted, runs \$3500. There are other reasonable quality blades out there. The company that made my daisho went out of business in the mid-2000s, but there are other manufacturers who turn out blades for cutting competition. They would certainly be sufficient for any application that I'd have for it.



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@ [yenta-fada](#):

I've already gotten my Valentine's Day presents. They were some patches for my vest, and some biker jewelry. We put money back into a fund for a really nice Tanzenite ring that I am wanting to buy the Mafia Princess for Christmas this year. She's wanted it for three or four years, but it has been



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out of our price range. If we can put back \$100 a month between now and Christmas, we'll be able to afford it. It is a really nice ring. The mace can wait. It would just be a decoration in my office/man cave, anyway. I have other decorations that I probably want more, but there are no guarantees that this mace will be around in a couple of years, so buying one when they are available is to be done if it can be. The ring for my wife comes first. For the price of the ring I could just about do all if the chrome that I want for my motorcycle, except the chrome wheels. Depending on what I go with, the chrome wheels can run as much as \$1200-1400 apiece, and I'll need three of them. That'll be one of the last things that we do with the customization. That and my custom paint. Like everybody, we have immense demand for our limited income, and my being sick isn't helping anything. It's a \$50 Co-pay every time I see my oncologist, and I sometimes see him twice in a week. Oh, well. We do what we can.

@ [Calo](#):

Thanks! I am in much better shape here at the end of this week than I was at a similar time out from my first round of chemo. Part of that is that we had a better idea of what to expect in the way of side-effects from the chemo, so we were able to take preventative action before I got in such a bad way. Also, I didn't come down with pneumonia this week, so I didn't have to go back to the hospital for another week the way I did last month. I also feel like I've made some progress against my main tumor. I am able to eat more solid food with less pain and throwing up than I was having a month ago. Hopefully that means the tumor is shrinking. I hope to be in full remission by my birthday in June. We'll see. I'll have had time to do 6-7 rounds of chemo, if that is required. I go in for my third round of chemo on the 22nd of February. We are hitting the chemo as hard as we dare.



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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Yeah, you compete in [iaido](#) which is depraving the sword and cutting a target, usually rolled up rice fiber mats. It isn't quite as demanding as cutting flesh and bone, but it is a good test for both the martial artist and the weapon he uses. Inferior weapons can chip, bend, and even break, especially if the artist's technique is weak. I don't practice the art myself, but when I buy a weapon, I want a real weapon, not just something that will look pretty hanging on my wall.



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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Thanks for the heads up. I'll ask about that. I didn't know anything about gems and jewelry except that I know what I like. Insider shit like artificial enhancement of the stone is something that I knew nothing about. It is something to watch for. This one is in a 14k white gold setting, so I doubt that they've moneyed with the stone, but it doesn't hurt to ask. I bought her a much cheaper set of Tanzenite earrings for Christmas, and they might very well have done something like this with them, so that they could use a lower quality stone, and keep the price down. I'll ask about them as well.

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[yenta-fada](#) wrote:

Sometimes you just have to see if you love the color and go for it.



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Fist

We aren't buying these stones as an investment, but rather for the pleasure of owning them. I don't mind lab created gems as long as they aren't sold to me as natural stones. I bought a beautiful emerald ring for my wife for Christmas about three years ago, and it was a lab created stone, and set in silver instead of white gold. The casual observer will not notice the difference. I can't tell the difference between a natural stone and a lab created one, myself. I reckon the way you tell is by looking at the gem under a highpowered scope.

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@ [Bordm](#):

I regret voting for Perot. It took me a decade to realize it, but he was just a spoiler for Clinton. He could not have done any more than he did to get Clinton elected, and he was never serious about winning. He accomplished his mission: split the anti-Clinton vote so that Clinton could win. I've learned from that mistake.

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We'll see what McDonnell actually does when it comes to allowing Obama to appoint Scalia's successor. There is no reason for him to do so, but I didn't really expect him to fight it. That he **says** that Obama shouldn't be allowed to appoint whomever is a positive first step. Now is the time for us to hold our representatives feet to the fires on this. Rather than assuming that our "leadership" will cave, we need to be doing our damndest to try to ensure that they **don't**. We won't know what will

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happen until it happens. If there is enough public pressure on them to hold the line, maybe they **will** hold the line.

@ [mfhorn](#):



Yeah, assuming that McDonnell holds the line, and they don't allow Obama to appoint Scalia's successor, we are still fucked if we don't win the election. I don't trust Trump on Supreme Court picks, but there is little question that he would be better than Obama, Hillary, or any other Democrat. I'd rather Cruz or Rubio be the one who makes the appointment, though. Interesting times. We are living in a pivotal time in history. And things look to be continuing down the spiral.

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@ [AZfederalist](#):



Yeah, that is possible, too. I wouldn't put anything past McCain or his milk. I was surprised to see Lindsay Graham state that Obama shouldn't be allowed to nominate Scalia's successor. Graham isn't exactly a rock solid Conservative. If his attitude is , maybe the Republicans in the Senate will hold the line.

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That was a nice way to start the debate. All of our sympathies are with Scalia's family. He lived a long, full life. He was in his 80s, right? 1936-2016. That'd make him 80, if I am doing the math right. Rest in peace, great warrior.



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@ [rain of lead](#):



Cool. That's an old man, but not an extremely old man. Rest in peace.

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@ [buzzsawmonkey](#):



Tramp is also pretty weak on [gun control as well](#). Indeed, he is at about the same place that Sanders is on gun control, too. Sanders has taken some heat for not being as rabid a gun banner as Hillary Clinton.

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@ [Bunk X](#):



Exactly. People no doubt said Reagan was unelectable, too. The whole "electability" argument is really pretty speculative. It is usually based on

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Fist a take on the electorate that is far to the Left of most of America. If we elected our President just by the popular vote, that might hold more water, but thanks to the ingenious Electoral college electability means more than just getting the largest number of votes. Everybody knows that the Democrats can pretty much write off the South in Presidential elections, but you don't hear anyone talking about Hillary Clinton's "electability" just because she can't win the State of Tennessee (or even because she may be under indictment).

@ [Flyovercountry](#):

+1000 You are absolutely right. The more that I've learned about Trump, the less I like about him. I would prefer any of the men on the stage with him more than I would him, even Bush or Kasich (and I don't consider either of them fit for the office). My picks are Cruz, Rubin, and then Carson, followed by Bush, Kasich, and Trump. I prefer Trump to anyone the Democrats are likely to put up, but that is damning with faint praise. I might prefer Benito Mussolini to Hillary Clinton or Bernie Sanders.



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@ [Calo](#):

I think that is the two that we are likely to have to choose between. I'd prefer it to be Cruz and Rubio in the next to last cut. That is certainly a possibility. Job and Kasich should drop out and throw their support to either Cruz or Rubio. I don't see Bush endorsing Rubio or Trump, so that leaves Cruz, unless he wants to throw his support to Carson as a fuck-you to the rest of the field. I don't think that is likely, but I guess it could happen. Kasich is toast, too, he just doesn't want to admit it. São's Carson, at the end of the day. I hope that President Cruz has a place for him in his cabinet, though. The man is brilliant, and has the kind of principles that we should all want to see as a prerequisite for holding high office in the government.



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Fist**

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@ [Bunk X](#):

Yep, you are entirely correct. Either man would be a dangerous gamble if he were elected President. This is the most pivotal election into our nation's history (in my opinion), and we have so few good candidates. The Démocrate didn't field anybody fit to be Senior Classe President, and while web hard a large field, most of these candidates weren't much better than the Democrats. We had Cruz, Rubio, Fiorina, Walker, and Carson that I really think were up to the job, and I question whether



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Carson was really up for the job. Carson is a brilliant, nice, principled, Christian man. Morally he is well qualified, and that is important. But he isn't experienced in a lot of how government works, and while there is always a learning curve for new Presidents, his would be steeper than Cruz or Rubio's, though likely not any steeper than Trump's learning curve. Cruz or Rubio, either one, will be fine with me. Neither one is perfect, but either one is qualified for the office. One is a political outsider, the other a political insider. I suspect that we'll wind up with Rubio as the nominee, because the Establishment will get behind him once the Establishment gets over its child-like faith that surely Jeb Bush will win this primary.



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Fist**

@ [rain of lead](#):

Internet polls like that are meaningless. If they meant anything, we'd be in Ron Paul's Second Term. They are too easy to manipulate, and stack. The Ronulans were masters at that.

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[Canoe Convoy](#) wrote:



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Fist**

@ Iron Fist:

Trump really, seriously, shot his candidacy in the foot with his comments regarding "W was responsible for 9/11," and Iraq. I didn't like that one bit.

Yeah, I said over on Weasel Zippers that that line of argument is what we had levied at Bush by Michael Moore, among other Leftist hacks. It kind of lets you know where Trump stands in terms of his moral compass that he would raise such an illegitimate avenue of attack.

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@ [Bunk X](#):

Wow, are you serious? That is extremely high. Dial 911. They can tell you if you need to go to the ER. My bet is that you need to go to the ER, but I am not a medical professional. They had me brought in by ambulance the other day when my blood pressure was running 70/58. That is extremely low, while yours is extremely high. Either one is potentially very dangerous, even life threatening. I'll say a prayer for your safe and complete recovery.



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@ [Calo](#):

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@ [Bunk X](#):

Thanks, man! I don't know what to say. Just thanks. That is greatly appreciated.

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[Bunk X](#) wrote:

@ Iron Fist:

Oh, and let no one forget that Senator Al Gore lost his own state – for a reason.



**Iron
Fist**

Exactly, and **that**, not Florida, is what really cost him the 2000 Election. If he'd won Tennessee, Florida wouldn't have mattered. Want it Ruben who said he thanked God Bush was the President instead of Al Gore on 9-11? I can second that sentiment. I've had the opportunity to meet Al Gore back when he was just a Senator, and while he didn't strike me as very intelligent he wasn't the overwhelming boor that he was after 8 years as Slick Willie's VP. I don't blame Tipper for a second for leaving him when it came out that he was trying to hook up with massage therapists as call-girls. That was, dare I say it, very Conservative of her. I'd expect the Mafia Princess to leave me if I did something similar. And I would leave her. I'd be absolutely shattered if she cheated on me, and, really, can't imagine that either of us would cheat on the other. I've had the opportunity for an affair with one of the most beautiful, intelligent women I've ever known, right at the beginning of our relationship, and I want remotely tempted. If the same opportunity arose again, my answer would still be the same. I love my Mafia Princess. No one I've ever met, let alone dated, holds a candle to her.

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@ [randian](#):

Maybe not. Where in the Appellate system is it? From the little research I did on it it looked like the 9th Circuit has heard the case, but not ruled on it. If it reaches the current Court, the decision would likely be 4-4 unless one of the remaining Justices recluses him or herself. Let's hope that all Second Amendment jurisprudence can wait until we have a positive balance on the Court again. Ted Cruz knocked it out of the park

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on this issue when he addressed it in last night's debate.

[readergirl13](#) wrote:

You know, there are some posts that pop up on here that make me wish for a like button.



Iron
Fist

I am with you there. We have "like" and "dislike" buttons at Weasel Zippers (they are part of the Discus format), and I really like them. I may not always have time, inclination, or what have you to make a cogent response, but I can let people know whether I like their posts or not. And I appreciate getting the feedback from other posters. It makes me feel good to see that there are people out there who read what I write, and appreciate my point of view. I don't see the post polling hurting things the way they did at LGF, and that is because the blog owners at WZ.dont **want** to misuse the polling system to play the posters off of one another the way Charles did at LGF. The people make all the difference in the world.

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[buzzsawmonkey](#) wrote:

Donald Trump does not have the skill set to be president, however good or decent or pleasant he might be in a personal situation. He does not have the knowledge; he does not have the political skills; he does not have the intellectual curiosity. I have listened to as much of his speechifying as I can stand, and he comes across as a thin-skinned egotist, an ignoramus, a bombastic fool – in the context of the job he is currently applying for



Iron
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Exactly. It doesn't matter how great and wonderful he promises to make everything. Talk is cheap. **How** does he intend to carry that out? He isn't much for supplying details. You can do that when you are star of your own "reality" TV show, but that just want cut it if he is elected President in November. I have this horrible feeling that if we elect Tramp in November, we, as a nation, are going to have the collective "Oh, **shit!**" moment to end all "Oh, shit!" moments. I hope that it doesn't come to that. We still have a lot of primaries to go until either Party's nominee is chosen. There is still time for Cruz to come up in the esteem of the voters, still time for Hillary!® to be indicted. Hell, as Scalia showed us yesterday, a lot of these candidates are getting on in years. Pillar or

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Sanders either one could croak from natural causes, and the nation would be better off for it.



@ [buzzsawmonkey](#):

Thanks for that, Buzz. I had intended to write both my Senators on the issue, what I would have come up with wouldn't have been as eloquent as that, so I was happy to "borrow" your verbiage. I don't know if it will make any difference on how they vote, but I have at least let them both know show I feeling on the issue.

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@ [lobo91](#):

Good thing he doesn't look like he is going to be our nominee, then. That statement alone shows that he isn't fit to hold the office of the Presidency. Appointing Supreme Court Justices is one of the most important privileges any President has, and appointing the right candidate is second only to decisions regarding whether or not the go to war in important duties of any President, regardless of party or ideology. To say that it really isn't important to him is a gesture of contempt for the voters that he is asking to give him the honor and duty of, among other things, doing. He'll of a way to try to get elected.

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@ [lobo91](#):

Just another way he reveals that he is more Liberal than Conservative on the issues. You can't get away from the fact that Affirmative Action is racial discrimination. It may discriminate in favor of blacks instead of against them, but either racial discrimination is morally wrong, which I believe to be the case, or it is not. If it is not morally wrong, then racial discrimination in favor of whites is not morally different that racial discrimination in favor of blacks. Deciding to be prejudiced in blacks' favor is morally no different than being prejudiced in favor of whites. As I said, I consider all racial discrimination to be morally wrong. God created me as no man's inferior or superior, no matter what the color of my skin. God cares about the content of my character, not the color of my skin. Martin Lither King did the whole country (the whole world, really) a solid when he said he wanted his kids judged by the content of their character rather than the color of their skin. Affirmative action turns that on its head, and promotes certain skin colors over other skin colors. That is wrong, and should not be a policy of the US Government. If private

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enterprises want to have their own Affirmative Action schemes, then I don't see where the State has the Constitutional authority to stop them, but that cuts both ways. If a company wants to have a policy of racial discrimination in favor of whites, I have the right (and I'd say the moral obligation) to not do business with them, but if you are going to allow racial discrimination in favor of blacks and calls it "Affirmative Action", then you really have no ground to say that a different company can't discriminate against blacks for the same reason.

I'll say again, **all** racial discrimination is morally wrong. I want no part of it in any way, shape, form, or fashion. But if you are going to have racial discrimination in blacks' favor and callit "Affirmative Action" you have lost the moral high ground, and are really no different than the white supremacists that your Affirmative Action policy theoretically exists to counter.

@ [Lily](#):

Happy Valentine's Date to you, too, Lily! Mine has been pretty good. We didn't make it to Church this morning, which was disappointing, but the Mafia Princess wanted to sleeping in. We'll go next week. We got our grocery shopping done, though, and went to World Market, and found a sofa that we really liked. They just don't make that particular sofa in purple, and what we want is a purple sofa/settee for my upstairs office/man cave. However, Wayfair has [this](#), which is just about perfect. We can't afford any of that right now, but hopefully by my birthday. We've been planning on moving my office upstairs for a couple of years now, and it is just slow going. Now I've got this cancer going on, and it is limiting what I can do on a number of fronts.



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@ [brookly red](#):

A pillow over his head could mean that he was suffocated. It could also just be that he put a pillow over his eyes to block out the ambient light in the room. They need to do an autopsy, and figure out the cause of death. It is probably natural causes. There was probably no foul play involve in his death. But an autopsy will confirm that, and lay any specters to rest on that front.



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@ [Lily](#):

Obama isn't a decent human being, so you can't really expect him to



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behave decently about a matter like this. Of course he will try to appoint a successor. It is the job of the Republicans to stop that successor from being confirmed. The press will go nuts over that, but there is really nothing that they can do about it. Obama isn't going to be able to come up with 60 votes for anyone that he would name to the Supreme Court. One of the things that troubles me about Ted Cruz on this issue is that I think he said that he'd nominate that guy that Buzzsawmonkey was warning us about yesterday. That guy sounds like bad news. He's got the right optics, but the wrong ideology, and we have to start having an ideological litmus test for people that we appoint to these kinda of positions. This is too important to try to live up to some arbitrary standard of "impartiality". Maybe the Courts shouldn't be political, but that is not the world that we live in. We have to start winning these fights, instead of holding ourselves to some standard of "impartiality" that, in the end, only benefits the Left.

@ [brookly red](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Lovely. There was probably no foul play. It certainly isn't odd for a man of his age to pass away in his sleep. But I'd rather have a solid assessment of the cause of death beyond a nebulous "natural causes". Heart attack or stroke? Probably one of the two, or something similar. But we don't, to my knowledge, have anything definitive on the question of the cause of death.

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@ [buzzsawmonkey](#):



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I can't find any link. It was something he mentioned in the debate last night. He just tossed out a name, and said something about the guy clerking for Scalia, which, IIRC, Lessig did that. If I misheard, then I am glad. Everything that I turned up searching for a link was talking about Cruz vowing to filibuster any Obama appointee to replace Scalia, and there was no mention of any names that Cruz might consider acceptable coming from Obama. So I probably misheard/misremembered. I would like to see some names of people Cruz would consider to replace Scalia. I'm thinking Miguel Estrada, or Janice Rodgers Brown. Either one of those would make the Left have kittens, and it is always a good thing to

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have kittens around



@ [eaglesoars](#):

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Fist**

Thanks! That is a relief. The similarity of the names is what confused me. I am glad to see that Cruz is still battling close to 1000. I so hope that he is our nominee. I think that whomever we nominate will probably win. I could be wrong about that, but I think Cruz's supposed electability issues are more wishful thinking on the parties of the Left than they are a feature of the actual views of the electorate. We won't know until we actually hold the election, though. Cruz is still my first choice, and that isn't likely to change. I will be glad to be voting for a Presidential candidate instead of simply voting against someone that I can't approve of.

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Well, Trump is revealing that he really **is** a stalking horse for the Left. He is threatening to drop out of the race and run as a Third Party candidate again. He doesn't like it that everybody isn't kissing his ring properly. The **only** reason to run Third Party is to throw the election to the Democrats; probably Hillary Clinton, but possibly Bernie Sanders. That he even brings the possibility up is a sign number one of desperation. People who are as confident as he portrays himself to be don't threaten to throw the chessboard in the air and storm off, doing as much damage as he thinks he can do in the process.

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In a similar vein is his threat to sue Ted Cruz. If he **really** believes he has a case, go for it. I already know how the Courts are going to decide, and so does Trump, or he'd have already filed the suit.

@ [coldwarrior](#):

He didn't say the "magic words" Third Party, but if you listen to the context he was pretty clear, without being explicit, what he was talking about. His agreement was not to run as an "Independent" candidate, and now he is unilaterally saying that they aren't living up to their end of the bargain. The threat is implied, rather than being explicit, but it is pretty clear what Trump meant.



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As for his "destroying" Hillary's campaign, she looks like she is still in the running to me. The person that is hurting her campaign is Sanders, not Trump. The Democrats could care less about Slick Wiley's mistreatment of women. Hell, a lot of them acknowledge that he has probably raped one woman (or possibly more than one women) and sexually assaulted even more. Pointing this out was a good thing, but it hasn't derailed Hillary's campaign.

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There are still a lot of primaries to go. It is still too early to be declaring anyone the victor. Something we should all keep in mind.

@ [eaglesoars](#):



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Yep, and especially the threat to sue Cruz not only doesn't look Presidential, it is not the act of a serious candidate. Shit or get off the pot, as it were. Either file your lawsuit, or shut the fuck up about the birthed nonsense. If he really has lawyers telling him he has a prayer of success with such a suit, they are committing legal malpractice. I don't believe that he does have such lawyers. If he did, he'd be filing his lawsuit instead of merely threatening to. Talk is cheap, something I know Trump knows.

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@ [lobo91](#):



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I agree, but I've never thought that Trump had much in the way of principles. While it is my understanding that he ultimately lost the case, he tried to use eminent domain to take a widow's home from her to make a parking lot for limos at one of his New Jersey casinos. That's a pretty bullshit move. He likes to say that he offered her money for her house, but the fact remained that when she said "No" he tried to use the power of the State to coerce her into selling to him. Nobody that does something like that can legitimately call themselves a "Conservative". That is another reason that I do not trust his migration on other issues from a fairly Left-wing/Liberal position to a putatively Conservative one. Keep in mind that Trump defends his abusive use (or attempted abusive use) of eminent domain. I'd give more credence to his supposed conservative if he were saying "I was wrong, and I am sorry" about things like that, and, more generally, his Leftist positions on a whole host of issues. He never says that he was wrong about anything that I have heard. That is a serious weakness in a man who would become the most powerful man in the world.

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@ [doriangrey](#):



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What did they do? I don't read Hot Air as a general rule, so I have no idea what they are doing regarding anything.

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@ [yenta-fada](#):

I don't understand how negative interest rates work. I assume that they aren't paying you money to borrow money from them. Are you paying the bank money to park your money in their establishment? I can see me keeping my money in our fire safe at home before I went that route if that negative interest rate got very high at all. I guess we pay a service charge to have a checking account, and we don't get paid interest on our money that is in those accounts, but that isn't quite the same thing as negative interest rates.

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[yenta-fada](#) wrote:

While it is not in my personal experience, being Jewish has periodically meant that you can be kicked out with just a suitcase for no reason. Perhaps that makes me feel safer with something I can easily carry instead of Government promises. I'm old. I've seen people with concentration camp numbers on their arms. It didn't take me long to see the rise of radical Islam for what it is.

The dhimmis are not there yet



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I, too, am a student of history, and especially conflict, and how history intersects with violence. There are a number of people on this board that have a better knowledge of the history of it, but I approach it as a trained warrior, which might give me some insights to what is happening to my country.

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I have been calling the state of affairs here in the United States the Cold Civil War of a number of years. This is a name that I got from Mark Steyn, IIRC, and I think that it is spot on describing the State of affairs starting in the early part of the first Clinton term. The foundations were leading during Bush I, though. Ruby Ridge is often erroneously attributed to the Clinton Administration. After The Waco Massacre, it is easy to get the jack-booted thugs actions lumped in together, but Ruby Ridge happened under George HW Bush's watch. Waco was a Clinton operation, though. Both atrocities served as kind of a wake-up call to a certain minority of American voters. Couple that with the hostility towards the Second Amendment that we saw with boy GHW Bush and Bill Clinton, and people were legitimately afraid that a hot Civil War might be in the offing.

Thank God that didn't happen. If we can retain our God-given natural rights without fighting a Civil War, if we can have Peace with Honor, then we **must** choose the path of Peace. However, that doesn't mean that we roll over on our backs and let them piss on our bellies. Peace with **Honor** is what must be stressed. The Federal Government has overstepped its legitimate bounds, and has essentially lost the consent of he governed. We voted for a Revolution in 1994, and the Republicans delivered some of that. There've been no further Federal gun control laws, and now we have a couple of solid Supreme Court cases that affirm the Second Amendment as an individual right. But you. Ever saw the Republicans repeal a single gun control law, and now our Supreme Court victories are in jeopardy. I think that the Republicans in the Senate will hold off any confirmation of anyone Obama tries to appoint. But if we lose the election in November we are well and truly fucked.

On other fronts things are worse. We've see the same Supreme Court that has given us victories (if somewhat more limited victories than we would like) on the Second Amendment front totally blow us away on both States' Rights and religious liberty with their awful decision on Gay Marriage. It isn't sufficient that the mandate that Gay Marriage is permissible, but they've laid the foundations to coerce the Christian Church to perform these sham marriages. It is the Gay Marriage Issue, not gun control, that has made me a Secessionist.

All of those are problems that we can talk about without ever mentioning the Islamic Question (except to note that the Gay Fascists who are attacking Christians with lawsuits over Gay Marriage **aren't suing Muslims** over the issue). Islam and Islamic Terrorism are problems that dwarf these other issues. These other issues are grave threats to the peace and stability of the Kingdom, as it were, but Islam is an existential threat in a way that even the Confederate States of America never dreamed to be. We all recognize the threat here, and we are not alone. There are other web sites that recognize the threat as well, and other organizations, even. The Infidels Motorcycle Club that I hope to join is organized as being against Islamic extremism, and Islamic terrorism. The VP of the Tennessee Chapter made it very explicit to me that they are **not** a hate group, and do not want to do anything that will get them labeled as a hate group. If I am going to run with these guys, that has to become a priority of mine as well. That doesn't mean we back down for our principles, but it does mean that we need to use sound judgement when planning seemingly innocuous things like a Club barbecue. Last year one of the Chapters had been going to have a pig roast in honor of Eid. That caused a big stink, and ultimately had to be scrapped. Some of the Club

members are active duty military, and others are contractors serving in various capacities overseas, and the pig roast was drawing too much of the wrong kind of publicity for it to be worth it. After all, it was (from an American perspective) just intended in fun. Something to tweak the Mohammedans' tails with. If we're going on to do something that may get people killed, we need something more than mere amusement for a motivation.

@ [coldwarrior](#):

It is interesting to see Trump running on a "Blame Bush!" Platform. Where have we seen that before? And Carolina Girl is completely correct that he's now sounding like a Code Pink kind of guy, and borderline 9/11 Truther. Did 9/11 happen on Bush's watch. Indisputably so. But stating it is like saying the sun rose in the East. Sure, it is factually true, but does anybody think that it's Bush's doing that it did so. The road to 9/11 started years before the act itself. Years under which Bill Clinton repeatedly refused to do anything about bin Laden or al Qaeda. Nobody much blames Bill for it. You certainly haven't seen Trump (let alone Bush, either one of them) blaming Clinton. All's fair in Love and war, and Politics is War, no doubt. Trump is free to attack in any manner that he believes will benefit him. But let's be honest about the dishonesty of his underlying accusation.



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@ [Phantom Ace](#):

Yeah, there's all kinds of room to blame Bush for things he did have control over, like the "Islam is a Religion of Peace®" nonsense, and changing the name of Operation: Infinite Justice to avoid offending our Mohammedan Enemies, to the ROE and conduct of the Iraq war, without having to stray into 9/11 Truther territory. To whatever legitimate extent the Federal Government deserved the blame for an attack of that magnitude, that blame would lay on Clinton's head. It was to George Bush's credit that he didn't make an issue of that the way Obama tried to blame Bush for every negative reaction to, or consequence of, Obama's policies.



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@ [MacDuff](#):

Yeah, this is anarchism, which is a Leftist ideology. Burning it down is what the Left has wanted for going on 100 years. They saw their plans work fairly quickly in Russia at the end of the First World War, but



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America has taken nearly 100 years to get to this point, and we are still a long way away from falling the way Russia fell, to be replaced by the Soviet Union. I have become a Secessionist, but that is because I want to preserve as much of the Old Republic as I can. I think we've moved too far down the path to Socialism to save the country intact. I'd love to be proven wrong on that score, but I don't see its happening.

Secession doesn't mean Civil War, though. The South and parts of the West can peacefully go our separate way, and allow the Left Coast and Northeast (and parts of them upper mid-West) go their own strange ways, and be done with each other. We can remain a Christian nation, with civilized laws on marriage, control if our boarders, a strong military, and so forth. Rule under the Constitution I swore an oath to defend. And the Left Coast and Northeast can have all the Gay Marriage, polygamy, and so forth that their little hearts desire. They can have strict gun control, and open borders (how they reconcile the two is none of our affair, if we have had an amicable divorce), and whatever else they want. Free shit for everybody!

In 15 years we can compare the two nations, and see which model of governance works best at delivering a strong, stable economy, peace, and prosperity for the most part of its citizens, and so forth. I already know how the experiment will work out. All I have to do is compare the Texas experience to that of Detroit.

@ [RIX](#):

A banana spider is just doing what banana spiders do. Likewise, Obama is just displaying the kind of behaviour that you expect out of a Leftist rabble-rouser, which is really all that he is, or ever has been. Name one major accomplishment that Obama had prior to being elected President. One. He bounced around rabble-rousing, taught as some kind of adjunct professor (or instructor; I not sure that he had the title of "Professor"), and the went into the State Senate, where he accomplished nothing of substnaace before running for the US Senate, where he accomplished nothing of substance before running for President. I'll let you judge whether he has accomplished anything of substance as President. I this k you have to say that henhas, but only if you assume that he is trying to hurt the United States as badly as he possibly can whiled he is in office.



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@ [Phantom Ace](#):

It is a nice dream. I can certainly go for getting rid of race from official State discourse at every level. It would be nice if everyone felt about that issue the way you and I do. Then it would fade into the background where it belongs. I have native American blood. How much, we aren't sure of, but my Grandfather on my mother's side of the family had to deal with the stigma of being a "half-breed". His mother was either half Indian or full-blood. It isn't something I've ever tried to use my heritage (like Elizabeth Warren, who I find especially offensive for this) to score Affirmative Action special preferences. Maybe I should have when I was applying to the Military and Naval Academies. The Dean of Admissions at West Point wrote me a personal letter encouraging me to reapply when I was rejected on a medical disqualification. He told me that if no "more qualified" people turned up ahead of me they'd waive the medical. That's how close I came to getting into West Point. Shooting for an Affirmative Action slot might very well have turned the trick, but that isn't how I was raised.



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As for pot being a State matter, I'd basically do the same for all drugs. The only thing is that I'd bring street drugs under whatever equivalent of the FDA we had, so that issues of purity and contamination could be dealt with. People die because they get heroin that is of a different purity than they are used to. I **don't** encourage the use of heroin, or other hard drugs, but the policies that we have in place are colossal failures on many different levels. It is time that we try a different approach. Prohibition did not work with alcohol, and I don't see how anyone can make the argument that it has been successful with other drugs. We incarcerate a larger percentage of our population than any other nation on earth. In the meantime the Mexican Drug Cartels, like their Colombian counterparts in the 1980s, have made themselves enormously wealthy. There is a huge shadow economy where drugs flow into this country, along with things like human trafficking (which is basically a modern slave trade), criminal gangs like MS 13, and now we have to worry about Islamic terrorists as well. The drug trade provides the money that makes the rest of this kind of trade flourish.

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Make no mistake. Legalization, especially of harder drugs, is a bad solution to the drug problem. The problem is that it appears, to me at least, to be the **least-worst** solution to the problem. We can hardly make enforcement any tougher. And ask on as we have an open border to the South, making drugs illegal is simply a way of guaranteeing that the smugglers stay enormously profitable.

All of this is just a dream, though. I don't expect Secession unless things get a **lot** worse. Fringe "kooks" like myself see it as a possible solution to the Cold Civil War, but we really **are** a tiny minority.

@ [yenta-fada](#):

This is what happens in a society that doesn't respect basic natural rights in favor of "human rights" that protect no one except the people in power, and their favored constituencies. Also, it again shows the absolute foolishness of ever allowing yourself to be disarmed. Weapons control laws have long been one of the foundation stones of authoritarian government, whether it was the Samurai of Feudal Japan, the kings and princes of Europe at the same basic time frame, or the governments of the European nations today, the same basic pattern is there. Deny people the right to be armed, and the right to self-defense, and other rights are going to be violated sooner or later. You even see that played out here's in the United States. You can't look at Chicago or New York City and not see that the same state that would take away your right to keep and bear arms is going to play fast and loose with other basic rights.



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@ [rain of lead](#):

You have to look at more than just the raw vote. I don't know this particular case, so I don't know Trump's sister's reason for voting the way she did, nor do I know Alito's reason for voting as he did. You can reach the same basic conclusion, I.e. such a ban is Unconstitutional by sometimes radically different avenues of logic. That's why a lot of the time Justices issue concurring/dissenting opinions explaining why they voted with the majority or the minority. On the face of it, though, any decision overturning a State ban on partial birth abortion is a radically pro-abortion position. I would be interested in knowing Alito's reasoning for finding that such a ban was unconstitutional. It is possible, depending on the facts of the case at hand, that I would even agree with that decision. Unlikely, though. I figure it is more of a case that a good judge made the wrong call. These people are human. Sometimes they make mistakes.



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@ [buzzsawmonkey](#):

What I see out of Trump that is most alarming is the Cult of Personality that he cultivates. Any Cult of Personality politics are dangerous. They create a persona that, ultimately, has to fail. We saw this in full flower



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with Barack Obama, and if you believed his “Hope and Change” bullshit, then Obama has been an epic fail on almost all fronts. If, however, you believe as I do, that Obama has achieved all of the private goals and benchmarks for himself, that he has gotten the results from his policies that he wished to get, then his transformational Presidency has been an immense success. He has ducked up the Healthcare system, possibly beyond repair. He has given Iran a green light to not only nuclear weapons in the not so distant future, but a Middle Eastern hegemony that such weapons will bring. Of course, the Islamic State may have something to say about that hegemony, at least until Iran starts doing some underground testing of a fissile nature.

I could go on. The increase in the national debt alone will be a millstone around the neck of the economy for the next 100 years. If, indeed, after Obama’s exceptionally indivisive term America lasts another 100 years. James Buchanan want **trying** to divide the American people over slavery or any mother issue. Obama, OTOH, looks at the souring of race relations, undoing the progress of 50m years in less than 8, and sees a job well done. I’d say about the only thing left that he’d like to see accomplished is a real, hot, **shooting** Civil War, and it is not beyond the realm of possibility that that could happen. I certainly **hope** that it doesn’t. I am hoping Ted Cruz wins the Presidency, and we step back from the abyss that Obama has us positioned above.

As for your assessment of Trump supporters, I am not sure that you are correct. Trump says a lot of things that are correct, and much that he says that is incorrect gets overlooked. Perhaps people overlook it because they don’t know any better, or perhaps it is they believe that the “Great Man” couldn’t possibly be wrong. Perhaps it is for reasons that we don’t even suspect. I am reluctant to generalize about **any** group of people too far. At the end of the day crowds, and even mass movements, are made up of individuals, and individuals can agree on the same points of policy for a multitude of reasons.

One of the things that Trump resonates on is immigration. That is partly because he is one of the few candidates that will call out the Chamber of Commerce crowd on the kind of damage that they are doing to the nation in the name of short-term profits. This message resonates because it has the advantage of being true, and everybody **knows** that it is true. Now, Cruz is saying pretty much the same things about immigration, but Trump is the one who gets the press on it. The people who support Trump on this issue are willing to overlook his flaws in the name of a candidate that they perceive as being willing to fight for their interests.

The problem with that is that there are far more issues at stake than just illegal immigration, and even on that issue Trump is a lot of sound and fury signifying nothing. He'll "Build a Wall" and, as a cherry on top, jhe'll "Make Mexico pay for it". Well and good. **How will he do that?** well, I've not heard specifics. I gather that he'd try to do something with tariffs, but I don't know the specifics of that. Hell, put a tarrif on crystal method, and you'll be able to build a wall, but I doubt that is what he is talking about.

All of his proposals are similarly nebulous. He'd accomplish all of these great things because he is a great guy, and he knows how to make deals. He doesn't seem to grasp that international relations aren't always things where you can make ad real that everyone profits from, and nobody gets damaged. He thinks he could schmooze Putin, and everything will be just **peachy**. Putin is a man who **kills** people who get in his way. I will submit to you that negotiating casino deals with Atlantic City doesn't prepare youmto deal with such men, especially when those men are backed by armies and strategic thermonuclear weapons.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

Ah, Unconstitutionally vague. There is a legitimate reason, perhaps, for Alito's decdecis. No matter how well-meaning the law, you can let laws based on vague generalities stand. The devil is often in the details when you are dealing with Court cases. It isn't just the decision that is handed down that matters. Why it was handed down matters at least as much as what was actually decided.

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@ [Calo](#):

Yeah, I knee that was bad news when it was happening. I like Schwarzenegger's movies (well, most of them), but that doesn't mean I want him as the governor to my State. I even recall a little nonsense about amending the Constitution to let him run for President until he crashed and burned so spectacularly.

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I have absolutely no reason to think that Trump would be any better than Schwarzenegger. He knows how to say the right things, just as Obama knew how to say the right things. I have absolutely no confidence that Trump could govern if he were elected. If he is our nominee, I will vote for him, of course, and pray that I am wrong in my assessment of him. In the meantime, I'll be doing everything that I can to see that Cruz is our



nominee. Rubio might be somewhat more “delectable”, but I don’t think Cruz is so objectionable that that will make a significant difference in the outcome of the election. And, too, I have good reason to think that Cruz will be a better President if by “better President” I mean a President who actually moves a conservative agenda forward. I just do not trust Rubio on immigration. Everywhere else, Rubio and Cruz are more or less in agreement with one another. And Cruz isn’t perfect on the issue himself. He supports radically increasee the H1-B visa program, which is a direct attack on my livelihood.

This is, in my opinion, the most important election in United States history. If Trump wins, it will be better than Hillary Clinton or Bernie Sanders. I would make a better President than Clinton or Sanders, and I am under no delusion that I am up to the job of President. But of the top three Republicans, Trump, Cruz, and Rubio, Trump is the weakest, for a whole host of reasons. I am not going to reiterate what Buzzsawmonkey has said on the issue, but I think he has Trump pegged. We live in interesting times, and they look like they will be getting more interesting as time wears on. For the foreseeable future, no matter who wins the selection in the fall.

@ [buzzsawmonkey](#):

Yeah, I pretty much agree with you there. The Democrats think of the long game, while Republicans/Conservatives think only of the immediate election at hand. It would be worth it to the Democrats to lose this year so long as they are able to prevent a competent Conservative who can move a Conservative agenda forward from winning the White House. That, more than anything, is why you aren’t seeing outright panic from the Left. Sanders can’t win a General Election, but he my very well be able to beat Hillary Clinton in the primaries. The Democrat leadership may simply not care if we nominate Trump for our side. Four years of Trump, and either you and I will have learned tomour relief that we were wrong about Trump, or the country may be so sick of him that they are ready to try whomever the Democrats serve up as a remedy.

I don’t think we are wrong about Trump. If he is our nominee, I will pray that he learns wisdom somewhere, and that he is able to be as great a President as he professes to believe that he will be. Frankly, I am not sure that he believes his own bullshit, as Obama famously said about himself (a rare moment of candor from Obama; he is his own most devout worshiper).



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Time will tell. I am hoping for a Cruz-Fiorina or Cruz-Haley ticket. Either one would be good with me. I am not entirely happy with Healey, but she stands out from the pack. I don't see the issue over the Confederate Flag at the State House as having been worth the fight, though I am in general a supporter of retaining our Confederate heritage. The dirty little secret about the Confederate Flag over the Statehouse in Columbia is that Democrat Ernest Hollings put it up in the 1950s or early 1960s in response to the puthedor desegregation. If the Flag had been over the Statehouse since the end of Reconstruction, it would have been worth fighting for, but the line from **this** Confederate Flag to the racist Democrat Solid South is direct and incontrovertible. As such, it isn't worth spending political capital to protect. I do wish, though, that the tie to Hollings had been made more of.

@ [Calo](#):



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Yeah, if I don't vote tomorrow, I will vote on Friday, and my vote will be for Cruz. I regret to say I don't know much about the candidates that are running for the lesser positions that are on the ballot. I may try to do some research on that tomorrow. I've got all of this spare time. I should be able to do something productive.

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@ [buzzsawmonkey](#):



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That makes voting in the primaries even more critical than usual. We really do have a stark choice on the Republican side. Bush, Carson, and Kasich should drop out. None of the three stand a chance, and no doubt they all know that. The choice between Cruz and Rubio is a real one, but I am afraid that it will just split the conservative vote, and allow Trump to secure the nomination with 35% of the vote. All I can do is vote my conscience, and pray. Then I have to try to leave it in God's hands. Once I have voted, I'll have done all that I can to effect the outcome of the race.

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@ [yenta-fada](#):



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Good to know. I've never had a problem with the voting machines myself, but it never hurts to double check your final results. By their very nature computerized machines are going to have bugs. This is not anything nefarious on the part of the coders that have worked on them. Rather, it is simply the nature of software. Any software more complex than "Hello, world!" is prone to having bugs. That is just the nature of the

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beast. I write very good code, but I have bugs in my code. Sometimes they are quite serious, most times they are not, but there are going to be there. That is just the nature of the beast.

@ [AZfederalist](#):

It'll do more than just split the cocountryThe country is already split. If the Left comes after the Second Amendment the way that Clinton and Obama are saying that they will, it will start a full-bore shooting Civil War. As you point out, people aren't buying all of these guns and all of this ammunition with the plan being that they'll just meekly hand it all over to the nice Gestapo Thugs® from the BATF or FBI when the Leftist controlled Supreme Court passes a decision vacating the Second Amendment. People are arming up with the vague notion that they may have to use those arms to fight at some point. Nobody that I know (or have known over the last going on 30 years) wants open war. I don't believe even the people who are saying "Burn it all down" want open war.. Some on the Left may think that they want a Civil War, but that is insanity.



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I know that I certainly don't want a shooting winsaLike most people with my kind of training, I prefer peace when I can have peace with honor. I will fight, however, before I allow myself to be enslaved, and to be disarmed is to be made into a slave.

[AZfederalist](#) wrote:

Without his candidacy, we'd be on the way to a Bush candidacy.

I don't think so. Cruz and Rubio both are doing better than Bush. You'd have the Trump people divided between the rest of the field, and even if Bush does as well as Cruz and Rubio (and I don't think that he **would** do as well as Cruz and Rubio), he is still in third place. This isn't his year, any more than it was Scott Walker or Carly Fiorina's year. Our nominee will either be Trump, Cruz, or Rubio. Two of the three of them I will be pleased with, in matter which of them winds up with the nod. The third, OTOH, will have me on my knees praying to God for the fate of our nation.



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@ [AZfederalist](#):

That does sound very scarily possible. That would be a final swipe of contempt at the American voters by both Obama and the GOP. It'd be a damned stupid thing for the GOP to do. They'd be almost literally cutting off their nose to spite their face. But there is a reason we call the Republican Party the Stupid Party. Something like this would solidify that epithet, sour relations with the Incoming President, and generally fuck things up so badly that you'd have to conclude that fucking things up that badly was the whole point of the exercise.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):

That is a pretty good summary. As I have said, Trump says a lot of things that are correct and are appealing. He says them in a manner that many of us have wanted to see our leaders take with the Washington Cartel and the MSM forever. That is the secret to his success. My question continues to be "How do you intend to accomplish all of these lovely things?" this is a fair and important question. That I am a hell of a guy, and I know how to make deals just doesn't cut it. Neither Nancy Pelosi nor Harry Reid are going to be interested in cutting any deals that advance a Conservative Agenda, or, for that matter, advance an American Agenda. Trump is going to have to fall back on something other than deal making, and I honestly don't know what else he has got.



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Cruz has an agenda, and a plan for achieving it. The major drawback to Cruz is that he doesn't always play nice with others. This is fine for dealing with Pelosi and Reid. These are nasty people, and it is fitting to get nasty with them back. Cruz will have trouble dealing with the Establishment wing of the Republican Party. These people hate him, and aren't interested in passing any kind of Conservative agenda. In a lot of ways these people are worse than Democrats.

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Trump will likely get along with the Establishment better than Cruz would, because Cruz will be trying to pass policy, while Trump will be looking to cut deals more than passing an agenda. Whether you consider this a good thing or a bad thing depends on your goals,



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@ [Lily](#):

This is my response to the Pope's expressed opinion on Trump that I posted at Weasel Zippers. I figure it applies here, too:

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It is interesting that this hard-Leftwing Pope chooses to question Donald Trump's Christianity for wanting to enforce US immigration laws while he **doesn't** question Nancy Pelosi's Christianity for her radical support of abortion on demand. I, myself, hesitate to question **anybody's** faith, as that is ultimately something that is between them and God. It is not my place to step into God's shoes and judge the state of their soul, which is exactly the thing that Jesus meant when He said "judge not, lest ye be judged". I can say that I oppose Nancy Pelosi politically, and even that I don't understand how a Christian can support radical abortion on demand, or even abortion at all (though I would have very limited exceptions to a general ban in the procedure), but saying that they can't be a Christian if they don't agree with me on the issue is not a statement that I would be comfortable making.

[Phantom Ace](#) wrote:

How about we build a wall, track visa entries, implement e verify and just enforce immigration laws?



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Exactly. That would solve most of the problem. I would add go after the people who employ illegal. You probably won't get down to people who pay some illegal under the table to do their lawn care, but you can do lengthy prison sentences for the people who are hiring 50-100 illegal (or more) to staff chicken processing plants and the like. Say 1 year and one day (so it is a felony crime) per illegal, and require that the sentences be deserved consecutively, not concurrently. Put a few of these bastards away for 10 years, and the demand for illegal labor will dry up like water in a politically incorrect aquifer in Southern California during a drought. Go after the demand, and the problem will largely fix itself.

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@ [RIX](#):



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I am doing well today. I slept until 1:00, though. I am going to try to do something of a martial arts workout here in a little while. It has been a long while since I did. Kobudo workout, so I will start with that. I've been able to do my Chinese forms, and some of my Isshinryu forms, but I've not been able to do the weapons. I'll change that here in a few minutes, and then try to do all of my empty hands forms. I go back into the hospital for my next round of chemo Monday. I will be glad to get it out of the way. After it is over, we are going to do a battery of tests to see how my tumors are responding to treatment.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

That is true. By refusing to call out the likes of Nancy Pelosi who, after all, advocates and legislates for a position that the Church considers a mortal sin, the Pope legitimizes that view, and encourages it. I am not so sure that privately the current Pope doesn't agree with her on abortion. He wouldn't be likely to come out and say that, but given his actions on the subject it would not surprise me to learn this. You are right that by supporting the Left he is supporting the Evil position. That the Left are Evil is beyond question.

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@ [rain of lead](#):

Let's hope that is true. I know he has been spending money like it was water in New Hampshire, and South Carolina. Supposedly he spent over \$30 million in New Hampshire alone, and you see where that got him. I said he was done after that performance. He couldn't conceivably continue to bleed money at that rate, and if that kind of money couldn't get him into the top three in New Hampshire, which is a friendlier venue for the Republican Establishment than Iowa or South Carolina, then he is done. Cruz got third, didn't he? Bush was fourth, but barely ahead of Marco Rubio. Bush seems determined to keep Rubio out of it out of simple spite, which is a good indicator that we dodged getting someone who's temperament is fundamentally unfit for the office of the President to begin with. He needs to drop out, and endorse whomever he will. I disagree with Ericsson that he'd be a king maker, though if he endorsed Rubio, and all of his South Carolina voters followed his endorsement, it would potentially reshape the race. I think if he got out he'd endorse Kasich, though, and that would accomplish nothing significant.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):

This is typical political campaigning. I don't know why people get upset when Cruz does it, too. Donald Trump calls people names, also alleges things that are not true, and has gone so far as to embrace Birtherism and, more recently, is flirting with 9/11 Trutherism. Nobody seems to mind that very much.

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@ [RIX](#):

Like J.E.B. Stuart? It's a dogwhistle to the neo-Confederates! Eleventy!!

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@ [Flyovercountry](#):

Yep, Trump says a lot of the right things, but if you look it isn't hard to find him saying plenty of things that ring loud warning bells. The purpose of a legitimate government is to maximize personal liberty while providing a framework where individuals can maximize their personal lives and prosperity reasonably safe from attack by either their fellow citizens, or hostile foreign powers. The legitimate purpose of government is not to provide me a "decent minimum living standard", but rather to create the environment where I may earn that "decent minimum living standard", and, indeed, far more than the bare minimum. But it is my responsibility to go earn it.



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On the Healthcare front, everybody really knows what needs to be done. There needs to be tort reform, first and foremost. Real malpractice should be punished, no doubt, but it shouldn't be allowed to be a Litigation Lottery® where ambulance-chasing shyster lawyers earn exhorbant amounts suing over honest mistakes. Secondly, allow insurance companies to sell policies across State lines, like we allow car insurance companies to sell car insurance across State lines. Let the power of competition in a free marketplace be unleashed, and you will see prices on health insurance come down to something reasonable. Thirdly, we do need some sort of system for Healthcare for the poor. On one hand, that comes close to the guarantee of a "minimum decent living standard" that I decry above, but on the other hand we don't want to become a nation where people are just left to die in the street, and you can't leave kids at the mercy of derelict parents. But this "Safety Net" should be just that: a measure of **last** resort, not a lifestyle to live your entire life under, and pass on to your children, who in turn pass it down to their kids. We see way too much of that in our welfare system, something that I believe is deliberate.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):

I have no idea what my cancer treatment is running. I have really great insurance, so my out of pocket for the year is limited to something less than \$5K, but they also only cover 80% so I am not sure how to square the two. I know that I always hit that max out of pocket, at which time my insurance covers 100% of my prescription drugs, but I dint know if that

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applies to something like chemotherapy. We certainly aren't in a position to negotiate a cash payment, so we're going to see what my actual outlays are for this. I kind of have no choice in the matter. I will die without treatment. We ate hoping that I will live with treatment. It is kind of hard to put a price limit on that.

@ [Carolina Girl](#):

The Free Shit Army. They, more than anything, are what is wrong with this country. They've been raised to be this way by public education, that has told them that they deserve the "wealth" that I have earned. And they define as "wealthy", and therefore fair game for highway robbery, any one that has something that they want. It is a horrible situation, and the only possible answer to them is "Tough shit. Work for a living or starve.", but even our best candidates do not dare take that position. So we are stuck with the Free Shit Army pillaging this country. And now the Democrats want to bring in foreigners, especially Mohammedan foreigners, and get them on the Free Shit gravy train, too. Because the homegrown parasites aren't killing off the host quickly enough.



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@ [lobo91](#):

I have seen absolutely nothing to make me suspect that Federal Law Enforcement has any interest of doing anything about Islamic Terrorists other than trying to cover up the bloody obvious fact that they are all fucking Muslims. They keep saying that all of these things are unrelated, but if a bunch of Christians were killing people for Christ you damned well better believe that they'd be connecting the dots. That kind of soft coverup has to come from the top. I don't know if Obama is a Muslim or not, and I'd say that it doesn't matter. If he were a sleeper agent of Islamic Jihad, what would he be doing differently? He has clearly chosen a side in the war, and that side isn't America's side. Rubio hit the nail on the head in the New Hampshire debate when he said that Obama was doing all of this deliberately. He is absolutely correct. Obama is working towards an end, and that end is the downfall of America.



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And every last damned member of the Democrat Party is with him on that. They are **all** traitors. If you had a Democrat wasn't a traitor, they'd be on the news denouncing the son of a bitchi. Instead, they all want another 4 years of this. That's not an honest difference of an opinion, unless you consider Tokyo Rose to have just been a dissenting opinion.

[RIX](#) wrote:

The Law of Unintended Consequences.

Absolutely. You should be **very** careful of ceding **any** power to the State. Once it is ceded, you will have a devil of a time receding that authority if and when the State misuses it. This is as good an example of this as any other. This philosophy is the core of why I am behind Apple standing up to the Feds on this bypassing the encryption on this terrorist's cell phone. It sounds like a good thing to do, but once it is done, there's no putting that genie back in the bottle. There is no doubt that it **will** be misused. Early and often, no doubt.

It would possibly be a different story if I believed for an instant that the current Federal government were interested in actually combating Islamic terrorism, but we all know that is not the case. The fucking Russians **told** us that Tamerlan Tsarnaev was an Islamic terrorist, and Fedzilla did nothing of substance to stop him on his murderous path. Nodal Hasan was signing his official correspondence with the tag line "Soldier of Allah", which I guess isn't **quite** as obvious as if he'd been signing it "Proud Islamic Terrorist", but it really is no different than if he'd been signing it "Islamic Jihadi".



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I could go on in this vein for some time. As I noted yesterday, there is just no evidence that the current Federal Government is doing much of anything to stop Islamic terrorists from carrying out their murderous agenda. They aren't (quite) **facilitating** terrorism, though I think that their plans to bring in 100K or so potential terrorists from the Middle East pretty much **is** aiding and abetting Islamic terrorism. They **will** bring in terrorists if they bring these people in. The FBI has said that they can't vet them, and the Islamic State is already bragging about using this asinine stupidity to infiltrate terrorists into the West. We've already seen the "Rapefugees" in Germany, and to a lesser degree other European nations. Bring in 100K Islamic "refugees" and it is only a matter of time before we see that behavior replicated here.



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Oh, totally OT, but check [this shit out](#). The battle axe is probably my next cutlery purchase, but they've got several weapons that I want, including a [shortened naginata](#) (a type of Japanese spear), and an absolutely [kick ass short sword](#) that I also want. They have several other sword designs

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that I am also interested in. They really manufacture a cool line of modern hand weapons with roots in ancient designs. I don't quite want one of everything that they make, but I expect to spend a couple of grand over the next few years getting several examples of their work. Like my big knife Valkyrie, I just happened to buy a knife magazine that had a writeup on one of their weapons (the short sword), and I was interested enough to look at their web site and check them out. The battle axe is especially cool. I have been looking for a bearded battle axe like this for a long time. I've found some designs that were cool, though they weren't battle axes, per se, but simply bearded axes that were basic tools. This, though, is a bearded axe that is designed specifically as a weapon. Also, all of the bearded axes that I was able to find were running north of \$500. This one is less than \$400. I've pretty much spent my cutlery money for a while, but this axe is something to look at for Christmas.

At the other end of the spectrum, I intend to get [this tomahawk](#). It is only \$65, which is a much more doable number. Zombie Tools makes a pretty cool tomahawk, too, but it is \$250. I like their design, but I don't know when I will have that kind of extra money. There are other weapons in their line up, not to mention other weapons by [other knife makers](#), that are on my list first.

@ [rain of lead](#):

It is a nice weapon, and when you consider that it is a custom blade, really pretty reasonably priced. They've got a bastard sword design that is about \$750, which is the most expensive of their weapons. I wouldn't mind having that, though as a practical matter their katana and wakizashi are both weapons more in keeping with what I am trained to fight with. Arnis, especially, emphasizes short swords, which is one of the reasons I want the ZT shortsword. I have a baring that was made by Cold Steel that I bought about a decade ago. We bought one for my Sense for Christmas (the whole class chipped in), and I was so impressed that I bought myself one. Cold Steel only made them for a few years (maybe only the year that I bought mine. They didn't have the design in their catalog for very long at all). They are a very nice weapon, but I believe that the ZT weapon is a bit nicer. I'll get one eventually, but I think I will wind up with the battle axe first. I've been on a knife buying spree since before Christmas. I bought a [SOG Kiku](#) which is a really nice combat knife with a 5.6" blade. Then I got the DeBaud Blades [Raider Elite](#) which is the most expensive single knife I've bought. She is a beauty, though, and is my everyday carry weapon. Then I bought the Boker 100 year



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birthday commemorative [Applegate fighting knife](#), which is a beautiful blade. It is a limited edition blade, which gives it some potential collector's appeal, but I will no doubt carry this blade when I don't feel like carrying the big knife. It is a really well-made piece, in addition to being a pretty work of art knife.

And I have a lot more that I intend to get, from that battle axe to the tactical golok from Laci Sabo. Sabo is a trained martial artist, and his blade designs are often very bizarre, but very functional despite that. The tactical golok is my favorite blade by him. It starts at \$600, but I contacted him years ago about getting it made out of S30V stainless steel, and he'd do it for another \$200-250, which is very fair. Not only is the S30V more expensive to get the raw steel, it is harder to work with, and requires special tempering. I have a MercWorx Seraphym push dagger that my wife bought me for Christmas several years ago that is made of S30V. It is a beautiful weapon, and my second favorite knife. It is only slightly edged out by the Raider Elite. Knives and other hand weapons are my passion. Don't get me wrong. I love guns, too. But knives have an artistry to them that is like no other weapon.

@ [RIX](#):

They also fail to take any personal responsibility for the mess that they are in. Nobody forced them to borrow \$50-100 thousand (or more) to get a degree in gender studies, ethnic studies, queer theory, or whatever. To be sure, they had bad advisers who told them that it didn't matter what their degree was in, just so long as they got >some kind of degree.



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That was never really true, though 20-30 years ago it was closer to true than it is now. When I graduated the University of Tennessee in 1994 with a Political Science degree, I had no real job training. Now, I didn't go looking for a job with that degree. I had intended to go to law school at one point, but had decided that while I **loved** the study of law, I didn't want to be a lawyer as a profession. I could see me spending \$30-40 grand on a JD, and still not be able to find work. No thanks. So I took a semester off, and tried to really decide what my next step was.

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During that semester off I had a very serious car accident, and was pretty seriously injured. That started a 12 year legal nightmare of law suits and civil trials. But while I had the time off I looked around at what I thought the future held for me, and decided to go back to school. I went to a Community College rather than another Bachelor's degree, and got an

Associates of Applied Science in Computer Science, and, thus, got on the path to becoming a software engineer. This was one of the better moves that I have made in my life. The Community College degree was better than another four year degree for several reasons. First, it was more practical knowledge of how to program, and secondly (and just as importantly) I was able to pay cash for each semester as it came, and come out with no debt from the additional education. That was very important. Not only did I get a degree in something useful (a STEM degree is almost never a wasted degree like, sany, Afro-American Studies, or Gender Studies). Too, I adegree had a good Bachelor's degree, andegree filled out that check box on my resume. I have never had a job interview where I was not asked about my four-year degree, and it has opened doors for me that I might otherwise never have been able to walk through.

It was certainly worth my time and effort to get the Political Science degree, and I learned a lot of important things in the course of that degree, the most important of which was how to study, learn, and do well academically at a college level. I had had college prep courses throughout high school, and all I can say is that they **didn't** prepare me for college. My first semester was a disaster. I'd never failed academically before. I think I made a "D" in my second year of German, but that German teacher was a piss poor teacher. Most of the class failed. Water under the bridge. But I want ready for the demands of college. I learned quickly (one of my greatest strengths), and by the time I graduated I was back to making only A's and B's. I proved that I had learned how to learn at a college level by making a 4.0 Summa Cum Laud for my Computer Science degree.

In any event, I faced the same kind of challenges that these special snowflakes faced, along with hardships that these hothouse flowers would have never survived, and managed to muddle through without turning myself into a slave. I didn't always make the right choice, thethen you look at it as a whole, God has blessed me immensely. It didn't seem so in the aftermath of the accident that took Sam's life, but even in that terrible, terrible disaster God was with me, giving me the strength to persevere.



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@ [RIX](#):

I went on a short ride on Angel, but I have a slight cold, and my nose was running. I was just riding by myself, and it was a little colder at 60 MPH

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than it was just sitting by the curb, so I headed back home. No sense riding when I'm just going to be miserable. We're going to try to ride to Church in the morning if it isn't too cold, and maybe over to the movie theater later in the afternoon. We are going to see the movie *Risen*. All of the reviews we've seen have been very positive. It certainly is a new take on an old story.

@ [RIX](#):

Yeah, that is the way I felt about credit cards when I was that age, and got myself in trouble with those several times over the years. I'll get everything paid off, and then the lure of "free money" gets me when I see something that I want. My last run-up of credit card debt was because of that house I had so much damned trouble unloading. I had hoped to repay it out of the proceeds of the house, but we wound up having to take money out of my wife's retirement fund to pay into the mix to get the house off of my neck. That was to the tune of better than \$10K alone. All told that damned house, which I bought for \$89K, cost me about \$60K to get rid of, and most of that money went on credit cards and a loan from my parents. We are going to be paying on that another 2-3 years to pay it all off. But we have, I think, learned the credit lesson. We are current on all of our bills, and on track to getting these boots off of our neck.



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@ [lobo91](#):

Ignorance on display. These people don't even bother to get their basic facts straight. They assume that their readership/viewership are ignorant as well, and will simply believe whatever shit they spew. Sadly, often they are right about that. I don't trust much of any of the media these days, but who has the time to fact check every little detail of a story like this. But you can't trust the media to have it right.



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@ [RIX](#):

I wouldn't have thought that the polls were closed yet. It's only 6:00 EST, and Nevada is two or three hours behind us. If the polls aren't closed, then any reports of results are bogus, and are designed to influence the election the same way CBS was trying to influence the election when they called Florida for Gore with the polls in the panhandle still open. If they hadn't done that, it is entirely possible that Florida wouldn't have been so close in 2000. More of what I was bitching about with the media in my



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last post. These people have an agenda, and they don't really hide it.

@ [rain of lead](#):

We'll see. It will definitely be interesting. But a lot of people thought he was going to win Iowa, and he didn't. OTOH, nobody expected Cruz to do as well as he did in New Hampshire. It'd have been a lot nicer if he'd won it there, but given the demographics of the State it was surprising that he did as well as he did. It was also surprising that Bush did as poorly as he did there. New Hampshire is Republican Establishment territory, and Bush couldn't break into the top three even after spending something like \$30 million on the race. That tells me that he is done. All he's doing in South Carolina is wasting money. I expect him to be fourth, again, unless Kasich surprises me and breaks into the top three. I expect the top three to be Trump, Cruz, and Rubio. We should know fairly soon if I am rRubio. The polls have to be closing soon.



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@ [Iron Fist](#):

Well the Mafia Process just reported that Fox is reporting that exit polls indicate that it is much closer than they thought it was going to be in South Carolina, with Trump, Cruz, and Rubio neck and neck. Good. It'll be interesting to see who wins out.



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@ [rain of lead](#):

The field needs to narrow to three tomorrow. I don't expect Rubio or Cruz to get out, but everybody else is just sucking up votes to no purpose. Trump has a solid 30-35% of the electorate. That is what he started with, and those people don't look like they are going to change their minds. But Trump's share of the electorate isn't growing. He is still at 30-35%. The question I have is will that be sufficient for him to win it? If the field doesn't narrow, and Trump keeps winning a plurality, he could win the nomination without ever making a solid majority anywhere, which would not bode well for the general election.



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In South Carolina the late decides split between Cruz and Rubio. Job Bush's only real hope was that they **all** would break for him, and that just didn't happen. It isn't going to happen anywhere else, either. He has blown something on the order of \$50 **million** between New Hampshire and South Carolina, and he hasn't budged in either the polls, or, more importantly, in the votes when they are cast. He's done. He needs to

accept that with some measure of grace, and bow out. All he is doing now is to help elect Trump.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

That is great news! It will be interesting to see where his voters go after this. Cruz or Rubio? For that matter, who will Job endorse, or, for that matter will Job Bush endorse anyone? The natural place for his voters to go is Rubio, which would give him a solid lead (perhaps an insurmountable lead) over Cruz. I still want Cruz to win, and it is likely that he and Rubio will wind up more or less splitting Bush's voters, with maybe some fraction going to Kasich. But Kasich doesn't stand a whole's chance in Hell of winning the nomination. For that matter, neither does Carson. All three of them should drop out, endorse whomever that they choose (if anyone), and leave the decision between the three real contenders. From the results on Fox's web site, it looks like Bush, Kasich, and Carson split the remaining 24% of the vote. That would be enough of the vote to put either Cruz or Rubio ahead of Trump comfortably, but if they split the vote then they could conceivably all three wind up with 33% of the vote. Then we wind up with a brokered convention. If that happens, and it is a big if, then my moneynis on Rubio, and I will be satisfied with that even though Cruz is my first pick. After all, Cruz was my second choice, after all, first after Scott Walker, and later after Carly Fiorina. Rubio has pretty much been my fourth choice followed by Ben Carson. The rest of them never appealed to me enough to bother ranking them. I'd have voted for pretty much any of them ever Hillary Clinton or, for that matter, Bernie Sanders, but there want really enough difference between them from my perspective to make me prefer any one of them over the other. It is going to be interesting to see where things go now.

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BTW, I voted yesterday, and I cast all of the votes for Cruz. We had not only our vote, but then almost 20 electors that we chose from who were segregated by which candidate that they were committed to. There were "uncommitted" electors, too, and, IIRC, a choice in the main poll for undecided. I hope Cruz wins Tennessee. We'll know in a couple of weeks.

@ [rain of lead](#):

That is the biggest thing about Rubio that troubles me. I think he got pinked on the Gang of Eight thing by both McCain and Schemer. He should have known that those two were bad news no matter what snake

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oil they were selling. They have a negative track record second to none in the Senate.

But Rubio has admitted that it was a mistake, and said that he has learned from it, and changed his position on the issue. He may personally be for both Amnesty and Comprehensive Immigration Reform, he has repeatedly said that he understands that the electorate supports neither of these things. He isn't as good on immigration as Cruz (who really isn't too much different than Trump on the issue. He just isn't as colorful when he talks about his position as Trump is), but Immigration isn't my number one issue, anyway.

I am still nowhere near sold on Trump. He says a lot of the right things, and says that he believes pretty much lockstep with the Conservative agenda, but you can go back not too terribly far and find where he held the opposite position from what he espouses today. He is the one who has been most aggressive on the Muslim Question, but, again, can we trust him on that? Any politician has to be questioned, because even the best of them are men and women of questionable virtue. But I would trust Trump a lot more if he hadn't been a pro-abortion, pro-gun control, pro-big government, and so on as little as ten years ago.

We're going to have to see what the voters do. This is a terribly important decision. I believe that Trump is the only one of our top three that Hillary Clinton can beat. Cruz or Rubio will beat her, I think fairly handily, but Trump I do not know about. Maybe he will, maybe he won't. I hope that we don't have to find out. As I've said, I'll vote for him if he is our nominee, and pray that he's everything he holds himself out to be. But either Cruz or Rubio I can vote for, and be voting **for** the candidate, instead of against the Democrat. I am too young to have had the opportunity to vote for Reagan, so I've always been voting against the Democrat, or, in the case of Ross Perot, against the Political Establishment of both parties. That is, I think, where Trump's vote is coming from. I don't think that is enough to make him President of the United States, but I could be wrong about that.



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@ [eaglesoars](#):

I've never been impressed by Kasich, so I could easily see him doing something like that. He is more concerned about his political fortunes than he is the fate of the nation. Perhaps he doesn't see Trump as being as big a threat to the nation as I am afraid that he will be. I think Rubio was

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spot on when he said Obama was doing everything that he's done to the country deliberately. I've felt that way for a couple of years now. Maybe for as much as three years now. I think, OTOH, that Trump may be as incompetent a President as people think Obama is. I don't think that he wants to destroy the country the way that Obama does, but I think that like Obama he has an unrealistically high opinion of himself, and I don't think that he has a real idea of how difficult the task of US President really is. I'm sure that, like Obama, too, he believes his own bullshit. He's always had things Moore or less flak into place for him, so he believes that he'll be able to fulfill all his grandiosely promises because he's a great dealmaker, and he sees everything as dealmaking.

Unfortunately, the reality is that a hell of a lot that falls on the President's plate has nothing to do with making a deal with anybody. Is he going to make a deal with the Islamic State? How about the Islamic Republic of Iran? I think he believes that Putin will just meet him in the middle, and **maybe** that will happen. Putin is at least a rational actor, whereas the Islamic Fanatics and the Norks are **not** rational actors. Expecting to negotiate anything with any of them is itself not a rational position.

@ [Aussie Infidel](#):

I don't see anything there that I disagree with, except that I think if elected Trump will play more nicely with the Establishment of both Parties than his rhetoric indicates he will. After all, he's been playing on these guys team for decades. For all his antiestablishment rhetoric, Trump has been an insider for a long time. He's donated money to both parties, schmoozed with them, and now says that he's against everything that he was for in 2005. I simply don't trust him to change right back after he is elected. For all their flaws, we don't have to worry about that from either Rubio or Cruz. I will take either one of them over anyone else in the field now, so the idea that the establishment will now reluctantly go to Rubio is not necessarily unwelcome news to me. I'd prefer Cruz, but I really expect that Rubio will be our nominee. Trump will continue to get 30-35% of the vote, while Rubio and Cruz fight it out for second and third. That may be, as I indicated earlier, enough to win the nomination for Trump. It probably won't be, but we may not know who our nominee is going to be until the Convention. That will be exciting, but I don't see Trump winning the nomination from a brokered convention. Nor do I see Cruz, though it could well be that Rubio and Cruz team up, and combine forces. That would probably wind up being a Rubio-Cruz ticket, though

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Cruz may be in a better position to get the top spot. He won Iowa, don't forget. We'll see what comes out of Super Tuesday. If Rubio scarf's up a lot of second place finishes, that might put him up on Cruz for the top spot. Interesting time.

@ [rain of lead](#):

Yeah, there is no doubt that we have plenty of reason to be angry. The idea of solving the problem with a good stand of trees (or available telephone poles and lamp posts) and some of Dorian's trademark Stout Hemp Rope™ is tempting as Hell. A great many of these people deserve to Dance Danny Deever. Or we could bring back the guillotine. Get into the Spirit of the French Revolution. But at the end of the day I prefer the American Revolution, which was not without bloodshed, but was free of anything resembling the Terror. One big reason the American Revolution was so much more successful than the French Revolution, or the Russian Revolution. Or any other Revolution that I am aware of. No other Revolution that I know of was able to resist the impulse towards tyranny.



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We desperately want a Revolution here in America. Indeed, that is what we voted for in 1994, and the Republicans were spotty at delivering on that revolution (at best). We'll see what we do in this election. Cruz, not Trump, is our best shot at voting a **real** Revolution.

[Aussie Infidel](#) wrote:

Lesser individuals who an't live on just 20 % of their wages are given a bit more say 70 % but still 30 % is held back by employers to keep their workers in line. They are then paid a bonus with their own money IF that have been good little comrades.



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Sounds like a good way to describe Social Security, only with SSI you don't get the payout of your money back to you every year, but instead it is decades before you begin to get some of your money back. And everybody knows that there isn't

really a Social Security Trust Fund that consists of anything other than Government IOUs. That money was plundered decades ago. The current Social Security recipients are played by the revenue coming in, and as I understand it we already are paying out more to recipients than we are taking in in revenue, a problem that will grow as the Baby Boomers retire in greater numbers. People inconveniently aren't dying as early in life as they used to, and Social Security was never expected to support so many people who were living for so long. That is, I think, part of what the ObamaCare Death Panels are aimed at putting an end to.

@ [Aussie Infidel](#):

Thanks, man! This is all good Intel, and something that our press doesn't seem interested in finding out about. I assume that they are also magicking into existence the vast sums of money that they are loaning us. Lovely. I am not an economist, nor was I ever able to fit any college level economics into my schedule for my Political Science degree, and my schedule when I was doing my Computer Science degree didn't have any room for any courses that weren't related to my major or required for my distribution, and I had most of the distribution requirements from my Bachelor's degree.



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One of the distribution classes that I **did** have to take was Public Speaking. I resented that at first, then found that I was pretty good at it. Once I was in the business world, I learned how useful and necessary that skill was. You can't do a meeting hardly without having to speak to the crowd. They aren't the political speeches that I made for my class, of course, but it is still getting up before a bunch of people, and getting your ideas put together and communicating them to the crowd without stepping on your Dick. I **should** have had to have a public speaking class as part of my distribution for my Bachelor's degree, but neither Florida State nor UT required it, and I didn't know enough to know to do the class of my own free will.

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@ [rain of lead](#):

Good morning! How are momcat and readergirl this morning? I am pretty satisfied with the results of the election yesterday. I'd have preferred that Cruz win, but Trump has his 30-35% that he is going to get pretty much no matter what. We'll see how Super Tuesday pans out. I've already voted, and I voted Cruz all the way. I didn't have any trouble with my voting machine. I've got to get

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ready for Church now

@ [RIX](#):

Hey, man, I am doing pretty good, all things considered. Thanks for asking. I felt like going to Church this morning. We didn't get to ride to Church, though, because it is raining, and the Mafia Princess doesn't have a rain suit. Too, it is a little cold to ride, especially in the rain. I'd do it if I needed to, of course, but when it is going to be miserable to ride why do it if you don't have to? I am ready to get this next week of chemo in the books. I had been doing well on my being able to eat solid food, but I've been having trouble last night. I haven't tried anything yet this morning, but I am having some pain from my main tumor, so I am hesitant to eat anything solid. Oh, well. I know that I will be getting better as the year goes along. This year really seems to be running by at a breakneck speed. It is already almost March! By the time my next chemo is done there will only be a few more days left in February. Wow! I am ready for it to be Christmastime again. Not only is that my favorite time of theyear, but this year it will hopefully have me in a much better place with my cancer, and everything else.



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@ [rain of lead](#):

Yeah, I donated another \$5 last night. It isn't much, but it is all we can addorf right now. I want to do more, but it is what it is. We are not monied people



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@ [RIX](#):

Wow! So he's a self-identified Progressive? That explains why we haven't heard about him anywhere in the MSM. He doesn't tell the narrative that the Left want told, so it is a non-story if he'd been an Evangelical Christian, we'd be being treated to stories about how Evangelicals were a "Violent Religion", and how we should all be afraid of the "scary" Christians. A murderous Progressive, probably one of these Leftists who thinks he wants a hot Civil War, does this, and you don't hear about it unless you get your news from New/Alternative Media.



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@ [rain of lead](#):

Isn't it interesting to see where black radicals have gone in the last 7 years? 7 years ago the idea that much of anyone would have been for a return of Segregation would have been laughable. Now, though, you have **black** groups all over the country demanding Segregation in one form or another. Oh, they'd probably still be upset if anyone was agitating for "Whites Only" shit, but they have absolutely no problem with setting up "Blacks Only" venues in all sorts of things, from things like campus housing on college campuses, to blacks only meetings, and, of course, all the other segregated things like the BET Awards, and similar shit. So it isn't Segregation that they were opposed to, but only that whites putatively had things better? I truly wouldn't be surprised in the least to hear BLM and similar groups calling for "Separate but Equal" shit, the way you had Hall Berry running her dicksucker about wanting her kid to be considered black because she supported the "One Drop Rule" that if you had one drop of black blood in you, you were a black, no matter what your physical appearance. The "One Drop Rule" was, of course, racist, and used to discriminate against "black" people. It is no less racist when it is a black person calling for it. Interestingly enough, if you used the "One Drop" rule both my ex-wife and my Best Friend (the man I accidentally killed) were "black". My ex you couldn't tell by looking at her (she was a sickle cell carrier), but we used to call Sam the "White Fat Albert" because, while he had very pale skin, he had completely stereotypical black facial features. I think it was his grandmother's grandfather on his mother's side of the family who was black. Something like that. Anyway, as you can see, such things didn't effect the way I felt about them, and such a thing never really entered my mind.



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Anyway, I was saying that it wouldn't surprise me to see some of these bastards calling for "Separate but Equal" things like facilities, restaurants, even schools. Segregation is apparently no longer "racist". In practice, Segregation didn't really **have** Separate but Equal whatever. In some cases there is no doubt that whites did have it better, but on some things, like the infamous "Whites Only" lunch counters, the blacks could simply choose to patronize a different establishment where they were welcome. So if the blacks now want to tell me I am not welcome in their establishments, I can and will just go down the street to their competitor. But Segregation in public venues, by which I mean **taxpayer funded** venues, is an absolute no-no. If they want to hold their meetings in their homes, and say that they are "Blacks Only" meetings, that's fine by me. But if they want to hold their meetings in a public library, I have a real problem with it. Now, if they have rules that their officers are all black, or whatever, I'm OK with that, but I'd feel the same way about a white club or whatever having a similar rule, though I'd consider it to be asinine, and wouldn't want **my** good name associated with

them. OTOH, I would **expect** something like a Christian student Union to require their leadership to be Christians, though people of all faiths or none should be welcome at any public meetings that they hold in public venues, so long as they are being polite and respectful.

@ [lobo91](#):

You know, somebody should challenge fucking Trump's sanity on this issue. The motherfucker is demonstrating conclusively that he doesn't have a fucking clue about basic Constitutional law. Both of these lawsuits are nonsense, and by signing onto them Trump demonstrates that he usnt fit for office. Do we really want another strong man President who doesn't believe that the Constitution applies to him? Because I am becoming increasingly convinced that is what we will be getting if we elect Trump. I've tried to maintain my civility when it comes to dealing with this son of a bitch because a number of people that I like and respect are pulling for him, but I have to ask, "Seriously?" Are we going to elect a Birther who is a borderline 9/11 Truther to the Presidency? Maybe he went be as bad as Obama, but there's nothing there to make me think that he'll be a whole hell of a lot better, either. He thinks all he has to do is be elected and everything will fall into place because he's a "great guy who does great things". Yeah, we'll see how much that impresses the Mohammedan Hoared. It isn't going to be as simple as he thinks it is going to be. He's like Obama in that. He's a Narcissist who believes his own bullshit. We don't need another four years of that.



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And then there is this:

[Trump defends Planned Parenthood](#) "They do some very good work" (video available at WZ). So much for being pro-life. Being for Planned Parenthood is a lot like supporting the Einsatzgruppen because "They do some very good work", or John Wayne Racy for being a good clown. You are talking about mass murderers. It really doesn't matter **what** else that they do.



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Also, it is important to bear in mind that Trump was pro-gun control before he decided to run for President, too. I can see him defending Bloomberg's little Fascist gun control group because they "do good work", too.

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@ [Bumr50](#):

It is true that Trump doesn't mince words, but you also have to look at what he is saying when he doesn't mince words. He doesn't reprocess a lot of his thoughts,



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Fist and that can be good, or it can be bad. Just like this interview where he is saying more or less contradictory things. Defend Planned Parenthood, but they “do good work”? He’s trying to have it both ways. Planned Parenthood is in the business of mass murder. It really doesn’t matter what else they do, and talking about them like they were some kind of altruistic group is simply a politician being a politician, perhaps, but Trump’s whole raison d’être is that he’s not a politician.

@ [RIX](#):

If he loses Texas, you are probably right, but right now it doesn’t look like he’ll lose Texas. There have only been two primaries and one caucus. Nobody has it sewn up yet. Remember when people were saying if Trump took Iowa he’d probably run the table? Well, he didn’t do that even after Cruz stood up to the ethanol lobby, something that all Conservatives should be applauding. We always say that we want someone who will stand up for their principles, and in Cruz it looks like we have someone who will do that. No, he isn’t a flamboyant reality TV star, but he is a solid, committed Conservative, and frankly is the only one of those in the top three. Trump was all for the ethanol subsidies, which are nothing but another form of welfare and income redistribution. And Rubio is questionable on immigration at best. If he really is saying one thing in English and another in Spanish on Obama’s illegal amnesty, then that is a real problem.



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@ [rain of lead](#):

I think that Ruben will wind up being our nominee. I prefer Cruz, but you are right that Cruz isn’t running away with it. Neither is Trump. Trump gets 30-35% of the vote depending on the State and the poll, but he has been getting that 30-35% ever since he first announced that he was running. People are dropping out of the race, but those votes aren’t going to Trump. For the most part Cruz and Rubio are splitting those votes between them. I expect the Bush voters to go to Rubio, for the most part. The real question is will Cruz and Rubio continue to split the vote, allowing Trump to possibly get enough delegates to secure the nomination without ever moving the needle on the percentage of voters that add voting for him? I’d say that is a serious possibility. It is a three man race right now. After Super Tuesday I hope that it becomes a two man race, even if that means Cruz drops out. Then we will see what we will see. Will Cruz voters go to Trump? It is a distinct possibility, but it is far from certain. I don’t know what percentage of Cruz voters feel the way I do about Trump, and neither does anybody else. I think that Trump would be a mistake for the Party and the Country, but that doesn’t mean that it won’t happen.



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[brookly red](#) wrote:

with all due respect Trump will win because he is playing the populist to an angry nation.



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You could be right about that, but we will see. He has been getting 30-35% of the vote so far. That needle hasn't moved much. Oh, there are polls here and there that show him a little higher, but if you look at the confidence level of these polls you'll see that it is all pretty much fluctuating around that 30-35% level, and, most importantly, trump got 35% in New Hampshire, and 33% in South Carolina. Depending on how things go, he may be able to rack up enough delegates to win the nomination without significantly raising that number as long as Rubin and Cruz continue to split the vote, and Kasich and Carson take another 10% between them. I think that bodes ill for Trump's chances in the General Election if that is the way he wins the nomination, though. If he can't break 50% of Republicans solidly and reliably, how is he going to break 50% of the vote in the General Election? It wouldn't be an impossibility, of course. Neither Democrat contender is a very compelling candidate. But if Trump wants to really be President of the United States he needs to find a way to sell himself to the Republican voters first. I don't see anything that to me looks like he is trying to do that.

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[rain of lead](#) wrote:



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super Tuesday and beyond things are gonna start happening

And you may be right about that, too. The electorate is angry, especially on the GOP side, and Trump is playing to that anger. Right now he is basically a demagog, and that is doing pretty well for him. I think that Carson and Kasich need to get out, and then Rubin and Cruz need to settle it between themselves **quickly**. I am hoping that Super Tuesday breaks hard in one direction or the other

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between them. I hope it goes Cruz's direction, of course, but I will take Rubio over Trump any day if the week. With either Rubio or Cruz I believe that we get a strong candidate for this election. If Trump gets it, I will vote for him in the General Election, but I don't feel that he is putting our best foot forward. Rubio is probably more delectable than Cruz, who is, in turn, more delectable than Trump. You can see that in the [Real Clear Politics](#) averages. Both Cruz and Rubio beat Clinton, Trump does not. Interestingly enough, Sanders beats both Trump and Cruz, but **not** Rubio. Thus my assertion that he is our most delectable candidate, and my assertion that Trump is our least delectable candidate.

[lobo91](#) wrote:

Proponents of the "living document" nonsense are really just opposed to the rule of law. If the law doesn't mean what the words on the page say, then there is no law.



**Iron
Fist**

Exactly! Once you start freeforming the law depending on the situation and your personal preferences and prejudices, law as **law** becomes meaningless. You are at the mercy and whim of government functionaries who may not all be evil, but who are all fallible human beings. At the point the Constitution becomes a "living document" rather than a blueprint for how the government may legitimately function, degeneration into tyranny is inevitable. The recent ruling on Gay Marriage is an excellent example of this point. The Constitution is silent on the issue of marriage. It neither affirms the sanctity of traditional marriage nor mandates the expansion of marriage into the whims or predilections of any minor subset of the population, yet somehow five justices on the Supreme Court have mandated that the latter model is the model that somehow the Constitution protects. That isn't law. It is tyranny.

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[RIX](#) wrote:

The Founders included the amendment process to

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avoid such misuse.

Spot on. If you don't like what type Constitution says, the Founders included a process by which you can change the Constitution itself to reflect what you feel is now relevant or desirable. In over 200 years of continuous government we have amended the 27 times, so it is not impossible to do. There is a very high threshold that has to be met to do it, though, and Leftists especially don't want to be restrained like that. So Leftist judges have come up with the "Living Document" doctrine to justify ignoring the plain wording of the Constitution when that wording restricts Leftists from doing as they please. This is not, in my opinion, a **valid** legal doctrine. The Supreme Court would itself be above the Constitution if it were the case, and nobody can find any evidence in legal precedent or abutting else to indicate that the Supreme Court is higher than the Constitution itself, which is the document from which the Court derives its legitimate authority.



**Iron
Fist**

Not to be a party popper, but isn't posting someone's x-ray on the internet a HIPAA violation? X-rays are PHI, like any other diagnostic. You have probably given enough other information to ferret out the identity of this guy if you really wanted to. In this case that doesn't really matter to people like you or I, but I think as far as compliance with the law goes, well, I wouldnt have posted the x-ray, even though it **is** rather illustrative of your point. The bull clearly won this confrontation

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@ [lobo91](#):

I wrote a fairly extensive Facebook post to one of these idiots who was talking about Socialism being all altruistic, while Capitalism is cold-hearted and, essentially, likes to see people starve. I responding him if he knew what, besides being Socialists, a number of men had in common. The men were Josef Stalin, Mao Tse Tung, Kim Jong Il, Kim Jong Un, and Pol Pot. The answer is, of course, that they all engineered genocides of their political enemies, and the common people of their respective countries as well. That is the altruism of real Socialism. I then went into a fairly long proof that Communism and Socialism were the same thing, just packaged with slightly different propaganda, but their ends were the same, and that is gulags and death camps. I also pointed out that Socialists are getting the results that they want. That if they didn't like the results that they were

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getting, they wouldn't keep doing the same thing, in many different countries, all with different cultures, but always getting the same results. I really took it easy on him, because he is a friend of the Mafia Princess, who likes him even though he is a "Useful Idiot" by the criteria by which Lenin defined such people. He hasn't responded, and I don't expect him to. I doubt he finished The post, because it offended his tender sensibilities.

@ [Bumr50](#):

Damn, man, if a multimillion dollar salary for playing a game is slavery why, hell, sign me up! I can't play basketball for shit, but I can be the token old white guy (but not fat white guy. I weighed in at 155 pounds this morning courtesy of my esophageal cancer). Think of it as making me the Affirmative Action Racial Hire. If that is a good enough reason to make a black man who hates America President, then it is a good enough reason to make a short white guy who hates

basketball (I'm not a fan of any arena sport, really) a basketball player.

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@ [Bumr50](#):

Could be true. God knows that blacks are much more prone to crime today than any other racial/ethnic group. I got into a lengthy discussion about black homicide rates and gun control on Facebook today. Smoked the Leftists because I could not only provide facts, but links to sources to back up my assertions, while the Leftists (with one or two exceptions) threw up strawmen, attributed to me heinous things that I didn't say or mean, and, of course, called me names. The second Leftist out of the gate accused me of wanting to commit "genocide" against the black race, and to have gun control for law abiding blacks (to facilitate genocide, I presume). I pointed out that I wanted law abiding blacks to be legally armed like any other American citizen, and pointed out how damned racist against blacks you had to be to hear me say that I wanted to get the black homicide rate down to something close to what the homicide rate is for other races and ethnicities, and immediately think I meant that I wanted to massacre blacks. As though they are arcs, and violent by nature, and the only way that you can keep them from being violent is today kill them all. I don't know if this motherfucker really believed that, or he was just throwing that out there to try and piss me off, which he failed to do. I don't get mad at Leftists for lying, and putting words in my mouth, and so forth any more than I get mad at my parrot when she shits in her water bowl. In both cases they are just dumb animals (I'd

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bet on my parrot having the higher IQ, though) doing what animals do.

Anyway, it was amusing. But the homicide rate in the black community is appalling, and other crimes are part and parcel to black **culture**, specifically the “Thug Life” black culture that especially urban blacks are eaten up with. This is a relatively new thing for the black community (it has sprung up in the last 30 years or so), and has more with the destruction (nearly total destruction, especially, again, among urban blacks) of the black family than it does with the fact that they are Americans of African descent. If the white family were to implode to the degree that the black family has, I would bet good money Thatcher the crime rate among the white children of these dysfunctional half-families would be approximately the same as it is in the black children of such destroyed families, especially if the Media-Gangster complex were promoting thug/gang culture as heavily in the white community as they are promoting it for blacks.

@ [Mojambo](#):

And what, exactly, is wrong with that? A person’s religious faith can be a huge indicator about their overall character. That isn’t saying that there can’t be Atheists (or even Muslims) of good character, nor does being a Christian automatically mean that you will be a person of good character, but your religious faith is the single greatest indicator. Your religious faith is (or should be) the most important single thing in your life, coming before even family. I think Cruz feels the same way I do about that. That is a hell of a long way from supporting Sharia. That was a low blow. There are legitimate reasons to be against Cruz, though he is still my first pick. But his open religious faith is not a legitimate one, though you are, of course, free to feel otherwise.



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@ [RIX](#):

And what should he do, hide his religious faith? Ask I said to Mojambo/Speranza, your religious faith is the single biggest ideological indicator that you have. Now, you have to judge a person’s actions against their professed belief, but everybody falls shortly in that comparison over something or another, sometime. All men are sinners, and there is no escaping that. But I’d much prefer a candidate who wore his faith “on his sleeve” to one who is ashamed of his faith.



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@ [RIX](#):

I'm having a pretty good day. Some nausea and pain, but that is to be expected. My Percocet helps cut the pain down, though it doesn't get rid of it completely. I just got through taking a nice, long shower. That always makes me feel a little better. I haven't felt much like eating today, but I am on a continuous tube feed, so it isn't like I am starving. That said I weighed in at 155 yesterday. That is down from 195 in the Fall, which is, of course, down 110 pounds from the 305 I weighed in at my first weigh-in at my bariatric surgeon's office. So I've lost what, 150 pounds? I am going to try to keep most of this off when I am in remission. I don't know if I'll be able to do that, especially if they surgically remove the diseased part of my esophagus, and essentially undo the gastric bypass. I am not sure that they will actually do that, but it was the plan before they diagnosed me at Stage 4 cancer. When my tumors are down enough, we may do that. I'm dreading that, not because it is a pain in the ass if I have to go through the same regimen for this as I did when they did the gastric bypass (and I would expect to have to, though I don't know that for sure), but because of the danger of regaining the weight, which would be miserable. My residual stomach is not quite as large as my unaltered stomach was, but I will no doubt be able to eat more than I could after the bypass. A small price to pay to be a cancer survivor.



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All in all I can't complain. I wish I didn't have to go through this, but it is what it is. I am going to make it through this with God's help. I don't expect miraculous

healing, though I certainly wouldn't **mind** that. But modern medicine is really miraculous sometimes. A lot of times. We take that for granted, but it is true. Ten or twenty years ago my diagnosis with Stage 4 cancer would have been a death sentence. They'd have given me six months or a year, and that would be that. The five year survival rate for what I've got is **not** good, but that is where the miracle from God will come in. I do not at all expect to die from this. I am not afraid to die. I've **never** been afraid of death. Part of that is my religious faith. Even before the enormous miracle, where God spoke to me, and gave me my Bible Verse, I knew where my soul would go when I died, even though I was kind of an evil little fucker ((Chaotic Evil, if you are into the AD&D alignment system. I would now be Chaotic **Good** on that scale). I don't want to die. I have too much that I haven't done to die, and I want to live to be with my wife and my cats and my friends, and to ride my trike, and so forth. I want to go to Sturgis, a trip I've always wanted to make. I have friends in Montana that I want to see. Specifically McGuyver from LGF, and his wife. They are wonderful people, solid friends of both me and my wife. When I first started seeing the Mafia Princess, McGuyver came down to Tennessee to ride the Dragon in a small bike rally they have there every spring. I met him up there, and it was great. But one of the things he asked me is what my intentions toward her were. This was when she

was looking at moving out here, and while he was my friend, he was also her friend, and he didn't want to see either of us get hurt. That was about ten years ago, and my relationship with the Mafia Princess has never been better, though this cancer is taking its toll on her, too.

@ [RIX](#):

I don't find Cruz to be overdoing it, but different folks feel different ways about that. Marco Ruben also professes his faith very openly. To my mind that is a good thing, and I doubt that it is going to hurt either of them at the polls. People to whom this would be that big an issue are not, in general, going to vote Republican. There are a few here it might, but they are statistical outliers. OTOH, for a Democrat that would be the Kiss of Death. Democrats, in general, seem to prefer agnostics or even Atheists, though they recognize that for reasons of dealing with the General Election it isn't wise to profess to be an unbeliever. What faith does Bernie Sanders profess? Clinton professes to be a Christian. Maybe she is, maybe she isn't. I don't don't in her actions. I have a hard time squaring a person. Who is a strong (dare I say rabid) abortion support being a Christian, but that is between them and God. I wouldn't want to be standing before God in their shoes on Judgment Day with that kind of track record on my soul. I am pretty lenient on killing when it comes to adults, but killing children and babies is an entirely different thing to me.



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[Mojambo](#) wrote:

I don't like the idea of Evangelicals acting as king makers. **The problem with them is that they only associate with like minded individuals giving them a very limited view of the issues.**



Iron
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Stereotype much? I am certain you could say the same thing of some Jews, probably a **lot** of them given the way that so many Jews are lockstep votes for the Democrats. I am equally sure that you would be offended if I painted all Jews with a broad brush as being that way. News flash: I'm an Evangelical Christian. I was born and raised Southern Baptist, though I am now a Lutheran. That is more because of the fact that I now attend a Lutheran Church than it is on any point of

doctrine. The Church I attend is an outreach Church, which makes it, by definition, Evangelical. We are hardly a uniform body, though I am sure that a **lot** of us are Republicans. Probably **most** of us given that we are Christians from the South. Not all Christians from the South are Republicans, of course, but if ybe were going to bet, it is the safer way to bet. And while our pastors don't make an every Sunday thing of it, from time to time politics will be talked about from the pulpit. When the Court handed down its Gay Marriage ruling was one such time. Pastor Matt devoted an entire sermon on it, and he hewed the traditional Christian line on it, which is also the Right-wing side of the issue.

@ [RIX](#):

That's the truth. TrinityChurch of Christ advertises itself as Christian, but a preacher who sscrams "God damn America!" from the pulpit, and everybody nods along with him tprather than getting up and walking out, is not really a Christian Church, any more than the Westboro Baptist freaks are really a Christian congregation. I am very reluctant to challenge the Christianitynof anyone who calls themselves Christian. One of the big points if doctrine that the Baptist and the Lutherans agree on is amdoctrine called the Priesthood of the Believe. What this boils Dow n to is that there is no one who stands between the believer and God. No one. No priest, pontiff, preacher, minitpster, or other regular believers has the right to tell you what you may or may not believe. That is between youand God, for the most part. There is the Apostles Creed, that is the basic core of what Christians believe. But beyond that there is a lot of muddle. But that said, Rev."God Damn America" is a bridge too far, and Obama was his loyal parishioner for 25 years. That tells you what kind of "Christian" Obama really is.



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@ [Internet Septic Tank Engineer](#):

It was LGF that worked for me and the Mafia Princess. It is hard to believe, but we've been a Couple for almost 11 years. Tempus Fugit (Time Flies in Latin). We've been through a lot together. She's by far the best thing that has ever happened to me. I was talking with the hospital chaplain today about my life, and how truly difficult it has been, but how blessed it has been, too. You can't beat my wife. She isn't perfect, but I've never came anywhere close to a woman as good as her before.



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@ [Internet Septic Tank Engineer](#):

Wisdom. I've done a lot that was difficult, though, to make the Mafia Princess happy. I still am not perfect at it. The main thing that we fight over is my substance abuse issues. I am not jealous of her the way I have been most of the women in my life. I would be devastated if she cheated on me, but I can't for the life of me see that happening. I could see her killing me for insurance money before I could see her cheating on me, and the only thing that even brings that up is that she's always watching Murder TV. And by that I mean the various real-world murder shows, not *Murder, She Wrote* reruns. I suspect her of storing up ideas about what others have done, and what mistakes did they make that got them caught. I could see being able to learn enough from those shows to stand a good chance of getting away with it. Not something that interests me any more. If they'd have been available to me in the 1980s Could have seen me watching them with justmsuch lessons in mind. I know that I could do that today, but that isn't where my mind is these days. If I kill somebody today it will either be self defense, or an accident,

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@ [Calo](#):

I haven't seen that move ever, and even if the guys playing the Gays turned out the greatest acting job of the century, I know that I didn't miss a goddamned thing that would have been of any interest to me.

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@ [Internet Septic Tank Engineer](#):

My wife is my best friend. The closest person to me since Sam was killed 28 years ago.. She and I aren't quite as close as me and Sam. We used to say that we were one brain sharing two bodies, and while that is a slight exaggeration, we used to like to freak people out by finishing each other's sentences for the other. That can be quite disconcerting when you know that they haven't prepared this little speech prior to giving it. We were two damned scary sons of bitches, and I still miss that.

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The Mafia Princess and I can't do that kind of thing, and no one will ever mistake her for being scary at all. Me, OTOH, I still go into tough bars and have people leave because I "scare the hell out of them", and I've been described by a guy in my AA homegroup as "Scary Steve", and the other

guy knew exactly which Steve (there are several) he meant I am in a much different place than I was 30 years ago when I met Sam, and when we were buying shotguns on streetcorners over in West Columbia, and

not keeping them legal for 45 minutes after we bought it, if you know

what I mean There's a hell of a lot of water under those bridges. I wouldn't dream of doing today a lot of the things I did for amusement 30 years ago. But I can't help but liking the fact that people are **still** afraid of me. It is too much fun. Of course even at my worst, when I particularly around toying between Chaotic Evil and Chaotic Neutral I wasn't particularly a threat to anybody who wasn't a threat to me first. Most of the time. I could view what I considered a threat rather loosely.



@ [rain of lead](#):

That probably means he'll be our candidate I think that issue unfortunate. He has the highest negatives of any candidate on either side. Say hello to President Clinton, Round Two.

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[coldwarrior](#) wrote:



didja notice how the press has actively ignored the 'diversity' of the gop field?

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Of course. It was in the wrong kind of diversity. They were, after all, all Republicans, so they don't count as "authentic" whatever they might be.

@ [Carolina Girl](#):

My tattoo artist is leaning Trump for the same reason. We've given the Republicans 22 years, from 1994 until 2016 to get their act together, and they have been unable to do it. In the meantime, things have gone from bad (Clinton) to worse (Obama), and we have precious little to show for having supported the putative opposition Party. It is no wonder the Republicans are angry. I just think that they are going to do something in anger that they will repent in leisure. I hope I am wrong, because it is increasingly looking like Trump will be our nominee. I do not think that that will be good for the Republic. Firsthand foremost because he is the only Republican in the field right now that Hillary Clinton is beating in the polls. Both Rubin and Cruz are beating Hillary soundly in the polls. Cruz loses to Sanders in a head-to-head matchup right now, which is somewhat worrisome, but he (Cruz) beats Hillary, and barring her



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indictment (and maybe not even then) Clinton will be the Democrats' nominee. It is the superdelegates that are killing Sanders. If they were just going by the voters, it would be essentially tied on the Democrat side.

@ [rain of lead](#):

Sandovak is apparently [good on the Second Amendment](#). i don't like his abortion or gay marriage stance. If you can consider Gay Marriage to be a settled issue from one Supreme Court case, then how much more settled should the Second Amendment be because of two? Yet we all know that *Heller* and *McDonald* are only one Leftist vote shy of being overturned. Stare decisis only goes for precedents that Liberals approve of. They don't believe in it at all when it comes to anything g that they disagree with. Otherwise, *Heller* would have thrown out all Federal gun control laws, and *McDonald* would have tossed all of the State laws. That isn't Legislating from the Bench, but protection our basic Civil Rights.



**Iron
Fist**

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

This is great news! Barrett has been a great corporate citizen for the State since their inception 30 or so years ago. They well deserve this honor. And we scored the new Berretta plant, too. I'd hoped that Magpul would come to Tennessee when the Colorado legislature raped the Secthe Amendment. Magpul left, but part of that operation went to Texas, while the manufacturing base of the company moved to Cheyenne Wyoming. Still, showing the Democrats that it is still a free nation and we can.0 still vote with our feet,. We aren't their slaves yet, and won't become their slaves. =t([o8



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Fist**

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@ [rain of lead](#):

No, I've been kind of spotty today. My nausea has gotten really bad, somthey've put Ms on Ativan. This is mainly an antianxiety drug, but it has a side effect of reducing nausea. It seems to be getting me where I need to be on the issue. I'll look for the knife show. That may be the same show I talking about in Atlanta.



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@ [RIX](#):

I am doing pretty good for own that we have the nausea issue taken care of. They didn't want to give me the Marino, so they gave me Ativan instead. That seems to m have turned the trick. I am going to defeat this



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cancer, if that is God's will. I'll be glad when it is over, but I am doing relatively well, all things are slowly coming together. They are learning better how to treat my specific cancer. We'll know more after next week.



**Iron
Fist**

@ [rain of lead](#):

Readergirl! I just got around to watching it. Very good. This is exactly the kind of TV I like.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [rain of lead](#):

Readergirl! I just got around to watching it. Very good. This is exactly the kind of TV I like.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [Carolina Girl](#):

I was glad to see it when somebody worked Reid over. I think that we can safely say that it wasn't anybody on our side, or Reid would have been singing like a bird. That means it was either other Democrats or the Mafia. My bet is on organized crime. It sure would be nice to know who worked him over in such a professional way. I was impressed. It takes a modicum of skill to duck somebody up that badly without going too overboard and really doing them permanent damage. After my assault in Tallahassee it took me the better part of a year to recover fully, but those guys were trying to kill me. If the guys that worked over Reid had wanted him dead, he would be dead. Like I said, I am impressed. I am certain that Reid was impressed, too.

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Fist**

@ [MacDuff](#):

And that was no small feat. I do not think that Bush was a bad President. I just think that he had greatness within his grasp, and he lacked the intestinal fortitude to reach out, step up, and become the wartime President that we needed him to be. Bush could have been great. He needed to step up, turn Afghanistan into a 21st Century Cartage, and then ask Saddam Hussein, Muammar Qaddafi, and the Mad Mullahs of Iran if they really want some of this. We already know Qaddafi would fold. Would Saddam Hussein, if he were looking at nuclear retaliation. Even Iran might decide that "Death to America!" is a little harsh after enough nuclear fire curing the Afghan people of life, and thus hostility. You-know how I prefer to fight. Overwhelming force, maximized overkill, and no

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mercy or quarter.

@ [Phantom Ace](#):

I have even more reason than most to want to see cancer research pushed ahead. My problem is that I am skeptical of the Federal Government's ability to find its ass with both hands and a flashlight. I can see this as becoming a huge cash cow for the "researchers" with the connections, and actual progress grind to a halt as all the researchers converge on the research that the cash is in, rather than the places where real progress can be made. If you want a real world example of this behavior, just look at what a clusterfuck "climate research" has become. I can easily see cancer research devolving into something like that, probably with an emphasis on using tissue harvested from aborted babies to create a market for Planned Parenthood's grisly body parts industry. I don't want to die from this cancer, but I equally do not want my life spared at the cost of the life of an unborn child. That is too much like vampirism to me. When I was a kid me and Sam were fascinated by vampires, and though the whole idea was too cool. Now I wouldn't want to participate in this kind of research on account of it being too close to vampirism. I have undergone many changes in my life over the last 25-30 years. Some days I worry that Sam wouldn't recognize me if he saw me on the street. And in truth, I might be then one who sent recognize the other in the street. I think that he would, and I would as well. It's been the better part of a decade ago, but I worked with a man who looked very much like Sam. I really really had a hard time with it. He wanted to be my friend, and in truth we had a lot in common. That worried me even more. Not fair to him, I well know, but I simply could not deal with the situation.



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Well, I am done with my third round of chemo. In some ways I have handled this better than before, especially when it comes to the gastric distress I had after my first round of chemo. **that** was miserable. I am, I believe, seeing some improvement. 2-3 weeks ago I had to take my pills one at a time, or the pain would make me puke. Now I am back to taking the bulk of my pills all at once, without pain or nausea. The tumor in my neck was about the size of a pea when I started my chemo at the first part of the year. It isn't quite gone completely, but now it feels smaller than a BBE. I don't know that I'd notice it if I didn't already know that it is there. The one on my ass cheek is still pretty noticeable, though I know that parties off that is scar tissue from when I had it removed when Dr. LeRoy



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thought that it was just a boil. Would that it had been. All in all, though, I am doing as best as I can. A lot of this is just sitting around and waiting on the drugs to work. They are taking my needles out right now. WooHoo!

@ [MacDuff](#):

Hi hey, man, sorry to hear about your kidney stones. I've been having trouble with Kidney stones since about last may, and they sure dinksuck. I am on Oxycodone/Percocet for that in addition to the pain from my cancer. No fun.i'll keep you in my prayers. As for thisround of chemo, this is (hopefully) the halfway point for me. I've had three rounds of chemo now, and they hope that six will put me in remission. Then I am probably looking at surgery to remove the remaining malignant tissue. This would essentially undo my bariatric surgery, so I will have to take care that I don't regain too much weight. It is going to be a hard road for me for the next three more months, minimum. I am going to have to extend my short-term disability, and it will probably transition over to long-term disability before I am through with this. We'll just have to see.



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Fist**

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@ [rain of lead](#):

Good afternoon! How're Momcat and readergirl? Everything here is going pretty well. I could use more pain killers, but my Old Lady won't go for that. I guess that is for the best, though I am not approaching as pharmacologically adverse as she is. I'll pretty much take what they will let me have. I didn't used to be, but that is one place where my life has dramatically changed over the decades. If medical marijuana were legal in Tennessee I would be partaking of it for a number of my illnesses. It may not be a miracle cure, but neither is it the Devil Weed that we were taught that it was when we were kids.



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Fist**

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Guns and ammo are never out of style. If things really fall completely apart, those with the guns will make the rules.



**Iron
Fist**

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@ [lobo91](#):

Which means that the people who can get them have even more of a leg up on the rest of the population. I'm sure that the people who are bringing in heroin and cocaine can get firearms, too. You or I probably wouldn't know where to get an illegal gun in Japan, but I am certain that there is a



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black market in firearms. Anywhere there is demand someone will arise to service that demand.

@ [coldwarrior](#):



**Iron
Fist**

That is pretty insane. I do not want Trump as our nominee, for many reasons that I have stated. But it is another thing entirely to dislike Trump and not believe in him, and another to deliberately choose worse, just out of, I don't know, spite? That Job Bush didn't make it. I think Trump will be a bad President. I am under no illusion that he will be competent, really. But Hillary Clinton will be trying to finish off America after all the damage that Obama has done to the country. I can't be part of that, and don't understand those who would be.

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@ [Lily](#):

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Fist**

I am home from the hospital. I have finished my third round of chemotherapy, and have three more to go at least. They are going to run some tests on me over the next couple of weeks to see how I am responding to the chemo. I know * am responding to it. I can see signs of improvement. For example, I've been able to swallow my pills and not throw them up. I am able to eat a little solid food, so long as it is soft. Cheese, oatmeal, and the like. But I have a lot of nausea, which is from the chemo, and I am very tired. I am hanging in there, though. Things could be much worse.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):



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Fist**

Yeah, i think we can move beyond questioning their patriotism if they'd seriously rather Hillary Clinton than Donald Trump. My wife says she doesn't think that she can vote for Trump, but she isn't going to vote for Hillary. These people are showing their true colors. I didn't think very highly of Trump when he floated the idea of running as a Third Party candidate if he didn't win the nomination, and this kind of bullshit is the same basic thing. If they can't have their way, they'd rather burn it all down.

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[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

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**Iron
Fist** ask her if she can vote AGAINST Hillary

I am hoping at the end of the day that is what she will do if it comes to that. I really hope that it doesn't come to that, but that is starting to look like what we are going to get. Instead of a serious statesman, we are going to go for a Reality TV star that is loud, and brash, but doesn't seem to have any fundamental ideology, at best. He has tapped into America's anger at the government, but I am very much afraid that he is going to be the wrong vehicle for expressing that anger. At the end of the day I believe that he is preferable to Hillary not because he is particularly good, but because she is so awfully bad.

@ [RIX](#):

Well, I am home, and have a cat sitting on my chest (Hope), so it is better than yesterday, but the chemo has me too nauseous to really eat, and I am extremely fatigued. I am (hopefully) halfway through my chemo. We are going to do some tests on me over the next couple of weeks to see how I am responding to treatment, and we will possibly make adjustments to my course of treatment. I have some indications that I am responding well to the treatment, but we want know until they run some tests. Probably a PET scan and maybe a CAT scan with contrast. I hope that we get them out of the way early this week.



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Fist**

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[RIX](#) wrote:

If they would have done their jobs there would be no Trump Campaign

Exactly. If these people would have held the Republicans' feet to the fire over the last 20 years, and demanded that they govern according to the principles that they espoused, Trump would still be a Reality TV star instead of possibly the next President of the United States. What I am most worried about with Trump is that he'll run and fail, and that failure will be blamed on Conservatives. There will be some blame for us, because a lot of the people demanding Trump **are** Conservatives. This is one of the things that is frustrating about this campaign. Poll after poll shows that Trump is the only Republican that Hillary can beat. This is not a minor thing. And it isn't as though we lack acceptable alternatives. But just as people wanted to believe Obama's "Hope and Change" campaign, people want to believe Trump, though most of his campaign is that he's a "great" man who will "make America great" if he's elected, but he doesn't



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have many details beyond build a wall and deport illegal immigrants. That is a good start, but it hardly fixes all of our problems. How does he plan to cut the debt? He refuses to say how he would fight the Islamic State. What kind of Supreme Court justices would he appoint? I could go on. Carly Fiorina hadn't the best and most specific answers to these kinds of questions, but the voters wanted her less than they wanted Bush. It is going to be a very interesting election.



**Iron
Fist**

@ [coldwarrior](#):

Thanks! I am trying. I still have a little bit of my beard left. Its is a small thing in the grand scheme of things, but you take the victories where you can get them.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [RIX](#):

I am on a continuous feed through a feeding tube, so I am not in any danger of starving to death. But I do miss steak, cheesecake, and so forth. I am down to around 155. I haven't weighed this little since I was in my early 20s. I don't recommend this diet, though

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [coldwarrior](#):

I had several slices of cheese this morning, and was able to keep it down. But right now I am too nauseous to eat. I'll be like this for a couple of days, I guess. In the hospital they were giving me Ativan to control the nausea, but they didn't send a prescription for that home with me. If I am still feeling this bad on Monday when I see my oncologist, I will ask him about it. Right now they have me on Phenigren and Zofran, but they aren't cutting it.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [RIX](#):

Steak Diane and a white chocolate raspberry cheesecake at the Cheesecake Factory is the top thing on my list when I get over this. I am figuring that I'll be there around May or June. It is going to be a long slog, but I already have three chemo treatments under my belt, so hopefully the worst part of it is over. Three more, and hopefully, with God's help, I will be in remission. Then I have to be vigilant for the rest of my life, I guess. I am not sure what that will entail. one thing at a time, though.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [coldwarrior](#):

Yep, but that isn't legally available, and if I did it illegally it could blow up my pain management agreement. It sucks knowing that there is something out there that would help me, but asinine laws make it illegal for me to get the relief that I need. I've always been pro-legalization, but now I have personal experience with how fucked up these laws really are.

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<http://danaloeschradio.com/how-i-came-to-my-opinion-on-donald-trump>



**Iron
Fist**

Thistles is an interesting little article by Dana Loesch on why she doesn't support Trump. She's more concerned about some of his business connections, and while some of them are troubling, that isn't why I am against Trump. My dispute with Trump is ideological, in that I don't trust that he really has changed his positions on the issues. That doesn't necessarily mean that he rabidly supports positions he had a few years ago, but more that he doesn't have any hard and fast positions, which means that he simply can't be trusted to do the right thing.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [lobo91](#):

Yeah, but we're supposed to believe that he's not part of the Establishment. I think that is a con, and I think a lot of office people are falling for it.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [coldwarrior](#):

He just plain can't be trusted. I am not sure what fallacy that you see in Loesch's argument. She lays out the connections, but she isn't implying that Trump himself is a crook, rather that he is less than scrupulous about the people he is willing to work with. If he has done this in his business dealings, which are his primary claim to fame, it is logical to ask if he will be equally unscrupulous about the people he appoints when he is elected President. It is a valid question, and I don't think anybody really knows the answer to it.

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@ [lobo91](#):

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Iron Fist Yeah, he doesn't even really pay lipservice to the Constitution. And his obvious willingness to govern outside of the Constitution is concerning. He has specifically talked about changing libel law to be able to go after the press easier. It is one thing to dislike and even loathe the biased media, and another thing entirely to unleash the might of the State against them. I see no indication that he'll try and reverse the arrogation of power the executive that we've seen under Obama. I could go on. The Constitution is supposed to be the foundation of our government, but under Obama that is being frayed into nonexistence. [at 8:08 pm](#)

 **Iron Fist** @ [coldwarrior](#): I know more about the Constitution than Obama, and I didn't go to law school. I did take a year of Con Law as an undergraduate, though, and unlike Obama I paid attention in class. [2016/02/27 at 8:30 pm](#)

 **Iron Fist** I'm watching *John Wick*. That's a damned good flick. They steal his car, and kill his dog, so he hunts them down and kills them. Pretty basic plot, but a really good flick. [2016/02/27 at 8:57 pm](#)

 **Iron Fist** @ [CynicalConservative](#): Yep, they even get the report of a "silenced" pistol correct, which you almost never see in movies. All in all it's one of the best of its type of movies out there. [2016/02/27 at 9:32 pm](#)

 **Iron Fist** @ [lobo91](#): Both are sweet weapons. I'd rather the UMP in .45, personally, though the MP-5 is the better looking weapon, for what that is worth. I had a chance about 20 years ago to buy an H&K 94 for \$1400 or so, and I passed on it. As you can imagine, I've kicked myself for that ever since. Now that gun will run you \$3K if you can find one. Oh, well. It is just a 9mm rifle, but they are such sweet weapons. I got to shoot a real MP-5 when I was in Los Vegas in 1994. Wow! I've never had the opportunity to shoot many full-auto weapons, but I could count the rounds with that gun, and shoot bursts from single rounds (with it set to full-auto) to whatever round count I wanted. No wonder the SEALs love the weapon so much. [2016/02/27 at 10:08 pm](#)



@ [lobo91](#):

Oh, and did you see where some Republican has put forward a bill to remove suppressors from the NFA? That is a change to the law that needs to be made. I think they should also free up short-barrelled rifles and shotguns. With all three items (a suppressor isn't even a weapon) they pose no significantly greater danger to the public than anything else, so any possible justification for restricting them really doesn't exist. You can make that argument for full-auto weapons, though I don't see that as sufficient reason to restrict them. It isn't like they are explosives, or poison gas, or something like that.

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@ [lobo91](#):

Yep, it is just about perfect. Sig has a new weapon out called the MPX that I am very interested in. It bears a lot of resemblance to an MP-5, but runs half the price. Sig is a good name in guns, and the design looks solid. Someday I'll probably get one just to have. I've got a lot of other things on my plate before I can justify shelling out \$1200 for a 9mm, though the MPX is also eventually going to support being converted to .40S&W, which would be pretty cool.

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@ [lobo91](#):

The Democrats have been trying to disarm the American populace since the early 1900s. I think they took what they could get when they could get it, with the intent of coming back for more when they could. It was all about incrementalism in oppression. The NFA, and all of the other gun control laws, really have nothing to do with public safety. They are exercises in oppression, brought to us bona Party that intends to enslave us all.

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@ [Buckeye Abroad](#):

Real nice to threaten a seservicem so petulantly, and in ffront of the cameras, too. I never saw what so many people appeared to see in Bill Clinton. This was before I understood that the Democrat Party was evil, but knowing that doesn't make it any easier. I realize that all Democrat voters are not evil. One of my best friend's father is a hardcore Democrat, as was one of my Senseis. But they are people who just can't seem to see the Democrats for what they are. Most of my family has been Republican, though I think my mother's parents may have been , to the degree that they had any political party, but they were Reagan Democrats. And

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they'd passed on before Bill Clinton was any more than a two-bit thug governor.

[lobo91](#) wrote:

No, they probably don't "need" it, but so what? How many of those politicians own sports cars that will go 150 mph? They don't "need" those, either.

Exactly. It isn't about "need", but **freedom**. I think everybody needs a few guns, but once you've got a couple of decent pistols or revolvers, a good combat rifle, and a shotgun you've pretty well got your necessities, but so what? If I want to own 1000 machineguns, and I'm not shooting anybody with them, the government doesn't have the **right** to tell me I can't. We need to seriously limit the idea that you should only be free to do the things that you need to do. That is as pernicious an idea as the idea that somehow you can make too much money honestly, and thus the government has a right to confiscate your "extra" money to redistribute as it sees fit. These concepts seem quite obvious to me, but the average American doesn't appear to understand them. If they did, both Parties would be in a world of hurt. Too many people want to be able to tell everybody else how they are allowed to live. That is human nature, I suppose, but that doesn't make it **right**.



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@ [lobo91](#):

Method is, from everything I see, really nasty shot, but I am nit sure that making it illegal Haas really helped anything. We live in a society now where they regulate how much OTC cold medicine you can buy, and all that accomplishes is making sure that the method smuggling from Mexico is a thriving enterprise. As long as the Southern border is effectively somewhere between Open and non-existent outlawing any drugs just makes the rewards of smuggling the shot great enough that as long as there is a demand someone will supply it. I'm not trying to minimize the impact that illegal drugs have on society, but I really have to wonder if making them illegal has had a net positive effect. I do know that there are people who don't get into some drugs like heroin simply because they don't know how to get ahold of any. But they just use other drugs that they can find. In the meantime someone like me can't get marijuana legally to treat the nausea that comes with my chemotherapy, and I have to jump through major hoops to get the narcotic painkillers



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that I need to deal with my kidney stones and cancer pain. There are societal costs to drugs being illegal, too.

[Buckeye Abroad](#) wrote:

After next week we will see who will be left standing, but I look for a “brokered convention” simply for the powers that be to attempt to maintain control.

Yeah, if they can keep Trump from winning enough delegates to win the nomination outright, we’ll have a brokered convention, but I am honestly worried that that won’t happen, and Trump **will** win the nomination outright. If he does, I will hold my nose once again, and vote for a leader I don’t believe in. But a brokered convention will be a clusterfuck, too. It probably means we get Ruibo, which I’m OK with, but are Trump supporters going to vote for him, or will they sit the election out? It is a real mess. I’ve never seen it this messy, and that goes for the 2008 election where I was Anybody but McCain all the way until the choice was between him and Obama, and I just couldn’t **not** vote **against** Obama. But I didn’t vote for McCain. I only voted against Obama. Will I have that choice again? It is starting to look like it.



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@ [RIX](#):

They say that as though it is a bad thing. First and foremost, I deny that “Islamophobia” exists. A phobia is an irrational fear. I will submit to you that a reasonable fear of people who espouse a violent, expansionist, totalitarian Religious Ideology is not irrational at all, so no Islamophobia. Given that these people have shown themselves willing to both kill and die to try to expand the reach of their totalitarian system, I would say that it is irrational not to have at least serious concerns about them, and real fear is not an irrational response.



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I’m doing OK. I still have a lot of nausea and fatigue, but that is just the chemo. There’s no getting away from that. Other than that, I can’t complain much. I am ready for all this to be over, but I know I have at least 3 more chemo treatments, and then we will see. I may have surgery after that. I really hope that I do, so we can get any remaining cancer at least in my esophagus. The tumor in my neck is about gone. If I try real



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hard, I can find the little hard knot in the skin of my throat, but it is really tiny now. If I didn't know that it was there, I wouldn't notice it.

On the reporter, it is really somewhat surprising to see how many in the press are on the terrorists' side in the war. Only somewhat, as most of these people have been anti-American for decades. This chick may take it a little farther than average, but the media are, for the most part, not friends of America. I can't remember which one it was (Peter Jennings, perhaps?), but I remember one of the news anchors bluntly saying that he'd report on American troop positions in Afghanistan and Iraq if he knew what they were. That is effectively lighting on the side of the enemy as a scout/spy. If he'd have actually done that, I'd have wanted him imprisoned at the least, but I'd prefer hanged or shot.

@ [RIX](#):

Nice! It is good riding weather here, too, but I am afraid to get out on my bike. It is too easy to see me getting half an hour or so away from home and becoming so fatigued to safely ride home. The Mafia Princess still doesn't know how to ride the trike as the pilot. She took a rider education course about ten years ago, but she only completed half of the course, so she doesn't have a motorcycle license. I'm going to teach her to ride, but we just haven't had the opportunity to do so. The cancer really interferes with my life. I had hoped to be well into my time as a Prospect with the Infidels, but I haven't even been able to go riding with them since November, when I was diagnosed with cancer. It sucks, but it is what it is. I am going to get through this.

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@ [RIX](#):

I think you are seeing people on all sides of the fence going beyond what good decorum allows. At the end of the day, I thought we were all on the same side. I am against Trump, but I can understand the lure of his rhetoric. He is tapping into a huge vein of anger against the government, and that is against both Parties.

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It is well deserved. I've been saying for a while that the government has lost the consent of the governed. I think this is self-evident. What to do about it is the question. I had a really good conversation with my tattoo artist a couple of weeks ago, and he's in the same place I am, except he is kind of leaning towards Trump. The allure is that Trump is a complete outsider, but that really isn't true. Trump has even said that until he

started this run for the Presidency he was part of the Establishment. He's contributed to both Parties, played to play, if you want to call it that.

That is one of the thon policy, then I will be fine with him as President. ngs that troubles me about Trump. Five years ago his positions on almost everything were the opposite of what he espouses today. What does he really believe, and how will it affect his policy if/when he is elected President? I am more concerned about policy than I am anything else. That's why I was initially for Walker, and then Fiorina, and now CruCruAll three of these candidates have a solid track record on delivering (or trying to deliver) the kind of policies I like. Fiorina herself has never held office, but she has been solid in her positions on the issues since she first came onto the political scene. I think that Trump will probably be our nominee. I don't like that, but that is the way the wind is blowing. If he is our nominee, I will vote for him. That isn't even a serious question to me, though my wife doesn't think that she can vote for him even if he picks Fiorina as his running mate. I don't feel the same way. This election is too important. I am afraid that Trump will not be a good President, and I don't think he is the best person in our field right now. I wish that he'd elected not to run, but that is Waterloo under the bridge. That said, if Trump will deliver on policy as President, then I will admit that I was wrong in my misgivings, and support him as long as he supports and defends the Constitution of the United States.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

That's huge. I'd much rather he endorsed Cruz. I wonder what made his choice for him? I would be interested in hearing his reasons for making this decision. I understand Jan Brewer's support. Immigration is her number one issue for her, and Trump is the strongest voice against illegal immigration in the race, though Ted Cruz has essentially the same position on it. He just isn't as loud about it, and Tramp's Wall is a great rhetorical flourish. It focuses attention on the issue, and is one of the rare cases where Trump is providing detailed specifics of what his policy will be. Whether he will be able to deliver on his promise on illegal immigration is questionable, but he certainly is the loudest voice out there on the issue. Maybe that is what convinced Sessions. I don't know. I hope (and I expect that he will) that he'll give his reasons when he gives his endorsement. This is an interesting twist. Session's endorsement is enough to ease my mind a little because I think very highly of him. At the same time, though, both Tim Scott and Trey Gowdy endorsed Rubin, and I trust both of them as much as I trust any politician. They are on my side

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pretty lockstep when it comes to policy questions. I think that they were both for the TPP, like most Republicans, and I was against that pretty strongly. I do question about whether I am right about that opposition, though. If you look at the people whomsupported TPP, you come up with a list of people that I usually agree with, while if you look at those opposed they are almost all people with whom I disagree. That isn't 100% the case, because Obama was all for TPP (because it increases the power of the Executive, I presume. I don't think he supported it because he thinks the deal will be good for America), but Hillary Clinton was against it, after having been for it when she was Sec State. Trump isn't the only flip-flopper in the race.

@ [RIX](#):

Yeah, I don't trust Rubio on immigration. I am under no illusion about his real position on the issue. He understands that "Comprehensive Immigration Reform" is politically dead, but he is still committed to implementing the goals of Comprehensive immigration reform, he just knows that it can't be done in one fell swoop. Them is true of Trump, though. He can't just waive his is isn't really acceptable, but you have to remember that the President doesn't make the rules for immigration by himself, no matter what Obama has done on the issue. The same is true for Trump. He can't just waive his hands and then there will be a border wall.



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@ [AZfederalist](#):

This is just how the fundraising arms of all the campaigns do. They want to make people feel more important than they really are. I get fundraising emails from Rubio, Cruz, Carson, and before she dropped out Fiorina. She was the least like this, explaining her positions on various issues before she asked for money. Fundraising is a necessary evil for political campaigns. Money is their life's blood. They have to have money, and a lot of it, to function. I don't let things like this bother me.



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@ [RIX](#):

That is correct. Anything one President can do with an Executive Order, another President can undo the same way. So yeah, Rubio's statement on Univision is troubling. Trump has made statements about the kind of



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Supreme Court picks he would make that are at least as troubling. None of these candidates is perfect. Given a choice between good Supreme Court Justices and undObama's illegal executive order on immigration I will take the Supreme Court Justice. That is a really easy choice, really, because the other way an EO can be gotten rid of is for the Supreme Court to declare it Unconstitutional. I'd honestly rather see the Supreme Court make the ruling, so long as the Court gets the decision right. The Court will be binding on future Presidents, while just reversing the EO doesn't really settle the question about whether it is legal for Obama to do whatever he did, period.

[coldwarrior](#) wrote:

it took every ounce of willpower to go and vote for romney last cycle. it almost made me physically ill.

but i did my 'patriotic duty', well, now...looks like i wont have to do THAT again. i am quite relieved.

There's something that I agree with you on, in principle at least. The Establishment have shown that they are willing to accept a Democrat before they will accept someone that the Republican base is enthusiastic about. If the Establishment would have been supporting its base for the last 20 years, Trump would not be an issue today.



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All that said, if Trump is our nominee, I will vote for him, but he will be no different than a Romney or McCain for me. I will be voting against Hillary Clinton, not for Donald Trump. That will be even more so the case if Trump picks a VP like Chris Christie. I don't know how likely that is, but there was a lot of speculation in that direction over the weekend. I think he would be well advised to pick a woman for VP. I'd like to see Fiorina, but I don't think that is likely. Nikki Haley would be my second choice, even though she gave that relatively mild criticism of Trump in her response to the State of the Union speech. If not her, Suzanna Martinez would also be an entirely acceptable choice.



@ [RIX](#):

Exactly. And you are correct that you don't see anybody here dissing Cruz or Rubio supporters, but go over to Weasel Zippers and you will see a different story. I think that some of the supporters of all of the top three

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candidates have crossed over the line at times. At the end of the day, we are all theoretically on the same side here. We should be saving the long knives for the real Enemy, which would be the Democrats, not people who have chosen a different Republican nominee than we prefer. I don't recall this level of internicine vitriol in either 2000 or 2012, except maybe a few assholes in 2008 who went way over the line in expressing their opposition to Sarah Palin.

@ [mfhorn](#):



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I absolutely agree, but unfortunately that is where we are. I am too young to have voted for Ronald Reagan, so I can't honestly say that I've liked any of the Presidential candidates I've voted for in the general election. I voted for Perot because I couldn't stand either Clinton or Bush, but if I had it to do over again I'd hold my nose and vote for Bush, awful as he

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I get a lot of both sides in my Facebook feed. It is hard to say who is more hostile to the other, but both sides have people in their camp that are not being civil to each other. I think that this is bad politics in addition to being bad manners. You don't want to simply bludgeon and insult the other side. If you are smart, you want to convince them to change their minds, and support your candidate. That is smart politics. Simply calling the other side a bunch of fucking morons may make you feel good, but it is 100% counterproductive. I used to come across very hostile to people I disagreed with politically, but I also used to drink really heavily, and that didn't help me think clearly about what I was really trying to accomplish. Even with the Left I usually try to maintain a polite facade, even though I may wish to reach through the monitor and rip their balls off, and shove them down their . priorities. When the other guy is foaming at the mouth, hurling insults, and calling you names, and you remain calm, respond with facts and sources, and so forth, you probably want to convince him of a damned thing, but he is not the only person reading the thread. I had a real good debate on gun control the other day on Facebook, where I started off by pointing out that if the black homicide rate could be lowered to something similar to that of other racial demographics, it would cut the American homicide rate down to something similar to the rates in the safest countries in Europe without any additional gun control whatsoever. The Left went predictably insane, with the farthest out moonbat accusing me of wanting to commit

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genocide against blacks.

I pointed out that **he** was the one who apparently believes that blacks are genetically incapable of civilized behavior, while I think very strongly if you could fix some of the other pathologies in the black community, such as the appalling rate at which black men abandon their children, then the homicide rate would naturally drop. That these pathologies were the problem, rather than something innate in blacks, which was apparently his position. Which made **him** the real racist. He shut up and went away, but I had another poster comment that he was prepared to hate me when he read my initial proposition, and then he read the thread, saw the valid points that I raised, and the general tenor of the discussion, and came to support me.

That is the real aim of my debate on the internet. If I can do that with Leftists, doing it with other Right-wingers who support a different candidate than I do should be a breeze.

[Carolina Girl](#) wrote:

Most people responded to ManBearPig's tweet with inquiry on whether Al or Leo had a bigger carbon footprint from the private jet / huge house / luxury yacht

Seriously, that shit is funny. Al Gore is the most successful con man in human history. I don't know anybody that compares. His fraud is such that he can't be prosecuted for it. Instead, it is protected as political speech by the First Amendment. You and I have the right to call him a liar and a con man, and to work to see to it that his policies don't get implemented, but he doesn't have to worry about John Law carting him off to prison the way Bernie Madoff was, and he made a huge fortune with his con. He'd have made a lot more if Obama could have gotten Cap-and-Tax through, but that didn't happen, thank God.



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But Gore's carbon footprint is huge. He clearly doesn't believe the horseshit he is spewing, and anybody that is actually paying attention knows that. But like with most Developmentocrat policies, his target audience is the stupid people in the audience. He isn't trying to convince you or I, but people whose comprehension of basic science is lacking, and who are not intellectually curious enough to rectify this.

@ [Lily](#):

That is the worst crime the Democrats have committed against the blacks. I think that it is worse than slavery, and that is saying a great deal. But the families of slaves, while they faced the possibility of being broken up by white slaveowners, often were intact. Parents raised their children. Yes, the conditions they raised them in were appalling most of the time (though the conditions that poor whites raised their children in were often not much better), but the children had both parents. Today that usually isn't the case for black children, and I blame the homicide and general crime rate in the black community on this fact.



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And then we could discuss the black abortion rate, which **dwarfs** the appalling black-on-black homicide rate. Half of black children that are conceived are aborted. In some places, like New York City, its is **more** than half of them. I will submit to you the fact that the worst slave master on the harshest plantation in the Antebellum South did not murder **half** of his slaves' offspring. This utterly appalling statistic is seen as something to be celebrated by the Left. Again, who are the **real** racists here?

@ [Lily](#):

Bring up the fact that Climate Variation is not new, but rather has been the case for literally billions of years, and that the climate is not, and never has been, a constant. That this climate variation went on for billions of years before there were humans to impact it, and that the output of the sun is a huge part of the cause of this climate variation, so what makes them so convinced that this time it is human actions that are causing what measurable climate variation there is (and for the last 20 years or so there has been no warming)? They'll call you all kinds of names, but they won't be able to refute your argument. Because that argument is founded in verifiable truth, while their argument is founded in smoke and mirrors.



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@ [Lily](#):

That is appalling. My family was extremely dysfunctional when I was a kid, but not at that level, and not after I was an adult. That is some of the worst emotional abuse I have ever heard of, and I went through enough emotional abuse that I have PTSD from how emotionally abusive my mother was. If she did something like that to me today, I would kick her



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out of my house, and she would never be invited back. I wouldnt even attend her funeral when that finally rolled around. I would not permit someone to treat me like that. That said, my mother has accepted what she did to me, and truly regrets it. I've forgiven her, and we have a pretty good relationship. She will never live in my house, but she is welcome to visit, and she can stay in the guest room when she is here. I can't imagine parents like yours. I guess sexual abuse would be worse, but I am not surety hat just getting the shit beat out of me every once in a while wouldnt have been less traumatic than what my mother put me through. She was never physically abusive, though. She went to hit me in the face one time, but that was after I had started in the martial arts. I did not permit her to hit me, and she never did it again.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

That is the difference between someone who has training, and someone who doesn't. I don't know exactly what kind of training the USSS does in unarmed combat, but I am sure that they do some. I used to train in Jiu Jitsu with the local cop who taught ground fighting to KPD SWAT. He was really pretty good, though at the time he didn't have any formal rank in Jiu Jitsu, though he was, IIRC, a 4th Degree Black Belt in Isshinryu. Later on we brought in a real Black Belt in Jiu Jitsu, and the last time I went to that class the guy I trained under was ranked as a Blue Belt in Jiu Jitsu. Jiu Jitsu generally has a lot more rigorous requirements for its ranking, and someone that has a Black Belt if any degree is pretty damned good. That said, Jiu Jitsu is more a sport than a combat art, though it has some similarities, and you can do some pretty nice things with it. If someone takes me to the ground, though, I am going to kill them. In a real fight in the street (as opposed to in the ring), the absolute last place you want to be is on the ground. Not only do you have to worry about the guy you are fighting pulling a knife where you can't see it (and thus don't know you need to defend against it until he has cut you), but you have to worry about what all his friends are doing while you are focused solely on him. Jiu Jitsu is great for MMA because not only do you not have to worry about any of that, but in the cage matches the easiest way to win the match is to get a submission hold on your opponent. When he taps out, you win, and the fight is over. Do the same thing in a bar fight, and after he taps out, what, exactly, do you do next? Just let him go? And then what? There are no rules that say he can't pulled his knife after he has submitted to your hold, and you release him. This isn't to simply hack on Jiu jitsu, but to draw attention to its limitations. Most people that don't have martial arts experience (and a



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hell of a lot of people who do have martial arts experience) think Jiu jitsu is a superior martial art because it works so well in MMA. It is great for ring combat, and you have to train in it for MMA fighting, but in the street, where there are no rules or referees, it is severely limited. Too, it is a young man's sport. I,OTOH, have mostly studied Old Mens' martial arts. You can't help but get old unless you die, but you can use the Old Mens' techniques when you are young. The reason that you don't see that used more in MMA is simply because it is pretty much all against the rules, and really has to be. You can't just go into a cage match, and break your opponent's knee and arm right out of the gate, to say nothing of his neck and back. Also, all of the Kyushu Jutsu pressure point techniques that I have spent so much of my career learning are illegal in the ring, as are Small Circle Ju Jutsu techniques. It doesn't look very macho when you tap out over a finger lock, despite the fact that such techniques are immensely painful. They do work in the street, not because you tap somebody out with them, but because you can use them to control your opponent's movement, and guide him to where you can use them to land something more apt to stop him. You can't necessarily do that with Brazilian Jiu jitsu techniques. Some of them you can, some of them you can't, but since you are on the ground to begin with, there just isn't room for really manipulating the opponent's body position.

[Bumr50](#) wrote:

He is the voice of the ordinary citizen standing in line at the Walmart. And he is going to be a figure to be reckoned with. I'm not even sure Hillary can beat him. He is the voice of the unspoken unwashed voice of the people coming down from the hollers and they are very angry.



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Wow, elitist much? And they wonder why they are losing? Jesus! These are their motherfucking **voters!** There are a **hell** of a lot more people at Walmart than there are lobiests, think tank employees, academics, and so forth. He is basically saying that these little people's opinions shouldn't count. Fuck him. Sideways.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Respect is a huge thing in biker culture. Huge. Show the proper decorum, and you don't even have to worry about the 1%er Clubs like the Hell's Angels and Outlaws. Fail to show it, especially to those guys, and you will get your ass kicked. That can happen with anybody you are

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disrespectful too, not just 1%ers. I wouldn't let anyone just walk all over me. I just wouldn't shoot you over it. A 1%er just might. I think that's a 1000% better than a pussified culture where the rude are protected because we just don't do anything about it. Good manners don't cost you a damned thing. It is a lot better for society when bad manners carry a substantial price.

@ [rain of lead](#):

That doesn't surprised me in the least. We never talk politics where I work, though most of the people there are probably more conservatives than there are liberals, simply because this part of Tennessee is so heavily conservative. My tattoo artist, though, is pretty politically aware, and he is seriously considering Trump. I can well understand that. Trump says a lot of the right things. If I had faith that Trump would really govern according to the political ideology he now espouses, I would be a lot more comfortable with him as our nominee, and as President. The thing is that five to ten years ago he espoused pretty nearly the exact opposite of what he claims to support today on, well, pretty much everything. Also, some of the things that he says today should be raising more people's eyebrows. Specifically, he has said that he'll replace ObamaCare with Single-payer, which is Socialist Bernie Sanders' position on the issue. Another thing that is troubling is how little even lip service he gives to the Constitution. On one hand, at least he is honest in indicating that he'll be continuing Obama's expansion of the Executive power. OTOH, that is one of the worst aspects of the Obama Administration.

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@ [lobo91](#):

Yeah, that is the same thing I had to do as a , though for the most part I relied on sheer intimidation to defuse situations. I didn't have to hit very many people. I had to watch the crowd, and see where was starting, and get it stopped before blows were actually struck. We had one incident with a knife, but we got that handled before anybody got cut. Everybody carried a knife, pretty much, even the girls, and that was 8-9 years before we changed our knife laws, but nobody actually pulled a blade. I had more to worry about from beer bottles (which are actually a pretty nasty weapon) than I did blades. I figure some of the Outlaws were carrying guns, but we never had any trouble out of them. They were there to drink beer, show their colors, and play pool. Like I said earlier, treat them with respect, and you pretty much don't have anything to worry about from them.

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@ [lobo91](#):

Yeah, I can see that. we HD chick fights sometimes, too, and I'd much rather break up a fight between guys. Women have the mistaken impression that they can hit you, but you can't hit them because "I'm a girl!" Guys are under no such illusion. And it is an illusion. One of the first fights I helped break up were two girls, and I had to hit the girl I was handling 3-4 times in the kidney with my knee (she was on the ground while pulling the other girl's hair), and even then she didn't really let go of the other girl's hair, but rather pulled a big hunk of the girl's hair. I got her up, and there was a beer bottle under her, so I grabbed her by the throat and threw her 10 feet across the parking lot. She scratched my face when I did that. That's the only time anybody

drew blood from me in the bar. Fun times

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[lobo91](#) wrote:

If not, as I said, the walls and floors are all concrete...

Yep, a concrete floor can be a lethal weapon, which is why Zimmerman was entirely justified when he killed Trayvon Martin. If it had been me, I would have killed him too. No question about that.

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@ [rain of lead](#):

Hey, man, I just saw this. Today I went to see my oncologist, and they had to give me quite a bit of fluids, because I was very dehydrated. I've still been feeling pretty bad all day. I am still nauseous and fatigued. They said that was to be expected. This was my third round of chemo. I have three more coming up. I expect to be down for about a week following the treatment, so I am out of commission about two weeks a month. I am going to try to get back to work part time for the other two weeks. That is more to try and forestall being let go than it is any other reason. My boss says that it isn't necessary, but I'd rather be doing all that I can physically do to try and make certain that I am not laid off than anything else. This is going to suck for at least three more months. We are going to run a CT scan next week to see how I am responding to chemo so far. I have a lot of indication that I am responding well, but we won't know until we run the test and actually look.

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@ [Calo](#):

My feeding apparatus is set to flush 60ml every hour, so I am basically doing that. I am also doing more than 100mls when I do my liquid medication. That's twice a day, but it means I could handle the volume through my J-tube. I see my oncologist again Thursday, so we'll see how my fluid level is then. If I am low I'll ask my doctor. I don't really think it will be a problem getting approved, though, if it looks like I need it.

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[Calo](#) wrote:

@ RIX:

The polls are all indicating a Trump victory. This country was founded on the underdog, and Texas!



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Any way it rolls, I'll vote R.

I see it pretty much the same way, except tomorrow can't **quite** cinch the nomination for Trump. There aren't enough delegates in play to do that. But it will likely get him much closer to that. Like you, I'll vote for whomever our nominee is. This is too important to risk Clinton or Sanders as President.

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[AZfederalist](#) wrote:

A person of Irish descent pointed out that when the transcontinental railroad was built, there were jobs in certain locations that slaves were not used to perform – they used Irish and Chinese immigrants instead because the blacks were valuable property and the Irish and Chinese were not – if they got killed, nobody lost any money.



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That is exactly true. And the living conditions for poor whites were pretty appalling at the time as well. Hell, I've seen the two room shack that my father and grandmother lived in with one of the sisters and her kids when the husbands were away during World War Two, and I've seen the slave cabins at Oak Alley, which is a huge and famous plantation near New Orleans, and the slave cabins were nicer. They were two room shacks, too, but they were significantly larger, and, IIRC, had

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brick fireplaces, which I don't believe the shack my father lived in did. It's probably been 30 years since that shack was torn down, so I can't say I am positive about that, but I know that it didn't have any plumbing or running water. There was a small spring close by, though, which I guess would have been considered a luxury. There is, though, the basic indignity of being a . of being someone else's **property**. I would fight and kill to prevent myself from becoming a slave, and being willing to fight and kill means being willing to risk death. I wouldn't kill to avoid being a slave. I would be looking to escape. The person from the Civil War that impresses me the most is Frederick Douglass. He impresses me more than Lincoln, or Robert E. Lee, both of whom are boucoup impressive in their own right.

@ [Calo](#):



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It seems to be a pattern. Add least it's has happened every time so far. I have to be careful what I do as far as electrolyte balance an all goes. I have no way of checking that out, or really knowing what is good or what is dangerous. We'll see what I am like Thursday. I haven't needed a second round of fluids yet.

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@ [Calo](#):

Citizen? As long as he votes Democrat, he don't need no stinkin' citizenship...

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@ [Daffy Duck](#):



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Thank you so much! That is the best thing anyone has said to me in a very long time. That is, for me as a Christian, pretty much the best thing that you can say about me. My Christian witness hasn't always been very good, though I was raised in the Church, and considered myself to be a Christian from a fairly young age. But my like didn't really reflect that. I want totally evil, but if you are familiar with the Dungeons and Dragons alignment system, I was pretty much Chaotic Evil, though I was light on the evil, and not above doing good out of the fundamental rightness of my upbringing.

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While I slowly moved away from the gang lifestyle after my best friend was killed, I can't say that I moved very far in my Christian walk. I wound up **not** joining the Outlaws when that opportunity crossed my path, something that I regretted off and on for years. I simply moved in a

different direction with my life, went back to school, and finished both of my college degrees, and through myself into the study of the Martial Arts. Two of my Senses, a man named Allen Wheeler, who is the **best** man I've ever been fortunate enough to know, and Louis Grinnell were two of my three Senses (I trained under both of them at the same time). Mr. Grinnell was also a very strong Christian, and the two of them influenced me more than any other men in my life.

But the Outlaw I roomed with in Virginia, Sleazy Steve Matson, was the third influence in my life. I am two parts good to one part evil in my influences, and it showed in my life. Ten years ago I was working as a bouncer at the toughest bar in the area for free beer and the opportunity to fill that slot on my "tough guy" to do list. I was also helping a close friend, and just plain enjoyed the hell out of it. It was a good lesson in applied Martial Arts.

I have undergone a massive transition in the intervening decade or so. While I am still a biker (and am looking at joining the [Infidels Motorcycle Club](#)), I was, until I got sick, also a greeter at the door of my Church. This is a new Church for me. I and the Mafia Process have only been going there for about the last 15 or so months.

In those 15 or so months God has worked a number of miracles in my life. True miracles for which there is no logical or scientific explanation. Some of those miracles have been in healing, as God guided me to understand the reason for Sam's death, and why it had to happen, though I still can't explain why it had to happen the way that it did, with me being responsible for his death and all. That is what it is, but I simply have to trust that God allowed what was necessary, and Sam wasn't free of responsibility in the accident that killed him, either. Anyway, the knowledge of **why** it had to happen has helped me recover from the mental scars of the accident.

And, too, God has let me know, in no uncertain fashion, that He has always been there with me through the hell that was my life, that He **has** taken care of me through it all, which means that not only does He realize that I, insignificant pissant that I am, exists, but that I **matter** to Him. There's no point in this doing the things He's done for me in the last 15 or so months if He didn't love me.

This is running long, so I will leave it at that. I know God exists, though I haven't **quite** met Him face to face, with the same certainty that I know Russia exists, when I have never been to Russia. There is simply too

much evidence for God's existence for me to doubt it. I've never doubted God's existence, though I have doubted His love and benevolence in the past.

No longer. I believe that God has a Plan, and that Plan is the very best for all of mankind. Some of us play larger roles in that Plan than others, but we all have a role to play. So now I have cancer. That sucks, but the way my life has gone it just seems that we've rolled around to an ordeal that was inevitable. I will get through it. The chemo is definitely having positive effects on me. I believe that in three months I will be in remission, and I will start putting this behind me, though I will have to be vigilant for the rest of my life looking for the cancer to come back. That'll be according to God's will. I am not afraid.

And yes, there is power in prayer. I firmly believe that. God doesn't always answer the prayers the in a timely fashion for us, and sometimes the answer isn't the one we want to hear, but I believe that God hears all the prayers that are directed at him. That includes the prayers of self-described "heathens" as much as it does Christians, or people of any other faith. God is an awesome God, and I really can't complain about my life anymore. Even if this cancer kills me, it has **all** been worth it. Every ounce of pain.

As far as similarities between the two of us, yes, there's a lot of similarity there. I knew what I should be doing, or thought that I did, but didn't do that. I am far from alone on that. Here's the Apostle Paul on the issue:

Romans 7:15-20 New King James Version (NKJV)



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15 For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. 16 If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good. 17 But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. 18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. 19 For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. 20 Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.

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That seems a might harsh to me. I did good as well as evil, but I was not consistent. The Apostle Paul had a lot more to feel guilty for than most of the rest of us. If you weren't raised in the Church, you probably only

know the rudimentaries of Paul's story. Paul was a Roman Jew who had been very active in persecuting the Early Christian Church. I mean, he'd been helping to kill Christians. That ended when God Himself took a hand. Jesus met with Saul, as he was then called, when Saul was on the road to Damascus. This was after Jesus' death and resurrection. Jesus spoke to Saul, and struck him blind. Saul went on into Damascus, and there met with a Christian that Jesus had commanded him to meet with. This man cured Saul's blindness and Saul became Paul, the mighty Christian missionary that would spread the Gospel to the Roman Empire.

Paul wrote most of the New Testament of the Bible after you get past the four Gospels themselves. He turned into a mighty missionary for Christ. But as this passage makes clear, he did not become a perfect man, but was far from it. If he would feel this way, it seems to me to be less of a catastrophe that I would be the same way. God understands that we are not perfect. If He had wanted us perfect, He would have created us that way. It is, I think, the overcoming of Evil by Good, though imperfect, people that God is most pleased by. The Bible makes it clear that there has only ever been one Perfect Person, and mankind crucified Him. I started to say that He wasn't entirely human, but the way I understand it Jesus was both fully human **and** fully God, though I don't really claim to understand how that is possible.

I have had my own, slightly less spectacular Road to Damascus experience, or, as I more strongly equate it, my Burning Bush in the Wilderness moment. Let me tell you, **that** is a humbling, gratifying, and somewhat scary thing to have happen. Going in to see my psychiatrist, and telling her that God **spoke** to me (though it was a written communication. I am not having auditory hallucinations) was pretty scary. She is a believer, but my tale is something to be skeptical about. After I'd recounted the whole thing, though, she agreed that it was Divine Intervention, and not some kind of off the wall hallucination.

When I was a kid they taught in Church that the Age of Miracles was over. That God wasn't in the miracle game anymore. But that is false. God never was just doling out miracles left and right. When it suited His purpose, He could Part the Red Sea, but that is something that He has done once in 5000 years of recorded human history. He appeared to Moses as a Burning Bush. He communicated to me with a custom vanity plate on a car, that told me to look up Deuteronomy 2:7, but she left it up to me whether I would actually do that once He had my undivided attention, and had made His wishes clear on the matter.

I wonder how many other people get a message from God in a time of spiritual crisis, but ignore the answer to prayer because they simply can't believe that God would reach out to **them** in that manner? To miss such an awesome thing because you just couldn't believe that it could happen to you would suck out loud. Now mind you, when God spoke to me, He didn't tell me to start a new Church, or to take up the sword and smite the Saracen, or anything like that. All that He did was tell me. That He saw what a travail my life had been, and that He'd been with me through it all, providing for me when I didn't realize it, and giving me aid and comfort that I couldn't comprehend at the time. That He was real, that He knew me, and that He loved me.

I think it is obvious, in the light of subsequent events that He did this to prepare me spiritually for the cancer. If I were at a different part of my spiritual journey when I was diagnosed, cancer after everything else I've gone through might have been too much for me to bear. Instead, I have faith that God will heal me, but if it is His will to take my life, while I will greatly regret it (I've got too much left that I want to do. I intend to grow old with the Mafia Princess), my life is His to take.

@ [coldwarrior](#):

It is still pretty disappointing. I expected better from them, as I generally respect their opinions. But they have reached a point where they don't feel the need to be civil, even to people who were a few short months ago allies, and even something of friends. Pretty disappointing. You and I disagree strongly on trump, but somehow we've managed to remain civil and polite about it. It makes no sense to me to be an asshole about it. That kind of argument doesn't win converts, and I'd say can even turn off people who are generally on your side of the argument. It certainly turns me off. There's no sense in it. We will need to come together to beat Hilly Clinton in the Fall, no matter who we nominate as our candidate. It is amazing to me to see people who generally think logically and soundly on the issues that miss this point.



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I think Trump will be a bad President if he is elected, and I think that he may very well lose to Clinton or Sanders. Certainly he is losing to both of them in the polls today. Cruz beats Clinton, but loses to Sanders, while Ruben beats both of them. While I think Cruz would make the best President, Rubio looks to be our strongest candidate, though I still don't like his apparent position on immigration. All that said, I think Trump has the possibility of being not terrible, and even reasonably good **if** he

will govern according to the ideology that he now espouses.

I am under no illusion that Clinton or Sanders will be anything **but** an absolute catastrophe. Just the thought of either of them appointing Scalia's successor is enough reason to hold my nose and vote for Trump if he is our nominee. We know what we'll get out of Clinton or Sanders. If Trump is President, though, it isn't out of the question that we'll wind up with Janice Rodgers Brown, Miguel Estrada, or even Ted Cruz on the Supreme Court, assuming that we hold the Senate.

As a separate aside, the sheer condescending elitism that characterizes much of the opposition to Trump among the Republican Establishment/"Elite" is extremely off-putting. Ben Stein has been the most open about his absolute contempt for the average Republican voter, but it is what you see coming from the likes of NRO, and to some degree, even Speranza and Rodan.

The idea that the "People of Walmart" should shut up and let their betters decide the fate of this nation is offensive, and, frankly, the kind of thing you expect to see out of Liberal Academics, not reasoning conservatives. This position would be perhaps more bearable if the current crop of Establishment Elite were doing a reasonable and credible job if running the country, but they are **not** and haven't done so since Dole crashed and burned, to the extent that they actually did reasonably and credibly in the 1995-1996 time frame. Impeaching Clinton, while deserved, was a mistake that the GOP never really recovered from. And the last two years, after we again entrusted the entire legislature to them, they have been awful.



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In truth, the GOP was doing better as an opposition Party when they just had the House. Since they got the Senate, they have, for the most part, chosen the path of accommodating Barack Obama, and not opposing him at all. On pretty much every major item they have tried to give him what he wants under the assertion that he'll just veto whatever they pass. This shows a poor understanding of basic Legislative/Executive politics. If he chooses to veto everything that they pass, then **he** is the obstructionist. If they pass a budget that reigns in spending, defunds Planned Parenthood, defunds Obama's illegal immigration orders, defunds bringing in Islamic terrorists as refugees, and so forth, and Obama vetoes it and shuts down the government, then it is Obama that shuts down the government. They just need to make that case. Too,

shutting down the government in 2013 wasn't the disaster we were assured it would be. We were told that Ted had just single-handedly (with an assist from Dr. Seuse) cost us the ability to retake the Senate in 2014. Instead, we had one of the best years the Republicans have **ever** had electorally since they first became a Party in the 1850s. So the lesson the Establishment took from this is that Ted Cruz, not Democrats, is the real enemy, and we should make sure that we **never do that again**. Whose side are these so-called Republican Elites really on?

@ [Carolina Girl](#):

I could see it happening. Both parties are doing nothing to hide their contempt for the will of their own voters, and even their contempt for the voters themselves. Ben Stern's anti-Republican voter diatribe was really no different than Gruber's comment about the stupidity of the American voter, it is just that Gruber likes the voters dumb so that the Democrats can lie to them and manipulate them, while Stein acts as though he is mortally offended that the stupid "People of Walmart" are allowed to vote in the first place. Despicable. If the Republicans do run Rooney again, I really don't know whatever I will do. They will be essentially telling me that my vote does not matter to them. I've been saying for some time that the government has lost the Consent of the Governed, and what a terribly dangerous place that is for America to be in. If the Republicans do something like this I'd say the time has come for us to seriously start considering pursuing our politics by other means. I don't like thinking that way, but what choices are they leaving us? They are the ones breaking the Social Contract, and when the government does that egregiously enough violence is the only appropriate response. I hope that they don't put us in that position. If we have a brokered convention, and that means we run Rubio, then I am fine with that. But Rooney? Why not just haul out McCain or Bob Dole? Hell, why bother running anyone if they are going to run someone with a proven track record of not trying very hard to win when he is facing a Democrat, though he fought hard enough when his opposition was a Republican. That alone is a strong indicator that he was never fit to be our standard bearer.

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@ [RIX](#):

The Secret Service would have a conversation with them if they said it about Obama or Clinton. So that would never happen. The Left are eager to wish for death to come to their political enemies. It should come as no real surprise then that some of us on the Right are starting to feel that

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way about some of those on the Left, though I am talking about this Presstitute, not Obama or Clinton.



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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Vote well. I voted early, for Cruz. It looks like Trump will win Tennessee, but he isn't expected to get to 50%. I think Cruz is number 2. Maybe we'll have an Iowa-like surprise today.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Exactly. The Republican Establishment can't seem to stop selling us out. They apparently think the voters will just bend over and take it, and say "Thank you, sir, may I have another?" That is, I believe, the main source of Trump's popularity. If the Republicans had spent the last two years fighting Obama tooth and nail, Trump would be getting negligible votes, if he was even running at all. Instead, they have basically given Obama everything that he wants. Why, then, vote Republican? The government has lost the Consent of the Governed, and with that its legitimacy. I am just not sure what to do about that. Under the circumstances, voting for Trump is not an irrational choice. I decided differently, because of a number of issues that I've pointed out for some time, but other people looking at the same issues seem to be coming to different conclusions. That is why we have elections.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Yeah, the Democrats have always been worse than the Republicans when it came to actually caring what the voters want. Like Gruber said so eloquently, the Democrats rely on the "stupidity of the American bpvoter" to get their agenda through. They can count on half the population being of below average intelligence, so they focus on winning those votes, and they are most of the way to winning. The only problem with that is that you have to motivate those people to turn out in the general election. Since you aren't talking about intellectual people who care so much about the success of America, you essentially bribe them for their votes with public largess.

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You can look to Detroit and Baltimore to see the results of this policy over the long term. The Democrats know the results that their policies produce. They can't say at this late stage that they are waiting on more complete results. They've been running Detroit into the ground for

more than 50 years. They can't conceivably think that next year it will get better if they just keep doing the same thing.

@ [Carolina Girl](#):



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Wow! I am surprised. Maybe they are capable of learning from their mistakes, if you beat them over the head with the results long enough and hard enough? That is some positive news. I don't expect much positive news on that front very often. I still think we'll wind up with Trump, and I am not certain he can beat Clinton. She has very high negatives, but Trump's are even higher than hers. Either Cruz or Rubio would be the better candidate, but it doesn't look like that is what the majority of the primary voters are thinking.

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@ [Lily](#):



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No, Trump isn't the Devil himself, or even the next Hitler, but he also isn't a Constitutionalist. Everything he says indicates that he wants to run the country just like Obama has run the country, without resorting to things like legislative votes, or the consent of the governed. Maybe he will prove me wrong on that, but he rarely talks about the Constitution. He avoids specifics like that, just saying over and over that it'll be great, because he is great, and don't worry about the details. If his campaign is any indication of how he'll govern, he probably doesn't even know the specifics of what he plans to do. He'll just wing it.

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@ [RIX](#):



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I am fortunate in that my immediate family are all politically reliable. Even my middle sister, who showed some Liberal tendencies at one time, never drank the Kool-aid. We even agree on Trump and Cruz. In my extended family, by which I mean my closest friends, it is mostly the same. One of my best friend's father is a solid Democrat despite it really fucking up his life in the late 1970s or early 1980s, but his son is pretty solidly Republican, and my other friends are all Republican of one stripe or another, except one of the Black Belts that I train with. He's a friend, but not a Sensei. He outranks me by two degrees, but he is about my wife's age (12 years older than me), so he's been working at it longer. He isn't an asshole about being a Democrat, though. We've never talked much politics one way or the other.

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I had one Sensei, Don Pickett, who was my Okinawan Kobudo (weapons) instructor, though, who was a staunch Democrat. He was a retired Union man, and if the Unions told him how to vote, then that was how he voted. I stopped training with him when Obama was elected. I was probably wrong to do that, but I was just afraid of the fights we'd get in over Obama, and, too, that was when my health first started to go bad. I simply couldn't work out anyway. Mr. Pickett had wanted to promote me to 4th Degree Black Belt, but that was, again, when I was getting sick, and I didn't feel like I was training sufficiently to really be ready for that. I guess it was another 5 years before I became a 4th Degree Black Belt, but I was much more ready for it when I finally got the . in any event, Mr. Pickett passed on I guess five years or so ago. It is a shame that I didn't give him the chance to be cool about Obama. I just didn't want to hear a man I respected so much call me a racist. Maybe he'd have never done that, though. Water under the bridge.

But that is it for Democrats in my life. Me and the Mafia Princess met on LGF, so we started out pretty politically compatible, though I had to educate her on the importance of the Second Amendment. Once it was explained to her, she got it. She doesn't like weapons the way that I do, but loving weapons is a lot less common among women, though I have known women who loved them like I do. But both my wife's mother and step-mom are staunch Republicans, even though the former lives in New Orleans, and the latter in Southern California.

It has to be miserable having family members that are so vile to you. That just isn't right. My family was thoroughly dysfunctional, but it was politics that we fought about. Me and my middle sister are relatively close, though I'd say that I am closer to my tattoo artist and Bill Wright, the 9th Degree Black Belt that I was helping out when I was doing the bouncer gig.

[eaglesoars](#) wrote:



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Fist**

Some people just aren't meant to be sober and others just aren't meant to see the light.

That's the truth. I've always held to the position that alcohol doesn't really **change** your personality. If you are a mean drunk, then you are mean, period. The same goes for a girl who plays all prim and proper

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when she's sober who drops her pants after her first beer. She is what she is. In both cases the alcohol provides an excuse for behavior that is really their true nature. Now, some other drugs are a different story. When we were adjusting some of my psyche meds last summer, there were some seriously negative side effects that were without question caused by the way my brain chemistry was being manipulated. If you consider being on serious pshpyche meds to not be "sober", then I am one of those people who will likely never be sober. I am on serious drugs, including narcotics for pain, so while I don't spend every day buzzed the way I did when I was drinking, I can't be said to be completely drug free. These aren't recreational chemicals, though, now. Last summer part of what fucked me up was quitting Dex cold turkey, and I was doing Dex recreationally. It also helped tremendously with my PTSD, something that led my psychiatrist to change the entire direction of my psyche meds. I'm not on any of the antidepressants or antipsychotics that I was on before all of that shot started now. I am on antianxiety meds now, too. Amused to be on Cymbalta for depression and neuropathic pain, resperidol for sleep, and that was it. The results were OK, but none of that was doing anything for my PTSD, which was part of why I was self-medicating with the Dex. Now I am on Seraquel, Zoloft, and Doxipine. These are keeping me very steady. I almost never have PTSD nightmares anymore, neither from Sam's death, nor the psychological torture that my mother put me through. Despite the cancer I am in many ways in the best shape I've been in decades. I don't have the physical health and stamina I had this time last year. That's because of the cancer. But psychologically I am in a much better place than I ever thought I would be. Part of that are the right drugs, but a lot of it is healing that has come from God. His intervention in my life 15 months or so ago has brought me such tremendous peace. I still have my problems, and likely always will, but I never dreamed I could be in a place like I am today, every. And this is despite the cancer.

[Lily](#) wrote:



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Fist**

@ Iron Fist:

Ah you deal with what God gives you. One too many battles for me...then my health went to sh*t. I am grateful for a wonderful husband, sons, daughter-in-law and good friends. As St.Thomas Aquinas says,*There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship.*

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God says somewhere in the Bible that He will never give you more than you can handle **with His help**, but you have to **ask** for His help. And sometimes that help isn't anything like what you were hoping to get when you asked for it. God knows best, though. I look at where my lifestyle is today, after a lifetime of God's guidance, and, at times, coercion and manipulation, and I can honestly say that God's plans for my life were superior to my plans. If I'd married Susie, and gone to West Point, would I have been better off now? It would have certainly changed things. Sam wouldn't have Ben killed, for one thing. It wouldn't have been **necessary** for him to die to change the course of my life. Going to West Point would have separated me and Sam, and unless I washes out (a real possibility), I suspect that I'd have changed and matured enough that I wouldnt have continued down the dark path Sam and I were headed on. Surely that would have been better, but God had other plans for me. I didn't make it into the Academy, and Susie, quite rightly, broke off our engagement.9/11.

But pain appears necessary for growth to occur. What kind of man would I have been as an Army officer? I'll never know. I do know that I'd have not made a career of it. I'd have wanted out when Bill Clinton was President, though I'd have wanted back in after 9/11. Who knows? I would have likely never been with Mickie on that path, any more than I'd have been with her if I'd followed the path that Sleazy offered to me, and joined the Outlaws. There are simply too many variables in play to assess how I would have turned out.

But I am happy with the man I am today. I could not have planned it so that I could be here, with my beautiful, loving wife, my cats, my friends, my skill in the martial arts, the whole biker/tough guy thing that was the primary driving force heading me and Sam towards Organized Crime, and on and on. I've never been in prison, and I have the best job that I can imagine me ever having. This cancer sucks, and I pray for healing, and that I don't wind up losing my job because of it. I don't think I will unless they give me a terminal diagnosis, at which time my boss says he'll have no choice but to terminate me. That is company policy. He has said though that if that happens they can do it in such a way that I will keep my benefits, so at least I don't have to worry about COBRA, or losing my disability. I'll get over this cancer. I firmly believe that this is a temporary setback, and that when it is all said and done God will return to me tenfold what it has cost me. God doesn't make mistakes, it just sometimes takes us a long time to see past the immediate pain to the beauty that is being created.

@ [Lily](#):

Yeah, I think that I've had maybe half a dozen PTSD nightmares since going on the Seraquel 6-7 months ago. Maybe one a month, as opposed to nearly nightly. I know what you mean about not getting sleep. Right after the accident that killed Sam I could hardly sleep at all. I'd go two or three days in a row with no sleep at all, crash and sleep for 18 hours, and then do it again. They put me on Xanax, which helped some. I've been on various drugs for sleep over the intervening 28 years. I was on Ambien for a long time, until I crashed my car when I took the Ambien and tried to drive over to the Mafia Princess' house to actually sleep. Even then I didn't quit it, but after I moved in with my wife she saw too many side effects from it, and my doctor moved me to Lunesta. I guess I've been on Lunesta 5-6 years now. It does the trick, most of the time. That and the



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Seraquel and the Doxipine. Better living through chemistry. I am not as opposed to drugs as my wife is. To her anything that gives young buzz is evil, and to be avoided at all costs. Some drugs really are horrible, like meth and crack, others, like marijuana and benzodiazapines, are a different story. Alcohol got pretty bad for me, but I've had one day of drinking in the last 5+ years, so, God willing, I am done with that. I wish medical marijuana was legal, though. The nausea from the chemo is pretty bad, and it appears to get worse with each subsequent treatment. Marijuana would kill that dead, but it is illegal here in Tennessee. I talked to a NORML guy on thenway out of the incologist's, and he said that they are 10K signatures away from jphaving it on the .allot this Fall. I hope that they get it on there, and then that the voters past it. It pretty much sucks to suffer like this when I know that there is a medication that will make it go away, and the pissant politicians are keeping it illegal just because they are ignorant or uncaring.

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[Bordm](#) wrote:



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Donald Trump is going to deport all the minorities.... He's going to send all the blacks back to Africa and all the Mexicans back to Mexico!....

Part of that is ludicrous. Nobody has said anything about sending the blacks back to Africa. **That** can't be done for a plethora of reasons, starting with the fact that you can't deport or exile an American citizen, period. What part of Africa would you send them to, anyway? These people are **Americans**, not Africans. It would be like trying to deport me

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to England because my grandfather's grand-grandfather's grandfather came from England before the Civil War. Hell, a lot of my white ancestry was here before the **Revolutionary** War, including William Bean, who was the first white man born west of the Appalachian.

Deporting Mexicans who are **Illegal Immigrants**, OTOH, can and **should** be done. These people have no right to be in our country. They aren't even invited guests, the way some legal immigrants are. They're here illegally, and the law calls for them to be sent back. And Trump doesn't really **mean** that rhetoric, anyway. Listen to what he says about it. He says that they'll be sent back briefly, but they will be allowed to come back legally "very quickly". That's not really deporting them. They'll still be rewarded for breaking the law. A normal immigrant who is jumping through all of the established legal channels doesn't make progress on **anything** "very quickly". Frankly, I'd send them back, and put them at the back of the line, if I were going to allow them back at all. And it isn't just the Mexicans we need to do that to. 40% of our illegal immigrant problem are visa overstays. Round them up, too, no matter what their country of origin, and send them back. This isn't racism. It is fucking **common sense**.

And seal the border. Earlier I was bitching about drug laws, well, it doesn't make sense to make **any** drugs illegal when we have a De facto Open Border policy on our Southern Border. All that's doing is making the Mexican Drug Cartels, the same people Obama sold thousands of guns to, rich. It is **pro-illegal** drug policy when you get down to brass tacks. Seal the border, or legalize drugs, period. And while you are at it, get rid of the stupid, Unconstitutional gun laws while you are at it. It is asinine to try to keep Martha Stewart, a convicted felon, from buying a pistol for self defense when the Obama Administration is selling Barrett .50s to the Sinoloa Drug Cartel.

[Lily](#) wrote:



**Iron
Fist**

I am still praying for you Iron. You are right we need to ask God for His help!

Thank you so much, Lily! I really appreciate all of the prayers and well-wishes from people. I have people praying for me all over the world, including a guy in Thailand who is something like the son-in-law of one of mother's tax clients. I believe that God listens to prayers, and answers them, but sometimes the answer isn't what we want to hear. When I

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graduated high school one of my close friend's sister was diagnosed with cancer in the glial cells in her brain, which would be connective tissue in her brainstem. Completely inoperable. They treated her for 2-3 years, but she just kept getting worse. Lots of people were praying for a miracle, but eventually she had had all that she could take, accepted the inevitable, and discontinued her treatments. She died fairly soon after that. Her funeral was almost as hard on me as Sam's. She was a good kid, and just getting to an age where I'd notice her as a woman when she was diagnosed. I don't know if I'd have ever dated her, but the idea had crossed my mind. Then Sam got killed, and my life spun out of control. They buried her in a wedding dress. She recorded her own Eulogy a few weeks before she died. She had strong faith, and had no fear of death. But my point is that she had hundreds of people praying for a miracle of healing for her, and God's answer was "No, not this time." Very sad, but I am sure God had a purpose for it, and she is with Jesus in Heaven. That is one of the reasons I am not afraid of dying. I don't want to leave my wife, and I still have many things that I want to do.

@ [Carolina Girl](#):

Too amusing! I bet Trump doesn't know what it means, either. The North and the South are really two very different countries culturally. We have some points of commonality, including, of course, the shared Federal Government, but both regions have entirely different takes on what the scope and power of that Federal Government should be. We have different priorities on religion, and probably different primary denominations. Certainly our Church priorities seem to be different. It would not surprise me to learn that a significantly larger portion of Northern people are Agnostic or Atheist, but that is just speculation.



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Fist**

All of this ties into why I have become a Secessionist. I think both regions would be happier if they were separate nations, where they could live according to their interpretation of the Constitution, and have the kind of legal environment on issues ranging from hot button social issues like gun control, Gay Marriage, and abortion, to more mundane things like Imminent Domain, and tort reform. Instead of each region trying to force the disparate whole into one form of government, let us become two nations, at Peace with one another (though likely a Cold Peace). I don't see that happening, but there are plenty of fissures between us, and precious little love lost on either side.

[2016/03/01 at
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Bless their hearts, indeed. Now let our people go.

[eaglesoars](#) wrote:



**Iron
Fist**

I have one question: When do these people win the Darwin award?

When we finally get fed up with them, and start hanging them.

[2016/03/01 at
8:26 pm](#)

@ [rain of lead](#):

Wow! So far it isn't even close, and even if you add Rubio and Cruz together Trump is winning anyway, at least right now. That may change, but I don't see Cruz pulling off a come from behind win now. We are dos screwed. I'd say Trump will be our nominee, God help us. I am afraid that he can't win. Four years of Hillary will cement the Fundamental Transformation of America that Obama has started, especially when she appoints Scalia's replacement. If we hold the Senate, we can affect that replacement to a degree, but if the democrats take the Senate we can't do much more than filibuster, and the Democrats will no doubt simply replay the nuclear option to apply it to Supreme Court justices as well as lower court justices. This is whereas I disagree with Rodin and Speranza. Trump is a bad candidate, and I thinking he will make a bad President. But Hillary Clinton is ever so much worse. We have to pray Trump wins, and that his professed ideological sea change is more than cosmetic.



**Iron
Fist**

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8:34 pm](#)

@ [rain of lead](#):

You could be right. I am very much afraid that we are going to find out. If this wave continues, I just don't see a path to the nomination for anyone other than Trump. There won't be a brokered convention, because while it may take him a little time to do it Trump is going to get enough delegates to win the nomination outright. It took Romney until what, April to lock up the nomination in 2012? Even if it takes Trump until June, I now expect to see him pull it off.



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Fist**

[2016/03/01 at
8:42 pm](#)

@ [lobo91](#):

But I thought that Democrats relied on the stupidity of the American voter too pass their agenda? I guess Axelrod forgot about that. He is suchna douchebag, anyway. But his comments echo Ben Stern's remarks the other day. That is the way the Power Elites of both parties feel about



**Iron
Fist**

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the voters. The thing is, the voters feel the same way about the Power Elites. That is a different split in the country, between those who would rule us, and those who don't believe that Americans should be ruled.

@ [Flyovercountry](#):

I agree with you, but I think we are going to have to face the fact that the voters this election cycle want Trump. We have to accept that, or we are no better than the Power Elite who hold the voters in such contempt. We don't have to like it, but as I have been saying, Hillary Clinton will be so much worse than Trump as President. I held my nose and voted for Dole, Bush, MkcCain, and Romney. Is is vote for Perot in 1992, but ifs I had itmtomdo all over again I would hold my nose and vote for Bush, even though I think he was the worst of the lot. I will hold my nose and vote for Trump. This is too important to allow Hillary Clinton, or any other Democrat that can win support if what is essentially the American Socialist Party, to win them Presidency. I'll vote for Trump, and pray that people like Coldwarrior, who believe in him, are right, and I, who don't, am wrong.



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Fist**

[2016/03/01 at
8:54 pm](#)

[rain of lead](#) wrote:

and bottom line ...

I do feel Trump loves his country
unlike the half-rican in in White House



**Iron
Fist**

I'll agree with you there. There is really no question that Obama is the worst President we've had so far, but Hillary could well be worse. She sis certainly the most corrupt politician ever to run for President. I can't think of anybody else who was even close. The very least that she'll do is rob the country blind, and sell our policies, foreign and domestic, to the highest bidder.

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9:01 pm](#)

Oh, well, time for *Ink Master*!



**Iron
Fist**

[Carolina Girl](#) wrote:

@ RIX:

[2016/03/02 at
10:06 am](#)

Ah me, after viewing that clip, I think it's time for Karl and his White Board to "ride off into the sunset" like a good "campaign cowboy."

It has **been** time for Rove and his white board to ride off into the sunset. His miserable results in 2012 should have been the end of people taking him seriously. I did as well, and wasn't running a \$100 million Super PAC.

[Carolina Girl](#) wrote:

But they suffer no illusions about the subtext when used by a liberal elite



**Iron
Fist**

That's OK. The contempt that they hold me in because I'm a redneck (and worse, tattooed biker) is something that I consider the source, and consider it a badge of honor. Also, it is similar to the contempt I feel for them as "Liberal Elites". Fuck them with the horse they rode in on.

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10:10 am](#)

Sideways

@ [Carolina Girl](#):

You know, I'll see thodpse motherfuckers a Bachelor's degree, only my degree is in something more substantive than Gender Theory or 17th Century Lesbian Poetry, and then I'll raise them a second degree, this one a STEM degree in Computer Science. What do they have that compares? It's hilarious to me that they think so highly of themselves because of the useless degree that they are going to spend the rest of their lives paying for, and they look down their noses at me because I am from the South, and am conservative in my politics. I started to say that they sneer at me because of my tattoos, and that is true about the older Liberal set, but these Millennial kids often have a lot of ink themselves, plus things that I don't have, like nose rings and gagged ears. Which is fine by me. I don't sneer at them because of their ink, or metal accutriments that they have driven through their face, but for their asinine politics, and their air of superiority when they are busy failing at life, working at Starbucks to pay off the degree in whatever useless trivia that they majored in instead of a STEM degree, or even a traditional Liberal Arts degree.



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Fist**

[2016/03/02 at
11:31 am](#)



[lobo91](#) wrote:

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Fist**

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Then we have the drug flow that's coming north and the money that's going south and guns that are going south. **And to cut jobs at a time like this is a recipe for disaster."**

And that disaster is the whole **point** of cutting the jobs. You absolutely **know** that they aren't cutting the jobs out of an overabundance of fiscal concern. And you've got to give them top marks for chutzpa that they'd talk about "guns going south" when the biggest supplier of those guns was the Obama Administration itself. Said guns will be turning up in criminal hands on both sides of the border for the foreseeable future. The Barretts that were present when they captured El Chappo were Fast and Furious guns. And a Barrett is a damned serious piece of firepower.

[Carolina Girl](#) wrote:

@ RIX:

He wouldn't.

And that would literally swing the election to the Democrats.



**Iron
Fist**

Which may be the whole point of Kristol's exercise. Didn't he say that he'd rather have Hillary Clinton as President than Donald Trump? That is a frankly **insane** position. The Mafia Princess won't vote for Trump, but she went be voting for Clinton, either. I, myself, will vote for Trump if he is our nominee. If he is Third Party, though, I won't. I don't want a Trump Presidency, but consider that the preferable alternative to a Democrat President.

[2016/03/02 at
11:45 am](#)

@ [Lily](#):

Yeah, I'm not much of a fan of autocorrect, either. I figure it fucks things up about as much as it fixes them. I do have to admit to using it, though. My spelling is atrocious, so having the autocorrect, when it works, is better than cutting and pasting every comment into Word to spellcheck it. That isn't even an option on tablet, I don't believe. I have a memo editor that I have to use to edit my comments on some web sites because the touch keyboard doesn't work well on them. Weasel Zippers is the worst. I don't know why. The keyboard works well enough on Blogmocracy, though.



**Iron
Fist**

[2016/03/02 at
11:51 am](#)



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@ [MacDuff](#):

That is what I am afraid of. Right now Hillary beats Trump in the polls, and he is the only one of our top three candidates that she beats. People worry about Cruz's electability, but at least right now he is beating her comfortably in the polls. Sanders, OTOH, is beating Cruz, though not Rubio. Sanders isn't going to be the Democrat nominee, though. Clinton will be unless she is indicted, something that I don't expect to see happen. I'd think that she is too flawed a candidate to win against anyone, but apparently not.

[2016/03/02 at 12:08 pm](#)



Iron
Fist

Well, I am going back to the hospital. I was running a low grade fever last night and this morning, so I went in to my oncologist. They gave me a lot of fluids, and my blood pressure **dropped**. They think my J-tube has gotten infected, so it is back to them hospital for me. Oh, well. It is a minor setback in the grand scheme of things.

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@ [Bumr50](#):

I sincerely hope that you are right. If we nominate Trump, which looks likely, then I hope that he wins, and I will pray that his ideological sea-change is genuine, and that if elected he will govern according to the ideology he espouses.



Iron
Fist

Also, I agree that we are seeing high voter turnout on the Republican side, while the Democrats are seeing low voter turnout, and that a plurality of this turnout is going for Trump. That is encouraging for his electability. I figure that we are going to find out in November. I'm still pulling for Cruz, but I really think it is a matter of time before Trump locks up the nomination. I don't expect a brokered convention, or anything like that.

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@ [Bumr50](#):

Thanks, man! Prayers are always appreciated. God has been very good to me. This cancer, and everything that goes with it, are not minor, but they aren't the end of the world, either.

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@ [RIX](#):

I won't hold my nose and vote for Rooney a second time. Not after he

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rolled over and passed on his belly for Obama in the last election. He had his shot, perform. It would be asinine for him to get into the race, especially at this stage. Maybe Ted Cruz can overtake Trump. At least he has delegates. Romney is crazy if he thinks that he can get in now, and overcome Trump's lead. He'd have to win almost all of the remaining delegates, and that isn't going to happen. The only way he could get the nomination is if he could split the vote enough to keep Trump and Cruz from winning outright, and then get presented with the nomination as a gift from the RNC at the convention on n. If that happens, people will stay home in droves. Romney couldn't win (because he didn't try to win) in 2012. He won't be in as good a position going into the election this time as he was then.



**Iron
Fist**

Thanks, everyone, for the prayers and well wishes. I am in my room at the hospital now. My temperature was back up when I got here, and my blood pressure was something like 93/58. Lovely. It may be that my J-tube is infected. I am waiting on the nurse to get back in here. I am way overdue for my pain medication, and am in considerable pain. Oh, well. It doesn't hurt near as bad as the 3 1/2 hour line job on my ribs from when Steev did the outline for my snake. **That** was some of the worst pain I've had in my life. Fortunately, we've done all of the ink for that side of my ribs (I have a somewhat smaller phoenix on my left ribs). I'll eventually be doing something with my left ribs, but that won't be as bad because I already have a good bit of coverage on that side. I absolutely love my tattoos. There are a couple I'd have done differently if I'd thought of the designs at the time, but that's water under the bridge.

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Fist**

@ [Lily](#):

Yep, I think that is why Sanders is doing so well in the places that he is doing well. I just don't believe that a majority of even Democrat voters in Oklahoma are really Socialists. That said, the people running the show now certainly are Socialists, and they are totalitarians as well. That is one of the reasons that they keep coming back to gun control when they know that gun control is an electoral loser. But when Diane Einstein tried to get a reauthorization of the "Assault Weapon" ban through the Senate, she only got 40 votes, and that was while the Democrats still held the Senate. They aren't going to get anything through this Congress, but they want it on the table. They keep hoping that there will be a mass shooting so terrible that it makes people forget that they've looked at gun control in a sober, reflective way, and that they have rejected it.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Yep, that's the way I see it, too. Everything that Flyovercountry is afraid that Trump will do Hillary Clinton will do in spades, with malice aforethought. I don't like Trump, but the choice is going to be Trump or Hillary, and that is no choice at all. I have to vote for Trump. I don't have to like that, but there really is no alternative.

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[Flyovercountry](#) wrote:

And just to show you exactly how visceral my revulsion to Donald Trump is, I could have voted for either Mike Huckabee or Rick Santorum.



Iron
Fist

My wife feels the same way. She says she will not vote for Rump even if he picks Fiorina as his running mate. She is convinced that Trump will be **worse** than Clinton. I think Clinton may be worse than Obama. In any event, I can't sit this out. I hope Cruz can make a comeback, and is our nominee. I can vote **for** Ted Cruz without reservation.

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@ [RIX](#):

Well, I have an excellent dental plan, and I like Cracker Barrel. Oh noes! I don't fit into the nice, safe, prejudiced cubbyhole that these Liberal "Intelligencia" want to put me in. Whatever must be wrong with me?

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Fist

@ [Lily](#):

Absolutely! My grandfather lived in Hoot-owl Hollar, ask he called try he little valley that he lived in. There really were owls around there back then. It has grown up and been developed into high-dollar subdivisions now. I doubt the house my grandparents house, a real Craftsman home built in the '30s, is still standing, and I am certain that there are no longer any owls around. I say that, but we have plenty of hawks, so it may just be I am not seeing the owls because I am not out at night.

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@ [Lily](#):

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**Iron
Fist**

They didn't convict Lizzy Burden, either. With the OJ trial, the prosecution messed up so badly that I couldn't have voted to convict. They raised a reasonable suspicion, to be sure, but when one of the cops perjures himself, and there is solid evidence that somebody planted at least some of the blood evidence, I just can't get to a conviction. Not without something more solid than that he probably did it. The standard is beyond reasonable doubt, and they didn't get there in the trial. His subsequent antics get us there, and I agreed with the civil verdict (different standard of proof in a civil trial), but while I realize that race was the primary motivating factor for some of the jurors, that doesn't factor in my take on the trial.

[at 7:27 pm](#)

@ [RIX](#):

Yes, and that area is now a suburb of Knoxville. It was then, too. My grandparents little working farm (my grandfather was a beekeeper) was tucked back in a little depression in the hills behind one of the high-dollar subdivisions in West Knoxville. It might have even been within the City Limits, even back then. My grandfather passed away when I was 11. I didn't know where the city limits were then, but, when I think of it, I'm not sure where they are in that area, either. We don't live in the city

where we are now, but we live in the hill rather than in the holler

@ [buzzsawmonkey](#):

I agree 100%. The problem with the Tea Party people is that they all have full-time jobs. They don't have the spare time that a barista for Starbucks that lives in their mother's basement has for political action. I agree that there was a need for leadership (full-time leadership, which means compensated), but that never happened. The Republicans were more than happy to let the Tea Party win elections for them, but the leadership of the party had no intentions of allowing them to have any say whatsoever in the agenda that they put forward.

And we did primary some of the people. Even some of the leadership. Getting rid of Eric Cantor was a great thing, both for the grassroots **and** the , really. Cantor was too compromised to trust, and that is why he lost. We weren't able to get Mitch McDonnell, but you aren't going to win every election. You just have to hope that you can win more than half's of them.

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As for Trump, I agree with you on all of that. I don't want Trump as our nominee. I was heartened to learn that Cruz is only 90 delegates behind Trump for the nomination. That is a number that can be made up, if we are lucky. Nobody has broken 50% of the vote in any primary on our side. I still hope people will take a hard look at the options available, and choose Cruz over Trump. Rubio needs to drop out. He doesn't have a chance to be President this time around. He made a mistake not also running for Senate. Give him another 6 years in the Senate, and maybe it will be time for him to run again, though after 8 years of Cruz I hope the see Tim Scott become the Second Black President of the United States. He wouldn't be an Affirmative Action racial hire like Obama was, and it would be fun to watch the racists in the Democrat Party showing their real colors to the black vote. Maybe that wouldn't make a difference in their votes, maybe it would. Either way would be instructive.

@ [southernbound](#):

Welcome! I am a recent Lutheran, coming from a Southern Baptist background, but my Church, while being an outreach Church, is solidly conservative. I was worried when Pastor Matt went to speak on the Gay Marriage issue, because he is younger than me, and I want sure where he would fall on the issue (and I couldn't attend a Church that was in favor of Gay Marriage), but I needn't have worried. He was very much against it. Not hateful about it. I hope that I don't come across as hateful about the issue. I was actually mildly for Gay Marriage being legal before the majority of Gays proved to me beyond any doubt that what they wanted want marriage at all, but rather a weapon with which to attack the Christian Church in America. That I will not abide.

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Anyway, I am a Lutheran now because that is where God wants me. Doctrinally there isn't a great many things that are different between the Lutheran and a typical Southern Baptist Church. Infant baptism is the only significant difference, and once they explained how they justified it (they tie it in with circumcisions), I have no quarrel with it.

@ [southernbound](#):

Missouri Synod. This is the only Lutheran Church I have ever attended. It actually meets in the movie theater at the Mall. It is a fairly small Church. We get maybe 200 people per service. One of the things that I like about it is they'll let me greet people at the entrance, and I don't dress any differently to do that than I would have dressed back when I

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was a bouncer at a biker bar, except I have a lot more ink now than I did then, and I can carry my big, fixed-blade knife. While most of the patrons carried knives at the bar (and I figure at least some of the Outlaws were carrying guns), all I had was a small Maglite. And a beer bottle. If you need a quick, dirty weapon a beer bottle will serve in a pinch. I never had to actually use one, but it was there if I did.

@ [readergirl13](#):

And you'll miss the trap I fell into between high school and college. I never had to study to make A's and B's, and I was content with my grades there. I won a National Merit Scholarship to Florida State, full tuition and books, waiver of Out-of-State fees, and so forth. But while my grades were sufficient, because I had never had to study I had no idea that I'd need to study to pass my courses at the college level. My first semester was a real eyeopener. I failed the math and chemistry, did somewhat better in my other courses, and changed my major for the first time. I also had a piss poor academic advisor that helped me pick out the 18 hours of course load that I took.



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Fist

College did for me what it is **supposed** to do. I learned how to study, and do well in my classes, though I had some other rough semesters because of the shit-storm of personal issues that plagued me through my first College Degree. I graduated with a 3.05 GPA for my Political Science degree. But when I went back to school for my STEM degree (an Associates in Applied Science in Computer Science), I made a solid 4.0 GPA. Indeed, I didn't come close to making a B in anything. I had learned how to learn, which is supposed to be one of the main objectives of a Liberal Arts degree.

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@ [southernbound](#):

There aren't very many Liberal Churches in my area, of any stripe. There are some Charismatic Churches, which I understand can be pretty odd theologically, but I've never attended one. When I lived in South Carolina I boundpced around Churches quite a bit, and sampled different denominations, but all of them were conservative Churches. I would never fit in to a Liberal Church. It wouldn't be congruent with any of my beliefs, and not just theologically.



Iron
Fist

I don't know if you are **supposed** to take Communion at my Church, but I've never been Confirmed Lutheran, and I've not only never been told

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that I couldn't take Communion, but one of our pastor-interns has come to visit me in the Hospital and brought a portable Communion set (that we bought specifically for me) and shared Communion with me in the hospital while I was taking chemo. So I can't imagine anybody telling you that you weren't allowed to take Communion in my Church.

[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

no. it. does. not. To me it feels forced and forced connection of any kind is unwelcome.

You'll have to get used to that if you want to train in the martial arts. Kata would not bother you, and sparring isn't serious skin-on-skin contact, but training bunkai from Kata (which is breaking down the moves from the Kata, which are a way of repetitiously practicing the moves, to turn them into usable techniques) will require you to be touched, and in ways that are commonly uncomfortable for women. Such as on your breasts. I remember when my Sense pointed this out to one of the women Black Belts that I've trained with (4th Degree Black Belt, and one tough lady), and so she grabbed me by the hands, and put herself in a bear hug from behind, which is a technique that pretty much guarantees where your hands will go. Her husband, a minister IIRC, and also a fairly advance Black Belt was right there. **She** may have not been uncomfortable (demonstrating which was the whole point of the

exercise), but I sure as hell was. In any event, there will be contact when you are training bunkai. There's really no way to get around that except to not train bunkai, which kind of defeats the purpose of studying martial arts.

[southernbound](#) wrote:

@ Iron Fist:

Up here Missouri Church members are told to only attend church of their same denomination - that it is better to skip church ie if on vacation then to go to another denomination of Lutheran church. As you wrote - an intern with your church, right? came to the hospital

Wow, those ever open-minded Liberals show their truly intolerant stripe again. I've never been told that kind of thing by any Church I've



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attended of any denomination, not even . maybe if I'd gone to an African Methodist Episcopal Church I'd have been told not to come back, but here in the South inviting your new neighbors to attend Church with you is considered to simply be polite. I've attended both large and small Churches, and while I may have not always been made to feel totally welcomed by the other kids (when I was a kid), I've never had anyone tell me that I wasn't welcomed. I don't normally take Communion at a Church that I am visiting unless I **know** it is OK, but that is a matter of courtesy. I can't imagine a Church telling another believer that they'd prefer you not come back. Wow.

[southernbound](#) wrote:

are welcome at my ELCA church



Iron
Fist

Ah, then I misunderstood what you posted. Sorry about that. That would be more in keeping with Church as I know it. Everybody is welcome. All are sinners, and fall short of the Glory of God. Some individuals in a Church may feel differently, but it certainly isn't a matter of policy.

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[southernbound](#) wrote:

My mom grew up in a Wisconsin Synod church – fire & brimstone – she is still always waiting for the other shoe to drop – that God is an angry God – don't get too comfortable because something will probably happen to take it away or at the very least cause a major upset



Iron
Fist

On that I've attended fire and brimstone Churches, and do not generally like them. God can and does get **angry**, but the Bible makes it all kinds of plain that God is a God of Love, not anger. The whole point of Christ's crucifixion was to **spare** humanity the just price of our sinful nature, not so that we would be punished in any way.

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As for waiting for the other shoe to drop, that I know the feeling of. My life has been rather difficult, and when things aren't going to Hell in a handbasket, I worry about what is coming my way. So far that has never failed to pan out. Last summer my life was going so close to perfect that I was down to really very limited ways in which my life could get better. More money, of course, but I am a well-compensated Software Engineer in a company that I love. This is without question the best job I have

ever had. It isn't even close. My wife is a technical writer at a different company that is also the best job she has ever had. Last summer I made the half-joking observation to God in my daily prayers that the only thing I could think of that would make my life better would be if I had the convertible Cobra Mustang sitting in my driveway instead of my convertible PT Cruiser.

God proceeded to show me that He had better ideas than I did. About 2-3 weeks later I went to the gym for my morning run. I was training very hard at the time, and would get to the gym around 3:00 AM for 35 minutes of cardio, where I would run 5+ miles in that 35 minutes most of the time. When I got to the gym, I realized that I had forgotten my wallet at the house, so I turned around and went home. On the way home I fell asleep at the wheel, went into the ditch, and flipped my convertible (with the top down). I was basically uninjured in the wreck, other than a few minor scratches. I didn't even break my glasses. It gets better. So, my car, which might be worth \$3K, is totaled. I am figuring that we'll get enough insurance for a good used car, and then it dawned on me and my wife that while I've had a Harley Davidson Springer for 11 years or so, I've not been riding her really at all the last few years, because of my health issues, and that my wife wouldn't get on her. My wife wanted a trike, so off to the Harley Shop we went. Two things enabled me to buy a Harley Freewheeler Trike. First, State Farm gave me way more than my car was worth in insurance money. Like if the car had been in perfect condition with 20K miles it would have been worth \$5800 according to Kelly Blue Book. It had close to 100K miles, and some minor body damage.

State Farm gave me \$8300-8400 for her. Wow. That was more than half my down-payment for the trike. The second thing that enabled me to get her (we named her "Angel") was that I was able to sell my Springer, Cherry, to one of my best friends for \$6K. That gave me my down-payment for the trike. She is wonderful.

So what about the other shoe? In November, just a few months after I got my trike I was diagnosed with Stage 4 esophageal cancer. I just completed my third round of chemo last week, and am back in the hospital with a low grade fever. That's a hell of another shoe. God did not do this to me because He is angry with me. If He were angry with me, He wouldn't have been doing all these many wonderful things in my life. But for whatever reason, and I believe that there's been a purpose for all of my hardships, God saw fit to let me get cancer this time around. I am already showing signs that my chemo is being effective. I believe that I will eventually be healed completely. I do not believe that God is going

to allow me to die at this juncture, after having brought me through so many rough seas.

@ [southernbound](#):

Scroll back up and read the rest of my post, now that I got it finished. I am posting from my tablet, and sometimes I wind up hitting keys that I



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don't mean to

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@ [Iron Fist](#):



Iron
Fist

@ [coldwarrior](#):

Tube amps? Because those are the best!

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@ [rain of lead](#):

Yeah, I watched one of them. The oother haven't gotten to yet. Things have been squirrely for me over the last chemo treatment. I want to see it. That kind of thing is right up my alley. If I had the talent, I'd love to work in knife/sword/gun making. I am a welder, or at least I was a welder in 1992 time frame. So I can work with steel, and know something of metallurgy. But that was a long time ago.



Iron
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[mfhorn](#) wrote:

A few random thoughts on the church talk up thread.

A friend of mine is Lutheran, Missouri Synod. He was on a business trip & found a Wisconsin Synod church, and didn't hear any real differences during the sermon. **The pastor spoke to him later, and when he found his home church was Missouri Synod, almost acted like he was unclean, and directed him to the nearest Missouri church.** Interesting.



Iron
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My home church is Evangelical Covenant. It's related to the Lutheran church in Sweden, and kind of a cousin to the Evangelical Free.

See, that is the kind of behavior I thought Southernbound was talking about. I've never been to a Church that didn't at least pay lip service to

wanting you to come back. You can never tell what is in another man or woman's heart. I associate behavior like that with the likes of the Wesrboro freaks, whom I don't know if they even **have** regular Church services.

@ [mfhorn](#):

Hey, man, yeah, on the Westboro freaks simply saying that they sue a lot of people to raise funds for them want hold water for a number of reasons, first and foremost that you have to win cases before you can hope to collect, and that can take years for an uncertain payout. sometimes that can take years. In my experience with civil court cases, that can take decades, and not pay out at the end of that . when I had to sue Farm Bureau Insurance over bad faith, following their super shabby treatment of me, between the two civil cases it took 12 years, and while I won my second case, all the way up to the Tennessee State Supreme Court, I didn't come out of it with one red cent. The lawyers got paid, and the guy whom I ran into when I was force into oncoming traffic, all I got was out from under a \$400K debt that would have killed me financially from the get-go. But even if I'd won a couple of hundred grand, when you broak it down over 12 years you aren't making a very good annual salary. I just don't buy that they are getting their money that way. That is a smokescreen that they've put out there. My bet is that if you could track it down, you'd find that their money comes primarily from George Sores, or the Tides Foundation, or the like.



**Iron
Fist**

[2016/03/03
at 3:40 am](#)

@ [Buckeye Abroad](#):

Yep, I think you are right on the money there. Buzzsawmonkey is right about this. The Left have been working towards this end for 50-60 years. Taking over the schools, the Media, entertainment, and, of course, the Federal bureaucracy has been an ongoing project since before I was born. While we conservatives have gone about making our living, the Left have been going about making their Revolution. We need to get smarter about doing this kind of thing. We have a few think tanks and foundations, but we don't have the interlocking web of effort that the Left have.



**Iron
Fist**

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at 6:13 am](#)

@ [Buckeye Abroad](#):

Yep, politics ain't beanbag. Politics is War by other means. If it should

[2016/03/03
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Iron Fist spill over into bloodshed, the Left are quite fond of saying that you have to break some eggs to make an omelet (attributed to Stalin, IIRC). Let's see how they like being on the receiving end of that.



Iron Fist

@ [coldwarrior](#):

That is a start, but he didn't mention tort reform. Add tort reform to allowing insurance to be sold across State lines, and you are 80-90% of the way to fixing the health care situation.

[2016/03/03 at 7:40 am](#)



Iron Fist

@ [rain of lead](#):

This is true Islam. Thesis what Mohammedans do. Their god is a god of hate. Our God is a God of Love. There is no way that the god of Islam is the same as the Judo-Christian God.

[2016/03/03 at 8:46 am](#)



Iron Fist

@ [Carolina Girl](#):

Bring it! Jerry Brown is such an exemplar of the total dysfunctional ideology that the Democrats want to foist off on this country, that he may be more unelectable than Hillary, especially if we nominate Cruz. Can you imagine a Cruz/Brown debate? Game over.

[2016/03/03 at 10:03 am](#)



Iron Fist

@ [RIX](#):

Sometimes Ann knocks it out of the park, but a lot of the time she is as bad as the prognosticators that she is calling out here. I remember when she was a big Chris Christie fangirl. I don't think she was ever behind Bush, though. I know Rodan hates her with a passion because he interprets her as anti-Hispanic. I can't say that I've paid enough attention to her through the year to say if that is Rodan being overly sensitive on the issue, or if he's 100% right on the money.

[2016/03/03 at 10:17 am](#)



Iron Fist

@ [Carolina Girl](#):

Yeah, the Republicans have pretty much given up on carrying California in any meaningful way. They could dump a fortune into the ad market, for example, and not move the needle in the polls, let alone win any serious statewide race. Kind of like Job Bush and all the tons of campaign cash he put into New Hampshire and South Carolina. That was a cool \$50 million between the two races, and he barely beat Kasich and Carson.

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@ [Lily](#):

I believe that Islam is true Satanism, that Allah is another name for Satan/Lucifer, and that the Angel that appeared to Mohammed to give him the Koran really existed, but he was Satan himself, appearing, as the Bible tells us he can, as an Angel of Light. Everything else just followed from there, and makes sense. Most people don't realize that we live in a Magic Universe. I am not talking spells and sorcery so much as I am talking God, Satan, angels and demons, and the like. Most people never see this side of the world. I have seen the very Hand of God on my life, and I believe that I've also come to the attention of Satan himself. That may be the source of my cancer. That, though, may simply be the luck of the draw. I certainly don't believe that every incidence, or even most incidences of disease are supernatural in origin. But some are. I believe that God will heal me, but my life is also His to take. I don't want to die. I want to grow old with my wife. We found each other relatively late in life, and there is a lot of time we've missed.

[2016/03/03](#)
[at 2:12 pm](#)



@ [Buckeye Abroad](#):

Predictable. I agree with the point that at a certain level, the illegal drug trade is an inherently Violent enterprise. This is caused by the fact that there are no legal protections for drug traffickers. If Jose Pendajo from South of the border gets paid whatever for a large quantity of a certain purity of heroin, but he delivers the quantity at half of the purity that was agreed on, then certain measures have to be taken. Johnny Rebel from Atlanta, can't just file a lawsuit alleging breach of faith and demanding compensation in terms of money or additional product to make his injury whole.

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[at 3:42 pm](#)

You can, however, kill Jose, Jose's sister, kids, etc. You can torch his car, house, or whatever else. Anything to give you the money he owes you, or the heroin he promised you.,,,.



@ [AZfederalist](#):

What people never seem to understand is that there are no Conservative Democrats now, if, indeed, they ever existed. Part Stupak was proof of that. He was staunchly pro-Life right up until he was the deciding vote for abortion on demand coverage for ObamaCare. When he was the critical, he took one for the team. Lost his seat over it, but the Democrats got the taxpayer funded abortions that they had made the

[2016/03/04](#)
[at 4:42 am](#)

Holy Grail for their serial killer movement.

@ [RIX](#):

Hey, man, I've been feeling pretty poorly since my last chemo. I've been back in the hospital since Wednesday. A couple of not so minor complications from my chemo. We think that we have them under control. My J-tube is blocked again, something I don't understand. Yesterday I was all clogged up because the instructions in my chart told the nurse to crush my pills, And we finally got that cleared. Now this. They are planning on running a CT scan next week, and another endoscopy to take a physical look at the tumor, and assess where we are with it. I figured that we needed another set of eyes on the tumor itself. I should have a better idea in a week were I stand on all of this. Prayers are appreciated.



[2016/03/04
at 1:35 pm](#)

@ [RIX](#):

But hey, at least with gun control in place the people doing the stabbings and slashing don't have to worry about some "crazed vigilante" shooting them while they are executing their chosen profession. See how that works out? Gun control is one of a criminal's favorite on-the-job protectors. Why, if the average person in NYC carried a gun, these slashing and stabbings would stop posthaste. Let the North go own separate way. They want to live in a high-crime, gun controlled paradise, more power to them. Just keep that shit out of my country.



[2016/03/04
at 1:43 pm](#)

@ [coldwarrior](#):

Thank you! I can't really take any credit for it. I am in God's hands. He is working through the doctors to heal me. That is what I believe is happening. One of my Eastern Mysticism things that I do is Riki, and that is essentially tying into the power of God to heal. I don't do anything except form the conduit. To a large degree I see all medicine that way. You are tapping into the power of God to heal. Certainly the doctor or nurse does their part, but the ultimate healing is of God. Riki just cuts out all of the middlemen. I haven't done especially well with my Reiki. It isn't something that I offer to many people, because I don't know how well it will be received. Eastern Mysticism freaks a lot of people out, even though there are no spells to chant, no black magic. The man who attuned me to Third Degree Reiki Master taught me to say the Lord's Prayer while performing the reiki treatment. I know reiki works. We



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used to have a younger student who had terminal cancer, and we'd give him regular reiki treatments after his chemo. I remember the first time he came in, and he was listless and miserable. 5-6 of us with Reiki attunements worked on him for about half an hour, and the change was amazing! He went from barely being able to hold his head up to been a kid again, full of energy, and ready to play! Amazing. We worked on him for the rest of his short life. Reiki won't cure cancer, sadly, but it eased his reactions to his chemo. I may try to go to the dojonforna reiki treatment tonight. It is marvelous stuff, and not of the Devil, but the Holy Spirit.

[Lily](#) wrote:

...so much for gun control. Anything can be used for a weapon.



**Iron
Fist**

This is so true. Most people do not comprehend this. I am something of an expert at improvised weapons. One of my favorites from when I was a kid is a padlock on a dog choker. You can do some really nasty damage quickly with it. Nobody looks askance out of your having something like that in your pocket.

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at 2:54 pm](#)

@ [RIX](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Thank you so much, my friend. I can do all things through God, who strengthens me. I believe that I am going to beat this thing. God is on my side, and that changes everything. We live in a magic universe. Miracles do happen. They've already happened to me, over and over. I just have to accept them as accomplished. God hasn't brought me through all of this just to drop me here when things are getting interesting.

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at 3:53 pm](#)

@ [coldwarrior](#):



**Iron
Fist**

It would explain the attitude that we are seeing from them about the people. They my very well intend these people to be our new masters. This could turn the Cold Civil War hot. That could be their plan.

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at 4:03 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

BTW, it looks like they are going to replace my J-tube, so surgery this afternoon. Lovely. It is a minor thing. Not that that means much more than that I won't undergo a general anesthesia. I am ready for this to be over.

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at 4:12 pm](#)

@ [Lily](#):

If I had it to do over, and was allowed my choice I believe that I would opt for Catholic schools. The education that you get from them seems better than what you get from plain public schools. I had a few good teachers in 12 years of public schools, a lot more who were mediocre, to be kind, and a few who were terrible. I was abused by my first kindergarten teacher to the extent that she lost her job when it came out what she'd done in kindergarten. That was the worst. I had a teacher in 7th Grade who considered it her duty to turn me into a good little Atheist Leftist. Interestingly enough, her partner teacher told my parents that they should make Harvard my goal University. In no doubt that he would have been gratified and proud of me for my National Merit Scholarship, though he might have been disappointed that I wanted the Naval Academy the most. I wanted so badly to be a Marine Officer, Force Recon scout/sniper. That'd have been my dream job the way EOD would have been for Sam. We should have both gone into the USMC, but that is all water under the bridge. I'll never be a Marine. I at least have the pleasure of having drilled as a Marine Corps private. I never did boot, so I'm a marine. One of the bigger disappointments in my life.



**Iron
Fist**

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at 6:16 pm](#)

@ [Bumr50](#):

Self-directed studies have their place, but most kids aren't going to gravitate to higher mathematics, formal symbolic logic, and the like. I did a lot of self-directed study in middle and high school until the teachers put their feet down just refused to help me with my studies. Now I had a few good teachers. The teacher who turned me onto politics was my tenth grade history teacher. But she was one of only a few who would help me. I don't know whether it was because they didn't themselves know what I was studying or because they didn't like me. The faculty split about 50-50 on me, with some faculty writing letters of recommendation for me to various universities, while others wanted me expelled. The latter group were afraid to actually act on those desires.



**Iron
Fist**

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at 7:38 pm](#)

[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

That's what you've done PERSONALLY. You're friendly gov't who wants nothing but the best for you has done quite a bit of investing on your behalf.



**Iron
Fist**

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at 9:25 am](#)

mostly in the form of debt

I read somewhere last week that one of the biggest assets that the Federal Government lists on its balance sheets is [student loan debt](#). According to this article, it is 46.9% of our government's total assets. Wow.

@ [RIX](#):

He is the first mainstream European leader that I've seen who would actually name this invasion for what it is, which is a full-scale invasion. That he then turns around and says that it could be good for Europe is a bit of cognitive dissonance that is borderline pathological. One assumes that it is wishful thinking on the part of a man who isn't a deep thinker. He can't see that the Islamic Invasion is bad for Christianity in Europe, and his entire purpose for having temporal power is the protection of the Christian Church.



**Iron
Fist**

Nor do these invaders bring any skills that are desirable from a civic standpoint. This is not an invasion led by doctors, machinists, welders, and professionals of other disciplines, and software engineers. Most of these invaders appear to be young men of military age with no particular skills. They are the dregs of the Middle East come to Europe to rape, kill, pillage, and burn. They are more than a little similar to the Goth invasion of the Western half of the Roman Empire. At best these "migrants" are coming to be welfare parasites, but the majority of them are there to undermine European cultural integrity as part of the expansion of the Islamic World. As such they should be repelled by force, killing them if necessary. Never before in history, that I am aware of, has a nation opened its arms to an invader who came with such open contempt for the native people, customs, and so forth.

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at 9:42 am](#)

@ [eaglesoars](#):



**Iron
Fist**

That is a good point. That he could have said as a Liberation Theologist doesn't necessarily mean that he did say it. The media is quick to make up sensational sound bites these days, and then retract them quietly at a later point. "Accidentally", don't you know?

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at 9:51 am](#)



@ [RIX](#):@ [RIX](#):

I am feeling a good bit better. I got out of the hospital last night, so I got to sleep in my own bed, with my cats and all my other pets, and my weapons and all. They had to replace my J-tube, which was an odd bit of elective surgery. They didn't anesthetize me for the procedure. It only took them about 15 minutes start to finish, and since they weren't cutting any new holes in my body the pain was quite manageable. I've had a lot of tattoos that hurt a lot more than this. I am not going to be able to ride this weekend, though, because of my illness. It just isn't advisable. I could pass out behind the wheel, and I don't think that would be as good a thing on my strike as it was on the car I totaled last year having done exactly that in.

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[at 9:59 am](#)

@ [RIX](#):

@ [lobo91](#):

@ [AZfederalist](#):

These characters don't believe in anything really, other than their absolute entitlement to their cushy position, and all of the perks and privileges that come with power and the proximity to power. It isn't that they know better than we do how to run things, though they may believe that they do. Rather mainly through luck they have wound up where they are, and rather than thanking God for their good fortune, they consider it to be their just desserts. That they could be wrong about that never enters their minds.



This isn't today that they all suck. Jimmy Duncan, my Congressman, is actually quite good, both as a legislator and a person. I can only think of one topic, that being "free" trade, where he has consistently voted against my wishes. He also voted against Bush the Younger's invasion of Iraq. But that is it in 30 years roughly of service. I can't complain.

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[at 11:36 am](#)

Too, when my father was in DC years ago, he ran into Duncan in the Capitol Building. Duncan called him by name, brought him over, and then gave him a personal tour of the Capitol. My father is neither a lobbyist nor a money man. He'd just spoken to Duncan one time about gun control (I was with him for that meeting). If all of the congressmen up there were that good, our government would be a lot better off. He **does**, I believe, try to represent his district to the best of his ability. I wish he were more of a leader, actually driving the agenda, but he isn't. I'll settle for a guy who votes the way I would vote 97% of the time. He is one reasonable I am against term limits. When a Congressman or Senator

is good, you don't want them artificially constrained from doing their job. The ballot box is all the term limits that we need. As Eric Cantor found out.

@ [RIX](#):
[Lily](#) wrote:

@ Iron Fist:
Excactly iron! They are men of military age. Because in Syria they will not let the women and children leave. This should cause real concern in Europe. How are you doing today?

I am doing a **lot** better today than I was earlier in the week. I've mostly been sleeping, which is probably the best thing for me. I want to go over to the tattoo shop, but probably won't make it today. I'll go sometime next week.



**Iron
Fist**

It is a good thing to just sit and tall with my tattoo artist. He may only have a high school education (so the Elites of both parties look down on him), but he's **very** bright, and has had the time to think about things, and educate himself. He may not have a bunch of letters after his me, but he's created a successful business that not only gives him a job, but also his wife and one of his daughters. His other daughter is going to college, but she may up a tattoo artist herself. IIRC, she's doing some kind of art major.

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at 5:57 pm](#)

In any event, it is good to sit and talk with Steev. He is very much what the mainstream of the average people are thinking here in TenneSteve.He was leaning Trump, and Trump won Tennessee, though Cruz was second. I am glad to see Cruz racking up today. I still have hope that he will wind up our nominee. It can happen.

@ [rain of lead](#):



**Iron
Fist**

I am glad to see Cruz doing so well. I still hope to see him as our nominee, and right now that is looking really possible. Trump didn't seal the Deal on Super Tuesday, and now Cruz has become the first of the Republican candidates to break 50% of the vote in any State. Trump and Cruz had broken into the 40+% number, but until today no one had broken 50%. I am glad to see it.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [RIX](#):

Thanks! Very much appreciated!

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at 6:18 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

@ [Flyovercountry](#):

Good analysis. I think you are probably right. We may have seen (and I say may) Peak Trump. It is hard to predict, but we may see him slide generally across the board. We will see. Interesting times for certain. I am a Cruz man, so I am happy to see him doing well. I had really expected Ruben to be the one who made this breakout, but his being the Establishment pick apparently hurts him rather than helps him. While Ruben and Kasich won't get out, this is really a two man race now.

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at 6:25 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

@ [rain of lead](#):

Republican voter turnout is huge everywhere, while what I've seen about Democrat voter turnout indicates that it is a fraction of what it was four or eight years ago. Again, good news. Some of that may be apathy because the Democrats have made it plain that the voters' opinion does not matter in that race. Is going to be interesting to see. I hope Cruz wins Florida, too. I don't know if that will happen, but it would be lovely tie see.

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at 6:34 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

@ [Flyovercountry](#):

Yeah, nobody but maybe God knows the future. Predicting anything is piss and wind, and everything is subject to change until it happens, and then is set in stone.

As for my health I am much better than I was earlier in the week. My J-tube site was infected and painful, and replacing my J-tube along with the antibiotics has taken care of that. It is interesting to see the difference in my J-tube. The old one was very garage; just a length% of red rubber hose stick in my side, and held in place with a stitch. This one is clear plastic, with a large plastic washer that covers the J-tube site completely, and on the back side if it is a balloon washer, so the two combined are tightened against each other to hold the whole apparatus in place. Much more high tech, and, of course, not infected. Much better than what I saw last week.

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at 6:46 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

@ [eaglesoars](#):

No kidding. The first rig was very Mickey Mouse. I got a number of negative comments about it. Apparently every doctor uses a different tube setup. Most of them have some kind of built in cap, but this one didn't. My new one does. You are absolutely right that this new one is what should have been put in in the first place. Oh, well.

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at 7:41 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

This is being a good night for me. Cruz is doing well in the primaries/caucuses, I am not as sick as I've been being, and Ronin is being a cuddly bed cat with me. This is the first time that he has done this. He's been getting in the bed with us, but this is the first time that he's actually cuddled up with me for petting, and stayed here for a long time. Several of my cats are lap cats/bed cats. It is nice to bring Ronin into those ranks.

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at 9:10 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

@ [Calo](#):

Yeah, why shouldn't a father have the right to choose life for his child? The way things are right now it is all skewed in favor of the woman, who can decided to have or abort the child without the consent, or even informing of, the man in the picture. He has no rights to the child, but if she decides to have the child he is on the hook for child support. I am surprised that we have never had a man win a child support case by saying that he offered to pay for the abortion, and she refused. At that point isn't it reasonable to say that she accepted the full financial responsibility for the child? I disagree with almost all abortions, but if you are going to put all of that decision making into the hands of the woman, then it is only right that she accept the financial obligations of her decision. Maybe if you put it out there that cold-bloodedly more people would look at how awful abortion is as a practice.

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at 10:33 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

@ [southernbound](#):

Adoption is always preferable to abortion. My first two girlfriends were both adopted children. If their mothers had chosen differently, I'd have never known aepither of them. And that would have made my life very different. Both of them were good women, and if I'd been able to deal with thmyprior sexual history of the first one I would have no doubt wound up married too her. I wasn't. I was very immature in a lot of ways, and pretty to boot. Water under the bridge. I could never have

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done better than my Mafia Princess no matter what the woman. The years bouncing around between girlfriends were worth it to be with my lady today. I almost always had a girlfriend, including one woman that I lived with for over nine years, but I never thought that I would ever remarry. The love story between me and the Mafia Princess is a huge part of the story of my redemption from a pretty negative life. I wouldn't be here (as in alive) without her.

@ [southernbound](#):

I'm the one who's lucky. I'm a pretty hard case, and I had a lot of negatives when we met. Some of those are gone, or are under control, but it has been a harsh life, and that has left its scars. And my health has been pretty bad most of the time she has known me. This cancer is, of course, the worst of that. Nothing I can do about that. God did me a solid when He brought us together. That, in and of itself is an interesting story. We should have never met, but we did. The rest is history.



[2016/03/05 at 11:20 pm](#)

@ [coldwarrior](#):

While I understand your feelings, I'd much rather that they nominate someone like Cruz that we can both agree on. As for me, if Trump is the nominee, then I will hold my nose and vote for him. And pray he gicerns according to the ideology he espouses today rather than the ideology that he espoused 10 years ago, before he started looking at running for the Presidency.



[2016/03/06 at 9:55 am](#)

@ [rain of lead](#):

Yeah, I'm feeling pretty good. I just woke up again, so I've gotten pretty good sleep, but my sleep was ate up with PTSD nightmares. It is, which is, among other things, the anniversary of the accident that killed my best friend. It is 28 years now. Hard to believe it has been so long. I was just 18 when it happened. Ah, well. It is what it is. But my PTSD will be worse this month, but there is not really anything that can be done about that. My cancer isn't bothering me too badly today, at least so far. I'm not going to be able to sit down and eat a slice of pizza without puking, but for where I am I feel pretty good. I think that the chemo is working, but I'll learn more about that this week.



[2016/03/06 at 11:36 am](#)



**Iron
Fist**

Sad news. Nancy Reagan has died. There was a classy First Lady. Compare her to Hillary Clinton or Michelle Obama, and there really is no comparison. They are totally outclassed by orders of magnitude.

[2016/03/06
at 11:42 am](#)

@ [brookly red](#):

It is a beautiful thing, but the FBI isn't going to recommend that she be indicted. I wish that they would. She is clearly guilty of a plethora of felonies, on National Security issues, attempts to avoid complying with FOIA laws, and outright corruption, selling out American foreign policy for straight cash to the Clinton Foundation. "Guilty as sin, and free as a bird" is what Bill Ayres said about his crimes, and Clinton is going to be able to say the same thing. I wish the FBI would prove me wrong, because what I think will happen means that we aren't all equal under the law. Far from it. Of course, we know that the wealthy have an advantage in that they can afford to pay better lawyers to defend themselves than the poor, who get Public Defenders, but that is something that isn't in control of the State, and shouldn't be. If they don't indict Clinton, it means that the FBI is treating her much differently than they would treat even other high ranking officials like General Petraeus, who got himself a criminal record for doing a little bit of what Clinton is accused of.



**Iron
Fist**

[2016/03/06
at 4:14 pm](#)

[Lily](#) wrote:

The only person I see who can beat Trump is Cruz



**Iron
Fist**

That its he fact of the case. Rubio should drop out and endorse Cruz. He doesn't stand a chance unless there is a brokered convention, and this is too damned important to want to push this into a brokered convention. No matter what a brokered convention produces, it will fracture the Party. We don't need a situation where people feel that the nomination was stolen from them, so they just don't show up to vote. We can't afford to lose this election. We are lucky to have a candidate of Cruz's caliber running. If he is nominated and elected I expect him to be the best President we've had since Ronald Reagan.

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at 4:20 pm](#)



@ [RIX](#):

Liberals are scum. I can't imagine our side smearing Jimmy Carter in

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4:31 pm](#)

**Iron
Fist**

Roslin Carter's obituary. For that matter, I can't see us smearing Jimmy Carter in his obituary. We aren't going to heap a bunch of false, hypocritical praise on the man, but we'll behave with reasonable decorum. I hated Ted Kennedy, and I didn't go overboard in my criticism of him. I did point out that he was a traitor that collaborated with the KGB during the Reagan Administration, but that isn't a smear. It is just the truth. But if his wife had died, I'd see no reason to bring it into her obituary. His guilt doesn't attach to her, after all. Hell, they may have not even been married at that time. I don't know, and it really doesn't matter if she was. You should always maintain proper decorum. Your behavior will reflect on you, after all, and smearing the dead in their wife's obituary reflects badly on whomever does it, no matter which side of aisle they are on.

@ [RIX](#):

I am doing OK today. Better than I was towards the end of last week, in any event. I want to be able to go riding today, but I was able to get out of the house for a couple of hours. I just tried to eat a hotdog for dinner, and it didn't go well. Oh, well. I think I'd have been OK if I'd just had a couple of bites of hotdog, but I ate over half of it, and with the cancer in my esophagus and stomach (the remnant of a stomach that I have after bariatric surgery) I just don't have enough room in my stomach to hold that much food. It is unfortunate. I do better when I eat something like oatmeal. I had a pretty good go of it eating a little clam chowder and saltine crackers yesterday. Other than that my day has been good. Lots of time with my wife and my cats.



**Iron
Fist**

I got one of my motorcycle magazines in the mail yesterday, and it has given me an idea (a direction, really) for how I want to do the custom paint on my bike when I have my tattoo artist do that for me. I know I want the dominant color to be purple (purple is my favorite color), but I was struggling with where to go from there. The cover bike on this issue of *Braggers* magazine gave me the idea to do the bike in a biomech theme. I don't know exactly where it will go from there. I will tell my artist that I want H.R. Giger to be the influence for the paint job, but not necessarily any specific painting. At least not yet. I have a signed, limited edition of Giger's *Necronomicon I&II* (worth about \$1500 now. I paid around \$300 for it 18 years ago), so I have a lot that I can look at to give me ideas for more specific aspects of the paint, though I intend to rely heavily on my tattoo artist's expertise as an artist to turn out something really kick ass. That's pretty fun.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):
[this is the book on Amazon](#). This is my favorite piece of his:



**Iron
Fist**

If you want more Ginger, look [here](#). Some of it is very sexual, and some of it is very Satanic, but it is incredible art. This is exactly the kind of stuff I like. The Mafia Princess would never let me display this kind of thing in the house. She finds it too disturbing.

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9:00 pm](#)

@ [eaglesoars](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Her. Yeah, I really, really like. I am thinking of asking my artist to do Ginger's , but the theme is Christ's triumph over Evil. I think that would be a challenge, but I think he could do it. There is plenty of room for demons, pentagrams, and all of that, but also the Crucifixion, the Chi Ron that I love so much, maybe a bible verse or two from the *Book of Revelation*, and so forth. It will be cool as hell. I don't know when we will do it. It won't be cheap to do.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [RIX](#):

Thanks, man! It is the first time to my knowledge that anyone has lit a candle for me. It is very much appreciated.

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9:21 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

@ [Internet Septic Tank Engineer](#):

Yep, he is a very prolific. I love his work. I always loved Ginger. That is how I wound up with a signed, limited edition of his *Necronomicon I&II*. I am really glad to have it. There's no way that I could afford to buy it now.

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Here are a couple of other favorites of mine.



**Iron
Fist**

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@ [RIX](#):

All part of the game. Politics is War. It isn't like Trump is playing softball himself. This is for all the marbles. I'd hate for Cruz to lose because he left an arrow in his quiver, so to speak.

[2016/03/06 at 10:30 pm](#)



Wow, did the Apocalypse happen, and I missed all the action? Anybody out there? Testing 1...2...3...

[2016/03/07 at 9:34 am](#)



@ [Bumr50](#):

People keep saying that, but if you look [at the polls](#) Trump loses to Clinton in all but one poll. In those same polls Cruz beats Hillary Clinton. That says all you need to hear about the "electability" issue.

[2016/03/07 at 12:14 pm](#)



@ [mfhorn](#):

No, I've been very clear that if Trump is our nominee, I will vote for him without hesitation, though not without a great deal of trepidation. If you read Bumr50's post number 20, even the Trump supporters admit that he sucks. They just don't care. His dismissal of Cruz is perhaps the most perplexing thing the essay. After all, Cruz advocates most all of the same positions that Trump does.

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[rain of lead](#) wrote:

magnet school, high achievers only, slackers need not apply



I wish I had had that kind of opportunity. I went to a relatively good public school. I had some good individual teachers, including the 1985 National Teacher of the Year, a woman named Theresa Dozier. She was my 10th grade world history teacher, and she was very, very good. She is the one that turned me on to politics, and she was always working at expanding our horizons. I had another good teacher in my 12th grade Honors AP Biology class. Out of something like 22 students 18 of us made a 5 on the Biology AP Exam at the end of the year, and the others were 4s (on a 0-5 scale) except for one or two students who failed the exam. The majority of the 5s attended a study party at one of the guy's homes. It was because he had a pool, and after the study was done it

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went from a hard study “party”, become a fun pool party. I think everyone that attended made a 5 on the AP Exam.

But those teachers were the exception. Most of my teachers were mediocre, which I guess is what you’d expect. They can’t all be kick-ass. But public school also taught me to fight, and to fight dirty as hell, if you consider anything in a street fight to be “dirty” (I don’t). I carried a knife most of the time that was in high school, a Gerber Mark I, so a serious, wicked little fighting knife. I never quite used it on anyone. I pulled a hatchet on a guy in the school parking lot once. That was all that was necessary. Nobody, I mean **nobody** wanted to fight me. That is something that I’ve carried through to my adulthood. When I was working as a bouncer nobody, not even the Outlaws **wanted** to fight me. One of the Outlaws actually took me aside and made an agreement with me that if he got in a fight, and I came to break it up, I didn’t have to hit him. Just tap him on the shoulder, and tell him it was enough. He was afraid of, I don’t think, but he **respected** me. I reciprocated that, and we never had trouble with the Outlaws. There weren’t there to make trouble, they just weren’t going to let anybody disrespect them, something I totally understand and support.

@ [Aussie Infidel](#):



Iron
Fist

He’s been the king of Talk radio for going on 30 years for a reason. What he says resonates with a huge block of the public. I, myself, rarely have listened to him. I agree with Rush on nearly everything, but talk radio isn’t really my thing.

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@ [lobo91](#):



Iron
Fist

Libya is as bad as Iraq. Can you imagine if a Republican defended the Iraq invasion? I’ll defend the initial invasion, but Colin Powell’s “If you break it you’ve bought it” doctrine was clearly the wrong thing to do. We should have found a faction of the military that we could have set up in some kind of junta, or a strong leader to back.

Trying to turn Iraq into a Constitutional democracy was always a fool’s errand. You can’t expect savages without the cultural foundations to be a good civic body for a representative democracy. That is one reason that the Left have tried to get civics removed from public schools, because representative democracy requires an educated, engaged populace to be successful as a system of government. Iraq simply does have that kind of

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population.

Islamic cultures simply don't have the civic body, with the kind of shared values that a representative democracy requires to be successful. You would have to get rid of Islam to lay the foundations for the kind of society that we envisioned, something that no one in the Bush Administration apparently understood.

[Aussie Infidel](#) wrote:

The US has become a toxic tribal mishmash out for revenge on 'the other' and the education system is turning out narcissistic nihilists who know nothing and revel in their wilful ignorance.

You've got that right. This Balkanization of American culture has been a tactic of the Democrat Party for all of my life. They want us divided, so that they can play the factions against one another and maintain a grip on power. I've been calling the Great Divide between Americans the Cold Civil War. I think I got that terminology for it from Mark Steyn. It sums up what is going on in America perfectly. We aren't shooting at each other, but the animosity between the camps rivals that of the North-South divide in the 1850s. I don't expect it to devolve into a shooting war this election. I don't see that happening unless they try something along the lines of gun confiscation. Gun confiscation will get people killed if they try it in America.

And you are right about what the public schools are churning out. They teach these kids that they are supposed to live lives free of even the least amount of stress or difficulty. These kids are coming out of high school so fucking weak that they need **counseling** to deal with students wearing sombreros at a tequila party. I can't even imagine. These people would be absolutely destroyed if they had to live even the lesser parts of my life. It is unreal.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

Could be. I don't know anyone in that age group to compare them to. The closest I come to that is a seminary student, that I went to Church with. He is training to be a Christian apologist, and he has Asberger's, so he can be somewhat off-putting. Nice guy, just extremely stereotypical. He wants to be Sheldon Cooper when he grows up the way I wanted to

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be Billy the Kid when I was 18. Of the two, his role model is a lot less destructive than mind. Too, I'm one to talk about being stereotypical. I look like an extra on Sons of Anarchy, and really push the biker aspect of my persona. Not that there is anything wrong with being a biker, but society tends to look down on the biker community.

@ [RIX](#):



**Iron
Fist**

I'd say more because he's Muslim than Indian, though I know for a long time there as basically a Cold Peace between America and India. The dude's also a Leftist, so hating America is as natural to him as carrying a knife is to me. It is just what he does because it is who he is.

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@ [Aussie Infidel](#):

This is all stuff that I can't speak to. I simply don't know of the underlying laws and trade practices to be able to either agree with or refute your thesis. What I can speak to, because I have witnessed the results, is that neither NAFTA nor the Free Trade Agreement with China were net benefits to America, especially NAFTA. With China, all Americans appreciate the low prices at Walmart, Hobby Lobby, and the like, but US manufacturing jobs have been lost. I don't know enough about economics to be able to mathematically compare the two things, but I can recognize that Free Trade with China is a sword that cuts both ways. NAFTA is a different story. NAFTA fucked the American worker, and I can't honestly name anything that we gained from it.



**Iron
Fist**

So I am really of Free Trade. I pretty much agree with Coldwarrior on this issue, though I don't know enough about economics other than to say that what he says appears to describe the situation as I see it. Overall, while America has some gains, the negatives outweigh the positives. That said, when you look at the people who support free trade, all (or nearly all) of the supporters are people with whom I usually agree, and all (or nearly all) of the people who are opposed to free trade are people with whom I almost always disagree. I am quite willing to admit that I could be wrong on the issue. I am not an economist, so I have to rely on the judgment of people who **are** economists to explain to me what the predicted results are. I know from what I can see with my own eyes that NAFTA did not produce anything like it was sold to the American people of being able to produce. Among other things, we were assured that NAFTA would solve the illegal immigration problem from Mexico because it would create jobs in Mexico for those people. The jobs were

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created, but there illegal immigration problem is more of a problem than it has ever been.



**Iron
Fist**

@ [eaglesoars](#):

I have to ask: can you buy a lapdance? How does that work in an "" care wash? I ask out of academic curiosity. While I used to hang out in strip clubs a lot, I haven't been to a strip club in going on 12 years. Since me and the Mafia Princess got together. One of the many ways she's impacted my life for the better.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [eaglesoars](#):

Isn't that how George Soros made his pile? But he shorted the currency, and then did something underhanded to make it crash. If you make a billion dollars, you'll have to come visit

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [rain of lead](#):

Hey, man! Today has been a pretty good day. I got to ride my bike over to the tattoo shop, and hung out with my artist for about an hour and a half. Good times. I am set up to get some tattoo work done next Tuesday. My oncologist doesn't want me getting tattoos while I am doing chemo, but it has been five or six months since I got a tattoo, and that is just too long to go between tats. I still have a lot of work to get finished. We are just going to do a few small tats on my hand. I'll be working on my hands while I'm on my chemo, except maybe a little larger tattoo on my back. Eventually we are going to have almost everything covered. I figure I have another three to five years of work to do. How was your day?

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [venta-fada](#):

Possibility of infection. I have to time when I am getting g the work done. I have to wait until my white cell count comes back up after the chemo. If I got my tat right after the chemo I would be at a huge risk for infection, because the chemo pretty much destroys my white cell count. But the Monday after my chemo treatment they give me a Neulasta shot, and by Friday my white cell count is back where it needs to be. At that time my risk for infection is no greater than anybody else's. I was going to get the work done today, but the Mafia Princess pretty much begged for me to wait one more week. I've never gotten an infection from a tat, ever. One of the reasons I selected my tattoo artist was because of how clean his

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shop was. I mean, he keeps it about as neat and orderly as an operating room. There was even very little dust, even in the nicknacks he had decorating his station where he actually tattoos. I am nowhere near as cleanly in my house. I always wanted to be a neat freak, but I was never able to discipline myself enough to live up to my desires. I have always been that way. My parents were much worse than me, but I remember in 4th a little girl in my class (I remember her name, but don't see naming her on the internet) who took it on herself to keep my desk clean for me. I was too young and dumb to realize that she almost undoubtably had a crush on me. I always had trouble recognizing when a girl was interested in me. After I was older I pretty much always had a girlfriend, but she usually had to go out of her way to convince me she was interested in me. I had pretty low self-esteem, a legacy of the psychological torture that my mother put me through.



@ [rain of lead](#):

Makes you want to hang some people, starting with Paul Ryan, doesn't it? To think I was pleased when Romney chose him as VP. That certainly has changed.

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@ [southernbound](#):

I'm going to wait a week, because my wife asked it, but I will get them next week. I have three or four that I am going to get, all. They will move the needle forward a little in terms of getting all of the coverage I want. I have so much work that I want to get done. Uh be a very large Japanese snake tattoo that I've been working on for over a year. But the last six months that I've done nothing grates on me. I can't get back into the snake until the chemo is done .I just can't take the risk of getting infected in such a large tattoo. I also have some more line work that I want done on my inner right thigh, but I really can't do that, either, until I am done with the chemo. I'll work the small tattoos on my hands until I am able to get into the serious work of finishing this snake and all. I have one medium-

sized tattoo that I want to get done on my back. Like I said, lots of work

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@ [Aussie Infidel](#):

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Actually, I agree with you completely on that issue. And after America's failure to stop North Korea from getting nukes, and now Obama's capitulation on nukes with Iran, if I were Australia and Japan especially, but also the Saudis, Jordanians, and Egyptians I'd be working on nukes **now** . ,

Hey, everybody! It has been quite the day for me. I had a doctor's appointment this morning. That went well. And then this afternoon was spent riding, because it was a wonderful day to ride. I hope to do more tomorrow. I have a CT scan tomorrow morning, and then if the weather holds up and my energy levels are good I will ride out to Smoky Mountain Harley Davidson. That is a bit of a long ride with me ill, but I think I've sufficiently recovered from my chemo to do the ride. On Saturday we are planning on doing the Foothills Parkway, which is about a 3 hour run, as I understand it. I am looking forward to it. It was great to be able to ride today. I never got to ride Cherry the way that I wanted to, but I am riding the hell out of Angel, so to speak.

I love my trike. When I met with the Infidels they asked me why the trike, and I told them that the Mafia Princess wouldn't ride on a two wheeled bike with me, and that is 100% the truth. Otherwise, I'd have just gotten Cherry running, and be riding her. But having ridden both, I actually prefer the trike to the bike. The trike is more versital for the kind of riding that I do. For example, while I was out this afternoon I stopped by Kroger's and got some groceries. They **might** have all fit in Cherry's saddlebags. I have done the grocery thing on Cherry a time or two, but her saddlebags would only hold so much. The trike has a roomey trunk. I got all my groceries in it without any problem.



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Intend to do a lot of customization to Angel, including a custom paint job done by my tattoo artist. That is going to be fun as hell. My tattoo artist is having to learn automotive painting, and he is getting tips and advice from a couple of his clients who do automotive paint for a living. He is going to do the paint on his Electroglide before he does Angel. We are starting to decide some things. There is going to be a lot of purple on the bike, because purple is my favorite color. We are going to do the paint job in a biomech style, H.R. Giger as the big influence on the design. Giger is my favorite artist, followed by Frank Franzetta and Boris Vallejo as my top three artists. Franzetta and Vallejo are biggest influences, but he likes Giger, too.

Anyway, that's how my day has gone. I've had a lot of fun today. Hope you all had a good day as I did.

@ [rain of lead](#):

Yep, it did me a world of good to get out on my bike. I am looking forward to my ride tomorrow. Smoky Mountain Harley Davidson is the best Harley shop in the area. That's where we bought Angel. It is a very nice dealership. They've got a nice fountain out front with a big bronze Asian Dragon sculpture as part of it. Really nice. I bet the sculpture was \$15 grand or more. And it is really, really nice inside, and their selection is great. Earlier this year they had a Springer similar to Cherry, and the price they were asking for it was such that I feel like I got a decent price for Cherry. It was sufficient for me to be able to get Angel, and the guy who bought it is one of my best friends. I'd rather he got her than to trade her in. He's got her running, and he's ridden her a little. She's a hard bike to in some ways. She's very heavy.



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Anyway, you are right about my spirits. Riding always makes me feel better.

@ [Macker](#):

Prayers said. I didn't see your post until I saw Lily's post to you. One of the nice things about the Righting blogs is that when you need it, there are always people who will pray for you there. I get it both here and Weasel Zippers. I don't see Leftwingers doing that. Too many of them are Atheists, and they would get **offended** about "Bible thumpers" (a phrase that automatically puts the speaker into the "Ignore the Asshole" setting on my personal dashboard), and everybody knows that it is the **worst thing in the world** to offend anyone **except** Christians, who barely count as humans to the Left.



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@ [texasam7](#):

Thanks! Every day is a gift from God. I am trying to spend my time wisely. I spend as much time as I can with the Mafia Princess and my cats. I try to enjoy my motorcycle as much as I can. What a mess are the things that are simply going to take time to, like getting out of debt. We are still probably 2 years from having everything but the bike and the house paid off. I expect to live until then, and past



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then, indefinitely. This cancer isn't going to kill me unless it is **God's will**, in which case I am toast.

@ [Buckeye Abroad](#):

See, that's something I don't get. I am a strong Cruz supporter, and I am very against Trump, but I respect that you'll have as much a right to your opinion as I do mine. I also understand that at the end of the day we are all on the same side. I am no better than you, that my opinion should count more than yours. The people who are getting nasty about this presume otherwise. I just can't go there. I still hope Cruz wins, and am not at all comfortable with Trump, though I will vote for him if he is our nominee. Between him and Hillary the choice is clear. But Cruz

would be the better pick

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And FYI, I've had a **very** good day. I had a CT scan this morning. That was no fun, but it was something that had to be done. I am going to have an endoscope next week, but we still don't have a time and date for it. This afternoon I rode out to Smokey Mountain Harley Davidson, mostly just for the enjoyment of the ride. It is about a 45 minute ride from my house to SMHD, with part of it on Pellessippi Speedway. I was able to cruise at 80 MPH for a good part of that part of the ride. One of the things that Chops (VP of the Tennessee Chapter of the Infidels Motorcycle Club) mentioned to me about my riding is that I needed to get used to a little faster pace than I am used to. 80 on the expressway is the norm. This isn't too big a step up for me, because I already made it a practice of running at 70-75 MPH.

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I'll always ride in the back of formation because I am on a strike. That is because they ride two-up in formation, and it is a bit too dangerous to ride two-up with a trike. I'm OK with that. There is no disrespect intended by putting me in the back.

Now I am in the living room, hooked up to my feeding apparatus, and "watching" American Idol with the Mafia Princess, and doing this on my tablet. There's supposed to be rain tonight, but I think that it is supposed to be clear tomorrow. That means that I'll ride **somewhere** tomorrow. I don't know where. Maybe over

to the tattoo shop, maybe just a lap of Knoxville. I'll not do SMHD two days in a row, but I have to ride somewhere.

@ [coldwarrior](#):

I am about halfway through chemo. It hasn't been pleasant, but I've been through worse. I learned from my therapist today that one of the other therapists in her old practice was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer a few weeks ago, and apparently it is really bad. They started chemo immediately. They put her in the same 5 F-Us chemo that I am on. I have two other chemo drugs that I do on the Monday of my treatment week, and then it is 24 hours a day on the 5 F-Us for five days. It is a pretty hard and aggressive chemotherapy regimen.



**Iron
Fist**

In any event, I hope that I only have three Moore rounds of chemo to go, and then I will be in remission. I guess we'll find out after we're done with them as to weather or not I still need further treatment. There is one of the drugs that I am on that has a lifetime maximum dosage, so if we hit that, and I still have active cancer we will have to adjust my chemo. After I have the endoscopy next week, I'll know more. I hope. I know I still have cancer in there. Right now my tumor itself is hurting me, and I couldn't eat any clam chowder. It was too harsh for my system. I've been able to eat it before. I am going to make myself some oatmeal. I can usually eat that without throwing up.

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@ [Calo](#):

I didn't even bother watching it. At this stage there is nothing short of God Himself making His wishes on the matter explicit that would change my vote. We've already voted in Tennessee, of course, but there is still the General. I hope that the person we have as our standardbearer is Ted Cruz. I am not troubled by fundraising tactics, at least there's nothing that I've heard that would sway me against Cruz. All of these are typical fundraising tactics. I got a fundraising letter from Ted Kennedy one time, many years ago, and it was this awful, pseudo-palspiel, but to show that they really didn't know what the hell that they were doing, Kennedy was trying to raise money from Handgun Control, Incorporated. That's



**Iron
Fist**

really going to squeeze the moneymaking out of me

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[Calo](#) wrote:

@ Iron Fist:
Two steps forward, one step back....

Overall, I see you taking more steps forward.

You had a good day and a semi-lousy evening.



**Iron
Fist**

**Make the good outweigh the bad in your mind
tonight.**

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I'm trying to. I am to eat some oatmeal, but I am having mild pain out of tumor even with it being oatmeal. I usually have no trouble keeping oatmeal and the like down. I haven't thrown up like I did with the clam chowder.

And have a good time on your Staycation Spring Cleaning Fling. We need to do that around here. With me sidelined from work you'd think I'd have cleaned the place up, but that's a no-go. I just don't have the stamina to do it, and some things, like cleaning the bird cages and kittyboxes, carry too great a risk if infection for me to do. I can still feed and water the cats and birds, but that is about all.



**Iron
Fist**

@ [coldwarrior](#):
Very good. I'd say Barnes gets it. What to do about it, he leaves blank, but he gets why Trump is so popular. These votes used to belong to the Democrat Party, but if you are white, as most of these blue-collar workers are, the Democrat Party doesn't offer you anything except the opportunity to be demonized, and to have all of the blame for all of the failures of the Democrat policies, and Western

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Civilization as a whole, laid at your doorstep.

I hate to break things down along racial lines. I despise racism, and would like nothing better than racial harmony in America. But the Democrats' strategy is what it is, and a large part of their appeal to their base is based on racial grievance, and outright hatred of the white race. As such, I can't for the life of me see why **any** white person votes for the Democrats. Whites are the Democrats new Jews, as Buzzsawmonkey has pointed out numerous times, if you recognize the fact that the Progressive Left really **are** the new Nazis.

@ [RIX](#):

Agreed. The Iraq war was a necessity in my view, but the following attempt at turning Iraq into a democracy was not necessary, and, in the end gave large portions of Iraq to de facto Iranian control, while leaving most of the rest of Iraq to the Islamic State (and Kurdistan in the North, the one somewhat bright spot in this debacle). I have to point out, though, that we had something of a functioning democracy in Iraq, and the war solidly won, when Obama went well out of his way to produce failure for the United States in Iraq. Obama said that winning wasn't his goal when he was running for President the first time. John McCain didn't see fit to use his own words on the subject against Barack Obama, rather saying that he thought Obama would make a "fine President". You can't fix stupid, and when the candidate isn't interested in winning the election, he will almost always lose that election. One thing you can say about Cruz and Trump is that they are willing to fight for the Presidency. OTOH, both McCain and Romney fought tooth and nail against the other Republicans when they were running for office, only to stand down and let themselves be beaten in the General Election. I don't see either Cruz or Trump doing that this time around, so with either one we are doing better than Romney or McCain.



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@ [RIX](#):

Yeah, I don't think that you can look at the results of his policies and come to any other conclusion. Obama is the first (and let's pray last) anti-American President. I don't give a rat's ass about the color of his skin, but his Ideology is an entirely different story. He is trying to destroy America, and barring that he wants to damage her as much as is humanly possible. Obama is the most Evil man we've ever had as President. Even LBJ was not as bad as Obama, and LBJ's soul was as



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black as midnight at the bottom of a Kentucky coal mine.



**Iron
Fist**

Well I am back from a nice little ride. I just rode around town. I went to one of the local Barley shops, and then to the tattoo shop. I was going to see if we could the finger tattoos that I have planned, but I have an actual appointment on Tuesday, so not long now. I'll post pictures when they are done. My oncologist really doesn't want me getting tattoos while I am undergoing chemo, but these are small tattoos, so they won't pose much of an infection risk. One office the things that impressed me about Steev's tattoo shop was the almost OCD cleanliness that characterizes his shop. I've never gotten an infection from any of Steev's work, and I have maybe 70-75% of my body covered with tattoos now. My legs aren't sleeved yet, and I have some open space on my stomach, and that is about it. I don't have much tattooed on my ass. My snake tattoo has a little work on the side of my hip, and that is all. I have plans for all of that.

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@ [RIX](#):

Yep, I am watching that, too. That is **real** Progressive politics on display. Mob rule, and the Hecklers Veto. God help us if Hillary (or any other Democrat) gets elected. You have to realize that the Left think Obama has done a **great** job. Both Clinton and Sanders are running promising to continue the "Progress" that Obama has brought to America. The Left hate America, and so Obama has advanced their agenda. You can look at Detroit or Baltimore and see the future the Democrats have in mind for all of America.



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@ [troutski](#):

You dont want to see me nude, but here are a couple of pictures of me:



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And this is my right hand:

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@ [Internet Septic Tank Engineer](#):

My beard is much thinner now, thanks to the chemo, but at least I still have some beard left. I am (hopefully) half way through chemo, so maybe I won't lose all of my beard. Of course I'd rather lose all my beard, if that is what it takes to kill off all of the cancer, than keep the little that remains. We'll see what happens. They still haven't gotten my endoscopy scheduled, so I don't know when I will have my next round of chemo.

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@ [troutski](#):

I'm about 70% covered right now. I am working on a huge Japanese style snake on my right side. It is a coverup of a demon that I had tattooed there that my wife hated. It went as good on my skin as I'd hoped that it would be, so I decided to cover it up, but it took me about a year to decide what I was going to do, and to find something that I liked. I had my tattoo artist customize the design, though. We used the lifework drawing that I found in the internet give us a general idea of what we were going to do, and then Steev really outdid himself making it his own work. It is an incredible tattoo. It is going to be the largest single tattoo I get. It stretches from my armpit to the bend of my knee, and is maybe a foot wide at its widest point. He used the flowers to get the largest part of the coverup done. There is one flower that is darker than I might have liked, but the coverup is complete, and there's only one or two places where you can see what was covered up, and you wouldn't notice them unless you knew what you were looking for. Steev says when we are done he'll go back into it where we have anything bleeding through, and finish it up. We are about half way through with it. I have two or three sessions left to do to complete the snake, but we are going to add a big Second Amendment tattoo on my inner right thigh, so we need to get that lifework done before we complete that section of the snake. I've been working on it for more than a year, but I was diagnosed with cancer in November, and that has shut down most of my tattoo work. I am going to work on finishing up my hands while the chemo has me down. I have my first tattoo work since October on Tuesday. We're going to do three or four small tattoos on my fingers and, if we have time, on the ball of my fist. I am doing a Harley Empty Bar and Shield on my middle finger (I already have the spade on that rigger finger of my tattooed hand), a Punisher skull on my ring finger in either Red or Purple, and a Spartan helmet in bronze/gold on my pinky. We will do 5.56X45 round on the ball of my fist in full color if we have time. I only want to do an hour or



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so worth of work. Maybe an hour and a half, if that's what it takes to finish all four tattoos.

@ [Calo](#):

That is the café at Smoky Mountain Harley Davidson. It is a really nice dealership. That is where I bought Angel. I like going there to see all the new bikes, and they have clothes, jewelry, and such as well as bikes. The people are great, too. The guy who sold me Angel was a really good, no pressure salesman. We worked on getting me the most bike that I could afford, not maximizing the price of the bike I financed. There are some other things that I wanted on the bike, but they would have bumped the monthly payment to over \$600 a month. We could have swung that, but we didn't want to go quite that far. The biggest thing that I lost was three grand worth of chrome wheels. As it turns out, I've found other wheels that I like more, but wheels are last on my list for customization. The first major thing up is going to be custom upholstery on my seat and backrest. The first thing we have to get is a different backrest. We know where we are going to get them, but it is \$332. The custom upholstery is going to run about another grand. It is going to be really cool, though. One thing at a time.



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@ [lobo91](#):

Also Libya, and that was Hillary Clinton's baby. We didnt have boots on the ground, as they say about ground forces being engaged, but we were the ones who really overthrew Qaddafi (whatever your preferred spelling for his name). That showed the world that surrendering your nuclear program at the insistence of the United States was a really bad move. Change the Presidents, change the Parties, and you, too, can end up being raped to death with a bayonet. Lovely example to set for the world.



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@ [yenta-fada](#):

It is a good thing Indent hang out in this financial forums, because I habenether tolerance nor pity for idiots, and anybody who is spewing the "Vast Jewish Conspiracy®" that really runs the world is an idiot in spades. There really are conspiracies out there, number one being the Democrat conspiracy to wreck the United States. That's been ongoing since the Johnson Administration at least, though FDR is they one who got the anti-Second Amendment action started with the 1934 National



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Firearms Act. But the goal of actually destroupying the United States didn't get in full swing until the '60s. A lot of the same players are involved. John Kerry, a bonafied traitor, is a good example of that. After all, the Democrats ran him for President in 2004, and everybody knew he was a traitor when he ran.and he still was a competitive candidate. That's a conspiracy that I believe in. It doesn't require a lot of people, just time and dedication, and the votes of people who are, Gruber said, stupid.

@ [Canoe Convoy](#):



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Fist**

Those are good, rules for the use of force. They really only apply to offensive warfare. When you are attacked, you have to fight%, even if the military objectives are fuzzy "Kick their ass into next week" isn't a well defined objective), even if the odds are against you, and you don't know if you can win.

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@ [Sumo](#):



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I voted for Cruz, and this is just politics. Remember when Trump compared Ben Carson to a child molester? That was way over the line, but Carson still endorsed him in the end. That surprised me. I couldn't have written that off as just politics, but that is exactly what he did.

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I've posted other pics of my tattoos to this. Here is a pic of my snake:



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This is my favorite tattoo. It is also the most painful tattoo that I've gotten so far. The line work for the top half of the snake took 3 1/2 hours on my ribs, and I came close to tapping out on it. I wouldn't have made it another half hour. But all that work is done, and it is gorgeous! It is a coverup of a large demon, but I bet you can't spot what is covered up.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):



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That may be. Certainly if Carson can forgive him so can I. We are getting ready to go on a fairly long ride, so we are going to be gone for a while.

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See y'all later

Well, I'm not going to get to ride today. We left for the Foothills Parkway, but it was a little cold, and when we stopped for gas the Mafia Princess checked, and my feeding tube was badly blocked. Since I wanted to get a jacket, and I wanted to ditch the feeding apparatus entirely, so we turned around and went back home. We were only about 10 minutes out, maybe less. Well, it took my wife nearly an hour to get my feeding tube unblocked to her satisfaction. My new feeding tube is clear, so we could see where the formula had adhered to the sides of the tube, and she on getting it entirely clear, which I thought was excessive, but whatever. So we finally got ready to go, and when he was turning around, my buddy that was riding with us was backing his bike up our **steep** driveway, and he dumped his bike. It landed on his foot/ankle, so he's going to an x-ray. Lovelup.God is clearly telling us not to ride today. He may have broken his ankle. I hope not, but he has gone to get it x-rayed.



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He is a much more experienced rider than me. He used to go do track days at places like Talladega and Bristol, so he has pushed himself a lot harder as a rider than I have. He rides sport bikes. I ride cruisers and touring bikes. The trike is considered a touring bike. My Freewheeler is basically a Road King that has been triked. She has been triked by the factory, which I prefer to a trike kit. The Mafia Princess really wanted to trike Cherry, but I never wanted to cut my baby up. When we were looking at buying new the wife wanted a Tri-Glide, but last year was the first year Harley was making the Freewheeler, and I fell in love with the trike. Since it was going to be my only ride, my wishes took precedent. Also, the Tri-Glide starts at about \$10K more than the Freewheeler. We put the extras on the bike that got us in the Tri-Glide price range, they were extras that I would have wanted to put on a Tri-Glide if we'd bought one. Some things, like the custom mufflers, the windshield, the chrome rear bumper, and music system, were already on the bike that we wound up getting. These were mostly things we would have wanted to put on the stock one that we were at buying at another Harley dealership, but some things, like the mufflers and rear bumper are things that I hadn't thought of, and they are things I really like.

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But we went quite a way tricking her out. I have Willie G skulls everywhere, though I want able to get them everywhere Harley makes them for. I have shifter pegs, a shift linkage, gas cap, fuel gage, and brake pedal to go, and then I will have all of the Willie G accessories that I want. Then I will start with more customization. The first thing I want is

custom upholstery for our seat and backrest. That is going to run me about \$1000. We have to get a different backrest for my wife before we do that though, and that is \$332. It is made by a different custom shop. I may be able to get it with all the customization that I want when we buy that. We'll see what they will do, and how much it will cost me.

I've found the upholsterer that we'll use for the bulk of the work. He is local, and my tattoo artist knows him. He says the guy does awesome work. Coming from Steev, that is all I need to hear to know that I am going with him. Steev's recommendation is golden to me. I know the designs I want, but I am OT going to be able to get all of the exotic leather that I wanted. His price for ostrich and stingray was \$2500. Just one ostrich hide is \$450-500 on them internet. Stingray is considerably less, but I'll need at least two hides to do all the work I want, maybe three, and they cost about \$100 apiece. So I am wanting to get the price for elephant skin instead of ostrich, buffalo, and regular leather. The stingray I am willing to splurge if it is another \$200-300, but if it is another \$500 I just can't go there. As it is, it will probably be midsummer before we get the work done. It is a priority, but I have other things I want to get, too. There is never enough money, but God takes care of me. I can't complain.

@ [RIX](#):



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I spent a **lot** of time in college, but I got two degrees and a welder's certificate in that time span. And I was done when I was 27 or so. At 32 I was working as a professional software developer, though it is only my last job that I have the title of Software **Engineer**. I am learning to really engineer my code, as opposed to just writing code. There is a difference. I am finally at a company where I'm not the best developer that we have. am somewhere in the middle of the pack.

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@ [Bumr50](#):



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Damn, the Establishment Republicans are working hard to make sure that they can't ever win a Prresidential election ever again. This is ludicrous. The only redeeming thing about this article is that the people who will read this tripe are other Establishment types. But for a Party that wants to grow its voter base, this kind of thing is counterproductive. Whatever you may think of Trump himself, he is bringing in new votes to the Republican primaries. It would behoove a Party that is interested in winning to assess why Trump is popular with the demographic that

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he is bringing in, and then appeal to them. Saying essentially that his supporters should Fuck Off And Die is hardly going to win elections. That this is an insight into the mind of the Republican Establishment is the valuable lesson it provides. Understand that this contempt for the voters is not limited to simply white blue-collar workers. The Replibland Establishment feels this same level of contempt for its Conservative Base. They want our votes, but then when we give them to them and they are elected, they never deliver. They have no intention of delivering. Like the Democrats, they think their base is stupid, and they are special. We need to disabuse them of this notion. I've been saying that the Government has lost the Consent of the Governed. Trump's popularity is one measure of this.

@ [RIX](#):

I felt like a professional student I was in school for so long, but I was never paid to go to school, not even when I had my National Merit Scholarship to Florida. I did have a little money left over from my scholarship after tuition and books, but that was just \$200-300 (I don't remember the exact nut be, but I used the leftover scholarship money to buy a nicjaleather biker jacket, and that was a couple of hundred dollars). Somehow I doubt that this loser is really paid to be a student, either. He's either as Trust Fund Baby, or just freeloading on his parent's dime. I guess it is possible he has returned to school after a long absence, or he's like Coldwarrior was when he went back to school to become a nurse, but I don't think such a person would refer to themselves as a "Professional Student". My bet is he's been in school 14-15 years without managing to get a degree in anything. Maybe his trust fund cuts off once he graduates. That is about the only way I could see spending 14 years in school and not having a doctorate in something to show for it.

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OTOH, Fox News just reported him as being 22, not 32. That makes more sense. I can see being 22 and indschool. That would make his reference to himself as a "Professional Student" to be the kind of self-aggrandizement that the Left are known for. I'd have never referred to myself as a professional student, but, then again, I usually had a job while I was going to school. I didn't at FSU, though I worked during the summer every year I was there, but once I'd moved to Knoxville I had a job at one restaurant or another, and when I wasn't in summerschool I worked two jobs, one in manufacturing, where I ran a pressbreak, and then one at the restaurant that I worked at during school, which was Red Lobster for most of the rest of my college career when I was in Knoxville. It wasn't

glamorous, and it didn't pay well, but it enabled me to work my way through school, which was ultimately a good thing for me. I'd worked before going to FSU, of course, but those were mostly summer jobs. I had worked in my dad's business when I was much younger (like 8-12 years old), but Red Lobster was really my first permanent job. My earlier restaurant work had been summer work for the most part.

@ [RIX](#):



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I'd say that that is a bit misleading headline. Cruz did not support the anti-Trump protestors so much as he took issue with the harshness of some of Trump's rhetoric. As you say, comments on the other candidates are fair. Why is it then unfair to comment on Donald Trump? His rhetoric does go over the top at times, and he has told people to beat people and shit like that at times. Not Presidential, and certainly fair game to criticize.

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@ [RIX](#):

That's fair, and I think Cruz and Rubio both are making a mistake attacking Trump over the behavior of the mob, myself. Trump has a First Amendment right to speak and campaign, and by letting the violent mob deter him he is giving in to the Heckler's Veto, which is the wrong thing to do. Yeah, Trump shouldn't be telling people to punch people in the face, or beat them up, or whatever, but both Obama and Clinton have used similar rhetoric without condemnation by the punditocracy, so why should Trump be any different?



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We both know the answer to that. He is a Republican, and Republicans are held to much different standards than Democrats. That has been the case all of my life, and I doubt it started with my birth. That isn't going to change anytime soon, if ever. Trump needs to understand this. As for the assaults themselves, I don't think we really know who started the fights. In the video footage I've seen, it looks to me like the people who threw the first punch are Progressives, but I don't know that I've seen the entire altercation, so I can't say definitively that that is the case.

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In any event, I agree that Cruz and Rubio should have saved their fire for the Enemy, rather than condemning one of their own. Though my wife would disagree with me on this point I say that whatever you may say about Trump, he is better than a Democrat. We who oppose him need to keep that in mind.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

I personally think that this whole thing has been blown out of proportion. There were a few scuffles at a Trump rally, and Trump did what we always advocate against, which is to give into the **potential** threat from bullies. He should have given his speech.

That said, this rhetoric gives his opponents their **opportunity** to blame any violence on him. No, that isn't **fair**. A fair is a place they give ribbons to prize hogs. That is what I tell my karate students when they get hung up on fighting "fair". I really have little patience for people getting hung up on fairness. Fairness is at the core of the Leftists' ideology. It is **unfair** that some people succeed in life, and others fail. Their philosophy is based on the primacy of equality above all else. When you posit that something is **unfair**, you may be entirely correct, but life is not fair. Not for **anybody**.



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So I see that Cruz saw an opportunity to attack Trump, and he took it. My only serious problem with what he said is that it backfired on him. Your reaction to it is proof of . I don't see it the same way that you do because I just see it as politics. Trump himself has done worse. Look at his comments about Ben Carson, questioning, among other things, his sanity. Carson shook all of that off as "just politics", and endorsed Trump. That is probably the only endorsement Trump has gotten that makes me question whether I have misjudged Trump. Carson is probably the smartest guy in the race. If he feels that Trump would make an acceptable President, perhaps he is right.

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But Cruz's "low blow" doesn't bother me, or make me reassess my vote for him. Cruz is still the best choice for President, and I don't think it is even close. Cruz made a political misstep, but Trump has had maybe a dozen faux pas of similar or greater magnitude, and people still support him. This is really no different.



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[yenta-fada](#) wrote:

Cruz is a guy who has a history of supporting the North American Union of Mexico, the US, and Canada

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Have you got any links to him actually saying that? Everything that I've seen that asserts this relies on guilt by association, and the fact that his wife apparently works for Goldman-Sachs. Sorry, but I am not going to condemn a man out of hand just based on where his wife is employed.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

@ [coldwarrior](#):

Trump has been quoted as encouraging his crowd to assault people in the crowd, and he would **pay their legal fees for them**. That is a damned **stupid** thing to say, Cruz is **right** to call him out on it. Sure, Obama has said as bad or worse, but Democrats can get away with shit that Republicans can't. Compare Nixon and for a stellar example of that.

This is just Cruz being a politician. As I said, it was a mistake. But if Cruz deserves to be dumped over this, then you have to dump Trump over his comments about Ben Carson. Donald Trump has said so much that is wrong that I simply don't understand where his support is coming from. If you want a politician who doesn't do things like this, Kasich is your man.



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Is there blame on the protesters? Of course there is. But MoveOn.org isn't running for President. Donald Trump is. Rightly or wrongly, when he says it his followers "Punch them in the face, I'll pay your legal bills for you" it is hard to deny that he is encouraging violence. What else could he possibly mean? That Obama has done the same thing without political price doesn't matter. It is what it is, and if he wants to be President of the United States Trump needs to learn to not say things like that. If he is going to insist that he has the **right** to say such things because of the First Amendment, I will agree with you there, but he **doesn't** have the right to say things like that free of political price. His opponents will use that rhetoric against him, and if there is violence at his rallies he will be blamed for it, regardless of who actually starts it (and I really don't know who actually started the violence).

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[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

What has Trump done that was equivalent/worse?

He actually said for his followers to "Punch people in the mouth" and

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that he would pay the legal fees for anybody who was arrested for doing so. How can you get around that that is encouraging vitlence? What else could he possibly have meant? That Ted Cruz pointing out puts him putatively on the side of MoveOn.org is really no different than Coldwarrior and I opposing so-called Free Trade. That puts us on the same side as Nancy Pelosi and Hillary Clinton. Does this make us supporters of the Left? Should we suck it up, listen to our "better", shut up and support NAFTA? Or does that simply mean that we are not 100% ideologically on the Right?

@ [eaglesoars](#):

He has said similar things in the past, but the fact that he said it afterword makes it worse, because rather than trying to calm the situation down, which would have been the responsible thing to do, he was trying to encourage the violence when he knew that there were people in the crowd who would act on that. Damn, but if that is the case Ted Cruz is right condemn him, though, as I haves aid, he should have refrained out political calculation. As your reaction shows, it has backfired politically, and has cost him support.

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[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

I call it self defense.

It was till an irresponsible thing to say. when I broke up fights in the bar, I didn't encourage the surrounding people to start fights of their own. Quite the opposite. People didn't get in fights, and we never had a free-for-all, everybody against everybody kind of thing that you see in the movies, because they knew ma and Bill **would** stop them. Most fights never happened, because we watched the crowd, and diffused situations before they came to blows. Is it too much to expect a man running for the office of the President of the United States to demonstrate the same kind of common sense that every bouncer in every bar in America knows?

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

I don't blame Pam ,but no one is blaming Trump for the protesters being there. Rather, he is being blamed for specific things he has said inciting violence. You aren't denying that he said such things, only that he

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should be free of political consequences for having said them when people appear to have taken them to heart, and acted on them. It is really an apple and oranges comparison. Pam Geller isn't running for any office that I am aware of. Donald Trump is running for the office of President of the United States. There is a bit of difference in personal responsibility for your words to a crowd, and the possible consequences of those words.

@ [yenta-fada](#):

I am debating with Eaglesoars on the Trump issue right now. I'll read it when I get the chance. But I will warn you that I don't believe the conspiracy theories about the Council on Foreign Relations, and I believe I've heard most of them. My dad was something of a conspiracy believer. Just because she may have been on same kind of working group on the NAU doesn't even necessarily mean that she was in favor of it, let alone indicate anything interest on Ted Cruz's part one way or another. Me and my wife do not agree on everything politically, and we are very similar in most respects.



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@ [coldwarrior](#):

What did he toss out? People keep saying the First Amendment, but the First Amendment does not guarantee you freedom from criticism for your speech, and that appears to be what you and Eaglesoars are wanting. Cruz is a politician. So is Trump. Politics isn't beanbag. I have even agreed that Cruz made a mistake in actually voicing that criticism, but he certainly also has a First Amendment right to say it. It is kind of humorous to watch the enormities that Trump gets away with, apparently without political consequences, while Cruz is being held to a different standard. As I said earlier, I don't get where that kind of support comes from. I don't particularly think that kind of support is politically healthy for the country, but you and Eaglesoars are hardly unique in that. As I have said, if Trump is our nominee I will vote for him, but that doesn't mean that I think he would be a good President. I don't think he will be, if he actually wins the Presidency. It is just that I am quite certain that however bad he may be, he is preferable to Hillary Clinton, or Bernie Sanders, or any Democrat that will be nominated by today's Democrat Party.



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@ [yenta-fada](#):



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I am not sure what that is supposed to. Mean. I've not denied that MoveOn.org and other Leftist groups coordinated these protests, or that the protesters were not professional Leftist protesters who came there with mischief in mind. Rather, I am critical of Tramp's rhetoric, as much because he is simply setting up political scores for his enemies on both the Right and the Left by saying them, and that it is wrong to allow him a free pass while harshly criticizing anyone who points out how irresponsible these words are. At best Trump is foolish for saying such things while he is running for office of President of the United States. I would think that was self-evident, but it apparently is not. I have always been amazed at the enormities that Barack Obama got away with given the office he was first running for, and then the office that he held. That Trump is getting away with similar things with his followers is not encouraging.

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@ [yenta-fada](#):



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OK, I read enough to understand several things. Number one, what is the DC Clothesline, and who finances it? Anybody can start a web site, and publish anything. Storefront is on the web. That doesn't mean that they are a credible source. The second thing is Dr.Eowyn? Seriously? You probably don't know this, but Eowyn was a fairly major female character in *The Lord of the Rings*. That is clearly a pseudonym, and makes me ask the question why doesn't she sign her real name to this kind of expose? The third thing is her first picture showing who all was on this committee. Sure, it lists Heidi Cruz. It also lists Alan Gottlieb. Mr.Gottlieb is a big dog in Jews for the Preservation of Firearms

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Ownership. I don't know Heidi Cruz from Eve (instead of Adam), but I know Alan Gottlieb. If he is on this committee, then there is nothing nefarious going on here. It pretty much has to be the same Alan Gottlieb that I know. It isn't like he's named Robert Johnson (my real given name, though I go by Steve)



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Fist**

@ [RIX](#):

I am very open about my faith, and that doesn't make me a televangelist. I think what you are seeing is one of the huge differences in Southern Culture and Northern Culture. In the South you are expected to be Christian, and it is not unusual for people to display their faith in

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numerous ways daily. It is not at all uncommon for people around here to wish young “blessed day”. Now, most people don’t go as far as I do on that, with the Chi Rho tattooed on the back of my hand, but even the Democrat around here are usually believers. In point of fact, I was talking at the jewelry store with a Bernie Sanders supporter, and we talked about my tattoo among other things, and not only was he not critical of it, he was also very supportive of it. You probably aren’t going to run into that in the North. It doesn’t necessarily mean that people in the North are non-believers, though believers are less common in the North, but that in the North it is considered unseemly to actually display your faith beyond, say, a simple cross necklace or the like.

And completely aside, Cruz is on Fox right now, and he is really making sense.



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@ [eaglesoars](#):

She gives her full name as “Dr.Eowyn”. Doctor of what? And what is her last name, if Eowyn re

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

She gives her full name as “Dr.Eowyn”. Doctor of what? And what is her last name, if Eowyn really is her first name? There’s absolutely nothing to establish any of her bonafides.

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@ [AZfederalist](#):

There’s merit to that argument, but it doesn’t follow that the rational alternative to Cruz is Trump. Trump is, or has been, by his own admission part of what America’s problem is. He doesn’t say it quite that bluntly, but he has admitted that up until June he was part of the Establishment, buying and selling politicians with the best (or, really, worst) of them. He changed entirely in June? And speaking of change, name an issue and you can probably find a time when Donald Trump was on the opposite side from where he is running now. At least Cruz has been consistent. And he brought up a good point just now that Trump told the *New York Times* that he doesn’t believe what he has been saying, at least as far as immigration goes. That was “Off the Record”, but it is consistent with everything that we know for certain about Donald Trump. What else doesn’t he believe?

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@ [yenta-fada](#):

OK, well that's a hell of a coincidence. As for the rest of what you say, I agree, but I've been hearing since I was a kid that the CFR was the big One World Conspiracy, along with the Bildeburgers, and the UN. I don't even believe it about the UN, though they would love to be a World Government, because that would provide more opportunity for graft. The UN is utterly corrupt. There is really no debating that. But they are too incompetent to be much of a threat unleashed on our entire government. Completely sells us out, in which we should be in armed insurrection against them. That isn't likely to happen. The American Civilian Population is the largest army on Earth by far if it actually comes to it. We don't have tanks, planes, or a Navy, but there are so damned many of us. You couldn't use us to invade China, but suppressing us if the Federal Government goes too haywire is probably not doable, even if the military itself is united against us (which it would not). James Madison talks about that in [Federalist No.46](#).



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I am going to go take a shower, and then my night drugs, but I've thoroughly enjoyed the discussion. I will note that no one degenerated into calling each other names. We are all on the same side at the end of the day. Too many people are forgetting that, on all sides.



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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Groped by Allen West? I haven't heard the story, but I already don't believe it. Allen West isn't the kind of guy who goes out and gropes a woman. Joe Biden is, and so is Bill Clinton. Allen West, though? It doesn't fit all that we know about him. I guess it isn't impossible, but I am going to need someone more credible than a prostitute to corroborate the accusation, even if she does work (or did work) for Breitbart.



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@ [Lily](#):

Hey, Lily! I am feeling really good today. I slept relatively well, and have been house-bound because of rain. I really don't mind riding in the rain, but the Mafia Princess doesn't want me to while I am doing chemo. While I am going on three weeks out of chemo, she is still very protective of me. I understand that, but I really want to ride today, regardless of the weather. I did get to ride yesterday, and I intend to ride tomorrow,



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weather permitting. As for knowing how my chemo is doing, I won't know that until next week. While I had the CT scan done last Thursday, I wasn't able to schedule the endoscopy until today, and the earliest they could do it is 2:45 **next** Monday. So the earliest I will know is next Friday.

It is very frustrating to me to be stuck in a holding pattern like this. I should have been starting my fourth round of chemo today. Instead, it may be the first week of April before I start. I hope not, but I know it won't be this week or next week. I have emailed my boss about working part time through this period. I don't know if he will be able to find a small project for me.

Everything else is going fine for me. I went upstairs, and cleared all the junk from the bonus room, which we are going to turn into an office/man cave for me. I get to control all the decor, so there is a lot of Harley Davidson everywhere. There's even a neon sign/clock, and I have a line on a really cool neon sign that I am going to eventually get for one of the walls. It will cover the entire wall, I suspect. Being a bonus room, it has slanted ceilings rather than straight walls, so the wall space is limited. I have almost everything for the far wall, where there is a window. When I get the space entirely populated, I will post some pictures.

Anyway, I felt like doing some fairly heavy cleaning. All we need to do is vacuum and clean the carpet, and we will be ready to move my office furniture from our kitchen to my office. That is going to be cool.

@ [Lily](#):

Yeah, she's usually right about these kind of things. She had a year of nursing school when she was younger, and that shows sometimes. She doesn't want me to get the tattoos that I am going to get tomorrow, but on that I put my foot down. I am three weeks after my last chemo, and it looks like two to three weeks from my next one. My white cell count is normal now, and two weeks will be plenty of time to heal up before the next chemo. I am only getting three or four little tattoos on my right hand. Nothing fancy. It won't be an hour's worth of work for my tattoo artist. I am getting the Harley Davidson Empty Bar and Shield on my right middle finger in orange and gold, a Punisher-style skull on my ring finger in red or purple, and a Spartan helmet on my pinky, probably in a bronze tone. If we have time I am going to do a 5.56X45 round of

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ammunition (green tip, of course) on the ball of my right hand. That will be cool. That'll get my right hand almost completely done. I'll have the word "Self" across my knuckles themselves, as I am getting "Self Made" tattooed across the knuckles. It is more common to do something like that on the first joint of the fingers, but I had my wedding ring tattooed on my left hand over four years ago, and I have a spade on the trigger finger of my right hand from a couple of years ago, so the first joint is out. That is where I am getting the other artwork done tomorrow.

But across the knuckles themselves you don't see a lot. I also want to get a pentacle (but **not** a pentagram) tattooed on the palm of my right hand. **That'll** suck to get. It'll probably hurt as much as my ribs hurt, but I figure the pentacle will take about an hour to do, where the line job on my snake alone took 3 1/2 hours. Also, lest I forget, and I did, I am getting a Medusa head tattooed on my right thumb, so I do still have a lot of work there before my right hand is finished.

I have quite a bit more work to go on my left hand. I am getting a Samurai Helmet on the back of my left hand, a tiger's head on either the middle finger or the forefinger, and a Sanscrit symbol for the states of consciousness on either the interior of my left middle finger, or on the front side of the one that doesn't have the tiger on it. I haven't decided on what my left pinky gets.

It'll be cool when I have my hands finished. Thew Mafia Princess didn't want me to get my hands tattooed at all, and I respected that for a long time. But I just **had** to do the spade on my trigger finger. That is 100% badass. And then I felt led/compelled to get the Chi Rho on the back of my right hand. There is no denying Christ in my future. I could deny all I wanted, but the Chi Rho on my hand brands me a liar if I do. A cross not so much. Lots of people without faith get crosses tattooed on them, but a Chi Rho is a pure Christian symbol. It is, in fact, the Christian symbol that God Himself gave to Constantine.

The Cross, of course, symbolizes Christ's death, burial, and Resurrection, but it has become an almost secular symbol in America today. I don't think God made the Cross the main Christian symbol, though I could be mistaken about that. I think that was something that the Catholic Church did. Not that there is anything wrong with the Cross, just that the two Cross tattoos that I have don't mark me as a Christian as undeniably as the Chi Rho on the back of my hand does. As a matter of fact, that is **why** I got the Chi Rho. Some people here have criticized Ted Cruz for being too open about his Faith, but I have mine literally tattooed on the back of

my hand

@ [coldwarrior](#):



Iron
Fist

Hey, man, I will try to come up with something. I've got some shit to do right now, but I'll work on something tonight while the Mafia Princess watches *American Idol*, or murder TV, or whatever she watches on Monday night. I don't watch much TV, although I do watch *Ink Master* and its related spin-offs, and I am enjoying *Sons of Anarchy* on Netflix. I don't have any idea what she watches on Monday night, though. It'll be something, though. She watches a **lot** more TV than I do, which is fine. I

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don't expect us to be completely alike in every way

@ [RIX](#):



Iron
Fist

I don't see where there he actually **called for the execution of gays**. He gave a quote out of the Bible where the Apostle Paul said that homosexuals were **worthy of death**, and then basically left it to the audience the interpretation of what that means. Biblically, are we not **all** worthy of death, and even Hell? That is the whole point of Jesus's Death, Burial, and Resurrection. Indeed, the Apostle's Creed, that **all** Christians believe, states that when He was dead Jesus Himself descended into Hell. He paid the price for **our** sin. It is a pretty damned long way to extrapolate from what this preacher actually said to gas chambers and ovens for gays. You can go there if you want to, but frankly that is Alinsky type bullshit, and I don't respect it when the Left do it. n Do we **really** want to go that route on each other? That is what Rodan is doing when he makes his really vitriolic posts, and I don't like it when he does it, and I don't like Trump one little bit.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):



Iron
Fist

No, so far I haven't seen anyone asking Cruz about this other than you and RIX, and Gatewaypundit (whomever that is). Why is that? Because even for the Leftist Press where you have gone with this isn't viable. You are free to do what you want to, of course. But Donald Trump denied knowing who David Duke was, which has to be a lie, and was pretty

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damned equivocating about the whole Ku Klux Klan. If you can't see the difference there, it is a sad thing. And while, again, you are free to do what you like, I, myself, am not comfortable judging whether someone is **really** a Christian or not. Decisions about **that** are handled several orders of magnitude above my pay grade. I, myself, question whether any real Christian can support the Democrat Party, and especially question whether any real Christian can not be strongly against abortion, but **I don't get to make the decision who is and who is not a Christian**. My questions on the matter are simply my own. I would never call even Nancy Pelosi a "satanist" for her unmistakable support for abortion on demand, with no restrictions whatsoever.

And there is really no question that abortion in America is **genocide**. You say this guy was calling for the execution of all gays. I don't read it that way, but let's say that you are **right**, and that is exactly what he meant. There are between five and ten million gays in America. That would be between five and ten years worth of the abortion industry cranking out death to equal the death toll of executing **all** gays (something that, BTW, is **never** even remotely going to happen in the United States, no matter who is elected President). *Roe v Wade* has been the law of the land for what? Forty-three or forty-four years? That's somewhere between forty and fifty **million** unborn children executed, the vast majority of them simply for the sake of convenience.

And until recently, Donald Trump was an abortion rights supporter, even including partial-birth infanticide.

@ [RIX](#):
[RIX](#) wrote:

You of all people know that Jesus is love above all. Do you really think that he would condone executing gays?

Of course we are all going to die, but execution?

Look you are an exemplary dude, think about it.

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Of course Jesus would not condone the execution of gays. There is the example of the adulteress that the people were going to execute for her adultery, and Jesus put a stop to it. "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone", right? I see no reason that wouldn't apply to gays as well as adulteresses. Child molesters, though? I don't know about that. I'd?, and fortunately I learned it without coming to any harm myself. execute

them, and pray for forgiveness if I was wrong about it.

But it is a damned far reach to get to “Execute all gays”, and gas chambers and ovens from what this preacher said. You and Coldwarrior and Eaglesoars **know** that. You are using Alinsky’s *Rules for Radicals* every bit as much as Rodin does when he is waxing about how **Evil** Donald Trump is, and how all his supporters are mindless idiots, and all of that shit.

I choose not to play that game. I am treating you all with the same respect I expect for myself. That’s the way I am wired. I learned that in a far more dangerous school than debate forums on the Internet. It’s a good lesson to learn, and thankfully I learned it without coming to any harm myself. Living with an Outlaw helped me in that regard, though I’d hung out with a pretty rough crowd even when I was a teenager.

Hell, **I** was a pretty rough character myself. I’m rather proud of that

@ [RIX](#):

Sure, of he **really** believes what he now professes. But why should we **believe** in his transformation? He has changed his position on pretty much every major issue in political discourse. That is well and good, if he would articulate **why** he has changed his positions.

For example, Rudy Guiliani changed his position on Gun Control from his time as mayor of New York City, when he was very much in favor of Gun Control, and when he ran for President, when he was a vocal supporter of the Second Amendment. His explanation of his change in positions was very cogent: his position when he was mayor of NYC was **before** *Heller v DC*, when the Supreme Court decided that yes, indeed, the Second Amendment means what it says so clearly, that the Right to Keep and Bear Arms is an individual right, like all of our other Civil Rights. Because the Supreme Court ruled so, he vocally and strongly changed his position to be in accord with the state of Constitutional law.

Why did Trump change his position on the issue? He hasn’t said that I am aware of. The same goes for his position on abortion, gay marriage, and every other issue that he has changed his position on. Did he have some kind of Road to Damascus event that changed his position? That is the kind of thing that you would expect for such a huge change in



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positions, but if Trump had such an experience he has not, to my knowledge, articulated it. The simplest explanation (which we all know is **usually** the correct explanation) is that he changed his position on the issues because he decided to run for President as a Republican.

What his real position is on the issues is, at best, open to question. I don't know what he really believes on the issues, and neither does anybody else, except for himself and maybe some close advisers. You choose to believe him, while I question it. I am not saying that he doesn't believe what he says. I don't see that I have any way of knowing his real position, if any, on the issues. I would be very hesitant to vote for someone whom I really had no way of knowing what their position on the issues is. As I have said many times, I care more about policies than I do Party. Trump has the "right" Party, and he says the right thing most of the time, but what policies he would pursue as President is really a completely open question. If he is our nominee, I will vote for him, but I will do it with my eyes wide open, knowing that he may be no better than Hillary Clinton, but he certainly won't be worse, and there is the hope (and I pray to God it **is** all true) that he really believes what he now professes. I hope we don't have to find that out, but I recognize the fact that there is a good chance he will be our nominee. God help us if he is.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

The quote in question is [Leviticus 20:13](#):

If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.



**Iron
Fist**

That is they King James version of the quote, but there are a several different translations at the link I supplied. The quote is unambiguous, but I would say, as I pointed out earlier, that Jesus Himself has superceeded that Law. "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone." [2016/03/14 at 9:55 pm](#)

Back when I first moved to Knoxville I had a good friend named Larry who was gay. He knew there were certain things that would be going to far for me to accept. He was supposed to be a **beautiful** Drag Queen, but he knew that coming around me like that would be going too far, and he respected that boundary. He WA a great guy though, and a good friend. He came to me upset once because a minister whom he respected had told him he was

going to Hell because he was gay. As I told him then, I did not support his lifestyle, but who am I to stand between him and the Mercy of God? That is between him and God.

One of the central tenets for both the Southern Baptist Church, which is the Church I was raised in, and the Lutheran Church is something called the "Priesthood of the Believer". This means essentially that there is nobody that stands between the believer and God. No priest, preacher, pope, or other kind of authority figure can stand between me (or anybody else) and God.

When I was in the process of converting from the Southern Baptist Church and the Lutheran Church, I had several weeks of classes with one of our pastor interns on the basics of the Lutheran take on Christianity, and the first, and most important question I had for him was the Lutheran position on this. He showed me where that tenet of belief was a **core** part of Lutheranism.

That was my real sticking point. That is a core belief of mine, that no priest or potentate stands between me and Almighty God. I also had questions about infant baptism, which they covered, and convinced me that they are right about it, but that was never a sticking point for me.

Anyway, that is the quote from Leviticus. It is pretty unambiguous. Make of that what you will.

[coldwarrior](#) wrote:

i'm not buyin what ted is selling.



**Iron
Fist**

that said, if he's it, then i pull the lever because he wont be as bad as hillary.

And it will not surprise you to learn that that is pretty much **exactly** how I feel about Donald Trump. I suspect that if he is elected President you're going to be extremely disappointed in his performance in office. It will please me if he surprises me, bur I don't expect him to.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [RIX](#):

Good night, and sweet dreams! We've had a good conversation. At the end

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of the day we are on the same side. I'm going to head out myself. See you all in the morning.

@ [Lily](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Oh, yeah. I basically want a full body suit. I have years of work ahead of me, but I think I've gotten over most of the most painful work. I have more to do on my left ribs, but there is less area to cover there than there was on my right side, where I was getting a coverup. I don't know what we are going to do to full out my left ribs, though. I have a lot of work to do before

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then



**Iron
Fist**

@ [Bunk X](#):

Vote like a Democrat, early, often, and without shame

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@ [lobo91](#):



**Iron
Fist**

I may have to watch that. The Iron Fist comics are not where I got the idea for my nickname. I was never a comic book fan, and was not even aware of their existence when I chose my nick. I got the idea from Toranaga's CINC Toda Hiromatsu in the book *Shogun*, which is, BTW, an excellent read. I've read it four or five times over the years. The nick also has implications for my martial arts skills, and the way I would deal with America's enemies both foreign and domestic. And Motorhead has a song *Iron Fist* that really kicks ass.

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@ [rain of lead](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Good morning! How are you, Momcat, and Readergirl doing on this fine morning? I am feeling pretty good, even if I only got about four hours of sleep last night. Today is going to be a good day. I am going riding later. I will probably leave sometime between 10 and 11, and ride for a couple of hours. I'll go to one of the local Harley shops. I have no money, so there will not be any spending, but I like going to the Harley shop. I have a session with my therapist at 2:00, and then my first tattoo work since September or October tonight at 6:00 PM. I am stoked about that, even if they are small tattoos, they are still a positive step in the right direction on my tattoos.

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I love my artwork, as everybody knows, and my tattoo artist is like a brother to me. Closer than family, really, because my family is not particularly close. It is always good just spending time with him and talking. He has a good head on his shoulders. He has made a business and a job not only for himself (which is impressive enough; I've worked in small and medium sized businesses until this last job with Team Health), but for his wife **and** his daughter. He also has an apprentice or another tattoo artist working with him. Like I said, impressive. I admire people can do things like that. They are the backbone of America.

@ [RIX](#):

I am doing well. I just woke up again. I had started the post to Rain of Lead about 7:00 AM and fell asleep while I was working on it. The chemo is still taking somewhat of a toll on me, but I am **so** much better than I was. I want to do some riding today, and then I have my tattoos this evening at 6:00 PM. I can't wait. They are going to be so cool! Other than that I am just kind of hanging out. I did a lot of work yesterday cleaning the bonus room that we are going to turn into my office. Today, though, I don't have any such major tasks. I emailed my boss yesterday about some part-time work, but he didn't seem interested, or ,ore likely is unable, to get me some little 2-3 week project that I can do in between chemo treatments. I understand. Projects usually are things that take **months** to do, not weeks, and it looks like I will be knocked down and unable to work for two weeks out of every month. It is kind of hard to work with tht kind of schedule. My boss and HR have both assured me that my job was secure, and that it will be waiting for me when I am done with the chemo, but both I and the Mafia Princess worry about that./ It is kind of hard not to.



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[Bumr50](#) wrote:

Does he remove tattoos as well?



No, he doesn't offer that service. I can see where it would make sense to do that. Even I have a couple of tattoos that I've considered getting removed so that I could put something even cooler in their place. my biggest tattoo regrets (to the extent that I **have** tattoo regrets, which is not really very far) is that I did a kind of New School/neo-abstract eagle on my right forearm. If I had it to do over again, I would do that as an American Traditional piece, with an American flag and a Confederate flag, and the memorial

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banner for my best friend that was killed. I have a large memorial tattoo for him on my back. m If I had the memorial on my forearm,, then in place of the one on my back I could do a second Red Lion, and my backpiece would look a little better. But these are minor things, really. Overall, I am really satisfied with my tattoos. The biggest disappointment for me was the big demon on my right side/ribs that the Mafia Princess called the “Creepy Thing”. And it **was** a creepy thing, which wouldn’t necessarily bother me, but it didn’t come out as good as I wanted it to. That is not the fault of my tattoo artist so much as a flaw in the design of the image. But I’ve had that covered up with this huge Japanese snake that I’ve been working on for a year or more. I have about three more sessions/six more hours to go on it before it is done. It is a really incredible piece of art, and the Creepy Thing is almost completely gone. Here is the snake tattoo:

You can see why it is my favorite tattoo. Steev has outdone himself on this one.



@ [Bumr50](#):

**Iron
Fist**

It is, as I said, my favorite, and fo r good reason. It is also by far the most

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painful tattoo I've ever had. I was just about ready to tap out when we finished the initial linework on my ribs/side. That was a three and a half hour line job, and it was only the part of the snake from my armpit to my waist. It got incredibly painful before it was over. As one of my Senseis

always said, it felt good when it **quit hurting**

I didn't (and don't) want my body suit to be fully traditional Japanese work, and it is way too late for that even if I did. My body suit is going to be a very eclectic combination of tattoos, some in one style of work, some in others. After we get the snake and my Second Amendment tattoo, which is going to be on the inner thigh of my right leg, done, (Between it, my snake, another tattoo that I've had on that thigh that will sleeve the leg to the knee) we will work on my Bad Girls calf/leg sleeve. I have one gangster girl pinup with a busty chick in a short pinstripe skirt/blouse combination carrying a Thompson submachinegun on that calf, and the other two girls picked out. I told Steev that we'd use the concepts of what I found to do the artwork, but I wanted him to use his artistic judgment and make these tattoos **shine**. It is going to be cool. I still have about 30% of my body left to cover, maybe a little more. Steev thinks I have about 75% coverage, but I don't think it is quite **that** much. It could be as low as 60%, but I know it is well over simply having half my body covered in tattoos. As I've said many

times before, I love my tattoos. I can't wait to get more

@ [eaglesoars](#):

I feel the same way about Kasich. My hatred of him stems from the fact that he voted for the 1994 "Assault Weapons" Ban. I am not normally the kind of guy to carry a grudge.



**Iron
Fist**

Years ago (like about 22-23 years ago) I had a lead vocalist who was in a band with me actually steal a Berretta 9mm from me, and I didn't kill him for it. It was a damned stupid thing for him to do, because I thought long and hard about doing just that. But I came to the rational (and **right**<) decision not to kill him, on account of I didn't want to go to prison. Years later I ran into him in a bar. I would have never recognized him, but he came up to me. And again protested his iinnocence. I told him that if I was going to kill him over it I would have done so years before, but that I simply did not believe him.

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Anyway, I don't normally carry a grudge. On voting for Gun Control, though, I damned sure **do**. Like Trump, I'll vote for him if by some strange

chance he wins the nomination, but like Trump (and McCain, and Romney) I will be holding my nose.

@ [eaglesoars](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Yeah, it sounds like **some** people are losing their minds over Trump. I don't want him as our nominee, either. I want Rubin to drop out and endorse Cruz, and the same goes for that little bitch Kasich. He hasn't won a State yet, has he? I **do** hope the motherfucker wins Ohio, rather than Trump, but that is a far cry from trying to totally ignore the will of the voters. Trump isn't getting 50% of the vote anywhere I have seen, so in a contested convention I can see passing over him for somebody Olsen, though that somebody else pretty much has to be Cruz. Between the two of them Cruz and Trump **are** getting more than 50% of the vote. Indeed, they are getting more like 60+% of the vote when you combine them. If they jump over both of them to pick Rubio, a lot of people might very well bolt from the Party.

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One thing is absolutely certain. We live in **very** interesting times. I am glad I have lived to see this. I never really expected to make it to 40. Things are so great for me now, even with the cancer. I just wish that Sam would have lived to enjoy this with me.

@ [eaglesoars](#):



**Iron
Fist**

That is probably true of some of the Trump voters, maybe even a lot of them, but if Trump doesn't get the magic number of delegates, I think it is unlikely he will be the nominee. If he's got 1000 delegates, say, and Cruz has 850-900, then the PTB in the Republican Party are going to have to ask themselves who they hate more, Trump or Cruz. If Trump gets the 1237 (or whatever that number is), he's our nominee, period. Any shenanigans to deny him that place if he's won it will backfire horribly, but if he hasn't won the delegates to win it outright, then I think it is unlikely he will be the nominee. Not impossible, mind you, but unlikely.

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**Iron
Fist**

I have to go do the kitty boxes, shower, and get ready to go to the tattoo shop in a little while. It is my first tattoo since maybe September or October, I don't really remember which. While it isn't the tattoo work that I'd prefer to be doing (I'd rather either work on my snake or do the line work for my Second Amendment tattoo), but at least I am getting ink. It has been too

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@ [rain of lead](#):

He lost Ohio, thought, and that is important. He now needs to rack up something over 60% of the remain delegates to win the nomination outright. He may do that, but now that Rubio has dropped out that is unlikely. Trump hasn't broken 50% anywhere. That is significant. If Rubio's vote goes to Cruz, then Cruz is going to start beating Trump, though he may not break 50% either. I think that is likely what will happen, but we won't know until we get some primaries behind us with the narrower field. Interesting times.

On the tattoo front, I got three nice little tattoos. It took about half an hour to do. Then my tattoo artist really surprised me. After he'd finished my tattoos, he said now that he had me in his chair, he had something serious to discuss with me, and that he wanted me to keep an open mind about it. He then told me that he'd discussed it with his wife, and that he didn't charge family for his work. That he'd accept tips, but that he was never going to charge me for a tattoo again. I was floored. That is a huge thing. I feel the same way about him. He is as close or closer than family. My family is not particularly close. He will still accept tips, so I gave him \$60, which is the shop minimum. That'll go up when we get back to doing my snake and all.



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I am very honored by this. Steev is, in my opinion, certainly the best artist in my area. I've seen a lot of other people's work over the years, and Steev is consistently better than the work I am seeing from other people. I guess I probably haven't seen the work of **every** artist in the area, but I just don't see anybody beating Steev. I think he is easily as good as anybody that has their own show on TV. There are some really great artists out there, and I've seen things in magazines. That are better than at least anything that I have on me, but that is rare. My snake, and my bracelet of skulls are really hard for anybody to beat.

Here's the finger tattoos that I got tonight. They are simple designs, but that is what you have to do for tattoos on the fingers and hands. I will almost definitely have to have some touchup work done on them. That is just the nature of tattoos on the hands and feet.

@ [Bumr50](#):



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Stupid. Utterly stupid. These people vote. Many, many of these people are part of the base of the Republican Party. The contempt that the "Elite" Republicans have for their voters is one of the huge weaknesses of the Republican Party. These people have as much contempt for the people who live in rural areas as the Democrats do. It is despicable.

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@ [Bumr50](#):



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The fingers aren't as bad as the ribs, but they are worse than, say, the arms or legs. But one thing about the fingers is that they are small. You simply aren't going to do a three hour tattoo on the fingers. The back of the hand, maybe. I don't remember exactly how long my Chi Rho took. It swelled up really badly, but the pain when I was getting it wasn't especially bad. There is always some pain associated with getting a tattoo. You are, after all, having a needle jammed into your skin several thousand times. I actually like the feel of a fresh tattoo. Not the pain of getting it, but afterward. It isn't exactly painful, but it is very sensitive. Now you don't want to rub it with a towel or washrag, but rubbing it gently with your hand feels unique.

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Maybe I am weird, but that is how I feel about it

@ [Calo](#):



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Something to think about here. Now that Marco Rubio has dropped out if his voters go to Cruz, he could start rolling up the wins, and win the nomination. I am listening to some talking head on Fox say that Trump has it won, but I say "Not so fast". There are still a lot of delegates out there, and Trump probably can't get to the magic number now since he lost Ohio. That will throw it to the Convention, and Then we will see what happens. That doesn't necessarily mean that Cruz will win, but I don't see Trump getting the nomination in that case.q

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@ [eaglesoars](#):



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Good night! I took my Lunesta about half an hour ago. It takes about an hour for it to kick in. Our little gray tortie is laying between me and the Mafia Princess, wanting to be loved on. Life is good

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@ [Bumr50](#):

Not necessarily. I think part of that will depend on how close Cruz and Trump are. It is not out of the question that Cruz will be the higher number, but if they are within 100-200 delegates, and both are under the magic 1237 delegates (or whatever that magic number), then it could go either way, at least theoretically. I don't think that the GOP could bring in someone like Ryan and nominate him instead of either of the top two without enormous consequences, but picking Cruz over Trump won't necessarily have the same effect (assuming that Trump has more delegates than Cruz, which is not guaranteed at this point in the race). At least that is the way I see it. My tattoo artist was leaning towards Trump before our primary. He's not said who he voted for, and it would be rude as Hell for me to ask. But if he went for Trump, and then a contested convention gives the mantle to Cruz I don't see him bolting from the Party. He is pretty typical of the Trump supporters in terms of education, race, and so forth, so it is reasonable to take him as representative of the majority of Trump supporters. Some Trump supporters will not vote for anyone but Trump, but there are probably an equal number of people who, like the Mafia Princess, will not vote for Trump under any circumstances.



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[mfhorn](#) wrote:

Trump's negatives are so high that I think he'll have a tough race.

That is how I see it as well. I think Trump supporters are overestimating his appeal. **They** like him, and they can't see any reason why other people may not only not like him (but would vote for him if he is the nominee; this is where I stand on the Trump issue), but outright despise him and would not vote for him under **any** circumstances, even if it means that Clinton wins the race (which is where the Mafia Princess stands on it). Yes, there are certainly people who feel the same way about Cruz, but Trump's negatives are higher than anyone else in the race, on either side of the aisle. I think if Trump wins the nomination, we will lose the general election. Yes, it is **possible** that the same is true for Cruz (or any other candidate in the race. Kasich won't be the automatic winner he would like to portray himself as, either, and the less said about an Establishment ringer like Ryan or Jeb Bush, the better), but I think Cruz stands a much better chance against Hillary Clinton than Trump does, and the polls bear that assertion (which is, after all, simply my opinion on



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the matter) out.

[lobo91](#) wrote:

There is a reason they have a convention, after all, and don't decide it with a coin toss or something. Just because the nomination's been decided before the convention every year since 1952 doesn't mean that it has to be that way.

Exactly! Historically there have been several Presidents who were not the delegate leased when they went into the Convention. The most notable one of them was a man named Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln was the number two guy going into the Convention, a position that most people (and especially most Trump supporters) expect Cruz to hold going into the Convention this summer. Lincoln won on the Third Ballot, after his campaign managers promised cabinet positions to some prominent Republican leaders from a couple of swing states.



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I am not necessarily saying that Cruz would be the next Lincoln (he might be, but we can't really know that until he is in office), but rather that there is historical precedence for nominating someone **other** than the delegate leader when no one has the nomination sewn up at the start of the Convention, and that want always a bad thing. As you said, there's a reason that they have a Convention, and why they have a delegate threshold for the nomination, rather than simply saying that whomever is leading in delegates, no matter what their delegate count is, wins the nomination.

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There is a lot that can happen between now and the Convention. I really expect most Rubio voters will hold their nose and vote for Cruz, even if they don't like him, because they dislike Trump more. That is where my wife stands on the issues, and she was/is a Rubio supporter after her top pick Carly Fiorina dropped out. I was first a Walker supporter, and then Fiorina, but when each of those people was leading in the polls Ted Cruz was my number two pick. Now he is my number one pick, by far, though, as Vie said many times, if Trump is our nominee I **will** vote for him (really **against** Hillary Clinton), and I will pray that his Running for President conversion on pretty much all the issues is genuine, and he will govern according to the principles he now espouses.

@ [Bumr50](#):

All of that is true. My hope is that it winds up being Cruz, the Constitutionalist (whatever else you may think about Cruz, he believes in the Constitution) rather than Trump, the unabashed Populist, that winds up with the votes in the end. Pretty much everyone knows that our nominee will either be Cruz or Trump. Kasich has no chance at the nomination, any more than any of the 15 others who were running initially have any chance at the nomination. I am not really sure what Kasich's real goal is here, but the fact that he is partially funded by George Sores should tell you all you need to know about him. I feel about Kasich the way the Mafia Princess feels about Trump. She says if Trump is the nominee, she will do a write-in vote for someone, probably Carly Fiorina. If Kasich is our nominee by some strange, unforeseen twist of fate, I'll write in Ted Cruz. I won't vote for Kasich, not even against Hillary Clinton. I will, however, hold my nose and vote for Trump if he winds up as our nominee, and then pray that his conversion to "conservatism" is more than just a campaign ploy. I am very much afraid that that is all that it is. I guess we'll find out if he winds up as our nominee.



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[Aussie Infidel](#) wrote:

Republics however end badly because of corruption and greed by a self appointed elites who see their electorate as lesser beings. Gullible fools and morons who are open to manipulation and vote buying by paying them back with some of their own taxed money, and an impediment to the elite's cozy relationship with power privilege and money.



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Yep, that is 100% spot on, and it sounds like the Republican establishment wants to go there. Interesting times, for certain. America seems to be in the process of falling, and Donald Trump is not going to slow that fall. I don't know that Ted Cruz will be able to if he is elected, but the choice is between a Populist and a Constitutionalist. I will always prefer the Constitutionalist. It is possible for Cruz to win, still, though probably only through a contested Convention. Trump is unlikely to get to 1237 delegates either, though that is **conceivably possible**. I say unlikely, because with Rubin out, the 45-50% of the people that have been voting either for Cruz or Rubin are likely to mostly start going for Cruz, not Trump or Kasich. We want know until the elections are held.

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@ [rain of lead](#):

I don't believe that the Trump voters will be swayed by Kasich, but there is some indication. That the Republican "Elites" are considering throwing out the rules, and doing whatever the hell they feel like. Right now Kasich doesn't have enough delegates to even be in contention, as I understand the rules. You have to have won something like eight states before you can be considered. read the piece that Bumr50 posted upthread.

@ [Bumr50](#)

If this is correct (and I assume that it is, but I guess that it might be wrong) Kasich is SOL. It **has** to be either Trump or Cruz, because they are the **only** two candidates that meet the current requirements. I guess it is conceivable that the Party "Elites" will actually change the rules to allow them to do whatever the Hell they want to, but I think that'd be a damned **stupid** thing to do. It would just about guarantee that Hillary Clinton will win the General Election, but it is certainly possible that the Party "Elites" could give a shit about that.



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I have said before that I think these people are happier when they are the minority Party. As long as they get the invitations to the right DC parties and functions they don't care what policy is passed by the Congress, President, and Supreme Court. I think it is entirely possible that Mitch McConnell will fold, and let Obama seat Scalia's replacement. It is a damned shame that Scalia's died when he did.

God's will, I presume, though I don't know what God has planned for us. In the end I believe that it will be for the best, but I realize that **I** may not live to see His plan played out. I hope and pray that I do, but God's will be done, even if that will is that this cancer takes my life.

@ [lobo91](#):



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Wow! **another** Trevon? What is it with these kids? Hell, it isn't **just** the kids. The entitled mindset of these people is truly shocking. They actually **believe** that this kid had a **right** to rob this woman. I was talking about self-defense/home defense with my mother earlier this evening, and I pointed out to her that if you are home, and somebody breaks in, you have to **assume** that they have already made up their minds to kill you. You can't really know their mindset, so you really have no choice but to

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assume the worst case scenario, and to act accordingly. It sucks to be them in that circumstance, but **they** are the ones who made a **choice** to break into your house. The consequences of that decision **should** be catastrophic for **them**. Something that I always teach my karate students is that they should **never** allow themselves to be injured trying to spare an attacker the **just consequences** of their actions. This lady did good. This is a kill to be proud of.

@ [southernbound](#):

When that is what you are raised in, the morality (or lack thereof) that you are taught from birth, and there are absolutely no positive male role models in your life, your chances of making it to adulthood aren't great. Your chances of turning out to be a decent person, which is a prerequisite to making it out of the 'hood, are vanishingly small. It does occasionally happen, but those are the superior specimens. I came too close to letting gang life ruin my life not to feel for these kids. They start life with three strikes against them, essentially. My father was a weak man in a lot of ways, but he was still an influence on me to a degree. My father was a workaholic, and spent only a limited amount of time with us kids, but there is a huge difference between being a kind of absent father compared to simply having no positive male role models in your life at all, which is what these kids generally face.



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[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

The 'destruction of the Republican Party' is meaningless if WE don't win.

Exactly. I see way too many people, most of them Trump supporters, who act as though their **goal** is the destruction of the Republican Party, rather than defeating Hillary Clinton and passing a truly Republican/Conservative policy agenda. These people have their priorities all fucked up, to say the least. I want Cruz to be our nominee, and I think with Rubin out of the race that may very well happen. I will vote for Trump, though, if he is our nominee. I don't think I could bring myself to vote for Kasich, though, if the Party Elites scrap the will of the voters and nominate that bastard. If they are going to do that, I'd rather see them run Paul Ryan or Condoleeza Rice. Or Tim Scott or Allen West. I can think of any number of people that I would rather have than Kasich, and, for that matter, Donald Trump.



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Hi, everybody! I've had a busy afternoon. I had a telephone session with my therapist (it is March, the 28th anniversary of Sam's death, **and** I have cancer), after which I went on a nice little ride around the local scene. I went to one of the local Harley shops, just to look around a little, and then I went to Knoxville Wholesale Furniture.

We are converting our Bonus Room into an Office/Man Cave for me, and one of the things that we are looking for is a loveseat/settee for a place for the Mafia Princess to lay and watch TV. We want to do it in purple, so we pretty much know it has to be either a custom upholstery job, or we have to order it from these Internet. They only had two loveseats that I was interested in, and while both of them had good prices (they are running a sale on sofas and loveseats, and both of the were marked down \$200), but neither of them could be had in a custom upholstery option. Wah.

One of our other options (one that I am leaning heavily towards) is to get an anique piece, and have it reupholstered. That gives us some options for some pretty cool styles of settees, especially, and in a price range that we can afford. Of course, we don't know what an upholstery job will run. We have to weigh our options. There are some really nice pieces on EBay for \$400-800. You have to watch out, though, because a lot of the sellers will not ship the item. It is for local pickup only. I am not going to drive to New Jersey or Michigan just to pick up an antique settee. I don't understand that, frankly. It kind of defeats the purpose of putting your items on EBay, which is generally to expose them to a wider market than you could get running them in classified ads in the local paper, or selling-specific papers like what we have here, a little paper called the *Bargain Mart*.

On the way home I stopped by Arby's, and got one of their Loaded Italian subs. Very good, and while I have had to eat it slowly, I've had almost a full half of it with no complaints from my main tumor. That is tremendous progress. Three months or somago I couldn't eat **anything** without throwing it up. I went over a month without eating anything

significant. That's how I lost 40 pounds. It is not a diet I recommend Anyway, the sandwich is **great!** I will definitely have it again. And, as I said, no vomiting, or even significant pain. I just had to eat it slowly. I am very pleased.



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Well, this absolutely sucks. I had my fucking feeding tube hooked up (which I hate), sat down wrong, and jerked my J-tube completely out. So we are going back to the hospital. I will have to have surgery tonight. Lovely. Just fucking beautiful. It doesn't hurt, but I have a hole in my side that goes clear into my intestine. The Mafia Princess is on the phone to UT hospital, and from what I can hear of her side of the conversation they are fucking useless. This isn't the worst thing that could happen, but it is surely damned bad. Prayers would be appreciated.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

You and me both. Things like this are why I can't go back to work part time. I was in the hospital three days last week, and am in the ER tonight. I will have to have surgery either tonight or tomorrow. Even if they were to decide that I am eating enough to come off the J-tube, they would have to do surgery to close up the hole in my intestine and body wall. I'm fucked up. Oh, well. At the end of the day it is just a major inconvenience. Did you see upthred where I managed to eat half of an Arby's Loaded Italian sandwich, and not throw half of it up? That's progress. If I could do that all the time, I would not need the feeding tube. A lot of whether I can keep it down depends on eating it slowly. Even more, I have to resist the temptation to eat too much. Keeping the portion small enough is critical to not causing the gastric pain that causes me to have to make myself puke. That is something that I've learned through a trial-and-error process. Even then, sometimes I will have a negative reaction to food. That can even happen with oatmeal or Cream of Wheat, even though I can usually eat those two things without any problem. It is a damned good thing that I actually like both of those, even though they are essentially gruel.



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@ [texasam7](#):

Thanks, man. I'll go riding tomorrow if I have my surgery tonight. I rode around locally today. It **always** does my spirits good to ride, even if it is just around town. I absolutely love my new trike. It is a good thing that we decided to buy the new trike rather than fixing my Springer so I could ride her. It would have been far **cheaper** to fix the Springer, but the Mafia Princess would have absolutely **never** gotten on the Springer with me. Two-wheeled motorcycles scare the piss out of her. She rode one once with one of her brothers, and he scared her so bad she want on one again



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until about 9-10 years ago when she took the Rider Education Course to learn to ride for herself. That didn't work out. She was only able to complete one day of the two-day course, so she didn't get her motorcycle license. She isn't interested in riding solo, anyway, though at some point she's going to learn to ride Angel (the Freewheeler trike. People like me name their bikes. The Springer was "Cherry", a name the Mafia Princess picked out), just in case we aren't out somewhere, and sometime happens to incapacitate me.

But I love the trike even more than I loved the Springer. Cherry was a big, intimidating motorcycle. She weighed somewhere between 750-800 pounds, so when you added my weight to the payload, she was pushing (and perhaps exceeded) half of a **ton** in weight. The trike is heavier, but I am not having to hold that weight up. Cherry was a beautiful bike, and I really like a Springer front end, but the Freewheeler is essentially a Road King that has a trike rear end. A Springer is more visually pleasing to me, but I've already asked about doing a custom Springer front end, and was advised by the guys at the Harleyideap that that wasn't a good idea. That might look killer as Hell (and I **have** seen trike with a Springer front end, and even a **chopper** Springer front end), but there is no sense doing something that is going to make her difficult to ride, especially at the moderately high speeds that the Infidels want to ride, roughly 80 MPH. They don't ride crazy speeds, but do ride a little faster than I generally prefer to go. I've been hitting 80 as much as I can when I am on the road so that when I ride with the Club, I am not a drag on the Club.

I am still going to do a Hell of a lot of customization to her when I can get the money. My tattoo artist is learning about automotive painting. He is a Hell of a good airbrush artist, but automotive paint is a bit different than just doing the airbrush work, especially if you want as intricate (and as much area as I want to cover covered) work as I want. We are going to do some kind of biomechanical theme, kind of inspired by H.R.Giger, but with more of a Christian theme. Giger, if you've never seen his work, uses a **lot** of dark imagery, including some things that are bluntly Satanic in inspiration. He is **still** my favorite artist. He is incredible, and I am, or was, a pretty dark individual myself. That has changed a good bit over the last ten years or so.



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[Internet Septic Tank Engineer](#) wrote:

So fuck the IRA, fuck the IRA supporters.

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Funded by AMERICANS

Yep, especially people of Irish descent who are from the Northeast. The same Liberals who want strict gun control in the United States had no problem funding guns (including machineguns) and **bombs** for Irish terrorists. I don't see any difference between supporting the IRA, and supporting Al Qaeda or ISIS. I guess if we wind up having another Civil War here in the United States that I will hope people will fund **my** side, and I am sure that the Liberals will try to paint the Constitutionlists as terrorists, but that would be an entirely different matter than the IRA. IIRC, the IRA were also funded by the Soviet's, and some of them were essentially **Communist** terrorists. Which is probably the **real** reason Northeast Liberals supported them to begin with.

@ [brookly red](#):



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I am. I just saw the doctor, and the first thing that they are going to do is put some kind of catheter into the holes in my body wall and intestine to keep them from closing on me, and then they are going to have to replace the J-tube. I am hoping that they can do that tonight, but they may not do it until tomorrow. We don't know any more than that right now.

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@ [brookly red](#):

Thank you!

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@ [RIX](#):

Even if Trump doesn't get it the only other viable candidate is Ted Cruz. The question is which one do they hate more? Cruz is a heavy duty Constitutionalist. They might very well prefer Trump, who, as a populist instead, isn't likely to go reasserting aloof the Constitutional limits on government.

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@ [Internet Septic Tank Engineer](#):

No, because if ISIS or Al Qaeda ever starts doing enough shit like that that bothers the ordinary American, we will elect a President who won't call Islam a "Religion of Peace", and they will be on the receiving end of a

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couple of hundred thermonuclear weapons. Problem solved.

@ [Internet Septic Tank Engineer](#):

Sure you can. Maomsaid the guerrilla was a fish that swims in the Sea of the People. Al Qaeda or ISIS can't pull that off very effectively in America. Yeah, they've had some success at recruiting Americans, but start killing the bastards when you catch them over here, and that will stop. Then you depopulate the areas where they are endemic.oh, sure, the OIC will scream "Genocide!", but the UN can't do anything over our veto, same as the Russians, and we can remind the OIC that their populations can also be reduced to cinders. Sooner or later we are going to run out of Jihads. Either they will think better of what they are doing, or we run out of Muslims to kill. We have the firepower to do what it takes. What we lack is the will to do it.



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@ [Bumr50](#):

That could be, but I suspect that Cruz is going to start racking up a lot of wins. The people who were voting for Rubio have already decided that they aren't voting for Trump. Some of them may go to Kasich, but I figure that that will be a tiny minority. If the Kasich vote goes up 2% I will be surprised. The vast majority of those voters are going to go to Cruz, and Donald Trump has never broken 50% of the vote anywhere, even on his best day.



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My tablet is dying. See you all in the morning. I have to get up and call the hospital. They are going to reinsert the J-tube tomorrow. They sent me home with a catheter in there to keep it from growing shut over night. The actual procedure tomorrow will only take a few minutes. I had the same thing done last week, so I know how quick it will be. They don't even give me an anesthetic for the procedure.



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@ [rain of lead](#):

Trump's enemies are, as far as I see it, the Best and Only reason to support him. Most everything that he says convinces me that he would be an absolutely awful President. Look at his latest faux p as, that he is his own first and best advisor. First and foremost advisors exist to give you different opinions from your own. You may be right about an issue,



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or you may be wrong, but if you don't get some different viewpoints on nearly every issue, you are going to make far more mistakes than you would otherwise. Thinking that you know it all is a recipe for failure, always. I don't care who you are, or how smart you think you are. I welcome differing opinions, because I am aware that as bright as I am (I know my tested IQ, and it is unlikely that Trump has any more raw intelligence than I do. Possible, but unlikely) I can and do make mistakes on a regular basis. Having advisors that are willing to challenge your positions on issues, whatever the issue, is one of the critical things that a President needs to insure good government. He doesn't have to slavishly follow their advice (as Trump bitched about once or twice last year), but he needs to be willing to listen to that advice, even if he winds up choosing a different path than the advisor advocates. This was the inherent genius of Lincoln's "Cabinet of Rivals". Lincoln may not have had an Ivy League education, and he was never a billionaire that I am aware of, but he was a true genius at administration. That is one of the reasons he won the Civil War.

[Aussie Infidel](#) wrote:

The US drives a hard bargain and feathers its own nest whenever it has the chance. That is after all it got to be #1.... with a bit of help from its Geography, resource base **and its constitutionality**



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The Constitution is by far our greatest asset. The Founding Fathers were well beyond mere geniuses. There is no government on Earth that is set up as well as ours was. That is why the Left have been working on destroying it since the Wilson Administration. The fact that we haven't fallen long ago is a stark testimony to how well the Founding Fathers wrought when they forged our nation. There has been no political theorist, or group of political theorists before or since that rivals them. Personally, I believe that the reason for that is simply Divine Intervention. That God Himself inspired their work as they forged our Founding Documents, and devised our Great Nation. God knows we need their like today, and I am just not seeing it out of **any** of our Leadership on either side of the Aisle.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):

Did you see my excitement? Nothing quite like jerking out a surgical implant to liven up an evening. We are on the way to the hospital right

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now. They are going to work my procedure in at some point in time today. I have no idea when, though. The procedure itself takes less than 15 minutes, start to finish. Too much fun. I still hope to go riding this afternoon. We'll see. I hope that I can, because the next several days don't look good for riding at all. Cold and it isn't a mix for an enjoyable motorcycle ride.



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Well, my procedure is done. I actually slept through the procedure **without** anesthetic. This one really isn't a big thing. I am very tired, but I am not driving myself home. The Mafia Princess is here with me. I am glad that this is over with. I keep somehow typing nonsense into my tablet. Wah. I am in a wheelchair on my way to our car. Yay!

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@ [RIX](#):

It is. We are stopping by Arby's on the way home to get some lunch. I had a lot of success eating a Loaded Italian sandwich. It is good to be able to eat again, even if it is unlimited amounts.

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**Iron
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Thanks, everyone! I am seriously encouraged by being able to eat as well as I can. I can't necessarily eat just anything that I want to, but the variety of what I can eat has definitely improved. I can't wait to see what my oncologist says about my progress on the 31st.

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@ [Lily](#):

That is my intent. I am in the process of heating up another half-sandwich for me to eat. It is great to actually be able to eat a sandwich again. I tried a ham and cheese sandwich that my wife made for me a few weeks ago, and just threw it all up. I guess that was before my last round of chemo. It is hard to believe that I've already done three rounds of chemo. This year is flying by.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

I reportedly had a SWAT team called out on me once. I don't know if it is true, because by the time they would have gotten there we had bugged out. A local cop tried to hassle us at a local boat ramp in South Carolina, and I scared the living piss out of him. He ran away, and we bugged out because we figured it was going to get unhealthy for us if we stayed.

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Later two or three people who should have been in a position to know said that they'd dispatched the SWAT team to the boat ramp that night. We put two and two together. I knew I'd intimidated the cop (for one thing, I wouldn't let him exit his vehicle). I'd been unfailingly polite, but we had him well outnumbered, and while there were no guns openly carried, we had at least a shotgun and a couple of pistols without us. He left when I told him he could

[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

there is. it's called 'staying home'



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That isn't really the same. I wish there was a "None of the Above" category that would, if it won, discard the candidates for that office, and require the selection of **new** candidates entirely. Staying home simply abdicates your own personal sovereignty to the decisions made by the people who **do** show up. Those are not the same thing by a long shot.

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[Daffy Duck](#) wrote:

We are either being gamed now, or we've been getting gamed for many elections.



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The voters voted for a Revolution in 1994, overwhelmingly and without question, and the Republicans **never** delivered. They did some of the things in the "Contract With America", but then Gingrich got the bright idea to impeach Bill Clinton while either **knowing** he would not be able to get a conviction in the Senate (there were even "Republicans" like Allen Specter who refused to convict), or did not have the smarts to feel out at least the Republican caucus and some of the more quasi-patriotic Democrats to know that it was going to be the complete debacle that it turned into. Was Clinton guilty of perjury and Obstruction of Justice Swathe Paula Jones sexual harassment. Case? Oh, **yes**. Far beyond even **unreasonable** doubts, and the Democrats **all** knew that. Hell, everybody in the country knew that. But what appeared to catch Gingrich, *it al* by surprise was that because they have no integrity or principles the Democrats would not even consider the case on the merits of the charges, making the Obstruction of Justice an official political position of the

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Democrat Party.

Something that the Democrats never really paid any political price for. Indeed, impeachment brought Clinton back from the political dead, so to speak, and now his “longsuffering wife” is poised to become the first female President in American history. We **may** defeat her. I find it hard to imagine that anybody would even remotely consider voting for her, but apparently millions of my Fellow Americans have no such moral scruples or principles.

She is easily the most openly corrupt politician to ever run for the Office of the Presidency. Everybody **knows** this. It isn't just that she is the most openly corrupt politician to run forward President in my lifetime, but the lifetime of the country. To find people who are attaining her level of power while being so openly corrupt you have to go to some Third World shithole, and pick from the **many** “fine” examples, like Idi Amin, and Robert Mugabe.



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@ [AZfederalist](#):

I've been here, but no one seems talkative today.

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@ [AZfederalist](#):

I went for a little ride, but mostly stayed around the house. Since I've lost about 35-40 pounds, I seem to feel the cold more, and it was a fairly cool day to ride. Not cold enough to wear my coldsuit, but colder than I would ride just for pure enjoyment.

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@ [lobo91](#):

I loved the first movie, but never got around to seeing the second. It seems to me that they'd used up all of the story potential in the first one.

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@ [AZfederalist](#):

Cool! Is that some kind of steam engine? I don't know that much about engines or motors. When I was a kid if you couldn't kill someone with it mechanical things didn't particularly interest me.

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@ [Bumr50](#):

I'll have to check it out, then. I've got Netflix (thanks, Eaglesoars!), but I don't know what all is available through it. The series that I really want to check out is *Game of Thrones*. Martin himself may be a moonbat, but the books from which that series is taken are some of the best fantasy bookshops I've ever read.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):

Lovely. It sounds like it's been that kind of day. I almost had another bike accident when I was out today. I was turning left again, and caught a rear wheel hard enough to knock my foot off the right floorboard, but this time I knew how to deal with it. Instead of planting the foot to push myself back up I yanked that motherfucker out of the way, and back onto the floorboard. I'd be lying if I said that it didn't shake me up a little, but I simply thanked God that there was no accident. I figure the experience I had last summer taught me something about what to do when that happens, too, but I hadn't had an opportunity to test that until today. I just let myself get distracted, which is never a good idea when you are on

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a bike (or strike, or moped, for that matter). After surgery yesterday (minor, to put in another J-tube) the Mafia Princess didn't really want me out on the bike today, anyway. If I'd had an accident, she'd have really been passed off at me.

@ [AZfederalist](#):



Cool! Yeah, early engines were pretty much free from safety measures. They relied on you being alert, knowing what the hell you were doing, and **luck** to work with them and not get injured. Manufacturing equipment was the same way. That has gotten much better, but manufacturing can still be hazardous. The summer after I graduated from High School, I spent a good part of the summer working for Owen's Steel Company, the people who employed my dad. They were a structural steel manufacturer. My dad was a steel detailer, which is kind of a step up from being a draftsman, but somewhere below being a civil engineer. I did a little of that when I was a kid, and found it mind-numbingly boring.

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That was what I was doing there that summer, though. I was doing things like cleaning out warehouses of old drawings of buildings and

bridges, sorting through other storage rooms of similar things, and so forth. Strictly scutwork, for minimum wage. But one week of that they put me and the other college bound kid I was working in out in the plate shop, where they turned raw sheet steel into cut and drilled plates, as the drawings called for it. All we were really doing was still just manual labor scutwork, but in a much hotter, more hazardous environment. Cutting heavy sheets of steel into smaller, but still heavy, steel plates for use in buildings and bridges is a very unforgiving work environment. Nearly everybody that I was working with was missing a tip off of some finger or the other. We wore steel-toed boots to protect our feet, but you can't wear steel armor gloves to protect your fingers. It was a miserable work environment.

I'll never forget it, though, and I'll never forget that one of my Co-workers (who happened to be black) taking me and the other kid aside on our last day there, and telling us that he hoped we'd remember how **miserable** that job was, so when we got to college we would work hard at learning, so that we would never have to work in an environment that challenging again. He wasn't being bitter, or snide. He was just giving us good advice. As it turns out, I wound up working as a welder for a little while at the Chesapeake Paper Company in Virginia. That's how I made the money to pay for my last year of my Bachelor's degree, after personal reasons (namely divorce from my first wife) made it impossible to stay at FSU. My scholarship was paid for by the State of Florida. I might could have transferred it within the State of Florida. I don't know that I could have, though. But in any event I had to move back to Tennessee to help take care of my grandparents. I really don't know how they would have continued living on their own there in Maynardville if I hadn't needed a place to go. It worked out well for all of us, but no scholarship and then UT wanting to charge me out-of-state tuition meant that I had to take a couple of years off from college. So I went to welding school for a while. I was never one to just make do where I was, though I didn't always know what was really forward progress versus what was just spinning my wheels.



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@ [coldwarrior](#):

Cool! Have a good evening, and may tomorrow be less eventful for you.

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@ [AZfederalist](#):

Yep, and that day may come before we know it. We have now exactly the

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Fist** kind of government that many of the Founding Fathers warned us about. They have lost the consent of the governed, and so much of our populace has been so dumbed down by public education that they don't even realize what that phrase means. The government gets away with it because rather than take on the whole citizenry, they take on individuals, and the majority of the people will dismiss it as none of their business. I don't know what to do about that. We are pretty much all suffering under this government, but they keep the suffering to tolerable levels, so the people tolerate it.

[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

But there is no guarantee that things might not spin out of control the other way. And then liberals would be well advised to ask themselves who will be willing to fight and die to preserve their power and policies. In contrast, **there are an awful lot of people willing to fight and die for their religion and our Constitution.**

You can count me in that number, and I am a well-trained warrior. I recognize, however, that a warrior needs people to watch his back. No man **is** an Island, unless he is a whack-job like the Unabomber (and what did Ted Kazinski **really** accomplish, besides getting himself room and board at the taxpayer's expense for the rest of his life?).



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When I was a kid I attracted like minds, and five of us formed a core gang that pretty much looked out for each other, and there were a **lot** of other people who were willing to fight on my side depending on what the issue was. I was bold and bloody, and just like I didn't wind up having to hit very many people to keep the peace in Buzzy's bar, I didn't get in too many fights after it became common knowledge that I **always** carried a knife, and sometimes carried a gun (but never to school on the gun).

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Now I am wanting to join the Infidels Motorcycle Club. They are mostly ex-military, so they know how to fight. They **aren't** a 1%er Club or "gang" of any kind, and I am cool with that. But we talked about where this country is headed, and at least the guys I met were all on the same page as I am, pretty much. Not all of them are men of faith, though I suspect that in this area more of them are than are not, but they have men and resources. I won't be in command here the way I was with my old gang, but frankly that didn't turn out too well in the end. I will be

happy to do my part in the ranks under the nominal command of those more suited to the task than myself.

The big place where I fucked up when I was a kid was that I insisted on being the leader in pretty much in everything that I did. When I didn't make it into West Point or Annapolis I pretty much decided that the military was not for me. That was a **huge** mistake. Bare minimum, I should have gone on into the Marine Corps reserves as a tanker, done boot camp that summer, and then gone on to FSU in the Fall. That opportunity was there, but there was a girl, and I was very disenchanted with the military. What I would do in hindsight is join the Marines as just a grunt, but with Infantry as my primary MOS instead of tanks, and shoot for the Scout/Sniper job as an enlisted man.

The truth is that being an officer probably wouldn't have been the best use of my talents. OTOH, being a **sniper** would have been going a **long** way towards making me the kind of man I wanted to be, and **still** want to be. My 35 years of Martial Arts experience have succeeded where in my 20s I was failing at it, though I never gave up trying to push myself forward. I have always been a goal-oriented person, and that has given me the sand to stand up to all of their harshness in my rather difficult life, and not **completely** cave under the pressure.

Now I have cancer. As I understand it, it is the most aggressive type of cancer cells, but in terms of severity right now I am somewhere in the middle. My cancer is Stage 4 esophageal cancer, which means it **has** metastasized and spread, but so far that spreading has been limited to two spots of cancer in my skin, and possibly into parts of my mesentery. If the stuff in my mesentery **is** cancer (Dr. Taylor didn't biopsy any of the nodules that she saw) it is not far enough along to show up in the PET scan I had in December. There is, therefore, reason to hope that **that** isn't cancer.

In any event, I consider myself to be pretty fortunate, all things considered. The cancer hasn't spread to any of my other organs. This shit **could** have spread to my liver, or bladder, or, worst of all, to my brain. Brain cancer scares me more than any other form of cancer, even pancreatic cancer. This is because that while pancreatic cancer is basically a death sentence, you are not changed **mentally** by pancreatic cancer. Brain cancer can cause **radical** changes in your personality, depending on the parts of the brain that it is effecting. I'd rather have terminal cancer, as bad as that would be, than to see my fundamental **self** be changed by a disease. Yes, I **have** radically changed some aspects of my

personal being under the influence of the Mafia Princess and, even more importantly, God's powerful influence, but that kind of change is different than personality changes that come about from the workings of a disease.

[AZfederalist](#) wrote:

Stirring up rednecks and people in flyover country will not end well. For the most part, they are going to just ignore the rules and get on with their lives (e.g. the 55 MPH speed limit). You start aggressive enforcement and it will not go well for you.

Indeed. Gun control is one of those issues. While Fedzilla was starting to get heavy-handed about enforcing gun control (specifically the NFA) in the early 1990s, those incidents at Ruby Ridge and Waco were such debacles that Randy Weaver was found innocent of any crime for his killing the US Marshall that murdered his son right before his very eyes.

Shortly thereafter the Republicans wrested control of the Legislature from the Democrats, and have controlled it for most of the last 22 years. Even when the Democrats were the majority in both Houses, and held the Presidency they did not attempt to pass more gun control. The votes weren't there amongst the Democrats, no matter **what** the Republicans would do about the matter. Diane Einstein tried to bring up her "Assault Weapons" ban, and she barely cracked 40 votes in a heavily Democrat Senate.

Now, the BATFE and other Federal and State law enforcement agencies will go after you when you are being too obvious about your breaking the law (who was it that caught Leland Yee? A brief search finds that it was the FBI), and, of course, you don't want to be in possession of a machinegun when you are pulled over for a traffic stop, let alone for anything more serious. But the warrentless sweeps for weapons that were being bandied about in the early part of the Clinton Administration never materialized, probably because of the way the Democrats crashed and burned following their passage of the probably unconstitutional "Assault Weapons" ban in 1994, right before the election, which meant that the voters were still angry about it when they went to the polls a couple of months later.



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[lobo91](#) wrote:

As someone who spent 34 years in uniform, I really don't react well to being called a traitor...

I didn't see that specific conversation, but that kind of shot is **way** over the line. Sadly, it doesn't surprise me to see that Speranza would go there with you, despite his assuredly knowing about your service. The concept that the President can't give the military whatever orders he likes, and that they will carry them out no matter what those orders happens to be probably hasn't crossed his mind (like it apparently hasn't crossed Tramp's mind). One of the things that I remember from working as a CAT-P (Civilian Attached Personnel, a designation that does not appear to be in use any longer. My brief Google search didn't find that for the definition for that particular acronym) was how they emphasized that orders could very well be illegal, and that you were not to obey unlawful orders.



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The main example I recall being given was something like an order to round up all of the civilians in a given area, and **shoot** them. I would consider an order to round up all of the firearms in an American city to be a similar illegal order. It is one thing to order disarming enemy civilians in occupied territory (who are not Americans, and therefore don't **necessarily** have the same rights as Americans in America do), and another to order them to disarm American Citizens on American soil.

@ [RIX](#):

When I was in the ER last Thursday night my nurse was an ex-Marine with two tours in Iraq and one in Afghanistan, and he said he left in 2008 because the handwriting was on the wall for where the Obama Administration was going to go with the military. He said everybody he knew who was in the Service had already gotten out, or were planning on getting out when their last hitch was done. Obama, like all Liberals, hates the military. His Social Experiment policies are designed to weaken the military, not to strengthen it. The handwriting is indeed on the wall about today's Left. Obama makes Jimmy Carter look like FDR, who at least know you fought wars to win them.



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@ [coldwarrior](#):

This is, in a word, crazy. I think Donald Trump will be a bad President. I have lots of good reasons to think this, but we can't really know until he has the job. OTOH, I know what kind of rolling disaster Hillary Clinton will be. I don't think that America can withstand four more years of Obama's Leftist policies. However bad he may be, Trump will still be better than Hillary. I held my nose to vote for McCain and Romney. The Establishment can hold their nose to vote for either Trump, or, preferably Ted Cruz.

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[coldwarrior](#) wrote:

. He also likes the fact that a number of "world leaders" have expressed concerns over a potential Trump Presidency: "He must be doing something right if the elite doesn't want him."

I hear that a **lot** from Trump supporters. It is, I think, his biggest draw. If the Obama folks hate him **and** the DC Republicans hate him, he must be doing something right. That is not solid logic, any more than it follows that if the Left hate someone the Right **must** support them. The logic in both of these statements is simply fallacious. It is quite possible for the Left to hate someone who is actually despicable, and for the Power Elite Republicans to hate him for similar reasons.



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I am not positive that is why both sides hate Trump, but it is certainly an option. There are a number of things that bother me about Trump. I have detailed them here at length, so I won't bore you all with a repetition of my points. I will only say that my objections to him remain the same. Trump is going to have to do more if he wants to win my enthusiastic vote. I will vote for him if he is our nominee. I have said that many times. But I will be holding my nose to vote for him every bit as much as I held my nose to vote for John McCain.

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Well, I am home from the hospital, and the results from my Endoscopy are mixed. The tumor is somewhat smaller, but not gone. It is still restricting my esophagus quite a bit. That is why I am still having pain and difficulty eating. However, it isn't growing anymore, and the doctor said that it is ulcerated. He biopsies it to see if what he is looking at is still active tumor, or if it is dead tissue. I am hoping for the dead tissue, but I won't find out until the biopsy comes back. I am still feeling very

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positive about my eventual health. I am halfway through chemotherapy. It would really be too much to expect that the tumor would already be gone, and I didn't expect anything different from the results that I got. Thanks to all for your prayers and support.



@ [eaglesoars](#):

Thanks! Yeah it has happened quickly. This year is flying by. I've done
OK, with a lot of help from God

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[RIX](#) wrote:

Kasich continues this ridiculous charade, even though every single remaining delegate will not get him the nomination. The Party has to be encouraging him , or he is a loon.



It isn't out of the question that **both** of these are true. Kasich has as much chance of getting the nomination as I do. He should drop out and endorse either Cruz or Trump. It is going to be one of these two. I, rather obviously, prefer Cruz. He has always been in my top two or three. I will be very pleased if he gets the nod. While it is still **possible** that Trump will win it outright, but most likely we are looking at a contested convention. I do agree that if the Party Elites force through someone other than Cruz or Trump it will destroy the Party. It will be interesting to see where the Party Elite fall, because I think they hate Cruz more than they hate Trump. Trump, after all, has been among the ranks of the Money Men far longer than he has been a Populist "Outsider". Interesting times. We live in interesting times. It is a great time to be alive.

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[eaglesoars](#) wrote:



Beck should be more like Obama who stated even HE 'doesn't believe my own shit'

Actually, the Obama quote, as I recall it, was that he said "[I actually believe my own bullshit](#)". I remember it as a moment when Obama actually told the unvarnished truth. It is so rare that he actually isn't lying that I remember it even though it has been years ago.

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[coldwarrior](#) wrote:

jim morrison had a line a while back relating to what yer getting at:

'they got the guns but we got the numbers. gonna win. yeah we're takin over!'



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it up to you to ponder the numbers.

And the American people have the guns. Somewhere between 300 million and half a **billion** guns in fact. And ammunition out the kazoo. In sheer terms of armament the US civilian population has more firearms that all of the other armies in all of the world **combined**. We don't have many heavy weapons, though I've got a friend who as a fully legal fully automatic M-2 heavy machinegun. But in terms of small arms we outdo everybody.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

I'll second that. We could have had all of Mexico as a US territory after the Mexican American War. We had, IIRC, marched troops into Mexico City. We took the Southwest, and Left Coast, but returned the bulk of captured land. We didn't want it then, and we don't want it now. I'd not complain if Obama gave California back to Mexico. With all their Sanctuary Cities and shit, they'd just be formalizing what has already happened.



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@ [Buckeye Abroad](#):

I'm certain that Islam had nothing to do with this. Islam is a Religion of Peace®. My bet is on militant Amish warriors. Everybody knows how



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brutal the Amish can be...

I wonder if these were homegrown Mohammedans, or if they were imported "migrants", or a mix of the two? I see all three as being equally likely.

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@ [Iron Fist](#):

I couldn't get the link to the Telegraph to load, so here is the [BBC on the explosions](#). There appear to have been three total. Two at the airport, and a third at the Maelbeek metro station, which I take to be a train station. The BBC article says that it was most likely a suicide bomber. Like I said, militant Amish. It has to be the Amish.

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[coldwarrior](#) wrote:

that rail station sits about a block from the EU hq.



Yeah, I read that in one of the articles. The Mohammedans are very good at picking symbolic strategic targets, but much less strong at picking straight-up strategic **military** targets. I guess that is part of asymmetric warfare, because your political aim in asymmetric warfare is not to destroy the enemy in the field, but rather to sap the enemy's will to resist. It is kind of like these tough man contests where non-martial arts types get in a cage and go at each other for 15 minutes. You aren't going to see impressive technique, but people are still getting stomped.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Yeah, I almost definitely have more Native American blood in me than that. My mother is a quarter Indian, which would make me an eighth, but then there is clearly Native American blood on my father's side of the family, we just don't know how much. I would like to do the DNA test that Ancestry.com offers sometime, but right now we can't afford it. In any event, I have enough Indian blood in me for these racist fuckers to take note of it, and I think this is total bullshit. It is racism straight up. Can you imagine if the races were reversed, and they were trying to take a white child away from Native American parents because they felt that the kid wasn't getting enough exposure to the culture of the White Race? Damn, skippy, but the Left would be losing their minds over it. This is exactly the same thing. The Left are hardcore racists, through and through. They denounce "racism", of course, but it is only white

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“racism” that they are really condemning. Blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans, Muslims (even though Islam is not a race), and so forth can be as bigoted (and even violent about it) as they want. This is, in and of itself, anti-White racism. It is time to start calling it what it is. The Left have been working for 40-50 years to legitimize anti-White racism in the United States to make it socially acceptable to hate Whites, and to even teach this bigoted shit in schools.

It is way past time to put a stop to this. We are a democratic republic. It is supposed to be that the **majority** rules, not the Divine Right of Minorities. We need to radically change the direction of the country. I do not trust Trump to do what he says he is going to do. He is very free with his promises, but actually implementing them is another matter entirely. I am still hoping that Cruz is our nominee. We will see what happens.

@ [Bumr50](#):

He’s a real piece of shit, but we already knew that. It is interesting to me to see the clear revulsion that Pat Caddell has for Obama. It might not be hatred, but he clearly sees Obama for what he is. While I haven’t heard him say that he believes that Obama is doing allow of this deliberately, I don’t see how he could come to any other conclusion. He just isn’t saying it aloud for some reason.

But, then again, you don’t hear either Trump or Cruz making that point, either. Rubin was the only one anywhere that I’ve heard with the stones to state the obvious. Everybody else wants to say how **incompetent** Obama is, but this is not incompetence. He knows **exactly** what he is doing, and he is pleased with the “progress” he has made.



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And the Democrat Party as a whole is satisfied with what Obama has wrought. That is why both Hillary and Bernie Sanders are running on the platform that they will be Obama’s Third Term, and continue his policies. If they **didn’t** like the results of Obama’s policies, they damned sure wouldn’t be running on said policies. This is why I say the Democrats are **Evil**, not misguided. There are Democrats who are decent people. My Sensei in Kobudo was such a man. But he had his limits with how far he would support the Democrats. For example, he did **not** vote for Al Gore in 2000. He didn’t vote for Bush, either. That was a bridge too far for him.

It is a similar position to the one my wife takes on Donald Trump. She

went vote for Hillary, but she will write in someone, probably Carly Fiorina. I, myself, will hold my nose and vote for Trump, and pray that he turns out to be as "Great" a President as he says he will be. I see little evidence that that will be the case, but with God's help, if he is smart enough to ask for it, he **can** live up to his hype. With God **all** things are possible. I am living proof of that.

@ [doriangrey](#):

It is way past time for that, though I don't expect to see it happen. People are more comfortable not knowing what is really going on. They would rather watch American idol, or shit like that, than the evening news. And they really aren't going to spend the time doing the research to see how far off course the United States is now. Not everything that we've done for the last 50 years has been a mistake, but I would say somewhere around 80% of what we've done was the wrong thing to do. The only really good President we've had in that time frame was Ronald Reagan, and he had to deal with a Democrat Congress for his entire term. With some luck, that won't be a problem that Ted Cruz faces.



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Fist**

Totally OT, but how's your brother doing? I know you were saying he took being diagnosed really hard, which is something that I completely understand. You have to shake that off, though. So many of the professionals who have been taking care of me through my cancer treatment have told me how important keeping a positive attitude is in having a successful treatment. I am fortunate. I have a very direct, personal relationship with God after all the life I've led. I am certain that God will see me through this. That doesn't necessarily mean that I won't die, though I don't really **expect** to die. I pray for your brother, that he'll be healed, as I pray for myself to be healed. The doctors these days really do perform miracles on a regular basis.

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@ [doriangrey](#):

That is good to hear. My oncologist has never discussed the mortality rate for people with my kind of cancer. The 5-year survival rate is pretty grim, but I expect to beat the odds. I am doing OK with my treatment. I had an endoscopy on Monday, and the tumor is somewhat smaller, and he said it was ulcerated and all. He thinks there is a good possibility that a lot of the tissue that he says is dead. He did another biopsy to see if that is the case. I am praying that he is right about that, and it is a dead tumor he was looking at. I still have three more rounds of chemo, at least. I



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don't know if my oncologist will want to change my chemo regimen it not. I see him next Thursday (not tomorrow, but the following Thursday), and should know more then. I expect that I will be in the hospital the week following that. I certainly hope to be. We had to wait for a long time on the endoscopy, so that has delayed my treatment. Oh, well. You play the hand you are dealt, not the hand you wish you had.

@ [Aussie Infidel](#):

That sounds like something I could have written. I agree completely. There are two groups that badly need killing: the Leftists (of any stripe), and the Islamists, including the people in the Muslim Communities who support the terrorists. For both parties we should have a policy to simply kill them where we find them. I don't see that happening any time soon, but eventually enough people are going to get tired of the pleas for "Understanding", and the efforts to "Coexist" with people who live to kill us, and we will get serious about fighting this war.



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[RIX](#) wrote:

It is making my teeth itch watching the "peace and understanding" rallies in Belgium



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Me, too. What is it about the fact that **Islam is a violent religion**, and **Muslims for the most part support these attacks** that these people don't get? It is a willful ignorance that glories in its fantasies of "Peace and Understandings" that ignores the fact that our enemies understand us quite well, and they want to kill us from that place of understanding.

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@ [The Other Les](#):

Then there is this one:



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@ [lobo91](#):

Exactly. Deterrence requires the belief that you will use your nuclear weapons under certain circumstances. Obama has essentially taken nukes

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completely off the table, including changing our declared doctrine that we would use nuclear weapons against anyone who used chemical or biological weapons against us. I think our official posture is that we would use nuclear weapons against anyone who used them against us, but I know of no reason why anyone should believe that we would really do so with Obama at the helm. In truth, we should have used them against Afghanistan after 9/11. Not so much because we would advance our military objective by incinerating their cities, but rather as an example of what we would do to anyone who murdered thousands of our civilians. I advocated that position starting on 9/12/2001, and I have seen nothing to change my mind about that.



@ [AZfederalist](#):

That's because breathing is done by the autonomic nervous system. Like the heartbeat, your breathing is automatic. If it wasn't, Sheila Jackson Lee would surely have died by now.

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@ [AZfederalist](#):

I know. My comment was equally sarcastic

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@ [mfhorn](#):

With bears, they don't fear humans. You are just part of the food chain. That is what makes hunting bears such a trip. Sometimes when you are hunting the bear, the bear is hunting you. My dream hunt would be to go to Alaska and hunt Kodiak bears. One day maybe I will have the opportunity to do that?

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[AZfederalist](#) wrote:



Sad, isn't it? Their grandparents and great grandparents must be shaking their heads and figuring out how to kick the butts of their own children who let these snowflakes grow up to be such fools

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It is unreal to me, and it hasn't been a terribly .long time since I was in college. I graduated with my final degree in 1997, and then returned to college for one course (in the Java programming language) in 2001, so I was actually attending college only about 15 years ago. This is a **massive**

change to have happen to the culture in such a relatively short period of time. Where did it come from? It has to have come from the public schools. That is the only place that children could become so indoctrinated with a fundamentally anti-American world view. I remember being taught that toughness and a will to win were **American** traits, and those who were weaker were to be protected, they were not seen as being **special** because of their weakness. Not it seems that the kids revel in being pansies, shrinking violets, or whatever your favorite term of contempt for someone who is weak by **choice**. There is a whole world of difference between a handicapped kid, and someone who is choosing weakness as a political statement. The former is to be protected, the latter is to be ignored at best (for them), or destroyed out of hand if they become too obnoxious.

@ [Mojambo](#):

It isn't just the Fox poll. Every poll I have seen except for one has Clinton beating Trump. Every one of them. I think it is safe to call the one poll where he beat her an outlier. OTOH, most (though not all) polls show Cruz beating her, though Kasich beats her by a higher margin than Cruz. Ideologically, though, I much prefer Cruz to Kasich. And, of course, I prefer Cruz to Trump. I will vote for our candidate no matter who it is, even if it is Kasich, whom I simply cannot stand. This election is too important. The country cannot stand another four or eight years of a Democrat President. The Democrats are just too destructive to the body politic.



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[This is interesting](#). Apparently there was a big Second Amendment ruling at the Supreme Court, where a Unanimous Court ruled that the Second Amendment applies to weapons that didn't exist in 1789. This sounds like common sense, but that is the exact argument that gun controllers rely on when they want to go after semiautomatic weapons. That it was a Unanimous decision is the most interesting thing about it.



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@ [RIX](#):

What better way to hide your fingerprints? This is awfully convenient for Donald Trump. Several others have asked why this hasn't come out before now. That is not an idle question. It seems like they are always able to get some woman to claim an affair or sexual misconduct against a conservative when they need it. Witness Anita Hill. No one asks if they



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are telling the truth, even when, as it was with Anita Hill, fucking well obvious that she is lying. Are these women lying? Who knows? But it kills me to see the same people who alleged sexual harassment against Clarence Thomas saying that credible accusations of sexual assault and even rape are “just about sex” when it comes to Bill Clinton, and are then back to that is shows a fundamental flaw in their character when it becomes a conservative that is again accused. It is very convenient.

@ [Calo](#):



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Fist**

People that want Cruz gone will say this is the end of the world for him, while others will note that it is from *The National Enquirer*. I guess maybe the *Enquirer* is as reliable as the NYT, but that hardly advances the case that it should be considered a reliable source. 48 hours seems the least we could give the story.

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[RIX](#) wrote:

The thing about Cruz is the more that I see of the guy the less that I like him.



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I'd say the same about Donald Trump. He has never particularly impressed me, and since his deciding to run for the Republican nomination my opinion of him hasn't changed. He may very well be our nomi see, and if he is I will vote for him, but **if** he wins the election, he will be a bad President. Just not quite as bad a President as Hillary Clinton would be.

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@ [RIX](#):



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[Ted Cruz is denying this, of course](#). This kind of attack is a favorite of Democrats. It is like when LLBSsaid something about Goldwater that was patently false, just to hear Goldwater deny it. Because if he is denying false accusations, he is not furthering his agenda. What actual solid evidence do they have here? And Z, while we are at it, what happened to the mantra we've heard so much that adultery is about sex,, and sex doesn't matter. That this would be a matter between him and his wife? I guess that counts only when a Democrat is the accused. Same goes for innocent until proven guilty.

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[RIX](#) wrote:

However, I do not believe for a minute that Cruz was not complicit in the pro Cruz Super PAC posting the nude of Trumps wife.



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I'm with Eaglesoars on this. If Cruz really was instrumental in publishing those pictures, it notonly would be enough to turn me against him, it would be a **crime**. I realize that if he was a Democrat, that wouldn't matter, but if Cruz is guilty, **he** will be charged with violating campaign laws. I don't think you are going to see Cruz indicted over this, though. He is smart enough not to do something like that. In fact, I'd be interested in hearing where the money behind this Super PAC comes from. I don't discount t the possibility that these people were set up to do this, and to make Cruz look bad in the process.

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@ [RIX](#):

Good morning! It is my wife's hair appointment day. Her hairdresser is a guy who was a karate instructor for me about 20 years ago. He's a Second Degree Black Belt, while now I'm a Fourth Degree Black Belt in Isshinryu (the martial art that we have in common). I also have a Second Degree Black Belt in Arnis, which is Filipino stick and knife fighting, and am ranked as a Master Instructor in Wheeler's Method of Pressure Points, which is my late Sensei's own system of Kyushu Juts, which is using the science behind Traditional Chinese Medicine (acupuncture/acupressure) for the purpose of combat.



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That is my highest rank, and Sensei's hung that on me when I was a Brown Belt. He, quite correctly, said that I'd attended the Master's Series seminars as much or more than anybody else studying in that advanced seminar series (it was a two or three year course of study), so he promoted me to the second highest rank in the system. There are best martial artists in the country.ly two people in the world that outrank me in that system, both of whom are my Sensei now. I'll stand that rank up against anything anyone else has, and I will come off looking good. For what rank is worth. Master Wheeler was a Tenth Degree Black Belt, and Rick Moneymaker, the Dragon Society Grandmaster who also signed my certificate, is a Ninth Degree Black Belt in Torite Jutsu, and also a Ninth Degree Black Belt in Okinawa Kempo. He is one of the best martial artists in the country. I have studied with some of the best out there, and am still study g with some of these people.

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Anyway, I now outrank my former instructor from when I was a Kyu have, for what rank is worth. He didn't want to learn the kobudo (traditional Okinawa weapons, namely the Bo, the Sai, and the Tonfa) that is required for higher rank. Also, he has peripheral neuropathy all over his body, so he has taken a beating from his health kind of like I have. He is a really good hairdresser, though. The Mafia Princess has been going to him for ten years. Ever since she moved out here from California. It is good to send work his way, because he's a personal friend in addition to having been someone who helped shepherd me through my Kyu ranks.

He's also one of three people that I had to fight in my Black Belt test. He was a **very** good point fighter back then. I want a bad point fighter, but I also want really good at it. You have to learn to do things by reflex in the ring that will get your ass slaughtered in a street fight. I've always trained as a street fighter, even when I was a kid, though I used to be able to do spinning kicks, and shot like that, which are the kind of techniques that I am talking about that can get you fucked up real quick in the street against someone (like that Outlaw that I roomed with in Virginia) that knows what they are doing in a street fight.

@ [RIX](#):

Thank you so much, man! It means so much to me to have the prayers and well-wishes that I am getting from all over the place. I believe that with God's help I will beat this sshot. I don't believe that God has brought me through all that he has brought me through only to let cancer cut me down in the prime of my life. If He does, well, His will be done. But if prayer can change the mind of God (and the Bible indicates that it can), then if He'd decided to snuff me, maybe He will change His mind. None of my doctors have said anything about this being terminal. Only that it is a difficult road ahead of me. I've been through much worse than this. And Happy Easter to you! This is a glorious time of the year, though we don't celebrate the Resurrection of Christ the way we celebrate His birth at Christmas. I don't really understand how that happened in the Christian West, but that is the way things have been for a very long time.



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@ [lobo91](#)

Thanks, I'll check them both out. I generally don't watch TV, but it

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sounds like Netflix has some good original work that they are doing. I also want to see *Game of Thrones*, but they don't have that on Netflix. If they did, I'd be into it, I am certain. I watched the first three or four seasons of *Sons of Anarchy* back of this I intend to complete the series, I just have been doing other things with my time after I finished the last season that I've done so far.

@ [Bumr50](#):



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Fist**

Good morning! Afternoon now I am resting a little bit at the Mafia Princesses' insistence. We need to go pick my Harley at the Harley Shop, and she wants me to be rested for the ride home. It was easier to come home and rest for a little while than argue without her that I didn't need the rest. We'll get up to the Harley Shop about 2:00, and it's about a 45 minute ride home. Then we are going antiquing. I am turning our upstairs Bonus Room into my office/ man cave, and I am thinking about an antique Victorian settee or loveseat as part of the decor. We will need to reupholster anything we get, but we've already pretty much got the fabric picked out for it. We're also going to do our downstairs sectional, and my leather recliner all at the same time. We're going to do a dark aubergine (deep purple) microfiber for the settee and sectional, and a crimson red microfiber for my recliner. I love the look and feel of leather furniture, but cats make that inadvisable, and I have 8 of them. They haven't completely shredded my recliner the way they did my current office chair, but cats will scratch things. The microfiber is more forgiving of that than the leather.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):



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Thanks, man, I do appreciate it. I am a firm believer in the power of prayer. God can perform miracles. I consider Modern Medicine to be one way that he works His miracles. That a doctor and nurses are involved doesn't detract from the fact that so much of our healing really is miraculous.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):

Interesting! While we covered the change in calendars in World History in high school, the main thing I recall about that was that the peasants in Russia nearly revolted when the Bolsheviks changed the calendar, because they thought Lenin was stealing three weeks or so of their lives! I

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didn't realize that the Orthodox Church still used the Juan calendar, though I did know from posts you and other Orthodox here at Blogmocracy have made that you celebrate Christmas at a slightly different date range than the Western society as a whole does.



@ [coldwarrior](#):

Have fun, man! It is time for me to get ready and go get my motorcycle, too.

Onward and upward!

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Happy Easter, brothers and sisters! We are on our way to Church now. We've been missing Church too much recently, but hopefully that will change.

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@ [RIX](#):

Indeed. Glory to God in the Highest. He is risen, the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Our only real hope of Salvation. God's greatest miracle, and it was all to save sinners like mmyaelf. That is amazing!

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[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

I just don't find that remarkable one way or the other. There is nothing nefarious about the credit union and rational people look around for the best financial terms they can get.



Desperation. Cruz is winning enough primaries to make it difficult, though not impossible, for Trump to get the 1237 delegates necessary to cinch up the nomination outright, and in a contested Convention Cruz will probably win. We don't know that for sure, but look at the Fox poll that was out today showing Cruz beating Clinton in a head to head fight, while Trump loses to her by double digits. The delegates want to **win** in November, or they **should**.

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I am not saying this because I am a Cruz guy, but as someone analyzing the data that I have available. If the numbers were reversed, and Trump was beating Clinton and Cruz was losing to her, my analysis would be different. People have to ask themselves what their agenda in the Fall is. Do they

want to beat Clinton and take the White House, or do they want to send a message to the Republican Establishment, and lose the election? **That** is the question, and I know that for an awful lot of people the answer is the second one. It isn't for me, and that is, as much as any reason, that I am sticking with Cruz. Also, Cruz is a fighter. Everybody whines about "Dirty Tricks", but what, exactly, do they think **Clinton**, the most Ethically Challenged person ever to run for the Office of the President of the United States, is going to do in the Fall? Play beanbag?

Oh, and I just got back from circumnavigating Knoxville on Angel. It was great riding weather. Not too hot to wear all of my leathers, but not too cold to have to use a face mask for the ride. I spent most of the ride at around 80 miles an hour, but I got up to 90 at one point. I didn't stay there, but I was surprised with how comfortable I was at that speed on the trike. I only ever broke 90 on the Springer one time, and I was **not** comfortable there at all.

Of course, I've put a lot more miles on the trike already than I put on the Springer, and the last three years I owned her I wasn't able to get out on her at all. At first that was because of my health, but then she needed some repairs before she'd run, and we couldn't afford to make them. We thought about just fixing her up, and me riding her every day, but the Mafia Princess was **never** going to get on the back of the Springer, or anything else on two wheels. She'll ride all day with me on the trike.



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But it turns out to have been good for me to get the trike, too. I wouldn't be able to ride the Springer in the kind of shape that my health is in right now, so I'd have been back to where I was, and had to buy a car, or trade in the Springer on a trike, when I was diagnosed with cancer. As it was, I had the trike, and while I may not be in the shape to ride her the first week following chemo (I really don't feel like doing **anything** the first week or so after chemo), I can ride her the rest of the time with no problem. I am lucky in that. One of my cancers where the main cancer in my esophagus has spread, is on the bottom of my left ass cheek. It hurts to sit in a lot of places (like the office chair I am typing this from), but it doesn't bother me at all on Angel. It hurts to ride in the Mafia Princess' Explorer, though.



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[coldwarrior](#) wrote:

my second problem is that, lets say, trump does not get 1237 but is still beating cruz by hundreds of delegates and because of dirty tricks it goes to

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a second ballot which is then taken by cruz...he has essentially gone against the will of the people in a quest for power

Do you consider Lincoln to have usurped the “will of the people”? I am serious about that. Lincoln did not win the primaries outright. He won on something like the third ballot because he was the consensus candidate over the guy who had the most delegates going into the convention, but not enough to win the nomination outright.[Read about it here](#). The pertinacious fact is as follows:

The next day (May 18), when voting for the nomination began, **Seward led on the first ballot with Lincoln a distant second**. But on the second ballot, the Pennsylvania delegation switched to Lincoln, putting him in a near-tie with Seward. **On the third ballot many additional delegates switched to Lincoln, and he won the party’s nomination.**[9]

So Cruz winning would not be something that is any different than this. If you wouldn’t say that Cruz would be the legitimate candidate, you have to also believe that Lincoln, who is considered almost universally to have been our greatest President, was an illegitimate candidate.



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This is the back wall of the office/man cave that I am building out of our bonus room:

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I think it is pretty cool. There's still a lot of work to do decorating the room. The Mafia Princess knows a lot more about decorating than I do, and I am eliciting her help in the design, but it has to be a reflection of **my** personality. This back wall isn't finished yet. I am going to do orange rope lights around the window, and hang a Confederate Flag in the window as a curtain. My desk will go in front of the window, I think, with the credenza down the right side of the room. The TV will go in the other corner of that wall, and the loveseat will go on the opposite wall. We are also going to put a ceiling fan in place of the light. After we get all of that done, I have some artwork that I want to get framed, and hang in the hallway. It is go g to be great when I finally get it done.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

Thanks! I'd love to see the pictures. I am not a big baseball fan. My father made me play Little League, and I hated it. I wanted to study karate, like the girl that lived across the street from me. She was a Green Belt, IIRC, but there were a pair of brothers that went to my school that were both Black Belts. One of them was the youngest person Master Wheeler had promoted to Black Belt. I can't remember whether one of them was a year older than the other, or if they were twins. They were good at Karate as it was taught back then. That was before Master Wheeler got into the nerve center and pressure-point fighting (Kyushu Jutsu) that I am ranked so highly in.



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I don't need to do martial arts in my office/man cave because we have two of my Certificates of Rank hanging in our Great Room/breakfast nook, my main certificate of rank in Isshinryu (4th Degree Black Belt) in the corner of the Great Room itself. That corner is decorated with a huge Chinese wall hanging that is an ink representation of a dragon. It is not a print, but a signed original that I bought in Chinatown in San Francisco the first time I went out there. It is in the corner with a display of my daisho (matched set of swords, a katana and a wakisashi), some kobudo weapons (Sai and Tonfa), a nice bronze sculptur of a dragon that I bought in Chinatown on that same trip (I spent several hundred dollars in Chinatown, and would have spent more if I'd had it to spend), and a Hope Chest as a stand for the display. Oh, and my spear. It is a Viking design rather than an Asian weapon. It is a **real** spear, with a carbon steel head, and an ash wood shaft. It is a wicked weapon. I actually prefer a Naginata, which is a Japanese spear design, but a decent reproduction Naginata runs about \$700-800, which is more than I can afford for something that I am going to just hang

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on the wall. \$700 would buy the Glock 30S that I want, with money left over to buy some more decorations for my office/man cave.

In the breakfast nook I have my Kyushu Jutsu certificate of rank (Master Instructor, the second highest rank in the system), which is myself highest rank in any system. I don't have my Second Degree Black Belt certificate of rank in Arnis hanging up anywhere. I will have to rectify that at some point.

This is a long post, but it is all about what I am doing as my part of the decor of the house. You should come down and visit us sometime. You wouldn't need a hotel unless you just want one. We have two nice guest rooms. The bigger one has a queen sized bed in it.

[coldwarrior](#) wrote:

frankly, if the person who does not have the majority of the delegates isn't the nominee then what you have witnessed is in fact an usurpation by the party leaders against the will of its members

I disagree, and the historical precedent is with me. I don't know of another candidate that was chosen as Lincoln was, but I haven't done exhaustive research to find others. The Lincoln example is good enough to me, whatever your view of Lincoln happens to be.



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If Donald Trump doesn't get the 1237 delegates, then more members of the Republican Party **don't** want him as our nominee than **do** want him as our nominee. They just haven't selected someone that they would prefer in sufficient numbers. **That** is the real majority of the Republican Party. Do their votes not count?

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If your statement were followed, what would be the point in having the 1237 delegate cutoff? We would always just select whomever got the plurality of the votes, no matter what that vote count was. If that is your position, that is well and good, but that is not how the system is currently set up. Personally, I think that the system the way it is is better, just as I prefer the Electoral College to a direct, **majority takes it**, democracy for electing a President.

The system as it is is not perfect. I recognize that. But number one it is the system that we have. To change the rules in the middle of the contest is

simply not the way things work. You could, of course, go to the Convention and lobby delegates for Donald Trump on the strength of the fact that he has a plurality of the delegates, assuming that he actually **does** have the plurality of the delegates when the Convention rolls around in July. I am certain that there will be people at the Convention that agree with you in regards to this matter, and who support Trump, just as there will also be people there who support the system as it is, and who support Cruz. It is going to be an interesting Convention. I am looking forward to it.

@ [eaglesoars](#):



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We do intend to come up there and go to Gettysburg with you all, but I don't know when we will be able to afford that. I doubt that it will be this year, but hopefully next year. We might be able to coordinate it with the machinegun shoot at Knob Creek, another thing that I want to take the Mafia Princess to. I'll have to look at the map, and see how we can hit Knob Creek, and then head over to Virginia to see you all. We definitely want to come up there and see you all, but our resources are limited right now.

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@ [doriangrey](#):



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After the first vote, when the delegates are pledged to vote for whomever their State chose, the delegates are free to vote for whomever they want. Why shouldn't Ted Cruz be lobbying them to switch their votes to him? That is how the system works. Review the article I linked about the Convention where Lincoln was nominated. Even better, there are good books on the history of that time that go into more detail about how Lincoln got the nomination in 1860. I think that you will find that historical precedent is with Cruz on this.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):



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That's cool. St. John's is in the Virgin Islands, isn't it? I've always wanted to go to the Cayman, myself, and me and the Mafia Princess have talked about going to Atlantic, which is in the Bahamas. I understand about not being able to leave your pets. We have to board the birds and have a cat sitter come in daily when we travel. I'd bring the cats with us if I could. That is just not practical for us.

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Erika is being loving tonight. She is snuggled up next to me, with her head on my chest, watching me type on my tablet. I love all of my cats, but Erika is special. She is almost as loving as my Little Boy Midnight was. I hope

that we've got another 20 years with her. We've had her for four years now. Time flies.

@ [coldwarrior](#):

So do you prefer direct democracy to the Electoral College? That is what you are advocating for the Party right now. And you do so before the voting is over. Will you feel the same way if Cruz has more votes than Trump? I will agree that it is likely that Trump will have somewhat more votes than Cruz will, but Cruz's votes plus Kasich's votes will likely be greater than Trump's. Which one represents the "Will of the People"? Honestly, I don't see any system being fairer than what we have. Going with the plurality of the votes ignores the fact that more people were against Trump than were for him. Direct democracy always degenerates into mob rule. If that's what you want, fine. Lobby the Republicans to change their system. But the system we have has worked pretty well for over 150 years, and I don't think that changing the rules for a temporary political advantage is wise. If you feel as strongly about it as you apparently do, go to the Convention and lobby for Trump after the first vote. There is nothing to stop Trump from winning the 1237 delegates in the second balloting, or third (or tenth, or whatever) balloting. By wanting to change the system as it is, rather than work with that system to elect your candidate, is really kind of disturbing. If you don't get the results you want from the political system, you want to change the rules to get the results that you want. That is what is similar to the Politburo. And more than a little scary, coming from someone who usually shows as much good sense as you do.



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@ [eaglesoars](#):

We're watching the John Wayne version of *True Grit*. It is OK, but it isn't really great. I like Eastwood's *The Unforgiven* better. But it is something other than politics to watch.



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@ [doriangrey](#):

Nope, I'm not into cults of personality whether they are on the Left, like Obama, or nominally on the Right, like Trump. The idea that Trump should "win" no matter what the rules governing nominating our candidate is simply wrong. If he gets the 1237 delegates, then he will be our nominee. If he doesn't, as seems likely at this time, then he has to campaign for delegates at the Convention. If he wins the delegates there, I am sure you



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will be pleased, but if he doesn't, and someone else does, then that man will be our nominee. That is how the system works. That is how it has worked since before the Civil War. You want to change the system because it doesn't appear that your candidate will not win under them. Not because the system is rigged, but because once they are freed up to vote, the delegates that were for the other candidates will be free to vote for whomever they want, and the majority of those delegates are likely to go to Cruz.

If you thought that they would go to Trump, you wouldn't want to change the system. That idea that you will just manipulate the way elections are held right in the middle of the election because it doesn't look like under the current system you will win is really pretty scary. It is very similar to the sentiment that Stalin was expressing when he said "Those who cast the votes decide nothing. Those who count the votes decide everything." The sad thing is that you don't know that your candidate is going to lose. You merely see that as the dominant probability. The easiest way for this to get settled is if Trump or Cruz simply get the 1237 delegates. That doesn't look likely for either of them, but coldwarrior is right that there are several states with heavy numbers of delegates yet to vote. We'll see what happens with them.

But if Trump doesn't get the 1237 delegates, then he can do the same thing Cruz is doing, and campaign for the delegates to select him. You can feel free to use the arguments that you are using with me with the delegates. Until you try, you don't know how they will be received. You could convince them that the plurality should win the nomination. They could decide on someone else, though, and that candidate will be as **legitimate** as the plurality candidate would be.

@ [coldwarrior](#):

Well, if they want to lose the general election the way it looks right now they should go with Trump. You are right when you say that polls in March don't mean much in November, but they are what we have to judge the political sentiments of the population. They are far from perfect, but anything else is simply guessing. You think Trump would win, despite the polls showing otherwise, and it is possible that you are right. However, that is just based on your gut feeling about how things would go.

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[coldwarrior](#) wrote:

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@ Iron Fist:

i'm likin it...my bar is done in old west berlin political signage and old commie propaganda and busts

I didn't comment on this earlier because we were into such a heavy political discussion, but that is a really cool theme for your bar, especially given your screen name. It is good to have at least one room in the house where the men can get 100% say in how it is decorated. The only real restrictions for me on the room are financial. However, I am paying attention to her about decorating dos and don't, because while I know what I like, I want the room to be a showpiece for when we have guests over. My decorating will actually spread out into the hall leading up to the room, and the room itself. I have a Giger poster/print (unsigned) that I am going to have framed and hang in the hall, a copy of Frazetta's *Death Dealer*, and a schematic of the Russian PKM light machinegun that will also go in that hall. On the outer portion of the hall (it takes a sharp right as you come out of the bonus room) we are going to have a framed copy of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. That is all the artwork that I have right now, but I have a set of Tarot cards that were done by Giger that I may look at having framed as a collection. It is just the Major Arcana, but they are pretty cool.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

It is also dodging my entire point that the Convention has selected a candidate for President that did not have the plurality of the delegates going into the first round of balloting. It want even close. What I am challenging is this notion that if Trump has the plurality, he must be the nominee because nominating anyone else would be illegitimate. The Lincoln example stands foursquare against that notion, regardless of whether you consider Lincoln to have been a good President, or a disastrous President.



This isnt the first time that I've seen someone argue that the Civil War was unnecessary. That is a true statement if you think that Lincoln should have just let the South go, and let the Union be divided. There is some merit to that notion. If Lincoln had done so, there would not have been a Civil War. We would both be living in the Confederate States of America. Hopefully slavery would have dies out on its own, but we'll never know the answer to that question.

That war is over, settled, and done. I am more concerned about the **next** Civil War these days. As you know, I've become a Secessionist over the Gay Marriage issue. It isn't **just** the Gay Marriage issue, of course, but that is the straw that broke the camel's back, so to speak. That is being used as a weapon to persecute the Christian Church, just as the Obama Administration is going after the Little Sisters of the Poor over the question of funding abortions.

I don't want to live in a United States that is persecuting Christians, even if they aren't doing so to the level that they are in, say, the Islamic State. It is better that we leave the Union, form our own nation that **will** be governed by the Constitution and the **entire** Bill of Rights. We can live under the Capitalist economic system, while the remainder of the Country (however many States that works out to be) can become as Socialist as they want to be. We can do that for 20 years, and then see which nation is better at delivering Liberty and Prosperity to its citizens. I am confident that I know

who would win **that** contest

@ [rain of lead](#):

Indeed, though I no longer drink, so there would not be any alcohol signs, or whatever. I might have to make an exception for the beer stains, though. I have a pair of huge porcelain beer stains that I bought about 15 years ago that are Death Dealer themes. We have them wrapped up and stored out in the garage, because if we displayed them the cats would no doubt break them. The same is true of my ammonite collection. I have maybe a dozen really nice ammonite fossils, including a couple of really neat ones that are fossilized in iron pyrite (i.e. Fool's Gold). They are really beautiful. IIRC, these came from Russia. I have examples of ammonite from all over the world.. Most are cut away so you can see the chambers of the shell, but some aren't. My absolute favorite of them isn't a cutaway. It is two ammonites in situ in the limestone that they were found in. The larger of the two, which is about 3" across, is fossilized in some material that makes it translucent. The way the limestone has been sculpted away from the back will allow light to pass through the shell. Pretty neat. It weighs I guess about 20 pounds. We have it displayed in our bigger guest room. So far the cats haven't broken it



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@ [eaglesoars](#):

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Iron Fist I understand that, but at the same time it lets you know what premises the author is using to frame his book with. If you say that the Civil War was unnecessary, that essentially the South was right about Secession (without necessarily passing judgment about their reasons for Secession), then Lincoln is going to come off like a trigger-happy monster. Over half a million dead, when he should have just let the South go, is a pretty heinous charge to level against someone. If you believe that Lincoln was right, and the Union had to be preserved regardless of the cost, then your view of his subsequent actions will necessarily be quite different from those who ascribe to the notion that the War was unnecessary. [at 11:29 pm](#)

There is some merit to the latter position, but you can't get away from the slavery issue, no matter how hard you try. I am a proud son of the South, but I recognize that their impetus to Secession was morally reprehensible, and that stain taints all of their other legal arguments about States' Rights and the legality of Secession. While Lincoln didn't start out in the Civil War as a moral crusader about slavery, there can be no denying that the struggle evolved into that fight, and that that issue was underlying pretty much everything that the South stood for. I am **extremely** antislavery. God made man, and then set him free. So free that a man or woman can completely reject God, and he will do nothing to coerce them back into the fold that they were really never part of to begin with. If God Himself refused to make man a slave (one of the huge flaws of Islam is that humans are all **slaves of Allah**), then how dare any man make another man **his** slave? It is a religious question for me, and one that I've used to put the people who argue that religion shouldn't inform one's politics in their place.



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@ [eaglesoars](#):

And I'd stay on long-term disability until I was 65. I may wind up with that, anyway, if Team Health decides to terminate me, and I am unable to find another job because of my health issues. [2016/03/27 at 11:32 pm](#)



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Fist**

@ [coldwarrior](#):

I recognize that Lincoln overstepped his authority under the Constitution, but as the Supreme Court has stated, the Constitution is not a Suicide Pact. He did what was necessary to hold the Union together. The South had a number of compelling arguments on their side, especially on the question of Secession. A strong case can be made that the Right to Secede is a Tenth Amendment Right of the States, and rightly [2016/03/27 at 11:38 pm](#)

argue that the Constitution does not expressly forbid Secession (as, IIRC, the Constitution of the Confederate States did). It is all interesting from a legal perspective, but it doesn't really change any of the history associated with that conflict.

@ [coldwarrior](#):

I'd say that is an arguable point that is impossible to prove one way or another. I am always suspicious when I see that someone is going to argue that the Civil War was "unnecessary". That depends mostly on your answer to the question of the legality of Secession. If you think that Secession was legally correct, and that Lincoln should have let the South go, then the Civil War was indeed unnecessary. But if you take the position that preserving then Union was of paramount importance, then it is hard to argue against Lincoln for the simple reason that he won.

That was not at all a foregone conclusion when the South fired on Fort Sumpter. Indeed, if Lincoln had taken a hard look at, say, how bloody the Battle of Shiloh was, many leaders would have ceased the war as not worth the price in blood that preserving the Union required. **That** was essentially the South's best hope for winning the war. The people of the South were, in their eyes, defending hearth and home, and thus logically should have been willing to pay the higher price in blood. Lincoln, though, appears never to have considered that to be an option. Once you are willing to lose a quarter of a million troops over an issue, complaining that he stepped on some obscure provisions of the Constitution, or even major issues over the Constitutionality of his actions, doesn't hold much weight.

Lincoln did what he considered necessary to win the war. That the modern overreach of the Federal Government stems from that is arguable. How much would FDR have overreached in a truncated United States had Lincoln **not** gone to war? Hell, would FDR have even been elected had Lincoln not fought the Civil War as he did? Who really knows? Changing from the course that Lincoln followed conceivably changes **everything** in subsequent history. Assuming the same trajectory for the truncated United States would put the Depression and FDR still as the facts on the ground, and I think FDR was far more responsible for the growth of Fedzilla, and especially the Welfare State, than Lincoln. Lincoln upset the balance of power between the States and the Federal Government, but had he not done so the Union would have been divided along sectional lines. Was everything that he did necessary to stop that?



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Probably not, but to say so today, with the advantage of 150+ years of hindsight, is really not very productive. Lincoln did what he did with as pure of intentions as you are likely to find **any** politician to have. It is unrealistic to expect him not to have made mistakes in the middle of the greatest existential conflict that we have had to date.

@ [AZfederalist](#):



**Iron
Fist**

I'll disagree. While mankind has a sinful nature, and none are without sin, it does not follow that we are slaves of Satan because of that. Damned, sure, that is what the Bible says. Jesus' Death and Resurrection were necessary for human salvation. The Bible is clear about that. But slaves of the Devil? I'll need to see some Biblical citations beyond "Formal have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God" to back that up.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Goodnight! This has been an enjoyable discussion. I haven't taken my night drugs because I've been puking since about 10:30. I ate half a hotdog, and was fine, so I tried to finish it, and my tumor objected. That sucks I think I am ready to attempt my pills. I'll talk to you in the morning. Sweet Dreams.

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Fist**

@ [Guggi](#):

Hey, good to see you! I hope all is well with you.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Exactly. Obama is getting the results that he wants from his policies. The more of a mess he makes of the world, the better he likes it. Remember that he said point blank that he was "pretty good at killing people". He was telling the truth there. We don't know the half of it, I am afraid.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [Guggi](#):

I am halfway through my chemotherapy, which means that I've had three rounds of chemo. The past three weeks or so has been taken up with tests. I've had a CT scan and an endoscopy, but I don't get the results from those tests until Thursday. The doctor that did my

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endoscopy said that the tumor was somewhat smaller than it was when he looked at it in December. He biopsies it again, because he said that it was possible that the tissue that he saw was dead tissue. He could not tell that from looking at it. He did say that it was ulcerated, and looked pretty rough, so the chemo is doing something for me. We will know how much on Thursday.

Today I saw my doctor at the pain management clinic. It was an entirely good appointment with him. He was generally pleased with how I am doing on the Percocet dosage that he has me on. It keeps the pain knocked down, without fucking me up too bad. He doesn't see adjusting my dosage right now. I don't need more Percocet, because while there is some pain, the painkillers keep that pain at a manageable level. That is the goal of the pain management clinic. They can't cure your pain, only make it manageable.

I still believe that I am going to survive this cancer. I don't think that God has brought me this far, only to let me be killed off by cancer right when things are starting to get really interesting in the world. We'll see. The 5-year survival rate for people with Stage 4 esophageal cancer is not good. I intend to beat those odds.

@ [Guggi](#):

Thank you so much! I don't agree that the world needs people like me. I think the world is slowly recognizing this. When the Muslims invade Europe, and the incidence of sexual assault and outright rape goes up by a few orders of magnitude from "migrants" assaulting the native women of your various countries, the time for action is now. I may not agree with all of the politics of the "Far Right" in Europe, though I don't know how much of that is the media lying to us again.



Iron
Fist

Look at how **scary** the "Far Right" is!!!!!!11ty!! Don't you prefer the Mohammedans? All "Right-thinking" people, by which they mean hardcover Leftists, do, and so they vilify the Right. We see the same thing happen over here with groups that I **know** are not "neo-Nazis" or anything **remotely resembling** neo-Nazis. I simply see that kind of accusation, and discount it as the Left demonizing the Right. Again.

OTOH, I can see clearly how admitting a few million **savages** into your nation could fuck up your whole society. This is obvious to the **real** "Right-thinking" people. A best-case scenario will have you deporting

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these bastards back to the Islamic hellhole they have come from. This is an Islamic **invasion**, not a few legitimate refugees that are seeking asylum. Europe needs a hard shoot of **wake-the-fuck-up**, and they need it **now**.

@ [momcat](#):

{{{{{{Momcat}}}}}}

Good to see you. I am doing pretty well, all things considered. I go through phases where I can eat solid food if I am careful not to eat too much, and then there are phases where the solid food makes me puke my

gut's out. Every meal is an **adventure** other than that, though, I think I am dealing well with the cancer. It does have me wiped out energy-wise, though.

I had an appointment with my pain clinic doctor today. I actually saw the doctor, instead of **just** the nurse-practitioner. I think as much as anything he just wanted to see me personally to encourage me. He said that I was doing well, and that he saw no need to mess with my dosage for my Percocet, which is 10mg every four hours.



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Fist**

I don't think that that is what is causing me to feel wiped out today. I've been on this dosage for a few months, and this is new. I slept most of today, and did the same thing one day last week. Cancer does that to a person. Fatigue is one of the big symptoms of cancer, along with sudden, unexplained weight loss. I've lost about 40 pounds, and most of that dropped off of me between about August and December. At first I was pleased. I thought my hard work training was paying off. After all, I was in the best shape of my life. I was running over 5 miles a days on the elliptical, and training in the various martial arts that I practice daily as well. But I was also seeing my endurance drop off inexplicably, and then the pain when I would eat started. We were changing my psyche meds pretty radically, and at first we blamed the new antidepressant, Paxil, for the symptoms. We transitioned me off of the Paxil onto Zoloft, and while we were doing that I had my first endoscopy, when they discovered the cancer.

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It has been a challenge, but it is what it is. God doesn't make mistakes this is happening to me for a reason. And I have been through so much that was **worse** than this caworse. Several orders of magnitude worse.

This isn't a picnic, but I would much prefer this over, say, a motorcycle

accident that killed my wife. It could always be much, much worse than what is happening to me now. All on all I thank God for that, that it **is** something that I can bear, instead of something unbearable.

How are you? I know you have your medical challenges as well.

@ [momcat](#):

I am sorry you are having a tough time remaining positive. I can certainly relate to that. I, too, can't do much in the way of exercise myself, for the same reason you do. It is discouraging, but for me this is hopefully temporary.

OTOH, my disease is potentially fatal. I know that COPD can really fuck up your world. I was diagnosed with COPD several years ago, but more recently my doctor ran tests on me and found that my COPD was **gone**.

Another miracle from God in my life. There have been so many. I think that is where the foundations of my positive attitude comes from. The Lord God Almighty chose to communicate directly with me a little over 18 months ago. His message to me was [Deuteronomy 2:7](#):



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"For the Lord your God has blessed you in all the work of your hand. He knows your trudging through this great wilderness. These forty years the Lord your God has been with you; you have lacked nothing."

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God is with me. Why should I fear? If it is God's will that I live, then I will beat the odds, and will live. This is what you and I, and so many others, are praying for. If it **isn't** God's will that I survive, then I will die. I am not worried about that.

I have never really had a normal fear of death, and I am not about it start that now. I know where my soul is destined to be when I die. Why should I fear that? I do not want to leave my wife alone without me. I hope to grow old with my wife. I want to continue to progress in the Martial Arts, and to attend seminary. I want and need to learn more about God. I was raised in the Church, as a Southern Baptist, though I am now a Lutheran. I believe that God led me and the Mafia Princess to the Church that we now attend, and it is a Lutheran Church under there hood. I find that the Lutheran Church (at least the Missouri Synod branch of the Lutheran Church) agrees with the Southern Baptist on all their important points of doctrine. Infant baptism is new to me, but me and the

Mafia Princess went through a six or eight week series of teachings with one of our Pastor Interns, and it was all on the fundamentals of what the Lutheran Church are. They convinced me on infant baptism. They tie it into circumcision, which was, of course, commanded by God, and which is done to infants.

@ [RIX](#):

I just don't see it that way. What you are saying would be true if Trump were scoring over 50% of the vote, but he simply hasn't been doing that. I think he got 48% in one State, but for the most part he's been getting somewhere in the upper 30s. That isn't a mandate for anything. 60-70% of the Republican primary voters want someone other than Trump. Do these people's votes simply not count? As I've said before, the way Trump could settle this in his favor is by winning the 1237 delegates through the primary process. If he does that, and the Republican Party manages somehow to keep him from securing the nomination, then you will have a serious point about the Republicans ignoring the "Will of the Voters", but if they nominate Cruz on the Second or Third balloting, that is completely legitimate. I don't see where you and Coldwarrior get that it is not. If you want to eliminate the requirement that the nominee get 1237 delegates, and say that whomever has the plurality going into the Convention wins it, that is a position that you can take, but those aren't the rules that this election is being held under. But what you two are really saying is exactly that, that the guy with the plurality wins no matter what. I don't think that is a wise route to take, but that is a discussion to have when someone broaches changing the rules as they currently are. Until then, I don't think that it's productive to be lecturing the 60-70% of the vote that is against Donald Trump that their votes don't count. Again, it isn't like Trump is scoring above 50% of the vote anywhere, at least so far.



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@ [AZfederalist](#):

Thanks, man, I appreciate that! I don't know that being a slave to sin is exactly being a slave to Satan, but I can see how it could be interpreted that way. Perhaps I am simply being resistant to the idea of me being a slave to anyone is part of my resistance to the idea that I was a slave to Satan prior to my asking Jesus for forgiveness, and to take up residence on the Throne of my heart and life.



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@ [coldwarrior](#):

And one of the interesting things about this whole argument is that you believe that there is no way for Trump to win if he doesn't win on the First Ballot, but somehow the same process that saw Lincoln become first the Party's nominee, and then President of the United States would now be illegitimate. Again, if you feel that there shouldn't be balloting at the Convention, but whomever has the plurality takes it, then by all means, campaign to change the rules for future elections. But to change the rules in the middle of the election because you don't believe that your candidate can win under the rules as they are is doing everything that you are condemning the Republican Establishment for doing, except worse. The Establishment isn't trying to change the rules, but to find a way to win according to the rules that are in place. Maybe Trump supporters should be trying to figure out a way to do that instead of complaining that the rules aren't more in their favor. After all, if Trump holds a plurality of the delegates, he has less ground to cover to get to 1237 through the balloting process than Cruz or Kasich.



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Fist**

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@ [AZfederalist](#):

Hey, thanks! I replied on the previous thread, but I'll copy that reply here for everyone to see:



**Iron
Fist**

@ [AZfederalist](#):

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@ [CynicalConservative](#):

If this is true, how is it that Donald Trump hasn't broken 50% of the vote yet? Want to convince me on Trump? Let him win 1237 delegates, or, at the very least let him start racking up wins with over 50% of the vote.



**Iron
Fist**

Until then, while you are correct that none of the other candidates will have the 1237 votes either, and likely aren't racking up wins with over 50% of the vote either, the Republican Party has a mechanism for dealing with this situation. This mechanism has been the way the Republican Party has done it at **least** since the nomination of Abraham Lincoln. If

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you really want to throw that out, campaign for doing that. But don't come up with excuses to suspend the rules because you don't think that your guy can win under them, but leave them in place until the next time you need to suspend them so that your guy can win.

If you want to go to a straight direct democracy method for electing the Republican nominee, well, that is a valid position. It is one that I disagree with, but it is certainly a valid position to hold.

@ [coldwarrior](#):

As I have been pointing out all afternoon, that is exactly what we did when we nominated Lincoln to the Presidency. That one worked out well, at least from my perspective. No, Lincoln was not perfect. People are making the Perfect the enemy of the Good all over the place this election. But I am in agreement with the vast majority of historians of all political leanings when I say that I consider Lincoln to have been the best President America as ever had.

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[coldwarrior](#) wrote:

this situation IS BEING CREATED BY the gop!

Assuming that this is true, how does that effect anything? The Establishment people are doing everything that they can to win enough delegates on the Second balloting, or other subsequent balloting. What is stopping Trump from doing likewise? Instead of complaining about how the rules restrict you, and how **unfair** those rules are that the plurality candidate doesnt automatically win, do what it takes to win the other delegates that you need. Theoretically, that should be **easier** for Trump, as he will have to pull fewer delegates away from Cruz and Kasich, than either of them will have to pull away from him. I think it's entirely possible for Trump to win under the current ruLes. It isn't a done deal, of course, but Rumpmsays he is the greatest deal-maker in the history of the world. If he is even remotely correct, doing the wdeals to secure the remaining delegates that he needs should be simple for him.

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And on that note I have to say good night. My tablet is running out of juice, and the cable that is supposed to be for charging it simply doesn't work properly.



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@ [coldwarrior](#):

If you want to say that the plurality Candidate always wins, and that no balloting needs to take place at the Convention, then say that and be done with it, but don't act like it is somehow immoral for Cruz or even Kasich to win the nomination because they played the game according to the rules, and they won. There are still quite a number of primaries to go. It is interesting to see Trump's supporters looking to change the rules of the convention to allow Trump to "win" on the First Ballot, even though he won't have enough delegates to get the nomination, rather than trying to secure the 1237 delegates need in the first place. If Trump goes in there with 1237 delegates, and on the first ballot some of Trump's delegates jump ship and pulls Cruz across the line, well that would be cheating. That doesn't sound like what anybody is planning, though.

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And on that note, I really am out for the night. Good Night, everyone.

[coldwarrior](#) wrote:

@ coldwarrior:

i dare say the next president is walking into the largest economic mess the world has ever seen.

I'd say you are right about that. Then question that I have is basically is this simply the convergence of a number of bad policies that were **meant** well, or is this impending disaster the result of deliberate strategy?



Iron
Fist

I believe that it is the latter. I think that the Democrats as a Party decided on an **anti-American** platform when Lyndon Johnson was President, and have been following that plan since the late 1960s. They have especially attacked the blacks, while claiming to be the blacks' BFF. Look at the destruction of the black family. What we see there over the last 50 years is a seachange of nearly unprecedented proportions.

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Black men **mostly** abandon their children. Over 70% of black children do not have a father present in their home. Part of the reason for this (and **only** part of the reason for this) is that social welfare programs are structured in such a way that the presence of a father in the home dramatically and negatively effects the benefits that the mother is eligible through the various social welfare system.

It is really impossible for me to look at how the social welfare programs are structured, and to believe that this is simply an accidental side-effect of a well-intentioned government program. The negative effects on children in fatherless homes is well documented. To say that a fatherless household is “just as goodman environment to raised children as a hhousehold with a good father present is simply a **lie**, and I am certain that for the most part the people who are saying that **know** that it is a lie.

My compassion for the black community is very strong. I look at how they’ve been abused by the Democrat Party over the decades, and have enough evidence to convince me that the Democrat Party is **Evil**, no matter **what** they claim that their motivation is.

That is not to absolve the individual blacks who have fallen into the welfare trap of all personal responsibility for their situation, but you have to understand that most of the people in this situation are, simply put, not particularly bright. They aren’t up to the task of researching what the Democrat Party has done to the blacks over the years, and forming an educated assessment of the Democrats’ real intentions. They see a Democrat controlled government as the magic spigot that keeps their EBT flowing. They have no real hope of making it outside of the welfare system, and this, too, is part of the Democrats’ design. Once you are on welfare, they don’t want you to become prosperous enough to live independently of the Welfare State, and they will harshly punish anyone who tries to get off of welfare. They deliberately have things orchestrated in such a way that if you try to get a job and **earn** your daily bread they will cut office your benefits **before** you are in a position to keep yourself and your children clothed and fed.

It is hardly surprising that under this design few people make it out of the ranks of the poor. Indeed, what you see instead is a multi-generational trap that works overtime to make sure that the poor **stay** poor. That the children of people in poverty themselves stand little chance of making it out of poverty as well.

I believe that all of this is deliberate, and more. If you want to see the Democrats’ plan for America’s future look at what has happened to Detroit after 50+ years of continuous Democrat dominance. Is Detroit prosperous? Are the people of Detroit doing well (in general. There are, of course, individual cases of people from Detroit doing well) economically and socially? What is the crime rate in Detroit? I’ll give the Police Chiefmin Detroit kudos, because he had the intelligence to tell the

law abiding people of Detroit to arm themselves, and carry a gun for self-defense. This is good advice for anyone living anywhere, of course, but it is rare to have a Police Chief, who is generally a political appointee, to say something like this that is really just basic common sense.

[Bumr50](#) wrote:

I guess I'm wondering why the concerns of "rural whites" are so different from your own?

It sounds like a stereotype every bit as offensive as any other.

And, too, you have to ask why "rural whites" interests are somehow bad to accommodate? There are a **lot** of "rural whites". Why are they being discriminated against, apparently with the solid approval of the Democrat Party and its apologists?

In many ways I fit the definition of a "rural white", especially in my political positions. Why are **my** interests somehow verboten from representation in the Federal Government? And I **have** been discriminated against by the police, though that had less to do with the color of my skin, and more to do with the fact that the people who tried to **kill** me were student athletes. If they'd just been black boys from the 'hood, they'd have gone to prison, but athletes get a pass in most parts of the USA.

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But my point is why shouldn't my political positions have support in the Federal Government? There are a **lot** of people who feel the same way that I do. That is, in fact, where Trump draws a lot of **his** support from. Trump says a lot of things that are right, but you have to balance them with the things where he is very, very wrong. But the point remains that there are a lot of people that the people who discriminate against as "rural whites" are discriminating against. I don't think that that is morally right, and it will be interesting to see how that works out as a deliberate political position.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

I haven't paid much attention to this, but it seems like something that is seriously blown out of proportion. Where's the damage that she

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suffered? Where is the blood? I mean, seriously, she is charging a man with assault over this? It is crazy, really.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

You think that they doctored the first video? That certainly is possible. We are dealing with Leftists, after all. My wife hates Trump so much that she jumped on this as more evidence how terrible Donald Rump is, but I just don't see that here. If the campaign manager had slugged her or something like that I could see this, but what I am seeing on the videos that they are showing on Fox don't show anything approaching that.



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Fist**

He touched her arm. Wow! How **terrible!** How damned terrible that she is trying to ruin a man's career, and criminally prosecute him for essentially nothing. This chick wouldn't last five minutes in the bar I used to be bouncer in. She'd lose her shit just coming through the door. I can't respect that. This guy may have technically committed battery, but seriously it is way overreacting to be talking about prosecuting him for such a minor infraction. It shows how stupid the laws really are.

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[lobo91](#) wrote:

Piers Morgan Tells Female Reporter Grabbed By Trump Campaign Manager To Toughen Up...

For the first time in history, I agree with Piers Morgan.

We'll probably all die from a meteor strike tomorrow...



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Wow, I agree with him, too. That is surely a sign of the coming Apocalypse. The Mafia Princess is on the reporter's side. She says she's seen other videos that show this reporter being roughly handled. I question the veracity of these videos. She says that they are from C-SPAN. I personally haven't seen them, but from the videos that I have seen this seems like much ado about nothing. I don't like Donald Trump, and don't want him to be our nominee. But this doesn't look like **anything** to me. And even if it was I find blaming Donald Trump for it is a **big** stretch.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

I agree completely. This guy will no doubt be offered a plea deal where he pleads guilty to something like simple battery, a misdemeanor of some sort rather than a felony. He might take that. But I don't know how that would affect his right to legally own guns. There are some misdemeanors that can affect that, which is stupid as hell. I'd be tempted to take the plea. Sure, it is an admission of guilt where there probably isn't really any, but from personal experience I know that a plea that guarantees no prison time versus going to trial with the possibility of prison time, even if it were a fairly short time in lockup is more than a little tempting. I took the plea, though my case was considerably more serious than this.

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[Flyovercountry](#) wrote:



Donald's instincts are not well suited for political power, let alone for someone who is seeking to be leader of the free world.

Exactly, and it isn't just this issue. He is flying by the seat of his pants more often than not. He hasn't really thought through a lot of what he says. Do we really want a guy that controls nuclear weapons to be this kind of leader?

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@ [Flyovercountry](#):

I was writing my post agreeing with you while you were writing for me to look at your post

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@ [RIX](#):

I'm pretty good today. I got to get out on my bike for about 3 hours. I went over to the tattoo shop, and hung out with my tattoo artist for a while. He is a Trump supporter, but we generally agree on politics and religion, the two topics that they always say never discuss. He is a strong Christian, married to a great Christian woman.

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He and I have been through a lot together. I've gone from a casual customer to being his best customer, and from just a customer to being family. He is like a brother to me, and he's being super supportive while I am dealing with this cancer. He lost his mom to cancer last year, so he

no doubt feels like cancer is attacking him personally. I worry about him in that regard because he is a smoker. I hate smoking. It is one of the worst things that you can do too your body.

Anyway, Steev and I are like brothers now. He and Bill Wright are both brothers to me. Bill is the baddest badass I've ever known. He makes Sleazy, the Outlaw that I roomed with in Virginia, look like a common person. Bill is a Vietnam Special Forces veteran, and a 9th Degree Black Belt in Isshinryu Karate, and a Professor rank in Wheeler's Method of Pressure Point fighting, which is the highest rank in that system of Kyushu Just . I am ranked as a Master Instructor in that martial art, which is the second highest rank in that art. Bill and another man, Jim Alley, who happens to be the instructor that promoted me to 4th Degree Black Belt, are the only two people with the Professor rank in Master Wheeler's Method of Kyushu Jutsu. So the only two men who outrank me in that particular art are also both my instructor. I still have a lot to learn, and I am training with the best in the area. I'd be hard pressed to find better instructors no matter who I went to. I could be studying directly with Rick MoneyMaker, or Rich Money, but while they are two of the top martial artists in the Country, Bill and Jim are right there with them.

Anyway, I am doing good. The only negative is that I bought a Harley Davidson necklace for \$35, and the Mafia Princess was **pissed**. Really pissed. Things are tight for us right now, but I need a little shopping therapy. It helps with my mood, and I think that \$35 is a small price to pay for the boost to my mood. She feels differently. It isn't a big deal, I don't guess, but I really didn't need her yelling at me. Oh, well. Even the best couokes have times when they disagree. We are certainly a great couple.

I thank God every day for His bringing her into my life. This is without doubt the best relationship I have ever been in. I never thought that I would ever remarry. She is quite different from any other woman I've ever been involved with. And now we have a bike that she will ride with

me on. That is a huge step in the right direction



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@ [doriangrey](#):

How much of this anti-Cruz bullshit is a hoax? Or simply fabricated because they don't like Cruz? It is the same tactic we saw used against Clarence Thomas and Herman Cain. Now they are going after Cruz. It is

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predictable, and boring. I thought sex want supposed to matter. What happened to that? Oh, the target of the smear is a Conservative. Full steam ahead!

[Phantom Ace](#) wrote:

@ Lily:

Yes and we need people to fix Robots and Drones. This is the future.

This is **part** of the future, but it is not the **entire** future. I say this as a software engineer. I don't work on drones or robotics in my current job. I did do some simple robotics in the job I held previously. I wrote the code that controlled an automatic sample changer for a medical test. It was pretty basic stuff, and I had guidance from one of my closest friends who **has** done a lot of robotics, and much more complex stuff than this.



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But even computers aren't the entire future. We are still going to need skilled plumbers, skilled carpenters, skilled welders, skilled machinists, and the list goes on for some time. Some of these trades, like being a machinist, may involve computer interaction. CNC machining is currently king in machining, but we may see that replaced with 3D printing. But plumbers aren't going away, ever. Instead of trying to get people the most education, getting them trained in a proper trade may be more beneficial to them.

[This is interesting](#). The fabrication is done in Turkey, but they are doing so under license from H&K. On these pages they show the military weapons that they have for sale, but they are also selling semiautomatic weapons in the American domestic market. When you consider that people are asking over \$4000 for a H&K SP 89, and the MKE equivalent weapon is \$1674, it is enough to make you look into them. I am not sure that I wouldn't prefer the Sig MPX pistol, which is a very similar weapon at a very similar price. There's no question that I prefer the Sig at \$1600-1700 (and as low as \$1200, depending on the options you get) over the German H&K at \$4 grand. The H&K is an iconic weapon, but it simply is not worth \$4K.



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Wow, no comments since 9:30 last night. That's not good. I crashed out and slept, and made it through to 6: this morning. I am still tired, but not as tired as I was. That is a victory, of sort, I beloved. I am at my ononcologist's. They have taken blood, and are waiting for the results from that before bringing me back. I'll fall asleep if I am not careful

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Hey, all! Well, I got really good news at the ononcologists. The tumor that Dr. Samavedy biopsies last week is dead tissue. It is not malignant at all. Now this doesn't necessarily mean that I am in remission, but I am headed that way. Dr. Hanna wants to do a PET scan next week, and that is scheduled for Wednesday, and then he'll see me again on the 11th. All good things to have happening to me. They are still go g to do more chemo, but now he is talking about surgery to remove the remains of the tumor from my esophagus, and possibly an area on my liver that was malignant, or somehow involved with the cancer. That most have shown up new on this CT scan. It is the first time he has mentioned my liver in consultations.

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All in all, it is a lot of good news. What we are doing is working, and working well. I am very tired today, though, so I am going to nap.

[Guggi](#) wrote:

why are the United States starting a new cold war with Russia? Does really anyone seriously believe that Russia would attack Poland or another country of the European Union?



I think Obama wants another Cold War with the Russians primarily because Russia is both Christian and Capitalist, and Obama and the Democrats as a whole want to make America Atheist (with a lot of favoritism to Islam) and Socialist. It doesn't help that Putin is attacking the various al Qaeda factions in Syria, some of whom Obama supports. The question for the American people is not are the Russians becoming the bad guys again, but why are **we** becoming the Bad Guys? How do we go from 9/11 under Bush to **supporting** al Qaeda in Syria?

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Especially when Assad has not done something stupid like, say, invading Israel. Yeah, Assad was supporting al Qaeda in Iraq during the Iraq War, which makes him an enemy in my book, but **that** turned around and bit

him in the ass, didn't it? We should be **pleased** with that, but that doesn't mean that **we** should be supporting al Qaeda in Syria today. That is, frankly, INSANE.

Russia is neither a friend nor an enemy right now. They are strategic competitors, and that may make them adversaries at some point, but right now is not the time for that. Right now they are fighting our **enemies** in Syria, if we will be honest about it.

Assad was an enemy during the Iraq War, and I'd have been bombing Syria for it then, just as I'd have bombed and then invaded Iran for their support of al Qaeda in Iraq during the Iraq War.

In short, the policy of trying to restart the Cold War is an anti-American position. It shouldn't surprise you that it is coming from the Obama Administration. It is somewhat surprising to see Republicans climbing on board that bandwagon, but I don't believe that it is generally policy from the Republicans, just individual Republicans like McCain, who isn't exactly a rabid pro-**American** voice in the Senate.

@ [Guggi](#):

Yeah, I agree with that. Russia is doing what needs to be done in Syria. we need to inject a little realpolitik into our foreign policy with Syria. I honestly don't know why the American Left hates Assad now, when during the Bush Administration they thought he was the Bee's Knees. After all, Nancy Pelosi went to Syria and proclaimed Assad one of the "Good Guys" while Syria was backing Al Qaeda in Iraq. Now these same anti-American assholes think Assad is the Devil, and he is fighting and killing Al Qaeda in Syria.



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The only **possible** conclusion is that the Left/Democrats are supporting and defending Al Qaeda in both situations. When Assad was backing Al Qaeda in Iraq, and they were killing American troops, the Democrats liked Assad. When Assad is opposed to Al Qaeda in Syria, and he is killing terrorists, he **must** be stopped.

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Why aren't the Republicans making this a campaign issue? Objectively, the Democrats are backing Al Qaeda, and it isn't **just** their shifting positions on Bashar Assad. We all know that the real reason for Benghazi was that Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, *et al* were shipping weapons to al Qaeda in Syria, and something went wrong with the deal. Weapons

that almost certainly included man-portable surface to air missiles. It is possible that one of those weapons was used to take down an American chopper several months later. [Here is a link that discusses some of that.](#)

That is the real scandal in Benghazi, and it has completely been lost in the furor over Hillary Clinton's illegal email server. We can easily destroy Hillary Clinton and the Democrats, and we aren't doing it. That is, IMHO, collusion. We will see what happens as the election unfolds. Maybe Cruz or Trump, whichever winds up as our nominee, will bring this out in the General Election. I guess we'll see.

@ [AZfederalist](#):

Absolutely! God has been so very good to me. The cancer sucks, and it is getting in the way of my joining the Infidels Motorcycle Club. I can't really prospect with the Club until I am in Remission, which I am not quite in yet. But that is a temporary problem. I don't know why God has allowed me to get this cancer, but it is what it is. I believe that I will come through this, and be better off in the end. God is on my side, so I cannot lose.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

The American Steel. Industry hasn't done well over the last 40 years or so, either. I don't have the figures for exact numbers, but my father was a structural steel detailed by trade, and he went from owning his own business and doing incredibly well in the 1970s to working for a company that ultimately let him go because of his age, and they were downsizing, so why keep someone that was going to retire in a few years? But the whole industry has downsized, and the company that my dad worked for for over 20 years is completely out of business now. The steel industry in the US is fucked, and has been for a very long time.

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I am not an economist that I know for sure if these trade deals are in America's best interests or not. I know that the people who are advocating these trade deals are mostly people that I generally agree with, while the people who oppose them are generally people whom I disagree with strongly. That said, I think it is obvious that NAFTA, for example, was very bad for the American people. All of the good things promised by the proponents of NAFTA never materialized, and one thing that Ross Perot turned out to be right about was how terrible NAFTA was going to be for the American people. The same thing can be

said of MFN with China.

I don't know about our other "Free Trade" pacts, but the ones I know about have been bad for America, though they were probably good for certain peoples' wallets.

I am neither a protectionist nor a "Free Trader". I would like to see equitable trade between nations. That is difficult to get, really, because, for instance, India is going to have cheaper labor than the US. I just bought a 5'X8' wool rug (100% wool) from Overstock.com for \$100 even that was made in India. I simply couldn't get that kind of deal from a rug made in the United States. If, indeed, there are still US rug manufacturers in business, something that I am not sure of.

The Indian rug is certified not to have used "child labor", which is good, but the labor costs in India are still so much lower than they are in America. This is a machine made rug, rather than hand-tufted, which is really neither here nor there for me. This rug is a simple geometric pattern in orange and black. There isn't much there that hand-tufting would do better (or more "artistically") than machine made.

And the Democrats want to make the minimum wage \$15 an hour. That is insane. We can price ourselves outside of the market on everything, if we try, and that really seems to be the Democrat's intent.

[Guggi](#) wrote:

I don't think that the secret weapons deal from Bengazi was with or for IS because the IS hasn't been a warring party in 2011/2012. They appeared unexpected in 2014. But: during the end of 2011 and early 2012 weapons and Islamist fighters have been shipped from Libya to Syria via Turkey and in early 2012 al Nusra out of a sudden has been formed.



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They weren't trading with the Islamic State as the Islamic State, but directly as **al Qaeda** in Iraq and Syria. That is where all of these terrorist quasi-states are coming from ultimately. They began as offshoots of al Qaeda, and have grown and metastasized to the point that they are more dangerous than the initial infection. But Hillary and Obama were working backing al Qaeda in 2012. You would think that that would be enough to crush them politically. They have been supporting America's enemies in a time of war. Nevermind that they are terrorist enemies, and

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therefore likely to use the weapons that they sell to them against America directly. Obama claims to be worried that a person with a non-violent felony, like, say, **Martha Stewart**, will buy a handgun or a semiautomatic rifle for self-defense, but they've not only been selling heavy weapons to the Mexican Drug Cartels, but have been **giving** machineguns, and possibly even surface to air missiles to offshoots of al Qaeda all over the Middle East. You would think that the cognitive dissonance of that would be enough to kill them at the polls. It apparently isn't, but I think that we would be applying this to our advantage, and we aren't even trying. These people are traitors, and they get a complete pass.

@ [Bumr50](#):

The upshot of this kind of bullshit is that it is somehow **OK** for young black men to commit murder, so long as they are killing other black people. That it is somehow **racist** to try and shine a light on this problem. That, indeed, there **is no problem** with young black males, maybe three to five percent of the population of the United States, committing **half of the murders** in the United States every year. Half, as in greater than 50%. Since they **mostly** are killing other black people, it is racist to make an issue of it.

Unreal. And some people wonder why I call the Left **EVIL**.



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Of course, you can also look at the abortion demographics. Roughly half of all black pregnancies end in an abortion rather than a live birth, killing something like 90 **thousand** black babies every year. As I have [pointed out many times, if that were happening any other way it would be, **correctly**, labeled **genocide**. Since it is black mothers killing their unborn children, though, that is just fine with the Left. Something that they **quietly** celebrate as a step in the right direction, if you pay attention to what their secular saint Margaret Sanger said about the issue 70+ years ago.

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Like I keep saying, the Left are not **wrong**. It is not simply that they have the wrong policies, or mistaken principles, or any of that relatively benign shit. They are **knowingly Evil**. Saul Alinsky, the mentor/political theorist that both Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama consider one of their greatest influences dedicated his book *Rules for Radicals* to **Satan**. It isn't like these people are hiding what they are about. It is that the

American people can't believe that they are really **serious** about it. No matter how many peoples' deaths they celebrate as "**Good Public Policy**".

[RIX](#) wrote:

I can not remember an election like this.

Historically, I think you have to go back to the election of 1860 to find something comparable. Lincoln wasn't the first choice of Republican voters. The way they handled nomination wasn't exactly like it is today, either, but going into the Convention Lincoln was a distant second on the first ballot. It took three ballots to get to Lincoln. Then in the General Election Lincoln was the plurality winner, getting 43% of the vote in a three- or four-way contest. I think we are going to wind up with a contested Convention, and I doubt seriously that Trump will wind up our nominee if/when that happens. And nobody knows what the General Election is going to look like. If Trump isn't the nominee I expect him to mount a Third-Party bid, just to duck the Republicans. There has never been a Third Party President in American history, and my money isn't on Trump becoming the first if he elects to follow that route. Trump has yet to take an absolute majority anywhere, and unless he pulls that off in New York I don't see him doing that in any of the remaining primaries. It is going to be a wild, unpredictable ride, just as it has been so far. Under normal conditions, Hillary Clinton would be completely unelectable, but this isn't a normal election cycle. If Trump runs as a Third Party candidate, and Sanders winds up doing the same, who can predict who will wind up with the plurality if the votes? Trump **might** pull it out with 38% of the vote. I wouldn't rule it entirely out, though I wouldn't bet on that outcome if I were a betting man.



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@ [RIX](#):

I am doing pretty well tonight. I was in some serious pain this morning, but I took sufficient pain medication to knock that down. Other than that, it was just a typical day.



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The problem with the Lincoln example is, I will agree, a long time ago. It doesn't necessarily follow that it isn't the **closest** example that we have to today's situation. The Trump candidacy is pretty unprecedented. That he

will **not** get the 1237 delegates necessary to secure the nomination is just about an incontrovertible fact now. It isn't **impossible** for him to do so, but it is extremely unlikely. We won't know for certain until we are actually at the Convention. It is likely to be a contested convention, and no matter who comes out on top, the loser is going to feel cheated. Then we will see what we will see.

Another point about Lincoln not having the entire Party against him is not necessarily a plus for Trump as our nominee. There are a **lot** of good reasons to be against Trump, and when you say that the Party's is against him does not mean that it necessarily follows that he will be a good candidate. Any way you cut it, he has 60+% of **Republicans** voting against him, and no plan that I can see of winning them over.

I could say more, but I really don't want to fight about it. Trump is far from inevitable, and really looks like a disaster going into the General Election. If one believes the polls, he has higher negatives than Hillary Clinton, and she is under Federal investigation for multiple felonies. She looks imminently beatable by every candidate we are running **except Trump**. Now, maybe he'll win the nomination, and go on to win the general. Just because something is improbable doesn't necessarily mean that it is impossible. But it is highly unlikely.

I don't see how you can make the argument that nominating Trump is putting our best chance at winning out there. That simply runs counter to all the evidence that we have on the issue. He may win the nomination, and go on to win the general. I have made it plain that if he wins the nomination I will vote for him, and that I will **hope** that he beats Clinton or Sanders. But I don't **expect** him to win the general if he is our nominee.

[RIX](#) wrote:

Mocking Trump supporters is not smart.



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That is something that I agree with you on, but that's a knife that cuts both ways. It isn't productive to, as Rodan/Phantom Ace has done here, insult Trump supporters, or infer that because they don't agree with you on their choice of candidate that they are intellectually deficient.

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We have different priorities. That is what it really comes down to. You

and Coldwarrior, as near as I can tell, hate the Republican Establishment, and believe that anything that they are against **must** be a good thing. Trump's negatives don't matter, because on this one issue he **does** easily beat Cruz, who is realistically the only other option at this point. Cruz benefits from disgust at the Establishment as well, but is voters care about passing a rather specific agenda. That is an agenda that the Republican Establishment does not support, but they are deluding themselves if they believe that they can bring in a Paul Ryan, or anybody else that I can think of, to take the nomination away from one of the two top vote getters. **That** would be truly unprecedented, and is a sure path to electoral failure. Even Kasich isn't really viable. The choices for the Establishment are Trump or Cruz. I can honestly see the Establishment coming around to supporting Trump, simply because his ideology appears extremely malleable, and he might very well come around to supporting many of the positions that the Establishment favors.

[Bumr50](#) wrote:

I'm watching hockey and drinking beer, and won't speak for CW, RIX, or Brookly, but soon I'll try and explain my support for Trump.

While what you've written is no doubt a part of it for me, it's a small and largely insignificant part.

That will be interesting. I am, of course, only reporting what I see as the common thread of the Trump supporters here, at Weasel Zippers, and on various news programs. Policy doesn't seem to be as important as sending a message to the Establishment. If America's situation were less dire, I might agree with that priority, but America is facing the greatest existential threat she has **ever** faced.



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Robert E. Lee and his Army of Northern Virginia were **never** the threat to America that the modern Democrat Party is. Lee, *et al*, never came close to destroying America, though Lee at times came close to winning the Civil War for his side. Victory for the South would not have destroyed the United States, only changed the size and composition of the United States of America. If we lose to the Left, America **will** be destroyed, though her territorial integrity may not be threatened. We will lose the legacy if limited government and Constitutional freedom that we've inherited.

We see all kinds of different ways that the Left are attacking that legacy of freedom, especially religious freedom when it comes to people of the Christian faith. Eight years ago we would not have believed that the Executive Branch of the United States of America would actually go to court to force the Catholic charity Little Sisters of the Poor to pay for abortions. Surprise!

That is only one of many fronts that the Christian faith is under attack by the Left. Defeating that is much more important to me than sending a message to the Republican Establishment. The Establishment sucks, and if they would govern according to Republican Principles as they have been stated to be all of my life, we would not likely be here. They have been too willing to sell out our principles for meaningless bullshit. At some point you have to stand and fight.

Sweet kitty, but I doubt I'd want to cuddle with it. I've got Pepper, my black cat, in the bed with me right now. She was one of my Birthday Cats when I got her and Angel in 2011 or 2012. They are both sweet, but Angel, who used to sleep with me every night, quit that a year or more ago. Pepper will sleep with me some nights, and has become especially loving since I was diagnosed with cancer. Erika still sleeps with me a lot, and is cuddly, and Hope is especially loving. I'd have a hard time making it without my cats.



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@ [RIX](#):

Cool! It has been a day where I have slept most of the time. It was kind of cool today, and I wasn't feeling well (nauseous) so I didn't go ride. I just napped/slept pretty much all day. I am just waking up. That is probably good for me. If I don't watch it the cancer sneaks up on me. I want to do things, but I am simply physically not able to. Thanks for asking. As for the panthers, it is cool that they are apparently gentle, but I still don't think I would want to cuddle them!



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We've all seen the video of the guy with the lion that he raised, and **that** is super cool. I'd love to do something like that. Naturally, I love the big cats. But you have to be careful with them. They are designed for killing, and can hurt you badly not intending to at all. Like the way that white tiger in Las Vegas hurt that magician, or whatever he was. The big cat was trying to protect him, but he wound up mauled pretty badly. I know he and his partner were fighting not to destroy that cat, but I don't know

how it worked out.

Part of me would love to get a Savannah cat. They are a mix of Serval, which is an African wild cat, and a domestic cat. They are huge, usually, and cool as hell, but they'd have trouble integrating with our 8 other cats, so getting one is out of the question. My cats are really one of the keys to how I have managed to keep my spirits up. They are so loving. I am without a cat right at the moment, but I've had cats with me all day.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

Absolutely. Tigers are almost the perfect predator, and are definitely the top of the food chain except for humans. There may have been better predators in the distant past. I imagine that a live T-Rex would be quite the sight to see, and I don't know that you could stop one of those with anything practical that is man portable exact maybe an antitank weapon. They could probably absorb all the punishment a Barrette could deal out to them, unless you got lucky and destroyed their brain or their heart. I don't know about the size of their heart, but their brains would be a tiny target to try to destroy.



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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Wow! I've never seen anything like that, but fighting a tiger would worry me. They are huge, and they are designed solely to kill. They are like a fine sword in that. Or a heavy machinegun. I thought the tigers in *Gladiator* were wonderful touches. They were chained, or they'd have just killed everyone in the arena. Marvelous animals. Wonders of God's creation.



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[mfhorn](#) wrote:

Nothing like seeing a pair of hunting cats running towards you.
Magnificent.



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I bet! My education has been deficient in that regard. I am going to have to see what I can do to rectify that. One of my bucket list things is to hunt Kodiak bears in Alaska. When you hunt Kodiak, they will often

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hunt **you** back. That would be invigorating. Unfortunately, that will almost definitely always be [out of my price range](#). The \$10-25K for the

professional guide, which is required by law, and sounds prudent to me in any event. Something that is maybe a little more affordable is [hunting Brown Bears in Russia](#). That would still be very pricey, though. I am not at all sure that it is worth it to hunt Brown or Kodiak bears. OTOH, [Black Bear hunting is more doable](#), pricewise. It still isn't cheap.

My cheapest way to hunt black bear is to [Stay home and just hunt locally](#), but the bears around here are much smaller than they would be in Alaska. I found out that the County I live in (Knox County) actually has a bear season. It is archery only. I am not sure where you would hunt to have much of a bear population. I've lived here for decades, and only ever seen one bear in this county, and heard of one other that was reported on the road just over from the road I live on. That's it. Maybe there are more bears in parts of the County that are closer to the mountains. A local black bear here just isn't the same kind of hunting adversary that Kodiak, Brown, or Grizzly bears would be in Alaska. Even Black bears are considerably larger bears in Alaska. I don't know if they are more aggressive in Alaska, but they certainly are bigger.

@ [rain of lead](#):

Yeah, doing shit like that will break the Party. Our nominee will be either Cruz or Trump. Anybody else will be a choice to lose the General Election because voters simply will not turn out. I've been saying for some time that the Government has lost the consent of the governed. Shit like this is exactly what I am talking about. If they try to pass over Cruz and Trump, and put in either someone who did poorly in the primaries like Job Bush, or someone who didn't run like Paul Ryan, there will be record low turnout on the Republican side, where right now you are seeing record high turnout in a lot of states. Hillary Clinton will win in a walk. Which the GOP Establishment appears to be good with. It is getting to the time when the only course of action left to us is violence. Hang some of these bastards, and the ones who survive the cull may behave better. If they do not, hang them too. We don't need a Party Elite. They need us, as voters. We need to remind them of that, and it is becoming possible that we will need to remind them with the harshest measures at our disposal.



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@ [RIX](#):

I would say that that number is probably close to being right. Trump isn't the favored candidate of actual members of the Republican Party. In

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the States that he's won, his margin of victory seems to be non-Republican votes. This is not necessarily a bad thing. It is entirely possible that these other votes, whether they are independents or Democrats, are sincere in their preference, and will vote for Trump in the General Election. It is equally possible that they are Democrats who want to choose the weaker candidate for the General Election, and intend to vote for Hillary Clinton. We can't know the answer to that until the General Election.

Personally, I am against Open Primaries. It should be up to the Parties to decide who their candidates are, not the general electorate. If you don't want to pick a side, that's fine, but you shouldn't have a say in who the Parties nominate. I don't even like the way it is here in Tennessee, where you can choose the Party whose Primary you are voting in on election day. We don't register by Party affiliation, so there really is no other way to do it. I'd personally like to see that changed.

[RIX](#) wrote:

These same guys will demand that the people who get dissed fall in line and support their hand picked choice. Good luck with that.

And therein lies the problem with what is happening. I agree completely that the GOP Establishment is behaving stupidly. **Extremely** stupidly.



I can completely understand that the Republican Establishment doesn't want Trump, though. He is, you must admit, the **only** current Republican running for the nomination that consistently **loses** to Hillary Clinton in the polls. At the end of the day keeping Clinton out of the White House matters more than sending a message to the Establishment about who is boss. If we really want to do that, then after the election challenge them for control of the Party.

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Take control of the Precinct level parts of the Party.

That is where you start if you really want to change things. The Precinct offices are often held by whomever is willing to put themselves forward to do the work in a rather thankless and unglamorous job. I've worked with Grass Roots movements before, and I have seen this before. The people who are willing to really work in these positions tend to get them,

and they are the ones setting the ground rules for everybody else, more or less. The higher-ups in the Party tend to come from their ranks, at least until you get to the people actually running for national office.

This takes time, money, and is pretty thankless. If you really want to change the Party, though, this is the route that you have to take. If you really want to start a Third Party that is more than a tool to split the vote and elect Democrats to office, this is where you start building your Party. This isn't rocket science, but it **is** difficult as hell, which is why you haven't seen it done successfully in 160 years.

The Libertarians aren't willing to do the work. They want to elect a President whom they expect to behave like a dictator, only pushing **their** agenda, instead of the agenda of either of the main two parties. They don't really want a President to be held under the thumb of the Constitution, because such a President couldn't pass their agenda without the help of a Legislature that will be entirely hostile to them. The real way to change the government is to build your Party structure, and elect people at a State Level before you try to elect Federal level people.

Nobody is willing to do that. If Trump doesn't get the nomination, you aren't going to see the Trump people do this any more than you saw the Perot people do that after getting Clinton elected in 1992. That is the real reason no Party has risen to challenge the two main Parties. And if Trump gets the nomination and loses, as looks likely if he gets the nomination, you won't see it happen, either. People in general are long on complaints, and short on action.

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Trump is on Fox News right now. He is actually right about allowing Japan and South Korea developing their own nuclear programs, but he is completely inept at explaining his position. The correctness of that position is simple: the nonproliferation regimen has completely failed. North Korea has developed nuclear weapons, and the nonproliferation scheme that was supposed to prevent that has failed. Now, one appropriate response would be to simply nuke North Korea out of existence before they have delivery systems that can turn their nuclear weapons into an existential threat.

We aren't willing to do that.



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Letting Japan and South Korea develop their own weapons not only punishes North Korea for developing their nuclear weapons, but punishes China for failing to stop them as well, and our nonproliferation program always relied on China's support, and China didn't fulfill their end of that bargain.

Q.E.D. We should punish China as well as North Korea for their intransigence. Letting Japan and South Korea do as they will on nuclear weapons accomplishes this, and at little cost to the United States. Unlike North Korea, Japan and South Korea are not going to be selling their weapons to Third Parties, potentially including terrorist organizations. It is a no-brainer, really, but Trump either doesn't really **know** this, or he is unable to articulate it, and thus comes off looking like a fool on the issue. If he can't even make political hay with an issue like this when he is **right** about the issue, how can he possibly lead when the issue is in doubt?

@ [troutski](#):

See my point to RIX on Trump re nuclear weapons in the Asian Theater. This is basic stuff that politicians have to be able to do. He simply cannot seem to do it. This indicates that he'd be a running disaster as President, because he can't seem to learn the basics of what the job requires. He is not running for CEO of the United States. Some of a President's functions may be similar to those of a CEO, but at the end of the day those are the less important functions.



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Yes, he has to be able to nominate qualified subordinates, but he also must get them past Senate Confirmation, something that being a CEO simply doesn't prepare him for. This is an aspect of his candidacy that is coming to a head now. He can't even handle political questions when the rightness of his position is manifest to people who know what is going on with this issue, which will **not** be the average American voter.

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@ [troutski](#):

Which is why it is almost impossible for Trump to get the 1237 delegates. It is theoretically possible, but highly unlikely. That throws it to a contested convention. Trump is unlikely to win that. Again, it is theoretically possible, but it is unlikely.



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I think when it is all fought out we will have Ted Cruz as our nominee, despite the opposition of the GOP Elite. It may be theoretically possible

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for Kasich to get the nominee, but he isn't popular with much of anybody, other than the few voters that he is getting. He has won one state so far, and that is his home state.

We'll see how it plays out, but that is my take on it. If we do wind up with a four way contest, that is the only scenario that I see producing a Trump Presidency. He could win in the high 30s percentage wise, and wind up the victor because everybody else more or less divides the remaining electorate between themselves. Theoretically possible, but that appears unlikely right now. People on our side of the aisle are the only people I hear talking about a Sanders third party candidacy. I haven't even seen him actually asked the question the way they are Trump.

[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

So he can just fuck right off, too, Trump wasn't talking to him, he was talking to us.



Exactly so. That is Trump's one true strength. He can't necessarily talk to the other world leaders, but he **can** talk to the segment of the voters that he appeals to. He can motivate them to the polls, and he has steadily taken about 35% of the voters. He isn't taking a majority of voters, but he is able to keep anybody else from taking a majority of the voters. That is why he is such a danger as a Third Party candidate. Trump probably can't win the Presidency, but he **can probably determine who does** win the Presidency. That is no small thing. The question is how will he use that ability? It is going to be interesting to watch.

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[RIX](#) wrote:

I saw Trump this morning on FNC, and thought that he was in better control than usual.



That's part of his problem. He **was** doing good with Chris Wallace for him. He still was completely unable to defend his position on either allowing Japan and South Korea the latitude to develop their own nuclear deterrent, or to pull the US out of NATO.

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Does he simply not **know** why these are correct positions? Or is he too inarticulate to enunciate them?

These are not idle questions. Both really cut to his fitness for the Office of the President. We aren't electing the CEO of America. We are electing the Leader of the Free World. We forgot that when Obama was running for President. McCain could have eaten Obama alive on the question of who was more qualified to be the Leader of the Free World, a decorated Combat Veteran with decades of foreign policy experience, or a street pamphleteer from the most corrupt political machine in the United States?

McCain never asked that question because he simply wasn't **interested** in beating Obama.

Neither was Romney, but even Romney tried harder than McCain. Is Trump really interested in winning, or is he running as a spoiler? I really can't tell.

[brookly red](#) wrote:

Europe is going to have to deal with the fact if they want to survive the muzz invasion they are going to need to join with Russia not defend against her

I generally agree with that. Putin wouldn't be pressing us if we had a strong leader in America, but as things stand he has a vested interest in finding out what, exactly, Obama is willing to fight for. I'd be doing the same thing if I were in his position, and when it comes to things like annexing the Crimes, I might do the same as him. Though as I understand it that has cost him a price in blood that he didn't expect to pay.

It is difficult to read Putin. He came up through the Darwinian political culture of the KGB, and he is used to playing his cards close to the vest, and not even trusting his best friends. Thinking that you can read him by what few clues he gives is probably a mistake. He's been playing the game against better players than we are since we were children.



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I tend to agree with you, but for a politician to be unable to enunciate his positions on issues in a number of different ways to sell those ideas to

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different audiences is a fatal flaw. Quite simply that is the critical skill that all successful politicians under our form of government simply must have.

It is not **as** critical if you are running for a county seat or something like that, but President? It is the skill you need above all others. A President has to **lead** to be successful, and if you can't articulate your positions well enough to sell them to a **friendly** audience then you are hosed. And I **am** a friendly audience for Trump despite not wanting him as our nominee. I **agree** with his positions as I understand them on most issues.

Hell, I think I've done a damned good job of summing up why Trump is right on the question of nukes and the Asian Theater. If he either can't do that for himself, or, worse, is simply parroting what some Advisor has told him to say without understanding **why** it is the correct position, then he will be as scary a President as Obama. He will lack Obama's malevolence, but who knows who the "advisor" **really** running the show is, or what they want? That man or woman (or group of people) will be unelected, and will not be answerable to the voters for their positions.

That is the cores of myself opposition to Trump. He is right on about 80% of their issues, if he really believes what he is saying, and will really work to promote those positions if elected. That is better than McCain, if those two big ifs are both answered correctly. We can't know about that until he is actually elected. Even his signature issue of the border and immigration is really a big unknown. He didn't always feel the way he says he does now.

Neither did Cruz, and I do wish Cruz were stronger on the issue, but the border is not anywhere near the most pressing problem we have. Neither is trade. Both are things that are not existential threats to the United States. We've survived obpver 20 years of NAFTA, GATT, MFN for China, and so on. Have they hurt the average American? Without question. No one can honestly deny that fact. But they haven't killed anybody. They haven't destroyed any American cities. Compared to a nuclear North Korea or nuclear Iran these things do not even register.

Our biggest existential threat is Islam. Period. Even if the Muslims quit killing people later this afternoon, Islam in the form that it is currently practiced is a grave threat to Western Civilization. Look at the Muslim invasion of Western Europe. It is a very assymetrical military offensive. It is even better than Islamic terrorism, if their goal is to **win**, and replace Western Civilization with Sharia Law, and a Caliphate. If the West ever

really got incensed about the Islamic State, we would wipe it off the face of the Earth the same ways I wanted us to wipe Afghanistan off the face of the Earth after 9/11. We have the firepower to do the deed anytime we choose to use it. The only nation on Earth that could really gainsay us is Russia, and they have no reason to do more than maybe propose a resolution that they know will be vetoed at they Useless Nations. The Russians are not going to put Moscow and St. Petersburg at risk to spare Ramadi and Falluja our wrath, should the Islamic State finally succeed at provoking us. Any more than we were going to put up Washington and New York to protect the Ukraine and Crimea.

I could go on about this for some time. These are the questions in my mind when I am evaluating our candidates for President. A Wall on the Southern Border is in the "Nice to have" category. Control of our borders is important, but there is really no reason to suspect that Cruz will be substantively different on the issue than Trump. Trump says many of the right things about Islam, such as halting Islamic immigration into the United States, but when he got pushback on the issue he pretty much caved. You don't hear him talking that tougher on the issue today. What is his real ideology? I have no idea. I think it is entirely possible that he doesn't really **have** a set ideology. That would quite be as bad as Hillary Clinton or Bernie Sanders, but it will be a failed Presidency getting out of the gate. People talk about Cruz being able to deal with the Legislature, but his record is really one of forcing the Legislature to at least pay attention to his positions. Some of that was brute force, like his filibuster, but other things, like shutting down the government required that he lead, and he led well. The GOP Establishment was putting out that he had personally lost the 2014 elections, and instead the GOP had the best election not only of my lifetime, but of the lifetimes of all but the very oldest of Americans. The best election since the 1920s, in fact. **That** is the kind of leadership I want from my President. If we had that kind of leadership in the Senate, we'd be passing legislation instead of just blathering, and we'd see what Obama actually would do with legislation on his desk. Obama doesn't like to work too hard. That's what has kept him from doing more damage than he's done.



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[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

oddly enough, no Americans are named in this article

That is kind of odd, isn't it? We know that our rich elites are doing things

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like this. I guess that they just are using different tax havens, or whomever released this information scrubbed it before releasing it. I don't know enough about the issue at hand to know which, but it is odd that no Americans are named.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

I would be shocked if there wasn't. Our rich elites aren't significantly different than rich elites elsewhere in the world, or, for that matter, nobility throughout history. One of the reasons our nation has been so successful is that it was set up with sincere knowledge of how nations are abused, and how they fall. We are the oldest continuous government on the face of the Earth today. One of the oldest in all of history, and in an age where the whole cycle of history has sped up exponentially. We may not survive the next ten or fifteen years, but we've had a good run of it.



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[RIX](#) wrote:

Carpet Bombing is defined as indiscriminate bombing in a populated area. That is a war crime. They all have negatives and positives.

Not correct. Carpet bombing is the dropping of large quantities of explosives from a bomber so that you are covering a contiguous region of geography. In World War Two these were populated areas, but we did carpet bombing of jungle in Vietnam, ostensibly to deny the NVA/Viet Con from jungle cover. How effective that was is debatable, but the fact that it occurred is not.



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In any event, neither one is necessarily a war crime. Most of the time when you see the charge of "War Crime" it simply means any tactic that the person making the accusation disapproves of. Correct me if I am wrong, but I know that no Allied forces were ever charged with "War Crimes" from carpet bombing, and I don't know of any Nazis that were charged for it. The Nazis had plenty of war crimes to choose from, of course, and when you have Concentration Camps and Death Camps going after a tactic of war that both sides used seems unnecessary, and very much something that can come back to haunt you.

Cruz has walked back his “carpet bombing” rhetoric, I am sorry to see. I’d have much rather heard him enunciate the principle that no tactic that leads to victory is off the table, and our enemies hide in civilian populations rather than fighting on a battlefield, so the civilian casualties are their responsibility, not ours. Would carpetbombing, say, Ramadi be advantageoud to us militarily? I have no idea. But its military utility is the only criteria that I would have deciding whether or not to use it. Our media is objectively an Enemy Fifth Column in this country. I’d make the case for the military necessity if it were deemed necessary, and openly question the allegiance of anyone making an issue of it. Maybe that is why I am not running for President.

@ [eaglesoars](#):



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If I came across such a thing, I’d severely damage any moonbat that laid hands on me. After all, as we’ve seen with that reporter, it is simple battery simply to touch somebody else. I’d take that as a threat at their illegal “checkpoint” (they aren’t the police, though you might could charge them with impersonating a law officer), and destroy the threat. They’d most likely survive, but they’d be in the Emergency Room, bare minimum. Multiple compound fractures. Generally, if someone accosts me with theirnright arm, I train to destroy the joints and long bones of their right side of their body.

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I wouldn’t trust them to drive a truck. Truck drivers contribute to the overall war effort, and these special snowflakes would be as likely to deliberately fuck that up as they would do it correctly. And we aren’t going to hang them for sabotage, no matter how well they deserve it.

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Thanks for that. I won’t disagree with the article, though I do question the political agenda of the web site. This is from their own article:

The U.S. military command has acknowledged that the bombing of the Iraqi Basra area by American B-52 bombers in 1991 was an area bombardment. As the attacks had been directed solely against the combatants of the so-called Iraqi Republican Guard, the United States believed the attacks to have been lawful.

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And that is how Cruz would, no doubt, defend it this way if we did it. When your enemy hides in cities among civilians, then civilians will be killed. That is the fault of the enemy, not our military. In point of fact, I do not believe that you have seen very many “War Crimes” charges against the military of the victors in wars. Mai Lay stands out from Viet Nam, but here you have an example from the First Gulf War that violates this particular “law” of war that resulted in a big nothing.

Frankly, I don’t understand the opposition to this tactic if it is militarily necessary. Military necessity is what should dictate our military actions. We simply cannot allow “Laws of War” to cause us to be defeated in the legal arena before we we have done all that we can on the battlefield. To the extent that laws of war create a reasonable environment for combat, trying to minimize civilian casualties, and provide for equitable treatment of Prisoners of War they are good, but any time that they give an advantage to our enemies, then they are bad. In my living memory, we have rarely fought enemies who adhered to even the most general of the laws of war. The Vietnamese did not on any meaningful level. The Soviet’s might would have had we fought a limited war against them, but Mutually Assured Destruction called for the annihilating of pretty much all major population centers in both nations with nuclear weapons. It makes nonsense to bitch about carpet bombing a city when the stated strategy is to nuke that city out of existence.

In the First Gulf War, to my knowledge the Iraqis abides by the laws of war, but we didn’t give them much opportunity to violate them. We destroyed them too quickly and efficiently to give them any POWs to torture, and Iraq couldn’t carpet bomb US cities.

The Islamic State is already beyond all laws of war. As such, they are not protected by them. **That** is one of the key strictures on the Laws of War. They are only applicable to your enemy if you abide by them yourself. WWhen the Islamic State burned that Jordanian pilot alive, they put themselves beyond the legal framework for land warfare. Our hands are only as tied as we **choose** for them to be there.



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@ [eaglesoars](#):

That’s alwaysna possibility. But if an inordinate number of truckmdrivers “commit suicide”, or are killed by “enemy action” far from the front, our media will be questioning it very quickly. The Media are the Enemy. We have to always keep that in mind.

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@ [lobo91](#):

Thanks! Our darling media didn't make much of that, did they? If we'd done the same, can you imagine the outcry? Look at how much grief the media gave us over Abu Ghraib and, of course, waterboarding Khalid Sheikh Mohammed. They bitch and moan when we do legitimate acts under the laws of war when our enemies ignore them. As I said earlier, the Media are the Enemy. If we were fighting a Civil War in the United States, I'd be damned tempted to summarily execute any reporters that found themselves in my loving custody. That doesn't mean I'd actually do it. It doesn't mean I wouldn't do it, either. I daresay my actions would be predicated on their own.



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Just finished watching the last of the *Hunger Games* series. I wasn't impressed. Everything was **very** predictable. If you haven't seen it, I won't put out any spoilers, but I was very disappointed. Not at all like the end of the *Batman* Trilogy, where the final installment was as good or better as its predecessors.



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Coldwarrior. First of all, I want to say "Well done!" I am not an economics student. My undergraduate work, as you know, is in political theory (both Communist and Capitalist), and law in various forms, including Constitutionally law and an excellent course on Jurisprudence taught by Dr.Mabe at Florida State. That course, like my Con Law courses, was taught the same as the course at the law school, but graded more leniently. IIRC, I made a B or B+ in the class. I was going through a lot at the time, and want able to focus on school the way I'd have liked to. All of that is a precursor for me telling you that your article was very understandable for someone who, while well educated, doesn't have any formal collegiate training in the discipline of economics. Thus, well done indeed.



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This is something that is more in my line of study:

Yes, a great chunk of this is directly because DC wants us to be poor and stupid, and a great chunk is because of this moronic idea of Free Trade (these are not mutually exclusive). Uncles Milty and Smith would never allow America to go down the path it is going over adherence to their theories. And frankly, if they did, I have no time for them.

I agree completely, and I would say that both parties are guilty of this, though with the Democrats it is more obvious and active. The Democrats have spent the last 40+ years destroying the American Education System, something intended to keep us, as you say, poor and dumb.

They then try to funnel everyone that they can into college, even though college is not the correct path for most students, really. They get these kids to take out tens of thousands of dollars in student loans to get degrees in Gender Diversity and Queer Theory, Ethnic Studies, and the like. Even a degree like my undergraduate really only prepared me to go to Law School. When I decided against law as a profession, the four year degree didn't leave me a lot of options in the job market.

That is why I went back to school, to a Community College, and got a degree in Computer Science. It is that Associates in Applied Science that has buttered my bread, as it were, for the last 17-18 years.

This is not to say that the four year degree was a wasted effort. Far from it. I have studied the political theory of both the Left and the Right, probably better than most (I'd guess at least 95%) of the people in our political system who are actually implementing these theories. I know better than they do why their leaders, the real people running the show, not the political figureheads that may or may not really be calling the shots, want them to act as they are led to act.

You are absolutely right that they want us "poor and stupid". The Left has led in this effort, but they have been virtually unopposed by the Right. The Right talks a good game, but what do they do when they are actually given power? We can thank Bush I for Clarence Thomas, an appointment that has been so stellar that I am willing to forgive David Souter. Bush I was misled about Souter, though I don't know for sure if that was deliberate, or if Souter had snowed the Big Dog Republican (I don't remember which one it was right at the moment) that sold him to Bush. Either way he was a missed opportunity and bad Justice, but Thomas is still on the Court, and likely to be there for a very long time to come. I'll forgive Bush I much because of that.

And his son really didn't do badly when he had the opportunity to pick Justices. Roberts has handed down many more good decisions than bad. While he let Obama roll him, intimidate him, or whatever on ObamaCare, without Roberts therefore is no *Heller* or *McDonald* decisions, and Roberts was 100% rock solid in his opposition to the Gay

Marriage decision. Buzzsawmonkey expected him to give the writing of the opinion to Pagan, but instead he gave it to Kennedy. Kennedy still gave us an awful opinion (one Roberts thoroughly devastated in his brilliant dissent), but imagine what Pagan would have done with the decision. As Roberts' dissent made plain, this is **not** settled law. Not yet.

The Republicans are guilty more of sins of commission than commission, but trade is one of the few issues that they are 100% against the American people on. I agree with everything you say about "free" trade. NAFTA was every bit as much a disaster for America as Ross Perot predicted it would be. Like Trump, Perot was the only candidate in the race speaking the truth about trade. That doesn't change the incontrovertible fact that Perot was in the race to get Clinton elected, not to win the Presidency himself. That doesn't necessarily mean that Trump is doing the same thing, but I can't rule that out. Whatever his intent, it appears at this time that a Trump candidacy as the Republican nominee will result in a Clinton Presidency, regardless of his actual intent. If he is our nominee, I will do what I can to get him elected, but looking at his extremely high negatives, I think he is the **only** candidate that we have in the race now Thatcher Hillary Clinton can beat.

Be that as it may, he is right in trade if he will govern as he has campaigned, and he is able to overcome all of the odds against him. I will pray for both of those outcomes if he is nominated and elected.

I agree with you on trade, though, if not who would be our best candidate in general. There is no doubt that on trade Cruz falls in line with the standard GOP Party Line, which is generally the argument that Flyovercountry has presented. I disagree with this position, but it is worth noting that when you look at who supports the Republican position on this issue, you come up with a **long** list of pundits and thinkers who I usually agree with who support the GOP stance, while when you look at the people opposed to these positions you come up with another long list of people with whom I agree on about **nothing** else. That doesn't necessarily mean that's I am wrong, but it is certainly enough evidence that I have to question the correctness of my views on the issue.

As I've said many times, I am not a student of economics, but I **am** a reasonably intelligent person, and I have had a **lot** of training in logic, reasoning, and critical thinking. All of that was mandatory for my Political Science degree, though I was also a Philosophy major for a long while, and Logic is one of the core components of a Philosophy major,

something that makes it far more valuable a degree than, say, Ethnic and Gender studies. Logically, I have come to the same basic conclusions that you are enunciating, though the path that I take to arrive at that conclusion is, perforce, different in some degree from your own.

In any event, I've kind of wandered around in my concurring opinion

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[coldwarrior](#) wrote:

"Welcome to Russia. We're delighted to have visitors, but you mustn't forget, you are guests here."

That is how **Americans** should treat foreigners in our country. Not beating the shit out of foreigners who don't deserve it, of course, though foreigners who come here to harass American women are likely to be **educated** on the issue, at least here in the South, but they are **guests** in **our** home. They are here at our sufferance. If they act unacceptably, they should be kicked out. That is simply the way things should work. And this nation that we are somehow obligated to bring in thousands of Islamic "refugees" from the Mirpddle East is just bullshit. Especially with the Islamic State **telling us** that they are going to have terrorists in their number, is **insane**. The Islamic State knows that Obama will gladly welcome terrorists to kill Americans, so they have nothing to lose by telling us in advance what they intend to do. And the chickenshit Republicans in the Legislature snot have the stones to cut off the funding that is bringing these terrorists into the country. Another thing that is just **insane**. There were a lot of people who have blamed the Bush Administration for 9/11, a farcical position given that the planning for 9/11 mostly took place during the Clinton Administration. But here we have the terrorist State **telling us** what it intends to do, and the Left are bending over backwards to accommodate the terrorists. And, again, the chickenshit Republicans do nothing to even alert the American people that the Obama Administration intends to import terrorist sleeper cells, no doubt hoping that they devil the next Administration if it is a Republican Administration. A Democrat Administration, in keeping with the precedent Obama has set, will no doubt support the terrorists, rather than the American people. Another fact that the chickenshit Republicans don't seem to want to get in front of the voters.

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@ [Aussie Infidel](#):

She's not expected to win Wisconsin tomorrow, either. If she were anyone else, they'd be writing her off. She's a Clinton, though, and that is Democrat royalty. The Superdelegates pretty much guarantee that she'll be the Democrat nominee. The people who are voting don't really matter in the Democrat primaries. It is the Superdelegates that decide everything. Even if Sanders continues to rack up 70% of the vote, unless the majority of the Superdelegates change their minds about Hillary, she will be the nominee. The Republican elites are trying to find a way to steal the election from the voters. The Democrats don't need to do that because the way that their primary system is set up. The idiots voting only inform the Superdelegates of their preference. The Superdelegates, who are not, as I understand it, actually bound to anyone. They could conceivably nominate anyone they want to, and if they all stick together while the electorate is split they would win. Certainly the Superdelegates will make the real decision between Clinton and Sanders. The voters are just windowdressing.



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@ [RIX](#):

Good point about 2008. Hillary was supposed to be the nominee, and then Obama happened. Sanders could conceivably do the same, but I don't think that is likely. Nothing is showing Sanders winning the General Election, maybe not even against Trump. While I have no doubt that the Democrat Superdelegates are not troubled by the fact that Sanders is a Socialist, they have to know how that will play with the General Election. Sanders doesn't have First Anything going for him. He's an old white man. Clinton intends to run on her sex. Sanders can't do that.



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I have had a mixed day today. I've not been able to eat well, by which I mean I haven't been able to keep food down today. That sucks, but it is what it is. I got to ride for a couple of hours today, though. Some of it was just running errands, but I also went and rode the Sequoia Hills Dogwood Trail. Nice houses with nice landscaping. Sequoia Hills is the premier neighborhood in Knoxville proper. The other high dollar

neighborhoods are all in West Knoxville or Farragut. I'm talking about half million to million dollar homes, maybe more than that. It is mostly populated by doctors, lawyers, and the like. I saw one Bernie Sanders sign. That kind of floors me. Does this dude not realize that Sanders want to confiscate the "extra" money he (or his wife) makes that enables him to have this **very** nice house?. I assume he believes that Sanders doesn't really mean what he says. That may be, or that may not be. I hope we don't have the opportunities it to find out.

@ [lobo91](#):

And the Media lets the Democrats get away with saying shit like this. Nobody is going to hear about this but people like us. This guy is actively supporting Islamic Terrorists. Can you imagine if there were a Christian terrorist organization bombing abortion clinics and someone affiliated with a major Republican candidate praised them like this? Tryump is getting hell for saying that a woman who has an abortion should face legal consequences for killing her baby. While we can debate that, it is orders of magnitude less extreme than cheering a terrorist massacre.



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You can look at the lack of pushback Hillary Clinton is getting for her statements than an unborn person should have no Constitutional rights. Can anybody think of another class of persons who were denied Constitutional Rights by virtue of who they were? Here's a hint: **Dried Scott Decision**. Yep, boys and girls, I am talking about **African slaves** in the Antebellum United States. But Dried Scott didn't say that slave owners could kill their slaves, or their slaves' children. I don't know the legal consequences, if any, a slave master would have faced from killing a slave, but you could take Hillary Clinton's comments, replace "unborn person" with African slave, and you'd have a statement that resembles greatly the legal argument in *Dred Scott v Sanford*.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):

@ [lobo91](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Yep. Makes you wonder how he manages to make the kind of money that huge house in that tony neighborhood cost him. There are smaller houses in the neighborhood, and I even saw one house with a cop car in the driveway, but this house wasn't one of those. Three stories, a huge yard, no doubt a Mercedes and/or Porsche in the garage, and a Bernie Sanders sign in the yard. I don't know how to deal with that kind of

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willful ignorance.

@ [coldwarrior](#):



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How is he any more a spoiler than Trump? Trump can't get to the 1237 delegates, either. We are going to have a contested convention. This isn't the end of the world. I do agree that if they pick someone totally out of scope there. Will be hell to pay, but a contested convention is something that the process anticipates.

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[lobo91](#) wrote:

Of course, they were expensive property, so in practice, they really didn't kill that many deliberately.



**Iron
Fist**

Yeah, and I suspect that any slaveowners that made a habit of doing it would have faced social condemnation, if no legal consequences. There is, after all, a great deal of social condemnation today against anyone who abuses animals, and rightly so. It is ironic that a society that would condemn someone for killing a kitten has no social condemnation for a woman who kills her unborn child. It is a masterful display of social engineering by the Left. The Dred Scott decision led to a Civil War in fairly short order. It's been more than 40 years since *Roe v Wade*, and the people who condemn the decision are decidedly in the minority in this country. I find that unbelievable, but I know that it is true.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):



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Fist**

Then there is always a spoiler? Politically the term is usually applied to a third candidate in the race who cannot win, but who can pull enough votes to keep the candidate who would otherwise win from winning. The best example of this in modern history is, of course, Ross Perot. It took me a long time to understand that he was trying to win the election, but rather was trying to ensure a Clinton victory. In hindsight, it is pretty clear, but it wasn't so obvious at the time.

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[coldwarrior](#) wrote:



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Iron Fist wrote:

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@ coldwarrior:

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and maybe the second place guy wins, hey, in america everyone gets a trophy now. so that would be a very fitting way to end the convention.

All I will say to that is, again, that Lincoln was the second place candidate going into the Convention, too. That is simply a historical fact. Whether you like Lincoln or not, by your logic he should have never been President. That would have radically impacted all of history since then, and not, IMHO, for the better. It would have certainly been different.



**Iron
Fist**

@ [eaglesoars](#):

I didn't think of that. That could be it. Not having kids, I tend to forget that other people do, and lack experience for what having kids entails.

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@ [RIX](#):

Thanks! Prayer indeed works. The tumor in my esophagus is at least partially dead. I have a PET scan on Wednesday to see whether other parts of the cancer are still active. The one on my ass certainly hurts enough, but it may be dead, too. And the tumor in my throat is pretty much gone. There is a little tiny tumor left in my throat, the size of a BB, or smaller. I feel like we are halfway through chemo, and more than halfway to killing off the cancer. That is great. I want to be done with this, but I have several more months to go. After the tumor is good and dead I will have surgery to remove it, and reattach my stomach to my

esophagus. I will have a highly customized digestive system

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@ [Bumr50](#):

Coldwarrior says no, but does that really matter? Lincoln wasn't the first choice if the system that they had. He didn't win on the Second Ballot either, but on the Third. He won by promising offices to some of the

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delegates who were supporting the other candidate. That is the way politics works. I think it is hilarious to see Conservatives arguing that anything other than an absolute democracy is illegitimate. News flash, guys. America is not a democracy, but a Republic. We have a number of aspects to our government that are not anywhere near being an absolute democracy. This is by design, and is the reason that we are the oldest continuous government on the planet. Absolute democracies don't last long, if you look at the historical record. We have taken steps that have brought us closer to being a democracy than being a Republic. Some of those changes are arguably good, but most of them are detrimental to the country as a whole. One example is the direct election of Senators. This took a lot of power away from the States, and put it in the hands of the political parties. How's that working out?

@ [eaglesoars](#):

That's the way I roll. I am getting some more line work done before my next round of chemo. It is going to be a large Second Amendment tattoo. Steev is getting the artwork drawn up for me. It is going to be cool as hell. I saw the basic idea as a backpiece, but I already have a backpiece. It is going on my inner right thigh. That will be opposite of my big Japanese snake, so we will have my leg sleeved to my knee when we get those two tattoos completed. All I will do until after chemo ends will be small tattoo jobs, like my fingers, or line work. I just don't want to take the risk of doing a large piece of color on my snake. I have about three sessions left on my snake. I had thought to have it done by now, but I didn't anticipate getting cancer.



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@ [eaglesoars](#):

My ribs were worse. I've never come close to tapping out before, but it took all I had to hang on for the last half hour of a three and a half hour line job. It was miserable. The legs aren't nearly as bad.



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Fist**

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@ [lobo91](#):

Exactly. The Left make this same kind of argument about the Electoral College. If the Presidency were decided by popular vote rather than electoral vote Al Gore would have been President on 9/11. I haven't heard anybody who thinks that would have been preferable. The Democrats, of course, cried "Stolen Election" while ignoring the fact that Al Gore lost his home State of Tennessee. If Gore had won Tennessee



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Florida would not have mattered. He'd have been President. The things in our Republic that are antidemocratic are there for a reason. If the Founding Fathers had wanted a direct democracy, they would have set up a direct democracy. They wisely chose differently. Something we should all be glad of.

[lobo91](#) wrote:

Of course, they're delusional idiots who believe that 9/11 wouldn't have happened if Gore had been president.

That's pretty delusional. I saw an op-ed piece in the Wall Street Journal maybe three or six months after 9/11 by one of the guys from the Gore team in the Florida recount. He was very sincerely glad that Bush had won, and admitted that they dint care what the real votes were, only what they cud do to get the polls to report the answer they wanted. It was a very telling op-ed. People who would have preferred Gore and still felt that way after 9/11 remained quite about it until the 9/11 Truther movement started. As a side note, I'll point out that Trump has espoused 9/11 Truther sentiments, though I sincerely doubt that he **believed** them when he said them. He wanted to get at Jeb Bush, and blaming his brother for the worst atrocity ever to happen on American soil was a good vehicle for doing that. All the people who have been accusing Cruz of dirty tricks somehow overlook that one.



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@ [lobo91](#):

Private property rights have been going away all of my life. When they can tell who you can't rent to, and who you must rent to, you don't own your property. You are a landlord, but the State wins the property. You simply have a right to the revenue stream from the rental property, but have the duty to keep the property up. Your tenants can sue you if you let the property deteriate too much. They really are beating the drum that it is discrimination that more blacks are in the corrections system than whites, proportionate to the overall proportions of blacks and whites in the general's population. This doesn't take into account the fact that blacks are simple more likely to commit crimes than whites. This is easy to demonstrate. 50% of the homicides in America are committed by young black males. Young black males are about 5% of the population.



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Bitching about the fact that there are more blacks in the correctional

system than whites relative to their proportion in the general population is bullshit aimed at making it legal for blacks to be criminals, because enforcing the law in a colorblind manner is “**racist**”. Just wait, and you will see this argument put forth. I’ve already seen Leftist blacks claim that a colorblind society is inherently racist. That is insane, but that is the direction that they are headed in. These people want Jim Crow back, but with blacks on top. I’ve even seen some Leftist blacks who are for segregation, including segregated schools.

[RIX](#) wrote:



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Fist**

Even though I disagree with what Trump said he was alleging incompetence , notcomplicity.

That is true. It was still way over the line, and Trump knew it. He also knew that he wouldn’t suffer in the polls for saying it. He’s done a number of things like this.

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@ [lobo91](#):

Yeah, just because Command Economies failed when the Soviet’s and the Chinese tried them doesn’t mean that they won’t work well when Enlightened peoples like Obama implement them. You can force the market to behave if you are willing to kill enough people. At the end of the Soviet Union Gorbachev want willing to butcher the people that he would have had to kill to keep the Politburo’s grip on the populace. If someone like Stalin had been in command, instead of Gorbachev, the situation could have ended far differently.



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Be that as it may, the Left in America desire a command economy as much as their counterparts in the Soviet Union did. They dint see a Command Economy as a failure. They see a Command Economy producing the results that they **want** to get. That is why everywhere the Democrats dominate you see crumbling, dying cities. Detroit is the number one example of this, and Baltimore is probably number two. Remember that these things are done **deliberately**. Obama considers himself to have been a very successful President. He doesn’t see his as a failed Presidency ant all. Yes, the American economy is barely life ping along, that we now have the Islamic State where Iraq used to be (more accurately we have the Islamic State where parts office Syria and Iraq were), **real** unemployment is at near record highs, and so forth hitting us.

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By pretty much all credible measures of the State of the Nation are bad to awful to completely hosed. Obama is **proud** of that record. More importantly, the Democrat Party is proudnof it. Both Clinton and Sanders are running on a platform of continuing the Obama agenda. To the degree that they are separating themselves from Obama it is to be farther Left than Obama, who is somewhat Stalinist in his views. I can't believe that the Democrat can possibly win this Fall, but at the same time I wouldnt bet against Clinton. Like Trump, she's Teflon. A normal candidate would have been done in by her scandals a long time ago.

[Aussie Infidel](#) wrote:

Obama appears to want to pull the US fiscal house down on his departure, and the BIG Banks will be only too willing to make billions yet again, off the necessary 'too big to fail' rescue plan of the poor, done unto, US taxpayers.

Obama would be the **last** American President if he could pull it off. That he and the Democrats have Super-patriots like me ready to Secede to get away from their incipient Leftwing dictatorship show you how close to that goal they really are. I don't know that the United States can survive another Clinton Administration.



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Fist**

Not coming on the heels of an Obama Administration, and with Clinton set to tip the balance of the Supreme Court as one of her first acts as President. As it stood, the Supreme Court was an iffy proposition. A Clinton appointee on the Court would guarantee that it goes from iffy to full-blown Communist Dictatorship. Again, another reason to simply leave the United States. Let the Left Coast and Northeast go their own strange way, and let the South and West go their own way. Alaska probably would break off into her own Country, as would Hawaii. That would be OK.

We are watching the end of the Golden Age of America, and the voters know it. That is why Tramp's "Make America Great Again!" slogan resonates the way it does. People my age remember back to the Reagan Administration, and see that his successors on both sides of the aisle simply don't measure up.

W was no Reagan, and the less said about his father the better. And the

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Democrats have ranged from bad to awful. Obama is the worst President we have ever had. The damage from the Obama Administration will not be undone in my lifetime.. The sheer magnitude of our debt guarantees that.

@ [lobo91](#):

Yeah, that is great! Hillary Clinton admitted to an unpleasant truth. "Fetuses" are human children. This is a biological fact. It is really scary to see the kind of dehumanization of the unborn that comes from the Left. I've commented on it many times. It is real, honest to God serial killer thought processes. The kind of thing that Death Camp guards had to do to in regards to the Jews just to live with themselves after what they had done.

I've always wondered what the suicide rate was for former Concentration Camp and Death Camp personnel. I've never seen anything on that, but I'd expect to see quite a spike. But abortion butchers seem to sleep quite well, and they kill **babies** for a living. Both of these professions is considerably different than, say, being a sniper in the military, where you know that every life of the enemy that you take is saving **many** lives of your fellow soldiers.



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I could see myself as a sniper, and if I had it to do all over again I'd go into the Marines straight out of high school and shoot for becoming a Scout/Sniper, and maybe going Force Recon after that. Water under the bridge, I know, and all things considered I haven't done too badly for myself, something that God no doubt had a hand in.

But I could never be an abortionist. That is honestly an extremely **creepy** profession. Again, these people **kill babies for a living**. Where does that mindset come from? We saw with Kermit Gosnell that at least some of these people are really, seriously, serial killers. He was even keeping body parts as trophies in his damnable clinic. Scary shit. And the Democrats support that.



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[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

They died, according to their carers, of grief. Their families were gone.

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I can certainly see how that would happen. Grief is a terrible thing. It can

be a burden that you carry for the rest of your life. There were many years after Sam's death that I was borderline suicidal. I never quite got to the point of making the attempt, partly because I'd survived my previous suicide attempt, and figured that I'd survive the next one no matter what I did. How true that actually was, I don't know, but God has had His hand on my life pretty much for **all** of my life, and He hasn't hesitated to directly involve Himself when He feels that is needed.

That's the biggest reason I am not afraid about this cancer. The statistical 5-year survival rate for Stage 4 esophageal cancer is really very grim, but I fully expect to beat those odds. I will be sick for several more months, and may not be fully recovered for 9 months, or even a year. But I believe that I will eventually make a complete recovery. We'll have to be vigilant, and watch for a recurrence of the cancer for the rest of my life. That may or may not happen. That is what makes the 5-year survival rate for stage 4 esophageal cancer patients so grim. This shit is **determined**. But so am I, and I have God on my side. I am not likely to fail.

@ [southernbound](#):

I could easily get a note from a doctor about my cats, but that would be 100% legitimate. I have pretty severe PTSD, and my companion animals are a great help to me. We keep intending to get a couple of our cats certified as therapy animals so that they can come visit me in the hospital when I am doing chemo. I can't speak for every person who is getting their animals certified as therapy companions, but my cats are a wonderful addition to my life.

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I just learned that [Ted Nugent is coming to the Shed in August](#). The Shed is the burger and beer joint at Smokey Mountain Harley Davidson. This is going to be cool. I've already bought tickets for me and the Mafia Princess. This will be a kick-ass show. Nugent is kind of like Alice Cooper. His music is really just so-so in my book, but he puts on such a damned good show that he's a must-see. He came to the Tennessee Theater several years ago, but for some reason we weren't able to catch the show. We're going to this one, and the bonus points are that it is in an upscale biker bar. I don't drink anymore, but the atmosphere is still something that I enjoy.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

The thing is that Kasich can't win Republican votes, so we are supposed to believe he'll pull enough Democrats and independents to make up for that? How stupid aren't these people? I have no problem with the Convention picking Cruz over Trump, and that is not just because I am a Cruz supporter. That is the way things work if Trump can't get the 1237 delegates. Trump could still win, but he doesn't seem to have any kind of game plan for if that happens right now at least. He should be planning for it now. His chances of winning the 1237 delegates are really slim.

After tonight, if things go the way they are expected to go in Wisconsin, Trump will need to win about 60% of the remaining delegates, and his problem in securing the nomination is partly that he has yet to break 50% in any election. He is expected to do that in New York in a couple of weeks, but that is his home State. If he can't knock it out of the park there, he is in real trouble.

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@ [RIX](#):

Wow! I've heard of worse. I saw something back of this about a Leftist couple who almost killed their precious little cat by trying to raise it as a vegan! With the "Gender Neutral" thing I do doubt that the cats notice this, unlike a human child would. I've heard of Leftist parents trying to raise their children "Gender Neutral", and that sounds like a hellish nightmare to me. I've even heard of Leftist parents trying to "educate" their children that they are "transsexual" from a very early age. In my opinion that is child abuse, especially when they talk about giving their kids improper hormones, and even talk about "sex reassignment" surgery. They aren't quite sodomizing their own children here, but it is clearly physical sexual abuse, especially when you start giving the kid serious drugs, and talking about having a surgeon whittle on them to make them into what mommy and daddy feel that they should be. That is so fucking crazy that I don't know words to describe it. Evil fits, I guess.

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[lobo91](#) wrote:

I'm fairly certain that most cats really don't give a crap what made-up pronoun you use to refer to them, as long as you feed them on time.

Yeah, I doubt my girl kitties (all six of them) would notice if I started calling them "He" instead of "She", let alone "Shem", or whatever

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bullshit “Gender Neutral” pronoun this freak is using. At least she doesn’t have children to subject to this shit, where it could do so very real, lasting psychological damage. Transsexuals are **seriously** mentally ill, and it does them no good to cater to their delusion, any more than it would do good for someone who thought they were Napoleon to refer to them as “Emperor”. And trying to **create** a transsexual from a normal child is, as I said in my last post **Evil**. It is a form of sexual abuse, as surely as if they were fondling the child, or worse.

Wow! As you say, a First World problem. I can’t believe that there is a market for shit like that, but apparently there is. Back when we still had my little boy Midnight, he had very bad Inflammatory Bowel Disease, and to try to ease his suffering we fed him (and all the rest of the cats) a special, hypoallergenic cat food that was made entirely from venison. Pricy as hell, but it was really all the vet could think of that seemed to help. That disease eventually caused us to put him down. He had lost from being a nine pound cat to weighing four pounds and a few ounces, and was essentially slowly starving to death. It was still a hard decision to put him down. I wanted to bring the Little Boy home for one more night as my sweet lap cat, but it was time to end his suffering. I miss my little boy. I can’t fathom people who are cruel to children or animals. I see my pets essentially as children, just not my biological children.



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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Fewer fights, and nicer furniture The Shed is a place where people can and do bring their children. Buzzy’s place, OTOH, was **not** child friendly, to say the least. I don’t know that I’d have taken the Mafia Princess to Buzzy’s place. She’d have probably been OK, but I’d have kept an eye on her. Some people look for people who are basically good, because they think that they can intimidate them. I’ll have to watch for that kind of thing when we go to Sturgis, too. I am going to have to find out what the laws in South Dakota are regarding the kind and size of knife you can carry. Most States are more restrictive than Tennessee.



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@ [eaglesoars](#):

And wh o decides who is “Deserving”? Lots of opportunity for graft and corruption there. No doubt that is considered a feature of the “solution”



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rather than a bug, and a future complication. It is in Baltimore, after all. It isn't like the Police are going to do anything about a little bribery.

When I was younger I believed that these people were well meaning, but very misguided. It really wasn't until I started to understand Obama that I realized that these people know **exactly** what they are doing, and they are getting the results that they **want**. Thus, when absentee fathers breed a couple of generations of kids whose closest thing to a father figure is the local gang boss, and whose only semi-functional family is the gang, we shouldn't be surprised that they are willing to kill for that. I lived sort of in that world, and I had a much better family (dysfunctional and abusive, true, but at least I had a father and mother) than these kids have.

So the black homicide rate really shouldn't surprise anyone. It isn't like these kids are being taught right from wrong anywhere. Their public schools are as dysfunctional as their families, and public schools aren't allowed to teach good Christian morality, anyway. And whatever your views on Christianity, and faith in general, Christian values are quite a bit better than "Everything Goes", which is what they are learning in the streets, and is being reinforced at school, if they attend school.

All of the various "failures" of Democrat policy were predictable if you gave those policies a little thought. Detroit and Baltimore are **successful** Democrat projects. If you look at Detroit, and like what you see, that is what the Democrats want to bring to the entire United States. Certainly the people of Detroit are more equal than the people of Knoxville. They are equally poor, equally dependent on the government, and equally Democrat voters for life. They fail to comprehend that their destitute situations have been engineered with malice aforethought by the very Democrats that they are voting to keep in office. Said Democrats, of course, are not destitute at all. As the leaders of the "Proletariat" they can't be expected to live their lives in the same poverty and hopelessness as their constituents. They sacrifice so much, you see, by being "Public Servants". They **deserve** the 10,000 square foot mansions, the Cadillac Escalades, and so forth that are the trappings of power in places like Detroit and Baltimore. If these people ever woke up and saw what the Democrats have done to them and others like them, life would get very nasty, brutal, and **short** for these Democrat leaders. Fortunately, they have American Idol, the NCAA Playoffs, and other circuses to keep the masses distracted, so that they don't question why they are living in Public Housing while their Representative lives in a mansion.

[lobo91](#) wrote:

Look at what passes for “respect” in the black community. It’s based on fear more than anything else.

Yep. Fear and money. When I was in Welding School one of the guys in the class was a black guy from LA. His mother had moved him clear across the country to get him away from the gangs. I don’t know if he was a Crip or a Blood. He never said, but it was clear that that was the culture he was from.

I always got along with him, but the other guys in the class didn’t like him. He wasn’t a worker, really at all, and the other guys in the class didn’t respect that. He liked to go in his welding cube and sleep. That didn’t bother me, but it bugged some of the other guys in the class. One day while he was in his cube asleep against the sheet metal wall, one of the guys took a ball-peen hammer, and **hit** the wall of his cube where he was asleep against it.

He put that guy in the Emergency Room. He only hit him once, but that knocked him out cold, and busted up his mouth terribly. Dozens of stitches, though I don’t recall the exact number. Thirty something, IIRC. It could have gotten worse. He picked up a chipping hammer, and thought better of it, threw the weapon down, and left the classroom. He went to prison for the assault, though. I honestly didn’t blame him for hitting the guy. I might would have done the same thing in his place. But it no doubt wrecked his life. Once a guy like that gets in the prison system, his chances of getting out of it are pretty slim.

Well, I just finished my first Martial Arts workout in about a month. It took me almost two and a half hours, instead of thirty-five minutes or so. **That’s** how much cancer has taken from me in endurance. m I pretty much had to rest five or ten minutes after every kata, and I have something I have six Hsing I forms, two Baghua forms, eight empty hand Isshinryu katas, and seven weapons katas (three bo, two Sai, and two tonfa). That is quite a workout when I am at the tomp of my game. It is asking a **lot** from me when I am essentially an invalid. But I got it done, and I did pretty well on all my forms. The only place I had a little trouble was towards the end of my second tonfa kata, Hamahiga. That used to be



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my tournament kata, but that was **many** years ago. 1998, in fact. I won Forms Champion for the Regional Sport Karate Circuit (RSKC) that year for Adult intermediate students, which would be the middle belts, Orange Belt through Blue Belt, or something like that. I can't remember if Blue Belt topped the Intermediate ranking, or if it was the bottom rank for Advanced. IIRC, Advanced was just Brown/Red Belts (Red Belt is the Advanced rank in Tae Kwon Do. Red Belt in Isshinryu is 9th and 10th Degree Black Belt, ranks I am unlikely to ever attain). Still, I got the workout done. I have to do the cat boxes, and shower. I am going to try to start doing a martial arts workout every day again. I am so beat after this one. Hopefully I can get my endurance back eventually. I am still fighting the cancer right now, though my prognosis is considerably better than it was three months ago, before I started chemo.

@ [eaglesoars](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Yeah, you are right about that. I've been off my feeding tube all day. I was able to eat a bowl of oatmeal about noon. I'll have some more after I shower. Oatmeal, Cream of Wheat, and the like are the foods that stay down the best for me. Sometimes I can eat a sandwich, and sometimes I can't. There's no way to know until I actually try it.

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@ [lobo91](#):

@ [eaglesoars](#):

Yeah, oatmeal gets old after a while. I can also eat cheese, and other soft foods. That includes chocolate, but a straight candy dot really doesn't work with my diabetes. I haven't tried bacon. I can sometimes eat a sandwich. I've been eating parts of Army's Loaded Italian. I only eat meat and cheese on my sandwiches, which helps at reducing the bulk in the sandwich. I had a small pouch instead of a stomach because of my bariatric surgery, and unfortunately the tumor has taken up a good portion of that. Also, because it is in my esophagus, the opening into that pouch is very constricted. Like smaller than a dime, according to Dr. Samavedy, who did my endoscopy. The good news is that at least part of that tumor is dead. I have the PET scan tomorrow morning to find out about how active the remaining tumors are, and to look at some areas, specifically in my liver, where the cancer may have spread. Dr. Hanna, my oncologist is talking about surgery now, both to remove what is left of the tumor in my esophagus, and whatever is growing in my liver. That is the first time he has talked about surgery as an option. If



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he offers that to me, I will jump on it. I'd love to have these three or four tumors removed, even if I still have more chemo to go. Cut these bastards out of me. I've done serious surgery before. It is something that I am familiar with.

In any event, no one is talking about anything other than me surviving this thing. No one has told me I have six months to live, or anything remotely like that. This is a major inconvenience, but I don't believe that it will be fatal. As I've said before, God has brought me through much worse than this, before, and spared my life three or four times over the years when I could have easily died. I don't believe that He has brought me through all of this only to see me die of cancer right when things are getting interesting. These are the kind of times I have been bred for, and shaped for through my rather difficult life.

@ [Macker](#):

I used to start my day with a good swing of 100 proof whiskey, either Evan Williams or Wild Turkey. Of course, I was an out-of-control alcoholic. A functional alcoholic, in that I hadn't yet lost my job because of my drinking, but I was headed down that path. The Mafia Princess blames my cancer on my drinking, and it is entirely possible that she is right. I don't have a history of cancer in my immediate family. But at the end of the day they don't really know the etiology of my cancer, and it really doesn't matter. Laying blame for the cancer will not get me any closer to remission.



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In any event, I had my PET scan this morning. It went well, though I won't get the results until next Monday. I am praying that they are **very** good, but that is in God's hands. I was in a lot of pain today. I'd ran myself out of Percocet, because I took some extras during the month because I was in significant pain. My Percocet ran out last night, and they couldn't fill my prescription until this morning. The Mafia Princess had been asking me if I could cut back on the Percocet because I haven't been complaining as much about the pain. This answers that question, and the answer is a resounding **No!** I'd put the pain I was in this morning at a 7-8 on a 10 point scale, but it was also coming from multiple sources: the tumor in my esophagus, of course, my J-tube, and the cancer on my ass. It is the latter that hurts the worst, believe it or not. Not that the other two focal points are a walk in the park.

I am back home now, with Percocet in me, and I am back on my feeding

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tube. I will try to stay on it, something I really hate. But yesterday was a really bad food day for me. I managed to keep a couple of bowls of oatmeal down, but everything else, including cheese and chocolate, wouldn't stay down. Lovely. I haven't had any solid food yet today. Maybe later, after the Percocet has had time to work in my system.

@ [lobo91](#):

My dad died from Parkinson's Disease about 2 1/2 years ago, and at that time at least there wasn't a cure for Parkinson's anywhere on the horizon. One of the few places me and my father disagreed politically was that he was completely in favor of having unrestricted fetal stem cell research because they keep touting it as a potential cure for Parkinson's. I was and am against it because no matter what kind of euphemisms you use fetal stem cell research requires the killing of a human embryo to get the stem cells.

I find that abominable, no matter how you cut it. You can't justify killing human beings for medical experimentation regardless of the worthiness of the goal of that medical research. I have a vested interest in research for a cure for cancer, but I would not support fetal stem cell research for that end, either. The same basic thing goes for growing human clones for replacement organs, something that may be science fiction today, but is easy to see the potential, and the potential good that such things would do. That simply does not justify the creation of a human life simply to kill it for spare body parts.

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And in truth fetal stem cell research isn't where the breakthroughs in stem cell research have been happening. Adult stem cells are where they are making their breakthroughs, and those experiments do not require the sacrificing of a child, or even clone, to be used. They have also made some progress in using adult stem cells to grow organs, or organ tissue, again without having to sacrifice a human embryo in order to produce the desired results. To me it seems like a no-brainer to take the funds for research in this area, which are, of course, limited, and apply the bulk of them to adult stem cell research.

There are existing fetal stem cell lines that they can experiment with without killing new humans. I don't really approve of even that kind of experimentation, because at some point they destroyed a viable human embryo in the name of "science", and you can't get get around that fact. I find that ethically and morally reprehensible, regardless of the goodness

of the end that they are seeking. The end does **not** justify the means. There are things we **can** do that we **shouldn't** do. Something that too many people, including too many doctors, don't seem to understand.

@ [troutski](#):

Yeah, they give you exactly a 30 day supply if taken exactly as directed, so you will run out completely the day before your next prescription can be filled. But pain is not a constant. Some days are worse than others. Today has been a bad day for me, so I have already had my day's allotment of medication, and it is only 7:30. I'll have one more pill, but that will put me over for the day. Do that a few times, and it is easy to see how people run out. I don't know what the real answer to that problem is. Opioid addiction is a real and serious problem, but right now we are so afraid of painkillers that they are making people needlessly suffer in the name of fighting addiction. I'm for drug legalization, anyway, but my situation is a wonderful example of how government can fuck with you in the name of helping you. Marijuana is both an excellent drug for chemotherapy induced nausea and pain, and it is completely illegal. A doctor in my State can't even prescribe it for me. So instead I am on opioid, which is both more addictive and has more complications than marijuana. It makes no medical sense, and is contrary to common sense, but that is the state of the law.



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[coldwarrior](#) wrote:

i would like to take every bastard who is against medical marijuana and put him in your shoes right now.

Yep, that would teach them a serious lesson. I've been against drug laws since I was an undergraduate. I did some studies on addiction, and the economics of the drug trade, and such, looking at it through a value-neutral standpoint. When you'll take the moralizing out of it, drugs are still bad, but the societal consequences of drug prohibition are **worse** than the societal cost of legal drugs. And drugs are still available to a majority of the population, if they are willing to break the law. I never tried marijuana when I was a kid. My old gang was actually very anti-drug. I didn't get through my phase of drug experimentation until after Sam was dead. I probably would have never done it if Sam had lived. Maybe after we joined the Outlaws or the Hell's Angels, but Sleazy said there was a guy in the Outlaws here in the Knoxville area that didn't do



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drugs, or even drink. Such things are not **mandatory** in the 1%er lifestyle. It is just that those people have no respect for the law, and no moral qualms about using drugs.

It is really hard to say how I would have developed had I walked that path with my life. In any event, if medical marijuana were available, I would without doubt make use of it. It would be better for me than the Percocet. But With marijuana illegal I simply can't use it. They piss test me at the pain clinic. Test positive for marijuana, and they will kick me out. It simply isn't worth it.

@ [RIX](#):

I'm glad none of my girlfriends' fathers felt that way about me. For the most part they didn't come into the picture. My first girlfriend's father liked me quite a bit. They had a nice, normal family. Not the dysfunctional nightmare that mine was. They even bought her a negligee for Christmas one year while we were together. We were engaged, and really expected to wind up married. But I was not a really good boyfriend for her, and she was right to break up with me when she did. I was in really rough shape psychologically. I managed to keep that under wraps when I was applying to West Point and Annapolis. I was, after all, an honor student. I could be a really desirable student recruit when I tried to be. Thus my National Merit Scholarship.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

They used to do that on gun charges. There was a guy named John Lawmaster that the BATF came in and did something like \$30 thousand worth of damage to his house because an ex-wife/former girlfriend reported that he had an unregistered machinegun. They didn't find anything. He was never charged with any crime. He sued the BATF, but the case was decided against him by a judge, as I understand it. I don't think it went before a jury. This incident happened before the disastrous Waco Raid/Massacre. There were a lot of similar things going on at the time, including the Ruby Ridge Massacre. I think it would have been super easy to demonstrate a pattern of behavior by the BATF that was clearly oppressive and illegal. The Congress never had any intention of exercising their oversight duties when it came to abuses in the name of gun control, and that didn't change when the Republicans took over the House and Senate in 1994. The hearings on Waco and Ruby Ridge never intended to do anything except sweep the disasters under the rug. That

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doesn't appear to have changed much in the 20 years following that. Look at how Issa did his hearings on Hillary Clinton. Hell, he didn't even find out that she had an illegal email server. It took Trey Howdy to ferret out that little detail, something that should have been obvious if they subpoenaed any significant amount of her email correspondence.

There's a reason that the American voters are disgusted with both Parties. Twice in the last 20 years we've thrown the Democrats out of the Legislature, and watched nothing significant change, and once we threw the Republicans out of power to see if the Democrats had learned their lesson, as the GOP had decided that spending without any restraint was the way to go. Neither Party represents the majority of Americans at this juncture. The government has lost the consent of the governed. Sooner or later therefore is going to be hell to pay for that.

The only reason that there hasn't already been bloodshed is that the American people are typically very slow to anger in this respect. Even back before the Revolutionary War, the colonists gave the Crown years and years to straighten out, and things just kept getting worse.

Sound familiar? We are following that particular pattern today. I've talked to a lot of people, from a lot of different walks of life, and **no one** is happy with the Federal Government, though here in Tennessee we are more or less happy with our State Government. I have no real way of knowing about how people in other States feel about their governments. My guess is that it is a mixed bag.

In any event, I think that there is a hard rain going to fall in the United States in the not too distant future, though exactly when that will happen, and what form it will take, I don't know. I've become a Secessionist after the Gay Marriage decision, but my hope would be for an amicable divorce, or at least one unaccompanied by bloodshed. I don't see anybody else calling for that, though, so I don't think it is very likely to happen in the short term. Long term more people may come to feel as I do, especially if nothing is done to address the abusive nature of the Federal Government, especially the anti-Christian persecution that we are seeing accompanying the Gay Marriage issue, and also the abortion issue. Who would have predicted Obama going after the Little Sisters of the Poor trying to force them to pay for abortions for their workers? The optics of that are **horrible**, but the Republicans don't seem to be particularly interested of getting this out in front of the American people, and the Mainstream Media isn't going to do it for them without some heavy "persuasion" from some Republicans in positions of power.

[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

Did you know that there were more colonists who supported the Crown than there were people who wanted a divorce? I think it was something like 2 to 1.



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Good morning! Yeah, the number I see bandied about is that 3% of the Colonists wanted to leave the Crown bad enough to fight for it. I think we have more than three percent in America today that want a return to Constitutional Governance. My biggest complaint about Donald Trump is that he doesn't make much of a pretense that he will move America back to Constitutional governance. Trump will be another "Strong Man" President if elected. He doesn't speak of the Constitution, and the only time he has spoken about working with the legislature that I've seen was that he'd be willing to cut deals with Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi, not exactly the most promising thing I could have heard from him.

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We badly need a return to Constitutional governance. Not every change in the last 50 years has been bad. Getting rid of Jim Crow is a **very** good thing, but replacing it with the Welfare State has really been a move from bad to worse. This is especially true for black children.

@ [coldwarrior](#):



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\Out of a field of 17, not 3. You know mathematics as well or better than me. Surely you can see the difference between Cruz in Texas two or three months ago, and Trump in two weeks. Frankly, I'll be shocked if Trump doesn't get better than 50% in New York under the current circumstances. If there were still 17 candidates in the race, though, I would be shocked if he did.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):



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If Ryan had come in and been a kick-ass Speaker, then that might very well have been possible. Now, though? After Ryan has spent a year caving into Obama everywhere he can? Not very likely. The people who are saying this blather don't really know what the hell they are talking about. I can't really think of **anybody** that they could bring in at this late date that would "unify the Party" rather than further dividing it. The

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Democrats, OTOH, may do something like draft Joe Biden, or Fauxcohontes. The Democrat voters are **used** to Totalitarian actions out of their Party leadership. The Republican voters aren't going to be as forgiving.

@ [coldwarrior](#):

I find this interesting:

The problem with this universalistic approach for movement conservatives, however, is that conservatism, as Russell Kirk reminded us, is not an ideology and is not primarily about a check list of policies. It is more a disposition or a mindset than a holistic ideology. It is a desire to conserve something concrete and a skepticism toward change, especially rapid and transformative change. Conservatives desires to conserve a particular place and a particular people and a particular culture, not just a set of abstractions like liberty or freedom or small government. While conservatism is not idea free, it views these ideas as organic manifestations of a particular place, people and culture to also be conserved, not as universals to be spread to the benighted.



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I don't really agree with that definition when you are talking about Conservatism from an American perspective. Ever heard of **American Exceptionalism**? That is a huge component of Conservatism in America. The notion that we are a **superior** Country, the **Leader of the Free World**, and so forth. This definition of conservatism does not take any of that into account. While this is a definition of conservatism, it is a definition that the Left uses to apply the term "conservative" to the Mad Mullahs in Iran, and implicitly tie American Conservatives to the "conservative" regime in Iran and the Islamic world as a whole, which they know is unpowholewith average Americans. I don't use the term "conservative" when talking of Iran or Islam because of this.

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If you accept this as the definition if conservatism, and absolutely reject the Ideological definition for the word, I still don't see how Trump really qualifies as a "conservative". He is a Populist, not a conservative. There's nothing necessarily wrong with that, but don't try to obfuscate that by changing the definition of American Conservatism as an Ideology.



@ [coldwarrior](#):

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We'll see, I guess. What you suggest is theoretically possible, but it doesn't follow that Cruz should therefore drop out and support Trump. You could really say the same thing about Trump. He has more delegates, but the majority of Republican voters are voting against him. Sure, they are voting against Cruz, and they are really voting against Kasich. That's why we are going to have contested Convention. And then we will see what we will see.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):Um, Cruz got [40.8 percent of the Texas vote](#). Trump got 28.1 percent. You are right, apparently, that it was down to a five man race by Texas, but Rubio got enough of the vote to put Cruz over 50 percent. I don't know where you are getting that all of those votes would have gone to Trump. I think it is highly unlikely that without Rubio Trump would have won Texas. That is pure speculation, and I don't think it is well founded speculation.

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@ [RIX](#):

Thanks, man! I wasn't trying to give an exhaustive definition of the



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word, but that will do I can accept the statement that "conservatism" has different meanings depending on the context. That is what I was trying to get at. [Here is a definition of Populism](#). Populism and Conservatism may have some positions in common, but they are not identical.

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Until we see what comes of the election in the Fall, Israel would be wise to keep her options open. If Hillary Clinton or Bernie Sanders is elected, Israel will need to look elsewhere for an ally. America under such leadership is **not** a friend to Israel. The American people may still support Israel, but Democrats are far worse than Republicans when it comes to listening to the Will of the People. Clinton, especially, has already telegraphed her disdain for the Jewish State, and this falls in line with the wishes of her close aide and rumored paramour Huma Abdine. I've commented before how **interesting** it is that the top two Democrats **both** have very close aides who are tied to Islamic terrorism in one manner or another. Is this just coincidence? I don't believe that it is. There are no coincidences in politics. We are looking at the end game of a very successful military/intelligence operation against the United States. Fresh off of eight years of Valerie Jarret essentially running American

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foreign policy, we will have at least another four years of Huma Abdine doing the same thing. The Democrats are the Party of Treason, and have been for better than 150 years.

@ [eaglesoars](#):



I was speaking of Obama and Clinton. I don't see Sanders as a serious candidate. I can't Co chive of him winning the nomination, though all the polls show him beating all the Republicans. I don't get that. If he were a National Socialist, everybody would hate him. How does being an International Socialist make it any better? He's still a Socialist.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):



While America persecutes Christians in the name of LGBTQWERTY Supremacy, and is flirting with electing an avowed Socialist President, not that Obama lacks anything other than the admission of guilt when it comes to being a Socialist. I've said before that Putin is probably the best leader Russia has had since Peter the Great. Now, when you look at the leaders she has had in that timeframe, including real winners like Josef Stalin, it isn't like he has a hard road coming out above them, but it is still how Americans need to understand what is going on in Russia, nad how/why the Russian People support Putin.

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[coldwarrior](#) wrote:

it might be up to the east to save western civ.



Stranger things have happened. We should have been riding high in the 25 years since the End of the Cold War, but bad government will always defeat successes. We didn't try to capitalize on the end of the Cold War. Clinton want interested in doing so, and Bush didn't seem to want to bring it up, either. He was too busy telling us how great Islam was after 9/11 to be worrying about consolidating American power. Water under the bridge. Now that Obama has managed to snatch American defeat out of the jaws of victory in Iraq, something I am certain was done deliberately, and with malice aforethought, there are no victories to consolidate. I don't know that McCain would have been much better than Obama. Presumably he would not have been actively seeking to damage America, but there is nothing he has done before ormsince that makes me think he would have been a strong American leader. The same

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is true of RRodney. We haven't been bringing leaders to the forefront since the Reagan Administration.

@ [eaglesoars](#):



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There's a reason all of those Russian Jews moved to Israel. While you see some American Jews move to Israel, it doesn't sound like they are moving there in the numbers that Russian Jews have. I imagine that European Jews are bugging out of Europe now as well. Hell, I'm not Jewish, but if I lived in Europe, I'd be looking at where I could move. Israel isn't going to be a big destination for non-Jews (will Israel even allow non-Jews to immigrate?), but the United States, Canada, or even Russia would have to be looking attractive right now, especially if you are German or Nordic.

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@ [lobo91](#):



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Sounds entirely reasonable to me. I think that it should be harder to get naturalized as a US Citizen. I am not anti-Legal immigrant, but there should be some serious hurdles to pass before you can start to look at being naturalized. I know that there are significant barriers, but if they are talking about giving a "Path to Citizenship" to illiterate peasants who have jumped the border, then whatever impediments are simply insufficient. Just as the Israelis require fluency in Hebrew before they will consider you for citizenship, we should require fluency in English. I believe that technically we do require fluency in English to become a naturalized citizen, but that mustard be honored in the breach. If it wasn't you wouldn't need polling places in a blue million different languages to serve the needs of the community. All naturalized citizens would speak English as a requirement for citizenship, and it would be very difficult, if not impossible, to be born and raised in the United States and not speak English.

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When I was in 9th grade we had a Mexican Immigrant student start in the fall without the rest of us. At the beginning he spoke no English. By the end of 9th Grade he spoke reasonable, though not fluent, English. As high school went on, he got better and better. Now, this was in the 1980s, so he was thrown into learning the language as his main task, instead of the education system being set up to make it difficult, if not impossible, for kids like this to learn English. The latter approach does These kids no favors by making it possible for them to graduate high school without speaking English well (or at all).

[coldwarrior](#) wrote:

\$40 for a piece of pork belly on some greens? yeah...no thanks.



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I actually had some Cheesecake Factory cuisine for dinner tonight. Steak Diane, with mashed potatoes, some of their wonderful brown bread, and White Chocolate Raspberry Truffle cheesecake for dessert. Obviously, I ate only a very small portion of this for my meal, but I managed to eat a little bit of some of my favorite food and keep it down.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):



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They come to these unspoiled areas of America where the people live close to the land, and their neighbors, and once they've got their feet under them they immediately start trying to "reform" the place to make it just like LA, NYC, Chicago, or whatever urban hellhole they came to the country to escape.

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[AZfederalist](#) wrote:

That whole idea of teaching in the native language sounds nice, fuzzy, and sweet but is really enslaving those who are subjected to it to substandard jobs and a bleak future.



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And the people who set these programs up **know** that this will leave these students trapped as second class citizens for the rest of their lives, unless they do like this girl, and refuse to just settle for less than they are capable of. She could have been trapped in a life where she cleaned hotel rooms, or was a nanny or the like. Nothing wrong with those professions, and I had a number of less than glamorous jobs on my way through the ranks myself. But these are jobs that people should be working. As short-term employment, not as a career.

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[coldwarrior](#) wrote:



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this is by design, it is to keep the latins down, poor, and slaves on the plantation.

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Yep, I was making my post to that very point while you were making yours.

This is very much done with malice aforethought. They don't **want** these kids to come here and do well. People who are doing well are much less likely to vote Democrat than people who are on the Government Dole.

@ [Aussie Infidel](#):

That's the way to do it. That writ large is behind my insistence that we should have used nuclear weapons against Afghanistan as part of a campaign. Intended to depopulate Afghanistan entirely. After all, after Pearl Harbor, we didn't declare war against Japanese Zeroed, or even the Japanese Military.



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We declared War on Japan. And the Japanese only struck at a military target in attacking Pearl Harbor. The Taliban and al Qaeda had just killed 3000 American citizens. Depopulate and destroy their country. I think you'd have seen a rash of common sense breaking out all over the region. If that didn't happen, and you still had the Mad Mullahs looking to play, well, we've set the ground rules. Kill American civilians, and we eradicate your population. There would have been no more **Mutually** Assured Destruction, because we would not **permit** an enemy that could destroy us to grow up from the world scene. Russia still has that capability, but they aren't likely to ever use that capability.

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@ [Guggi](#):

Boy the Left is really going all out to ensure that men who want to use women's restrooms can without the law being able to do anything to stop them. Bare minimum this is a license for voyeurs to go ahead and make their day. At worst, this bullshit is going to get some woman raped by a man who gets access to her in this manner by pretending to be a "transsexual". Which raises the question how do you determine that a man who is pretending that he is a woman is really mentally ill, and really believes that he is a woman despite all evidence being contrary to that, or that he is a man pretending to be a woman in order to get access to women's restrooms for nefarious reasons? I guess you just have to trust him when he says he's crazy. After all, he would never lie about something like that. Potential rapists never lie.



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It is against the Rapists Code of Conduct..

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@ [coldwarrior](#):

Imagine that! The leader of a leading Sexual Perverts' Group is a Sexual

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Fist Pervert. Who could have seen that coming? Watch for them to say that keeping him registered as a sex offender violates his Human Rights, or whatever. Evil people doing Evil things, and if you speak out against their Evil be prepared to be branded as a “hater”. Because it is not right to make Child Molesters feel uncomfortable.

@ [lobo91](#):



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I’ve heard of Joan Baez, of course, but I don’t know that I’ve ever actually heard any of her music. That anti-American, pro-NVA bullshit didn’t really have a long shelflife. Not the way that, say, Black Sabbath or the Rolling Stones did, at any rate. You can hear both of them on Classic Rock stations, and even Metallica, but Joan Baez? Not so much.

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[AZfederalist](#) wrote:

I really think they couldn’t care less if a Republican wins the presidency or not – they have no core principles, so if a democrat wins and further trashes the Constitution, even to the point of abrogating the first and second amendments, it’s not a big deal to them – as I say, they have no core principles other than a lust for power, control, and the monetary rewards that comes from being part of the ruling class.



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That is exactly it for a **lot** of Republicans in the Legislature. It gets back to something that I harp on: I want to pass **policy**. I don’t care who gets the nicest offices in the Capitol Building, except insofar as the recipient of said offices work to pass the policy that I want to see passed.

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Them only thing is that **Iknow** that the Democrats are opposed to my policy prescriptions for the United States, because my policy prescriptions are to return to the things that made America great, specifically Constitutional governance that recognized a common thread to American life (I.e. individual liberty, the dominance of the Christian religion while making room for people of other religions, the entire Bill of Rights, and so forth), limited government, and the American Exceptionalism that has been a fundamental part of the American Experience since before the Civil War.

The Democrats oppose **all** of this. Most of it they would brush off as “White Supremacist” even though America has always been ahead of the curve on things like the protection of minority rights. We haven’t been perfect, of

course, but compare slavery in the American South to how slavery was practiced in Brazil or Islamic nations (and is **still** practiced in some Islamic nations) and America stands out. What we had up until fairly recently was a protection of the right of people to freely practice their religion. As late as about 25 years ago we had cases protecting the right of practitioners of Santaria to perform animal sacrifice, but over the last 8 years that has taken a dramatic, strongly anti-Christian direction that should bother all Americans.

This trend doesn't bother the run of the mill Democrats, though. PersonaLay, I don't see how a devout Christian remains a member of the Democrat Party. The Republicans have their flaws, but if you look add what the two parties will do differently if they are in power, it is a choice between bad, in the form of Republicans, or far, **far** worse in the form of the Democrats. That doesn't really matter what issue you choose as your critical issue or issues.



@ [coldwarrior](#):

Cool, man! I'll be looking for it.

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@ [Mars](#):

I don't know who Sputniknews is. They had this on their site as well:

<http://sputniknews.com/world/20160408/1037725440/facebook-arms-dealing.html>



I haven't ran across this, except in weapons like knives, and weapon assessories like gunleather (savoyleather.com has some damned fine dress gunleather). Maybe I just don't get the right feed, but I get a huge amount of gun-related posts, mostly by gun rights groups and activists. If people were trafficking weapons on a large scale, you'd think someone would have approached me about it. Of course, if they did I'd assume that they were a law enforcement sting if they offered anything illegal. It isn't illegal at all to do an intrastate gun deal for most firearms in a face to face, private party sale. Even interstate deals like that are quasi-legal to legal. I think you technically buy handguns except in your State of residence, but you can buy long guns pretty much wherever it is legal to buy long guns, and, if you intend to take them home with you, they are legal in your State of Residence. I've never actually done that, so I can't say for certain. Lob knows

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more about the specifics of that side of the firearms industry than I do.



Iron
Fist

Absolutely **kick-ass!** I don't think that I am going to lose so much of my esophagus that something like this will be necessary, but it is extremely promising result. God performs miracles for people every day, but most people don't **recognize** them as miracles unless God slaps them in the face with it, and **demand**s that they notice. I know that is the way I was for most of my life. When God acts subtly, it is easy for His miracle too get lost in day-to-day events. I don't know about you, but life kicks my ass on almost a daily basis, just to remind me who's the boss.

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@ [rain of lead](#):



Iron
Fist

Have a great day off! I need to take a break from the politics at times myself. Knowing what I think needs to be done, and being unable to convince others is very frustrating. That we have had as good governance as we have had in Tennessee is heartening, though. We still don't have Constitutional Carry, something that I think all 50 States should have, and if it takes a Supreme Court case to force the issue, then I am game for it. The Supreme Court shot down the Federalist position that the States should be able to restrict gun ownership as they see fit in the *McDonald v Chicago* case. How can they therefore restrict your carrying of your weapons? And the Supreme Court has shown itself willing to run roughshod over the principles of Federalism in order to mandaptw apthat all States sanction and perform homosexual "marriages". If they can do that, then forcing California to let me carry my knives when I visit there is a no-brainer. As is forcing them to allow me to carry a gun if I so choose.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):



Iron
Fist

Jane's is good. Them I do trust to present the facts as they know them. They have too much riding on their reputation to make sensational shit up and try to pass it off as legit. They might be mistaken in something that they state, but I would be shocked beyond belief if they were caught making shit up the way, say, the New York Times has been caught making shit up over the years.

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So the Obama Administration is running guns to Al Qaeda in Syria. We already knew that, but confirmation is helpful. And **nobody** in the Obama Administration has resigned in protest of us shipping tons of weapons to terrorists **without** a background check. The American people should have

the opportunity to buy these same type of weapons with the same lack of restrictions as Al Qaeda. It is, after all, our Constitutional Right to do so.

@ [texasam7](#):

Thanks you so much! God has been very good to me. Without His aid and comfort, I'd have died long ago. The miracle that is my wife is the best thing that has ever happened to me. Of that I am certain. My whole life has been extremely difficult, but God has seen me through it. All of it. Had I not faced the things that I have faced before I got cancer, it could very well have broken me when I was diagnosed. The closest that cancer has come to me was about 12 years ago when the woman I was living with was diagnosed with malignant melanoma from a mole on her leg. That went smoothly, because the cancer hadn't spread. My cancer has metastasized, spreading to at least two locations in my skin. There is a possibility that it has also spread to my lungs and liver. We did another PET scan this past week, and I will find out the results of that test tomorrow afternoon. The tumor in my throat feels larger, too, and I have another knot under my skin on my stomach. That one is fortunately not under my big snake tattoo on my ribs, something if we have to surgically remove it I don't think it will damage any of my tattoos. That is good. I would still have it removed if it damaged my tats, but I would quite prefer it that we not damage any of my artwork. I love my tattoos.



Iron
Fist

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[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

I hope so. I don't even want Trump to be president, I think Cruz would be better, as slimy as he is. But I want this crap PUNISHED.

And whatever you have learned about delegate allocation, to Kasich it makes no difference.



Iron
Fist

It kills me that people are shocked, **shocked** to learn the Ted Cruz is a **politician!** Who could have seen that coming? We don't want our politicians to do the slimy games that come with being a politician, and then when they **don't** do them and they **lose** then we are pissed at them for not fighting hard enough. But the same people that are upset by Ted Cruz **haven't been distressed** by Donald Trump's playing the game thus far. Trump is a politician as well. You **have** to be a politician to win the officer of the Presidency. That's a big reason that Carson never took off. Everybody recognized that he was too nice a guy to play the political games, and thus

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could never defeat Hillary in the Fall. Neither Trump nor Cruz have that problem. Both have other flaws as candidates. We are not going to get a perfect candidate. It kills me to see the Trump supporters, who are up in arms about the name-calling and other low-road political games that some of the non-Trump people engage in behaving the same way towards Cruz and his supporters. I've tried to avoid making this personal, at least for my part. There really is no point in it, and at the end of the day one of the two is almost certain to be our nominee. We need to remember who the **real** enemy is.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

Nikkei Healey or Carly Fiorina. Carly as VP might be enough to convince the Mafia Princess to vote for Trump. Of course I'd rather see Cruz/Haley or Cruz/Fiorina. I think either of those tickets will be hard for the Democrats to beat, no matter what the polls show about Sanders beating every Republican. People have to remember that we haven't even started to campaign against the Democrat nominee, yet. Either Clinton or Sanders has a lot of baggage that they are bringing to the race. It is going to be very interesting to see how the election plays out. Cruz claims to believe that he will honestly get the 1237 delegates himself. While I hope that he is right, right now it looks to me like we have a contested convention. That doesn't mean that the sky is falling. It just means that we will have an actual convention where things get mixed up between the candidates until someone gets the 1237 delegates. It is going to be an interesting summer, to say the least.

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Iron
Fist

[mfhorn](#) wrote:

Leftists are claiming that Obama can name who he wants if the Senate doesn't hold hearings.



Iron
Fist

He might try to do a recess appointment, if the Senate gives him the opportunity to do so. That would be completely unprecedented, but stranger things have happened in the Obama Administration, just look at how Corker masterminded the Republicans rolling over on their backs and passing on their bellies for Obama in his treasonous deal with Iran. That was a dead letter when it got to the Senate, and Corker resurrected it with the help of a few more Quislings in the Republican Senate Caucus. We need to get rid of all of those ftuckers. They are exactly the kind of Republican I think about when Unsay that theynare **worse** than a Democrat would be in their

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place. We're going to see who folds in regard to this Supreme Court nominee, too. I figure we'll see some Republicans capitulate about August. I don't know if that will be enough to tip the vote (and if it isn't, they probably want even schedule a vote), but I am certain that McCain already wants to surrender. I don't know who else would be on the surrender caucus, and I could see that backfiring on the treasonous Republicrats if Cruz broke with campaigning long enough to go filibuster the nominee for a while. It is, as I said, going to be an **interesting** summer.

@ [coldwarrior](#):



**Iron
Fist**

You are being more than a little judgmental there. I don't even say that Trump can't be a Christian and do the things he has done. I don't see Cruz as holding himself up to be some kind of "Super-Christian", either, just a man who is very open about his faith. "Christian" doesn't mean "perfect", after all. And if you are a Christian running for political office, you are going to have to play politics. It amazes me the people who apparently believe that Cruz has to unilaterally disarm on the political battlefield, or he can't really be a Christian. That just simply isn't true.

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**Iron
Fist**

Instead of using ISIS for the mustache I believe that I would have used the word **ISLAM**. Both would be correct, though the latter might have been enough to get the cartoonist suspended from work. Possibly even fired. Islam is so protected by the PC Police. The fact that it is an Evil religious ideology is probably a big part of why the Left wants to protect it. The Mohammedans can say antisemitic things, and usually get away without it.

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[coldwarrior](#) wrote:



**Iron
Fist**

by the way, what the hell is that sideways cross i keep seeing behind him in photos?

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Got an example? I am not sure what You are talking about there.

Certainly you are free to say whatever you like about Cruz. I just don't

find it persuasive. Cruz is a politician, and thus acts like a politician. It might be a better place if he didn't have to do that, but as Ben Carson has demonstrated, that path leads to defeat. That is one of the reasons Kasich is doing so badly. He won't get out there and fight for the nomination. How likely is it he'll fight for the office if nominated? After all, both McCain and Rooney fought tooth and nail in the primaries, only to roll over when they had secured the nomination.

Trump is a politician, too, no matter what he claims about the matter. He's been an inside man for decades, buying and selling politicians from both sides of the aisle. Nothing he's done has been illegal, but let's not pretend he is anything other than an insider.



@ [coldwarrior](#):

Goodnight, man. I am not ready to go to sleep, but my tablet is almost out of juice, and it isn't good at charging when I am using it. See you in the morning.

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I've always admired someone who could teach themselves a foreign language. I've struggled with trying to teach myself Russian since I was a kid. I have gotten to where I can read Cyrillic, but I don't **understand** what I am reading most of the time. I love the Russian language much more than I do the German language, which was the language I took in high school and college. I wish I'd switched to Russian when I went to FSU, but I stuck with German. I don't really know why. I think I'd have had to have another year of foreign language if I'd gone with something other than the language that I had in High School. And Russian wasn't even an option where I went to high school. Oh, well. Water under the bridge. I have to go on from where I am now, not where I **wish** that I were.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):

I've got the Rosette Stone for Russian, and I have worked with it little, but I just never had the discipline to really do it well. I want to do better, but I can't seem to do it. I can, as I said, read the Cyrillic alphabet pretty well, but knowing what the words that I am reading mean is an entirely different thing.

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Iron
Fist

@ [eaglesoars](#):

Which makes it more impressive when someone pulls off learning English on their own. In 2001 I took a Java class at the local Community College, and there was a woman in the class who was about my age, and was from Romania. She had been taught Russian and German in school, but she had taught herself English in secret, because the State regulated who was allowed to learn English based on Political Reliability. Her English was very good. Much better than my German ever was. I just don't have a talent for languages. I wish I did, but I don't.

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Iron
Fist

Well, I just finished at the oncologists, and Jr he results are mixed. There is less cancer activity overall, which is good, but he said the was some stuff in my bones that he didn't like the looks of. So I am having a bone scan done on Thursday. I start back with chemo next Monday, and do my normal week of treatment. He is going to add a fourth chemo drug to the mix. He said it will sometimes cause a rash, but he thinks it will be beneficial for me. Overall my prognosis is good, but not great. We still have more treatments to go through. It is unfortunate, but I knew from the way that I am being able to eat that the tumor in my esophagus is not gone. And the tumor on my ass is active. It causes me as much or more pain just sitting around as my cancer in my esophagus does when I eat.moh, well. At least I know where I stand.

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@ [lobo91](#):

Then what is all this noise about today? I haven't found anything that really lays out what the controversy is really all about, only that there is a controversy, and it is supposed to make Ted Cruz look bad. How much control Ted Cruz has over **any** State Primary, Caucus, or whatever is one of the things i don't understand. I can see where having a good ground game in a State would enable you to get **your** people to the polls whereas not having a ground game at all (which is, as I understand it, Trump's position in Colorado) means that you are going to get fewer votes in the State, but I really haven't seen what Cruz has done that is so awful. Assuming that the Colorado State GOP fucked up royally here, and screwed the pooch, or however you want to say it, I still don't get how that is Cruz's fault. The rules for this contest were laid down six months to a year ago. It strikes me as disingenuous to wait until you've lost the election to complain about the rules for the contest. If the rules are fucked up (and I am prepared to believe that they are), the time to bitch

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Iron
Fist

about it was last September or October, not yesterday and today.

@ [coldwarrior](#):

This is, apparently, how the race in Colorado has been for quite some time. Exactly how long, I don't know, but nobody up and changed the rules last week to change how things are done there. If there is something to complain about, why wait until **now** to complain about it? Somehow I doubt you would be as upset by this if it worked to Trump's favor, instead of, theoretically, against him. I am not certain that it **will** work against him. If he gets to 1237, none of this matters. Complaining about things like this, but **only** after the votes have been cast, strikes me as rather self-serving. Now you no doubt didn't know that this is the way Colorado is until recently, but Trump's people have known about it since sometime last year. They've had plenty of time to raise questions about it. Indeed, if they felt so strongly about it, and it is as bad as you believe it to be, they might have been able to get it **changed** if they'd started bitching about it last September. Now, of course, it is too late to change anything. All bitching about it now does is throw suspicion on the results. And it is **just** suspicion. You don't know how these people are going to vote until the actual Convention. Raising a stink now is intended to cast doubt on the electoral process, rather than actually running for the officer. Raising questions about this process 6-9 months ago might have enabled them to change the process, but **that** wouldn't have thrown suspicion onto the process itself, and right now it appears that throwing suspicion onto the process as a whole is Donald Trump's strategy since it doesn't appear likely that he will win the nomination outright. You keep saying how Cruz is playing his supporters, and, hell, maybe you are right about that, but I can see the strategy here, and if you don't have a problem with what Trump is doing, well, that's fine, but don't pretend that your candidate isn't doing his own dirty tricks. And that is fine. Politics ain't beanbag. Politics is War. But I fail to see why I should be any more upset about the way Cruz is playing Colorado than I am the way Trump is playing it. The time for Trump to say something about this process was last September. Now, of course, it is too late to change anything.



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Fist**

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Fist**

[lobo91](#) wrote:

And there never is. Colorado delegates are allocated at the party

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convention. There is no primary, and the caucuses are non-binding.

And that is my point. If Trump really has a problem with this, he should have raised the issue **months** ago. Why are we only hearing about this now, after Cruz “won” the delegates from Colorado? Politics is slimy business, I don’t deny that. But I fail to see why I should be upset about this **now** when Trump himself wasn’t bothered by it until the results were not in his favor.

@ [coldwarrior](#):



**Iron
Fist**

You kind of ignore all the years Cruz spent as AG, doing things like arguing before the Supreme Court. How is that not valuable experience? Is the new standard you have to have been a CEO of a major corporation to be Presidential material? If so, give me Carly Fiorina. She is more solid on ideology than Trump.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):



**Iron
Fist**

You don’t have to sell me on how bad “Free Trade” is for America. It is distressing to me to note that most of the people on the political scene whose opinions I respect are pro-Free Trade, while most of the people whose oppose it are people whom I despise, like Hillary Clinton, and Bernie Sanders. It is enough to make me question my own position on them issue. But I look at the results of these policies, and cannot conclude anything other than that these agreements are overall a negative for the American People.

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[lobo91](#) wrote:

@ Iron Fist:



**Iron
Fist**

I’m still waiting to hear how Trump is going to accomplish anything with zero support on either side of the aisle in Congress. I guess 4 more years of rule by executive decree is okay with some people. That’s the only way he’s going to get anything done.

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And I’m really getting tired of hearing about how he’s going to “make deals” with everyone. That’s how we got where we are today. We don’t need any more “deals.” We need someone who’s going to destroy our enemies—both foreign and domestic—not make deals with them.

Not that it's likely to matter, anyway. If Trump is the nominee, we'll most likely end up with a Democrat in the White House, along with losing one or both Houses of Congress.

I agree with **all** of that. 100%. You said exactly what I believe will happen if Trump is our nominee. He is extremely unlikely to win the General Election, but if he **does** manage to pull it off he has already telegraphed that he will rule by executive decree, except for when he can make "deals" with Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi. We've already had eight years of a President who wants to rule by Executive Order, and wants nothing to do with accommodating the GOP in any way despite the fact that they control the Legislature. Trump is pretty much telegraphing that he would do the same thing. One great example is his famous Wall that he's going to make "Mexico pay for it". How does he propose to do that? He says he'll put some kind of surtax on money that is leaving the country bound for Mexico. Well and good, except where does the Presidential Power to levy taxes (which this would unquestionably be) without the involvement of the Legislature? I had a year of Con Law, and I am unaware of such a power. Revenue generating measures have to originate in the House, **if** you are abiding by the Constitution. I could go on about that all day. We are going to replace one dictator wannabe with another, is what my fear is. And the Republicans in the Legislature do not have the **balls** to stop him from doing whatever the hell he wants to. Some people appear to have no problem with that at all. One of the reasons I despair for our Country long-term. Even if I were to get my wishes, and the South and West break off into their own Sovereign nation, I have no confidence that the people who would possibly support such a thing really want to return to Constitutional governance. It is **hard to accomplish things under our Constitutional Republic. It is supposed** to be hard to get things done. This is a **feature** of the System, not a bug. To too many people, though, it is more attractive to bypass the Constitutional brakes that exist on passing and implementing legislation. Who was it that said something to the effect of "Stroke of the Pen, Law of the Land. Pretty cool!"? I think that was Clinton, but I could be wrong. Certainly there are many people on both sides of the Aisle that think that **is** pretty cool, and they want to see more of that shit happening, not less.



**Iron
Fist**

@ [Bumr50](#)

As long as he has "rich" citizens who don't have political ties to the Democrat Party (by which I mean Upper Middle Class citizens who can't

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afford to give the maximum to every Democrat running in their State), then it'll all be fine. It is after they have ran the big companies out of town, and the Upper Middle Class jobs that go with them, that the American Socialists see their infrastructure collapse. Look at Detroit and Dearbornistan Michigan for living (or unread) examples of this.

[Bumr50](#) wrote:



Iron
Fist

It appears they have a couple "Palestinian flags."

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That tells you which ones you need to shoot first.

@ [Lily](#):



Iron
Fist

Personally, I can't imagine anyone but government bureaucrats, illegal aliens, drug and gun smugglers, and anti-police/anti-Establishment anarcho-terrorists being happy with the way that Obama has ruled. Oh, and Islamic Terrorists and terror-supporting nations like Iran. But the Iranians have nothing but contempt for Obama, and they demonstrate this almost daily. he basically surrendered on nuclear weapons with Iran, and set up a timeline under which they could legitimately get nuclear weapons, hoping for a pat on the head in return, and the Iranians spit on him, and kicked dirt in his face.

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@ [rain of lead](#):



Iron
Fist

There is actually a law on the books making this kind of lawsuit **illegal**, if I remember correctly. I know that there is some kind of law supposed to protect gun manufacturers from these kind of lawsuits, and I can't imagine that this lawsuit has any real standing. The motherfucker **killed** his mother, and stole her **legally obtained** weapon. What, exactly, was the manufacturer supposed to have done to prevent this? Where was the manufacturer negligent? You can't sue someone just for the hell of it, no matter what kind of shield laws are or are not in effect. Even if the law that I am thinking of **doesn't** shield manufacturers the way that I think it does, it still doesn't follow that the gun manufacturer is liable for the misuse of its products by third parties. It would be like someone selling Chrysler because someone driving a stolen Chrysler Sebring convertible while drunk blindsided someone on a motorcycle, and killed them. In

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that example, **nobody** thinks that the manufacturer could possibly be held responsible for the actions of the drunk driver. How is a gun any different?

@ [lobo91](#):

Ah, that does make a difference. It will be interesting to see how this case goes, then. I don't guess that it would be unprecedented for someone to be able to be "charged" with negligence at a State level when such a charge is specifically forbidden at the Federal Level. It is odd, even to me, but that is the way Federalism works. You have the opposite go on all the time, most notably with the Marijuana laws in Colorado as opposed to the rest of the Country. In the State of Tennessee, we have a Firearms Freedom Act that specifically denies the right of the Federal Government to regulate weapons and accessories that are manufactured in the State of Tennessee, and do not move in Interstate Commerce. This includes [sound suppressors](#):

(1) "Firearms accessories" means items that are used in conjunction with or mounted upon a firearm but are not essential to the basic function of a firearm, including but not limited to telescopic or laser sights, magazines, **flash or sound suppressors**, folding or aftermarket stocks and grips, speedloaders, ammunition carriers, and lights for target illumination;



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Fist

I wouldn't want to test that and build my own suppressor, which, as it was never even sold in the State of Tennessee, it never even moved in **intrastate** commerce. The BATF will put you in prison for a long time for possession of such a thing. I personally think that that particular law is the most asinine weapons law on the books. Suppressors are not even weapons, in and of themselves, and if you look at what they do, there is nothing that indicates that it is something that is only suitable for criminal purposes. Quite the opposite, really. Gun control freaks' primary argument for outlawing handguns is that they are "small and concealable". Screwing on another 7-12 **inches** of sound suppressor to the front of your handgun just blows the whole "small and concealable" thing completely away. Any way you want to look at the facts of the situation, handgun with a suppressor on it is less concealable than a handgun without such a device. And as a measure for protecting the hearing of people engaged in target practice, a sound suppressor is better than earmuffs.

They are also invaluable for that purpose on a self-defense weapon,

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whether it is a handgun or a long-gun, when said weapon is used indoors for self-defense. My preferred weapon for home defense is a short-barreled 5.56X45 M-4 pattern weapon with a suppressor. This weapon is not concealable, but it is effective as hell at the ranges that you'd expect to see defending your home from home invaders. When I was a Freshman in college I wrote a persuasive paper in one of my English writing classes on the desirability of a suppressed submachinegun for home defense. I impressed the instructor so much that he actually read part of the paper aloud to the class.

@ [Macker](#):

Shock and skepticism about my thesis, to which my instructor responded that I made some good, valid points, and had convinced him. I don't know what his political leanings were. He was teaching English Composition, so his politics shouldn't have entered into the question. For the most part my instructors were like that. Even the Communist Revolutionary that I studied with down at FSU didn't let the fact that I vehemently disagreed with everything that he believed in affect my grades in his class. I know that today's University professors are a far cry from that.

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@ [Lily](#):

Yep. Hi, Lily! I got some bad news today. They are starting to pressure my boss at Team Health to replace me. I understand this. It is going on six months since I have worked, and I really can't give them an ETA for when I will be able to return to work. It isn't like I can tell them that if they'll just hang on until June I'll be back at work then. Honestly, I just don't know when, or even **If** I will be able to return to work. I don't **want** to be on disability for the rest of my life, but I am having to face the reality of that possibility. I guess we'll see what happens. I don't believe that this cancer is going to kill me, but I could see it permanently crippling me. I just have to hang on, pray, and believe that all things **do** work for the best for those who serve the Lord:

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Romans 8:28 New King James Version (NKJV)

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the

called according to His purpose.

New King James Version (NKJV)

I believe that I **am** “Called according to **His** purpose”. I think that the Hand of God has been on my life for all of my life, and even the most terrible thing that has ever happened to me can be seen to be a blessing when I have enough time in between me and the event. I am talking about the accident that killed Sam there. If something **that** horrific can be seen as a blessing, anything less than that could happen has the potential for being ultimately for my own good.

@ [lobo91](#):

Or infantry. How heavy is an infantryman’s pack again? A hundred pounds? I couldn’t carry a 100 pound pack right now, but I probably could have before the cancer. But I was training very hard before I was diagnosed with cancer. I doubt that the average man in the US population could carry an infantryman’s load for very long. I’ll accept the caveat that some exceptional women may very well be capable of that. Are these women all exceptional women? I don’t know, but I wouldn’t trust today’s politicized military brass to tell the truth about that if the answer isn’t what their political masters want to hear.



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Fist**

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@ [lobo91](#):

Yeah, but nothing like that will happen to them in combat, because we all know how fair minded the terrorists of the Islamic State are, especially to women that step outside of the narrow predetermined path that Sharia Law prescribes for women.



**Iron
Fist**

Un-fucking-real. But the people who will die from this change (and it will get people killed) won’t be people that the so-called “Elites” know, nor the children of their fellow “Elites”, so they could give a rat’s ass **Who** Their PC experiment gets killed. It is much more important that we continue to promulgate that men and women are totally interchangeable, and that there really **Are** No differences between men and women. They believe in this myth up until the point that it is

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Their Ass that is on the line for it. I'd bet money that if these SOBs had to tour a combat zone they wouldn't want **Their** Bodyguards to be made up of female infantrymen, or, even better, female Navy SEALs.

@ [rain of lead](#):

I got a couple of bits of bad news today. The first one is that my job is now looking iffy. We still don't have anything remotely resembling an ETA for me to return to work, and my boss is starting to get some pressure from above to hire someone into my position. We have a new HR Person for the IT Department, and she is coming up to speed on my situation. But I can't in good faith tell them if they'll just hang on until June I'll be back guns blazing. I would hope to be, but while some of our news has been positive, other test results have not been. They had me come to the hospital this afternoon for them to basically x-ray my entire body. It was something like 18 x-rays altogether. Yesterday I had a bone scan, and apparently it has come back bad. They said that they wanted this battery of x-rays to rule out that what they are seeing are really fractures. I don't think it is likely, but I won't know until I see my oncologist on Monday. This can't be good news, though.



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Fist**

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So it hasn't been a particularly good day for me. I will get through this, but it is a lot of shit coming at me from all different directions. It is possible that what they are seeing in my bones is related to the avascular necrosis that I was diagnosed with about 3 1/2 years ago. That wouldn't be great news, but it would be better than that my cancer has spread to my bones, which is what I am afraid I will find out Monday. Oh, well. It is what it is.

@ [lobo91](#):

When I was working for the Marines my senior year of high school we were a ready reserve tank platoon. We had M-60s instead of M-1s, but I am sure some maintenance, like replacing tracks, was similar. I only got to see our tanks once, when we had a range day. The Sargent I was under (who happened to be a lesbian, but she didn't make an issue of it, so no issue was made of it) wanted us CAT-Ps to see what the purpose of the platoon was, the part of the platoon that would be mixing it up with the Soviets if the flag went up. I'm sure she got a kick out of seeing those main guns touched off, too. She tried to get them to let us all get to fire a round out of the tank, but people further up the food chain didn't think that was a good idea. She got to send a few rounds down range herself. She was a big,



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tough woman , but actually crewing for a tank would have been too much for her. She wouldn't have had the physical strength for it. Before boot camp, I probably wouldn't have had the physical strength for it myself, but had I gone to boot camp that would have changed.



@ [Bumr50](#):

Nuke Mecca. There's nothing wrong with Saudi Arabia that can't be cured with some White Light Therapy™.

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@ [Calo](#):



My deepest, heartfelt sympathies. I lost my father going on three years ago. He'd been fighting Parkinson's Disease for about a decade, and so I know that it can be a horrible way to go. A stroke is somewhat different, but the results can be roughly the same.

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@ [RIX](#):

I guess I don't get how playing by the rules, the same rules that have been in place for decades, and winning an election is **Stealing** That election. Would it have still been "stealing" if Donald Trump had campaigned in Wyoming and he had won instead. I somehow doubt that you would have been concerned about the rules of the contest then. Trump chose not to really run in these smaller campaign venues. He expects to win it by winning the large States with the most delegates. That is his strategy, and it may work out for him. If it does, nobody will be whining about "stolen" votes. If you don't like the rules in these smaller venues, then change them. There is a process by which you can do that, if you can get the votes. The rules in these smaller venues is more in line with a republican form of government (small "R"), and what the Trump supporters seem to want is a more democratic process (small "D"). That is all well and good, and it is a debate that we can have for the next Presidential Election in 2020, but the rules for these contests right now are the rules that have been in place for a long time. As far as I know, the rules for these contests were not changed when it became clear that Cruz would win these contests if the rules were what they are, and I am far from certain that Trump would have won the contests if the rules had been more democratic rather

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than republican, but that is really immaterial. The rules and process for this election were set some time ago. It **Would** Be cheating to change the rules after you have held the elections because you don't like the results that you got.

@ [Aussie Infidel](#):

Spot on! Politics is War. How many times have I said that? It is war whether it is domestic, local elections, and it is War on the international stage, as Putin is showing us right now with his more aggressive military. Putin knows he can kick sand in Obama's face, and Obama will do nothing about it. I expect to see him getting more aggressive for as long as there is a Democrat in the White House. Which makes me wonder if he **Wants** A Republican President in 2017. Putin is a masterful politician. He has to know that shoving around our military is going to make the Republican Party look more attractive to the American people. It may very well be that as a political actor on the world stage he prefers a strong America, just because of the international stability that comes with a strong America. I can't know for certain that that is Putin's goal, but it would explain why he is rubbing the American voters' collective nose in the fact that Obama is a tremendously weak actor on the world stage. **Nobody** respects him. **Nobody**. At best they see him as a two-bit pamphleteer that somehow got lucky, and got himself elected to the most powerful position in the world. While that **is** a true characterization of Obama's path, he has shown himself to be a ruthless, skilled political operative, if one who is somewhat headstrong in doing whatever he wants, voters be damned. While that has worked out for him personally, that has been a disaster for e Democrat Party down ticket. Good.



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@ [Aussie Infidel](#):

Good afternoon! It is good to be up and about, at least to the extent that I am up and about.



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@ [RIX](#):

Hey, man! Thanks for the prayers. I am a firm believer in the power of prayer. God may not always give us the answer that we want, but we have to remember that God has a **Plan**, and some aspects of that Plan are beyond our limited, human understanding. I don't want to die, and I will keep fighting until I am dead if that is God's will, but I hope and believe that God has other things for me to do in this life. They are probably bit parts, but I am pleased to be able to do what I can, and to be who I am. I prayed for God to shape me into what he wanted me to be, and

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this is what came out. I am quite pleased with the results. I do wish that sGod would see fit to make me wealthy, and that is still possible, but I would rather have my wife and my cats than have a couple of hunrpdred **Thousand** Dollars in the bank, or even tens of millions. Though I wouldn't mind having my bride and our cat-children **And** the cash money to the tune of a couple of million

All in all I am still doing pretty well, considering I have a very aggressive cancer that has metastasized to at least three different areas of my body. I think I am going to be OK, but cancer has taken quite a toll on me physically, and there is really no end in sight for me.

@ [Lily](#):

I honestly can't imagine her winning, but the polls (for what they are worth) show her trouncing Trump, and within the margin of error with Cruz. Supposedly Kasich would trounce her, something that I find believable only because I would think simply nominating a warm body would be enough to beat her considering her negatives. It is quite clear that the yardstick that **I** Measure my Presidential Candidates by is considerably different than that by which Democratmvoters measure their candidates. Not being under Federal investigation for fraud, and abusing your last official position in the government would kind of have to be a kill switch for a candidate in my book.



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Democrats appear not to care. And it isn't just not caring because they think the charges are false. They don't care, and the majority of them believe the charges are **True**. They just don't care about them. People have to realize that by electing another Clinton we will be electing another unimpeachable politician to the Presidency. How well has that worked for us in the past. Ifs you love the Obama Administration, Hillary will be Obama on steroids.. Think on that, and be dismayed!



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@ [doriangrey](#):

My condolences. I know. From what you've said about him that his cancer is more advanced than mine. I wishe him all the best. Miracles do happen, and death is not the end.

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Well, my J-tube just got yanked out again. The nurse was are ding to me when I had to relieve pressure from my stomach, and being afraid I was going to Luke on her she jumped back, pulling my tube out of me. I am about to get my 4th J-tube. Fun.

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@ [AZfederalist](#):

Yeah. It is unpleasant as hell. The doctor got it reinserted, but now we have to go get some sort of test with contrast to see that it is properly installed. Lovely. This thing is a pain in the ass, but Li would starve to death without it.

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I@ [lobo91](#):

If I had known of the efficacy of marijuana based drugs for the IBD that my little boy Midnight went throu I'd have tried it. Little boy was in too much pain to eat, and so was slowly starving to death. It was a horrible thing to go through. If cannabis could have eased his pain it would have been worth it. There is coming out too much that can ibis does for the body that leaving it a Schedule 1 drug is malpractice.

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@ [Bumr50](#):

Yeah, the only reason that they are against medical marijuana is protecting their cash cow. If you could grow pharmaceutical grade marijuana for yourself and your family, it is really a no-brainer. The Mafia Princess has a phobia about the shit, but for most people the only issue is legal.

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And on myJ-tube, he put in a couple of stitches. They are going to take an x-ray, and make sure it is properly positioned. If so, we'll wait until morning to do anything farther.



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@ [Calo](#):

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Fist tomorrow, and they took a couple of x-rays to make sure it is where it is supposed to be. This feeding tube has been the most complicated piece of surgery I've ever Had, at least when you look at the complications I've ever had from them. I am hoping thT I can just take my pain meds a little early,and go to sleep



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@ [Calo](#):

Yeah, I'll ask for pain and nausea medicines when I get the results of my x-rays back.

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@ [Calo](#):

I am sorry to hear that . It seems like a season of death is in store for us. I could just not remember it , but I can't think of a time when I had this many people around me dying or dead in so short a time, they are the luckiest ones money's, though it doesn't seem so to us,

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@ [lobo91](#):

"Mud People" comes from screwy Louis Farrakhan, IIRC. That's his derogatory term for mulatto. It implies that the target isn't sufficiently black. That said, Phantom Ace **Does** Have some serious firepower against the Donald. The question is, does he hate run of the mill conservatives too much to use it? Consider [Archives Home](#)



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You can hardly blame Trump supporters for falling for his act when there are plenty of seasoned pundits and politicians who themselves continue to succumb.

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History is replete with proverbial suckers born every minute.

Like Mussolini's followers. The Italian fascist dictator was full of obsequious charm and hypnotic tricks. He was a calculating manipulator who powerfully outwitted anyone who got in the way of his narcissistic ventures.

As the quintessential psychopath, Mussolini was masterful at reading others – their body language, their emotions, their needs and their weaknesses – in order to lull them into his web of deception and take advantage of them, never feeling a neuron’s remorse.

Psychopaths are simply incapable of feeling true empathy. How else can one falsely seduce and abuse his fellow man without feeling the burden of a guilty conscience?

Seasoned critics – the media and press alike – brush Trump off as a simple-minded and vulgar gasbag. But Trump is much more enigmatic than the vacuous headline-grabbing banter that ensues – wasting precious ink and airtime – each time he opens his mouth.

But they will never figure him out or crack his code of conduct so long as they continue to rely on the wrong combination called political science – the great oxymoron.

Never before has a presidential election been so desperately in need of the scientific prism of psychology.

Psychopathy can be understood on a continuum, a sliding scale, if you will, which allows for an analysis of the condition’s variety and severity of traits, as opposed to the binary conclusion “he has it or not”.

Trump displays many of the classic traits of a psychopath – manipulateness, callousness, deceitfulness, hostility, risk-taking, and impulsivity. Obviously he doesn’t kill others. Not literally anyway. He’s cocky, overly confident, self-possessed, and he displays the false empathy required to masterfully read and shape his audience.

In this way he is similar to the most powerful and influential world leaders.

Like Mussolini, the leader he loves to Tweet. Many of Mussolini's comrades and admirers attested that there was no one who better understood how to interpret the spirit of the proletariat.

"It is better to live one day as a lion than 100 years as a sheep", Trump tweeted Mussolini recently. And live like a lion he does. Where other candidates consult with their team before taking a position, Trump aggressively and impulsively shoots from the hip. Sure, many of his shots hit innocent bystanders – like the women he would like to see punished when he outlaws abortions – but this is an easy fix for Trump who unapologetically changes his position on a whim.

Trump personifies Mussolini's approach to leadership, too, Tweeting "Let us have a dagger between our teeth, a bomb in our hands, and an infinite scorn in our hearts." It's no wonder that other countries – even our Western allies – fear an America under his fighting fist.

Psychopaths use their charm to seduce and control vulnerable people who desperately need someone to believe in and to rescue them. Like Trump, Mussolini's rise was also predicated on his claim to champion the cause of the common folk. Many Trump supporters are working two or three jobs, feeling socially disenfranchised and, until Trump came on the scene, felt totally hopeless about their future.

"I love the poorly educated", was not a mere campaign cry.

They both capitalize on discontent, creating a

monster to be destroyed. “China is killing us on trade... ” and “They are taking our jobs....I will bring jobs back from China”

“We will ban all Muslims from entering the US. And “...we will build a wall and Mexico will pay for it.”

A chilling pugilistic parallel with Mussolini: “When dealing with such a race as Slavic – inferior and barbaric – we must not pursue the carrot, but the stick policy”.

Trump said he would “bring back a hell of a lot worse than water-boarding” terror suspects and won’t rule out using nuclear weapons against ISIS. And, during the Wisconsin primary, he declared he will prevent Mexicans living in the US from sending cash home until the government pays for the wall.

With bluster, a psychopath can make people feel safe. Like Mussolini’s, Trump’s big persona – the odious and arrogant scowl, the commanding body language, the belligerent carnival cries – creates a false sense of trust that he will have the guts and ability to do exactly what needs to be done.

Now if only Donald Trump were half as good as he thinks he is. But men like this rarely are. Real geniuses rarely point this fact out to other people. They let other people figure that out for themselves. OTOH, men like Barack Obama and Donald Trump waste no time in getting the “fact” of their genius in front of the people. After all, if the elite didn’t tell them how brilliant they are, people might fail to notice it.



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[coldwarrior](#) wrote:

you do know the the lion/sheepquote wasnt original mussolini, right? i had to learn it in latin. its from the romans, the ancient romans.

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Sure, but it was Mussolini quoting the Romans. It is a good quote, just one that you'd better be prepared to defend. It very accurately described how Mussolini viewed life, and its importance to the discussion is as a window into Trump's thought processes. That Mussolini said it, rather than being generically Roman is unfortunate, perhaps, but the Romans themselves were pretty bad people. Crucifixions come to mind. That doesn't mean that they didn't have some good ideas as well.

@ [Lily](#):



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I wonder how that stacks up against some Third World Spot like Mogadishu or Tripoli, where they have an Honest-to-God War Going on? More people have been killed in all of the Syrian Civil War, of course, but that is in a theater scale war. Individual cities might be considerably less. But, hey, Chicago has strict gun control, so the bad guys know the good guys aren't armed.

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@ [Bumr50](#):



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It bothers me considerably. Without a coherent ideology you have no way of predicting his likely positions, and you have precious little to assess what he considers a desirable result, as opposed an undesirable result. He could be just fine. He could also be a monster. We have no real way of assessing which one will show up at the start of this shindig. A lot of noise has been made of Ted Cruz's overt religiosity, but that at least gives you a place to hang your hat when trying to predict his motivations for actions that he may take as President. Trump doesn't give you that. He says he'll do Great Things, but he doesn't really let you know what he means by "Great". Obama no doubt considers himself to have done great works as President, and by his ideology he has. Not very reassuring. Yes, I like a politician with a well fleshed-out ideology. Most Political Science people would like that. The ones with a dangerous ideology are bad enough, but the really dangerous ones are the ones with no set ideology, because they can behave in such unpredictable manners.

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@ [Lily](#):



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Yeah, I can't say I was ever "Gender Confused". I knew I was a boy, and I liked girls. Even from a very young age I was interested in girls. It never even occurred to me that there would be any other way. It turned out that I had a close friend who was gay, but he knew I didn't swing

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that way. I got a very strange call from him the week after I married my first wife. I hadn't seen or talked to him in years at that time. I still didn't cotton to the fact that he was gay. It was only when a mutual friend dropped that bomb on me that it all suddenly made sense. I guess he'd had a crush on me most of my life, but knew I'd not only not be interested, but would have considered it a grave insult. He'd have been right, there. That was something I was simply never interested in. If I had been, I had tacit offers from another gay friend. Again, very low key, just letting me know what was available if I wanted it. I can't imagine ever wanting it. I just don't swing that way.

[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

And as for YOU, Iron Fist, if there's ANYONE I can think of who would rather live one day as a lion rather than 100 as a sheep it's you. Just because a psychopath quoted it doesn't make it an disease marker or and indication of a psychopathic politician. Somebody who tries connecting those dots is deeply misinformed about my intelligence and dangerously ignorant of the limits to my patience.



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That is true. There were, I thought, some valid points. See my #70 to see my biggest complaints about Trump. You can also look at [this at Weasel Zippers](#). A lot of us have been concerned that he would do something like this if he were nominated. By the time he gets done, the people who are cheering him on most may have reason to damn him. We'll see. He doesn't have it won yet.

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@ [RIX](#):

Hey, man, I'm having it rough today. Fourth days of chemo, which is always bad, but then they tried me on a new chemo drug, and I was allergic to it. That really sucked. I was struggling for breath something fierce. They gave me Benedryl IV, and got me back to breathing properly, but it was pretty unpleasant. I've had trouble with my J-tube this time out, too. Not pleasant at all.



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As for the platform, what it raises concerns about how malleable Trump's positions are. I in general agree with the exceptions stated, but I haven't seen how Trump has gone from point A, which was rabidly pro-choice, to point B, which was essentially no exceptions, to now a third "nuanced" position. Are we going to see this kind of evolution on every

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social position? Gun control, as you know, is my big statedead issue. I am pretty much an absolutist on that, though I recognize that we aren't going to go from where we are to where we need to be in one fell swoop. I am less solid on economic issues, simply because these are issues I know so much less about. I **have** to rely on the opinions of others because I don't know enough about the topic in question to be very solid.

Free Trade is the biggest of these. I am against it as it stands now because I don't see us getting good deals out of what we've gotten on the Issue. NAFTA was crap, pretty much for everyone except the moneymaking people. I can see pluses and minuses to GATT, and MMENTor China. I shop at Walmart, too. But I recognize that those cheap prices come with other, hidden coats. I also have to look at the people on each side of the issue. On the Free Trade side I have Thomas Sowell, Walter E. Williams, and pretty much everyone with whom I agree on basically **everything** else.

Against Free Trade I see Hillary Clinton, *et al*, with whom I agree with on about nothing else. I have to seriously consider that I could be wrongs here. Thus it isn't as big a cause for me, simply because I don't know which way to jump.

@ [Phantom Ace](#):

Yeah, I saw that. Prince was never my big thing. I am a metal head, through and through. But he had a couple of songs that were really stellar (*When Doves Cry* was probably his best) he had some real stinkers, to, like *Darling Nikki*, which was just bad. It is a shame to see these great rockers dying over drugs. That is one of the big downsides to legalizing drugs. I don't think that there can be any question that drug use, for some drugs, will go up. And that even includes the biggie, Heroin. I knew people back in the day for whom the only reason they didn't do smack was that it was illegal. I would not be among them, but they are out there.

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[RIX](#) wrote:

As for Trumps multiple positions on abortion, I pass that off to a non politician that has not given it a lot of consideration .
The President does not have a lot of influence on that , the Court does.

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Like you say, the President has little **directly** that he can do on them issue, but it can be a huge issue whence it comes to a Supreme Court fight. If he is elected President, Trump will get two nominees, bare minimum. Scalia, and, no doubt, Ginsberg. It issue possible he will get more. No one anticipated Scalia dying on us. Also, though, you can check a President's views on Federalism against his views on abortion, and come up with a reasonable assessment of show he feels on the issue.

Federalism is the way two handle a number of the real sticking point issues on their court, whether it is abortion, "Gender Diversity" Issues, Gay Marriage, or what have you. The one issue I wouldn't put in that category is the Second Amendment, just as I wouldn't allow exceptions for the First Amendment issues based on States' Rights. Likewise, Segregation is not up to them individual States, and neither is gun control. Anyway, those are my \$0.02 on the issues. I think that the United States would be a better place if my attitudes were more widely adopted, but I don't think that its likely to happen. Someone always wants to tell someone else how to live.

@ [texasam7](#):

Hey, man! Yeah, it ain't any fun. I allowed myself to flirt with despair a little today, when I came up allergic to this new chemo drug. But it is what it is. I am still a very lucky man. I have my wife, my cats, my armament, my martial arts skills, and good friends/brothers both in and out of the martial arts/motorcycling worlds to fall back on. And God. I have God in my corner, in ways that are nothing short of miracles. It is hard to avoid despair, though. I don't like being constantly sick. Who would? But I have so much that I am blessed in. I know that I need to be grateful for what I have. And I am grateful for it all. But it is hard when you have days like today, when there just doesn't seem to be any respite from the pain and exhaustion. I'll get over this. I have. No intention of dying. Yesterday I got in a bit of trouble because I (rightly) attributed a phrase that Donald Trump quoted from Benito Mussolini, who was, in turn, quoting far older Roman Emperors . that quote was as follows:

"It is better to live one day as a lion than 100 years as a sheep", Trump tweeted Mussolini recently.

This is true, in that Mussolini said it, but its is also true that Roman Emperors said the same thing from time immemorial. It is like the famous quote *Si vis pacem, para bellum*, or Machiavelli's quote to be feared



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is better than to be loved. Taken out of context they sound monstrous, while in reality they are sound, logical advice. Their initial blurb was an attempt to corrupt Trump by tying him to Mussolini in an uncaring manner, and I apologize for that. The article is worth reading, I think, but there was clearly damage done to the credibility of the author by the way that they tied Trump to Mussolini. Anyway Mia Culpa. I was not careful in the way that I used the quote. That said, if it was the worst thing I did yesterday, it isn't that great a transgression.

Today is my last day of chemo for this round. I am not sure how many more that I get before we throw in the towel. As many ask it takes, one supposes, though I specifically recall my oncologist specifically saying that one treatment has a maximum number of lifetime usages. We'll continue to fight unwilling I am totally spent, and I am far from totally spent.

@ [doriangrey](#):

This is one of this big pro lens with drug prohibition. You don't get consistent dosages, so you never know what you are actually taking. That kills a lot of people. But, too, how do you tell an accidental overdose from a suicide attempt? If they don't leave a note, it isn't always obvious. My suicide attempt I left a note, and I had taken so many drugs that there really wasn't a question. It was a close thing. To add to the drama, Sam, the guy who found out what was going on and called 911 was the guy I killed in an accident with a shotgun about 9 months later. My life has been a Shakespearean tragedy, to a large degree. That has taken a lot of getting used to. I'll be OK. There are no further suicide attempts in my lifetime. I sincerely hope that God's desire to teach me about that level of despair had been fulfilled.

In any event, I have too much to live for today. I have my wife, my cats, my friends, who are like family, my motorcycle, and so much more to just lay down and die. If I die, I have had a good life, but I'd like another 30-40 years to go at it.



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@ [Lily](#):

Forgiving myself may be the most difficult thing that I ever do. I haven't managed to do it yet, and it's been 28 years

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@ [doriangrey](#):

@ [eaglesoars](#):

That honestly could be anything. I guess it is possible it is a folded up \$100 bill, but I dont think that is likely. My bet would be tickets to some kind of special Meet-the-Candidate dinner. I' we been invited to that kind of thing, though never directly by the candidate like this. There's enough nefariousness going on that I dont think it is productive to start seeing it everywhere.

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[RIX](#) wrote:



@ lobo91:

Build a **minefield**, not a wall/

Minefields make good neighbors.

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@ [doriangrey](#):

That is basically what I'Ve been saying about Obama for some time. He is accomplishing his mission. When the inner cities burn, and the cops are the popular target De jour, when fear and terror care unleashed on us, and the economy goers into the shutter, O Obama is pleased. He is accomplishing his mission. And if he can succeed in getting Hillary coronated to follow him his mission will be committed plate.

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Is this where the Irish Republican Army came fro? I do not know that much history of Ireland. While I have some Irish ancestry, my family has always beenan **American** family. I was never taught to revere some "Old Sod" in Europe as where my people came from. The ones who actually **did** come here from elsewhere were fleeing something (tyranny or the law, I know not which), and did not teach the generations that they raised to love some foreign soil as "Home". I am a Native American both by the fact that some of my ancestors were Cherokee, and thus were here when the White Man came. Others, though, have been here for so long that it makes no sense to call them English or Irish, or whatever.

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One of my direct ancestors, William Bean, was the first White Man born West of the Appalachian. My white ancestors were the pioneers who made America into what she is. I am proud of that, naturally. I am an

American first, foremost, and **only**. I wish more Americans felt as I do. In America it doesn't (or shouldn't) matter where you come from. It is where you are going that matters.

@ [doriangrey](#):

Probably. We've never gotten much into genealogy in my family except for a cousin of mine who is a Mormon. In a way that is sad. My Sensei, Allen Wheeler's mother was the sister of my grandfather on my mother's side of the family. That makes him some kind of cousin of mine, but I don't know all of the rules of cousining to say exactly what the degree of relationship would have been. I didn't find that out until I recognized her name in his obituary. I noted the resemblance and asked my mother about her. I am sure that it would have pleased him to know about it. But other than something like that genealogy doesn't mean too much to me. I have no blood of Princes flowing through my veins, and I don't think that it would make any difference if I did. I have considered determining the exact amount of Native American Indian blood I have running through my veins. My mother is about a quarter Indian, and my father could be that much or more. That is something of a venal thought on my part. If the Cherokee are going to have a casino, why shouldn't I get my cut, if I am owed one? But I haven't made any real effort in that direction.



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@ [RIX](#):

I've had another rough day of it. I can't eat much of anything without pretty severe pain. I guess that means the chemo has done some serious damage to my cancer. It is worth it, if that is the case. But it does suck to not even be able to eat Oreos. I have myself tube feeding go on, so I am not going to starve to death, but I'd by lying if I said it didn't royally suck. Oh, well. I'll get over it eventually, I hope. It usually takes a couple of weeks for me to get over my chemo, and this has been a really hard round of chemo. Thanks for them insight on them Irish thing. The closest I've ever come to that kind of thing was I worked with a woman who was first generation off the boat, and I'd says her loyalty lay as mush or more within Ireland than the United States. But that is a single incident, and is hardly representative.



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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Thanks! Second cousin is pretty cool Allen Wheeler is the single best man I've ever known, followed by my father's father. Mostly office the people



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Fist I've taken my examples from haven't been stellar personalities. Even my Second Sensei, Louis Grinnell, had a really nasty streak in him. He had absolutely no problem using any weapon at hand to destroy his opponents, including knives and guns. He has more stories about fights than I do. He didn't look like much, but he was a former professional boxer before he got into the martial arts. His Sensei was a man named Sherman Harrill, who is another man with a nasty reputation as a cruel dude. I've had two or three seminars with the man, and he was he'll on wheels. He passed away 12-14 years ago. I wish I could have studied more with him, but circumstances conspired against that.



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@ [doriangrey](#):

My condolences. I have your brother in my prayers. He's having a worse time of it than me. Cancer is a real bitch.

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@ [Mars](#):

Yeah, people never believe them when they tell you what they want to do. It is like Bill Ayres talking about killing 25 million Americans to bring about the Communist Revolution he so wanted. People hear that number and think "He can't be serious!" But he was entirely serious. He just never got the power to carry out his plans. The Manson Family were not an aberration. They were the Communist Ideal taken to its natural end. That there weren't more Manson Family copycats shows that Communism really want popular in the United States in the 1970s. Of course, you also had the Symbionese Liberation Army, and, of course, the Weather Underground. Imagine the crackdown that they'd have if you had two or three Right-wing groups running around doing such things. It wouldn't be pretty.



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[eaglesoars](#) wrote:



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written by someone who truly has no clue about women.

Or heterosexual men and their children. I can easily imagine what I would do to someone who raped my son. The motherfucker would die screaming, and it would take days. If that meant I got the Death Penalty, so be it. He'd wish I'd simply set him on fire.

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[Mars](#) wrote:

Why doesn't anyone in power ever bring up the lefts "War on Children". They put policies in place to force kids to be in failing schools, they push their abortion agenda to the max, and now they want perverts ogling children in public bathrooms

Exactly. The Left raise all kinds of hell about how "intolerant" we are that we don't want a queer sucking a Dick in the restroom at the reststop on the interstate, or that we don't want to let perverts into the ladies rooms pretty much everywhere, and we back down.

The Left murder children.



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Fist

How can that be permitted to go on? Their anti-Life abortion agenda would be considered **genocide** if it were being carried out many other way. How does the fact that the mother **chooses** to execute her unborn baby make it **any** better? At best our abortion industry is the modern equivalent of the ancient pagans sacrificing their firstborn to Mooch. Normally, civilized people frown on human sacrifice. How is it any **better** that the child is murdered for convenience rather than some kind of spiritual coin?

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I could go on about this for some time. The abortion rate in the black community is horrific. Half of the black babies conceived in America are aborted rather than are allowed to be born normally. And we treat that like it isn't an atrocity. But the Confederate Flag **is** an atrocity that must be suppressed. It really is insane. We need to be willing to stand and fight this now. If we don't, once the Left have won they will show us how truly "tolerant" they are. Bill Ayres wanted to kill 25 million Americans. Their population is larger now, though. And Obama is a friend of Ayres. Our leadership has entirely failed us.

@ [eaglesoars](#):



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Fist

Eyes, throat, groin, knees, and toes. This are the targets, in Thatcher order. Blind him or kill him if you can. A strike to the groin simply isn't as devastating a blow as people think. It isn't bad, and can give you an opening for a more effective blow, but simply kneeling him in the nuts isn't going to stop him.

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@ [Mars](#):

It would have been a real temptation to remove that fucker from the gene pool before he hurt somebody. I've never been put in that situation before, and since I don't have kids I never will. But if I'd had a kid at that school I would have given him a serious explanation of the facts of Life and Death, and how he'd live a longer, healthier life someplace far away from my kids. I've never intentionally killed another human being, but it has come close a couple of times, especially when I was younger and crazier. I certainly have no particular aversion to the concept if it is necessary, though. The fact that I didn't want to risk prison has saved more than one life. I'd argue that the people involved had earned their execution, but, obviously, John Law disagreed with me. The two times I've used a firearm in self-defense I didn't have to fire a shot. That is the best way to defend yourself. The law may still getting involved. It did in one of the incidences, and I spent the night in the County Jail. But the cops eventually gave me my pistol back. It is stilled one of my favorites.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

I am something of an expert on the issue you have to handle things differently when you are the bouncer, though. The first thing my buddy told be about being a bouncer was that's I wasn't allowed to kill anybody. He told me this in front of the entire bar. People took note of that. As it turned out I almost never even had to hit people. People just didn't want to tangle with me. I can't imagine why not

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[Mars](#) wrote:

I'm probably going to be called strange for this, but I actually believe most of the left has sold their soul for power, and abortion and their basic degradation of morality is their sacrament and sacrifice for that power.

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I think that you are right about some of them. The leadership has done so. I believe that thoroughly. As you are aware of, I've had a very close, personal religious experience with God, something that I consider to be the very best thing to ever happen to me in my life. I know in a way few people are given the gift of knowing that God is **real**, and that He loves

me, and He has been with me through a really difficult life. This is, among other things, why I am able to handle my cancer diagnosis, which was, I am certain, the point of it. I do not know why God feels thenway that He does about me, though I believe that it is true that Good loves us all. He has plans for us all, and those plans are good.

But I digress a little. I have had my Burning Bush moment with God, and I believe that some of the leaders of the Enemy have had **their** religious experience with God's opposite number. I can't say that it is all of them, but like Eaglesoars says, when Nancy Pelosi talks about abortion being sacred to her, she really **means** it. In the same way that I consider the Sacrament of Communion sacred.

That should scare everyone who believes it. Satanism isn't some cutesy counter-religion with cool graphics and loud music. I say that as a fan of Slayer. Slayer isn't really Satanic. They do the cool graphics and lounpd music as a marketing device. Real Satanist worship **Evil**. Think about that for a minute. That is a step beyond where the Nazis were, or the Communists, for that matter. Those people were Evil, certainly, but most of them believed that they were on the side of **good**. Someone like Nancy Pelosi, OTOH, knows **exactly** whom she serves. She has sold her soul for power, and she will do what her master bids her do. As a pro-abortion advocate, she keeps the slaughter of children not only continuing, which is bad enough, but as an unquestioned **right**, which is, to me, just unreal.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

Oh, you are right about that. Women who had the "You can't hit a girl!" disorder. My buddy actually had one who'd just drilled another woman that one time. Big bitch, well over 6 feet tall. My buddy grabbed her by the throat, bounced her head off the wall behind her, and said "It looks like I've got you".



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And the worst fighting I broke up was between two chicks. I had to drill the chick on the ground three or four times in the kidney with my knee to get her to let go of the other chick's hair. She really didn't let go. She just ripped out a big handful of the other chick's hair. I picked her up by the throat, and threw her 10 feet across the parking lot. It was a hell of a

party

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@ [Mars](#):

If I am delusional, and really believe that I am a tall, thin black man, when I am really a short, somewhat fat (not so much now, after the cancer) white man, I would be diagnosed as delusional, and with a mental illness. If I thinking instead that I am a woman, when I have the genetics of a man, I am considered to be normal. That is, in and of itself, insane. That the simple fact of this is in question tells you something disquietening about our culture.

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@ [lobo91](#):

An awful thing. I can't understand someone who will harm a child like that. I can see losing your temper, and punching a hole in a wall, or even (perhaps) hitting your spouse, though I've never hit one of the women I was with. I had one hit me, though. I explained to her forcefully (without hitting her) that she never wanted to do that to me again. But hitting a kid? I'd never do that. It just isn't in my makeup. I guess you could conjure some situation whereas I was given the choice between shooting a kid in self-defense or allowing the kid to kill me and come up with some theoretical case where I'd do it, but it isn't anything that is likely. Also, by "child" I mean someone under about 10-12. A 17 year old gangbanger isn't even remotely a child or the purpose of this exercise.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

I still haven't seen the other 5 seasons of it. We are trying to decide how to do that. We don't have HBO, and wouldn't miss it except for *Game of Thrones*. I absolutely love the books. I know I'll love the show. It is just a matter of how to see it (it isn't on Netflix). I've been watching *Sons of Anarchy* which I never saw. I also want to watch the *Vikings* show.

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@ [lobo91](#):

Now that's the kind of son of a bitch I could cuff his right wrist to his left ankle, douse him with gasoline, and set him on fire. It would be less messy to just shoot him, but torching him would send a message.

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@ [Mars](#):

Yeah, I saw something about that. They Left want the magic of pretend to override the stale dusty of reality. You know, I really wish I didn't have cancer. I can pretend I don't have cancer, or I can do chemotherapy.

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Which one is more likely to save my life? What is amazing to me is that we are taking these people seriously. We should be mocking them mercilessly. You are a man who wants to use their Ladies' Room? What kindly of weird pervert are you? We have let ourselves be blackmailed by people who will call us names if we don't comply with their wishes. Racist? Fuck you. Hard. Why should I take you seriously if all you can do is call me names. I am concerned that 50% of the black babies conceived in the United States are aborted. The Left think that is just fine. As I said earlier, our enemies kill babies. Worse, they butcher the unborn for spare body parts to sell to research facilities. That kind of shot is straight out of a horror movie, and yet when they are exposed for it the person who exposed them is the one in trouble. Unreal.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

Yeah, I've heard about that, too. The North Vietnamese were savages. We should have never permitted the Left to get away with whitewashing them. We are doing the same, to a lesser degree, the Islamic savages that we are fighting today. I think what is different today is that America's enemies no longer control the media the way that they did during Vietnam. Walter Cronkite was the most important person in the North Vietnamese Army. He won Tet for the NVA, after it had been a bloodbath and fiasco. I'd have hanged Cronkite for that, if it had been up to me.



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The Muslims are as savage as the Aztecs. We need to be pointing that out. Like with fighting the Democrats, we need to be making it plain what our enemies are really about. We need to quit worrying about what the **bad guys** think of us. We need to make **them** worry about what **we** think of **them**. And in the case of the Islamic Savages, we need to be killing them.

@ [Calo](#):

My deepest condolences, and heartfelt prayers. That has to be one of the worst decisions that you can be faced with. You are right that your dad's Advanced Directive should have been followed. A person's private views should be followed in those circumstances, always. I really need to work up one for myself, but I do want extreme measures taken if I am going out. I've been in ICU dying once before, and I pulled through. Of course, I am also much younger than your father would be. My Sensei made the decision to end dialysis for himself when they told him that



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they would have to remove his feet if he was to continue, and he preferred to just let nature take its course. His kidneys had failed two or three years earlier. A person's views on such ICYters. Now I don't support physician assisted suicide. That's a really hard question, but to me that comes back to the directive "First, do no harm".

@ [RIX](#):



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Fist**

Yeah, I've seen that about Cronkeit before. And he knew what he was doing. He was a bigger traitor than Benedict Arnold. He gave the NVA hope when they were defeated. As I said, I'd have hanged the son of a bitch for treason. There is absolutely no question about his guilt.

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[RIX](#) wrote:

Bet that he still has his LGF account.

It wouldn't necessarily surprise me, but how many members does LGF still have? A couple of dozen? There add plenty of Left-wing crazy sties out there. LGF went from being a Big Dog on the Right to being essentially nothings on the Left. The Left didn't need another Kos or Democrat Underground. Charles could have conceivably turned LGF into a place like Hot Air (which Malkin made a minting Ai, though I reckon they've gone insane Left since), but he fell in love with Obama, and threw that all away. I don't feel sorry for him. He joined the Enemy. It was kind of sad to see, though. I gained a **lot** from LGF. That is where I met my wife, after all, which is the second best thing to ever happen to me (the **best** thing, as I said earlier, was my Burning Bush moment with God Almighty. It's kind of hard to top God). So I don't hate Charles the way a lot of others people do. I owe him a certain debt for my wife, but that, too, was really a God thing. And I played my part when I took up for "Skippy Moment" when some of the others posters attacked her without cause.



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@ [Aussie Infidel](#):



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Fist**

You sum it up well. It comes back to what I've been saying for some time now. The Left do not argue fro logic. Indeed, they will take counterfactual, illogical positions because they know that the average voter won't bother to check out what they say, and the media will assist them in their lies so long as they help the Leftist position (review the

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discussion RIX and I have been having about Walter Cronkeit and the Tet Offensive for a great example of whatever I am talking about). But at the end of the day, when the Left are caught in their lies, they resort to name-calling. That is all that calling someone a "racist" boils down to.

And, more to the point, so whatever if you **are** a racist? Are the facts you are arguing somehow invalidated if you reach your conclusion replete with racial animosity? Thank you for one of my major issues, the homicide and abortion rates in the black communities in these United States. Both are appalling in the extreme. Yet I have been called, in appearing serious, a "racist" because I want to see fewer black men shooting each other, and fewer black babies aborted. How the SJWs get from Point A to Point B in that leap of faith, to say that it is racist to want to **save** black lives is a great example of what I mean when I say that they will take counterfactual and illogical positions, and know that they can argue from them with little fear of offending the Media calling them one.

That's one reason that I simply do not **care** if these people think I am a "racist". Fuck them. They want black people to abort their babies and shoot each other in the streets. I want to put a stop to black people aborting their babies and shooting each other in the streets. So who is the **real racist**? I'll not let their name-calling scare me away from doing what is **right**.

@ [doriangrey](#):



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Fist

Praise God, man! That is excellent news. I am sure you are relieved. We'll keep praying in his behalf, and in yours as well. I think that the caregivers have the harder task, though this round of chemo was very bad for me. It doesn't really matter. The caregivers need prayer as much as the cancer victim.

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@ [lobo91](#):



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Yep, with nothing to prove their case. You are seeing the same kind of behavior out of Trump, with his calling Cruz a liar, without anything that I've seen (at least) to back up the allegations. In fact I'm not even sure what Cruz is supposed to be lying about. He's just "Lyin' Ted", and that is as far as the conversation goes. Even if Cruz were lying (and he may be; he is, after all, a politician), there are surely better ways to get the point across without resorting to grade-school playground tactics. I guess that works with a certain segment of the population, but if Cruz

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islying about something, I'd like chapter and verse, along with the documentation to prove it. Just calling someone a "Liar" is one step above calling them a "poopyhead", but its issue only one step above that.



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@ [doriangrey](#):

Great news! Praise God, and I am not saying that lightly. It sucks, but it is something he can weather.

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Fist**

Well, I just got some bad news. When they move me over to long-term disability, my employer is going to terminate me. They are doing it in such a way that I retain my life and disability policies, but I am either going to have to do COBRA or ObamaCare for my Healthcare. I absolutely have to have Healthcare insurance. It really is a matter of life or death. I am hopeful that eventually I will get through this, and maybe even will go back to work for Team Health at some point, but that is a door that is closing for me now. God's will be done.

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@ [doriangrey](#):

I agree. As I told Buzzsawmonkey over on Weasel Zippers, I have my God, my wife, my friends, my cats, and yes, even my bike. I am rich beyond measure. This is going to be a difficult stretch, but I've been through much worse, and God brought me through it. One thing that has already occurred to me is that if I am disabled for a long time, I may be able to do Seminary while I am out. I don't know how going back to school would affect my disability. God may be telling me that it is time that I change the path my life is on. I suspect that is the case. I had hoped to get over the cancer, and just go back to work, but that doesn't appear to be the direction God wants me to go in. His will be done.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Yeah, I'm pretty overwhelmed about it right now. I am somewhat afraid that I will lose my bike. I don't think I will. I have an option that I can take to keep paying the bike. It isn't one I want to take. Basically, I owe my mother a substantive debt, but my monthly payment on that is about equal to the bike payment. I can halt the payments to her to cover my bike if I have to. I don't want to do it, and want unless it is a choice between losing the bike and temporarily halting paying her. I hope that

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we never come to that.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

One of the things my last Sensei taught me was to work small. Make the little things perfect, and they will build out into a devastating structure. He's a Seventh Degree Black Belt, and is the guy who promoted me to Fourth Degree Black Belt in 2014. I have two more years until I promote to Fifth Degree Black Belt, if I can get back to training. Everything that I have is tied up with this cancer right now. How I do with it will determine how the rest of myself life is. This is a pretty momentous time of my life. Like other times in my life when I've had to restructure my life, I'd rather not be doing it. God's will be done, though. I'll be OK. I am still not worried. I am just in a lot of pain, and wishing to get this done. Its will happen in its own time.

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[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

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@ Iron Fist:

fuck the pain holler for more drugs

I intend to tomorrow. I am going to call the pain management clinic first thing in the morning. I also have found the lawyer that successfully sued Farm Bureau Insurance when they screwed me back in 1995. He's a really good lawyer. I don't know if he does labor law, but if he doesn't I trust him to point me to a good one. I am going to have to hit this thong hard, if I am going to do well out of it. My move may be towards SSI Disability, and trying to get on Medicare. I just don't know what my best path forward is right now, Andrew I don't know enough about everything involved to do more than find a good lawyer and go from there. I seem to recall disability lawyeres running about \$1500. We can take that money out of the Mafia Princesses' retirement. We don't **want** to do that, but this isn't about wants.

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@ [Phantom Ace](#):

Thanks, man. It is what it is. Like Dorian said, God will take care of me. I do wish the pain would get better. I am hurting the worst that I have with the cancer. During one of the tests they ran on me they found that

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my bones had been damaged, either by the cancer or the chemo. I am not sure which. The pain Thatcher I am feeling in my lower legs is apparently from that. The pain in my esophagus is, of course, the cancer itself, and then my J-tube is hurting. It looks like it is trying to get infected again. I'll have to watch it.

@ [eaglesoars](#):



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Fist**

Happy Birthday! You are 64 years young And you've had your own health saga to fight over the last few years. Congratulations on a battle well fought.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):



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Fist**

Yep, it is like the DDT ban. That kills about a million kids in the Third World every year. If the science behind the scare were sound, then you might could domain cost-benefit analysis on it, but the science justify isn't there. And it is hard to justify snuffing a millionaire kids a year. For the Liberals, it helps that the majority of those kids are black. If you look at the results of their policies, I don't see how you escape the conclusion that Left-wingers fucking hate blacks. They'll take their votes, and tell them how much they simply can't compete with whites, button in everything from the black abortion rate in America to the Genocide in Rwanda it is clear that the Left lose no sleep over dead blacks, including (especially?) dead black children. But we're the ones who are supposed to be the racists.

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[brookly red](#) wrote:

My friend, it's not that you have God it is that he has you. Praise Him.



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Fist**

Good point. I am still floored at how God has worked in my life. I don't think He has brought me this far to drop me now. Now His plans may be different for me may be entirely different from what I would choose for myself, button over the last 30 ears or so He has shown me over and over that His plans for me are better for me than mine. As you say, Praise His Holy Name.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

The question is is it genuine? I can completely believe it. It is as easy to see Obama claiming to be a foreign student, even if it were untrue, if he could benefit from doing so. All you have to don't is look at Fauxcohortas, and see how Democrats do it. I've decided if Hillary Clinton wins the Presidency I am going to start self-identifying as a 35-year-old Native American lesbian. It isn't what you were born as that

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matters. It is what you pretend to be



@ [eaglesoars](#):

That would have maybe made life difficult for him in 2008, but his mission is accomplished now. And John McCain didn't want to be President. He wanted to run for President, but best he want interested in winning. Personally, I think he wanted to ensure that Obama won. Hell, he basically endorsed Obama when he said he thought Obama would make a fine President. Whatever I may think of Donald Trump, I don't see him doing a similar thing for Hillary Clinton. He might for Joe Biden, though, if Clinton winds up indicted, and has to drop out of the race. I don't expect that to happen, but it is certainly a possibility.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Well, we know where they live, don't we? The Left keep acting like they want a hot Civil War. They apparently think that their magic of pretend bullshit is going to beat people with real guns.



The only reason that they are still alive is that none of us have decided to kill them.

That is not a threat. That is simply an observation of the obvious.

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I am not advocating that we take that step, at least not now. But these fuckers think it is peachy keen to send death threats to 16-year-old kids. Sooner or later someone is going to take exception to that. Life is going to get mean, nasty, brutish, and short for them if/when that eventuality occurs.



@ [eaglesoars](#):

Yeah, when I was 11 or 12-years-old one of the older kidskin in the

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Fist neighborhood pulled a shotgun on me, and ordered me back into my house. Of course I went inside. I went to my father's gun cabinet, got my dad's .30 Carbine out of the case, put a 30 round magazine in it, and went out the back door, fully intending to shoot this other kid. He'd already vacated the premises, or things would have gotten real interesting. I gm glad things worked out the way that they did, but I don't see me being 47-years-old, with all the training that I now have, and letting some Leftist casually threaten my kid. Life would get real interesting for them.

[Aussie Infidel](#) wrote:



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Fist**

Sure, the same 'Crooked Timber of Humanity' as raw material. But isn't it reasonable to expect the Vatican timber to be a little more straight-grained, with fewer knots?

Historically, it hasn't always been. I don't like Francis, but he's no Pope Alexander III. There are others, but the history of the Papacy isn't my specialty. I had it in history in 10th grade, but that's been over 30 years ago.

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@ [texasam7](#):

Thanks, man. It hasn't been an easy day. But lots of other people have become disabled. This isn't something that is fairly unique to me. I've only ever been out of work once since I graduated college for the last (so far) time in 1997. I missed three months in 2002 because the small business that I was working for went belly-up. Its was actually a very fortituous thing for me, because the woman I was living with had a malignant melanoma skin cancer removed from her calf right when I lost my job. I had unemployment coming in while I really needed to be home to help take care of her. I was working on finding a job, too, but there was plenty of time for both. I found my next job, and started fresh on January 4 of 2003. I held that job for over 9 years. I've only been with this job a little less than four years. I may wind up back at Team Health some other time in my life. I won't rule it out. Team Health has been the best job I've ever had, and I hate to see it go. I was hoping I was going to be there the rest of my career, and I may accomplish that if I wind up on Disability for the rest of my life. There are too many moving pieces in the air right now for me to know how this is going to turn out, but so far God has always moved me in a positive direction, though it has



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sometimes taken many years to recognize that fact.

@ [mfhorn](#):



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Fist**

The last cat that we had to pill wasn't bad. You just had to use a Pill Pocket. But Midnight was an exceptionally sweet cat. And Sammy would eat the Pill Pocket like it was a treat, so he was even easier to pill. My poor little boys. They crossed the Rainbow Bridge several years ago. Sammy had cancer, and Midnight had Inflammatory Bowel Disease. I miss them both terribly.

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Well, I am back in the ER. I don't maybe feel as awful as I did in January when I came in with pneumonia, but I feel pretty awful. I was running a small temperature, so we think that my J-tube is infected again. I guess it could be pneumonia, too. I am waiting in an isolation room because we don't **want** me to get pneumonia again. I feeling like I am buzzed as hell, too, but not in a good way. I had my last Percocet dose a little over two hours ago.



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@ [coldwarrior](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Yeah, as much as I'd like to see it turn out differently, I think we are going to wind up with Trump as our nominee. God help us.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):



**Iron
Fist**

I don't see them until Thursday. They got me the quickest appointment that they could. I may not be able to make that appointment, though, because I may be in the hospital. I expect that they will just admit me tonight, though, and schedule me for surgery tomorrow.

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@ [Bumr50](#):



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Fist**

@ [coldwarrior](#):

[RIX](#):@ [AZfederalist](#):

Thanks, everyone. I am going to lay back and try to take a nap.

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Dilaudid is my new Best Friend! I've been suffering all day, and it has been worse since I got to the ER. They gave me a shot of Dilaudid, and it knocked the pain way out. Now the pain is starting to come back, and, of course, it is nowhere near time for my next shot. Still, it really did good there for a little while, and I am still nowhere near where I was half an hour ago. Thank God. They are stilled ruling things out as the source of the fever. I wish they'd get done with that, and decide what they are going to do with me. Baby steps.

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@ [Calo](#):

They were giving me the Dilaudid through my port. I guess that's IV. I don't like the idea of using IV drugs. Maybe there's really no difference, but IV drugs have always creeped me out. I could never be a needle junkie. That is most definitely a good thing. I see my oncologist today, and am going to have my J-tube redone the way it should have been when the nurse yanked it out to begin with. I am in quite a bit of pain. I am three hours out of having taken my last Percocet. The doctor last night didn't think that doing it every three hours instead of every four would be a problem. I see my pain management doctor tomorrow. I hope he either increases my dosage, or puts me on something more powerful. I'd happily take an orally active morphine if they could hook me up.

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@ [rain of lead](#):

Ensoulment? The Left always challenge us to provide "proof" of a soul. Well, here's something. Why do they think it is just peachy fine to snuff these "potential humans"? I imagine that the Nazis had all kinds of "interesting" ideas about why their genocide wasn't really murder, too.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

That is lovely to see. It is good when these Evil Insiders get horked up when they try to abuse their positions. Was Chrissy really hitting these people up for bribes? Money-making issue fungible, as the Clinton Family "Foundation" proves. Pay to play seems to be the way DC works. Half of the bastards up there need to go to prison.

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@ [RIX](#):

Hillary has a 74-year-old white male Socialist as an opponent, in a Party that demonizes white males every bit as much as the Nazis did the Jews.

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Fist It isn't a fair comparison at any level.

@ [Lily](#):

Abortion is the single largest genocide in history, if you take it as a long-running genocide for the last 50 years or so. Yes, there were abortions before then, but the industrialization of the process, and the numbers that industrialization has brought about, are really new. Imagine if the Nazis had been able to convince the Jews to abort half of their pregnancies, the way that American blacks have been convinced to abort half of their pregnancies?



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Fist

And then you have sex-selective abortions, mostly in the Third World, that have eliminated somewhere around 200 **million** female babies in the last 50 years or less. 50 million just in China alone. Talk about a #WarOnWomen? But "feminists" aren't offended by **this** manifestation of the Patriarchy®, and this really **is** a manifestation of Patriarchy, as opposed to, say, a lack of free oral contraceptives for women.

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It is unreal what Industrialized Abortion has cost the World. Only God knows how history might have been changed if these deaths had been reduced.

@ [coldwarrior](#):

That is basically the way my wife feels about Donald Trump. I'd prefer to vote for Fiorina than Trump, and Fiorina-Cruz was my dream ticket once it became clear that Scott Walker wasn't going to make it. That said, I will hold my nose and vote for Trump, and pray that he wins, but I am under no illusion about him being a good President. He won't be. Even the best candidate would face a Herculean task trying to clean up all of the damage Obama has inflicted, and Trump is far from the best candidate, in my opinion.



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Fist

Both Rodan's attitude about revenge and your own attitude about, well, **revenge** on the people who have sought then office ahead of your chosen candidate puzzles the hell out of me. At the end of the day are we more concerned with tearing each other down over relatively minor points, or are we about defeating an existential threat? It looks to me from what I am seeing all over the Right-wing blog world that the majority of us would rather fight a scorched earth internicine fight than unite to defeat our real enemies. This is very disappointing, and almost assures us that

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Hillary Clinton will be the next President of the United States. And that will probably be the last President that the United States has, period.

@ [RIX](#):



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Fist**

The protection of the young are the main priority not only of healthy human societies, but of all higher life forms. Wildebeests on the African plains protect the herd's young at the expense of the the older animals in the herd. It is only among humans where you see a widespread exploitation of the young by elements in society, but the outright sacrifice of the coming generation in the name of convenience for the current adults. Anyone with a reasonable IQ can see that this is a poor strategy for survival as a species. I have come to regard the Left as profoundly antihuman. Another piece of evidence that they are not simply wrong, but are Evil.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):



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Fist**

My wife says exactly the same thing about Trump, and I don't much disagree with her. Just that Hillary must be stopped no matter what, even if it means a Trump Presidency.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):



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Fist**

A four-way contest could give us any conceivable result. I don't even see any way to game that system. Somebody with 30% of the popular vote could wind up President. That may be the way the Establishment would prefer it to fall out, because if nobody gets 270 Electoral Votes the House of Representatives decides it.

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@ [Aussie Infidel](#):



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Fist**

That's exactly the way I see it. Thistles is the most important election in United States' history. The voters have been trying to put the brakes on the Hard-Left turn we took in 2008 since sometime in 2009. We've voted back in the Republicans, and they have failed us. The best you can say about them is that they have kept things from being worse than they would have been without the 2010 blowout. Far worse. And if we had a Democrat Senate, Obama might very well put Elizabeth Warren on the Supreme Court. So it isn't quite fair to say nothing is different. That we might as well have had the Democrats hold the Senate.

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This election is critical. I'll vote for Trump, and pray we can kick the can down the road a little more. Is Trump going to nominate Supreme Court justices I will like? **Possibly!** With Hillary we **know** what we will get. The same is true of every other issue on the table. With Trump it is **possible** that he'll even do well. **He** believes that he has the makings of a Great President. If he is elected, I will pray that he is right.

[brookly red](#) wrote:

expect the unexpected



Iron
Fist

This year? You better believe it. Nothing is done yet. We are **likely** to see a Trump versus Clinton election, two New York Liberals (interestingly enough what people expected to see in 2008 with Guiliani and Clinton), but we won't know until after the conclusion of the Conventions.

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@ [Aussie Infidel](#):

Yeah, it is grimly amusing that the Left, that claims such a monopoly on caring about women and minorities has been responsible for butchering so many of them, in so many diverse ways. The Left are Evil, and Evil always has the best press, because Evil lies. I love dark imagery. My favorite artist is H.R.Giger, who is known for his dark, surrealistic work. Evil sells because it promises everything, but all it really delivers is pain. Individual Evil characters may have a grand time chopping up hookers, or raping little boys, or whatever, but the dark pageantry of a Giger tryptech simply doesn't exist in the real world. Ever.



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[This is interesting](#). Its is a 5.56 pistol that has a "binary-fire" trigger that will fire on the initial take-up of the trigger **and** on the release of the trigger back to battery. Apparently the BATFE has approved of its sale as a regular Class I firearm, just like a regular semiautomatic pistol. Like the stabilizing brace that can let you have a short-barrelled rifle without **technically** being a short-barrelled rifle is an interesting decision coming from the ATF under the Obama Administration. You saw something similar under the Clinton Administration where they effectively legalized short-barrelled shotguns in .410 by allowing companies to manufacture derringers, and now things like Taurus' the Judge (S&W has a similar weapon) .410 revolvers. It probably makes no practical difference, but it **is** Kind of cool.



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@ [brookly red](#):

That is true. While we have the Constitution on our side, the Left has been undermining the Constitution for more than a Century, and they've really kicked it into overdrive over the last 25 years or so. The Constitution is just an old, dusty document that codified how a bunch of white male slaveowners thought an agrarian society should be ran. What does that have to do with today? That this was a brilliant masterwork of multiple political geniuses, to such a degree that I believe it was Divinely Inspired, is not an idea that finds favor on the Left, or even necessarily the Right. Destroying our national faith in American Exceptionalism, and the Exceptional nature of our founding has been some of the Devil's best work against Good in my lifetime, only superseded by *Roe v Wade*.

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@ [lobo91](#):

Yeah, I know. I thought I included that, but I missed that point. The reason they can't do the same thing in 12ga is that all that would do is make the weapon a "Destructive Device" instead of a "short-barrelled shotgun". All of this goes to point out how essentially arbitrary all of our gun laws are. We've discussed before how asinine the fact that suppressors are regulated at all is. Short-barrelled rifles and shotguns are no more dangerous than their longer barreled versions. It was just the Democrats grabbing what they could grab of our Second Amendment rights before there were really any organizations set up to defend them. The NBRAWls in existence in 1934, of course, but not as the lobbying and electoral powerhouse that it is in many parts of our country today. I don't know that the NFA was on anybody's radar as a threat when it was passed in 1934.

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[Aussie Infidel](#) wrote:



Europe is entering a long hot summer and Alice is planning to get the hell out of there and pull up the drawbridge on Europe no matter what Obama says or thinks

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Which is what Alice **should** be doing. This notion that National Sovereignty doesn't matter is utter bullshit. It is every nation's **duty** to promote her national interests over those of other nations. This even at the expense of other nations. This is why Russia acting in Russian

interests doesn't bother me a bit, even though some of those interests are at cross-purposes with those of the United States. It isn't the **Russians'** duty to protect **America's** Interests. It is **America's** duty to do that.

When you apply that to Britain, Obama has done his level best to destroy the "Special Relationship" between the United States and Britain. That now they won't give him the time of day when it comes to his attempts to meddle in their internal affairs is simple kismet. Britain is going to do what is right for **British** interests. I wish that included deporting their restive Mohammedan population, but at this stage that is probably asking too much. That is a British matter to decide in any event. My personal wishes on the matter are as meaningless as Obama's. So Obama

has worked to make he and I equal at least in some matters

@ [Lily](#):

Obama has accomplished his mission. I have no doubt that he is entirely pleased with the results of his policies. Look at what he's accomplished for his side. You have radical Islam on the march everywhere. It isn't just the rise of the Islamic State, or his treasonous agreement with Iran. You have the Taliban coming back in Afghanistan, and Pakistan is still infested. Syria is controlled by a mix of Al Qaeda, ISIS terrorists, and other terrorist groups, and, of course, Bashar Assad on the other side. It is a bad situation when a realistic view of the situation causes me to support Assad. There is no contest, though.

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Fist**

And those are just **part** of his foreign policy disasters. Then there is his Domestic Policies. They have been uniformly awful, but that has been deliberate. All of us here know that, but people acted shocked when Rubio actually dared to say that aloud in the debate. One of the places that makes me reticent about Trump is how strongly he "defended" Obama as being incompetent instead of malicious. That is just 100% wrong.

@ [coldwarrior](#):

Depends on who you are making the deal with. If Trump were talking about making deals with the TEA Party and the NRA it is one thing. But he's talking about making deals with Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid. That's a different thing entirely.

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Fist**

@ [AZfederalist](#):

Yep, Obama is the worst President in American history. I was about to say that the only thing he hasn't done is lose a war, but he did manage to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory in Iraq. Bush handed off a war that had been won when his administration ended, and Obama managed to not merely lose that war the way Vietnam was lost, but he has seen the rise of the terrorist State in the form of the Islamic State that has global reach to commit terrorist attacks. That is going to be a problem for America and the world going forward for the foreseeable future. And then there is the deal permitting Iran to get nuclear weapons in 10-15 years. It is really astounding the magnitude of the damage that Obama has inflicted on America, and, for that matter, on the world. It has all been deliberate. All of it.



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Fist**

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@ [coldwarrior](#):

Where did I say anything about ruling by EO? I said it is who you are making deals with that matters. This is obvious. That is basic politics. You don't go looking for deals with the Devil. Not if you don't have common goals with the Devil. If we want someone who will deal with Pelosi and Reid, why not bring Boehner back to be Speaker as well? I want someone who will work on deals that roll back the Democrat agenda, and if you listen to Trump, he isn't talking very much about that.



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Fist**

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

I agree about Obama. Humiliation is a minimum. I'd like to see him tried for treason for the Iran deal (speaking of deals with the Devil), but I know that will never happen.



**Iron
Fist**

On the pain front, I saw my Pain Management people today. They are taking this seriously. They have put me on a low dose of oral Morphine to provide a constant background of pain management, and then back to my old Percocet schedule to manage the highs when it gets bad. I saw the Nurse Practitioner, but she'd already discussed this with the Doctor, and they actually wanted to put me on Oxycontin, but said that insurance requires them to start with Morphine.

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I am scared of Oxycontin, as is the Mafia Princess. But this pain is getting unbearable. Morphine is going to be a relief. It isn't IV, but I do worry

about addiction. I am, after all, an alcoholic, and I've had issues with abusing Dex. I haven't had any Dex since I started chemo. Part of that is that the Percocet hits some of the same receptors that the Dex hits. That's what my psychiatrist says about it, anyway.

@ [rain of lead](#):

Hey, man! I'm still in a lot of pain, but hopefully the Morphine will drop a hammer on that. They are starting me with a low dose, but she made it clear that they'd take it up. In fact, I got the impression that she expects to bump it up, but they want to keep it as low as is useful, and I am pleased with that. Morphine is a real bear of a drug. It really makes me want Medical Marijuana in Tennessee. I'd much rather do pot than Morphine, if the pot will take care of the pain. But that isn't legal, and I really have no choice but to stay legal. This isn't out of any reverence for the asinine laws, but fear of law enforcement. I don't need the kind of legal trouble that can bring.



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Fist**

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[lobo91](#) wrote:

Who do you think wrote big checks to finance the Democrats' takeover of Congress?

Yep. And I have real problem with that. That is the way the Washington Uniparty works. I think Tramp's pose as an outsider is fake as hell. I think he's been an insider for the last 30 years. I don't think that suddenly changed nine months ago. The **only** reason that I will vote for him over a Third Party candidate is that I think that a Third Party candidate throws the election to Hillary, and that is **worse** than a Trump presidency. With Trump there is the **possibility** that he will do things that I approve of. With Hillary we know that won't happen. I figure him to be as bad as McCain, but Hillary will be worse. The best we can hope for from a Clinton Administration is that it will be the most corrupt Administration in American history. It will probably be much worse than that. And I anticipate that that is what we will get. I don't think Trump can beat Clinton.



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Fist**

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@ [RIX](#):

Yeah, that is what I plan on doing. In the martial arts pain can be a masterful instructor, but I see no value in useless suffering. The fact that I



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Fist can endure the pain doesn't mean that there is any reason for me to endure it. I can sit for long tattoos, but why in the world should I when I know my artist? He is local and well established. I do a two or three hour session, and then come back in a month, and do it again. The hardest tattoo I've had was the 3 1/2 hour line job on my ribs for my Japanese snake. That was miserable. The longest I've sat was about 6 hours, but that was on my arm, so it was nowhere near as painful. But I digress I'll worry about the side effects and addiction later.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

No, I don't expect it to be a panacea. I've never tried it for anything other than recreation, so I don't know where all it is effective. My last Sensei is very pro-pot. He is all the time posting articles to Facebook on the value of medical marijuana. That is partly because his big loves is hydroponics. Not for growing pot personally. He grows all kinds of peppers, and tomatoes, and such. But he lived in Colorado for a year running a hydroponics shop. He grew lonesome for Tennessee, though, and has moved back to the area. I haven't started working with him again yet, but that is because of my illness. I have to keep reminding myself of how really seriously ill I am. When I have the Percocet in me, and my pain is down, I don't feel so bad. I am fatigued, though. And right now I can't eat much. Everything makes me hurt.



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Fist**

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@ [Calo](#):

Hey! I'm sorry you are having such a rough time of it. It is bad enough that your dad passed away. That is a hard thing to deal with. But your kid's car getting totaled is just insult to injury. I don't believe that anything happens without a purpose, though we may never know what that purpose is. God has a plan, and that plan is a good plan. I just wish sometimes that He would let me in on the details of that plan. All God requires of us is love, faith, and our trying to do the right thing. He doesn't require us to be perfect, or right in everything that we do.



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Romans 8:28 New King James Version (NKJV)

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

I really believe that, though it may take years, even decades before we

understand that good. I pray for your family in this time of loss.

[eaglesoars](#) wrote:



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Fist**

pain is just debilitating.

You can say that again. I hope that this works quickly for me. Right now even oatmeal and cheese are causing **great** pain for me. I hope that means that the chemo is killing the cancer. I don't know why this chemo has been so harsh on me. Oh, well. It is what it is.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Yeah, this is just the MO for the Left when faced with a Conservative candidate that is doing well. I don't believe this for a minute, and I don't like Donald Trump even a little. This won't go anywhere, though. I doubt that they can even show that Trump visited one of Epstine's shindigs. I could be wrong, of course, but I really doubt it.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Yeah, we really need to look into that as well. I don't even have a Will. I do have pretty good lifestyle insurance that is portable, so the Mafia Princess will be taken care of if I do die. I certainly hope that doesn't happen, but I am glad I maxed out that benefit. I took all the insurance that my company offered, including short and long-term disability, life, health, and do on. Oh, and on the bad news front they are meeting with HR and UNUM, and it is expected that when they approve my long-term disability that Team Health will terminate me. This is an unwelcome surprise. My boss had told me that they would terminate me if I were diagnosed as terminal, or was moved into a hospice, but not that it would be immediately on my being put on LTD. I expected to have until the end of the month, anyway. I don't know what that effectively means, though. They may be trying to shunt me over to COBRA one month early. That seems pretty petty to me, but it is what it is. We have brought our case to the attention of a labor attorney. They are going to review the case, and see if there is anything actionable, but I really don't expect anything like that. I'm sure that Team Health is following the law. I hate to see this job end. It was the best job I've ever had. Oh, well. Another thing that I have to just give to God. I'll have the disability insurance, and then SSI disability. My boss said that my disability insurance is not

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portable. I am not sure what that means. The way I understand it, the long-term disability can run up until I am 65. That is what I recall reading when I elected that benefit. If it isn't portable, that really just means a year, or 18 months, or whatever, which is a bridge to SSI disability, but its isn't the bebenefit that I thought I was selecting. I will probably know more tomorrow.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

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**Iron
Fist**

Good night, and sweet dreams! I just took my morphine pill. They want me just on the morphine for a couple of days just to make sure it is playing nice, and to regulate the dosage of it. I really expect them to have to bump it up one notch. I am in considerable pain. I hope to stay off Oxycontin, though. That shit scares me.

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[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

Dallas's local LGBT community has come together to stand in defence with Goebel, claiming she should not be persecuted because she was "born a pedophile and therefore can not change her sexual orientation". This comment comes from the leader of Dallas's LGBT Aqua Squad, Dorothy Wright



**Iron
Fist**

Have I not been saying that this is the next step for the LGBTQWERTY crowd? They want to mainstream pedophilia. This isn't about someone's sexual freedom. You have no *right* to rape a child. Anyone who suggests that you do can go to hell, as far as I'm concerned. I don't favor executing gays the way Mohammedan nations do, but **child molesters**, whether they are gay or straight, are an entirely different matter.

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@ [Calo](#):

Thank you so much! I am at about a 6-7 right now. I know I am going to have to go up on the dose of morphine. I will do my morning pill, and see where that puts me, but I expect to call them tomorrow afternoon and tell them that I need a stronger dose. The Nurse Practitioner told me to not let myself unduly hurt. This pain isn't unbearable the way it was earlier in the night when my Percocets wore off attention 9, but it is definitely noticeable. And even drinking non-carbonated drinks causes me pain. It doesn't last long, thank God, but it is sharp and acute going



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over my tumor. I hope that this means that the chemo really did a number on my tumor this time.

Oh, Andrew I don't know if I mentioned this or not, but the cancer is also attacking my bones. I have spots in my left arm, right ribs, both hips, and in my skull and spine that show signs of being attacked. They are worried about the possibility of me fracturing my left arm. The funny thing is that **it** doesn't hurt. My ribs do, though, and so does my back. More for the morphine to deal with.

@ [eaglesoars](#):



Iron
Fist

That is a relief, but I've seen the Gay Mafia making noises about pedophilia just being "another sexual preference" in other places. That will be their next move, especially if Hillary Clinton is elected. These people are dangerous.

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@ [Bumr50](#):



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Fist

Thanks, man. I thought that was the case, but its is still terribly addictive stuff, and I've had issues with substance abuse. Indeed, the 15 years of heavy drinking I did is probably what caused my cancer. I knew I was likely shortening my life by drinking, but I didn't expect this kind of thing. I figured on liver damage, and my liver is pretty badly scarred. When I had my bariatric surgery, my surgeon sat in recovery with me until I woke up so that he could directly express his concern over how scarred my liver was. I think he was worried about hepatitis. I did have alcoholic hepatitis for a while, so that is where the scaring came from. My liver function is good, though. I just damaged myself.

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But that is why the Mafia Princess and I are scared of addiction. She also has a bad family history with it. She was adamant about my quitting drinking. It took me some years to do that. Now, though, the desire to drinks is completely gone. I wouldn't take a drink if my psychiatrist poured me one, and told me that it was her professional opinion that I **needed** a drink. Now other drugs are a different story.

@ [RIX](#):



Iron
Fist

Marching violently in the streets under the Mexican flag sure does make me reconsider the Wall. I still think we need a minefield. What do these people have to do for it to be called an insurrection?

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On the pain front I am suffering quite a bit this morning. I was woken up several times in the middle of the night with awful acid refluxed, and that has me hurting even more than I was. I've already called the pain clinic. I at least need to double the morphine. I figured that I would have to. It is difficult for me to get clear fluid down right now. I am in. The most constant pain that I've ever been in my life. I don't think that I hurt this badly in 1994 when my left elbow was shattered in a car accident. Office course, I was on a morphine drip for part of that time. I don't want to go there for obvious reasons. Thanks everyone who has been concerned about me. Your thoughts, prayers, and well wishes are very much appreciated.

@ [Iron Fist](#):

Oh, and on another front, myself insurance carrier approved my long-term disability. That starts in June. We aren't sure exactly how long it will last. My understanding of it was that it would last until I was able to work again, or age 65, but some of the communications I have gotten from my boss indicate that it only lasts a year, or maybe 18 months. If it lasts until 65, I am set up pretty well. It is a pretty generous benefit. I really expect that it will last for, well, the long term. I just found out that my waiver of life insurance premiums is for as long as I am disabled due to this illness, which, right now, looks like it is going to be a matter of years, at least. My hopes of crushing this thing, and getting on with my life as normal, are diminishing. Oh, well. God didn't promise me an easy life.

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Fist**

@ [RIX](#):

Hey, man! Yeah, I just talked with my pain management clinic, and they told me to go ahead and use the Percocets as well, rather than increasing the dose. I took a little extra (don't tell the Mafia Princess :) because I am in such pain. I see no value in needlessly suffering. Pain can be a wonderful teacher when it is applied correctly, but there is no value or virtue in suffering needlessly.

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Fist**

@ [RIX](#):

Yeah, we are working on getting HR to answer these questions. It is my understanding that the long-term disability lasts until I am 65, but I want that in writing. If it does, me and the Mafia Princess are going to be fine.

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Fist**

It isn't as much money as I would be making if I were working, of course, but it is none too shabby, either. My biggest worry on the money front is losing my bike. I believe that if it came down to it, I'd sell all of my arsenal except for one rifle, and a couple of pistols, to keep my bike. I don't think that is going to become necessary, though. In the Bible Verse God gave to me when He spoke to me a couple of years ago He said that He'd been with me through all my 40 years in the Wilderness, and that He'd blessed the work of my hands. That I had lacked for nothing. This is 100% true, and is the big way that my psychiatrist saw that this was neither a coincidence nor a delusion. It is too off-the-wall, too specific, and totally accurate to have been either of those. I wouldn't have known about Deuteronomy 2:7 to hallucinate the vanity plate that had it on it.

And it is so accurate. I've not been rich, but God doesn't say that He'll make you rich. Over and over in the Bible you see God's people in desperate straits, and over and over God gets them through it. God Himself is His greatest gift to humanity. That is in the form of Jesus Christ, of course, but also in God the Father. I don't claim to understand the Trinity. God the Father and God the Son seem like different Gods to me, but I know that is incorrect.

But God doesn't demand we understand the intricate workings of the Deity for Salvation. Which is good, because I doubt anybody truly understands the Trinity. God in Three Persons is just too alien a concept for humans to really understand it. It is something completely beyond human experience.

God has blessed me in so many ways. My life has been hard and painful, but there have been incalculable blessings, too. Many just out of the blue. It used to be allergic to cats. **Badly** allergic to cats. Somewhere along the way, God cured me of that allergy. I never had any kind of medical treatments to cure it. And everybody knows how much I love my cats. They are a precious gift to me from God, and that gift was unasked for. God doing for me what I could not do for myself, as the 9th Step Promises from AA say.



Iron
Fist

@ [Lily](#):

Thank you so much! I am hoping that the pain is a good sign. That it means the chemo has done some real damage to my tumors. As an aside, the one on my left asscheek isn't hurting me like it was there for a while. It used to feel like someone was putting a cigar out on the underside of

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my ass when I was just sitting in my chair. But a month or so ago I was being able to eat sandwiches. Now I have trouble swallowing water. I am hoping that ends soon.

Cancer is a world of pain. That's why they have things like Oxycontin, because the pain is just so unbearably bad. I have no desire to spend my days wasted on painkillers, but I also have no desire to be hurting so fucking bad that I can't even drink water.



**Iron
Fist**

@ [RIX](#):

Our Employee Handbook was an online book. I don't think I ever got a hardcopy of it. We had the Handbook on our internal internet portal, so I always had access to it. Obviously I don't now. Doh!

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@ [Bumr50](#):

I am glad to see that. I don't like Trump, as I've said many times, but defeating Hillary Clinton is more important than my likes or dislikes. In that regard I am running kind of the oppositely of Coldwarrior, who has stated that he'll never vote for Cruz should Cruz somehow manage to get the nomination. My reasoning is simple. I don't like Trump, I don't trust him, but with him there is a chance that he will do things that I approve of. Hell, it isn't beyond the realm of possibility that he will surprise me, and turn out to be a good President.



**Iron
Fist**

With Hillary Clinton there is simply no chance of that happening at all. Quite the opposite. Not voting against Clinton because your guy didn't make the final cut is really the textbook definition of cutting off your nose to spite your face. I've said this to the Mafia Princess many times, and she just doesn't buy it. She's is too emotionally invested in hating Trump to see the illogical of her position.

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She is just one vote, and in Tennessee where we will go Republican no matter who the candidate is, so her not voting for Trump really doesn't matter in the grand scheme of things. But I wonder how representative of the Republican electorate she is? Trump has high negatives, especially with Republican women. Maybe he can select a VP that will help him with that.

I worry about Trump's overall electability. If he is our nominee, I want him to **win**. A lot of his strength has been in pulling in Democrat votes. Well and good, but will these people turn out in November and vote for him in the General Election, or will they return to the Democrat fold? This election has too many unknowns right now. What if Clinton is indicted, and the Democrats bring in Elizabeth Warren instead? I am distressed about this. This is, in my opinion, the most important election in American History. Certainly it is as important as the election in 1860, for similar reasons. We are as divided now as we were then, though over different issues. And this time the South is entirely on the side of the Angels. May God help us.



**Iron
Fist**

@ [coldwarrior](#):

Mudbugs!

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [Lily](#):

Exactly. Our whole political system is predicated on a certain shared public morality, and that includes a civic recognition of God. That isn't somehow a Theocracy, like the Left always scream whenever Christians demand the freedom to practice their religion. A theocracy is Sharia Law, ironically something that the Left have tacitly endorsed. The Left aren't really anti-religion. They have nothing against Islam, including the savages of the Islamic State. The Left are anti-Christian. If the Antichrist were to appear on the scene with a flaming 666 on his forehead, the Democrats would want to run him for office. And that is no exaggeration.

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Fist**

@ [Bumr50](#):

Yeah, this isn't going to be an easy election. You would think that it would be a walk in the park. Clinton may escape indictment, but damn! She makes Nixon look like a Boy Scout. I guess I can sort of understand why the Democrats didn't vote to remove Bill Clinton, though that showed me that the Democrats have no principles. But to run Hillary, when she is headed into office under such a cloud, just floors me. She should not be electable at all. It says something profoundly disturbing about our political culture that she hasn't been ushered off the stage months ago. That isn't a ringing endorsement of Sanders, but rather an indictment of the Left for being willing to tolerate anything in the pursuit

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of power.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

Some. I have been able to eat a bowl of thin Cream of Wheat without too much pain. My next pain pill is a morphine at 10:00. I am also being able to drink water without as much pain. It has been a hard day, though. My vocal chords are all burned up from terrible acid refluxed that woke me up about 2:30 this morning. It was the worst acid refluxed I believe I've ever had. I was afraid that it was a reaction to the morphine, but it didn't occur until over three hours after I'd taken the morphine, and I've had two morphine pills since then without any reaction. It looks like a coincidence. Being on morphine still kind of floors me. That is serious drugs. I know Percocet isn't exactly aspirin, but morphine is just a step down from heroin. Of course, I am not doing this IV, but it is a big psychological thing for me. I wonder how my psychiatrist will react to this? She wasn't real thrilled by my going on the Percocet. It is what it is, though. I simply can't just suffer when there is an alternative.



**Iron
Fist**

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Yeah, once I got some Zegrid and Tums in me I was able to get back to sleep fairly well, and I slept until 7:00, when I took my second morphine pill. As long as I have my Lunesta, sleep is not a problem for me anymore. Take away that crutch, though, and it is a different story. In preparation for tonight I've already taken a Zegrid. The reflux is probably because of my tumor. I've only had reflux a couple of times. I had one episode right after my gastric bypass, but that was it until this cancer. Chronic reflux can actually cause esophageal cancer. It is the next most likely cause after chronic alcohol abuse. I guess we know what the cause of my cancer was



**Iron
Fist**

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@ [lobo91](#):

I know! I can't decide if I actually want to see it. In a lot of ways it looks like a comedy made specifically for me, kind of the way *The Matrix* was an action movie made almost perfectly to appeal to me. I am just concerned that the idea won't translate into a good, funny movie. If it is done right, it could be a classic. I'll probably watch it when it comes to the Redbox. Worst case scenario it is just a couple of bucks.



**Iron
Fist**

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@ [lobo91](#):

Yeah, it is annoying as hell. These people are willing to accept anything that Trump does because he is making the right noises about immigration. The GOP is paying the price of having betrayed us on immigration really since the Reagan Administration. Reagan did his Amnesty, and got nothing real in return for it. And since then the Republicans have been awful on the issue. I recognize all of that, and I know immigration is an important issue, but it isn't the only issue. Trump just has too many negatives for me. But my side of the argument isn't winning enough votes. I think it is a damned shame. I think Cruz and Fiorina are as close to exactly what we need right now as we could hope to get, but the voters aren't seeing the same things I am.

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[lobo91](#) wrote:

The candidate's foreign talent hunt included applications for an assistant golf-course superintendent, an assistant hotel manager and a banquet manager.



Jobs Americans won't do! Remember that nonsense? Our immigration system is broken, but you are 100% correct that Trump has no real credibility on the issue. Cruz is on Hannity right now, and he or Fiorina one pointedly out that up until a year ago Trump was the consummate Washington Insider. He's texting buddies with John Boehner, and had Hillary Clinton at his wedding. Why do people think he is an "Outsider"? People simply are refusing to see the reality of Trump, preferring instead the "Reality TV" star. I never did like Heysoos, but he really did have it right when he called it "AmIdol Politics". People want a movie star, not a real leader.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Yeah, I think the nomination process is really over. I just don't see Cruz pulling it off from here. It is a damned shame, and I will be pleased as punch to be proven wrong, but I can look at the lay of the land, and see what I thinking is going to happen here. I don't have any idea how November will go. I can see Clinton beating Trump fairly handily. It isn't a sure thing that Cruz would beat her, but Trump? If he's our nominee, I do hope he wins. I'll pray that God grants him the wisdom to lead that he doesn't appear, at least to me, to have today.



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**Iron
Fist**

@ [Mars](#):

Yep, and I'd say it is a 100% certifiable fact that Bill Clinton had sex with underage girls while he was there. And the People do not appear to care. I flirt with despair over the State of the country.

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@ [Bumr50](#):

Those are valid concerns, but a number of them are issues that Trump himself has, such as Common Core support, or the H1-B visa program. But there are no perfect candidates. My condemnation of Trump isn't because he isn't perfect, but because of his position on issues like ObamaCare, which he would replace with Single-payer socialized medicine, or because I don't believe he has any intention of actually doing what he says he will do. That last is subjective, of course, and it is possible that I am wrong. Populists of all stripes are known for saying anything to get elected, and then doing as they damned well please once in office. Cruz could do the same, of course, but Cruz has been fairly consistent in his positions on them issues over the years. Donald Trump has pretty much been on every side of almost every issue. He's been pro-choice, and now claims to be pro-life. He has supported gun control in the past, and now claims to support the Second Amendment. And so forth. It is entirely possible that Trump will make a good President. That depends on how genuine his multiple Road to Damascus conversions on the issues he really is, something that none of us have any real way of knowing.



**Iron
Fist**

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[Bumr50](#) wrote:

I believe Trump will follow through on his trade and immigration policies.



**Iron
Fist**

It is possible that he will do that, but neither trade nor immigration are my top issues. They are important, but not to the point that once they are satisfied I need look no further with my candidate's positions. Domestic and social issues are more important to me than trade and immigration. I want a candidate that will stand up for religious liberty, A and the Bill of Rights in general. I want a candidate that will do more on ObamaCare than take the next step to Single-Payer socialized medicine. The Canadian and British Healthcare systems are awful. We should avoid

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anything remotely similar like it was live smallpox virus. Build a Wall? Sure, I like the sound of that. But that alone, or combined with some protectionist trade policies, is not going to pull America out of the hole Obama has brought us to the bottoming of.

@ [Bumr50](#):

That is something we can agree on. If Trump wins I hope he has sense enough to nominate him to Scalia's seat, and then will fight for his confirmation when McCain Co is after him with both barrels. If Trump did that right out of the gate, I would have to admit that I was at least partially wrong about him. That gets back to why I am willing to vote for him over Clinton (or, really, simply not voting for President). With Trump it is possible that he will do at least some things that I will like. With Clinton it is going to be four years of getting my ass wiped with a disc grinder every day.



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Fist

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[lobo91](#) wrote:

But it's not going to bring those plants back that have already moved, which is what Trump is conning his supporters into believing.

That is the way I see it as well. Like you said, horse + barn door. The time to stop this was NAFTA. I tried, but people weren't listening to me then, either. We had a discussion on NAFTA in the *Politics of China and Japan* course I was taking at the time, and there were only three people in the class who were opposed to it. Me and a buddy of mine, and the Professor, who was from Taiwan. He said he really didn't have a right to an opinion, but if it were **his** country he'd be opposed. The people who sold us NAFTA did a good job of salesmanship, and it has turned out to be as bad a deal of America as I was afraid it would.



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Fist

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But those manufacturing jobs are gone. It isn't to say that we may not develop other industries. Look at the way domestic firearms manufacturing has exploded over the last 20-25 years. But like coal that is an industry that the Left doesn't approve of, and so they are trying to destroy it. Domestic auto manufacturing is a mixed bag. The Democrats destroyed Detroit, but there are other firms making autos in the US.

As I understand it, Volkswagen makes Passats in Chattanooga, which is great. We can come back, but it will require serious tax structural reform

before that becomes a real option.

@ [AZfederalist](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Yeah, the Israelites fucked up as much as they got it right. Maybe even more than they got it right. God never gave up on them, but He did chastise them from time to time. America may be headed for major chastisement. We are bringing it on ourselves if we are.

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@ [lobo91](#):



**Iron
Fist**

The F-35 is a failure. The F-22 I reckon worked. So, of course, Obama canceled the F-22 to put the money behind the F-35. Why have a State-of-the-Art warplane when you can pay more for a real dog? That is the Left's approach to military spending as a whole.

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@ [RIX](#):



**Iron
Fist**

I had an interesting dream last night involving Brigit Bardot and Nazis. I don't remember much more than that. The last couple of nights I've had very vivid, detailed dreams. I know Chantix can cause vivid, unusual dreams. I wonder if morphine can as well?

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@ [coldwarrior](#):



**Iron
Fist**

I have to defer to your expertise on that. I don't have the requisite training in economics, nor the knowledge of the laws in question, to have an informed opinion on the issue. NAFTA just struck me as implausible, at best. That it has turned out to be awful for America is no surprise. I will say that one of the reasons the Japanese, Germans, and so forth are building manufacturing plants in the US has to do with quality of the product produced. I remember after NAFTA Phillips-Magnavox moved a lot of their manufacturing to Mexico, and the Mexican plants were producing pure shit (I used to know most of Phillips' software engineering staff). But they didn't move those plants back to the United States, but rather to Singapore and Malaysia, IIRC.

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@ [RIX](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Yeah, she was definitely easy on the eyes, but she was a moonbat's moonbat, politically speaking, IIRC. Today isn't as bad as yesterday, but I am on my second full day of morphine. It is doing what it is supposed to do. I have pain still, but it is pain that I can move into the background, and still remain functional. Eventually I hope to see the pain gone, but that is going to be a while. As long as I am not totally miserable, I am doing better than I was. I have to be careful with the morphine, because I don't want to get to the point that I can't ride my bike. It's been two weeks since I was able to ride, and that is just too long. I'll probably go for a ride this afternoon, just to getting out of them house. The Mafia Princess want like it, but sometimes you do what you have to do.

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[lobo91](#) wrote:

The F-22 does exactly what it was advertised to do. It was expensive, but sometimes, you get what you pay for, even in government contracting.



**Iron
Fist**

Yep. I am not **quite** a "spare no expense" kind of guy when it comes to defense. You have to spend that money **wisely**, but you spend whatever it takes. You just have to manage the money properly. The F-22 was a real winner, and that is why Obama killed it. We need a hundred of them, or so.

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The one that made me cry was when they destroyed all of the F-14s. I am not a huge aviation fan, but I absolutely loved the F-14s. It is obsolete now, but they should have been kept for museums.

@ [lobo91](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Thanks! I thought they'd destroyed all of the F-14s. I remember seeing video of them tearing. One of those beauties up with some kind of backhoe, or large earth moving machine. I almost cried. I also heard about a guy who got busted for boosting the Vulcan cannon out if one that he was destroying. Not a very practical weapon to steal. It isn't like toucan buy 20mm ammo off the shelf at Walmart. I understand the motivation, though.

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@ [lobo91](#):

Cool. I remember seeing some kind of 20mm “sniper” rifle, a one-off weapon like some kind of Super-Barrett somewhere. I guess that is what it fired. And the Army Surplus store in Columbia had a Lahti antitank weapon on displayed out front. I assume it was De-milled, but I don't

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know that for sure. It was cool as hell, though



@ [eaglesoars](#):

Exactly. Besides, the dictators in Cuba are already established. These Special Snowflakes want to be Castro, not live under his thumb as another serf on his manor.

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[RIX](#) wrote:

God is always there as long as we are open to Him.



Without doubt. God has always been reaching out to His Creation.

Sometimes it doesn't **seem** like God is there, but that isn't the case. I look at my own life, and look at the darkest periods in it, and while I felt abandoned by God at the time, I can look at it with the benefit of some emotional distance, and see where God was putting people in my path who would provide outreach to me. Explicitly religious outreach. God is truly amazing.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Classy. Look, a Confederate Flag!

[2016/05/01 at 1:04 am](#)

[Buckeye Abroad](#) wrote:



How long do you ride when you get the chance? The weather is getting better and I know that itch needs scratched.

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Hey, man, Happy Orthodox Easter to you! He is Risen! When I ride right now I am going for an hour or an hour and a half for the most part, more or less. I've done some 100 mile rides. My friend that I normally go riding with dropped his motorcycle on his left foot the last time we went

together, and dislocated pretty much all of the bones in that foot. He had to have surgery, and the whole nine yards. He was backing his bike up our driveway, which is very steep, and it just got away from him. The

bike want damaged much, so the important things are taken care of

As for Trump winning, the best face I can put on that is that he'll be better than Clinton or Sanders, and certainly better than Obama. I am nit thrilled with him as our nominee, but I just don't see a path for Cruz to win at this juncture.

@ [coldwarrior](#):



Iron
Fist

Yeah, that is insane. After they gave us McCain and Rooney, well, we aren't going to do any worse. Trump isn't my choice, but I question the judgment (at least) of anyone who thinks that we should lose to Hillary to purge the Party. Hillary must be defeated. It is imperative. My cats know that.

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Iron
Fist

Well, this sucks. I pulled my J-tube out again. We are on our way to the ER **again**. I have put my foot down on it, though. The feeding tube is going to only be used when I am laying in my bed. It is too fucking fragile to wearing it out and about, even in my living room.

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@ [brookly red](#):

I just try to let that stuff pass over me. I don't take it personal, and I thinking I've done a pretty good job of not getting personal in my responses to all of that. Trump is probably going to be our nominee. I don't have too like that. There isn't a whole hell of a lot I can do to change it, though. I have to accept it, and move on.



Iron
Fist

I don't expect that Trump will make a good President. Everything about him screams warnings to me. But Clinton, Sanders, or wwhomevver the Democrats run will be worse. Trump will in doubt be a crony capitalist, and I don't trust his judgment, but he won't be **trying** to hurt the Country. Whatever his flaws, I don't think Trump is anti-American. My hope is that he will appoint good people to his cabinet, and that he will let them run the show. That is what a **good** chief executive does, anyway. I don't expect him to be a policy expert on everything. I expect him to pick policy experts, and then **listen** to them.

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We will see what happens. Lob is right that the next President will be despised by half there population no matter who it is. We are too divided as a nation. A house divided against itself cannot stand, right? Instapundit is fond of saying that what **can't** go on forever **won't** go on forever. We know that we are unstable as hell, and we lack good leadership anywhere in the Federal Government (States are a different matter). We live in interesting times. I think we are at the start of a very wild ride.

@ [eaglesoars](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Yeah, fortunately we were in and out of the ER without any significant waiting. I am in a good bit of pain now, though. It figures. I will survive. I am ready for me to be past the cancer, but that obviously isn't God's plan for my life at this point. His will be done.

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[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

I keep telling him the only thing that gets Hillary elected is not voting for the Republican nominee but he never listens to me. Even tho I'm always right.

Always.



**Iron
Fist**

Of course you are

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I have tried to reason with the Mafia Princess the same way, but she is adamant. Even if Trump had chosen Carly as his running mate, she swears she wouldn't vote for him. That is her choice. At the end of the day Tennessee will go for Trump, so one vote plus or minus won't matter.

@ [eaglesoars](#):



**Iron
Fist**

No, we were in and out of the ER in less than 2 hours, and that included putting a catheter in place in the hole my J-tube goes in to keep it from closing up on me. We have to call them at 6:00 AM to set up the procedure to put my feeding tube back in. This will be the second time in a week.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [lobo91](#):

Yeah, I think it is funny that the people who preach “diversity and tolerance” are in reality demanding conformity and are totally intolerant of anything they disapprove of to the point of wanting to exterminate it. They are try-sexual Cotton Mothers, preaching the ultimate in uniform judgmentalism. They make the Ku Klux Klan look like tolerant, nonjudgemental people.

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Fist**

@ [eaglesoars](#):

Relatively. I had my morphine at 10:00, so it is cutting in. The morphine is really helping with the pain. It doesn't knock it out completely, but it puts it in the background so that I am not just dying. Me and the Mafia Princess watched *The Force Awakens* tonight. Good movie, if you haven't seen it. Much better than Lucas' last three. Now she is watching *Dancing With the Stars*. I tolerate that. I am hoping I feel like riding my motorcycle tomorrow. I was going to ride this afternoon, and then life happened

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**Iron
Fist**

Good morning! Well, we are waiting on interventional radiology to call us back. We got on their waiting list at 6:00 AM, and are just waiting. Wah. I want to get this done so the Mafia Princess can get to work. We can't afford for her to miss any more work than is absolutely necessary. The problem is that if she headed to work now, she'd no doubt have to just turn around and come back home because IR will call. It is a given ---(

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [eaglesoars](#):

Planning on it. We'll see. Right now we are just waiting for the hospital to call us. It'll be OK. This isn't the end of the world. My pain levels are manageable today, so that is good.

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@ [RIX](#):

I hope so. I am trying to handle myself well. I don't have any control over events themselves, but I do control how I respond to it. I could curl up and whine about how “unfair” it all is, but what purpose does that serve? It is what it is. I am the kind of guy who prefers solutions to

laying blame.

[lobo91](#) wrote:

Of course, whether or not former felons should be allowed to vote isn't the issue. There's already a process for having their voting rights reinstated. The issue is executive overreach by a Democrat governor who's a long-time Clintonista in an election year.



**Iron
Fist**

Yep, and if the felon in question doesn't want to be bothered to fill out the paperwork that is required to get his voting rights back (it really is trivial), we are better off without him or her voting. I think you should get you gun rights back when you get your voting rights back. After all, voting is a **privilege** . The Right to keep and bear arms is a **right**. I don't think that they should be able to deny you your gun rights after you have served your time, and are no longer a danger to your community, but I will go with the baby steps, as necessary.

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@ [Lily](#):

It is projection. Leftists are evil. Not all of them are, but their leadership is. They have ranks of what Lenin called "Useful Idiots" that really believe they are on the side of the angels (even if they don't believe in angels), but the Leadership knows where they stand. I have no doubt that some of them have had a religious experience similar to thenway God spoke to me, only their experience was with Satan, or one of his supernatural acolytes (read demonic entity). I am also convinced that that is where Mohammed got the Korean. So it is no coincidence that the Democrats support Islam, despite Islam's apparent hostility to "Liberal values".



**Iron
Fist**

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[lobo91](#) wrote:



**Iron
Fist**

If you're just going to make it automatic, why bother to even take it away in the first place?

I wouldn't take it away except while a person was incarcerated, on probation, or parole. But I recognize that this isn't the state of the law right now. Getting ex-felons their right to self-defense back isn't going to be high

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on anybody's priority list, so I don't expect to see anything happen on that front. My big thing is that the right to keep and bear arms is a **right**, and thus they should have a damned good reason to keep you from exercising it. If a person is so dangerous that you are worried about their getting a gun, why are they being released into the population? OTOH, is anybody **really** concerned that Martha Stewart will buy a pistol for self-defense? The one-size-fits-all approach to taking away one of our fundamental rights should bother everyone, but most people don't realize how fundamental our Second Amendment rights are. Everyone is taught that gun control is good, and that it positively affects the crime rate, but the truth, as it often is when dealing with Leftist doctrine, is quite the opposite.

[Lily](#) wrote:

God is very much REAL! You have to be ever vigilant concerning our souls. One person I know who went through a very extreme experience intended to ignore it right out from the gate because they didn't want to be labeled as *crazy*.

It was intimidating and, really, scary as hell when I went in and told my psychiatrist that God Himself had spoken to me. I was very much afraid that she would write it off as a delusion, and possible even put me inpatient to treat my "delusion". None of that happened. She listened to my explanation, and she believed that it was, indeed, a missive from the Almighty. I am still amazed at it. It was a very surreal experience. I could **feel** the Holy Spirit around me, though I didn't know what I was feeling at the time.



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Fist**

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I have the Bible verse, Deut. 2:7 tattooed on the back of my neck. People ask about it from time to time, and that gives me an opportunity to witness to them the Power that God has shown in my life. God is **real**, and that changes everything. I have always believed in God, though I have doubted His love, especially for me. But hindsight shows me that God was shaping my life for a purpose, and that purpose has been for my good.

Even the horrible accident that cost the life of my best friend had a purpose, and was working towards my good. If Sam had lived we'd have wound up in the Outlaws or the Hell's Angels, and that is a hard lifestyle. I don't judge the guys who choose it, but I am very glad I didn't make the mistake of joining the Outlaws when I had the chance. The Mafia Princess would have never dated me if I were a 1%er, even though she believed that she

would ultimately wind up with a biker. That, in and of itself, is interesting. She had a small hint of her future revealed to her, I believe.

[Lily](#) wrote:

I don't feel comfortable allowing rapists, murders, abusers or molesters having guns.



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My point would be why are you letting these people out of prison to begin with? They are dangers to the community. Instead of trying to police who is buying a gun, which requires an undue burden on law-abiding citizens, you should keep people who commit these kinds of crimes **locked up**. That would be my answer to Lobo's point about recidivists. If you know they are going to be back in the system in a year, why let them out in the first place? Also, I would argue that there are no dangerous weapons. There are dangerous **people**. A hardened, vicious felon can kill you in many ways, including with their bare hands. OTOH, most people can't defend themselves without some kind of tool, and a gun is the best tool for that. I don't like seeing any kind of restrictions on people's right to bear arms. I consider this restrictions to ultimately be a greater threat to the Liberty of society than the risk an individual criminal will get a gun. Background checks don't stop felons from getting guns, anyway. Most of the time a criminal can get a gun easier than a civilian.

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[lobo91](#) wrote:

Most people have no idea how high the recidivism rate for felons really is. Nationwide, it's between 30 and 50%. Here in NM, it's 48% overall, and about 65% for female offenders.



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Yep, and I wouldn't be letting most of these people out of prison to begin with. **That's** where I would manage them on a case-by-case basis. I distrust the background check mechanism that they have in place. Not simply because it generates lots of false rejections, but because of the potential for abuse of the system. They aren't **supposed** to keep a record of the people who have background checks ran, but I simply don't trust them that I believe that they aren't keeping those records. The law forbids them from having a computerized registration of guns, but with the background check they are building a registration of **gun owners**. This is a much greater threat to the community than an individual bad guy getting a gun. We also all

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know that the background check mechanism doesn't really stop these guys from getting guns. It is a minor inconvenience for them.

[Lily](#) wrote:

By not allowing felons to have guns does nothing to the law abiding citizen.



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Requiring background checks on gun purchases affects law abiding gun purchasers. It also has the potential for abuse that far outweighs any civic value for them. Criminals just find other avenues for getting their weapons. **That** is my opposition to background checks. What do background checks **really** accomplish? The potential for abuse far outweighs any possible civic gains from the practice. There is no other Civil Right that is subject to such prior restraint. Gun rights are civil **rights**. Period. Full stop. They have to be treated as such. They are not a **privilege**. They are a **right**.

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@ [RIX](#):

Excellent point. There are a lot of people who should never have kids, but there is nothing that can be done about that in a free country. Everyone can find something that they think would be better accomplished by dictatorship than in a free society, but dictatorships are not legitimate governments. Read the Declaration of Independence:



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We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, —That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed.

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Those are the philosophical underpinnings of our system of government. The protection of Liberty is the real legitimate purpose of Government.

Government does not exist to ease our way in the world, or even to defend us from criminals. These may be side-effects of a legitimate Government, but they are not why the Government is instituted in the first place. The Democrat Left do not really agree with that philosophy. They believe in dictatorship, not Liberty. They will not say so directly, of course. Look at my favorite hobby horse, the Second Amendment. Even Hillary Clinton **claims** to “support” the Second Amendment, but then comes the “**But**”. There is always a “But” for those people whence it comes to civil rights. They don’t believe that rights are really **rights**. They believe that our civil rights are really **privileges** granted to us by the government, and subject to revocation at the discretion of the State. I disagree completely. Our civil rights, including the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, are rights that no **legitimate** government can abridge. **That** is at the core of my opposition to background checks for the purchase of firearms. There is no civic good that is accomplished by background checks that isn’t outweighed by the harm done by treating our **rights** as privileges subject to government approval.

@ [Lily](#):

Lob has it right that I think that such people should be kept in prison, if not executed. For example, I would have the death penalty for things like child molestation and rape. The dead have a 0% recidivism rate. Part of the problem is that so many crimes are felony crimes where the perpetrator represents no threat whatsoever to the community. Martha Stewart is the poster girl for that. Does anybody really believe Martha Stewart represents a threat to the community? Yet under current Federal law her civil rights are violated simply because the State can violate them, and they have sold the American people on the State’s right to violate her rights. Really dangerous criminals need to be kept in prison. That involves changing our existing laws. The NRA supported the “Three Strikes” laws, but you wound up with people who were no threat to the community (at least from a violent crime perspective) facing life in prison because they couldn’t stop ducking up. Maybe the reform we need is to go back to treating heinous crimes like they are heinous crimes. I am talking about things like murder, rape, armed robbery, and the like. These crimes are different from, say, trafficking marijuana, or, for that matter, trafficking machineguns like Leland Yee in California. Treat the heinous crimes right, and you don’t have to worry about things like background checks to buy a pistol or rifle. The bad guys will be kept off the streets, which is the best way to handle them.



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@ [RIX](#):

In foreign policy I agree, but even national defense is ultimately about the defense of the Liberty of the People. Simply providing for safety is not sufficient. It is far too easy to violate people's rights in the name of civil safety. That is my point about felons and firearms. Sure, most of the people pushing for these laws have good intentions, but as we all know the Road to Hell is paved with good intentions. Very few people are honest even with themselves that they want to oppress people for the gratification that exercising power brings. I draw the line at the Right to Keep and Bear Arms for many reasons. An armed populace is much more difficult to oppress than a disarmed population. The examples proving this beyond all doubt are many.

There is a reason that the Second Amendment is positioned where it is in the Bill of Rights. The First Amendment are the most important rights that are **recognized (not granted, recognized)** by the Bill of Rights. The Second Amendment guarantees the ability of the populace to **defend** those rights. If you read James Madison in [Federalist 46](#) he is pretty explicit about it. Here's the quote:



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Those who are best acquainted with the last successful resistance of this country against the British arms, will be most inclined to deny the possibility of it. **Besides the advantage of being armed, which the Americans possess over the people of almost every other nation**, the existence of subordinate governments, to which the people are attached, and by which the militia officers are appointed, forms a barrier against the enterprises of ambition, more insurmountable than any which a simple government of any form can admit of. Notwithstanding the military establishments in the several kingdoms of Europe, which are carried as far as the public resources will bear, the governments are afraid to trust the people with arms.

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Those who deny that the Second Amendment is there to allow the people to fight the Federal government if it becomes necessary are either willfully ignorant, or simply do not **care** about the facts of the matter. Either way, they are wrong. The Second Amendment has been called the "Liberty Teeth" in the Bill of Rights. It is not a minor right, or somehow obsolete. I think more civic damage is done by allowing the State to abridge this right, no matter how well-intentioned that abridgment is, than allowing unrestricted access to firearms. After all, which is the safer society, Chicago, with strict gun control, or Tennessee, where just about the only laws restricting

firearms are Federal laws? I rest my case

@ [lobo91](#):

Most people haven't heard of the Christian-Newsom murders. Hell, they didn't get a hell of a lot of coverage here in Knoxville, and they are quite possibly the most heinous murders ever committed here. I know I've never heard of worse, not even the Zoo Man, who was a serial killer who killed a number of hookers back in the 1990s. Of course, there was an explicit racial motivation in the Christian-Newsom murders. If the races had been reversed, there would have been protest marches in the streets here in Knoxville, but when a black person commits a "hate crime" against a white, it gets swept under the rug. I know that from personal experience, having been the victim of a racially motivated hate crime. Of course, in my instance the perpetrators were college athletes, and I know that had a lot to do with why the police dropped the case. If they'd just been four black guys from over in Frenchtown (the poorer area of Tallahassee), the story might very well have been considerably different. But the treatment of the killer in the Christian-Newsom murders makes me doubt it. One of the four of them got the Death Penalty, IIRC, but the other three got lesser sentences. I'd support the death penalty for the four of them no matter what their race, but the only stink that the black community in Knoxville made about the whole thing was when someone put up a sign with four nooses on it. Then the black community was incensed, but at the guy putting the sign up, not the murderers. That was a "hate crime" in the eyes of a vocal minority. I don't believe in judging anybody on the color of their skin, but when your racial group self-segregates, and then does shot like that, sometimes that can be challenging. I try to avoid what Bush called the "soft bigotry of low expectations", something that, again, a vocal minority in the black community took offense at, primarily (IMHO) because they benefit from that soft bigotry.



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[brookly red](#) wrote:

actually that is the root of all this evil... we stopped treating crime as crime.



Exactly! Everybody was equally a "victim". The **victims** were, obviously, victims of the perpetrator, but the **perpetrator** is seen as the "victim" of "society" because his or her life hasn't been **perfect**. All part of the Left's war on civilization. They want the crime rate high because they find it useful. They can then use the high crime rate to scare the voters into accepting things that they otherwise would reject. Gun control is, of course,

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one of those things, but there are a lot of other things. The militarization of the police, for example, which the Left has been totally complicit with. They then try to play like the police are at war with the civilians, again, as part of their war on civilization. The more arbitrary the law is, the better they like it. That way they can use the law as a weapon against their domestic enemies, the way that they went after Dinesh D'Souza. **That** was a bullshit charge, and now he is a felon. Another example of someone that the government's arbitrary law against "felons" owning guns impacts, when **nobody** in their right mind believes he represents any kind of threat to society.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

Maybe so, but I am pretty certain that if you looked you'd find that kind of thing is very selectively prosecuted. IIRC, there was something about a fundraiser with Buddhist nuns during the Clinton Administration doing pretty much the same thing, and nobody was prosecuted there. And then there was Gore making illegal fundraising phone calls from his office.

Technical violations of campaign laws, true, but so, too, D'Souza's offense was a technical thing. I doubt seriously he'd have been prosecuted if he'd done what he did trying to reelect Barack Obama. That is what I meant when I called the charges bullshit. If you are going to have campaign finance laws at all (something that I am of mixed mind about), it is imperative that they be administered evenhandedly. I don't believe that is what is going on in America today.



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[RIX](#) wrote:

@ lobo91:

Coal miners love him. Being destitute is so cool.



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Hey, but now instead of being self-sufficient they will have the option of luxurious welfare benefits. It'll help if dad and mom will get a divorce, and dad flees the scene never to be heard from again. We all know how being fatherless can do such **wonders** for a kid's self-esteem. Then they can introduce the kid to the Joy of Heroin, and they will be cranking out the

kind of citizens the Left want in America..

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@ [lobo91](#):

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[Daffy Duck](#) wrote:

“The bureaucracy is expanding to meet the needs of the expanding bureaucracy.”



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I love that quote! That is exactly what has been going on with Fedzilla not only for my lifetime, but really since FDR's first term. Even Reagan, as great a President as he was, only slowed the pace at which government grew, and GHWBush took the resistance to out-of-control spending out of the government. The Republicans again slowed the growth rate for Fedzilla when they took the House and Senate, but fastforward ten years, and they were spending like drunken Democrats.

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This is a painting that my tattoo artist did for me. It is my big Japanese snake that I am getting tattooed on the right side of my body. I love it! He did this as a surprise for me. He and I are family now. It is really good to have brothers in my life.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

That is Tibetan, and it means "Snake". I think written Tibetan is the most gorgeous writing in the world. There are something like six alphabets that they use, depending on what they are writing. I have the Tibetan for "Dragon" on my left wrist, which is pretty cool. My tattoo artist Steev is as good as anybody that has their own TV show. And he is such a great guy. We have been through a lot together in the last 12 years. I thank God that He brought Steev into my life. Steev has become a Christian, and is married to a good Christian woman. He and Kellie are like me and the Mafia Princess. They are perfect for one another. I am happy that he has the love of a good woman. Love is the most important thing in the world.



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@ [RIX](#):

Today was a mixed bag. I got to go riding, though, and that always brings my mood up. OTOH, I just tried to eat a ham and cheese sandwich, and that didn't fly. I am in too much pain when I eat something that solid, even with all the pain medication I am on. It is what it is. I am just happy to have the respite that I have. And my tattoo artist giving me that painting really, really boosted my spirits. We are trying to decide where we will hang it. It is really gorgeous. And the tattoo on my side is pretty damned cool, too. After my next chemo I believe that I am going to get back into the snake. I want to get it done this year. It'll be so cool once it is done. It is my favorite tattoo, and it is a coverup.



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@ [coldwarrior](#):

Yeah, my artist is a pretty incredible artist. If I had my tats to do over again I would rely more on his expertise as an artist to pick and design my artwork. I am doing more of that now. I still pick the overall theme, but Steev is doing the artwork himself. What I have is a mix of that, really. A lot of my tattoos are artwork that I've bought off of the Internet, but some of it is totally custom. My bracelet of skulls is 100% his design. It is very much like a Frazetta piece, which is no coincidence. Frazetta and Vallejo are two of my artist's big influences, and they happen to be two of my three favorite artists. The third artist that I love is H.R. Giger. Giger is my favorite artist, hands down. I know some of his work borders on being offensive, but his dark imagery is incredible. I am actually a huge art fan, both of traditional



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artists and more modern, surrealistic artists.



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@ [RIX](#):

Yeah, that about sums it up. I am going to beat this thing. I still firmly believe that. It is going to be hard, but God didn't promise me an easy life.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Yeah, I hate that it has gone that way, but it is what it is. I will support Trump now. I fear that he will lose, and that he will be a bad President if he wins, but I will support him. Voting for Trump will be like my vote for McCain was. And I will pray that Trump finds the wisdom to pick the right people in his Cabinet. That is really the most important task that a President has. If he is wise enough to pick people who know what they are doing, and then he listens to them and supports them in their battle with the entrenched bureaucracy, then he will be a decent President. That is the difference between him and Hillary. With her we know what we will get to lead us. She will be thoroughly bad. Trump has the potential to be acceptable.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Just about anyone would be an improvement over Michelle Antoinette. Almost anyone. Bill Clinton would most likely be worse, though. Bill Clinton is a thoroughly nasty guy.

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@ [troutski](#):

I'd like to see him replace Scalia. I know Cruz isn't popular around here, but I am still a big fan. I wish he were our nominee, but he is doing the right thing by conceding now. That will give the Party some time to heal, and unify against our common enemy, the Democrats. The Mafia Princess has left the GOP over it. She really hates Trump. I am being more pragmatic about it. Politics makes strange bedfellows sometimes. Trump is a populist, not a Conservative at all, so my wife is pretty correct when she says that we are handing the Party over to a Liberal. Donald Trump doesn't necessarily have any hard and fast ideology, which hopefully means that we can have some influence with him on individual issues. At least he went be crusading for Liberal causes the way a President Clinton II would.

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@ [lobo91](#):

The Democrats really love the gays over all other constituency groups except for Islam. I presume that is because the gays are counter to the civic virtue that has been the backbone of the country for 240 years, of course, Islam is our main enemy, so it is easy to see why the anti-American Party would side with them, even to the point of allowing them to have the view of gays that they have. Which includes killing gays for the crime of being gay, something that Conservatives don't even consider as a possibility.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Spooky! I am not sure how I believe on ghosts, ghosts, and the like. I certainly recognize that they are possible, either as some kind of psychic echo of past events, or as the souls that for whatever reason have been unable to "cross to the other side", whatever that means. I've never seen one myself, but I know that I have had both the Hand of God, and the Hand of Satan touch my life both directly, like when God spoke to me, or the incident where that woman "just happened" to be at Walmart at 3:00 AM to tempt me with alcohol. So the "supernatural" is very real. I know this much. Ghosts and haunts, though, I've never personally experienced.

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[lobo91](#) wrote:

So basically, a realistic People of Walmart would be a set of mugshots?



Iron
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Yup

Lovely. But we lock people up for so many issues nowadays. When **everything** is a felony crime, you are going to have a lot of people locked up.

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@ [Lily](#):

Good morning, Lily! I hope you had a good night. Mine was kind of broken, which meant that the Mafia Princess got woken up, too. I try to be quiet, but I can only partially hear, so I can't tell how loud I am being.

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I am going to go riding this afternoon, unless it is really pouring rain. I don't mind riding in the rain, but if there is no reason to do so, why get wet?

@ [Lily](#):

There is simply no path to the nomination for Cruz. If he's won big in Indiana it would have made sense to stay in the race, but he didn't just lose Indiana, he lost Indiana Badly. Trump got over 50% of the vote. It is over. I preferred Cruz, and I especially liked Cruz-Fiorina, but this wasn't the year for that. I'd like to see Trum nominate Cruz for something. Maybe to replace Scalia on the Supreme Court. That would be a place Cruz could serve with distinction.

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@ [RIX](#):

Yeah, Cruz might not be a slam-dunk for the Court, but, assuming that the Republicans maintain their control of the Senate, I think he would be confirmed. It would be the right gesture of healing offered to the Conservative wing of the Party, and Trump needs those votes to win. His number one job, now that he's secured the nomination, is to unify the Party around him. Some people he went be able to reach. I don't think anything is going to change the Mafia Princess's vote. She says that she won't vote for Trump under any circumstances, and there is nothing for me to gain to try to convince her otherwise. But there are a lot of voters like me, who will once again hold their nose to vote for the GOP candidate, and hate every second of it.

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Trump has won, and there is nothing to be gained by going around acting like that isn't the case. Now people like myself need to bring pressure on Trump to choose his Cabinet wisely. If he chooses the right Cabinet, he could be a decent President.

On the health front, it was a rough night, but it is what it is. I've had rougher nights before, and probably will have rougher nights again at some point. Tomorrow I have an appointment with my oncologist. I am hoping that I get another week between chemo treatments. If I do, I am going to get some more tattoo work done on my right hand. I am getting close to getting my right hand finished. The Mafia Princess isn't real happy about that, but it is what it is. If some HR weasel isn't going to want to hire me because I have tattoos on my hands, then I am already screwed. I just trust that when the job God wants me to have comes

along, He will do whatever is necessary to clear the path for me. I don't believe that **God** is offended by my tattoos

[Mojambo](#) wrote:

Besides why would he nominate the son of someone involved in the JFK assassination

Boy you really have drank the kool-aid in the opposite direction of the Trump supporters. There is a picture circulating in the internet (it's on them Internet, so it **must** be true, right?) that purports to show Cruz's father with Lee Harvey Oswald. I don't know either the provenance nor the accuracy of this picture, but to jump from a picture made together sometime during the Cuban Revolution to being involved in the "JFK Assassination" is a leap of fantasy, not faith. I've had my picture made with people that I had no affiliation with, let alone been involved in some kind of shadowy conspiracy to assassinate somebody with.



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I get that you don't like Trump. I don't like Trump, either, but it is what it is. There is no point crying in my beer that things didn't turn out the way that I wanted them to. As far as supporting Clinton over Trump, though, that is just insanity. I don't know who this David Ross Meyers is. Why should his opinion carry any more weight than my own?

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As for Clinton leading in the polls, I figure that she **probably** will win, but that is not a reason to simply give up. Anyone who believes that anything is a certainty, especially in this year's political environment, is delusional. The **only** thing that is certain is that right now everything is **uncertain**. I've never been one to give up just because the odds were against me. The odds have been against me allife my life.

@ [Lily](#):

Hey, Lily! Today has been a mixed bag. I did get out on my bike today. That always improves my morale. I didn't go anywhere special. Just over to the Harley shop, and then across town to get out on the freeway, and go 80 MPH. I am getting up to 85-90 sometimes when the traffic permits. The Freewheeler isn't a rice rocket, but she's got a 103 cubic inch engine, so she will get up and go. I have about \$2500 worth of performance related customization that I want to get done on her. This isn't going to



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make her into a drag racer, but I am not interested in drag racing.

I want the performance upgrade as a matter of pride of ownership. The other upgrades that I want are matters of looks, and then some improvements with the handling. I want to do the handlebars as 14" apehangers, and I want a 23" front wheel. I want custom upholstery, which is 100% a matter of looks. All in all I have about ten grand worth of customization that I want to do, plus a custom paint job by Steev, my tattoo artist. I am stoked about getting that done. As you saw in the painting that Steev did for me of my snake tattoo, Steev is exceptionally talented.

[Guggi](#) wrote:



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People start to hate - and I mean hate - Merkel and Germany because of the leading role Germany plays in the EU or to say it more specific: the dominant role. They make her responsible for the ongoing refugee crisis and they have more than one point. The EU has no clue what to do and wants now to punish countries who haven't taken in their fair shar of refugees with Euro 250,000 for each refugee. This would go into Billions for countries like Poland or Hungary. No way this goes through.

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Who can blame these people for despising the EU? It doesn't really affect me, but I have nothing but contempt for these nations that are committing demographic suicide.

[Guggi](#) wrote:



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The government now can take the house from you and make it a home for asylum seekers or for refugees.

Anybody who believes that the Third Amendment to the Constitution is not relevant in today's world needs look at what is going on here. This is a classic Third Amendment violation. They want to take your property without due process of law. At least by requiring due process they are slowing this down.

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@ [RIX](#):

This is an invasion, and five years ago nobody envisions an Islamic

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Iron Fist invasion of Europe. I know I didn't, and the people who ran in the same same circles I did didn't see it coming, either. And we are people you might could have thought might see something like this coming. We were caught entirely by surprise.

[troutski](#) wrote:

If Trump does one thing you like as POTUS or maybe 3, then the vote for him was more than successful.



Iron Fist

Exactly! With Clinton you know that 100% of the things that she does will be corrupt, and damned near 100% of them will be anti-American. Trump is most likely going to suck, but not on the same order of magnitude. I am trying to convince my Old Lady of that, but, so far, at least, that isn't happening. I don't really expect that she will change her mind, but when I clearly enunciate my positions on this issue in a public forum like this I am at least getting my position in front of people whom I **hope** are open-minded about their position. If that doesn't happen, well, I gave it the best try I was capable of.

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@ [Guggi](#):

It is kind of a mixed bag for me. I was able to get out and ride yesterday. Today I had an appointment with my oncologist, and he was pleased with what he saw. I go in for my fifth round of chemo starting Monday. That is good, even though I had hoped for another week between chemotherapy treatments. I have a couple of small tattoos that I want to get on my right hand. I won't be able to get them this cycle.



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That said, I am in a great deal of pain. My pain management doctor has moved me onto morphine in addition to the Percocets. I am quite understandably distressed at being in this much pain and discomfort. I am tired of all of this, but it is what it is. In good news, the insurance company that is over my short- and long-term disability has approved my long-term disability to start on June 1. They've approved me for an entire year. At least I don't have to worry about my income for the next year.

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Oh, and check this out:

[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

Well FUCK!! Can they fix that like NOW??

I have an appointment with my pain management doctor tomorrow at 8:30 AM. They just couldn't fit me in today. I don't know what they are going to do. Probably double my morphine dose, and maybe the Percocets as well. I know I need more pain medication. It is going to be up to them where they go with it. They really wanted to put me on Oxycontin last week, but insurance dictates that they try morphine first. They may just go ahead and put me on Oxycontin. I really hope not, though I recognize that some of our fear of Oxycontin is irrational. I don't need a drug problem on top of all of this.



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In good news, do you remember McGuyver from LGF? He and I became personal friends back in the day, and he just called me to check up on how I was feeling. That was great. He and his Old Lady live in Montana now, and he wants us to come visit after we get this cancer beaten. He's a really great guy. While Charles really screwed the pooch with the way he destroyed LGF, he really had something great for a number of years. I made a number of great friends like you and McGuyver, Reaganite, and, of course, the Mafia Princess. My own personal life would have been so radically different without LGF. I can't hate Charles, even though he has moved over to the camp of the enemy. I am sorry to see the direction he has taken, but that's on him. He is already paying the price of that.

[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

I hate women who whine. Children whine. Women get even.



**Iron
Fist**

Exactly, though I'd say **adults** get even. Or they just ignore it. A lot of things aren't worth the trouble of getting even over. Knowing when to brush aside an attack without retaliation, as opposed to when to destroy the person who launched the attack, is part of what differentiates between a skilled technician, and a truly great student of the Art.

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[RIX](#) wrote:



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**Iron
Fist**

No your not ,you're a moderator, it's not your job to take out a candidate.

Yep, that really was disappointing. She is in an extremely influential position, **if** she chooses to use that position wisely. So far it hasn't been promising. I still like Kelly OK, but I am disappointed to see her turning into a diva. The country doesn't need another Candy crowley, even if her position is from the Right side of the political spectrum rather than the Left. **Do your fucking job**, and let the chips fall where they may.

[RIX](#) wrote:



**Iron
Fist**

Man I am sorry that you are in such pain.

my wife just said something about it not being **fair**, to which I responded "Life **ain't** fair." It never has been, nor it will **ever** be fair. I don't waste my time crying over it.

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@ [Bumr50](#):

That all sounds good, and it is things like that that will make it easier for me to hold my nose and vote for him, and a huge reason that I would prefer him to Kasich, who actually voted for Clinton's gun ban in 1994. That is a pretty unpardonable sin in my book. Kasich swore an oath to uphold and defend the Constitution, not just the parts of it he agrees with. That vote was a violation of that sacred trust.



**Iron
Fist**

Nancy Pelosi wants to talk about abortion being "sacred" to her, well, I consider defending the actually Constitution a sacred duty. Abortion "rights" aren't in the Constitution, unless you want to make the argument that they are somehow a right Retained by the People under the Ninth and/or Tenth Amendment. I could accept the Ninth/Tenth Amendment argument, but that is not what *Roe v Wade* is based on. Either way the Second Amendment is plainly written into the Constitution, so whether we agree with the Consttutional obligation to defend abortion"rights", the Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms is not (or should not be) in question, and Kasich dropped the ball on that one.

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Anyway, I am glad to see this out of Trump. He is going to be our nominee. I would rather that he be taking these kinds of stances, especially on this particular issue, than that he were adopting a more

“centrist” position. Gun control is one of the biggies that Republican strategists try to get our nominees to throw under the bus. It is good that we want be seeing **that** particular brand of bullshit from our nominee.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

Yes, and they increased my morphine to 60mg twice a day, instead of 30mg three times a day. They are going really slowly on increasing the dosage.



Iron
Fist

They want to keep the dose as low as possible that will still give me a good base to operate from. I went ahead and took my second morphine, but it'll be tonight's 8:00 PM dose that will really be the first time I've had 60mg at once, I believe. I am glad that they are taking this seriously. I'm sure that they get a lot of people that are just seeking drugs, either for personal abuse, or to sell. They know I am not doing either of those things.

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[RIX](#) wrote:

Now Trump has won by the rules, what about THE RULES?



Iron
Fist

He's won by the RULES. We have no viable choice but to support him, unless We prefer a President Hillary Clinton. That is something that I've tried to get through to the Mafia Princess. This is a matter of survival for the **Republic**, not merely the **Republicans**. So far she is adamant. I sent her Bumr50's link. We'll see what she says about that. I don't expect that it will change her mind any.

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@ [RIX](#):

The pain is less than it was. We aren't going to get rid of the pain. That isn't even our goal. We want me to where I can function. It is hard to say for certain that it is going to be enough or not. I need to give it some time, and see how it is working before I will know for sure. I am hopeful. They may have to go to Oxycontin to knock the pain down significantly enough. We'll see how I am doing two weeks from now. That will tell us for certain.



Iron
Fist

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[RIX](#) wrote:



Iron
Fist

<http://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2016/05/glenn-beck-voting-lying-sociopath-like-trump-brings-eternal-consequences-video/>

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@ GP

Glenn Beck thinks that your immortal soul is in jeopardy if you support Trump.

Glen Beck is batshit crazy. He is as crazy as anybody on the Left, including Bernie Sanders. Point blank, I would not say that even voting **Democrat** puts your immortal soul at risk. It is probably a sin, but all have sinned, and fall short of the Glory of God. If voting for Hillary Clinton isn't an unforgivable sin, then how can voting for Trump be one? As I pointed out upthread, Trump appears to really **get** it when it comes to the Second Amendment. Of course, maybe he is saying one thing in the primaries, but will govern differently if elected, but you can say that about any candidate, on any position. If Trump governs as President the way he has indicated that he will when it comes to the Second Amendment, then that **alone** is enough to put him so far ahead of Hillary Clinton that there is no doubting that he is the better person to vote for in the fall.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

yeah, you see too many people on both sides of Trump as our candidate who resort to name-calling and insults rather than acknowledging that people can support or not support Trump based on different criteria. Neither side is automatically an idiot for their position. To a large degree, it depends on two things: one, does Trump really mean what he says about the issues, and, two, what order of precedence you put on the issues themselves.



Iron
Fist

The latter is one of the reasons that I am reluctantly for Trump, now that he has won the nomination. His stated positions on the Second Amendment are strong as hell. This is coming from a man who often takes positions that are malleable. But even with the Second Amendment he didn't **always** hold the positions that he now holds. In 1994 he was all for the "Assault Weapons" ban. Now he is adamantly opposed to it. I am pleased with the change, but that ties into my first question about Trump. Can we trust him he govern as he says that he will? On this issue I think that we can, if for no other reason than that he is no doubt getting pushbaack from the Republican Powers That Be to "moderate" his position on gun control. I say that based on past performance. I've not seen anybody in specific lamenting Tramp's position on gun control, but that is **always** an issue that the Republican panjandrums push for our candidates to sell us out on. And, too, we need to remember that George Bush promised that he'd sign a reauthorization of the "Assault Weapons" ban. Whether he would have

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really done that or not, we cannot know. Wisely, our Republican House and Senate knew better than to present him with that option.

As everyone knows, the Second Amendment is a make-or-break issue for me. So Tramp's strong position on that issue overrides some of his other positions. The Mafia Princess says that Trump has said today that he would borrow **more** money to "pay off" the National Debt, and that he'll be able to negotiate better terms than we currently have because we owe so much. I am skeptical, to say the least. The National Debt is another huge issue to me, and this doesn't sound wise, but it is what it is.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

I agree with you on Mexico and Germany. Neither Country has their shit together enough to be able to criticize us. But that isn't what I was talking about. You get too many people who will assert that supporting or not supporting Trump (and you have different people on both sides who are doing this) makes you an idiot, and they see simply calling their opposite numbers "Idiots" as the productive way to address their differences. I don't see it as being either true or productive.



**Iron
Fist**

You are correct that not supporting Trump is almost the same as voting for Hillary, but it **isn't** quite the same as voting for Hillary. I disagree with the Mafia Princess's position on that, but it isn't going to be productive for me to just call her an idiot, and go on. She has her reasons, and I agree with a number of them.

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I just agree more with your position that stopping Hillary is more important than her objections to Trump. I am working on convincing her of this. I may fail at that, or I may succeed in that. That will depend on how things develop over the next 4-5 months or so. But simply dismissing her concerns isn't going to help me in that regard. Politics is the art of persuasion as much as it is anything else. I am talking about tactics, not ideological goals. You and I agree on stopping Hillary Clinton. I hope to persuade my Old Lady, but we will see how that goes.



**Iron
Fist**

@ [Buckeye Abroad](#):

I don't know that I am as confident that Clinton will lose to Trump, but I agree that there will be no Wall. There won't be a wholesale rejection and renegotiation of all of the Free Trade pacts for the last 25-30 years, either. My bet is that much of what Trump says is bullshit. I don't know that for

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certain, of course. I do hope that we get to find out, because I do believe that Trump is preferable to any Democrat, even though he may be just one step shy of being a Democrat himself. I think, though I might be wrong, Thatcher his support for the Second Amendment is real, or it is at least as real as anything about Trump is real. He has put himself in a position that he can't stab us in the back on that issue very easily. And Trump is very much enough of a politician to recognize the position that he is in on the issue. That is going to be the only thing that I am able to hang my vote for Trump on. The Second Amendment has always been my Number One issue, and it still is. Given a choice between two bad candidates, I will vote for the Republican because his position on the Second Amendment is as strong or stronger than any President we've had in my lifetime.

Even Reagan had his flaws on the Second Amendment. He signed the wildly misnamed Volkner-McClure "Gun Owner's Protection Act", which mainly stopped the future production of automatic weapons for the civilian population. Because legal machineguns have **never** been used in crime, so it was imperative that we stop producing them. There were some cosmetic things in the law to "protect" gun owners, but they were basically a bad joke. The point of the law was to stop the production of legal automatic weapons. I'd like to see the Supreme Court throw it out, along with the 1934 National Firearms Act, which required machineguns be registered, and the 1968 Gun Control Act, all of which I consider Unconstitutional. "Shall not be **infringed**" is the strongest language in the entire Bill of Rights. It makes no sense that it wouldn't be at **least** as strongly protected as any other Civil Right in the Bill of Rights. I'd argue that it should be **more** strongly protected than other rights, but I will be satisfied if it is as protected as the right to free speech.

[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

"Was Dave white?" Smith said. "I think most people didn't even know Dave was white. He probably didn't either. He didn't act like one, he didn't talk like one. In a way, I guess he represents the very best of our city."



Iron
Fist

I am not sure how to take that. Is he the "very best" of the city because he doesn't "act white" (whatever **that** means)? I'm trying to figure a way that you can take that that **isn't** essentially anti-white racism, but I can't wrap my head around it. If they are trying to say that the color of his skin didn't matter to him or his voters, that would be good, but that **isn't** what the guy actually says. Kind of weird, if you ask me.

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From the last thread:

[Guggi](#) wrote:

btw.: so you'll have more tatoos, you don't have enough pain right now?



Oh, yeah, but it is a **different** type of pain. The pain for a tattoo is, after all, only skin deep, while the pain from the cancer in my esophagus is considerably deeper. One would **think** that a tattoo would hurt more, but that just isn't the case.

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And I can't seem to catch a fucking break! On my way homa frof AA I clipped a mailbox. There wasn't much damage, but the Mafia Princess is passed as hell at me. There's a reason they call them "Accidents". Oh, well.

Indeed, Reagan was harshly rebuked by so-called "free traders" for taking "protectionist" actions such as a 45% tariff on Japanese motorcycles to save the Harley-Davidson Motor Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



And trade, like the Second Amendment, is another place where I agree with Trump. Am a **Fair** trader, not a **Free** trader. There is considerable difference. I was against NAFTA, GATT, and so on. I think their overall impact on our economy was negative, though I do shop at places like Walmart and Hobby Lobby, where almost everything is imported from China, or other Far-Eastern nation. I don't deny that there have been some real benefits for the economy from these trade agreements, but, while I don't know the numbers to back this assertion up, I think the overall impact has been negative. We've lost too many jobs. Reagan's deal to save Harley-Davidson is an example of **Fair** trade that I think we should emulate in **most** cases. It is **possible** someone could convince me it is a bad idea for some specific instance, but as a rule Fair trade should be the goal.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Serious, serious psychoactive drugs. Not to get high, but to get stable. I feel sorry for the man, because he was one of the good guys, and something has apparently broken in him. I said a prayer for healing for him. We need to remember that while we disagree with him on this particular candidate, we are on the same side, which is America's side against our domestic enemy.

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[AZfederalist](#) wrote:

Yep. As I said, command economies always fail.

That is practically a Law of Nature. Economies are simply too complex for people to be able to manage every aspect of them. It is much as Socrate asserted: the beginning of wisdom is the knowledge that you do **not** know. In this case, you don't know enough to successfully manage a command economy.



Iron
Fist

All of that is true **if** the goal of your command economy is the same as the goal of a Free Market economy, which is to produce the most prosperity for the largest number of people. The practitioners of Command Economy economics may give lip-service to that goal, but that is not the **real** aim of a Command Economy. A Command Economy is aimed at producing equality of **results** for the masses, which **always** really means an equality of poverty. If you look at the results of Command Economies from Cuba to Venezuela to the old USSR to North Korea today, they are **very good** at creating an equality of poverty for the masses. The Revolutionary Vanguard, OTOH, rakes it in, and lives like the nobility of any economic system has lived.

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Most Leftists will not admit that Equality of Poverty is their goal. They disguise that, because it is hardly a goal that people will give their lives fighting for, but that is, and **always has been**, the goal of the Left. They aren't misguided. They are **Evil**.



Iron
Fist

@ [RIX](#):

Because you know as West Point cadets they have been so oppressed,
right?

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at 10:23 pm](#)



Iron
Fist

@ [RIX](#):

I am trying to win, that's for damned sure. Today hasn't been a good day, what with the minor fender-bender I was in this morning, but nobody was hurt, and neither the mailbox nor the truck were badly damaged, something I am profoundly grateful for. I wasn't on my bike when I had the accident, thank God. We went to the tattoo shop and picked up the

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painting that my tattoo artist did for me. We have it hanging in the bedroom right now. We are going to get it framed before we find a permanent place for it. It is so cool! I am so fortunate in all of my friends. Most people are lucky if they have one or two good friends, but I have five men that I call my brothers, and even more friends who aren't quite as close as family. God has been very good to me. I try and keep myself focused on that when the totality of my situation gets to be too much.

@ [AZfederalist](#):

@ [Lily](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Thanks, guys! I slept OK, waking up about half an hour ago. We are getting ready for Church. Happy Mother's, all you mothers out there! Sam used to say that being a mother was a real motherfucker. He had a graceful way

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with words like that

Good afternoon! I have had a pretty good day, though I haven't gotten to ride today. We went to see *Captain America: Civil War*. Good move. Not as good as *The Winter Soldier*, but very good nonetheless. It felt kind of incomplete, though. They want you waiting on the next one, and they succeeded in that. Also, we saw the ads for *Rogue One*, which is a Star Wars movie, but not in the same character cast as the other Star Wars films. Pretty cool.

I am trying to do hibachi for dinner. I've had my mushroom soup, and a little salad. I am going to let that settle in, and then eat some of my steak. I don't eat sushi/raw fish (sashimi).



**Iron
Fist**

We are watching Fox News, and right now they are covering tornadoes, but I know it will turn to politics soon enough. I can't believe that the Democrats have decided letting perverts use the women's restroom become a hill they will die over. I can't conceive of the thought that this is an issue where they have a majority of American thought on their side. Seriously? And then people wonder why I believe that mainstreaming pedophilia is their ultimate goal. It is obvious that that is where they will go eventually. They will also push for polygamy, and problem incest as well. Disgusting. We have tried to be accommodating to gays, and look where that has gotten us. They said all that they wanted was to be allowed to live their private lives as they see fit, in relationships between consenting **adults**. Most people are fine with that, even though the majority of Americans disapprove of

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homosexuality in general. Let he who is without sin cast the first stone, right? Their private lives are their private business, so long as they **keep** their private lives private.

Wanting “transsexuals” use the bathroom of their chosen sex rather than of their biological sex is stepping **way** over the line. It is like their insistence that Christians be **forced** to participate in gay weddings. Personally, I’d bake them their damned cake, though I disapprove of gay weddings. More specifically I object to Christians being **forced** to participate in gay weddings when they feel that such participation forces them to do things that their religion forbids. Where is **their** right to freely exercise their religion? Everybody talks about the gays’ right to do what they do, but then they trample Christians rights (and **only** Christians. You don’t see them suing Islamic bakeries, don’t you?), and we are just supposed to takes it. I say we’ve had enough of that.

A@ [lobo91](#):



I noticed a lot of their posts getting into my feed while my posts were great, but going nowhere, where her posts were going gangbusters in terms of views. Reposts were about as few and far in between, were posts of discussing transsexualism, or whether she is getting death threats or the threat is overlooked, or whatever. They covered Meathead’s “conversion” to being

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0@ [Lily](#):



Here’s a hint: were I single, I wouldn’t date a “transgender” man either. Because his a man. You are damned right. They are trying to play on the idea that if you are straight, you are a “bigot” for being straight. Fuck them. They are the ones trying to force their sexual deviancy down everyone else’s throats.

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[at 1:01 pm](#)

@ [coldwarrior](#):



Yep. If they are guys who want to dress as girls in the privacy of their own home, fine. If they want to dress that way in public, they can expect uncomfortable stares from the public, as is our right. Now they want to coerce young males into gay relationships? That is wrong. Full stop. That isn’t a plea for acceptance, but a demand for coercion. Which is where the Left always ultimately go. They ant the power of the STATE to step in and

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force young men to be gay. So much for “freedom of choice”. For the Left it always boils down to coercion to support their bullshit. Always.

@ [Lily](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Today is my third day of chemo, and it sucks, but it always sucks for the week of chemo. Then I am off chemo for three or four weeks. I can't really work for those three or four weeks. I am hanging around trying to recover from what has been done for. What is essentially poisoning my body, and recovering from that poisoning.

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[Mars](#) wrote:



**Iron
Fist**

The modern civil rights movement isn't about fairness, it's about revenge.

I've been saying for sometime now that they want Jim Crow back, only with blacks on top. They quit wanting equality sometime around the election of George Bush.

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@ [Lily](#):



**Iron
Fist**

And with that attitude, she isn't going to find many men who are going to volunteer to have her fuck up their lives. It isn't an adersion to fat women. It is an adersion to to bitches.

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@ [Mars](#):



**Iron
Fist**

I've dated heavy women, and beautiful women, and what matters after the thirdd or fourth date is her attatude and outlook on life. It isnt to say beautiful women arent attractive, but rather attractive women become beautiful. My wife is the most beautiful woman in the world to me, bar none. When taken objectively by beauty contest rules, that probably isnt how other people will see her, but so what? Their opinions arent the ones that matter to me.

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at 9:17 pm](#)

@ [eaglesoars](#):



**Iron
Fist**

She is, isn't she? It isn't just me. I get compliments on my Old Lady's looks like I get comcompliments my tats. She is a wonderfully beautiful woman. I

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wouldn't trade her for anyone in the world. Nothing compares to her when you take her as a total package. Not for me.



**Iron
Fist**

@ [Lily](#):

Lovely! You can tell by looking at her face that she is 130K miles of bad road. It is as I said earlier, it isn't that she's fat that is her problem. It is that she's a cast-iron bitch.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [eaglesoars](#):

Yep, she has locked herself into a worldview that fat is better, rather than admitting that she has a problem, and needs to deal with it. I did the same to myself over my alcoholism for a long time. I was just a drunk, you see, and not an alcoholic. That went on for several years. Until I went to rehab. That was the Mafia Princess's doing. I wanted to keep her more than I wanted to drink, and that was the choice it was coming down to. Not everyone is as fortunate in having someone like that in their lives. I would have never quit on my own, nor with the insistence of the woman I was living with before the Mafia Princess. That was the man I was then, and Amy didn't matter that much to me.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [Lily](#):

You kind of have to consider the source there, though. You can't defile everything the man says about most of anything, but then say he's a good judge of character only once he has agreed with you. Boehner is a terrible judge of character, and has really chosen to show us to from the get-go. That you happen to like what he says about Cruz is simply a coincidence. Boehner didn't change his opinions about, say, working with Bug-eyes Pelosi because he has suddenly come to Jesus on being a true conservative. It is more of a stopped watch event than anything else.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [AZfederalist](#):

They never had any intention of vetting Obama. He was mana from heaven, the Divine Lightworker. He could do no wrong. We see how that turned out. Obama didn't precisely lie about it. He told us that if it broke badly, he was on the Mohammedans' side. He has certainly lived up to that promise. I always knew what he was going to be, but I think the majority of his voters allowed themselves to be fooled. They weren't interested in the truth. They wanted to feel good about voting for a black man for

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President. Hell, I want to feel good about voting for a black man for President, too. Tim Scott comes to mind, since JBCWatts is no longer in the running. I'd vote for Tim Scott in a heartbeat. Not just because he is black, though I know that plays a small role in it. I'd have like to have seen Jim DeMint in that role, but that was not to be. Tim Scott will be excellent after eight years of Trump, if Trump out of his ass and delivers.



@ [eaglesoars](#):

And don't forget the Mao Christmastree ornament the Obama's had on display their first Christmas in the White House. That could also be a source for this rumor. Mao certainly is popular in the Obama White House.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Could be. IIRC they didn't make a repeat appearance, though I doubt that it was because Obama disagreed with the sentiment portrayed. Obama's been a rolling disaster his whole time he's been in office. Supporting one communist thug over another is hardly surprising.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Good night, dear lady, and may your dreams be untroubled and entertaining

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@ [coldwarrior](#):

I don't mind that reality is getting ready to take a bite out of the Chamber of Commerce's ass so long as it is the right bite. They have been living high on the hog for decades. At the risk of sounding "Progressive", it is about time they've paid their fair share. But that doesn't mean I am eager to see them taken down a peg at the cost of the rest of the economy. You are an economist. You know these things better than I do. They get more protection for their tax dollars, so I am not adverse to seeing them pay more in taxes. But there are limits on that kind of thing. Where to draw the limits is the real question. It looks like Trump is going to be our nominee. I am afraid that this is a mistake, but he can't be any worse a nominee than McCain or Romney, and he could conceivably be better. I am not going to waste a lot of time trying in my split milk over it. I hope Thatcher he wins, recluses it's easy for me to see that he will be better than *Hillary Clinton*, and it is possible that he will learn their humility that he doesn't know, and

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become a good President. I can pray that it is so.

@ [eaglesoars](#):



**Iron
Fist**

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@ [eaglesoars](#):



**Iron
Fist**

You have to upload it to our media library, and then link to it from there. I don't think you have the permissions to do that. It can be a little tricky getting the path correct for the image, but once you figure out how to do that, it becomes a fairly trivial thing to do. I'm happy to oblige you any time you want to upload anything

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@ [eaglesoars](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Good thing the Turks are our allies, ain't it? Otherwise we might have to worry about what they would be doing at a joint Turkish-Islamic State prison. Things like real torture, summary executions, even rape. Thank God the Turks won't do anything like that, and if they did, it'd be OK, because it would be in conjunction with the Islamic State, so the people who went on

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endlessly about Abu Ghraib won't have anything to bemoan.

@ [eaglesoars](#):



Iron
Fist

But remember it is the Republican Party that is falling apart among infighting. That is the narrative, and the MFM will stick to that narrative no matter what the actual facts on the ground happen to be. The Media are the Enemy®

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What if we could use our models and our tools to promote human happiness, rather than just big profits for big business?

An interesting question, but not an easy one to answer. As my mother's father used to say, "If it makes you happy to be happy, then be happy", implying that happiness is a **choice** as much as it is a consequence of choices. If one could choose happiness over misery, how many people would make such a choice? Especially if making such a choice required you to forsake other goals such as power or wealth that are deemed more "**important**" than "mere" happiness? It is an interesting question, and one that is perhaps difficult to answer. What value do we place on happiness? We deem things such as power and wealth as necessary to happiness, but "Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown" is more than just Shakespearean poetry. If power brings so little happiness, why do so many forego so much in its pursuit? My only conclusion is that some, perhaps most humans care irrational. Or that happiness means less to mere people than we would expect. Something that is nice when it finds us, but in the meantime we'll take wealth, prestige, and power, even if by taking these substitutes we are forgoing true happiness for a lesser substitute.



Iron
Fist

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[lobo91](#) wrote:

Poppy, now nine, has made the transition from a boy to a girl.



Iron
Fist

She said: 'I didn't feel right as a boy. When I was little I'd go to a wishing well in my garden and wish I was a girl. I'm so happy now that wish has come true.'

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His wish has come **true**? Bullshit. Unless some feat of genetic engineering beyond all that was thought possible has occurred, this young boy is being

cruelly lied to. He is no more now a female than I am. He is simply being told a **lie** that if he pretends hard enough the basic genetic fact of his existence, that he is **male**, has been changed by the power of Pretend. He might as well believe himself to be some kind of genetic mutant, X-men style, that can shoot lasers from his eyes. But don't try the flying thing, at least not from too great a height. Rumor has it that the Law of Gravity isn't nearly as impressed with the Power of Pretend as genetics is

[lobo91](#) wrote:

In September 2014, the FBI released a highly politicized study claiming a rise in mass shootings, only to have the authors of the study recant months later and admit they created data to make the study outcome fit a preconceived conclusion.

Yet Lauer claimed mass shootings are on the rise, and Couric played along without hesitation. In fact, she built on Lauer's mass shootings comment to suggest more gun control is needed, and a "silent majority" of gun owners support it.



**Iron
Fist**

You should be able to sue "journalists" who commit Journalistic Malpractice like that. It isn't just that they have an agenda that they are lying about, but that they are lying to try to deprive people of their civil rights based on their lies. This is a different order of things than, say, lying solely to advance their economic agenda. But few people would deny that it is malpractice for them to lie in the right (by which I mean **wrong**) way about economic numbers. Why then allow them to get away with their lies because it is public policy unrelated to economics that they are seeking to influence with their lies? Fraud is fraud, regardless of the motivation of the guy committing the fraud.

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@ [lobo91](#):



**Iron
Fist**

It is my understanding that in Canada they can go back and change people's birth certificates to reflect their "new" gender. I bet that will play merry hell with sentencing and parole hearings. All part of them overall assaulting on law enforcement by the Left, or is it just a "happy coincidence" for the force's of Ill in the world? I don't believe in coincidence, very much. I recognize that some things really are just coincidence, but as I have become more spiritually aware, and more aware

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of the spiritual warfare that is ongoing in the world around us, the less I see as “coinkydink”, and the more I see a rational, diabolically inspired plan.

@ [rain of lead](#):

Yeah, we went to see it last Sunday, and I was thoroughly impressed. I thought the Spiderman character was credible, too. I was less impressed by Antman. They are committed to bringing in all of the Marvel Characters, I reckon. That should be interesting to see how they accomplish it. I do like that, so far at least, they have avoided turning this into same kind of Left-wing “morality” play. You have real good and real evil characters, and everything in between. Is Stark really a good guy? Not in the same way that Captain America is, I would argue. It is refreshing to seem Old Fashioned values portrayed as good, and it drives the Left nuts. Like how in the *Age of Ultron* they showed Black Widow regretting that she could not conceive of a child, and how that was something that was taken from her to ensure that she didn’t develop love as a weakness, and yet she and Banner are somewhat in love. It is a good, wholesome tale, but with complex characters that it takes time to develop. It is, IMHO, Hollywood at its best, providing a useful service to the culture. Something that I expect to see the Left try to destroy them for.



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[lobo91](#) wrote:

“I don’t think there is really any one way to distinguish between a man and a woman, and I don’t think it’s necessary,” one student says.

Insanity. Calculated, deliberately poisoning of the culture too undermine the rational roots of basic human sexuality, which is, of course, one of the most fundamental building blocks of society. If there are no differences between men and women, what differences exist between two people at all? Certainly nothing that isn’t somehow a “choice”. This is the opposite coin of what I was saying on the other thread about the value of Hollywood in defining our common culture. Done properly, it can build up a culture, the way Dante or Chaucer helped define what it meant to be Italian or English in their respective eras.



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Done **destructively**, though, it can act as a conduit for destroying the common culture, which is the Left’s **intent** with all of this. It isn’t simply nonsense for the sake of nonsense, or because they want to play Through

the Looking-Glass to its logically absurd end. Remember in 1984, how the guy from the Ministry of Truth told Winston Smith the goal of Newspeak? How he wanted people to be able to hold in their minds completely incongruent “facts” and believe **both** of them equally strongly? How they wanted $1+1=3$ to be the acceptable answer to the question, whatever that question might be? Destroy the fundamental difference between male and female as a concept in your culture, and you have gone far beyond what Orwell even speculated at. It is unreal that we could be here today. If you’d told me 20 years ago that in the Brave, New World of 2016 you would seriously have college “educated” men and women who would seriously telling you that “I don’t think there is really any one way to distinguish between a man and a woman, and I don’t think it’s necessary,” I wouldn’t have believed you. It as up there with telling you that things fall **up** when you drop them.

Or $1+1 = 3$.

[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

In the event of a draft, sending women off to war does not present an equal opportunity to women by **nature of the fact that women are physically different from men**. As much as we may work to try to level the playing field between men and women, the physical differences between us as created by nature make us inherently unequal and cannot be universally overcome.”



**Iron
Fist**

Something blindingly obvious, but as we see, we are having a generation being trained to be fundamentally ignorant of this very basic building block of society. The so-called “educators” who have brought this about aren’t merely malpractices of education. They are **evil**. Period. Evil in intent. Evil by design. And they have accomplished this much more easily than I would have expected to see it happen. I knew boys were different than girls when I was 3 years old, and I **liked** that difference. Hohow is it that these fucks have to be to be dinking with that in young children? Evil. There is no question about that. And what was required to bring us here was, first and foremost, falling for Satan’s Oldest lie, that Good and Evil do not exist.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [lobo91](#):
This was my response to that article:

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Fist

In the 1980s people spoke of a “Culture War”, but, unfortunately not enough of the population that’s is on our side showed up to the fight, willing to do battle. This was, in part at least, because we are **nice** people, and as nice people we didn’t want to be called names. Hateful names like “racist”, “mysoginists”, or “homophobes”. Rather than be called names by **Evil** people, we surrendered the battlefield without fighting, or without fighting significantly.

So now the fight is ever so much more difficult. Already today we have seen a thread here on Weasel Zippers where someone, purportedly with a college education in the works, who said that they did not know how to define the difference between men and women, and that they didn’t know that it was “necessary”. Un-fucking-real. This is akin to saying that you don’t know that there is a difference between up and down, and they don’t see that at is “necessary” to be able to distinguish between the two.

It is truly distressing to see therecognizeour right damage that the Left have done to the American educational system. This was **Evil**, designed with malice aforethought, with their intent of producing a Society that was unable to distinguish between right and wrong, good and evil. As we can see here, even male and female. The time to stop this was in these 1980s, but that didn’t happen. We were afraid to be called mean names. We need to getting over that.

Tell me I’m mean, that I’m a “Racistsexisthomophobe”, and I will say, “So what? You, my enemy, are **Evil**.” Period. Full stop. Evil trumps “Racistsexisthomophobe”, hands down. Hell, the leading proponent of Leftist thought in the latter half of the 20th Century openly dedicated his book *Rules for Radicals* to **Satan** himself. We took that, and said “Surely he doesn’t **mean** that. He’s just yanking our chain.” I will submit to you he **did** mean exactly what he said. That he dedicated his work to Satan himself, knowingly, and with malice aforethought, the same way a better person might would have dedicated his work to Mother Theresa, or, if you saw Christianity as “Icky”, the Dalai Lama. **That** is as **evil as it gets**.

that is what we have to fight. We need to quit pretending that our enemies are really nice, well-meaning people. They are not. They are Evil, and they relying on us not calling them on it to help them to deceive people like these unfortunate college students to the point that they can’t tell the difference between male and female, one and zero, **Good and Evil**.

This kind of camp, this kind of outreach, is critical to reclaiming our Country from the evil motherfuckers who would steal her from us. It is our culture. It is way past time to demand that the "Multiculturalists" recognize **our** right to defend that culture. To the death, if that is how they want it. **Their** deaths, as I have no intent of going anywhere.

That about sums it up.

@ [rain of lead](#):



Iron
Fist

Yeah, it should be interesting to see who they come up with for that role. With the Nazi tie-in through Hydra, I guess that it wouldn't be out of the question for them to pull out Hitler himself for the role, but I think they've shown more imagination than is required for that. It should be interesting. They have a while to build up to it, though. The main actors/actresses for this series are going to make this their career, and a very lucrative career it looks to be for them. Which I am great with. I like to see a production that is showcasing American values do well.

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@ [mfhorn](#):

Yeah, but if she cut off your Dick and called you the Queen of England these Multi-culti nutjobs would kneel. You can bet on that.

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at 11:43 pm](#)

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at 7:46 am](#)

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@ [Lily](#):



Iron
Fist

Yep. I'd like To ask them how an exclusively homosexual population would reproduce. How, exactly, is that going to work? I can already hear them stammering about it

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at 7:57 am](#)

[RIX](#) wrote:

, the guy likes women , and tells jokes



Iron
Fist

You've got that wrong. He is a humor-afflicted heteronormative cismale. Remember, to Social Justice Warriors **everything** is a disease, and must be named as such. Saying that he's a **normal** male is too judgemental. Or not judgemental enough. I can never tell with a SJW on that. Weird, weird people.

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at 4:49 pm](#)

@ [brookly red](#):



Iron
Fist

It'd have been even better if he'd called her Fauxcohontes, though the person interviewing him might not would have gotten the joke

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at 4:51 pm](#)

@ [RIX](#):



Iron
Fist

Thanks, man, I appreciate that! Today has been about middle-class of the road for me. I finished my fifth round of chemo Friday, and am try g to recover from that now. Erika apparently missed me while I was in the hospital, because she has been almost unseperable today. She just jumped off the back of my recliner, but she has been clingy all day yesterday and today. All of my cats are loving, but Erika has become very special to me.

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at 5:25 pm](#)

I have a week of recovery ahead of me, and then I am getting some tattoo work done. I have to watch when I get work done because of the risk of infection, but I refuse to let the cancer just stop me in my tracks. I also want to get about becoming g am Prospect without the Infidels motorcycle club. This disease has taken enough from me. I refuse to just

surrender to it.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

Good point. That woman is insufferable. I don't reckon that she is married. Who would want to saddle themselves with someone like that? It is like the guy mentioned upthread that had to asking his wife how he was allowed to vote. Maybe he was joking? I didn't see the interview, so I can't know about that. I can't imagine the Mafia Princess demanding that I clear my vote with her, any more than I cannot imagine her having to clear her vote with me. Where is the mutual respect in their relationships? I've been in some miserable relationships, but even the worst of them didn't try to tell me how I was allowed to vote. Monica was bad. She was really bad, but that wouldn't have gone over at all.



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at 5:32 pm](#)

@ [RIX](#):

I hope (and believe) that you are right about that. I will be glad when it is done, though. It sucks that my job is going to go away. I have some slight hope that they will rehire me when this is all over and done, but we will have to see what all happens on that front asking it unfolds. Right now I know that they've approved long-term disability for the next year, and then we will reevaluate me. I have a feeling Thatcher I am going to be on disability for a while.



Iron
Fist

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at 5:48 pm](#)

[Bumr50](#) wrote:

TMZ reports that Pierce allegedly shoved the woman's boyfriend aside and then allegedly began attacking her by **pulling her hair** and hitting her in the head.



Iron
Fist

[2016/05/15
at 5:51 pm](#)

Hey, at least he fights like a girl when he beats his women? What a tool. Figures he'd be a Democrat, and a Clinton supporter to boot.

[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

She wrote a book called "Are Men Necessary?" I don't know how - or if - she answered her own question because **I don't care what she thinks. About anything.**



Iron
Fist

[2016/05/15
at 5:56 pm](#)

Perfect! I agree completely. The fact that she is of some notoriety shows the value of fame when it comes to judging a person's character. Not worth a bucket of warm piss, as someone once said about the Vice-Presidency.



**Iron
Fist**

@ [eaglesoars](#):

Their country is clearly in the best of hands. Wow!

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at 6:55 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

@ [lobo91](#):

Insanity. Pure insanity. And they are no doubt teaching kids this in schools. They're doing these kids no service teaching them that delusion and pretend are the ruling factor in the world. If my delusion that I am a woman is sufficient to "make" me a woman, how dare they judge my delusion that I am, say, an X-man superhero? Or simply a run of the mill tall, thin black man who deserves a contract with the NBA despite a decided lack of skill at basketball? After all, if reality isn't sufficient for something as important as gender/sexual dimorphism, surely something as trivial as a game doesn't deserve to be treated any differently, right? If you will notice, the arguments for Affirmative Action and "diversity" also go away when the issue becomes professional sports. Then a strict meritocracy is necessary. Why, then, should our admitting of people to medical school be any less of a meritocracy?

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at 7:10 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

@ [eaglesoars](#):

It would be for the Children™...

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at 7:44 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

@ [AZfederalist](#):

Oh, no, Obama is very aware of what he is doing. It is all done with malice aforethought.

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at 8:49 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

@ [rain of lead](#):

Congratulations, man! Any year above ground is a good one

[2016/05/16
at 10:40 am](#)



@ [RIX](#):

Well, of course. You wouldn't want him exposed to views he disagrees with, would you? In truth, though, Facebook's "censorship" doesn't bother me much. Facebook is a private company. Zuckerberg can run it any way he likes, including into the ground. There is no law, right, or regulation that says he has to give equal time to my opinions as well as his own, nor should there be. That said, my Facebook newsfeed is almost 100% Conservative, so I haven't seen any evidence of this so-called "censorship". I really can't imagine my newsfeed reflecting my viewpoints more. Of course, I am not a Trump fan, but I'd say a third of the posts that deal with the election are pro-Trump, so I am really not sure what people are complaining about.

[2016/05/16 at 10:47 am](#)

One in three people worldwide have latent TB, according to the World Health Organization.



Is this true? That seems awfully high for a disease that is, after all, fatal. You never hear of it in America, so the infection rate in the Third World must be nearly 100%. That is staggering. And TB is treatable with antibiotics, isn't it? That is what a quick Google search of Latent TB indicates. There are antibiotic resistant strains, do it isn't 100% straight forward, but it is hard to believe that a Third of the world population is infected with this terrible disease.

[2016/05/16 at 10:53 am](#)

[coldwarrior](#) wrote:

that number is easy to believe. travel to one of these rat hole countries and you'll see why.



I try and avoid going to the Third World. I know that some Third World nations have beautiful beaches, and other gorgeous landscaping, but it isn't worth the risk of disease. That the TB rate is so high should be scandalous, though. I know that HIV/AIDS is pretty terribly in Africa, too. Most Americans do not realize how truly blessed they are too have been born American. We've already won the lottery, and we generally don't realize it. I try to be mindful of my blessings. It is hard when you look at some of what I've faced in my life, but I've really done quite well for myself.

[2016/05/16 at 1:16 pm](#)

[Lily](#) wrote:

. yet saving lives is not that important.



Iron
Fist

You've got to realize that most of the people who die of malaria are black children. The Left wants to kill as many of **them** as they can. There is a real scandal that the MFM ignores. Look at how Clinton handled Rwanda. Racism is real, and it is alive and well. It is just that the real racists are different than the people the Left/Media complex **tell** us that the racists are.

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at 1:30 pm](#)

@ [Lily](#):

Hillary is "stunned" that ObamaCare is doing what ObamaCare was designed to do? I don't believe it. She likes to claim that she's the "smartest woman in the world". While we all know that is bullshit, she isn't so stupid that she is really "stunned" that Leftist policies are producing the results that they were intended to produce. The Left are Evil. We should not be surprised when their policies produce Evil results.



Iron
Fist

I worry about my insurance situation long-term. That is one of the reasons that we need to get me on SSI disability. We need to get me on Medicare, with a supplemental plan. Otherwise, I may be screwed when my COBRA runs out. I know I have over a year to get this done, but the sooner it is done, the better.

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at 1:39 pm](#)

@ [lobo91](#):

During the Cold War the Democrats supported the Soviet's, to the point that (along others) Ted Kennedy was working with the KGB to help them refine their propaganda for the American market. That was treason. Now the enemy has changed, but the fact that the Democrats support America's enemies against America hasn't changed in the least. Now they are supporting Iran, something not even Carter dared do openly, though in light of these facts you have to wonder about what Carter was doing covertly. Democrats are traitors. That may not have been the case during World War Two, but one does have to wonder what the Democrats would have done if Hitler hadn't invaded the Soviet Union.



Iron
Fist

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at 2:55 pm](#)



@ [Lily](#):

The company that is handling my long-term disability (UNUM) partners with a legal firm for that, so we already have that in the works. I don't really expect any serious difficulty in getting it, but a lot of programs like this they deny the first time through just as a matter of course. Its is all about making the little people dance to their tune. I don't know that SSI disability is like that, but I don't know that it isn't.

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[at 3:05 pm](#)

We just finished my fluids, and they have given me my Neulasta shot. I am ready to go home

@ [Lily](#):

Yeah, it is good to not be in the hospital. I was out of the hospital all weekend. I was just back at the hospital for some fluids, and my Neulasta shot. That Neulasta shit really works. It is almost a miracle drug. Now, I've still had problems without infection, especially in my feeding tube. I have another infection in my J-tube. They've put me on antibiotics again. But my immune system would be so much worse without the Neulasta. I don't know how long it would take me to recover to my pre-vhemo white blood cell counts without it.



As forward how I am feeling, I am in a good bit of pain. I see my pain doctor tomorrow. We are slowly bumping up my pain medication. We want to use the minimum amount of pain medication, because I am really on some serious shit. Morphine is no joke. This is **oral** morphine. I'm not shooting up. I **wouldn't** shoot up, I don't think, no matter how bad the pain was. I could be wrong about that. I'm not hurting bad enough to even consider that as an option, and I pray that I never get there. I don't see needlessly suffering, though.

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[at 5:01 pm](#)

Everything else is going well. I am still pumped up about the painting that my tattoo artist gave me. It is really, really cool. We have dedecided to hang it in my office. We are going tomorrow use at to bring my whole color palate together in the room. The Mafia Princess knows a **lot** more about interior decorating than I do. She used to watch HGTV, and she even got me interested in a couple of the decorating shows.

I have no interest in becoming an interior decorator, but it **is** good idea to have a clue about how such things work. A couple of the shows were genuinely interesting. One, *The High/Low Project*, was really cool. She would take a couple's room, and decorate it as though the budget were

meaningless. All of the furniture and decorations were the best of the best, top-end products. I'm talking about \$40K-50K living rooms and shit like that. Then she would recreate the look and feel for the budget that the owners gave her, which was usually on the order of 10-20% of the cost of the high-end room. She usually was able to come up with a good approximation of the original.

Sometimes it went better than others, but she showed how she pulled this off, so there were things to actually learn from the show. And it was a show that I and my Old Lady could watch together, and both enjoy. The truth is that there aren't a whole lot of shows that fit that description.



Iron
Fist

@ [RIX](#):

I get an Access Denied error.

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at 5:02 pm](#)

@ [Lily](#):

Cool! I am a huge art fan. My tenth grade history teacher, who was the best teacher I had in the academic setting, helped inculcate that in me. She won National Teacher of the Year the year I had her, and she really deserved it. She worked hard to challenge students like me (honor student), and truly educates us, not just have us memorize a bunch of facts and regurgitate them.



Iron
Fist

She wanted to teach us how to **think**. Not in a bad way. She didn't try to indoctrinate us, and our required reading list that year included both *Animal Farm* and *1984*, and Niccolo Machiavelli's *The Prince*. I'd put that reading list up against the readings from anything of my college courses in depth of thought, though the readings that's I had to do for my *Buddhist Philosophy and Religion* course were more demanding intellectually. The Buddhism course was the hardest course I've ever had, including all of my computer science and even electrical engineering classes (specifically digital logic).

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at 5:28 pm](#)

In any event, she encouraged us to learn about art, music, and other cultural niceties. Full-bore Western Civilization. We weren't taught how "awful" the West was, but how truly great Western Civilization really is.



@ [Bumr50](#):

I rarely agree with Unions, but here they add 100% spot on. These “environmentalists” are the enemies of the American worker. I, OTOH, am pro-worker, though I generally oppose unions. To my mind, too many of the unions do too much that is outside of the scope of protecting the American worker, and, as they are noting here, these activities are actually counter to the interests of the American worker. If the unions focused on what is supposed to be their primary purpose, I would have fewer objections to them. But most of these unions exist only to further the interests of the Democrat Party, not really the American worker, and the anti-industrial “environmentalist” movement is a solid supporter of the totalitarian Democrat Agenda. The Democrats could really give a shit about the American worker. They would rather they were on welfare, anyway.

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[at 6:08 pm](#)

@ [Lily](#):

Yeah, I was very fortunate in two of my high school teachers, my 10th Grade history of Western Civilization teacher, and my 12th grade AP Biology teacher. I had other teachers that ranged from OK to terrible. I guess most were just somewhere in the middle, which is what you would expect, I guess. Having two instructors that were extraordinary is, in and of itself, extraordinary. Most people don’t get one of the caliber of either of those two women.



On teaching me to think, I not only had Mrs.Dozier (10th grade history), but later when I got to college a couple of really good logic instructors. I took both introductory and intermediate Formal Logic. I think I made an A or B in Introductory Formal Logic, but I had a rough semester for Intermediate Formal Logic, and did not do anywhere near as well. IIRC I made a D, which sucked, but it was the grade that I earned. I didn’t put in the work that I needed to. OTOH, what I **did** learn from that class proved very valuable when I studied digital logic and data structures when I went for my computer science degree. Logic, which is part of a Philosophy major, is exceptionally important for computer programming.

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I also had an introductory *Reasoning and Critical Thinking* under a man named Jacob Hintikka, who was supposed to be really exceptional. I remember being told that professors at his level usually didn’t interact with undergraduate students, but he **wanted** to teach this introductory class because he had some new ideas about how to teach reasoning and

critical thinking that he wanted to try it in freshman level students, and see if they worked in practice. I thought he was a really good instructor, and I felt liked I got a lot out of the class. Since I'd had the introductory formal logic class the *Reasoning and Critical Thinking* class was entirely an elective, but I **enjoyed** the class. I was a Philosophy major for a year or so in addition to Political Science **and** Psychology. I wanted the triple major, but I wound up only completing the Political Science major. I had onllow-level courses in the Philosophy and Psychology majors (IIRC I was closer to getting the Psych major than I was the Philosophy, but I think I would have needed one more year to work everything out to get the triple major).

One of the things that my mother did for me that was good was to instill a love of learning in me that has lasted all of my life. It has driven me in school, at work, and, of course, heavily in the martial arts. One of the things that I hate this cancer fortunate is that it is making it difficult for me to train the way that I want to. **Impossible** to train the way that I **want** to, really. I have been able to get a little training in, but nothing like I was doing this time last year.

Martial arts is another area where I have been exceedingly fortunate in these instructors that I have trained with over the years. Not only was there Master Wheeler, who was a legitimate 10th Degree Black Belt, but Sensei Louis Grinnell, who was an 8th Degree Black Belt in Isshinryu Karate, and was the founder of the style of Arnis that I practice. Either man would easily be considered one of the top men in the country in their respective arts, but I also had two other main instructors, Sensei Don Pickett, who was my OkOkinan Kobudo instructor (Kobudo is traditional Okinawa weapons, i.e. Bo, Said, and tonfa), and Sensei Jim Alley, who is a 7th Degree Black belt in Isshinryu Karate, and who was self-taught at Sing I, a Chinese internal martial art, and also is the man I principle worked on Bagua with over the last few years. I also worked with Mr.Pickett on Bagua for years, slowly improving. There is no ranks in Bagua, but I have gotten respectable at it.

Additionally, I worked with twofold mother instructors, a man named Rick MoneyMaker, who was one of my Pressure Point instructors. He is a 9th Degree Black belt in Torite Jutsu Kyusho Jitsu, which is pressure-point fighting, and 9th Degree Black Belt in Okinawan Kempo, which is another form of Okinawan Karate. Rick MoneyMaker is the man who, in addition to Master Wheeler, signed my Master Instructor certificate in Wheeler's Method of Pressure Points, which is Master Wheeler's kyusho Jitsu ranking system. That is there highest rank that I hold in any art. I think Rick mainly deferred to Master Wheeler's judgment on it. I was a

Brown Belt at the time. I didn't claim that rank until a couple of years ago, when Jim Alley promoted me to 4th Degree Black Belt in Isshinryu Karate.

My final instructor is a man named Rich Mooney, an 8th Degree Black belt in Shaolin Tiger-Crane King Fu. He is the guy who got us started in Bagua at Wheeler's, and he has taught a lots of Qi drills and training regimens, which is interesting, but I haven't practiced it anywhere nearly as diligently as I have myself other arts. I've seen Rich do amazing, really **unbelievable** things, but he did his demonstrations on people from Wheeler's dojo, not some ringer that he brought in from his school for demonstration purposes.

If Rich lived closer, I would train with him more, but he lives in Texas. The same is true of Rick MoneyMaker, who lives in Virginia. He is giving a seminar here in Knoxville in July, and I **will** be at that seminar come Hell or High Water. It'll be the first opportunity I've had to train with him in 11-12 years. Since Sensei Wheeler passed away. The last time I saw Rick was Sensei's funeral. Rick was giving a seminar in Washington State when Sensei passed on, and he left the seminar to come to the funeral.

Anyway, that is the long and the short of my educational experience. I have been truly blessed, just as God has blessed me in so **many** areas of my life. I don't think of it much in the normal course of time passing. Itself is just something that has been a constant in the background all of my life. I'd really put my education up against anybody else's, from any other University, and I don't think I would come off the loser. And my martial arts instruction has been second to none. There are other good, even great, instructors out there, but there really aren't very many (if any) people who are truly **better** martial artists than the men who have been my martial arts instructors. And I have been a pretty good student. My life has had its ups and downs, but I have always made it back to studying the martial arts under one great instructor or another. I imagine that that's will continue to be the case for the rest of my life.



Iron
Fist

@ [lobo91](#):

I'd settle for a \$200K severance package from my job when they finally terminate my employment. I wouldn't complain about that in the least. Just another example of how these limousine Socialists are really feathering their own nests on the backs of the less well-to-do. This chick

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put the college she was rubbing out of business, and gets almost a quarter of a million for doing the. It would probably be incorrect to say that she's done this on the backs of the poor, as I doubt any of the prospective students for this no-doubt Liberal cess pit qualify as "poor". But many of them are no doubt less well-to-do than the Sanderses, who are, it appears, rather wealthy. Not Hillary Clinton wealthy, but Bernie's opportunities for corruption are considerably less lucrative than Clinton's. Elect him President, though, and he'll quickly catch up to her, I am certain. One thing that the Democrats are absolute masters at is corruption.

@ [lobo91](#):

That is excellent! And from the 9th Circuit. That is a little surprising, but the 9th Circuit has shown a bit of interest in protecting the Second Amendment in the years since *Heller* and *McDonald*. On that front, at least, we've scored some important victories over the last decade or so. I'd like to see something sweeping, *Brown v Board of Education* style, or, for that matter, on the order of the gay marriage decision. Strict scrutiny and something that threw out the 1968 GCA and the 1934 NFA would be nice.



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[lobo91](#) wrote:

And a 27% graduation rate.



Iron
Fist

Wow! **That** is hardly a ringing endorsement. And they paid her \$200K to go away? I'd call that fraud, if maybe not **quite** armed robbery. Wow!

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I bet she wouldn't feel that way if there institution in question were Islamic rather than Catholic Christians. The Democrats are the **anti-Christian** Party. There is no doubt about that. We need to make them **own** that. Obama may say that America is no longer a Christian nation, but I don't think the majority of **Americans** agree with him on that, especially if we force the Democrats to own up to being **anti-Christian**. This isn't **just** about Christianity, though, or, for that matter, birth control. How would the Democrats react to a law or regulation that required a Left-wing organization to perform duties that **they** had "religious" objections to? Say, requiring Planned Parenthood to provide firearms training for their employees, or something similar?



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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Fair enough. Still, the \$200K payout when she bankrupted the school looks an awful lot like fraud. Like Lobo said, it looks like the whole school was a scam, so while they may not be “wealthy” in the sense that we would define wealthy (though they probably do qualify as wealthy by the standards Democrats use when they say the “wealthy” don’t pay their “fair share” in taxes), they look a hell of a lot like very successful crooks.

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[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

Burlington College was one of those ‘non-traditional’ liberal arts places. My beagles could get accepted there.



One of those places where your credit rating is your requirement forward your diploma? I don’t really have much sympathy for the Special Snowflakes such a place attracts. I am just noting that Sanders wife looks to me to maybe have committed something that looks like fraud to me, though I don’t know that she’s done anything that she could be **charged** with. Morally she defrauded them. Of that I am certain.

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@ [RIX](#):

And a \$200K severance would translate to about a \$100K cash payout. That damned sure ain’t poor. I’d take it.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

I’d like to see his tax returns for the last decade or so, like they are pressuring Donald Trump for, or that they pressed Mitt Romney for. It is funny to me that they always ask for that from Republicans, not because the Republicans are crooks, but because they want to portray the Republicans as “wealthy”, and thus “evil”. The Republicans never press the Democrats to do what they are asking the Republicans to do, something I simply don’t understand. The Republican campaign strategists strike me as possibly deliberately incompetent. The minimum they should be demanding of the Democrats is what they are asking the Republicans for. That should be automatic, like blinking when you get an

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eyelash in your eye.

Then you think strategically, like asking for documentation of their net worth, and an explanation of where that money came from. With Clinton, if not Sanders, we **know** that the answers will be interesting as hell, and some of them are going to be **damning** as sshot. We know that she gotten don't I'll Ms to her family trust, apparently in exchange for changing American foreign policy. You may not be able to **prove** that beyond reasonable doubt, but you can eat Clinton up with the charge the same way that Obama/Reid ate Romney up with accusations that he hadn't paid taxes when they knew damned well that he **had** indeed paid his taxes. I **hope** that with Trump we are going to finally see a Republican who will really fight back. We haven't really seen that since Reagan beat Mondale. Rodan (and a **lot** of doom and gloomers on the Right) likes to point out that we've lost 5 out of the last 7 Presidential races (or whatever it is), which is **true**, but they don't take into account that we haven't fought **any** of those campaigns anywhere near all-out. Even George Bush did not fight all-out for his victories. Indeed, without the Swiftboat Vets for Truth Bush might very well have lost to Kerry. We don't **know** that for sure, but it certainly is possible.

@ [RIX](#):



**Iron
Fist**

We just did my last dosage of antibiotics for the day. We are having to domain liquid antibiotic so that we can get it into the infected part of my J-tube. Yeah, I have Another infection. I am also running a low-grade fever. I took a Tylenol for that. All just lovely. Goodnight, man!

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[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

That's the pattern. Don't fight back



**Iron
Fist**

Yep, and if you don't fight back you have to **expect** to get your ass kicked. The real world doesn't work the way Ghandi believed that it did in **most** instances. Ghandi won because essentially the British people that were his enemy were fundamendptally decent people, and when the rubber met the road they were unwilling to do acts that were manifestly evil. If Ghandi had been facing Martin Bormann instead of the British colonial leadership that he faced, Bormann would have simply **slaughtered** all of them. You **have** to fight backbit is, IMHO, a morale imperative that you defend yourself against Evil. I honestly believe that

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that is why Christ ordered His followers to sell their cloak to buy a sword if they didn't have a sword. Ghandi disagreed, but personally when given the choice between Jesus Christ and Mahatma Ghandi I will choose to follow Christ. Especially when Christ makes a hell of a lot more sense than Ghandi, at least in my humble opinion.

@ [eaglesoars](#):



**Iron
Fist**

Yeah, I can't seem to get ahead. Oh, well. It is what it is. I'll be OK. I figure that this is going to be my life for the foreseeable future. I just have to keep on fighting. Never give up. Never surrender. I am a big fan of Winston Churchill. That man had a big brass set on him. I may not be in his league, but I don't do too badly for myself.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [AZfederalist](#):

Thanks, man, I appreciate it. I am in God's Hands, at the end of the day. God will take care of me.

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@ [lobo91](#):



**Iron
Fist**

We have idiots in the Smokies who try to get pictures of themselves with the wildlife, especially black bears. It is a real problem in Cades Cove, which is an absolutely beautiful place in the region. I've seen nutjobs get between a mama bear and her cubs, which is about as smart as playing Russian Roulette with a belt-fed weapon. The bears seem to recognize that these idiots aren't a threat, but it only takes spooking one bear one time for there to be a tragedy. And the tragedy isn't the idiots getting themselves perished, but the bear or other animal that will wind up euthanized because these idiots couldn't wait for a picture of themselves with a bear.

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**Iron
Fist**

Ok,I am done at the Pain Management Clinic. As I expected, they have put me on OxyCONTIN. That bugs the Mafia Princess more than it bothers me, but I don't want to become an opioid addict, either. Anyway, that is where I stand this morning.

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Iron

@ [Phantom Ace](#):

Yeah, after having gone through this I am much more pro-pot for pain killers, and I am more pro-pot in general. If your ox is the one getting

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Fist gored you become much more interested in how oxen are regulated, so to speak.

@ [Lily](#):

Wow! Nice stuff, but pricey. I especially like the one entitled *He Could Have Called Ten Thousand Angels*. That is my kind of artwork. My wife has some canvas prints of some angel paintings that her stepmother did. She is an artist, too, and pretty/ good. We have a couple of her originals in addition to some canvas prints.



**Iron
Fist**

We also have some original watercolors of New Orleans sites in our dining room that were done by an artist that the Mafia Princesses' dad sponsored. There are six of them. There were originally two sets of these watercolors, but she gave one set to a personal friend with the understanding that if she ever got tired of them she would give them back rather than sell them. These are prettying high-quality watercolor originals. The set we have badly needs to be reframed, though.

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What I really wish I could get [the Death Dealer](#) canvas print, but at \$795 I just don't have the money. I have an art-quality print of this painting. Two, in fact, in different sizes, but they are just things I bought off of EBay. I am going to get the larger one framed for my office. But if I could afford it I would have the canvas print.



**Iron
Fist**

@ [momcat](#):

Congratulations! I hope to live so long as to see my marriage turn 30. We'll hit the five-year mark on August 20th. Tempus Fugit. I am so lucky to have her. I can't imagine going through this cancer with any of the other women who have been in my life over the decades.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [lobo91](#):

That is more excellent news. We are getting our ass kicked with Gay Marriage, but we are kicking their ass on the Second Amendment. As we should. After all, we have an Amendment in the Bill of Rights on our side.

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What amendment or Clause of the Constitution gives the Federal Government the **right** to force the individual States on how they must

define marriage? That was the reasoning when they threw out DOMA. Now they say the Federal Government has the **duty** to define marriage and force all the States to agree to their definition?

How do they square that circle? If the decision on Gay Marriage is right, then the decision on DOMA was **wrong**. If it is up to the Federal Government to define marriage, then the Legislature did that with DOMA. The Court overstepped its bounds throwing that law out.

Anyway, at least we are winning on the Second Amendment. If I had to pick issues to lose and win, that is how I would have chosen to do it, but I maintain that the two gay marriage cases are logically incompatible.

@ [Aussie Infidel](#):

It is appalling, and all the Feds want to do is hide it. I, myself, am a suicide survivor, though I was only 18 at the time and not a combat vet, but I know what that kind of despair feels like up close and personal. I also know that it is survivable. How to convey that knowledge, though, is a real problem.

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@ [Phantom Ace](#):

I don't see anything like that happening where I live. The only thing that my Old Lady is concerned about is that after the way they've gone after the Confederate Flag, I've taken to riding with a Confederate Flag on Angel. The Mafia Princess is concerned some Leftist might vandalize the bike. While I will acknowledge that is possible, I don't see it as likely, either. She is basing her fears on the way things were in San Jose, where such a concern would have been well warranted. Maybe things like that happen where you are located, too. I have given up trying to extrapolate the political climate in other parts of the Country other than to say things are much better here than they appear to be elsewhere.

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As for your carrying a gun, that's cool. Just don't get yourself in trouble without it. Be prepared to defend yourself, but always be mindful that it is self-defense or the defense of others that is justified. So do you like the Baby Eagle? I prefer a .45 myself, and if I ever decide get a permit and carry I will get a Glock 30S as my carry gun. I have a Glock 21 that would be great for Open Carry, but it is a bit too big for concealed carry. The Glock 30S is a smaller form factor, but it still holds 10 rounds of .45, and it will take 13 round Glock 21 magazines if I feel that I need them.

Did you see the painting that my tattoo artist did for me? It is way cool. It is of the snake that he is tattooing on my right side. We have had to hold off on working on that because of chemo, so he did the painting for me to cheer me up. We're going to get back to working on it, though. Maybe an hour at a time until we get it knocked out. I am doing a bit of work on my right hand first, which my wife hates, but it is what I want. She worries that I will have trouble finding a job, but I worry that I will die with my tattoos unfinished.

Anyway, here's the painting Steev did for me, if you missed it. I am so fortunate to have family like him in my life.

@ [Phantom Ace](#):

On real meaning for the snake. The actual tattoo is a coverup. I had a large demon tattooed on my right side that never really wormed out for me. I banged around for a number of years, and finally decided to get it covered up. My wife called it the "Creepy Thing", and it most definitely was that. I was at a much different point in my life when I got it. I wouldn't get it today.

Anyway, once I'd made the decision to cover it up, I asked myself what I would put there if it were blank canvas, and a Japanese snake jumped immediately out at me. I spent a year or so looking at designs, found a few that were Moore or less whatever I liked, and let Steev go from there. We've been working on it more than a year, but half of that time I haven't been getting tattooed because of the cancer. I am going to try to have it done by Christmas this year.



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Steev is a really great guy. You'd like him. I've been working with him for 11-12 years now. I started out a casual customer, and we have become family over the years.

I think we are in agreement in thanking God for the Second Amendment. Have you seen all the judicial victories we've been racking up on that score? Things aren't as great as I'd like them to be, but we've been racking up solid judicial gains all over the United States. I want to see the Supreme Court say "strict scrutiny", and then throw out the 1934 NFA and 1968 GCA. **That** would be a true *Brown v Board of Education* decision

for the Second Amendment. That is what I hope for.

I do pray that you never need to defend yourself. I've had to use a gun in self-defense twice in my life, and I never fired a shot in either case. Hell, I don't think I even cocked the weapon (it was my Roger Security Six .357 Magnum both times). The presence of the weapon was sufficient to deter my assailant in both cases. Keep that in mind if you ever do have to draw your weapon. Be prepared, like the Boy Scout motto used to be.

Oh, and there is my tattoo work in progress. I am really proud of this one. It is my favorite tattoo.

@ [RIX](#):

I have never seen it, either, but my wife has had people get really nasty with her online about it. There is a lot of difference between someone saying vile things on Facebook, and someone actually initiating an encounter that has the potential for real-world physical violence. For all that the Left likes to portray the Right as being on the brink of violence, that is, in my experience, almost exclusively projection. Devotees of Bill Ayres accuse people like you and I of wanting violence, when it was their boy who wanted to exterminate 25 million Americans back in the early 1970s. I guess that number is close to 50 million today.

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Anyway, that is what I see on the ground. I am sure that there are Trump supporters who go over the line on the Internet, so maybe you get some of these guys liquored up and they'd come out with some noise like Phantom Ace is reporting. I've just never seen it around here. Of course, when I am out in public people tend to remain calm around me for some reason

@ [coldwarrior](#):

Evil. They should hang that bastard. Anyone who attacks a child is stepping beyond the bounds of civilization. They are animals, whatever their nominal "race". And speaking of [animals, check this shit out](#):

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HOUSTON (KTRK) — Houston police have named a suspect in the fatal

stabbing of an 11-year-old boy. Josue Flores was killed as he was walking home from school in north Houston yesterday afternoon.

Police are looking for Che Lajuan Calhoun, 31, who is now charged in Josue's murder.

Reports say Calhoun is a local homeless man who goes by 'Detroit', since he is originally from Michigan

The perpetrator here happened to be black, his victim a Latino. Scumbag should be impaled. I realize that there are good, solid reasons why "cruel and unusual" punishment is forbidden to the government, but sometimes "cruel and unusual" is equivalent to **justice**. In any event, I see shit like this, and I just want them to end their days screaming.

[coldwarrior](#) wrote:

out lookin for trouble? yep, you'll find it. you will find exactly what you are looking for.



**Iron
Fist**

Yeah, if you look for trouble you will assuredly find it. We used to look for people like that out at the bar when I was a bouncer, and work on keeping them isolated until they got tired and went home, or did something that we could kick them out for. They certainly weren't welcome. Our goal was a **peaceful** night. Something that we delivered on a regular basis after we got the crowd sized up, and people came to know **us** for the type of men that we are. That was fun, and I am certainly glad that I did it, but the Mafia Princess wouldn't like me staying out until 4:00 in the morning at a bar on Friday and Saturday nights.

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**Iron
Fist**

My PT Cruiser was worse. It ate its transmission at 30K miles, and that was when I discovered that the "new" 2006 model that they sold me in 2007 had been titled as a rental by the dealership, so it had **never** had a warranty. It ran great up to that point, so I'd have never known otherwise if it hadn't decided to self-destruct. I couldn't afford to replace it, so I repaired it, but from then on for the next several years it was in and out of the shop for one thing or another. It'd run good for about a year when I totaled it, though. We'd decided that we were going to keep her and dress her out, but God had another path in mind

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for me. I had a little bit of trouble right out of the gate with the Freewheeler, but we got that taken care of at no cost to us, and she's been great ever since. The Barley name is synonymous with quality these days. Although the VP of the Tennessee chapter of the Infidels told me he'd bought a new Harley (Road Glide, IIRC), and she'd started leaking oil almost immediately. He'd gotten that taken care of though. I don't mind a little shakeout on a new vehicle, as all the parts wear on each other for the first few thousand miles, and get themselves brokenness in well. I know I'd rather have Angel than anything on four wheels. Over the next few years I intend to customize the hell out of her, and ride her as much as possible.

[mfhorn](#) wrote:

Harley's tend to be loud.



**Iron
Fist**

That is one of the things that we **love** about them. Angel has custom slip-on mufflers that are designed to so d good. I need to look them up to see what, if any, horsepower gains they bring with them. They were part of the package of customization that were on the bike when I bought her, and they sound significantly different than the stock mufflers. Louder and deeper. I'm eventually going to do about \$2500 worthwhile of further upgrades to the air-intake/headers, and exhaust system. That will get me some more horses, and improve her looks and sound even more.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):

yeah, if my cruiser had had a warranty I'd have been much less exercised about the whole thing. Learning that I'd been robbed by the dealer left a really bad taste in my mouth. There was nothing I could do about it, though. The dealership was one of the Chrysler dealerships that didn't survive the Government bailout, so there want anybody I could sue for selling me a used car as a new car.



**Iron
Fist**

We did the top-of-the-line buy-up warranty for the Harley. I have over six more years of warranty, bumper to bumper. That limits some of the customization that I would like to do to her, because sometimes certain customizations will void your warranty. This like chopping your frame, which you can really understand. I want to do a Big Wheel front end. I'd really wanted to do a 26", but that would require chopping the frame.

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Fortunately, Kewl Metal makes a front end triple-tree that is a bolt-on for a 23" wheel. So I lose 3" of wheel diameter in exchange for keeping my warrants intact. Given that the Big Wheel is all about looks rather than performance, and I will call that an acceptable compromise. It'll be a while deforestation I do that bit of customization, though. I'd rather do there performance work I spoke of earlier first, and then when I am doing looks I am more interested in things like the handlebars, engine guards, and custom paint than I am the Big Wheel Bagger look (and a trike is really a species of Bagger).

I can easily see Angel becoming a money sump, and I am OK with that as long as I can keep the Mafia Princess sold on it. I have lots of plans for the bike. I just have to live long enough to do them, and then accumulate the money necessary to get all the mods done.

@ [coldwarrior](#):

Yeah, when I was talking with the guy about the air-intake/headers changes, he essentially said as much about the air-intake. That it was kind of that you had to do it all before any of it mattered much. Having the custom pipes helps the overall design, but that I needed several other components, including a computer control module, before it would add up to anything. The air-intake I want is just about \$350, but whenever you get all of the otherwise parts, including about \$1000 worth of work on the dyno to tune the system right, before it would matter. He said you basically couldn't piecemeal it together. I could buy the parts as I could afford them, but the whole thing had to come together at once. I am going to sell a couple of rifles to get the money together to do this work, and either the custom handlebars or the custom upholstery. Even when I sell the guns the Mafia Princess doesn't want me to spend the money on Angel, but to rat-hole it for a rainy day. We'll see, but the Old Lady is the Budget Nazi, so she usually gets what she wants in that regard.

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [Lily](#):

So to speak I don't need the horsepower, really. I can run her at 90 in 6th gear and not break 4500 RPM. IIRC, really. I haven't paid that much attention to my top end except to note that I have a lot more room to go when I am at 90. Since I am not going to be going much faster than 90, ever, I'd say that stock she has enough horsepower. Adding the air-

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**Iron
Fist**

intake, headers, EFI control module, and so forth will give me some more fire off the line in the low end, but it isn't like I have anything to complain about in that regard, either.

I could drop a 120ci engine in her for \$6000-7000, or spend \$5000 on a turbocharger, but why? It isn't like I am going to be racing her, and I am most definitely not made of money. I have weapons and art that I want to buy, too, and I really have been trying to "nest" here in the Mafia Princesses' house for over 5 years, and have mixed results. It still feels more like her house than mine. We need to do some modest repairs on the inside, including finishing painting the interior, and some patching and repairs. We are less than impressed with the quality of the workmanship in our house. That's what happens when n you hired illegal immigrant labor to cut corners.

Lots of places to put our money, and my disability isn't going to pay what I was making as a Software Engineer. God will provide. I have all that I need. There's just a lot more that I'd **like** to have

@ [coldwarrior](#):

Maybe I should get a purple metallic flake Escalade? That'd be special. I definitely want the purple metallic flake color for my base color when we paint Angel. I think we are going to do purple, orange, gold, and white pearl as the main colors. I also want to do some kind of biomech in the graphics, I think. Steev and I are going to have to work to come up with what all of that means. I might wind up just with the color graphics, and not much airbrushing. Then again, we may come up with a kick ass art package with color portrait or something. I am definitely stuck on the purple metallic flake as the main color, though. We're going to use House of Color paint, and they have a number of different shades of purple metallic flake that are possibilities for the main color. This is going to be fun as hell. Cherry had beautiful paint, but I think we can one-up her when you add in the fact that the color palate is my own choice, and then you add in Steev's custom artwork. She'll be a one-of-a-kind when we are done with her.



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@ [coldwarrior](#):

Oh, definitely! It'll be a while, though. Steev wants to do his Electroglide first, so that he can get the basics figured out, and then we will do Angel.

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I'll have to pay for my paint, and I intend to give him a good tip for his work, but he doesn't charge me for his art and labor anymore. He considers us family, and he doesn't charge family for his work, but he will accept tips:-)

@ [Lily](#):

Those are some nice black and gray pieces. Some of those would make awesome tattoos from the right tattoo artist. I initially was going to do my right sleeve as black and gray, but about halfway through it I decided I wanted full color. My left sleeve was color from almost the first, though one of the dragons is a black and gray piece. The Dore stuff would be really great for, say, a big backpiece, or chestpiece.

If I had started into my artwork snowing how far I wanted to go with it, I'd have done my sleeves a little differently. I'd have done full color from the get go, and full sleeve designs, instead of smaller pieces that we then fit together with fill work. My right sleeve is more of that than my left. I'd have done my left wrist differently, though my right wrist, which is my bracelet of skulls that is 100% Steve's original design, is one of my favorites. The main thing I'd have done differently in my left wrist would have been I wouldn't have closed it off with a Celtic knotwork bracelet, but left it open so that I could have made a more seamless transition between my sleeve and my hand, and I wouldn't have done the Eye of Ra tattoo at all.



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I'd have done my eagle in my right sleeve as an American Traditional piece, and I would have made it my memorial tattoo to my bedpost friend Sam who was killed when I was 18. I have the memorial tat on my back, as a large skull and crossbones with banners, which is cool, but putting it on my forearm would have let me do a second Red Lion on my backpiece, which would have been a bit better than what I have.

All in all it is little stuff that I'd change. I guess I have over 50 tattoos, depending on what you count as "a" tattoo. Is my right sleeve one big tattoo, or 15 small tattoos? Eventually I want to have only one tattoo, which will be my bodysuit. I still have a lot of work to do before I get there, though. I love my artwork. While there are little changes that I'd make if I'd known from the beginning where I wanted to go, none of it is major. The only tattoo that I was really unhappy with completely was the Creepy Thing, and that is what my snake covers up.

@ [Lily](#):

When I was a kid, black was the only color for me. I wore solid black almost all of the time. But as I've aged, I have found myself drawn to other, more vibrant colors. Purple is now my favorite color, hands down. It is only natural that I'd want my bike in purple. I really can't wait until we are able to paint her. If Steve weren't doing the artwork, I couldn't afford to have it done. At the Harley shop they want \$5K just for the one color purple metallic flake. If we are able to do Angel like I want her, we'd be looking at \$8-10 thousand for the paint job, and I just couldn't swing it. As is, we're going to have to price out the paint, figure out how much of which colors to get, and then do the painting. I am stoked about it, though. There's no doubt about that.



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[RIX](#) wrote:

She volunteered for Obama.



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A loyal Servant of **Satan**. I thought "Sauron" first, but if she volunteered for Obama, and has now quit her job to run an anti-Trump blog, then I think "Satan" is more accurate.

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@ [Lily](#):

Yeah, I like Date quite a lot. I pretty much have all the artwork either purchased or at least picked out for my office/man cave. We are going to put the painting Steve gave me in the most prominent place in the room. It is going to act as a unifying piece for the room, to tie together the different colors that I want. The room is going to be black and orange (Harley colors), purple, and blue. I am going to do one more neon sign in the room, but I haven't decided if it will be another Harley sign, or if I want to do a Shelby Cobra sign. I can get either one off of EBay for pretty much the same price, so it is a matter of deciding. I have the *Death Dealer* print, and a schematic in Russian of a PKM light machinegun, and I am going to do a Giger print of some sort. I have a couple of different Giger pieces. I just have to decide which one I want, and get it framed. We've got pretty much all the pieces, it is just getting some framing done, and then the furniture moved.



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Now, there is still furniture to be bought. My wife has an antique daybed that is in there right now, that I want to replace with a couch or settee,

and we want to replace my office chair. We need a TV, TV stand, and maybe a small bookcase/curio cabinet. All of which takes money. Where's my **fair share** of **free shit**? As much as I pay in taxes, you'd think

I deserved something

@ [Lily](#):

That sucks about your family. You have mentioned this before, and I just don't get it. How issue it that you can go through major surgery and medically problems, and your own mother doesn't come visit you in the hospital? Both of my sisters came up to see me during one kg my first chemo treatments, which was something of a surprise. My youngest sister is 14 years younger than me, so we are not very close. I'd move out of the house when she was four years old. But she came to see me, which was really nice.

I've related to y'all something of the abusive, cruel nature of my mother, and she would drop anything she was doing to come to my aid if I needed her. She doesn't know why she did the cruel things to us that she did. Mentality illness, I presume, though she has never, to my knowledge, sought treatment. In any event, I have forgiven her all of that. It is the past, and there is no sense in dwelling on it. Like I said, if I need her, she will be there for me now.



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The Mafia Princess and her mother were estranged for 15 years or so because of her mother's actions, but her mother had been reaching out to her for a good portion of that time, and my wife refused to forgive her because she wouldn't apologize for something that she'd done. I didn't much understand that, either, but at least her mother was reaching out to her. We went down to New Orleans to see her a couple of years ago, and it was a really nice trip. We will no doubt come down there to visit her again, and when we do I'd love to do dinner with you, Calo, ISTE, and whomever else is down in your neck of the woods.

@ [Lily](#):

Cool! I don't know what artwork we will get on Angel yet. I know that I want a Chi Rho out front and center, maybe done up the way one of Giger's impressive pieces is done. We could do some kind of Good/Evil theme, with half they imagery Christian, and the other half something darker. I am wanting to do my neck in a good/Evil theme, with among



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other things a tattooed of Praying Hands with a Rosary prominently on my Left side, and something more sinister on the right side. Not too sinister. No Pentagrams, or goat's heads, or anything like that, but darker imagery. Maybe a bat wing, or even the full bat. Or I may change my mind about the darker stuff. But I know I want the praying hands on the left side of my neck, complete with the Rosary even though I am not Catholic. I like the symbolism of the Rosary.

My wife, OTOH, isn't fond of it at all. I had asked her to get a tattoo of a Rosary around her ankle with the Cross down on her foot, and she flatly refused. Oh, well. I think that is a remarkably attractive tattoo.

[Lily](#) wrote:

What about a velvet purple couch?



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That is exactly what we are looking for. We haven't found exactly what we want yet, though. I'd like to get something Victorian and reupholster it, but my wife doesn't really like that idea. World Market has a couch that is just about perfect for \$700, but its is blue velvet instead of purple, and my heart is kind of set on the purple. We've found some things at Wayfair that have potential. We'll see.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):



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Well that sucks, but it is what it is. The Mafia Princess generally lets me decide for myself about things like that. She would be pissed at me if I tattooed my face, and Steev might refuse to tattoo my face because of the potentially negative consequences for my employment prospects because of it. She doesn't want me to tattoo my head for the same reason. She didn't want me to tattoo my hands, either, but that ship has sailed.

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@ [Lily](#):



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PTSD is hard. You do need both drug therapy and counseling to work through it, at least I did. My PTSD comes from two sources: the accident where Sam was killed, and then the results of the psychological/emotional torture that my mother put me through as a kid. My case had been resistant to treatment partly because everybody saw the massive trauma of Sam's death, and that was as far as they looked. The thought that I had PTSD ten years before Sam's death never occurred

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to anybody.

One of the treatments that I have been through is [EMDR](#). That provided a good bit of relief from Sam's death, but the results faded. I tried it again with a different clinician, but that had no impact whatsoever. Now, though, we realize that the part of my PTSD that it helped was with the single-point trauma from Sam's death. The other etiology for my PTSD, though, is the longer-term, repeated traumas from my mother. EMDR seems to work well for the single-point trauma PTSD like accidents, but doesn't do so well for people whose PTSD was caused by repeated traumas like child abuse entails. Just my luck to have both.

That said, when my psychiatrist coerced me into quitting Dex, which was **great** for my PTSD, it gave her a new direction for us to pursue in drug therapy, and I am much better today than I was a couple of years ago, and without the negative side-effects of the Dex, especially at the fairly high dosages that I was taking it.

Good luck on your treatment. They know so much more about PTSD today than they did 20 years ago.

@ [Calo](#):

My condolences on the passing of your father. It is very hard to lose a parent, and daughters and fathers have a special relationship that is, as I understand it, much different than that between fathers and sons. I pray that God will guide and comfort you through this time of grief and loss. As far as me and the Mafia Princess coming down there, it will happen, barring something tragic (like me dying). when it will happen is up in the air, but we are hoping for next year sometime. I probably want ride the trike, but I might. If I can have made it into the Infidels by then, I might ride just so I could ride and meet the people in the various chapters along the way. Either way, though, we will be back in NOLA eventually. It is a beautiful, historic city.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):

Politic is War. You are right. Trump gets that. It doesn't look like he is going to do a Romney, and just shut up for the next couple of months while Clinton attacks him mercilessly, the way Romney went MIA versus Obama after he'd cinched the GOP nomination. Is hope that Trump is about to show the GOP how to win a Presidential Election. I'll then pray

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that God grants him wisdom to govern according to the principles that he ran on. I am very much afraid that he won't, but we will cross that bridge when we come to it. Defeating Clinton has to come first. I have yet to be able to sell the Mafia Princess on that, but she is just one voter, and this state is a safe state for Trump, anyway, even if Bill Kristol manages to con someone into running 3rd Party to try to throw the election to the House. That isn't a winning strategy, but I was never overly impressed with Kristol's political acumen to begin with.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

Yeah, I'd love to see someone ask Chelsea Clinton what she thought of her father's treatment of women, and whether Juanita Broderick deserved a fair and impartial hearing of her charges against the SOB. That would be priceless. That's one reason that it will never happen. Chelsea Clinton would never consent to such an interview. You'll notice that even today the Press treats Chelsea Clinton with the difference that they gave her when she was twelve years old. Hell, she's about old enough to run for President herself. Quit it with the kid-glove treatment.



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@ [coldwarrior](#):

Yeah, I am not much of a fan of the whole *Weekly Standard* crowd. They are right on most of the issues, it they are elitists, and don't hide the fact that they are looking down their noses at most of the rest of the Republican Party. That gets old very quickly, especially after watching them repeatedly lose elections, and not governing according to their putative ideology when they are elected. Screw that.



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@ [RIX](#):

I think Al Sharpton is strategically illiterate, by which I mean his seeming incoherence is a deliberate pose. Either he has a clue about marketing, or he is the front-man for someone who has a clue about marketing. What is sad is that this strategic illiteracy sells well smoggy in the black community to make him into a multimillionaire. Absolutely sad.



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@ [brookly red](#):

I'd rather just send the Mohammedans to Hell unaccompanied. *Highway to Hell* is a great song by AC/DC, but I have no desire to visit the place personally.



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@ [RIX](#):

They want everyone to be equal, by which they mean equally miserable. It is part of how they want to control us. If we all live in high crime rate areas, they can sell heavy-handed, abusive law enforcement, and people will be happy to get it. If you live in Compton, and are a law abiding citizen, who wouldn't want Dirty Harry Callahan as the cop on their beat? Of course, in the real world a cop like that is probably on the gangsters' payroll, but the fantasy illusion of having a cop with balls who doesn't let the "rules" get in his way would be tremendously attractive.



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@ [Lily](#):

I routinely go 75-80 on the expressway around town on Angel. The Infidels that I am trying to join suggested I work on getting comfortable at 80. I normally would do 70, so it hasn't been a big effort on my part. I have done over 90 for short distances, just because I was on a clear highway, and I wanted to see what it was like. I am a cautious rider, but you have to accept a certain amount of risk to ride a motorcycle. That is as true for a strike as it is for a regular bike. Indeed, even if you are on a little Vespa you are having to accept more risk than you would in a car. Personally, I would rather be on a good bike with a decent sized motor than a Vespa. A Vespa just isn't going to have the acceleration that a good motorcycle is going to have, and sometimes speed is life on a bike. Angel has a 103ci engine, so she will get up and go when she needs to. I have about \$2500 worth of performance enhancements I want to get done to her. I'm not going to drop a bigger engine in her, though. That would cost me \$6K-7K, and it just isn't worth that kind of money to me to be able to say I have a 124ci engine. I looked at putting a turbo on her, but that is still \$4K+. I just don't have the money for a luxury like that. I have a lot of other customization work that I want one her more.



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@ [lobo91](#):

That is a horrible, stupid move on the college's part. It is amazing to me to see the lengths that society is going to allow the LGBTQWERTY people to dictate to the rest of us how we must act, say, and even **think**. This is incipient totalitarianism in the United States. They are not hiding the fact that they intend a dictatorship of the minority. I am not militantly anti-gay, or even particularly anti-gay at all. I agree with the *Lawrence* decision that legalized homosexuality in the privacy of your own home when it is between consenting adults. But **that** is as far as it should go. People's



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private lives are their private business, but the key here is **private**.

Being gay doesn't give them any special rights that they may dictate to me what I must do, most **especially** when their dictates run counter to my religious faith. If no reasonable compromise is possible, I would rather overturn *Lawrence* than allow the gays, who are 2-3% of the population, to dictate how society is going to be. The gays need to think this through. If it comes down to it they are way outnumbered, and outgunned.

I'd rather a peaceful accommodation were possible, but that doesn't extend as far as allowing them to dictate what I may say, do (within reason), and think. I used to have a lot of good will towards the gays, but they've pretty well burned through all of that in the last few years. I've had gay friends in the past, and wouldn't rule out someone as a potential friend just because they were gay in the future. But the militant gays are my enemy as surely as the Muslims and Democrats are my enemy.

@ [AZfederalist](#):

It is also a damned good reason not to have the Federal Government funding damned near everything. That gives them the power to essentially dictate policy to the States in areas that the Federal Government has no business telling the States what they must do. Our Federal Government has accreted far too much power to itself. We need to redress this. I am not sure that an Article V Convention is what we need, but I can't think of any **other** way to accomplish what needs to be done. I am not even sure that an Article V Convention will do what we want. What do we do if we get the Convention of the States, pass needed Constitutional reforms, and Fedzilla tells us to go pound it up our ass? We **have** to go to war in that event. We will have no choice but to start killing people over it. I am not saying that that is a reason not to have the Convention, but we need to go into it with our eyes wide open, knowing that one of the possible results of this exercise is Civil War.

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@ [rain of lead](#):

I want planning on watching the show, anyway, so it is no big deal to me. Hollywood seems to have ran out of ideas. You have a few people burning out original work. The Marvel movies have been stellar, for the most part, and I have enjoyed all of the X-Men movies, but Peter Jackson is out of Tolkein books to make movie's of, unless he wants to take a hand at shanding out of *The Silmarilion* . The tale of Beren and

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Luthien would be interesting, or the actual war for the Silmarils. Lots of bloodshed there to capitalize on, like there was for *The Battle of the Five Armies*. I haven't read *The Silmarilion* in probably 25 years. It was good, but not in the same league as *The Lord of the Rings* was.

There are occasional winners like *John Wick*, but I just don't see the kind of creativity you saw in the movie industry 25 years ago. They remake good movies from the past, and something of them are worth seeing, but they really need new ideas.

@ [mfhorn](#):

@ [lobo91](#):

Lobo is right here. They'd never get 38 States to ratify it, so that wouldn't happen. By the same token, though, I don't think that **we** could get 38 States to ratify the Amendments we need to pass, either, which makes the whole thing smoothing of an exercise in futility from the Start. We aren't quite tied 25 States to 25 States, but I doubt that we could carry 30 States on anything significant.

The Constitution is hard to Amend quite deliberately, and it **should** be. We don't really need Amending the Constitution so mMuch as we need to **enforce** the Constitution as it is written, not the way Liberal Judges decree that at is. Take the Second Amendment. It is plain as day what the Amendment says, and equally clear what it means for gun control, which is about what the 13th Amendment did for slavery. Yet we are debating whether the Federal Government, or the governments of the various States, can ban "Assault Weapons". We aren't debating the legality of slavery, and gun control is equally a violation of American's civil rights. It just isn't formally only applied to part of Americans based on their skin color the way slavery and Jim Crow were.

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I don't want to Amend the Constitution so much as I want to force the Federal Government to govern understand it assault at is written now. I don't see how a Convention of States gets us there, unless we are prepared to march on Washington militarily, and remove the cancer at its source.



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@ [Aussie Infidel](#):

Cool! I am a huge Tolkein fan myself, though not quite to that level. I think *The Lord of the Rings* was the best work of fiction in the 20th Century, rather than something by Hemmingway, or the like. I've read LOTR at least 15 times. And I loved the movies. I was worried about how they would turn out, but Jackson knocked it out of the park.

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@ [Aussie Infidel](#):

I have a pink cherry blossom tattooed in the Ditch on my left arm, so they shouldn't be afraid of me! Damn, but if you'd told me when was 17 that by the time I was 47 I would be having flowers tattooed on my ass, I'd have thought you were insane, but my big Japanese snake does just that. And I have a huge purple lotus tattooed on my chest. Allow in all I have a number of flower tattoos. But I have **more** skull tattoos, so I guess they balance out

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It has been a Hell of a morning. I went to start my trike yesterday, and found that I'd forgotten to put her on the battery tender when I parked her before my last round of chemo. Oops. So she was dead as a stone. I hooked up the charger, and found that the charger wasn't working, either. Lovely. So we went to Wally World last night, and got a charger. Charged all night, but now the charger is telling me I have a bad battery. Joy. But I built up enough of a charge to show me that I'd left the light kit on. I've turned off the light kit, and am going to give it a little while and see if I can build up enough of a charge to get it to the dealership. If I can, I'll ride out there, and get the battery checked. So it has been a lovely morning. On the plus side, they've put me on Oxycontin for my cancer pain, and it appears that it will work for me. My pain levels are much reduced from Monday or Tuesday.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):

Yeah, it is sad. Trump supporters get down the road about being nasty, and if you look around on the internet you can certainly find examples of that. But the people who are against Trump are just as bad. They are, as we see here, into name calling, and sweeping generalizations that just aren't true. Even my wife is getting nasty about it. I said something yesterday about agreeing with Trump 85% of the time, and she fairly bit my head off. We've had to agree not to talk about politics because she can't

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be civil about it..

I don't get that. Any of it. I am neither a #NeverTrump guy, nor much of a Trump supporter, except that I'd prefer Trump to Hillary Clinton. I'll hold my nose and vote for him in the Fall, and pray that he believes that 85% of the time I agree with him, and governs accordingly. I don't think that is an unreasonable position.

And as for comparing CVs, I can't be called trailer trash, either. My tested IQ is a bit lower than yours, but I am still 3 standard deviations from the mean on IQ, which isn't bad. I'm still in the top 1% (99.7% of the population falls within 3 standard deviations, and I am just at the top of the third standard deviation at 145), just not as far in there as you are. I am well educated with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science, and an Associates of Applied Science in Computer Science (mathmatic and science emphasis). I had a 3.05 in my Bachelor's degree, but a solid 4.0 in my my AAS. I also have a certificate in welding from the local vocational school.

So I have had a well-rounded education that includes a STEM degree. I've got almost 20 years of experience as a Software Developer, and was titled as a Software Engineer in my last job. With the kind and quality of the work I was turning out, I feel that the Engineer title was justified.

In the honors department I was a National Merit Scholarship winner to Florida State. That's not to shabby, in and of itself. I had trouble in my first degree recluse of the hell my personal life went through during that time, but I still managed to graduate, though I transferred to the University of Tennessee for a couple of years to finish my degree.

All in all, it is hard to call me redneck trailer trash, though I **am** a biker, tattoos and all.



@ [eaglesoars](#):

I don't think iphe is saying that Poland **shoukd** have an Authoritarian dictatorship,

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Iron Fist but that by voting in a Right-Wing government the people are **wanting** one. It is the typical name-calling from the Left. He doesn't like their government because it is Right-Wing, nationalist, and populist, so he must call them names.

Iron Fist  [@ eaglesoars:](#)

Transgender is trendy on the Left today, and these kids are pawns in their parent's political games. I feel really sorry for the kids. This is a form of child abuse, in my opinion, but I don't know what you can do about it. Parents have a right to raise their kids the way they want, within reason. But some of these parents are going so far as to have their kids given hormone treatments, which is malpractice on the part of the doctors involved, but other than filing an ethics complaint against them with the AMA, I don't think there is even a lot you can do to the doctors. It is terrible for the kids, though.

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Iron Fist  [@ texasam7:](#)

I never liked the Scouring of the Shire, though I know why Tolkein put it in. It is a good pro-citizen, pro-self-defense section of the book. I just never cared for it.

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Iron Fist  [@ Aussie Infidel:](#)

Cool! The movies make me want to visit New Zealand, though I doubt I will ever make it there. I badly want to see Russia (St.Petersburg and Moscow)), Japan, and China, and the Mafia Princess wants to see Europe. We'll see what we can do in the way of travel. We have to get out of debt before we can consider traveling anywhere except New Orleans, where my Old Lady's mother lives, or California, where the rest of her family lives. I also have a sister in Charleston that we intend to visit at some point. Charleston is such a historically important city. I want to see it again, and it would be the first time for my wife. Australia and New Zealand would be really cool to visit, but financially I don't see it happening.

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Iron Fist  [@ Aussie Infidel:](#)

Ultimately hate poisons **you**. It does nothing significant to the target of your hate. It is especially troubling to see this hate focused at people who used to be their friends. Of course, during the period before the American Civil War you had this same kind of

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thing going on. The issues of the day split families, much as the issues of today are splitting families.

You can see why I call it the Cold Civil War. I am afraid that it is only a matter of time before it breaks into a hot Civil War. I am not particularly worried about the outcome of such a thing. Meterosexuals and transgenders aren't going to out-fight Southern rednecks, crackers, or whatever names you want to call us.

I do worry about the split on the Right, though. We need to recognize the 85% of the time we are in agreement, and agree to disagree on the 15% or so of the time that we disagree. There is no reason to be hateful or bitter about it.

I am not a fan of Trump, by any stretch of the imagination, but I recognize that from what he **says** his positions are I agree with him about 85-90%. There are some issues, like ObamaCare, where he is **very** wrong, but his rhetoric is correct most of the time.

The only caveat about that is that 5-10 years ago he was espousing the opposite position on most of these positions. It is like the NRA endorsing him today. From his rhetoric today, the Second Amendment will have no greater champion than him, but in 1994 he was all for the "Assault Weapons" ban. Will he follow through on his rhetoric? We will only know if we elect him.

But we **know** what Clinton will do on the issue, and on all the other issues. I agree with Donald Trump about 85% of the time. I agree with Hillary Clinton a solid 0% of the time. There is literally no major issue that I am anywhere near agreement with Clinton on. My choice is between someone that I disagree with some of the time, and whose dedication to the cause I question, and a solid, cast iron **enemy**, with whom I share no common ground.

To me the choice is clear, and I don't honestly understand people who don't see this simple truth. My Old Lady is a #NeverTrump person, and is quite uncivil about it. We have had to quit talking about it entirely because she can't maintain civility on the issue even with me. It is what it is, though. We live in very interesting times. If Trump wins, which I fervently pray for, the battle just begins. It is going to be a very

interesting first term for him. We will see if he means what he says.

@ [lobo91](#):

Obama is all gay, all the time. I expect him to come out of the closet after the election. He won't come out of the closet before the election, I don't believe, because it could negatively affect the election, but once it is over, he has no reason to keep hiding it. And someone who is pushing the gay agenda as much as he is pretty much **has** to be gay. Otherwise it simply isn't something that matters this much to them. He may come out as a Muslim as well, but I am not certain that he actually **is Islamophile**, there is no question about that, but he can love Islam and not be a Muslim. I love the Jews, and support Israel to the hilt, but I am not Jewish. Obama could be the same way with Islam.

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@ [lobo91](#):

Yep, that pretty much sums it up. He isn't likely to be as bad as Clinton would be, but I don't expect him to please me very much of the time. The same was true of both Romney and most especially McCain. I voted for McCain knowing I'd hate most of what a McCain Administration did, but I voted for him because I understood **exactly** what we would get with an Obama Administration. And we certainly got what I expected from him, I am sorry to say. I can't understand why his favorability rating is in the high 20% range. I didn't realize that there were so many America haters out there. I know the Left Coastal is populated with them, as is the Northeast, but I am rather shocked that there are as many of them as there appear to be.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Good point. Ultimately the gay agenda is a dead end for civilization. Another reason to oppose it. I used to have a lot of good will towards the gays, but eight years into the Obama Administration they have mademoiselles plain what their true agenda is, and it is more than anything an **anti-Christian** agenda. So there is another reason Obama could be pushing their agenda. Because there is no question that Obama is very anti-Christian.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Better than I was earlier in the week, for certain. I will still have pain, but it is uncomfortable, not incapacitating.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Heh! Autocorrect can be interesting. What is the worst about this autocorrect is that it can go back and change words seemingly at random, rather than just correcting the word that you have just typed. So I really should proofread every post. But that is a real pain in the ass.



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[Sigh]

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@ [coldwarrior](#):

I don't gamble, but I have no problem with people that do. I don't see gambling as some kind of mortal sin, or anything like that. There are people for whom gambling is a real problem, but that is no reason to. Last time I was in Las Vegas I came out \$50 ahead because I found an abandoned \$50 bill laying next to a slot machine. Attention to detail paid off for me.



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And I **love** casinos I am a big people-atcher, and casinos are a wonderful sea of humanity to drift through. So while I wouldn't select a gambling destination for the primary reason I was visiting the place, an attached casino is a plus for me. Me and the Old Lady want to visit Atlantis sometime, and IIRC they have a casino. No big deal if they don't, but it could be fun if they do.

[2016/05/21 at
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[lobo91](#) wrote:



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Instead of enforcing the laws against the bad guys, they demand new laws to disarm the good guys. But that doesn't solve the problem, It only makes matters worse!

[2016/05/22 at
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This is deliberate. They **want** the crime rate to go up because they can then sway a segment of the “moderate” voters selling “common sense” gun control, which really isn’t common sense at all. It is creeping totalitarianism. The Left create the high-crime situation that they then use to manipulate the gullible into selling out their civil rights in the name off safety. And then when gun control fails to deliver that safety, like so many other Leftist positions, they claim that the reason it has failed is that we haven’t gone far enough to the Left to succeed. That we need to do what we are doing harder and faster, with the volume turned to 11, and then Utopia will be ours.

They are completely evil. They know this about themselves, and they **like** it. This is one reason that we must never surrender the Right to Keep and Bear Arms. We have already compromised too much on the issue. We need to roll back most (if not all) of the gun restrictions that are on the books. **That** would put a smile on my face, without doubt.

@ [coldwarrior](#):



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Exactly. Historically, a strong middle class has been a bastion off Liberty. When society is divided into de facto royalty and peasants, the peasants usually don’t fare very well. That is what we see the Uniparty trying to achieve. It is done with malice aforethought.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):



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I didn’t have any opinion about the EU because I really didn’t/don’t know enough about all of the factors involved to say anything educated about it, but I knew NAFTA was a huge mistake, and was against it from the beginning. The same was true of GATT, and MFN for China. Sure, the United States gets something, at least in the latter case, but the cheap goods at Walmart have to be balanced against the loss of jobs for Americans that they bring, and overall I don’t think you can show that America got anything other than the shit end of the stick on that deal.

[2016/05/23 at 9:17 am](#)



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I got new ink! Check it out. This is on my right hand. It means my right hand is nearly finished. I am going to get a pentacle (five-pointed star with interwoven rays, **not** a pentagram) tattooed on the palm of my right hand. **That** will suck. I’ll maybe do an extra Oxycontin when I do that

[2016/05/23 at 6:43 pm](#)

Anyway, here are the new tats.

@ [Bordm](#):

Yeah, I wouldn't particularly want to visit Mexico, let alone live there. There isn't very many places other than the USA that I would want to live. If I absolutely had to out and leave the country, I don't know where I would want to go. Europe is pretty much out because of their Muslim Problem. That is going to sort itself out someone in the foreseeable future, Andrew I really wouldn't want to be around at Ground Zero when that happens. Maybe Russia. Under Putin they aren't really a free nation, but they are becoming closer to being free.



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[yenta-fada](#) wrote:

Seems more fair to go mano a mano with your own species.

Yeah, and with people of similar training. I used to enjoy watching UCF fights. Those are the real deal, and as close as you can come to **really** fighting. They have rules, though. Most of what I would use in a fight, from Small Circle Jujitsu to Kyushu Jutsu pressure point fighting, is illegal under UCF rules. They don't even allow groin shots anymore. In some of the matches they will actually stop the fight if one of the fighters accidentally gets hit in the groin. They'll give him a couple of minutes to shake it off before they resume the fight. Go figure



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@ [coldwarrior](#):

I moved out of my parents house and into a trailer in our front yard before I was 18, and then when I went to college my time of living with my parents was over. I did live with my grandparents until I was in my mid-twenties, though, and in a house owned by my parents until my later 20s, when I bought my own house (the money pit that cost me so much money in the housing crash). So I had assistance from my family,



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though I want living in the same house as my parents. I will never live in the same house as my mother ever again. Never. She knows that. She is welcome to visit me, but if/when she moves to Knoxville, she will have her own place. She won't be moving in with me.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

I don't see how the President of the University could bear more responsibility than the coach, but I don't know all of the details. I thought Starr made a huge mistake focusing on Lewinsky rather than everything else that Clinton had done. The big charges weren't about Bill's blowjob, but about perjury and obstruction of justice in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case. They let Clinton turn it into a case about an illicit affair, and since Hillary Clinton didn't have a problem with it, the majority of the voters decided it didn't matter. Obstruction of justice is an extremely serious charge. Clinton should have been removed from office for it. But Democrats have no principles, so the votes to remove him were never there. Recluse of that, Gingrich should have never brought the charges to begin with, except in some kind of resolution condemning Clinton and the Democrats for their obstruction of Justice.



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@ [eaglesoars](#):

This is what I have been talking about when I oppose background checks. What they are doing is building a database that registers gun owners. Like all registration schemes, this is so they know who has a gun so that they know where to go to confiscate guns when the time comes. All registration of guns is ultimately for that purpose. That is why I oppose it. Contrary to what they show on TV, they don't use gun registries to solve crimes. People who commit crimes are generally dumb, but not so dumb that they use a gun that is registered to them to commit a crime. And they don't have a database of bullets that they can do a ballistics comparison to track down people that way. Gun registration is all about setting the stage for gun confiscation. We need to stop shot like this fsettinen starting. Even in a moonbat State like Hawaii or California.



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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Yeah, I am not overly fond of "indigenous cultures". They are usually barbaric. Not always, but I can't think of any off the top of my head. India, perhaps, but even India had the practice of [suttee](#), which was



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pretty barbaric. China was as civilized as Europe, but China was never colonized the way that India was. We could talk for some time about the benefits of colonization for Africa, but then we would be called racist. But recognizing the barbarism of the African tribes is not racist, and neither is recognizing the basket care that Africa has become in the wake of the end of colonialism. These are simply the facts of the situation.

There are exceptions. Kenya, for example, seems to be governed reasonably well. Possibly better than America at this point in time. Certainly our government sucks right now. But most of the countries in Africa are like Zimbabwe and Zaire, not Kenya.

So yeah, I don't romanticize the indigenous culture. In most cases European culture was superior. That is if you consider bringing peace, prosperity, and Liberty to nations that aren't even really nation-states, but tribal lands, with all the problems that come with being a tribal form of government.

@ [troutski](#):

Gun control is people control. It is deliberately limiting our freedoms that are recognized and guaranteed by the Second Amendment, in ways that are blatantly Unconstitutional. "Shall not be infringed" is the strongest language in the Bill of Rights. The Democrats have been coming for the guns since FDR was President. They have had some successes, but we have had our victories as well. We have to keep fighting. Never give up. Never surrender.

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@ [RIX](#):

I am having a lot of pain when I eat, but I got to ride for a while this afternoon. I rode for two hours, more or less. That was good therapy for me. Me and the Mafia Princess went to Lowe's and Home Depot after she got home from work. We were buying more plants for the garden. My wife is quite the gardener. I love a good garden, myself, but I lack the patience to be a good gardener myself.

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[AZfederalist](#) wrote:

It was only later that I read that the conquistadors were so horrified by the human sacrifice and cult of the Aztecs that they determined that total

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destruction of that "civilization was necessary.

Yeah, from what I remember of that from high school, my education was about the same. The barbarism of the Aztecs gets glossed over, but their culture was horrific. But are we any better? Abortion claims about a **million** lives a year, and that is essentially a religious act. A sacrament to Evil, in fact.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

I agree on all of your points. I am just really horrified by abortion. I don't understand why people don't use birth control. Birth control is readily available. You just have to prioritize a little. In my first marriage we were pretty poor, but we managed to find the money to get her gynecological exams and birth control pills. IIRC, we had about 6 months worth of samples from her gynecologist, but I could be misremembering that. It was over 25 years ago, after all.

Be that as it may, we made certain she had birth control pills. The same basically held true for most of my girlfriends. My first girlfriend was an exception to that. We were young, and didn't have a clue. But we were careful, and she didn't get pregnant. If she had, though, abortion wouldn't have even been a consideration. We'd have gotten married, and my life would have been considerably different.

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As for the government mandated euthanasia, that will be part of ObamaCare by the end of Hillary's first term if we are unfortunate enough that she is elected in November. One of the reasons that they want to control Healthcare is so that they can control who gets treatment, and who does not. If they had things set up the way that they want there's no way I would be getting treatment for my cancer. I am young enough, but too politically "unreliable" to be allowed to live when simply withholding treatment would snuff me in a year's time.

[Bumr50](#) wrote:

Don't those things degrade over time?

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Absolutely. They were never terribly reliable. Get them near a magnet, and they are hosed. And they don't last. It should be noted that these are the old-school 8" floppies, which were made obsolete by 3 1/2" floppies

about 30 years ago. This technology is on par with a Commodore 64.
Wow.



@ [coldwarrior](#):

It is scary. You can't expect this stuff to be cutting edge, but they should have a regular upgrade path that they follow, where they regularly change out old technology for new. IT systems designers usually plan form this, but I've never worked with or for the government, so I have no idea about how they work.

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@ [lobo91](#):

All of that was before I really got into computers, so I don't remember all of the details. I did have a Commodore 128 when I went to college. I remember having a dot-matrix printer, but I don't remember details about the disks, or anything like that. It was all a very long time ago. It is scary to think that that is the level of technology in use to run our nuclear umbrella. I am sure that the various Offices of Diversity are running on the latest technology, though. Priorities.

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@ [RIX](#):

I can't imitate Al Sharpton even as parody. The man doesn't speak any known dialect of English, that is certain. I don't know if he is an educated man or not, but her is a professional idiot no matter what his academic training. I absolutely despise the man.

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@ [lobo91](#):

It is just a slogan to them. They have no idea what Fascist doctrine is like. They just associate it with the Nazis, but Nazism is very different from Italian Fascism. They believe in an all-powerful State, something that makes their political philosophy more akin to Fascism than our Conservative Small-State philosophy, but they don't know enough about real Fascism to comprehend that, and woo do d deny it if you explained it to them.

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@ [Lily](#):

Yep, billions for a fairy tale, and not one penny for defense seems to be the Leftist mantra. AGW is a complete hoax. Everyone who is paying

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Fist attention to it knows this. But follow the money. There are people in power getting rich promoting the Global Warming Hoax, and that, not science, is what is driving the push on AGW.

[rain of lead](#) wrote:

However, at the moment, he is the only plausible tool by which we can prevent President Hillary Clinton, and if that isn't enough to at least get you to bite your tongue or find some other interest (politics isn't especially interesting, you know; there are a thousand fields more interesting and rewarding), then you're not merely #NeverTrump, you're closer to #NeverReallyAConservative.



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Exactly. That is the way I feel about it, too. The Mafia Princess hates Trump irrationally. She is planning on voting Libertarian. It is her vote. I am certainly not going to tell her how she should vote. But **I** will vote for Trump. I don't like that, but **if** Trump governs as he has ran on the issues, he will be **so much better** than Hillary. There is really no comparison. I would have preferred Ted Cruz, but that ship has sailed. Time to get behind our candidate, and focus on defeating the Democrats. We can pray that Trump has really seen the light, and that he will govern according to the rhetoric that has won it for him thus far.

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[coldwarrior](#) wrote:

Complaining about the left is how they make their \$. They dont want to fix anything, that would be bad for business.



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I've come to that conclusion myself. Too many of them are coming out of the closet, so to speak, on that front. I want to win, and to defeat Leftism so solidly that it can't recover in my lifetime. I think that such a victory is possible right now. Yes, there are a **lot** of people on the Left. The Free Shit Army is huge, and then you have the political vampires like Nancy Pelosi, Harry Reid, and the like who see Leftism as a vehicle to promote their personal wealth and power. But these people are a minority. We see this at the State level.

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The Right is dominating at the State level in so much of the United States. It isn't **just** Tennessee and Texas. We need to get more aggressive. We

need to fight the Leftist infection like the disease it is. Donald Trump isn't the perfect vehicle for this, but we can't let perfection become the enemy of the good. If Trump governs according to his rhetoric, I will agree with him about 85% of the time. That is as much or more than I would havaggressi with either McCain or Romney, and I had no problem voting for either of them, though I would have preferred different candidates then as well.

@ [Lily](#):

I consider Gore to be the greatest conman in history. He found something that he could sell, and he sold it to the hilt. It did extremely well for him. Like the Democrat Party as a whole, Al Gore has gotten rich off of the stupidity of the American voter. I've actually met Gore, back when he was a Senator. He was much more personable a guy then than the megasshole that he became in the wake of losing to Bush in 2000. I disagreed with him, even as a Senator, and I took him to task on gun control, but he was a nice guy, or appeared that way at that time. He isn't the brightest bulb in the candelabra, though. You could tell that by talking to him. He might be of roughly average intelligence, but he is no genius. He is just a very successful conman who found a gig where he couldn't be prosecuted for the fraud that he palled off.



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@ [Bordm](#):

No, you can't replace that with a PC, but you could replace it with some kind of cluster machine, I would think. I've never worked in that kind of IT, so I don't know all the difficulties for the upgrade path, but it seems to me that there should be one.



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@ [rain of lead](#):

It doesn't put pressure on the DoJ because they know there is strong possibility that if they just site on their hands a few month Hillary will be President-elect, and, thus, untouchable. If she loses, though, there is plenty of time left to start her prosecution. Shell is under tremendous pressure to win, because of the possibility of prosecutionif she loses.



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@ [eaglesoars](#):

And that fundamental difference into our cultures is something most people don't get. The British won't have a Bill of Rights. They don't really



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Fist even have a Constitution. Their “Constitution” is simply the collected decisions of their Parliament. This affects their entire culture, the same way our Constitutional Republic affects our entire culture. If something is “Unconstitutional” then the government can’t lawfully do it. This isn’t always evenly applied. *Heller* should have thrown out all Federal gun control laws, and *McDonald* should have thrown out all State firearms laws, but they are a start. That kind of thing simply can’t happen in Britain, as I understand it. I am not an expert on British law, by any stretch of the imagination. I just remember bits and pieces from a Comparative Governmental Politics course at FSU. That was over 25 years ago. Tempus fugit.

@ [lobo91](#):

That was my recollection. Vastly different culturally. Their government, as a practical matter, has unlimited power, whereas the American government is strictly circumscribed in what it can and can’t do.

Theoretically at least. That seems to be honored in the breach too often.



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But imagine what the Democrats would have done with gun control without the Second Amendment. Even absent a strong pro-Second Amendment Supreme Court decision, there are many things that the Democrats want to do that they simply haven’t even attempted. They have done some of them, like gun confiscation, in individual cities, or possibly even at a State level where they have total control, which is how that we can tell where they really want to go. But at a national level that would get a lot of people killed if they tried it.

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@ [AZfederalist](#):

Cool. I was something like 11 or 12 years old when that happened. I just remember the big, one-sided floppies that you could cut a notch in and be able to use both sides of the disk. I don’t remember size in measurements, or, for that matter, in storage capacity. And pretty much all of my experience is with PEcs. I had a Commodore 128 about my senior year of high school. I used it as a word processor throughout my college career. But when I transferred to UT, I got a real Deal on an IBM compatible, but it didn’t run Windows, which was just coming out at the time.



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@ [Lily](#):

I’ve been saying for years now that the so-called Conservative Leadership



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Iron Fist is not really interested in passing policy, but rather are concerned with who gets the better offices in the Capitol Building and related offices. I think their reaction to rump wining the nomination pretty much proves that thesis. I didn't want Trump as our nominee, either, but he is our nominee. We have no choice but to support him, and pray that he wins. We also can ad should pray that he opens his mind to the wisdom necessary for the office he is running for, and that God will guide him through the eight years of his Presidency.

To do otherwise is to essentially campaign for Hillary Clinton. I can't get the Mafia Princess to see that. She plans on voting Libertarian. I am **not** going to tell her who she **must** vote for. That is not my place. I have no **right** to do that. I can only keep informing her of my take on the issues, and pray that she comes around before November. It isn't **that** important. Tennessee will go for Donald Trump regardless of how she votes.

But it is different for someone who is in a leadership position like Lowery is. He should not be letting personal pique get in the way of the practical political realities. Trump is our nominee. Just as we voted for McCain and Romney, it is time for the GOP Establishment to do the same for us. If they were really so opposed to Trump, they should have done more to try to win the nomination for Cruz. They refused to even consider Cruz, so they got Trump. Who **must** win. Another Clinton Presidency is really a worst-case scenario, and anyone who is working to give Hillary the Office of the Presidency is in reality pushing an anti-American agenda. They may no see it that way. They **probably** don't see it that way. The first thing that we can do on that is educate them about the cold, hard reality of that.



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@ [rain of lead](#):

Damn, man! That looks hairy as hell. I guess we'll get that sometime tonight or early tomorrow. Lovely. It'll water our gardens, though, so I can't complain about it too much.

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eaglesoars wrote:

Defense Dept researchers? I hope this is a good thing.

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They are probably watching for a Bio-weapons attack, so that they caught this thing early is a good thing. Even though they cut the Department of

Defense budget, it sounds like we are still watching for a biological weapons at least. That is something that concerns me greatly. If ISIS or the Iranians got her hands on some live smallpox virus, the whole world would suffer in ways that we haven't seen in my lifetime.

@ [rain of lead](#):



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They can't really forecast the weather around here. They have a local setting to the effect that if you don't like the weather, hang around for a little while. It will change.

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[RIX](#) wrote:

Mohammad Ansur Mohammad , while screaming Allahu Akbar committed the heinous acts."

Yep, there is no telling why this guy did it, but we know that it didn't involve Islam. Islam is the Religion of Peace ®. You know from that that Islam is **never** a cause for violence. It is the Christians you have to watch for. Christians are dangerous, which is why Obama's Immigration policy is to bring in lots of Muslims from Syria, while screening out Christians. [/Seriously? WTF?]



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And that appears to be the philosophy that the Obama Administration runs on. Like they do in so many other areas, the Democrats are relying on the stupidity of the American voter to carry out their schemes without interference from We the People. And so far they are getting away with it. We live in interesting times, but it is also correct to say that we live very **scary** times. The President is a traitor. His deal with Iran is not the greatest of his treasonous acts. I'd say his policy on Syrian "refugees" is his greatest treason, but there are so many acts of treason committed by the Obama Administration that it is hard to keep up with all of them.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):



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Let's call a spade a spade. Those are 43 traitors. They are betraying not only their Party, but the United States as well. It is interesting to me to see the Democrats choosing this particular hill to die over. Even when you include all of the perverts that want to sneak into the Ladies' Room because they've get off on watching women piss or whatever, you are still

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talking about less than 1% of the population. I realize that the LGBTQWERTY people are pushing this, but, again, why this particular issue? It seems unwise, because almost every father in America is going to be against perverts going to the bathroom with their wives and daughters. Because that is what this is really about. True transsexuals, by which I mean people who are under the delusion that they are of them opposite sex than that which their genetics determines for them, are extremely rare. I have never, to my knowledge, met one. But if they have gone through the cosmetic surgery to make them appear to be the sex that they are deluded into believing that they are, nobody will know that they are genetically the opposite sex from that which they appear to be. It isn't like they require a blood test to use a public restroom. No, this is really about letting perverts into the women's restroom. The Republicans need to make that clear.

@ [RIX](#):

Yeah, it is like the whole Country has gone insane. Electing Obama is about as close to national suicide as you can get. He was elected because of his Islamic name, and his skin color. People felt that it was time for us to elect a black President. Maybe it was about time, but Obama was not the right black man for the job. I had my hopes up for J.C. Watts. He would have been excellent. Tim Scott would be another excellent candidate. You will notice that I am choosing people who are ideologically sound who happen to be black. I am not into voting for someone because of the color of their skin.a

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[RIX](#) wrote:

Good morning. Feel the Bern Campaign is pushing for a pro- Palistinian plank in the Dem platform.

Good! I support this. It is time the Democrats quit pretending that they aren't an antisemitic, anti-Christian, and, when you get down to brass tacks, **anti-American** Party. I want them to take all the masks off, and let the American people see them the way that I see them. They are **Evil**, and they showed something of that at the last Convention. Their denying God three times was almost Biblical, and they also denied the right that Jews have to a homeland in Israel. It is really a small step to go from that to full-boore antisemitism.. Let them do so. I don't know that it will hurt the Party in the fall. That is a crapshoot. But it is time for them to take off all

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the masks.

[coldwarrior](#) wrote:

by the old standards we have been in recession since 2000



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Yes, and I have felt that way about it. People don't want to admit it, because that requires **both** sides of the aisle to admit that their prescriptions to pull us out of recession have been a failure. It is time to try something **different** if we are going to get out of recession anytime soon. Too many people are making money from the current situation (both Right **and** Left) for that to be palatable to either Party.

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@ [eaglesoars](#):



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Yeah, there is that aspect to it as well, but most of those people are so far gone that I don't think even something like this will wake them up. They are not really Jews, as Buzzsawmonkey has explained it. The way he puts it their "Judaism" boils down to being part of the Democrat Party with holidays. He knows more about who is and is not a Jew than I do. I am really hesitant to judge someone else's religion. But it seems to me that when you look at all the antisemitic shit that the Democrat Party has come out with over the years that he is probably right about that.

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@ [doriangrey](#):



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My grandfather on my father's side of the family served in the Occupations of Japan. His name was William Robert Johnson. Like most of the people in my family, he went by his middle name. When he was drafted, they flipped his name to be Robert William Johnson. He was always quite proud of his WWII service, with good reason. He was a kind, decent man. My father would have served in Vietnam, but he had a record from a burglary he committed when he was 18, and he wouldn't lie about it just so he could go to Vietnam. I would have served, but I didn't make it into a Service Academy due to a medical disqualification, and instead had a National Merit Scholarship to pay for my college. Nobody thought that I should turn that down, and go into the military as an enlistedman instead. That would have been the best thing for me, with the advantage of hindsight, but nobody thought so at the time.

[2016/05/27
at 10:56 am](#)



@ [AZfederalist](#):

You are acting like the rules that applied to every one else applied to Clinton. I think part of the whole reason she had her own server the way she did was just to demonstrate in a tangible way how fucking special she was, and how the rules just didn't apply to her. That's the kind of petty bullshit that I would expect out of Clinton.

[2016/05/27 at 10:09 pm](#)

[lobo91](#) wrote:

Maybe human pharmacies should start doing that, given the level of reading comprehension today.



My prescriptions from the Pain Management clinic have my picture printed on them. They took my picture when I first started down there for my kidney stones, so it is kind of outdated. It still has me with my full, thick beard. That is completely gone now. I still have my eyebrows and eyelashes, and a little bit of hair under my arms, but that is about it. I already shaved my head and body. My head has been shaved since 2001 or so. I got into the practice of shaving my body as I got more heavily tattooed. Now one of the razor companies (Gillette, IIRC) has a commercial featuring a guy who shaves his body so that his ink would show better. That is how I am about it.

[2016/05/27 at 10:18 pm](#)

[Lily](#) wrote:

it is what it is.



That is one of my favorite sayings. It sums up how I feel much of the time. There's no sense wasting time and emotional bandwidth worrying about shit that you cannot change. Its is like the Serenity Prayer for AA says:

[2016/05/27 at 10:34 pm](#)

God, grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the Courage to change the things I can, and the Wisdom to know the difference. Amen

It is what it is expresses the acceptance of things you cannot change better than anything else I've heard through all the years of AA, treatment, rehab, and the like. It is scary to think of how long I've been

doing allow of that. I've had one day that I drank interested over 5 1/2 years. It'll be 6 years in September. September 13, IIRC, to be exact. Somewhere in all of that God took the desire to drink away from me completely. That had made racking up the years without alcohol a lot easier.



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Fist

@ [AZfederalist](#):

[2016/05/27 at
10:35 pm](#)

[coldwarrior](#) wrote:

how about trying to be americans instead?



Iron
Fist

Exactly! The answer to "You are not a **real** Mexican" is "No shit. I'm a real **American!**" like you said, if they want to be Mexicans, let them go back to Mexico. If they want to be **Americans**, then they need to be Americans.

[2016/05/28 at
3:59 pm](#)

@ [lobo91](#):



Iron
Fist

Democrat "Jews" seem to prefer antisemites and pro-Islamic people to other Jews, especially pro-Israeli and pro-American Jews. I don't know if they are trying to demonstrate their allegiance to "diversity, or what, but that is the way it seems to work out.

[2016/05/28 at
4:02 pm](#)

@ [eaglesoars](#):



Iron
Fist

So what they are saying is that without the use of heavy drugs (benzos of some form, probably) Hillary Clinton is so volatile that she could have a meltdown on camera, and wreck her campaign? Wow, that's a hell of a thing if it is true. I am on heavy psych meds for my PTSD, but I am in no danger of freaking out, on or off camera. And I am also on heavy pain meds, which help me be serene, I would imagine, in addition to helping keep the pain knocked down. It sounds like Hillary is in a lot worse shape than me. Which would synch with things we heard from Reaganite about her, as well as rumors I've heard from people who have worked with the Secret Service in the martial arts world. God, I hope she loses it in her first debate against Trump. I don't think he is going to take it easy on her, and if she plays the "I'm a girl!" card, Trump will shove it

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up her ass sideways. She did that successfully to that guy she was running against for the Senate, but now she wants to be President, and that is an entirely different kettle of fish. If she can't handle equality, she doesn't need to be running for that office. Or any other, in my opinion. Democrats claim that they want equality. I have absolutely no problem with treating them the same way that they treat me.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

I really hope that Trump is as big an enemy to the Muslims as everybody is freaking out that he is going to be. These idiots don't get that that is a big part of what is drawing so many people to him. Indeed, if he will do that, and he will support the Second Amendment as strongly as he says that he will, I'll be satisfied with him as our President, even if he won't fight to undo ObamaCare. On that issue, I don't thank he will fighting to keep ObamaCare, either, leaving the fate of that ill-conceived legislation in the hands of the Legislature, which is really where it belongs. I didn't want Trump as our nominee, but now that her is I will support him, and pray that he wins, and having won, God grants him the wisdom to govern well. All he has to do is fulfill his campaign promises, and I will have little to complain about without him.



Iron
Fist

[2016/05/28 at
10:03 pm](#)

[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

I remember that debate, and in all fairness he did that to himself. Walking across the stage to hand her a piece of paper to force a pledge was viewed as a chickenshit 'shove it in her face' move and she didn't have to do anything to make him look like the jerk that he was.



Iron
Fist

You see men do things like that to other men, and nobody says anything about it. You even get that kind of behavior from moderators, the way was it Chris Wallace? Did to Trump in the first debate. Hillary could have said something to the effect of "You are a rat-bastard. Get outside of my face!" and I would have been fine within it. Instead, she played the "I'm a **girl!**" card, and tried to paint the move as somehow sexist. That worked with the New York electorate, but it really **shouldn't** have worked. IMHO, the "I'm a **girl!**" card should disqualify the woman whose plays it when she is running for office. If she can't handle being treated like a man, she has no business running for a high government office.

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10:10 pm](#)

[AZfederalist](#) wrote:

/My guess is that if law abiding citizens were able to return fire without repercussions, the violence would soon drop to that of other civilized locations.

I think that is just about 100% guaranteed. The gun laws in Chicago protect the criminals from law-abiding citizens. Now, it is also the case that you have a higher concentration of mostly minority, fatherless children growing up in a society where pretty much anything goes. When you fail to teach these kids civilized morality both at home and in school, they are going to pick up their morality from the street scene that they live in. Make no mistake. Just because both the mother (who is the only parent; sometimes that is even the grandmother rather than the mother. The mother is a drug addict, prostitute, whathave you. You have to go back to a generation from before the '60s to find someone with the sense of responsibility to raise a kid.) and school system refuses to teach morality, it doesn't mean that the kids will be in some kind of tabula rasa "pristine" state. I believe it was Christ who said that if you dethrone God in your heart, Satan will take up residence. I can't find the reference, but no matter who said it, the point is well-taken.



**Iron
Fist**

[2016/05/28 at
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@ [RIX](#):

Yeah, and, too, they are mostly killing other blacks. I think if the Boyz From Da Hood were killing young, well-to-do whites, you'd see a different reaction from the police. Most of these murder victims are criminals themselves, which is probably a greater influence on police behavior than the racial component. I know even around here there is the attitude that as long as the criminals are killing other criminals, nobody gives a rat's ass about it. Of course, everyone once-in-a-while some innocent kid gets caught in the crossfire, and everybody knows that is a tragedy, but that's where the racial component comes into greater play (it is always present to a degree). I'd never consider moving to a large city like Chicago, or even Atlanta or New Orleans. Before Sam was killed we'd been battling around the idea of moving to Tampa afterwards I graduated from FSU, but the accident and Sam's death intervened.



**Iron
Fist**

[2016/05/28 at
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@ [lobo91](#):

Lovely. I don't know what you can do with people like that. It is morally

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Iron Fist unacceptable to just euthanize them like a rabid dog, but it is also unacceptable (to me, at least) to release them on the civilian populace, even in places like Arizona, where the gun laws are pretty much the best in the country. The only thing that looks doable to me is life in prison with the possibility of parole if they somehow learn to behave in a civilized manner. Back in the '90s there was a lot of push for Three-Strikes laws, which mandated life in prison for the third felony conviction, but you had people getting life for shoplifting, and the pro-criminal Democrats made much of these cases. I think that there needs to be some leeway in that kind of law, but there has to be something that you do about people like the woman you describe. They aren't civilized. There is no reason to allow them to continue to take part in civilized society.

[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

 . But you know, at some point, we both made the decision that stupid was what we were and we weren't going thru life like that.

Iron Fist Yep, that was the same for me. I could have gone a **really** dark route. If Sam had lived, and we'd have wound up in the Outlawus or HA, we'd have loved it. I'd. Never have even known that by being a 1%er I was missing out on the love of my life.

[2016/05/29 at 12:49 am](#)

@ [coldwarrior](#):

 You won't see any of today's Democrats saying anything like that. The Obama Administration took a bad situation, and made it far worse. That is how Democrats roll these days. If you are planning on voting Democrat after all of the last 8 years, well, I don't know what it takes to get through your head that that is a bad Idea.

[2016/05/29 at 11:23 am](#)

@ [coldwarrior](#):

 I'd never ride my bike very far without a helmet. I have rode her around the parking lot of the dealership without a helmet, but that was just moving her from the parking lot to the service center, something you are talking about maybe 100-150 yards, total. The rest of the time, though, I always wear a helmet. Now, I don't wear a full-face helmet, but it is there

[2016/05/29 at 3:43 pm](#)

to protect my brain, not my stunning good looks

I also will ride just in shorts and a leather vest, rather than the full leather getup the way I ride in the winter. Gloves, though fingerless, are also a must. I have a pair that are fingerless, and a really nice pair of full gloves, Harley Davidson name brand, that I got for under \$40, tax and all. Given that they started out at \$80-85 for the pair, I was really pleased to get them for under \$40. They were a pair that I'd had my eyes on for a while, but were just too expensive for me to be able to afford them.

@ [lobo91](#):

We've known that Walter Cronkite, especially, deserves a medal.

From the North Vietnamese.



Whatever their highest decoration is, Cronkite deserves it for pulling an American loss out of the military victory that we n(th USA) won in the Tet Offensive. Cronkite was an enemy soldier, as certainly as any NVA soldier in the field. And without him, the NVA would have had to sue for Peace after Tet. Cronkite managed to prolong the war, which meant more people, including both friendly and enemy civilians, died because of his efforts. Remember this when these fucks claim to be "anti-war". They are **not anti-war**. They are on the **other side**. The same is as true of modern "anti-war" "activists" as was true of the "anti-war" "activists" during the Vietnam era.

[2016/05/30 at 5:58 pm](#)

[yenta-fada](#) wrote:

Even the Constitution would come in handy.



All America's current problems (most of them, at any rate) could be alleviated by forcing Fedzilla to live under the true strictures of the Constitution. Our Founding Fathers were real geniuses, and, I believe, truly inspired by God when they set up our nation the way they did. It isn't **just** the Second Amendment, or even the Bill of Rights, though both were unique to America at the time.

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Even today you don't find many nations with the equivalent of our Bill of Rights. But all of that is just as scrap of paper if it isn't enforced against the Government, and too often our Bill of Rights is honored in the

breach. The Second Amendment is an excellent example of this. They restrict my ability to legally purchase an M-249 SAW because they are fully automatic. It is funny. The Supreme Court looked at the Constitution and somehow found a right for gays to marry, and, indeed, they felt so strongly about it that they **required** all States to recognize Gay Marriages across the board. But they have not, so far, found the right to carry a gun for self-defense, nor have they required all States to give full faith and credit to the concealed carry permits across State lines. Of course, finding strongly for the first would get rid of the need for the second. And nowhere in the Constitution do you find the right of the Federal Government to regulate what **arms** are allowed, and, more importantly, what arms are **not protected** by the Second Amendment.

The obvious answer to all of this is right there in plain view:

“A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”

Arms means pretty much any military or civilian small arm. Heavy weapons such as tanks and fighter aircraft can **maybe** be regulated. I could argue that either way. But price alone will narrow the field of people who can, as a practical matter, actually purchase such weapons.

But automatic rifles, shotguns (including short-barrelled weapons of any stripe), pistols, and the like, simply cannot be regulated, neither by the Federal Government nor by the individual States. This is obvious to anyone who can read the text of the Bill of Rights. That the Supreme Court would allow any regulation on firearms to stand is troubling to me. That should have **never** been the case. The 1934 National Firearms Act that regulated automatic weapons, and short-barrelled weapons, should have never been allowed to stand, let alone the 1968 Gun Control Act. *Heller* and *McDonald* are great **starting points**, but they are **just** starting points. There is still a lot of work to be done. I want the Second Amendment Right to Keep and Bear Arms to be as strongly protected as, say, the right to abortion or gay marriage. That, to me, seems obvious.



**Iron
Fist**

@ [rain of lead](#):

Hey, brother, you are right about all that you expressed as momcat. We need to have each other's back. Trump wasn't my first choice, or even fifth choice, but he is who the majority of our Party has chosen. I would prefer him to Jeb Bush, or Mitt Romney. The important thing is to defeat

[2016/07/23 at
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Hillary. People are forgetting that, and that unfortunately includes Trump. He's apparently setting up some sort of Super-PAC to go after Cruz and Kaisich for not endorsing him. How mature.

@ [The Osprey](#):



**Iron
Fist**

My condolences for your loss. Your fur babies are family, as surely as if they were genetically related flesh. I didn't cry when my father passed away, but I cried like a baby when I lost Midnight, Sammy, and Akasha. I'd cry if I lost any of the eight babies I have now. My pets (which includes my birds) are my child surrogates. I love them all very much.

[2016/07/23 at
1:47 pm](#)

[troutski](#) wrote:



**Iron
Fist**

I just think the Wholesome Trump Family should point out the Clinton-Kaine-Clan connection to Robert Byrd. Give the **Klan** chickens a TSA pre approved express stamp to fly home and roost.

They could have a good old fashioned cross burning to announce to the Country that Democ at values, which have **never** changed, are alive and well. It could be a Robert KKK Byrd Memorial cross burning to go along with all the other memorials the motherfucker had built to himself with taxpayer money.

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2:19 pm](#)

@ [yenta-fada](#):

Over on Weasel Zippers Blue Sky is reporting that his name is really:



**Iron
Fist**

The press have said his name was Ali David Sonboly - actually **Ali
Dau'd Sonboly**

I don't know where he/she is getting this information, but it certainly wouldn't be the first time that the media has lied to us about someone who is a terrorist being a Muslim. Here they aren't denying that he's a Mohammedan, but they are trying to distract from that inconvenient fact.

[2016/07/23 at
3:34 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

@ [coldwarrior](#):

So she was mocking the disabled? We should attack her on that
#DisabilityIsNotFunny

They went after Trump for something similar. Turn about, fair play, and

all that happy horseshit

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at 6:05 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

@ [yenta-fada](#):

I am doing OK. I am in a good bit of pain, but that is just the way that things are going to be for me for a while. The Percocet helps, but it is not just that powerful. I am not sure how it is that people get hooked on OxyContin. Of course, I am using it as directed, and at the pain clinic the doctor basically told me that addiction risks were overblown so long as I followed the directions for using it. I am wanting to go riding. I am trying to get the Old Lady to go. She keeps saying in a little while. I will go riding at 8:00 no matter what. I start radiation treatments on Wednesday. We are going to try that for a while. Once we get some radiation on some of these individual tumors, and get them shrunk down, then we are going to try a different drug, Opdivo. We will see how that goes.

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at 7:04 pm](#)

@ [vapig](#):

Thanks so much! It is what it is. I'm working with my doctors, of course, but at the end of the day my fate is in God's hands. If He chooses to spare me, then I will be grateful. I want to grow old with my wife. I was never particularly interested in a long life before I met her. Growing old just had the neat side-effect of being one of those dangerous old men like so many of my Senseis have been. That's Pretty cool



**Iron
Fist**

But I never was much concerned with growing old. I expected to be dead before now, and it has come close on several occasions, through disease more than violence, though there's been enough of the violence for my tastes. I figure God has kept me alive this far. Things may look blak right now, but I expect that he hasn't brought me this far only to snuff me with a random disease at the time that the world looks like it could really use people like myself.

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at 10:12 pm](#)

Anyway, thanks for your well wishes, and prayers if you are the praying sort. I can use all of that I can get

@ [yenta-fada](#):

No lie. At the end of the day, I've dealt with alcoholism, which is just drug addiction. It sucks, no lie, but it isn't the end of the world. And alcoholism is more debilitating than a lot of drug addiction. I'd rather be on marijuana or mushrooms than drunk off my ass. I don't guess I was ever psychologically addicted to either of those, but if I am addicted to the Percocets and OxyContin then I will deal with that when the time comes. My statistical odds of living out the next five years are on the order of five percent. Prove to me I'll be alive five years from now to worry about the effects of opiate addiction, and I will tell you that I'll deal with it when I get there. My particular pain management Doctor understands them hat. He's turned my pain management back over to my Oncologist, He said that that would be one less appointment I had to worry about in the month, and one less Specialist copay. That works for me.



**Iron
Fist**

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at 10:20 pm](#)

Who, and we did about an hour and a half ride. That was time well spent. Me and the Mafia Princess out on Angel, going nowhere in particular, with the idea that we'll get there when we get there is great. I wish we could do that more often. We had a final destination, in that we needed to wind up at Walmart, but she said take the long way, and didn't specify the whole trip. That is fun



**Iron
Fist**

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at 10:25 pm](#)

@ [vapig](#):

Amen, sister!



**Iron
Fist**

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at 10:26 pm](#)

@ [AZfederalist](#)

I absolutely agree. I am the kind of person who looks for solutions to problems, rather than worrying where to place the blame. The exception to that is that I won't be the scapegoat for something that wasn't my fault. Fortunately, that objection has been purely theoretical in the pursuit of almost 20 years as a professional software engineer. I've had fuck-ups that were my fault, and those I'll take the blame for, but otherwise, I've never had to deal with it.



**Iron
Fist**

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at 10:39 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

First!

Smell the fresh thread smell while it lasts, because it is **Ssilly** Season, and Hillary Clinton will no doubt make an obligatory appearance... [2016/07/23 at 11:13 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

@ [lobo91](#):

But remember it is the Republicans who are in disarray following a brutal primary season . That is the narrative, and they will stick to it, no matter who goes to prison, or who gets a judgement rendered against them. The Republicans are about to fall apart, right into the White House, if they follow all the hints that have been delivered thus far. That isn't a reflection so much of strength on the Republican side, but rather that Nobody Wants to be left standing to take the blame for the Democrats. We (the American Voter) have been sold this bill of goods that Hillary is invincible. There are none so likely to be defeated as those who are utterly convinced that they cannot be defeated, therefore they don't really have to Try To win. Hillary thinks if she shows up she wins. I suspect that it will be nowhere near that easy, though over the last few election cycles that is what the Left have convinced themselves of. Good.

[2016/07/24 at 9:40 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

Since Macker isn't here to say it, I'll go ahead and call her Marcia

Fudgepacker For him

[2016/07/24 at 9:49 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

@ [vapig](#):

I think that probably depends on how imaginative the particular girl is
(eeeeeeewwwww)

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**Iron
Fist**

@ [lobo91](#):

More power to them. I hope that they party like it's 1968. Show us all the wild, wicked stuff that the Left has been famous for all of my life. Don't be afraid to be disruptive. They may never have a chance like this again

[2016/07/24 at 10:23 pm](#)



@ [eaglesoars](#):

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Iron Fist The Democrats have never struck me as having an overabundance of intelligence. People who go around reminding everybody how smart that they are every five minutes usually aren't very bright. That profile fits Al Gore to a T. He has to keep telling you how smart he is, or you might forget. Most of the Democrats are like that. OTOH, someone like Newt Gingrich won't usually point out how smart he is. He'll let you draw your own conclusions. [at 10:29 pm](#)

@ [eaglesoars](#):


**Iron
Fist**

I haven't paid that much attention to their security set-up. But it is remarkable that the Democrats have to go to such measures to protect Themselves From their "supporters". The Republicans didn't go to such lengths to protect themselves from the Democrat Supporters, did they? I know they had some pretty heavy-duty security, but noting like miles of fencing. The Press would have turned that into a propaganda coup for the Democrats. However here they are likely to ignore it as much as they can get away with. People like us will hear of it, but I doubt if many outside our little news-junkie groups hears of this. Too much hypocrisy in it, given that they are there to attack Trump's Security Barrier...

[2016/07/24
at 11:00 pm](#)

Hey! I am coming to y'all from the hospital. I am sure that this surprises you. What may surprise you is the reason. I woke up this morning, and I couldn't breathe. I did a breathing treatment, and no joy, so I got my wife to tak me to the hospital. Along about this time the police from South Carolina called, and the alarm was going off in my mother's house in Columbia. So she has to go back to South Carolina, while I am in the hospital. Lovely.


**Iron
Fist**

Meanwhile back at the hospital they determine that I have a **Lot Of** fluid on my lungs. They get me set up to drain it, and eventually pull 1.5 **Literrs** Of fluid off of my Right lung. Wonderful. Needless to say I am in a great deal of pain right now. And they already have plans to do the same to my Left Lung tomorrow morning. And then tomorrow afternoon I will have my first radiation treatment. Joy. I am in a lot of pain. It is almost time for my 9:00 pain medications, so at least I have that going for me.

[2016/07/26
at 8:51 pm](#)


**Iron
Fist**

Well, I am in a room. I am trying to use the facilities, but it looks like no joy. It has been that kind of a day. I'll try to answer everyone's questions. [2016/07/26
at 10:54 pm](#)

**Iron
Fist**

Somehow I got the post posted, so I will be doing this kind of haphazard . First, to Eaglesoar's question, no, none of this is a side effect of the new chemo. We haven't started that. We actually won't start the new drug for a couple of weeks. I am not sure why the fluid build-up in my lungs. It could be a side-effect of the pneumonia. I guess it is possible that all of that fluid never drained off. I am in quite a bit of pain from this afternoon's procedure. The rammed a big old needle into my lung and pulled off the better part of a two-liter bottle of coke out of my lungs

(wrong kind of coke) it was a mixture of blood and water. It did not appear to be mucus to me, but what do I know? I've never had this kind of procedure before, so I don't really know what I was looking at.

[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

you know what I have to do tomorrow? NOTHING!! No appointments, no calls, no deadlines, nuthin. Just walk the heathen.

I'll go you one better. I've been here since about 9:30 AM. Most of that time I've been waiting on one thing or another. Tomorrow they are likely to do my other lung, and I start my radiation treatments. My mother will be driving back up from South Carolina. I've had worse days than today, but it has sucketh much wind. Oh, well. Tomorrow is another day. It'll probably suck as bad



**Iron
Fist**

All in all I can't complain, though. My lung could have collapsed during that procedure. I am in a lot of pain, but they have also provided me with somewhat ample painkillers

[2016/07/26
at 11:23 pm](#)

.@ [yenta-fada](#):
{Yenta}

All y'all are pretty cool, yourselves. It helps knowing that there are people out there praying for me, and wishing me well. I have people here, and at Weasel Zippers, too. People in the LGF Diaspora, though most of us have moved on from that. It was a foundation of really cool people. That Charles Johnson lost his mind and brought the initial project to an end doesn't really matter. He never understood that it was never about him to begin with.

@ [coldwarrior](#):

They sent a liter of what they pulled off to the lab, so I figure that they are working on which one it is. It sounds like it is possible that it means the cancer has moved into my lungs. Lovely. I guess I'll find out more about that tomorrow. Most likely it is a complication from the pneumonia, I would guess, given that I've never totally recovered from the double pneumonia that I had last month. That would be preferable to it being cancer in my lungs. I've always had weak lungs, even though I've never smoked. It has never seemed fair to me.



[2016/07/26 at 11:31 pm](#)

@ [eaglesoars](#):

You'd be surprised how much fluid you can have in your lungs and not die. I am unfortunately very familiar with pneumonia. This isn't the worst my lungs have ever been, though I guess I've only had two or three episodes that were this bad or worse.

@ [AZfederalist](#):

Thanks man! Prayers and well-wishes are very much appreciated. You guys are quite a lifeline for me, given the shape I am in. I do my best to try and ignore it, but the fact is that I am Probably Dying. But I won't go without one hell of a fight. Like the adage says, if today's the day God calls me home, let it be in a pile of hot brass. I'd rather go out fighting, if I have to go out.



[2016/07/26 at 11:36 pm](#)

@ [troutski](#):

Thanks, man. Yeah, I always wanted to be the tough guy. That was the whole point in wanting to join the Mafia, or the Outlaws, Hell's Angels, or what have you. I wanted to prove how tough I was. When I was eight or nine years old I used to take showers, only I would run the shower as hot as I could stand it for five minutes, and then would reverse it and run it as cold as I could take it for five minutes. I did this to myself for years, but by the time I was a senior in High School I could house down to the local creek when it was 40 degrees, jump in, and walk a couple of miles before going back home and getting in the shower to warm up. I know because I did that one time to prove that I could. That was after I'd gone to Parris Island and seen what they put the Marines through. I wasn't going to let the Marines be tougher than me.



[2016/07/27 at 12:19 am](#)



Iron
Fist

Who are the 32% who see Hillary Clinton as “Honest and trustwortyy”? I mean, **Damn!** there is stupid, but then there is Industrial Strength, non-biodegradable, chrome plated Super Stupid™, the Platonic Essence of Stupid from which all other stupidity derives its intrinsic stupidity. These people trust Hillary Clinton.

[2016/07/27 at 1:40 am](#)

@ [Aussie Infidel](#):



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That is, indeed, how it is done. Every once and a while it is great for one of the little people (and I know I am a little person in the grand scheme of things, and I assume you are as well) to strike some small blow against our oppressors. It never comes close to making up for what they’ve done unto us, of course, but you can feel that the scales of Justice have twitched just a little bit in our favor when you can do something like that

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@ [Lily](#):



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It has been a day, that is for certain. The hardest day in a while. I just had my morphine, so that helps. This is an uphill struggle. I Know that I will probably die of this shit. The actual survival rate for someone with Stage 4 Esophageal Cancer is only 5%, so the odds are heavily against me. Shit like today is a big part of the reason why the odds are so terribly stacked against me. But those are only odds. God Himself is on my side. I know this because He has told me so. But He did not promise me that I was going to live through this. He has already done so very much for me that if I die tomorrow He will have been on my side all of the way.

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Everybody dies sometime, unless you happen to be in that blessed generation that is alive when Christ returns to Earth. **Then** you truly never will die, but I don’t really expect for that to be me, though I guess that isn’t entirely out of the question for me. I expect to die, though I still hope that day is many years from now. I want to grow old with my Old Lady. We’ll never have children, but we have our cats, and our birds. I love my wife with every fiber of my being, and would not trade her for the most beautiful woman in the world. In triplicate. But I expect that I will die eventually, and when I do I expect that I will go first. Here’s a little prayer for that day:

LORD, MAKE ME FAST AND ACCURATE
LET MY AIM BE TRUE
AND MY HAND FASTER
THAN THOSE WHO WOULD SEEK TO DESTROY ME
GRANT ME VICTORY OVER MY FOES
AND THOSE THAT WISH TO DO HARM TO ME AND MINE
LET NOT MY LAST THOUGHT BE

IF I ONLY HAD MY GUN

AND LORD IF TODAY IS TRULY
THE DAY THAT YOU CALL ME HOME

LET ME DIE
IN A PILE OF EMPTY BRASS



@ [Aussie Infidel](#):

True enough, though you have to be stupid, really, to cast your lot with that of Evil. Evil will lose in the end. That is a given. I noted earlier tonight over on Weasel Zippers that Evil was suicidal. This isn't just a casual observation, not some dark poke at the other side on a day when I am down. This is reasoned, and I'd like to think we'll thought out rational thought. We see this most obviously in the suicide bombers. No question that they are both evil and suicidal. What do they hope to gain by their mad acts, other than Eternal Damnation? Oh, they are told that it is a free parking pass to Allah's Greatest Little Whorehouse in the Afterlife, and I guess they really believe that their Moon Devil will deliver, but seriously? They are giving up their Immortal soul for some pussy?



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Sorry, but God's **already** out bid Allah in that bidding contest, and delivered. I really **meant** it when I said I wouldn't trade the Mafia Princess for the most beautiful woman in the world in triplicate. Absolutely meant it. I have my own personal slice of Heaven here on Earth. While things here are rough right now, this is temporary. There are some nasty things happening to me right now, but they will be over with shortly enough, and once I am on the other side of that, it is going to be so fucking great that words cannot describe it. I know this because I have seen it.

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Maybe it is because I am so near to death that I am seeing things this clearly, but if so this makes my cancer one damned fortuitous event in a life that has been loaded with a great deal of difficulty. I would bless the cancer, for I could not bear to have it be otherwise.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

You'll be happy to know that they've given me the right pain medications tonight. They gave me both a Percocet, And Injectable morphine. No needle tracks. They put the morphine into my port , so no new injections. They gave me the choice of doing it now or later. I opted for now. I am in a good bit of pain, both from their Removing all of that fluid from my lungs, and from the other pain from dealing with the parts of my pneumonia . Today has sucked for sure.



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@ [RIX](#):

Absolutely. It is (or should be) a crime to falsely prosecute Anyone, and cops are part of Anyone. I can't imagine that mthen police are happy with a false prosecution. Had the charges been more timely dropped, there is no telling



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what might have happened. Could something like this have become a campaign issue? It certainly Could have. Whether it would have or not we'll never know.it certainly could have been an issue.

[Lily](#) wrote:

And the secret deal obama made with Iran, which Iran didn't keep secret nor or they going to wait like it matters....I have read NOTHING from these pundits about obama giving Iran (our enemy) NUKES. They were worried *that the police shootings* might damage his *legacy*! Really? Nothing about the horrendous killings! No, no, no....obama's legacy is more important.



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Obama's deal with Iran is treason, nothing less. And everyone men seems cool with that. **That's** What I don't get with all of this. He has created a timeline by which Iran will develop nuclear weapons, and it will be considered to be open, aboveboard, and **legal!** That is unreal to me! He did not do this via treaty or even executive order, but simply by an agreement that congress didn't even have to approve. Unreal!

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Peri us did what he was Really Hired to do, which was run the convention. Getting Jeb! the nomination was not in his Official Job description. In all fairness to Preibus, he handled the convention pretty much the way that he Should Have handled it. Trump, who was the People's nominee, got the nomination. I am not real thrilled with that, but it is how it Should Have played out. All of the shenanigans that Preibus was supposed to be planning never materialized. Did Preibus plan them, and fail to deliver? I don't know. All I know is that the guy who was the People's choice won the nomination. That is how it should have been, and how it played out.



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Washyerhair Schultz, OTOH, delivered unto Hillary a nomination. We'll see what she makes of it. That doesn't appear to be the way the rank and file Democrats wanted it to be, judging by the number of people who walked out of the convention. That had to be embarrassing for Hillary. Of course, embarrassing Hillary may not be possible. One has to have shame to be embarrassed, and I see no evidence that Hillary is anything but a shameless crook.

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@ [RIX](#):

Goldberg burned a LotOf credibility in this election, and, in the end, delivered nothing for it. He, not Preibus, would be the one that I figured had come out the loser on this election. Preibus did what he was Was Supposed to do, run a credible convention, and nominate the candidate who won the most Primary voters as the Party Nominee at the end of that process. This was exactly what he did. Jonah Goldberg rvealed himself to be an Establishment hack who could not deliver the nomination to the candidate that the Establishment wanted. He didn't even get close. So what good is he at all?

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@ [eaglesoars](#):

They just gave me my morphine and Ativan, so my pain should be coming under control. I just checked, and we got my OxyContin and Percocets earlier. All of my pain killers are on board. I should be OK until about 11:00.

As for Preibus, he did what the Chairman of the Party **Should** Have done in a hotly contested primary. I have to say that I am very impressed with him. As opposed to, say, Michael Steele. He handled himself well in a difficult situation, and will probably be demonized for it for the foreseeable future because of it. Politics. My chosen profession <rolleyes> but it is important. IMHO, it is the second most important job in the country, with being a minister being the most important. Your soul matters more than your body, but that is about it.

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@ [coldwarrior](#):

Yeah, I think that choice reflects very well on Trump. If that is the way that he runs his Administration, and he wins (there's always That Little caveat), then the Country will be in good hands for the first time since Ronald Reagan. W Wanted To be good hands. He Wanted To do what was right. But he was surrounded by Mohammedan lovers, and that played to the negative for him. It would be one thing if the Mohammedans were telling the truth, and Islam were truly a religion of peace, but it clearly is not that, and the country suffered for it.nwhatever else Trump does, I don't think he will be surrounding himself with people who are weak on Islam. That Will be a change for the better.

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@ [RIX](#):

Bastards, the lot of them. As Coldwarrior has been saying, this has been a very educational election campaign cycle. I am not proud of how my country was turning out to be, but I *Am* Learning out a lot about my putative allies. I used to like Jonah Goldberg and Rich Lowery. Lowery has an excellent graphic about

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why it is better for the poor to gravitate towards the Right. It is a pity that he doesn't appear to believe that At all. If the Republicans governed as they profess to believe , they'have the Music in an election or two. It isn't just Nugent, Alice Cooper, and Dave Mustain. It appears to be the majority in a while.



@ [eaglesoars](#):

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Love you much.

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[lobo91](#) wrote:

Pelosi: White Men Aren't Backing Hillary Because They're Stupid Homophobes, Gun Nuts and **Jesus-Freaks**..



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She's not real big on Christians, is she? Imagine if some public figure called her pet Mohammedans "Mohammed Freaks" she'd lose her shit over "Islamophobia". But "Jesus Freaks" isn't offensive to her. It isn't a sign of Christianophobia. That is simply how people who move in her circle refer to Christians. I won't even bother with "gun nuts". We know Democrats hate the Second Amdment, and Second Amendment supporters. And, too, they hate non-gays. If you don't suck dick or eat pussy (homosexually), you aren't worth much in the eyes of the Democrat leadership. Does that about sum it up? I have come to literally hate the Democrats, and I am not the kind of man who lets hate motivate him. But they are treasonous snakes, no disrespect to snakes. Evil is as Evil does, and there is nothing wrong with hating Evil. I will try to pray for Pelosie's soul, that she would turn from her Evil, abortion worshipping ways. I guess that make me a "Jesus Freak" in her eyes. That my praying for her soul probably bugs the shit out of her warms my heart, and motivates me to continue doing so. Sad to say, but sparin her Eternal Damnation isn't a real motivator for me in her case.

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@ [RIX](#):

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Yep, that is it. They aren't interested in passing a conservative agenda, or much of any other kind of agenda. All they care about is drawing their salary, enjoying their perks, and living the DC lifestyle. The contempt our putative masters feel for us is astounding. It isn't Just The Democrats who hold Americans in contempt. That is fine, because I hold them in contempt as they

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hold us in contempt.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

They are taking care of an incipient bed sore on my ass right now, so anything that takes my mind off of it is helpful. I am not much of a kid person, but this is a sweet story. Cops do so much good in our communities, and they get so little recognition for it. It would drive me nuts. Back in mid '90s I was fortunate enough to work with some really good law enforcement officers fighting Bill Clinton's gun control efforts. For the most part the rank and file law enforcement officers are against gun control, though how far they carry that differs from officer to officer. I have known cops who basically didn't believe in gun control at all. They would even sell guns to me, and I was underage, but they knew me and trusted me, even though I had a nasty reputation. Maybe they just didn't care. That was all a long time ago, before Sam was killed.



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In any event, most line cops are good people trying to do a difficult job, with little support from the press, politicians, and, increasingly, the public. The media's promotion of the lie that law enforcement officers are out hunting black men for fun is not helping police our communities. And it is such a massive lie. If you look at what is really going on, black males are **less** likely to be shot by police than whites or non-white Hispanics. When I was a gangster, the cops were the enemy, of course, but I have grown up since then considerably.

@ [eaglesoars](#):

What a crock of shit. I feel absolutely no guilt, white or otherwise, for the actions of people who weren't even my ancestors.



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In my ancestral tree, there is exactly one "slave owner". He was given a house slave for a wedding present in the 1850s. He accepted her as a gift, and manumitted her in celebration of his wedding. That's it. Most of the rest of my ancestors were too poor to afford slaves, whatever their position on the question of slavery might have been.

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So why would I owe reparations for slavery? Do blacks owe me reparations for the Trail of Tears? Does their "Black Guilt" drive sports stars to pay me reparations for the benefits (yes, **Benefits**) that they have gotten because their ancestors were brought to America? Do they really, **Honestly** Believe that they would be better off if their ancestors had remained in Africa? If so, there are hundreds, maybe even thousands of flights to Africa every day. These people are **Rich** Beyond anything that I can hope to achieve. Let them finance their

own ticket “home” to Africa, and right the terrible wrong done to their ancestors so very long ago.

Yeah, I think Fentanyl is one of the drugs that they are putting me on. I know that they are putting me on Flexeril patches. Flexeril is **Not** Soma, which I’d thought it might be. I am on a Flexeril right now, but they say it will be 24 hours before I notice any changes. Wah. I am having increasing levels of pain. They are checking right now to see if they can give me any pain medication. So much of my pain medication requires me to ask for it. I never can remember when it is time to ask. So I ask early and often, like Democrats vote. The worst they can do is say “no”. It isn’t like I am trying to abuse the medication, only that I am trying to get all of the pain medication I am due it. As it turns out, it was time for my morphine, so it was a good thing that I asked. I wish they’d just give them to me on a schedule, but I guess that they are right to make me ask for it. If I am not hurting badly enough to ask for morphine, then I am not in enough pain to require morphine.



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Do you remember McGuyver and Giggles from LGF? They were Air Force, and bikers, so we got along really well. They’ve even made several trips down here, and we even vacationed with them in the Smokies a time or two before they moved to Montana. It is a bit far for that now, though I **Will** See them again in the flesh before I die. We are tentatively planning going to Sturgis next year. Sturgis is in South Dakota, but when you are traveling that far, they are close enough to one another to make both of them in the same trip. We’ll have to see what we can make happen. Anyway, Giggles just bought a new toy, a 2015 Harley Davidson Free Wheeler Trike like mine. Mine has a few more (or at least different) mods to it. Her’s doesn’t appear to have a windshield or rear chrome bumper, and I wouldn’t expect all of the chrome skull jewelry on her bike that I have on mine, but in all other respects they appear identical except. I’ll have to warn her about the factory recall on the transmission. Hopefully they’ll have already taken care of that. I had a little bit of a rough start with Angel, but that is not uncommon on Harley Davidsons. One of my buddies who is VP of the Tennessee chapter of the Infidels got a new Road King last year, and he had her in the shop for an oil leak shortly after purchasing her.

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Harley’s are too much like custom bikes not to have some issues when they are first getting on the road. I have to get out there and ride with her. The trikes are sweet rides. There is a lot going for the two-wheeled bikes, just in the skill and adventure of riding them, but the third wheel really helps if you are disabled like I am now, or are a nervous rider like Mickie is. It isn’t that you can’t hurt yourself on one. I had that wreck right after I got Angel, after all. That was

Because She was a trike. But they are probably a little safer, a little more forgiving of mistakes on the road, in any event, I love the one I've got. They are a lot of fun to ride, and they are still an American made motorcycle, which is something that the Infidels require for membership.

[eaglesoars](#) wrote:

Does she actually believe that whites feel guilt? There's an entire industry pimping that idea and a few loser whites who try to find some meaning in their lives by adopting that hair shirt, but on the whole, we're just laughing at her.

Exactly! Why, exactly, should I feel guilt for the **behavior of my ancestors**, and, in my case, the **acts of other people's ancestors**? None of that has **Anything** To do with me. I feel no guilt, because there **Is no guilt** To be felt. As you know, I've been the victim of a racially motivated hate crime. I was severely beaten, and, indeed, they were trying to kill me. Do other blacks need to feel guilt over these acts by people who have no connection to them? Why on Earth would ey do that? And if I can't and don't expect blacks to feel some kind of racial guilt for the cowardly acts of four of their modern day compatriots, why in the name of God would I feel guilt for the actions of nameless whites who have no connection to me 150-200 **Years** ago? The whole premis for Reparations for Slavery is built on the fallacy that there can be racial guilt because of the actions of a relative few whites a couple of hundred years ago. In truth it is bullshit, and anybody that seriously expects Reparations for Slavery is nuts, while anybody foolish enough to pay them is crazy a a shit-house rat.



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@ [troutski](#):

It is, as you say, a con game. Why pay the con-artists one red cent, just because they came up with a semi-believable con? It is Still a con game, nothing more. The people pushing for it are criminals, and the people who fall for it are suckers. Fuck the lot of them. Nobody, absolutely Nobody deserves a payout because of a con, and to give them a payout is to succumb to their criminal enterprise. The only extent in this direction I would go at all is to offer to pay their transport back to Africa. The country of their choice, if it'll have them, but a One-way ticket, and an absolute promise that no tax-payer money would ever be used to repatriate the. To the United States. Indeed, I'd require their renouncing their American Citizenship To qualify for this one-time cash payout. If, indeed, it is even a cash payout. Buy them a ticket, and see to it their happy ass gets on the plane, and then wash America's hands of their fate. They've made the deal to leave America, with the explicit intent of going to



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Africa. Send them there. It is more than we Owe them, but in this case I Am willing to let them get away with the scam because, in the end, they are scamming themselves. I'll use a few of them as examples, and then this reparations nonsense will go away.

@ [eaglesoars](#):



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Thanks, but Mickie already has that covered. She knows what drugs I am taking, and when I am taking them. I'd be lost at sea without her. I have said many times that she is the best thing that has ever happened to me. There's absolutely no denying that. Without her, I'd be entirely lost in all of this. I can't even remember my Doctor's and Nurse's names

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@ [eaglesoars](#):



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Black lives don't matter to the people whining for reparations for slavery. That is simply a vehicle to power, and a crock of shit, anyway. If black lives mattered to them, they'd be addressing the twin problems of the black homicide rate, and the black abortion rate. Both of those problems kill more blacks every year than were killed by Jim Crow, and even slavery itself. The black abortion rate is straight-up genocide, but it is the kind of legacy that Inwould expect from the Democrat Party on the racial issue. The Democrats will fight to the last black baby to Slaughter every last one of them! All Fetussians Must Die!, especially Fetussians of Color. Every last one of them must die.

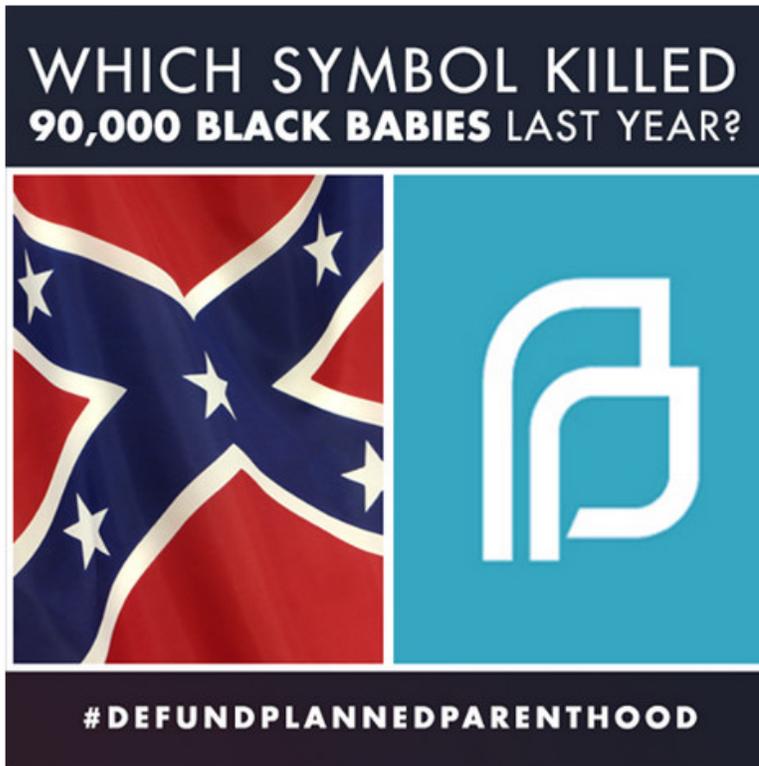
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@ [buzzsawmonkey](#):

There you Go, putting things into historical context, and showing that it wasn't as awful as modern Leftists claim, or, for that matter, awful at all. It did offer some back-door commentary on the role that Most Blacks had to play in the post-Civil War US, and even the Antebellum United States, but even there you had successful blacks, some of whom actually owned slaves of their own. I've never seen record of it, but I suspect that your average black was better off under a white master than a black master, though I

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wouldn't know where to go about getting even remotely accurate accounts of that kind of thing. The people involved in telling the stories would all have too many vested interests to be able to, actually trust contemporary accounts of what went on to trust those accounts.

[vapig](#) wrote:

Most of that generation (just watch any man on the streets interviews) doesn't know anything about the revolution nor the civil war. They certainly don't know nothing of the founders - except they were white slave owners.

Yep, and that way they can manipulate the history to be anything that they want it to be. I may very well have been in the **last generation** to get something of an honest treatment of the Founding Fathers, Civil War Heroes and villains (Nathan Bedford Forrest was both). It wasn't PC to defend Forrest too much, even when he did things like snatch a Union man (Standard bearer, IIRC) up and carry him behind him as a human shield when he was cut off, outnumbered a skill ion to one, and still made it back to friendly lines , as he did at Shiloh. OTOH, Fort Pillow was more complicated than people let on that it was, though it may well have been a war crime even by the standards of 'the time. There's a **lot** of debate about how much Forrest Himself was involved in the mechanics of the massacre. There seems no doubt that he acted to put a stop to it when he grasped the full extent of what was going on there.



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After the war he was just as controversial. His treatment of freed slaves was, from what I have seen, exemplary. He gave his freed slaves arms, a practice that my brig research indicates was simply Forrest being Forrest. As I understand it, he armed slaves that he freed for whatever reason both during and after the Civil War itself. Something he was criticized for.

But he was also the first Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan. I am not sure what that really meant. There were a number of paramilitaries that sprung up post-Bellum. The Ku Klux gKlan was probably the largest of these. It probably became the most brutal, though it was well respected for quite some time, Forrest himself ultimately rejected the terrorist ways that the Klan adopted.

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I want to see the psychic rampage she goes through when That Happens! That is what I call entertainment! Stephen King is pretty predictable in his plots. *Carrie*, and *Firestarter* Are pretty much the same book, with the age of the protagonist changed. It was OK. I remember the guy who commits suicide by ramming his hand in the garbage disposal I'm *Firestarter*. I don't recal being.mo

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@ [vapig](#):



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Hey! I'm on my way to radiation treatment as we speak . I am tired, and I shouldn't be, but we've been hammering me with radiation all week now. I am nauseous as hell this afternoon, now get my baby girl.

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Ian ready to go after this, but I have to stay until,until tomorrow. Thanks for asking!

@ [RIX](#):



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Hillary is running for Hillary. Nothing more, nothing less. She doesn't give a damn about the Country, God, or even her own family. Hillary is for Hillary, and that is all Hillary is for.

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@ [vapig](#):



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Nobody who is paying attention thinks that Obama is a President worth emulating. He is, indeed, the worst President that America has everhad. Not just the worst in the new Century, or in 100 years, but the worst ever. I believe that is by design, too. He wants to be the worst, set out to be the wise, and was successful in his design. He is a very evil man, who shares what America stand for (and despite aLeftist blathering a, America stands for Good In the world), and wishes to undo a century and a half of progress for good in this world.

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You are seeing the masks come off of the Left in this election. Witness Sanders' embracing breadlines in a Country (Cuba, in this particular instance) as a sign of good, Progressive values at work. This is whatProgressives **do** to the countries that they control. Bread lines, food lines, poverty and loss, disease, and so forth. This's is the **real** Progressive agenda. Witness Stalin's never fully embracing the Leftwst system of

government, because he Knew that he could do more evil without it.

Evil is as Evil does, to quote a movie with a little modification. Stalin knew he could commit more evil, not to mention sleeping more comfortably himself, if he didn't embrace the Left entirely. A Leftist who is committed to the Marxist Agenda will never admit that Leftism has failed, even when they've repeatedly cashed and burned on takeoff. They keep blaming the architects of the system, despite the fact that Leftism routinely produces the results that Leftism produces.

@ [RIX](#):

Hillaryism requires the ability to lie to yourself repeatedly and Believe Those lies. She had to, to refuse to see what Bill was doing to her. Now, maybe they had the open, arranged marriage that they appeared to have. I think that there is no question that it was all about power for the two of them, so she is probably not displeased with the results that she's gotten to date, but Bill didn't give her the Presidency when he failed to get Gore elected in 2000, so there has to be Some displeasure there. Sexually, she probably feels no betrayal, except maybe Bill got to bang more women than her has thus far in their relationship, though, who knows about that? She may have had more women than he has, seeing how she could operate in the quiet while Bill had to watch his Ps and Qs. He had the big spotlight on him. I figure Hillary comes out of the closet shortly after she is inaugurated in 2017. Her constituents will love her for that. Bill thought she got the shit end of that stick, but that particular deal isn't over with, yet. And Hillary doesn't like to lose...



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[RIX](#) wrote:

Hillary destroyed Lots of women, yet her predicate to be elected is that she is a woman.



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No lie, there. Think of all the women **Before** Paula Jones had the intestitudinal fortitude to fight back that "Power Couple" destroyed! I doubt that they even remember all of them. Hell, for all we know that may have been some sick game to them, to see how far over the line they could go and not get punished for it. As Bill found out, it was pretty damned far.

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They are Evil, Evil people. After all, Hillary worships at the shrine of Saul Alinsky, who is an admitted devotee of Lucifer, whom he considers the

“First Radical”. He’s right about that. An **honest** call on his part. No doubt he thinks it’s “cool” to be basically a Satanist, out in the open, and the people and politicians don’t object to it at all. I think it makes him a douchebag, but you haven’t seen Hillary (let alone Obama) pay any price for that, yet. I think that the worm is turning on all of that. People are sick and tired of the Leftist Douchebags making fools of the very system that so many Americans have given their lives to protect. Yes, the Constitution gives them the right to be dicks, but we have the right **And** Responsibility to call them out for what they are. And being anti-American thugs is no longer cool. Whatever else Donald Trump may accomplish, he has moved the needle on **That** Considerably.

[vapig](#) wrote:

This just proves to me they are only interested in controlling people and inflicting as much misery upon the populace as possible. IOW – they are demonically evil people.

Absolutely. Leftism is evil, just as Islam is Evil, and the practitioners of both systems are evil by nature. That the average American **Rejects** Evil when it is this openly practiced speaks to the fundamental **goodness** of the American People. You have the “Coexist” movement, but it is a failure, and it has never led to an Islamic religious revival in the United States. Islam is losing in the United States, which is heartening, because it appears to be **Winning** in Europe, especially what we have come to call Old Europe. France appears to have been too traumatized by the Great Wars, while Germany feels too much guilt for them, to be willing to stand up and fight the New Evil that has arisen in their midst. The United States is too fractured to lead this time. Imagine if 1934 had happened while the United States was in the throes of 1852, and you can see why America can’t lead at this time. And the Left, which has acquired considerable political power in the last 40-50 years, is doing its damndest to make things worse.

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@ [vapig](#):X

I’ve been asleep. It has been long enough on the chemo that my immune system is good, and my beard has started growing back. That said, I am pretty exhausted. The nurse says that exhaustion is a common side-effect of the radiation, sometimes within a few hours of the treatment. And I know that nausea is a common side-effect of it. They just gave me injectable Zofran, and a good shot of morphine, so that should be getting to work on

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my nausea and pain immediately. And I do feel some better from the pain. The nausea is still with me, though. Maybe the Zofran will start kicking this shit out of me.



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@ [eaglesoars](#):

Aloha SnackBar! Strike a blow for freedom. It is a pity more people won't see it.

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@ [troutski](#)

People like this want to disarm the people for a number of reasons, none of which are benevolent, or with the well-being of the civilian populace in mind. I could go over in detail what they claim that they want to accomplish, versus what they actually accomplish, and how these things differ, but you all can write the dissertation as well as I can. We all know that they claim lives will be spared, but we all can show where that is simply false, and that the people pushing these agendas know that they are false. This makes them duplicitous, not well-meaning, deluded folks. They use the mantra "If it saves one life", as though there were no costs associated with gun control. A bit over a decade ago, rths woman I was living with at the time's grandmother was attacked in her home, beaten, kidnapped, robbed, choked out with a bedsheet, and left for dead. She lived Only Because the guy who was trying to kill her had never been taught to make certain you leave no witnesses, and gone to the kitchen, gotten a knife, and DoneNwhatever was necessary to ensure no survivors. Thank God for that! Y this does not workThe Sherrif's deputy told her to buy a gun, and if the SOB came back, she was to shoot to kill, and they'd come clean up the mess. They guy was lucky, and the police caught him within a few days of the crime. If I'd seen him out and about, I'd have taken care of the tax-payer relief shot.



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It is guys like is that gun controllers seek to **Empower** When they seek to disarm the law abiding, and allow the law-breaking further power to victimize their victims. Maybe I can conceive in a general way that removing weapons from society could be a net good, at the end of the day it was trivial to find viable real-world examples as to why this does not work in practice.



@ [Calo](#):

My tattooist's shop got forcibly repatriated like that once. What can you do?

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Iron Fist It was in his contract, along with a similar clause that would allow my friend to duck on the lease if he had to... The radioactives remain radioactive, but that and \$5 will buy you a cup of coffee at Starbucks, but I am not sure how far along on your own Manhattan Project that will get you. Certainly farther than not having said radioactive a on hand, but it is possible that, absent high-tech manufacturing, that doesn't get you far at all. It is also possible that it becomes only a matter of remanufacturing. I don't know enough about nuclear weapons manufacturing to say for certain. Hell, this was likely to end

I@ [Calo](#):



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Hey! I feel like the odds are beating me right now The Zofran kicked in enough for me to get a decent night's sleep last night. My muscles are aching. I know that it isn't from my exertions last night, so we'll just keep on keeping on. I am tired, despite just waking up. I've never felt so tired from so little exertion. I'll hopefully break down some barriers today.

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Well, they've gone and done it. Today the hospitalist used the "T" word with me, when discussing my need for a living will. He called my cancer **Terminal**. I told him I expected to live, and he countered that it was better to be prepared. I agree completely. But it is a real kick in the crotch to be told so casually that the doctors consider your case terminal cancer. Oh, well. It is what it is. I have emailed my wife. She and I have some things that we need to talk about. Now, he didn't say "six months to live", or anything like this, but he did ask me how long I was prepared to live like this. I want to through Christmas, and until my tattoos are all done and healed. It'd be better if I could make it five years. We'll see what I can do about that. Add I will have to do the directive. If I am going to not make it laong term, I want to make it as good as I can, for as long as I can,



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@ [coldwarrior](#):



Iron Fist

Thanks, man, that helps immensely. Of course I want to take as many of these decisions off the Mafia Princess's neck as I can. It was just a real shock for one of my doctors not call it "terminal". I guess that this has been done to keep her from having to deal with this until she is forced to. The reason the doctors haven't used the word terminal before is probably simple: once the doctors used the word terminal to me, my employer, team Health Had to terminate my employment. My manager, who managed to keep me on for almost 8 months would have had no say in the matter. I was out of

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work, and likely never coming back.

@ [vapig](#):

As we are seeing with Clinton, if the law is not enforced, or is only Randomly Enforced, then it is tyranny, and not law at all. Thus you see gangbangers in Chicago with mile-long records of arrests, but charges never filed, for whatever reason. I can assure you that if I were arrested on a gun charge, I would be in a hard part of the system for me to deal with. I might still be able to scare up a reasonable plea agreement, but that would depend on the prosecutor. And, too, it would depend on the way I treated the arresting officer, interrogators, and such.



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@ [eaglesoars](#):

I responded, but I copied the Mafia Princess on it, and she still hasn't gotten her copy. So I'll copy and paste what I said in my last paragraph:

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You should see me now! Pictures do not do justice to it. And it is a package deal. Up close and personal you get the leather and blades, in addition to the tattoos. I am even able to grow my beard back, which is welcome indeed.

Love ya much. A hug and kiss to you and Bob as well. I am looking forward to meeting him, to congratulate him on the quality of a woman he was lucky enough to get as his life's Partner.



**Iron
Fist**

@ [eaglesoars](#):

That is the joy of computers. The Mafia Princess Still Hasn't gotten her copies

[2016/07/31
at 5:50 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

@ [eaglesoars](#):

When Democrats begin questioning Hillary on her truthfulness, she is in a world of hurt. She's relying on half the population to forget the lessons of the Clinton years. That may happen. But as far as I can tell the only reason she ever has given for electing her other than simply because she is woman, hear her roar, is that she will return America to the 1990s. Reminding everyone that the Obama Administration was a nest of snakes from the get-go. You had Vince Foster and Waco right

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out the door. It is seriously unlikely that they won't do something similar to initialize Clinton II



**Iron
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@ [lobo91](#):

Yeah, I Saw That bullshit over at Zip's. What drugs are these LGBTQWERTY assholes on that they actually Believe This? Feelings

trump genetics. Let me tell that to my cancer. I am healed,

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at 6:14 pm](#)

[troutski](#) wrote:

The Khan situation is a one off and not at all representative of the Muslim population at large. Khan gets into a larger Muslim community and he would be killed as an apostate. One thing I notice about individual muslim immigrants is that they are massively naive about their religion. All you really have to do is ask them to pledge 10 percent of their income every year to Israel if they want to immigrate to the US. Most often they will choose the sword.



**Iron
Fist**

Well, I myself would likely chosen the rather dashing, bright role of Mighty Mouse ("Here i come to save the day!") When I was his age. I never knew where I was going to wind up, when I will get there, etc. this doesn't make me an ISIS supporter.

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at 9:27 pm](#)

@ [vapig](#):

The Mafia Princess has family in California, and she lived there for quite some time, but when the opportunity arose for Her Tito escape that hellhole, she came willingly, and with little reluctance or second-guessing on her part. We've been going gangbusters ever since. There was never any question about me moving to California. The change in cost of living would have made me a beggar in no time, even with a huge increase in salary. Software Engineers are relatively well compensated around here, but when I looked at the change in baseline costs, I would be looking at a massive decrease in purchasing power for those extra bucks. I don't see how people make it without high-paying work like an engineer or project manager.



**Iron
Fist**

[2016/08/01
at 7:02 pm](#)



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Fist

@ [Mars](#):

I am afraid that I am not. I was a welder for a brief time in the early-mid '90s, and I worked a summer job in sheet metal fabrication in that same time frame, but that isn't enough to give me the kind of skill set it sounds like you need. Sorry.

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at 7:31 pm](#)



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@ [vapig](#):

Exactly! It is in general the culture of a Westerner that they tell the truth most of the time. That Truth Has an innate character such that is I am in a debate or altercation with you, and I am telling the truth, while you are telling a falsehood, that I Lose The point, and most probably the entire debate. The Left are an exception to this, and perhaps Islam is where they got the technique .

[2016/08/02
at 8:23 pm](#)

In any event, the Left give no special value to the truth, but the **Rest of the West** Are strong believers in the truth, because the truth is **truth is true**. They can continue to blame fantastic conspiracies involving Jews (of course!), and creepy international cabal around He scary thing is that there are so damned **Many** Of them.



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@ [buzzsawmonkey](#):

@ [RIX](#):

He really could, especially now that PC Bullshit is losing ground in the wider world. We aren't the only ones who are pissed that when there is a mass shooting, the press will blame everything except Islam (in the case of a Muslim Murderer) , while if the shooter is anything else it's the gun's fault. Which is, of course, what Happens when the shooter is Islamic as well.

[2016/08/03
at 9:19 pm](#)



Iron
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@ [RIX](#):

Seriously? My youngest sisters his herself a self-worshipping narcissist, a

Has better sense than that. You could explain the situation to me when I was on a hit and a half of

LSD, and I'd comprehend the magnitude of the problem. Hell, a coked up \$25 an hour whore would probably would know rhat Something needed to be done, and the Great and POWERFULas Obama Didn't Speaks volumes about his fitness to be President.

[2016/08/05
at 2:11 pm](#)

@ [vapig](#):

We are so lucky that we had President Bush as our leader rather than Goren when 9/11 happened. Can you imagine eight wary "wise men" trying to appease bin Laden and his merry men? That might be very funny in a shallow manner, if one really likes watching the US as a superpower disintegrate.



**Iron
Fist**

@ [4Sticks](#):

My J-tube popped out in the shower, and I have to run. I am not dead, but I've got to run.

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at 2:14 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

@ [4Sticks](#):

Yeah, it was pretty storage for me, too. I have a bad headache now, and I am wheezing, I am calling for my pain pills, and nausea medicine. I feel like I've been beaten by a man with four sticks

[2016/08/05
at 3:17 pm](#)



**Iron
Fist**

@ [lobo91](#):

Because women are too smart for literacy? These Lettists parody themselves, and never understand that They Are the joke,

[2016/08/05
at 11:18 pm](#)

All this is IF's Mafia Princess posting under his acct. with an update. I can't remember my login or password so was pleasantly surprised my iPad automatically logged me in as my honeybunny.



**Iron
Fist**

He wanted to come home to be with me and our purr babies. He did not want to die in a cold hospital room alone and I would NEVER allow that to happen, so we did not do in-patient hospice; when he leaves this world and passes to eternal sleep he will go in my arms holding him, he is NOT leaving any other way but feeling the love I have for him.

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at 8:58 am](#)

When I learned in-home care did not include 24hr nurse care I pulled pin on yet another hand grenade and tossed it and had to apologize to our pastor for my language, but Matt is cool so he just prayed for us and me and by the end of the day and after the social worker came by I had the name and number of a care provider, called them and they had someone at the house that afternoon.

Fist rapidly declined one he was home. We are blessed by many friends that have come to see him, and for two nights he had brief periods of lucidity and knew they were here. Pastor Matt had communion with us the night he came home, and visited the next day to talk with him and share scripture.

He is struggling to stay here longer, I think he is waiting for Lonnie and Giggles to get here.

Nurses are a huge help and allowing me to rest more knowing someone is watching over him. He is getting excellent care so I can loosen my grip a tad to get some rest.

Having Eagles here is a blessing. And he knew she was here even if he didn't hear what she said.

GOD is calling him up for service in the heavenly angel marine corps. We know Master Wheeler will be there to greet him, and he and Sam are gonna be there on the front lines when Jesus returns to defeat the evil one. He finally gets to smite the Saraseans.

I cannot bear the thought of life without him in it, but this appears to be part of GODs plan, Fist told me he isn't afraid to die, he just doesn't want to leave me and his cars. I told him it would be okay, he can go when he is ready. That friends and family will take care of me and that I would be Ruth to Naomi and care for his mama.

Thank you all for the kindness and respect you show him. He thinks of these blogs and the posters as extended family.



**Iron
Fist**

Sorry for oopsies above, he doesn't want to leave his cats, not cars
He has a Harley Freewheeler

[2016/08/11
at 9:04 am](#)



**Velvet
Glove**

Happy Saturday

Just checking in to say hi, have a lot of cleaning and sorting and packing up things to go to charity or if I can find a donation station to send clothes to LA

[2016/08/27
at 10:05 am](#)

Also, for those of you that have favorite memories of, or stories about Fist, please contact me and share. IF wanted me to write his story, and the blogging world was a huge and important part of that. I know the LGF stuff is gone but the memories are not.

Use his email to contact me.

If you know others that don't blog here but that are LGF'ers please spread the word

Hugs