
Subject: Fahrenheit 9/11

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KIRBY098If you don't like what I write, then don't reply or read it. This is one of the most illogical statements ever. How can I possibly know I don't like what you're writing until AFTER I read it? In any case, I'm not offended by your opinion. I'm offended by your refusal to even listen to my opinion.

KIRBY098Quite frankly, I don't like your whiny "I'm not going to play this game" mentality, but I'm not taking offense to it, or dropping the F bomb over it. You may not be taking offense to it, but you're not even listening to my side of the argument, which is why I'm getting pissy and swearing at you. If you would actually listen to my side, then I'd be more polite. But you just keep saying "so go vote," not realizing that THAT IS NOT A SOLUTION. I CANNOT change the way a president is selected by voting for a president.

KIRBY098Lastly, the ideals this country were founded on go against the attitude you are taking in this regard. So? I contend that the US government is NOT PERFECT. Maybe the ideals that formed the government way back when were good for that time & place, but I don't think all of them really make sense any more. The world in the 21st century is a very different place than the world in the 18th century, and things that worked back then may not be the best solution any more.

KIRBY098The founding fathers response to Great Britain when they felt oppressed and disagreed with the authorities was the same, but the meaning was far different.:
George Washington Fuck off and leave me be.
The only difference?

They did something about it. I would urge you to use the vote that was hard won by these very same ideals.

First, the Revolutionary War didn't start because the colonists wanted Britain to "fuck off." It started because the colonists wanted representation in the British government, but Britain wouldn't let them have any representatives. Anyway, they started a war. I can't believe you really think I should go start a war against the US government.

In any case, you're free to think and say whatever you want. If you like our current system, then go vote for whomever you think would make the best president. But if you tell me that I should go vote, it means you're not listening to anything I'm saying.

All I ask is that you respect my opinion and stop telling me to vote. I have perfectly valid reasons for not voting, and I'm sick of people belittling them. You may not feel the same way I do, and I respect that. All I ask is that you respect my opinion and stop telling me it's my duty to vote.

You spoke of the ideals the country was founded on. Well, above all else, I think the country was founded on the premise of FREEDOM. Along those lines, voting is a privelege, not an obligation. I'm free to disagree with our government, and (to some extent) I'm free to refuse to participate in

it.

I'll try to say this all more simply, because I'm not sure I'm getting my point across very well:

I do not like the "democratic" system by which the US government is run. Voting would be participation in that system of which I claim to disapprove. If I voted, I would essentially be giving up my right to dislike the system.

To some extent, I think it's stupid of people to say "Bush sucks; Gore would've been better" if they don't vote. But that's not what I'm saying. I'm saying "the method of electing presidents sucks." There is no alternative offered, so I simply refuse to participate. It's either that or create my own alternative, but that would involve overthrowing the US government, which is not a step I'm prepared to take.
