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Subject: Re: Why did you vote for Obama?

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Point needs making to darkknight. I find cheesesoda's view rather silly (although considerably less silly and definitely less morally repugnant than Christianity), although as an atheist I have no problem with him believing it, as long as he doesn't use it to interfere with other people's lives (and it's hard to see how that could happen) or teach it to children as though it were factual with evidence supporting it.

That's the key. Christianity is every bit as unsupported, every bit as guesswork as the above; what is immoral (and hugely dishonest) is when these guesses are taught as though they are anything more than guesswork. In supposedly secular Britain (in a non-faith school at that), they are taught as fact, with the same certainty as what we are taught in maths or science. This is brainwashing, plain and simple. But hey, like you say, "make your own choice when you're 18". As if you can make an informed choice when you've been lied to all your life! If your education had told you that the Nazis were good people, highlighted the positive changes National Socialism had on German society (I expect there are a few, but I don't have the stomach to look for them, frankly), and told them nothing about the final solution or WW2, you could then ask them when they're 18 if they would like to join the Nazi Party. Some of them might say yes.

But that's enough about scientific truth; another point needs making about morality. I put it to everybody here that if there was no religious instruction to children, the world will become a vastly better place in the timeframe of one generation. Look at Islam; every time you read about a suicide bomber, you'll hear the usual whining about Israel and George W. Bush, but nobody wants to pay attention to the revelation (which is always there in any interview) that these murderers were motivated by religion, the promise that they would go straight to paradise for doing what they do. This is not rhetoric, they actually believe what they say they believe, and the reason so many do is because of the stranglehold religion has on education in so much of the world; because ridiculous guesswork is presented as fact.

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