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Subject: Re: Racism

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cheesesoda wrote on Tue, 10 February 2009 17:59Cabal8616 wrote on Tue, 10 February 2009 18:07cheesesoda wrote on Tue, 10 February 2009 15:55Altruism does not and cannot exist. Period.

I disagree. It just cannot exist amongst everyone.

1. the principle or practice of unselfish concern for or devotion to the welfare of others.

Not possible. When you get down to the bare reasoning as to why you're practicing "unselfish concern", it's purely egotistical. Even if you're doing something you HATE for someone you HATE, you aren't showing "unselfish concern". You are doing it in hopes that the favor is returned, thus having a selfish motive.

Altruism does not and cannot exist.

What about charitable donations that are done anonymously? For example, my father made a pretty substantial donation to a charity after the Boxing Day tsunami a few years back. It can't have been to show what a nice guy he was because he didn't tell anybody about it - including our family (I just found the thankyou letter when I was helping him clear out the garage recently). The only plausible argument that that could've been 'selfish' was that it might have made him feel good, but he could've spent the money doing something which he certainly would've enjoyed more.

Another example, my league admin work. I'm not really talking about Renegade here, but at CW I was the admin of quite a few leagues and I didn't tell anybody about it. That wasn't to feel good either, it was pretty damn annoying sometimes.

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