Subject: Re: Does loki cheat in clanwars/funwars? Posted by Dover on Sat, 21 Nov 2009 21:20:43 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

JohnDoe wrote on Sat, 21 November 2009 11:16It seems you forgot how this argument started (a few posts before my now infamous typo made you flip out):

SoQRadio wrote on Thu, 19 November 2009 17:23Actually Russia was most directly responsible for WWI. Until Russia acted, it looked like it was going to be a small-scale war between the Austrians and the Serbs (over the assassination of Francis Ferdinand). Russia wanted control of the straits and didnt want to lose its influence in the Balkans, and acted in defense of the Serbs. Russia started mobilizing for war early, and thus forced Germany to declare war, for the sake of its own national security as well as for the sake of its ally, Austria.

You replied with an analogy of how Russia came to the rescue of another slavic nation (Bulgaria). This dummy actually forgot what he was arguing about...jeez

I remember perfectly, and the example I gave is perfectly valid. I still don't get what your problem with it is.

JohnDoe wrote on Sat, 21 November 2009 11:16clearly not aware of the great powers being at the brink or war even before Franz Ferdinand was shot.

You're making that same lazy intellectual mistake again. "At the brink of war" is not the same thing as "at war". That hallowed threshold was crossed by Germany.

JohnDoe wrote on Sat, 21 November 2009 11:16Mobilizing meant that war was now inevitable, comparing this with a current scenario instead of looking at the historical context is exactly that, a lazy intellectual mistake.

Bullshit. If you can mobilize without going to war in modern times (Especially in the age of weapons of mass destruction), then there's no reason not to be able to do so then. The will not to go to war simply wasn't there, and the great powers have nobody to blame for that but themselves.

JohnDoe wrote on Sat, 21 November 2009 11:163 The Taliban regime was actively supporting Al Queda, while Franz Ferdinand's assassin was a rogue freedom fighter,

Incorrect. He was part of an organization calling itself the Black Hand (Which Westwood took for the Black Hand in the C&C series). There were five other would-be assassins along the same route Ferdinand was taking. That doesn't speak to your theory of a rouge freedom fighter.

JohnDoe wrote on Sat, 21 November 2009 11:16but that's besides the point - it doesn't matter who Austro-Hungary blamed when evaluating history.

I would say it matters more than some nerd on the internet blaming Russia.

JohnDoe wrote on Sat, 21 November 2009 11:16Hitler blamed Poland for attacking Germany first,

Godwin's law. Disucssion over.

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