
Subject: Patriotism

Posted by [Duke of Nukes](#) on Thu, 17 Apr 2003 04:45:29 GMT

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"if liberty means anything at all, it means the right to tell people what they dont want to hear"

certain people say we're abusing our rights...just so you know...patriotism is questioning whatever seems wrong to you in the way the government works...not following it mindlessly.

"Living so free is a tragedy
When you cant be what you want to be
Living so free is a tragedy
When you cant see what you need to see"
- Powerman 5000

and since you all do not respect anyone in the popular media

"We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them."

"Too many of us look upon Americans as dollar chasers. This is a cruel libel, even if it is reiterated thoughtlessly by the Americans themselves."

"He who joyfully marches to music rank and file, has already earned my contempt. He has been given a large brain by mistake, since for him the spinal cord would surely suffice. This disgrace to civilization should be done away with at once. Heroism at command, how violently I hate all this, how despicable and ignoble war is; I would rather be torn to shreds than be a part of so base an action. It is my conviction that killing under the cloak of war is nothing but an act of murder."

- Einstein

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Posted by [Blazer](#) on Thu, 17 Apr 2003 06:02:17 GMT

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LOL you are using the words of this person as part of your argument:

Stop being one of the lemmings who's only believe is going against everyone else's beliefs. You get your jollies in having the opposing point of view so you can have a good argument every day.

You can easily spot these lemmings, they are they ones that say things like "the war is wrong", and you ask them why and they say "uhh I dunno it just is". And then you ask them what is the right way things should be run or be done, and they say "I dont know but there must be another way". Its always "must be another way", but they have no idea what this mystical other way is, and they don't care because they are too busy flaming people and going to protest rallys...and anytime someone calls them an idiot, they ironically say that freedom of speech is being suppressed. :rolleyes: :rolleyes:

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Posted by [Crimson](#) on Thu, 17 Apr 2003 07:48:38 GMT

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Haha, just because I happen to agree with Bush, I am mindless? Uh, whatever. I didn't agree with fucking Clinton, that asshole pig fucker. I don't just blindly follow and agree with what the government does. I'm glad the checks and balances are there to keep them from fucking up too much.

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Posted by [Duke of Nukes](#) on Thu, 17 Apr 2003 07:53:30 GMT

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ok...please...stop being a thickheaded moron for 2 seconds in this whole debate. Believe it or not...but there are people against the war that know what they are talking about. Just because a guy looks strange is no reason to write him off...Einstein himself was rather odd in appearance...especially for the times.

we dont know of alternatives because we dont know all the information. I'll be the first to admit that there might not be another solution...other than never giving Saddam these weapons in the first place. I think you guys are forgetting a few things...Saddam was put into office by the USA...he was given chemical weapons from the USA. Bush had planned to go to war in Iraq since before he was even elected...perhaps Bush is doing the right thing...but for the wrong reasons.

Saying that his opinion doesn't matter because he's a punk is blatantly un-American. You call yourself a patriot...then dont judge another American based on the way they wear their hair.

I also find it amusing that you say people against the war are too busy flaming others to come up with an alternative to war...because it could be said that you're too busy flaming people to even look for an alternative war.

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Posted by [Duke of Nukes](#) on Thu, 17 Apr 2003 07:57:28 GMT

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CrimsonHaha, just because I happen to agree with Bush, I am mindless? that's not at all what I meant...alot of people on these boards have said we are abusing our rights by speaking out against the war. Agreeing with it is one thing...but saying we aren't allowed to is another

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Posted by [KIRBY098](#) on Thu, 17 Apr 2003 12:38:13 GMT

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Negative, we didn't say you were abusing your rights. We even affirmed the ability to be a complete idiot in our society, by consenting you had the "right to your own opinion".

No one said you aren't allowed to. We just think you're a manic depressive, liberal, punk, teenager who's too wet behind the ears to realize that the reality of living in this world, means that armed conflict occasionally does happen for justified reasons.

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Posted by [Duke of Nukes](#) on Thu, 17 Apr 2003 15:31:43 GMT

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now I remember why I started making only small comments here and there...you guys dont listen before you make fun. Just because you think something, that doesn't make it true you old fart that's stuck up in his ways so soon. Go back...read what I said...and then comment. Did I at any point say we should not be in this war? No...I did not.

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Posted by [KIRBY098](#) on Thu, 17 Apr 2003 15:57:01 GMT

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You are the master of circular logic.

How is "there must be another way" support the military intervention?

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Posted by [Crimson](#) on Thu, 17 Apr 2003 18:03:05 GMT

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Duke of Nukes, I *never* said you didn't have the right to express your opinion. Find where I said that in those words and I'll repent.

However, I do also have the right to express MY opinion, and I have the right to think (or know) that your opinion is WRONG WRONG WRONG, and I have the right to say that. You still have the right to disagree with that, but I don't give a rat's ass.

Of course the truth is that you have no rights to express your opinion on these forums, but rather a privilege I extend to you as owner of these forums and the one who pays for the server they are on. But, as a fair person, I have very lenient rules, and having a fucked-up opinion is not against said rules.

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Posted by [Duke of Nukes](#) on Thu, 17 Apr 2003 20:36:23 GMT

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dont make this into a personal attack against you. I never said this applied to you. I said certain people on the boards...which no one can honestfully deny.

Just because I dont support military action...doesn't mean I'm against it. I'm sick of this "you're either with us or against us" crap which I could piss out better quotes and mottos than that. I'd hate to break it to you...but there are shades of grey in such matters...

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Posted by [Crimson](#) on Thu, 17 Apr 2003 21:30:36 GMT

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Uh, don't quote me, reply, and then when I reply, say that you weren't talking about me.

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Posted by [Blazer](#) on Thu, 17 Apr 2003 21:57:26 GMT

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Agreed, although you aren't one of them. If you knew what you were talking about, you would have a definitive answer for the way you think things should be done, instead of just saying there must be another way.

Quote:we dont know of alternatives because we dont know all the information.

How convenient. Translation: "There must be another way...but I dont know what it is...but its not my fault, its because I havn't been told what it is...yet here I am arguing in the favor of this unknown solution"

Quote:I'll be the first to admit that there might not be another solution...other than never giving Saddam these weapons in the first place.

Translation: "Since I'm just arguing for the sake of arguing, I don't have a real solution, but hey thinking of Einstein makes me think of time travel, so I will suggest we go back in time to fix it!"

Quote:I think you guys are forgetting a few things...Saddam was put into office by the USA...he was given chemical weapons from the USA. Bush had planned to go to war in Iraq since before he was even elected...

Translation: "While I'm at it let me throw in some conspiracy theories. Anyone with half a brain can

see right through them, but hopefully it will add murkiness to the waters."

Quote:perhaps Bush is doing the right thing...but for the wrong reasons.

Translation: "Although I hate Bush I will now throw out something good about him, in hopes that it will validate the rest of the sentence I will tack on"

Quote:Saying that his opinion doesn't matter because he's a punk is blatantly un-American. You call yourself a patriot...then dont judge another American based on the way they wear their hair. I never said anything about him being punk or his hair. I was simply implying that using song lyrics, or snippets of dialog from random sources is not the way to express YOUR opinion. When you use others words, you are simply trying to use the legitimacy of that person or that persons words to add legitimacy to your own argument. I'm sure that neither PM5K nor Einstein intended for their words to be symbollic of a war they never knew would occur.

Quote:I also find it amusing that you say people against the war are too busy flaming others to come up with an alternative to war...because it could be said that you're too busy flaming people to even look for an alternative war.

I only say this because most of the anti-war people you talk to are either extremists who want us to have no military at all, or people who just jumped on the antiwar bandwagon and have no real views or answers. You ask them how things should be done and its "I dont know but there should be another way". How can you fight to change something when you don't know what you want it changed to? As far as me being too busy flaming people to even look for an alternative to war, I disagree. For one thing, I don't flame people. I sometimes state my opinion, mostly I provide some information and let people draw their own conclusions. If you can find any Ad Hominem posts by me please point them out (unlike your "thickheaded moron" comments).

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Posted by [Duke of Nukes](#) on Fri, 18 Apr 2003 03:50:44 GMT

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I love how you people put words into my mouth I never even said...seriously...I never said anything remotely relating to anything you said in that past post so it's pointless to come up with a section by section analysis. Obviously I think on different brainwaves from you and you just dont get what I'm saying.

Crimson...I never once said you were one of those people...I said there are people like this on these boards. You immediately assumed it was you...and then I quoted you to say that's not what I said. again...I said there are people like that on these boards...and you immediately assumed I was talking about you. Did I ever say your name? Did I ever do anything to try to get you to come to this post? No...I did nothing of the sort.

I never said "there must be another way." I find it ironic you accuse me of saying that and then actually QUOTE me on saying: Quote:I'll be the first to admit that there might not be another solution

Congratulations...you just contradicted yourself by quoting your opposition

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You apparently didn't notice the word Translation in my comments. I didn't put any words in your mouth, simply tried to make sense out of your nonspecific comments. You say you are against the war and at the same time say there might not be any other way, other than some fantasy time travel trip to reverse your conspiracy theory of the US giving Saddam his weapons and putting him into office.

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Don't forget the remainder of the quote, which you happened to leave off this time; "...other than never giving Saddam these weapons in the first place...Saddam was put into office by the USA...he was given chemical weapons by the USA. Bush had planned to go to war in Iraq since before he was even elected..."

LOL. So you are a mind reader? You know what Bush was thinking and planning, even before he was elected huh? The picture you paint, is that we put Saddam in power, gave him a bunch of illegal weapons, knowing he would gas the Kurds with them, so then we would have a handy excuse to go invade a country and kick some ass.

I think you missed your calling. Instead of trolling the forums you should be writing novels...I will forward your scenario to Tom Clancy and see if he can polish it up

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you really should learn a bit about history before speaking about it.

sadaam was NOT put in office by the us. he started in power as the right hand man to the president of iraq in 1979. he then backstabbed his way into the presidency.

while we did provide some means to make chem/bio weapons, we were not the only ones supplying iraq. and, there was good reason... 1) they were fighting iran which was the greater of two evils. 2) we were in a cold war with the ussr and the mideast was one of the most important places to be. thus by helping iraq, we were bidding against the ussr for a very strategic partner. also, keep in mind that while we were courting saddam openly to his face, we were also providing help to the kurds in a bid to get rid of him because we knew he was a hitler wannabe and we would be better off without him.

al that aside, what was done in the past doesn't matter, what matters is what he has done since. just because we were once "friends"(term used loosly) doesn't mean we are obligated to bow down to this maniac now.

edit: forgot to mention, bush did not plan to go to war before he was elected. he did however campaign on the principle of putting an end to saddam's games. this is one of the many reasons i voted for him. we put up with saddam for long enough. it was time to shit or get off the pot!
