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Subject: Patriots/Nationalists

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Sun, 31 Jul 2005 13:45:40 GMT

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The definition of Patriotism is, "The Love of a Land and It's Peoples and Culture." Nationalism is, "The Fanatical Support of The Power of a Nation." Hitler once wrote in Mein Kampf, "I am A Nationalist; Not A Patriot." Which one defines you?

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Subject: Re: Patriots/Nationalists

Posted by [Damir](#) on Sun, 31 Jul 2005 14:31:45 GMT

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Well, everyone tends to say "a patriot" for himself, and "more modern" people say "neither, we are in 21st century", etc. A good question is what (and who) makes our opinions and why. One interesting band from Slovenia explores this field (totalitarianism, nationalism, ideology, occult, war) for 25 years - Laibach. I remember when some people from their circle published a nice May 1st poster - power of working people or so, power of socialism, unity, etc. And then confessed that they only changed the words on some old Nazi poster... Big scandal in former Yugoslavia, haha. Their last "hit" is inspired with "Deutschland/American friendship":-) Eins, zwei, drei, vier - meine freunde tanz mit mir!

Tanz mit Laibach

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Subject: Re: Patriots/Nationalists

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Sun, 31 Jul 2005 15:20:59 GMT

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Vas mit du? Nien spreken zie Deutsch. So which side are you on?

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Subject: Cross of Iron

Posted by [Damir](#) on Sun, 31 Jul 2005 15:45:35 GMT

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Hey, don't ask too much - maybe you'll don't like the answer:-) I remember the story by Ch. Bukowski, "Beer in local bar" or so. He just wants to drink some beers, and then some folks (who obviously don't like strangers) ask him this and that, and through simple answers he gave them they concluded that he hate The Country and everyone else, in a word - evil Nazi bastard...

Dance with Laibach

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Subject: Video  
Posted by [Damir](#) on Sun, 31 Jul 2005 15:59:33 GMT  
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Hey, you can watch the video "Tanz mit Laibach" on "Yahoo!Music" site...

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Subject: Re: Video  
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Sun, 31 Jul 2005 17:04:15 GMT  
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I'm still trying to figure out who they are. There's an old saying; ask and ye shall receive. So I'm trying to receive.

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Subject: Re: Video  
Posted by [Damir](#) on Sun, 31 Jul 2005 17:32:23 GMT  
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Go to Yahoo!Music and type Laibach in search window. Then you can find their biography and three videos. I like their version of "Across the universe" - kids in "Hitlerjugend style" uniforms sing "Nothin` gonna change my world", hehehe...  
<http://launch.yahoo.com>

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Subject: Anarchist  
Posted by [wunhuanglo](#) on Sun, 31 Jul 2005 20:37:25 GMT  
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You're not allowed to hear the president in person without a loyalty pledge and a ticket. Even then you can be dragged out into the street by political operatives because you look "suspicious". "You're with us or against us". The government's been usurped by the corporations, and everything they tell you is an outright lie, but nobody cares. The land is populated by unthinking acolytes who perpetuate the rule of the corporations because by swallowing the advertising of the corporations and acting on it without thinking. The rule of law has been subverted to the benefit of the corporations. Search and seizure are no longer restricted by constitutional guarantees. Cops play "find a joint, win a house" and no judge will stop them. Perpetual war has been declared. Anyone who doesn't support perpetual war is a traitor. Free speech is permitted only in "free speech zones" (and you thought the whole fucking country was a free speech zone). Can you support anything else but anarchy without being

a serf?

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Subject: Re: Anarchist

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Sun, 31 Jul 2005 20:57:45 GMT

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Put Charlie down for the Patriot side; anyone else?

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Subject: Re: Anarchist

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Mon, 01 Aug 2005 03:53:34 GMT

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I agree with you, Charlie. Honestly, I think both major parties are equally guilty, and I think the media spins the shit out of everything we see. When you think about it, it's surprising how propagandized and conformist our culture really is. Most of us actually believe what we are told, either from one side of the aisle or the other. We may have a rebellious streak, but even our rebellion has conformity. Americans like the independent, rugged individualist and we all like to think of ourselves as being that way. But the truth is "rugged individualism" is not really an asset here. It sets you apart, makes you an outcast. The trick is to be highly conformant, and just unique enough to stand out, to appear unique. I don't chime in on the political discussions here, because it just doesn't really seem the place to do it for me. I talk about things on a much smaller scale, one in my field, closer to home, so to speak. But the sockpuppeting thing we discussed recently is similar to what I think happens in the political arena in a huge way. Public office should be about trusted service. That's what it should be. But what it is, is an effort to exert power. In America, the land of the free. Politics is nothing but exit polls, talking points and sound bites which is propaganda using media-friendly phrases. The information we receive is highly polished, doctored and analyzed for impact. Campaigns are polished and produced, and there is no such thing as public education or fact-finding for the people, not in public, not in the universities, nowhere. Action committees and spokespeople are bought and paid for. In short, all politics is sockpuppets and shills. It is deception at the core level, and there is not a single person that can be trusted in the entire chain of command, from president down to court clerk in the smallest town. Neither party, in fact, party affiliation doesn't matter. The system just isn't setup to encourage honesty or ethics. Quite the opposite, it is setup to encourage deception and trickery, so naturally, only the ones best at deception will prevail. The one that wins is the one you didn't want to win, no matter what. I don't think it's the Republicans fault. And I don't think it's the Democrats fault either. I think it's all of our faults. It's my fault too. Every time I avoid court because it's a hassle and "no one wins," I give up a little more freedom. Every time I submit to a seat belt law or a search at the airport, I relinquish a little more freedom. Every time I vote, I pick one of two because any other would be a waste. Two choices. That's pretty close to a single choice. Multi-party systems have problems too, they virtually ensure a minority will win. But two choices? That's not a choice, that's an oligarchy. It's not a Republic, it's not a Democracy. It's an

Oligarchy. On the other hand, thinking that way isn't very productive. Every time I watch a two minute "expose" on network TV and form an opinion, I'm part of the problem. Every time I get excited about something, think I know what's best but really just became emotional about what I saw on TV, I'm part of the problem. My job is to check myself, be careful not to get swept up in an emotional belief system. Instead, Think. Decide. Act. Don't analyze, discuss and ignore. Do what I can do today, don't get worked up about the things I have no influence over, and make no mistake about which is which. I'm a flag waving American simply because Americans are my neighbors. I'll stick by them. But every time I see a road trap and realize that the cop isn't sitting there for anyone's safety, he's a tax collector - Every time I see that, I get pissed. Every time I see someone discussing the morals or ethics of a situation in someone else's life, I get pissed. Every time I see a judge make a controversial "decision", I get pissed. About the only thing that doesn't piss me off is when I go do something that helps someone else, and I stop thinking about all the damn politicians. I'm better off not wasting time and getting upset about things that are out of my hands. I'm better off when I do something here, today, locally, where I have a small chance of actually doing something that might benefit myself or someone else. But I still hate the manipulative bastards. I'll have to work on that.

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Subject: Re: Patriots/Nationalists

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Mon, 01 Aug 2005 06:35:05 GMT

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You know, probably 80% of the population in communist Russia was cynical about politics. Some idealists hoped in the great utopian views promised by their leftist government, but most thought it was bullshit clear up until the bitter end. But that didn't stop them from being very patriotic. In fact, it made their cultural pride even greater. It's weird here how lots of people that are politically activated love their party more than they love their culture, or of being American. I think that's a bad thing, and I think the spin doctors have sold us all a real bad poison. They've created an unnatural division that wouldn't be there if we weren't surrounded by emotionally charged rhetoric.

Each side fingers the other as "the politics of division" but they're both equally guilty of it. Think about it. The right paints a picture of the Democrats as communists, hoping to evoke emotions from the decades of cold war. The left paints a picture of Nazi Germany and the atrocities of genocide on the Republicans. Both of these are designed to cause an emotional reaction. Both are propaganda. Both are intended to motivate people using negative imagery. I say both of these tactics are unpatriotic and bad for the nation. I say both parties are unproductive and poisonous for the people. Their rhetoric stymies useful discourse and clogs up peoples' minds. I doubt a powerful third party will emerge, but I suppose it might. I hope a think tank gets an idea that honesty and true attempts at problem solving might sell well in the polls. That's what it's gonna take, because they'll only do it if they think it will sell. Neither side will do it because it's patriotic or good for the nation, not a chance.

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Subject: Re: Patriots/Nationalists

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Mon, 01 Aug 2005 13:49:24 GMT

What I am driving at is if you can separate the two concepts and see the meaning in the terms you can begin to divide the value of what matters as citizens from the exploitable political arena. Everyone over 10 knows all information is manipulated; I get this all the time from the kids. Its done in all walks of life. But a person cannot be manipulated unless they allow it. I do not believe people are easily manipulated. If that were so; there would be no need for the advertising industry to spend literally billions of dollars on opinion profiling and testing and campaigns designed to provoke behaviour. It would be much simpler than that if it were true we can be easily manipulated. People act based upon self-interest and a personal belief system resulting from what we are taught and experience. As Nationalism is expressed we react to rage against the people who did 9/11. We look to strike back and as long as there is even a slim tie to the event we don't care. Just get the troops out and show the bastards what's what. But over time we reflect and resume our real nature. Now the polls show most people are against the war. Why such a change? Because our Patriotic nature emerges and we realise we care about our fellow citizens dying over there. Simplistic? Maybe; but I believe it is how humans behave. They are not easily manipulated; they react to events that evoke a response from their personal philosophy. That's why I don't care what anyone says about audio or politics; I know what is right.

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