
Subject: Clearing The Air

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 17:09:13 GMT

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I have to say that it's a funny world. Look at where we are now. Talking like old friends and sharing opinions and then what?? Something goes out of whack. Maybe Someone thinks they are being badgered about something they wrote; or maybe another person feels he is disrespected and made a mockery of with cartoons and repetition while another may see his cherished values denigrated. How do things go so awry? How does a simple conversation become so muddled and confusing and lacking in specificity. I wonder? Now we all agree, (I hope) that everyone who posts on this board is an exceptional person. Generous to a fault; helpful, intelligent, funny; basically enjoyable to speak with. So what cause such a disconnect? What is the pattern of behaviour that leads to such a sorry and egregious state of affairs? I think that it might be this: Everyone likes to have an opinion on things; and this is of course an opinion driven board. We all like to think our opinions are valuable and we like to express them to the world. That's how people participate in conversation. But sometimes we may hold an opinion thinking that that opinion is self explanatory; and that all we have to do is state it and voila; everyone automatically will understand exactly what we mean by that opinion. Not always the case. Sometimes the reason for holding an opinion is evident only to the holder. Therefore there must eventually be an explanation for those whose understanding is not complete. That's the difficult part explaining things. We are all guilty of this lack of explanation for our opinions. That's the root of the problem as I see it; someone doesn't understand and someone would rather not get into a long and descriptive explanation regarding something they see as self evident. Even though that opinion may not be self-evident to the hearer. Because after all; if you have an opinion it must be based on something; they just don't form out of thin air. That something is the interesting part; the opinion itself is just some words. Anyway that's what I think for what it's worth.

Subject: The explanation is simpler than that

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 17:25:59 GMT

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The objection to your posts isn't because of values or ideals, it is because of the way you put things. You've pushed and pushed and pushed, and people take offense to that. I know I do. And you don't even realize that you've been argumentative and a bit insulting. That's what gets tempers flared. I call you my friend, and I do see you as an exceptional person. But I think this is a blind spot for you. People don't like being spoken to this way.

Subject: No blind spot here

Posted by [colinhester](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 17:49:36 GMT

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I learned back in October to stay clear.....Colin

Subject: Re: The explanation is simpler than that
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 18:15:26 GMT
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I don't see how you can hold me to task for that. You posted the cartoons; is that responsible? Thats disrespectfull. AK did ask me nothing but questions without providing any answers himself. Pretend it is all my errors if that makes you comfortable; you were a perfect gentleman. And still no explanations of anything. Just dodging and weaving.I stand by what I wrote. All I asked was for a couple explanations of what things mean. Don't say it if you can't explain it.Tell that to the peanut gallery there below you.

Subject: Re: The explanation is simpler than that
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 19:04:35 GMT
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None of the cartoons posted were insults directed at you.Dodging and weaving? What do you want me to say? I told you I don't like governmet intrusions. I don't like seat belt laws. The inference is obvious; I want them repealed. Same goes for a bunch of other things I think are intrusive.Your comments have been insulting. Calling those that don't agree with you "the peanut gallery" is insulting. Saying that I am "dodging and weaving" is insulting. Failing to see that you're rubbing people the wrong way is frustrating. These guys are your friends, John. Do you call all of your friends "the peanut gallery"?

Subject: Re: No blind spot here
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 19:07:53 GMT
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I've stayed clear for the same reason.

Subject: Re: The explanation is simpler than that
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 19:47:02 GMT
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Only the ones who have to ride on your coattails when you post. Sorry thats not my style.I only asked why you feel that way. Never got any response; just insulting cartoons. I was genuinely interested in understanding your position but you just kept dismissing my questions and thats where we are.

Subject: Re: The explanation is simpler than that
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 20:02:48 GMT
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If you want to talk politics, religion or "life, the universe and everything", lets do it via E-Mail or telephone. That's always cool with me and you know you're welcome to call anytime.

Subject: Re: The explanation is simpler than that
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 20:53:01 GMT
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Well I would love to call but then we wouldn't talk politics or religion because we would be too busy bullshitting. But some day I will get a real response on this stuff from you; you can run but you can't hide.This is a world I know nothing of.

Subject: "You can run but you can't hide"
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 21:58:08 GMT
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What in the world? Sounds like an ultimatum, if I don't agree with your world view you're going to try and talk me into submission. John, what is this all about?This whole badgering is worse than religious fanatics that corner you on the street or come to your door at 7:00am on a Saturday hoping to convert recruits.

Subject: Re: "You can run but you can't hide"
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Fri, 09 Jun 2006 00:41:08 GMT
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My friend; you say very little but you imply a lot about how you feel about things. What you imply is so very different from anything in my experience that when we speak I become curious about your views. Then of course you immediately clam up; or divert the topic to something benign. I suspect you take those precautions because you would choose not to have such extreme views available for anyone's inspection on a public forum. I respect that. But badgering?? That was my term in a humorous way to illustrate what I think you would find amusing. As far as ultimatums?? Now you are joshing me; right? Listen we had a little conversation and I am curious about what you think about the topic. If you don't want to share those thoughts; what can I do? The complaint was the dismissive manner in which you handled it; but no problems it's all forgotten. But that doesn't mean I wouldn't like to have a conversation regarding these things; it just doesn't seem to be your cup of tea. Since you were the only one who responded to the post at first; well then who else would I have talked to? If we both agreed on things there would be nothing to talk about. Alls well that ends well.

Subject: Extreme views

Posted by [colinhester](#) on Fri, 09 Jun 2006 01:08:59 GMT

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Wayne has "extreme views?" Are we reading the same posts?

Subject: I think it's time to cool down,

Posted by [akhilesh](#) on Fri, 09 Jun 2006 02:49:53 GMT

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"Only the ones who have to ride on your coattails when you post. "John, I don't know who you mean by riding on coattails..but if you mean that my posts usually agree with Wayne's then there is a simple explanation. I've found it's better to learn from someone with experience (like Wayne) rather than argue for the sake of it. That's not my style. I don't think you have ever met Wayne but he is very knowledgeable & experienced about speakers & audio stuff in general, and also clearly separates objective & subjective aspects. While folks can disagree on subjective aspects all day long, and I am pretty sure he & I do have different subjective tastes, it would be really foolish on my part to question or disagree with his posts that usually deal with objective issues. Unless he makes a mistake & I catch it, which really hasn't happened yet. I think it's best to cool off now, don't you? The reason I post here at ART is to avoid flaming, so I am not going to be argumentative anymore. I could argue politics all day long, but not really into that. -akhilesh

Subject: Re: Extreme views

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Fri, 09 Jun 2006 10:56:20 GMT

Why; are you representing him counselor? Eliminate all safety restriction and laws? Not too extreme. Teach religion in the schools? Not so far out. Let people work off the books and not pay taxes on income? Hmmm. Allow everyone to strap their Tech nines to the shopping mall... Eliminate the social safety net; leave the poor people with nothing? Few more there. For the record I thought we were done with this.

Subject: Re: I think it's time to cool down,
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Fri, 09 Jun 2006 11:07:49 GMT
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No; that was not directed towards you at all; that one was for Colin; look at the sequence of posts. If he had something to say to me he should have said it to me; not to anyone else. But there are no flames here; riding on someones coattails doesn't sound too bad to me; remember, truth is an absolute defense against libel. I was upfront with you about asking me questions without offering to answer any yourself and you responded accordingly. So we solved that as adults. So what is the problem with that? No; all I see is a group of folks who have been posting for many years together having a spirited discussion. Nothing wrong with that; at least not from my end. When the 12th round bell rings; everyone is friends again.

Subject: Re: I think it's time to cool down,
Posted by [akhilesh](#) on Fri, 09 Jun 2006 11:18:54 GMT
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Okay, sounds good buddy! -akhilesh

Subject: Citations
Posted by [colinhester](#) on Fri, 09 Jun 2006 13:01:42 GMT
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You agreed with 2 out of 5 points. What's so extreme about this?

Subject: Re: Citations

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Fri, 09 Jun 2006 13:38:12 GMT

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Which 2?

Subject: 2 non-extreme points

Posted by [colinhester](#) on Fri, 09 Jun 2006 13:49:27 GMT

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1) Eliminate all safety restriction and laws? Not too extreme.2) Teach religion in the schools? Not so far out.

<http://audioroundtable.com/Dungeon/messages/3090.html>

Subject: Re: 2 non-extreme points

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Fri, 09 Jun 2006 14:15:17 GMT

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I hope there is more to this. I honestly thought you had something there and expected to see a couple things I wrote that would contradict what I said. I really thought I would be defending myself here. This is disappointing unless you are holding the big guns in abeyance waiting for my reply? You know what I would like to see; someone actually explain the viability of these positions.

Subject: Point 3

Posted by [colinhester](#) on Fri, 09 Jun 2006 14:30:45 GMT

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You said "extreme views." Yet you so far agree 40% of what you cite as being extreme is not by your own admission. CCW permits. 70% of the States issue CCW permits. Is this an "extreme view" by society's standards? Nope I think that brings us up to 60% of your "extreme values" not being so extreme after all.....

http://www.packing.org/state/report_shall_issue.php

Subject: Re: Point 3

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Fri, 09 Jun 2006 14:47:35 GMT

I beg to differ. The appendix on the end of each point is there to indicate an emphasis on the extremity of the position. All of those points I name,, I believe that they are very extreme positions hence my interest in having someone who adopts those positions explain to me why they do so. Where in Pts 2/3 I say Not Too extreme? thats an expression of disbelief; not an affirmation of validity. same with pt 2. I use those appendix to emphasize my lack of belief. As for Pts 3; that is a law that is so vigorously lobbied by the NRA and other groups that in smaller states where they as a lobby group can sway a significant portion of the population of the rural areas then they are able to provide the Gun lobby with enough votes to produce legislation that allows carry laws to exist. Sort of like gerrymandering a legislative district like Tom DeLay is famous for.

Subject: At 60% and counting - Point 4
Posted by [colinhester](#) on Fri, 09 Jun 2006 15:08:42 GMT
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You quoted Wayne as saying: "Eliminate the social safety net; leave the poor people with nothing?" Please give link to this quote. I do not see this....Colin

Subject: Re: At 60% and counting - Point 4
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Fri, 09 Jun 2006 15:28:04 GMT
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Naah; I don't think so.

Subject: Re: Hey Colin; why don't you call Wayne and ask him what your point of view is?
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Fri, 09 Jun 2006 15:35:14 GMT
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As long as you don't seem to have one of your own.

Subject: 80% and counting
Posted by [colinhester](#) on Fri, 09 Jun 2006 15:37:35 GMT

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Last one. Show me a poll where an "extreme" number of people have not either paid someone in cash or not worked on a cash-only basis or do not support such a system.....Colin

Subject: Re: And what is your point of view again?
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Fri, 09 Jun 2006 15:41:42 GMT
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I didn't get it yet.

Subject: 100%
Posted by [colinhester](#) on Fri, 09 Jun 2006 15:48:34 GMT
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Looks like Wayne's a normal guy.....

Subject: Re: Exactly; you have no point of view.
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Fri, 09 Jun 2006 15:52:29 GMT
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Subject: Exactly, you cannot defend your statements
Posted by [colinhester](#) on Fri, 09 Jun 2006 16:01:43 GMT
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Sucks trying to come up with facts you pull out of your ass....

Subject: An apology

Posted by [colinhester](#) on Fri, 09 Jun 2006 16:21:41 GMT

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John, All BS aside, I am sorry for the below statement.....Colin

Subject: Re: What percentage of what you say is nonsense?

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Fri, 09 Jun 2006 17:55:45 GMT

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Subject: Re: An apology

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Fri, 09 Jun 2006 17:57:24 GMT

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I know this is another set-up; but I admitt I don't see it coming.

Subject: Re: An apology

Posted by [colinhester](#) on Fri, 09 Jun 2006 18:05:57 GMT

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John, It is not a set-up. I am really sorry for that remark. It was out of line, even for the Dungeon.....Regards, Colin

Subject: Re: An apology

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Fri, 09 Jun 2006 18:48:56 GMT

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Never gave it a thought; but I am still waiting for the punchline. Frankly; those kinds of things don't bother me. Anger is a healthy and honest response. Passive-aggressive behaviour isn't. I'd rather deal with ten angry men than one passive-aggressive.

Subject: 0% so far
Posted by [colinhester](#) on Fri, 09 Jun 2006 21:19:31 GMT
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You have been unable to show that any of these views are outside society's norms.

Subject: Come on, John -
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sat, 10 Jun 2006 15:07:54 GMT
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Don't start punching Colin too. What's with all this? You're a valued member here on ART, practically one of the founding fathers here. We all respect you. But you seem to have lost respect for many of us. It seems if people here don't agree with your fairly liberal views, you attack them. I like you very much, John, but I don't like that kind of behavior. You mentioned passive-aggression. The truth is that raging on an internet messageboard is one of the ways it shows. One of the main features of passive-aggressive behavior is a tendency to try to make others angry, to frustrate others and to pick fights. That's what you've done in the Dungeon more than anything else. If you wanted to do something productive, you could do political work in your local community, fund a lawsuit to change things, something like that. But arguing and insulting your friends isn't cool. That won't help anything. If you wanted to vent, I could understand. But that doesn't include attacking people that have been your friends.

Subject: Re: 0% so far
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sat, 10 Jun 2006 15:23:53 GMT
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Add another to the list. Look at zoning and construction restrictions that are irresponsible. I mean, as with all these laws that have become invasive, they start with a good idea. Construction permits, codes and inspections help keep buildings safe. But I see way too many cases where an inspection is required and the "inspector" isn't as capable as the person having the inspection done. Another case is where a requirement is made that makes no sense, or even forces the builder to take a path that's not as good as what they would have done without the requirement. Case in point, a friend of mine built a restaurant and bar and the grills purchased were much better than code required. So the health inspector made him pull them out and get crappy ones that met code. Stupid! Another case in point, the poor buggers in Austin just found themselves strapped with a law that says they cannot add on to the homes or make improvements in certain areas. And in some cases, it even prevents rebuilding after a catastrophe. If a house burns down, sometimes it cannot be rebuilt as it was and has to be made smaller. I'm not talking about wiring or structural changes, I'm talking about size. Big Brother Austin (maybe I should have said big sister there) wants to control the size of properties placed on the owners' lots. Owners rights are dwindling all the time, eroded by Big Brother. In each of these cases, I'd say it falls into a

category of taxation without representation. Did any of these people affected vote on those zoning laws? Probably not. They got slipped in, under the wire. Many of them are pretty hard to defend. Civil engineers have the unenviable jobs of being red tape administrators more than engineers. Their job is to research codes and make sure they can pass them rather than to actually design bulings that make sense. It's a sad state of affairs.

Subject: Amazing
Posted by [colinhester](#) on Sat, 10 Jun 2006 16:34:38 GMT
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Apologize and then get psychoanalyzed. You are a man of many talents.

Subject: Re: 0% so far
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Sun, 11 Jun 2006 14:31:14 GMT
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Wayne; over here by me the Planning Commision/Zoning Board is an elective office. They are elected officials. I don't always agree with them because it is usually the fox guarding the henhouse regarding who gets elected; but I can cast my vote. So it is partly my responsibility. And according to law the appeals court must construe strictly for the petitioner and against the board. So there is that also.

Subject: Re: Amazing
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Sun, 11 Jun 2006 14:33:57 GMT
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Actually I am not that talented. But I do try to slowly think things through carefully before I form an opinion. Then I base that on experience.

Subject: Re: Come on, John -
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Sun, 11 Jun 2006 14:46:42 GMT
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Sorry Wayne I accept your response but I don't feel the same. This is the Dungeon where

according to the mission statement anything goes. So I treat it as such; a place to thrash things out. I also disagree with your characterisation of me as "Raging" on a messageboard. I think anyone re-reading the posts would have a hard time seeing much in the way of "Raging". I believe if you look at the threads you might see numerous mentions by me of the great respect I have for everyone here. That is not facile or facetious; I say exactly what I think and that's what I think. If you look at the dictionary definition of the term Passive-Aggression I think you might see that I am anything but. Oh; I have plenty of faults; that's just not one of them. My views surprisingly enough would not be considered liberal in much of the country; the real problem is no one has ever asked me what they are on this board. They just disagree with my process of questioning in order to determine exactly what people mean. On that note; I can disagree vehemently with someone and not dislike or disapprove of them. Most of my close friends I think would back me up on that. I do community service; why am I the one being told to do community service? I don't see you telling anyone else to do community service. Colin is a man; he started it; he should handle it. What positive statements has he made other than to provoke another go-around with that silly thread; he is another who refuses to commit himself and his views while spending time finding ways to disavow others. I had forgotten this and went away yesterday only to come back to another inning. What's up with that?

Subject: Grills

Posted by [colinhester](#) on Sun, 11 Jun 2006 19:03:31 GMT

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Curious to know what was "wrong" with the first grills. At this point I would have contacted the mfg. and brought them into the loop.

Subject: Re: What percentage of your facts are wrong?

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Sun, 11 Jun 2006 21:52:31 GMT

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I thought so.

Subject: Re: What percentage of what you say is accurate?

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Sun, 11 Jun 2006 22:07:59 GMT

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Subject: Re: Grills

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Mon, 12 Jun 2006 05:35:58 GMT

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Don't remember now, it was a year ago. But it wasn't a problem with the grills, it was a problem with the regulations. As I recall, it had more to do with intended use than capability, and these were way more than was needed or something like that. Just a weird law, that's all.
