Subject: Progress
Posted by Manualblock on Fri, 16 Jun 2006 13:21:21 GMT
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So we made some headway regarding taxes and The Way Government is run by the people and Guns and how handguns should be illegal at best or at least heavily restricted.Next is safety and what measures people should be forced to accept for their own safety. Last week Ben Reothlisberger was seriously hurt in a motorcycle accident because he wasn't wearing a helmet which basically will kill Pittsburghs chances for a repeat in the super-bowl.Needless to say many are not happy regarding his callous disregard for his responsibilities as a pro quarterback for the Steelers. Bill Cowther is furious since it is his job that is affected also.Why shouldn't people enact legislation to help prevent the huge cost in lives and the massive cost in medical resources these types of safety issues are responsible for?Same with these extreme sports nuts who have to be rescued from dire situations stuck on some high moutain top or unknown trail using helicopters at 850$ an hour as well as rescue teams and medical teams at some ungodly cost. Why should I pay for them?

Subject: Re: Progress
Posted by akhilesh on Fri, 16 Jun 2006 13:35:20 GMT
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I am glad you thnk YOU made some headaway. I disagree with you on almost everything, and you haven;t convinced me one iota, other than perhaps harden my conviction that leftist extremists are communists, dedicated to the acquisition and centralization of power. you know, a la the soviets. Everything you have said smacks of taking power away from the people, and it;s all about YOU YOU YOu. Very typical of the commies. -akhilesh

Subject: Re: Progress
Posted by Manualblock on Fri, 16 Jun 2006 13:59:41 GMT
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O'Kay; but it would be nice if you chose better language instead of mean-spirited invective.I realise I am alone here regarding how this group percieve's the world and thats fine; I never shrunk from a battle in my life regardless of the odds. But here I would prefer reasoned analysis over fanatical reactionary rhetoric like this.And the sad part is no one seems willing to address the issues; I can never get a real answer to anything except from Electratig and Martinelli who posts excellent, carefully thought out responses as usual.

Subject: Re: Progress
Posted by Wayne Parham on Fri, 16 Jun 2006 14:59:15 GMT
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John, you aren't in battle. That's the problem here, and why there's a disconnect. For you to even choose those words shows how aggressive you are on the Dungeon. For the rest of us, this isn't a "battle", it's a discussion among friends. For you, it appears to be a battle. You are attacking your friends, John. You are trying to pick fights. And you are insulting people here in order to draw them into your fight.Address the issues? That's the issue. People don't like being badgered and insulted and when you do that, the possible responses are either to ignore you or attack back.

Subject: Re: Progress
Posted by Manualblock on Fri, 16 Jun 2006 15:20:45 GMT
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I wouldn't take the term Battle literally it is a euphemism. There is only the appearence of a struggle due to the absolute obstinate refusal to grant the truths that all citizens know to be real since grade school. That I believe is why E posts the words of the founding fathers; that should be the explanation. If there is a refusal to accept that from the originators of our government; then I have to suspect this is really not about the govt.Thats fine if there is an alternative agenda; I just would like to discuss the topic myself; I think that would clear up any mis-understandings and provide an interesting commentary on the difference's between how the red and blue states think.

Subject: Re: Progress
Posted by Wayne Parham on Fri, 16 Jun 2006 15:24:01 GMT
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Again, an insult rather than a statement or a discussion."absolute obstinate refusal to grant the truths that all citizens know to be real since grade school"What part of representative government do you not understand?

Subject: Re: Progress
Posted by Manualblock on Fri, 16 Jun 2006 15:34:38 GMT
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No insult intended; sorry you feel that way.I understand a lot about government. What part of the

founding fathers who wrote our government don't you understand?

Subject: Re: Progress
Posted by Wayne Parham on Fri, 16 Jun 2006 17:09:09 GMT
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The founding fathers intended the government to be a representative government. In fact, there were some concerns about having a democracy at all. One concern was that democracies were seen like anarchies, sort of a mob rule. Some wanted only land owners to have a say in government. As it was, only white men were allowed to have a vote. I am glad that women and all races and religions are allowed a voice, but that's not the way the founding fathers wrote the law. It has changed. But one thing hasn't changed, and that is the fact that America has a representative government, a federal republic and not a direct democracy.

Subject: Re: Progress
Posted by Damir on Fri, 16 Jun 2006 17:12:20 GMT
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Well, that`s how I see it - for example, you find something (from the news, Constitution, papers, whatever), then tell us your understanding of this. The problems are, IMO:-in most of the cases, nobody is really interested what some Dick Lick said about Paragraph 8.1.1, or so - if we want US Constitution or Laws citations, we have a "Google"-in most cases, many people here have other political opinions, but you`re trying to push your version till the end, your post/truth must be The Last Word -it isn`t enough to say "I don`t like it, I think differently" - you`re "pushing" - but nobody have the duty to explain yourself here more then he thinks is necessary-why, on Earth there`re so little thematic about real life, people, events, customs, photos, personal experiences - just the boring specific political blablah, like on TV-this is not a political course, we are adults here, and nobody likes constantly being "teached"-too little humour, everything is so "dead serious", and again - boring-and the last thing - this is a audio forum, but (for example) nobody writes anything on "SET" forum for months...

Subject: Re: Progress
Posted by Wayne Parham on Fri, 16 Jun 2006 17:46:04 GMT
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I'm with you on this. The Dungeon and Tower forums were really setup to discuss current affairs or eBay gripes or whatever else that didn't really fit into any of the other sections. Certainly, religion and politics can be discussed here, but I don't like seeing it go so far. People have really

been put off in the last year or so. Some have gone and never came back. Some sponsors left as a result of the badgering in the Dungeon. They wrote and complained, so I got to see it all.I see a lot of insults here in the Dungeon, and I can see that several others do too. It isn't because of thin skinned people, it is because of the posts that say "if you like Bush you're stupid" or "religious people are backwards buffoons" or "if the democrats don't win in November then it's because people are unintelligent" or whatever. It's the Dungeon, so I guess you can post whatever you want as long as the law allows it. But I don't like watching people getting kicked around, or ugly bickering like the Jerry Springer show.AudioRoundtable.com was made so that people could discuss audio with gentlemen, and not be subjected to senseless name calling. We're not talking face to face here, so sometimes we don't know when someone is kidding. We sometimes develop that kind of rapport with one another, but other times not. So it pays to maintain some restraint.This forum is fundamentally here for all of us to share audio ideas, projects and stuff like that. I spend a lot of time developing new things and I always hope it is enjoyable to people. I post as often as possible and try to be helpful. I get a kick out of people enjoying my audio products and the shows and what not. It's worth it, because we have a bunch of fun folks around here on ART.I know you are the same way. I see you spend a lot of time developing tube amp circuits and taking the time to post them. I really appreciate that. Many other people spend time posting and responding to people, things like helping newcomers setup their turntables or just sharing ideas. Some post reviews, and that's great. So that's what I'd like to see mostly.

Subject: Re: Progress
Posted by Manualblock on Fri, 16 Jun 2006 17:49:44 GMT
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If you read carefully you might see that no one of us ever suggested that this was a direct Democracy whatever that is. It is a country where the people control the government. Simple.

Subject: Re: Progress
Posted by Manualblock on Fri, 16 Jun 2006 18:08:36 GMT
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Well; regarding the first point eveidently someone cares because you replied.I am not pushing any"version"; we were trying to have a discussion about the laws but we can't seem to get past this "people don't have any control over the government" thing. If you were a citizen here you would have been taught differently for 18 yrs or so.Why would i want to say I think differently about something then provide no reason? Thats like a child saying "I don't like it." " But why don't you like it Willy?" "I just don't; thats all; so there!"No one has to explain anything; I just asked what people thought. Why is that wrong? Why not contribute instead of criticise?You want thematic/life/people; then post something about your life/people or themes. I find that very interesting. But then you would have to explain things and that seems to go against your

philosophy as you state here.No one is teaching anything; just trying to move on with this. Here's a concept. If I sat next to you at a bustop and I said "Hey It's a nice sunny day out isn't it?" And you looked out at the nice sunny day and said, "It's raining", how far would that conversation get? Not too far I think. Thats what is happening here.There is humor then there is humor. Just like wayne says he got e-mails? I got them too; and no one seems to like the cartoons. It isn't my fault that no one writes on the SET forum; is it?No one would write on this forum either if we didn't start some kind of dialogue about something of interest. Check the past threads. Hmmm; where are they?

Subject: Re: And another thing.
Posted by Manualblock on Fri, 16 Jun 2006 18:29:02 GMT
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Looking back through the threads I seem to see where I always asked you about your life and took an interest in your situation. Laughed at your jokes and asked about your family. When did you do the same for me? So I resent you taking me to task like that.

Subject: Re: Down Below You Said You Lived on The Coast
Posted by Manualblock on Fri, 16 Jun 2006 18:58:14 GMT
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I was wondering which one; that sounds interesting.

Subject: Re: And another thing.
Posted by Damir on Fri, 16 Jun 2006 19:14:23 GMT
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Huh, MB - maybe I don`t like to discuss anything about my life and my family in the public forum? Maybe somebody else don`t feel comfortable to write about his political and religious opinions? Maybe somebody feels offended about some statements? Maybe this isn`t political debate club with one goal - "defeat the rival"?And maybe someone don`t find those cartoons funny at all?

Subject: "Songs for Gay Dogs"
Posted by Wayne Parham on Fri, 16 Jun 2006 19:24:25 GMT

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Subject: I like cartoons
Posted by colinhester on Fri, 16 Jun 2006 20:02:20 GMT
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..of course, I'm the guy that looks forward to taking the kids (neighbors' included) to the pool.And, I also think Spongebob Squarepants is the best show on TV. Jimmy Neutron is up there, too.....

Subject: Re: I like cartoons
Posted by Manualblock on Fri, 16 Jun 2006 20:04:28 GMT
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Unfortuenately Spongebob doesnt post here.

Subject: Re: And another thing.
Posted by Manualblock on Fri, 16 Jun 2006 20:07:42 GMT
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So let me get this straight. You dont want;PoliticsFamilyHomeReligionThings you have donePlaces you have beenFunny stuff that happend to youUHH; TV is boring; no music; no discussion that might have another point of view. I mean between the last post and this post you have basically eliminated all conversation from being allowed.So whats left my friend to talk about?

Subject: I Apologize
Posted by akhilesh on Fri, 16 Jun 2006 20:12:40 GMT
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HI John,I re-read my post immediately above & I apologize becuase some of my knowledge was unduly harsh. Sorry. -akhileshPS I lived in NY for 2 years & NYC (manhattan) for 2.

Subject: Re: I Apologize
Posted by akhilesh on Fri, 16 Jun 2006 20:13:28 GMT
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I meant some of my LANGUAGE was unduly harsh.

Subject: Re: I Apologize
Posted by Manualblock on Fri, 16 Jun 2006 20:15:32 GMT
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You dont have to apologise; we're all men here. Where in NYC were you?If I may ask.

Subject: Re: I Apologize
Posted by akhilesh on Fri, 16 Jun 2006 20:17:19 GMT
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Manhattan53rd & eighth. Just off broadway. Cool place to live! Esp since eighth avenue wasn;t gentrified yet. (i lived there 1991-1992 before Juliani's jack booted thugs cleared the city out & made it one GIANT coffee shop.)-akhilesh

Subject: Re: I Apologize
Posted by Manualblock on Fri, 16 Jun 2006 20:59:31 GMT
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Well; yeah but then families had a hard time manuevering the kids around the crack whores and junkies. I lived on 181st and Amsterdam back in the 80s; nice place. So you attended Columbia?Gulliani did the right thing. Unless you wanted to score; then he could be a problem. Come on we can only be young once; its a better place now.But whats really interesting is what you enjoy about where you are now verses where you were. Unless that topic is off limits also.

Subject: Re: I like cartoons
Posted by Manualblock on Fri, 16 Jun 2006 21:03:14 GMT
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You know I tried posting a couple things I thought were funny; pictures and cartoons. But then I felt like a fool; I said to myself; what the heck? Who wants to look at this stuff; nobody. Some poor slob clicks on a post thinking it is a real reply and .....nothing. Just something dumb. At least thats what I thought.

Subject: Re: And another thing.
Posted by Damir on Fri, 16 Jun 2006 21:21:51 GMT
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Well, the only one thing is interesting here - do you really have the "B&W tunnel vision", or just have no problem in distorting other people`s words just to somehow "prove" that you are "right" and "win the debate" by all means?You know very well what I posted so far...many places where I`ve been, music, religion, jokes... and I don`t "basically eliminated all conversation from being allowed". Of, course, your post about this issues must be final...

Subject: An old saying.....
Posted by colinhester on Fri, 16 Jun 2006 21:26:37 GMT
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A picture's worth a thousand words.....Pictures, cartoons, stories, etc. are a great way to make us laugh. I, for one, come here to get away. Subjects here are too heavy, too emotional. I look forward to Damir's pictures. I look forward to things that make me smile. I've been there and done that. Nothing surprises me anymore. I think mankind, at heart, is good, but life is not what it used to be. I am making my corner of the world a nice place. On a macroscale, I could really give a shit. In my cosmos, it really doesn't matter.....

Subject: Re: And another thing.
Posted by Manualblock on Fri, 16 Jun 2006 21:32:04 GMT
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Well; thats what I thought. Then you tell me no personal information. Unless I read that post wrong. If you look at the post I ask what we can post about. Thats a question; so if I ask you a question; how can I be "right" or "Wrong"?As far as winning"debates", there hasnt been a debate. You have to have a premise on each side in order to have a debate. So far there has only been a premise on one side. The other side has only been a defense. So I guess maybe you could call it a trial? I dont know what else we could call it; but it aint no debate.I still have no answer to any of the original questions; just diversions. Thats why its boring; no sharing of opinion.

Subject: Re: An old saying.....
Posted by Manualblock on Fri, 16 Jun 2006 21:37:52 GMT
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Wow; thats a side of you we havent seen. The philosopher. I feel the complete opposite; at heart I think mankind is a cold blooded killer; and life is exactly the same as it ever was.But when we mature the things that make us laugh usually become somewhat more involved. Otherwise we would still be laughing at ...what? I leave it to your imagination to remmember what we laughed at as kids.Emotional; Politics is emotional? Not here it aint, we havent had anything remotely like a politcal discussion that I can see.But I like the picture in my mind of you forming a cozy little microcosm within your personal sphere of influence. Breath blue....breath blue....

Subject: Re: I Apologize
Posted by Manualblock on Sat, 17 Jun 2006 12:25:03 GMT
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I forgot to offer my condolences that you couldn't make it here in New York. I know it's hard and it looks like you gave it the old college try, but it isn't for everyone. Its a tough town and not easy to live in.It seems you have made a good life in OK despite the lack of basic amenities and for that I am glad.Good Luck.

Subject: To balance things out
Posted by akhilesh on Fri, 23 Jun 2006 15:20:16 GMT
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I should also say that extremists on the right are as obnoxious as on the left. They use jingoism & isolationism to get power. Ultimately it;s about: do the people have power, or the elite?-akhilesh