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Subject: State of the Union

Posted by [Jackson](#) on Tue, 28 Jan 2014 19:08:36 GMT

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Tonight marks the annual State of the Union address. Is anyone going to watch it? I will probably watch, but I don't know what to expect this year. What do you think the state of the union is today?

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Subject: Re: State of the Union

Posted by [LuckyLucy](#) on Wed, 29 Jan 2014 03:43:55 GMT

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Are we allowed to talk politics? Did anyone else watch the State of the Union address?

I found it funny to hear "My fellow Americans" come out of his mouth, not once, but three times. I always hear it in Nixon's voice. I thought he'd kind of ruined that phrase and no one else has used it since.

I'm very interested in this MyRA he is talking about.

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Subject: Re: State of the Union

Posted by [iLoveiPod](#) on Wed, 29 Jan 2014 09:13:48 GMT

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I didn't watch. We got snow here yesterday and that's a rarity so everyone around here was preoccupied taking pictures, watching it snow, letting their kids out in it, etc.

As for the current state of the union...meh. Not so good if you ask me.

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Subject: Re: State of the Union

Posted by [gofar99](#) on Wed, 29 Jan 2014 16:26:16 GMT

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Hi, I did. No real surprises. As a country we are far better off than most, but we can do better. My sense is that our government has become so fragmented that for the near future real progress is impeded. I sense that while well intentioned we have allowed minority interests to take front stage and have pushed aside the things that need doing. An unfortunate consequence of the situation is ever more disparity of opinions and less room for compromise. Not a slam on any party or group, just the way it is playing out.

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Subject: Re: State of the Union

Posted by [gofar99](#) on Wed, 29 Jan 2014 16:28:51 GMT

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LuckyLucy wrote on Tue, 28 January 2014 21:43Are we allowed to talk politics?  
Politics are allowed as long as we are polite and respect that others may not share the same opinions. This is a friendly forum and I for one want to keep it that way.

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Subject: Re: State of the Union  
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 29 Jan 2014 16:52:58 GMT  
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I was not interested in politics as a young man, and now as I'm getting older, I find I have started ignoring politics again. But when I was paying attention and getting involved in my 30s and 40s, I have to say I was really upset at how far we've let our country slide.

We were founded on freedom, and freedom is inherently dangerous. Now we seem to want cradle-to-grave everything, and have become an entitlement society. I see current America as being highly un-American.

Sadly, I want to be patriotic and proud of my country but I am not. I am proud of many of my fellow men, but not of my country or of its laws or political system. This is how most Russians felt of their country when they were the Soviet Union. Ironically, we are going the same direction and making the same mistakes, in my opinion.

This is not the America of the 1700s or 1800s. It has no resemblance to the country that was founded, or of its principles or ideals.

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Subject: Re: State of the Union  
Posted by [LuvMartin](#) on Wed, 29 Jan 2014 19:05:22 GMT  
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I did not watch it. I am in one of the states that got heavy snow and we were more concerned with getting help to stranded motorists and getting kids off of stuck school buses than the lies coming out of BO's mouth. I did read some of the news articles about it today and it sounds like the same old same old to me.

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