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Diplomat

Posts: 759
Founded: Jul 20, 2020
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by **New Carthagea** » Thu Sep 03, 2020 7:04 pm

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Western Fardelshufflestein
Senator

Posts: 4744
Founded: Apr 21, 2020
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And the only way to escape Kenneth Branagh is to wear silly hats.

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The Cosmic Mainframe
Ambassador

Posts: 1104
Founded: Jan 26, 2020
Psychotic Dictatorship

by [The Cosmic Mainframe](#) » Thu Sep 03, 2020 7:24 pm

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The Cult of Xil
Bureaucrat

Posts: 63
Founded: Jun 26, 2020
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by [The Cult of Xil](#) » Thu Sep 03, 2020 8:10 pm

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Western Fardelshufflestein
Senator

Posts: 4744
Founded: Apr 21, 2020
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by **Western Fardelshufflestein** » Thu Sep 03, 2020 8:59 pm

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Diplomat

Posts: 759
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by **New Carthagea** » Thu Sep 03, 2020 9:03 pm

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I agree. One of the finer and more transparent monarchs of Europe.

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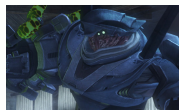
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I thought we were making cliché memes about the nation above you. My guess was that most players who see a big space empire with a bright or blue-colored flag tend to automatically think it's some kind of generic utopian fantasyland.

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"Time for your **VORECATION!**"



Valentine Z
Postmaster-General

Posts: 11602
Founded: Nov 08, 2015
Democratic Socialists

by **Valentine Z** » Thu Sep 03, 2020 9:07 pm

I should have saved what I have written on the third one. I think I titled it as "NS Cliches III: Attack of the Phantom Menace"... or something.

A cliché/trope that I myself am trying to avoid - one-dimensional characters in terms of emotions and responses. I can definitely show happiness in a character, that is for sure, and that is how Valentine Z got its rep. However, I am, at the same time, trying my best to improve on how my characters respond to someone else - not just pure elation, but with many other traits - both shown and hidden. For instance, you don't just happily meet someone knowing that he's a genocidal maniac. As Clarissa, I can still pull off the same energy of happiness, but have doubts about that character - doubts, worries, look at other traits and comment on them.

Here's to hoping that I am doing my best on this department of 2+ dimensional characters. ^^

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Aeritai
Minister

Posts: 2185
Founded: Oct 25, 2018
Ex-Nation

by **Aeritai** » Thu Sep 03, 2020 9:17 pm

I'm sure you'll be able to make your characters two dimensional after all you do have a creative mind!

Just call me Aeri

IC: This is a fantasy medieval nation full of deer people... Yes you read that right, deer people

I am a **Human Female**



Valentine Z
Postmaster-General

Posts: 11602
Founded: Nov 08, 2015
Democratic Socialists

by **Valentine Z** » Thu Sep 03, 2020 9:24 pm

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Aww, thank you! ♥

I have 60,000 character limit for each of my characters' posts in The Sixty, I might as well use all the space I can get! 😊

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Kyoki Chudoku
Diplomat

Posts: 807
Founded: Apr 28, 2017
Iron Fist Consumerists

by **Kyoki Chudoku** » Thu Sep 03, 2020 9:36 pm

Based upon all of **TWO DAYS** worth of recent observation:

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New Carthagea
Diplomat

Posts: 759
Founded: Jul 20, 2020
Civil Rights Lovefest

by **New Carthagea** » Thu Sep 03, 2020 9:38 pm

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Nods in approval

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Zitragrad
Ambassador

Posts: 1218
Founded: Sep 27, 2017
Inoffensive Centrist
Democracy

by **Zitragrad** » Thu Sep 03, 2020 9:42 pm

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Brettenwald
Senator

Posts: 4695
Founded: May 03, 2019
Father Knows Best State

by **Brettenwald** » Thu Sep 03, 2020 9:43 pm

Ginormous Autocratic Authoritarian Hellscape™ is something that's honestly just boring and overdone.

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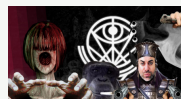
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Khoronzon
Spokesperson

Posts: 186
Founded: Jul 31, 2019
Psychotic Dictatorship

by **Khoronzon** » Thu Sep 03, 2020 9:44 pm

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■ **VYEOZHVAZDHA XSHORU** ■ **XSHORIAN THEARCHATE**

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by **Kyoki Chudoku** » Thu Sep 03, 2020 9:49 pm

Khoronzon wrote:



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Diplomat

Posts: 807
Founded: Apr 28, 2017
Iron Fist Consumerists

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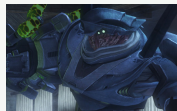
Indeed! It's perfectly fair to want the main representative of one's nation to be a dynamic figure with many things worth mentioning about them, and with as much possibility for interesting outcomes as possible. Kyoki Chudoku is very much the result of just going along with insanity for the sake of making something utterly unrealistic but fun to work with, as opposed to a more grounded approach. It's certainly understandable why one would want to set their nation in such a place as when radical shifts are ongoing or have just occurred, and why leaders would be so dramatic in their approaches. It makes things interesting that way.

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Postmaster-General

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Founded: Nov 08, 2015
Democratic Socialists

by **Valentine Z** » Thu Sep 03, 2020 9:50 pm

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But come on, it's not evil, it won't bite. #JusticeForNSStats.

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New Carthagea
Diplomat

Posts: 759
Founded: Jul 20, 2020
Civil Rights Lovefest

by **New Carthagea** » Thu Sep 03, 2020 9:52 pm

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by **Kyoki Chudoku** » Thu Sep 03, 2020 9:56 pm



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Diplomat

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Founded: Apr 28, 2017
Iron Fist Consumerists

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I'm afraid my perspective on NS stats is basically...I kind of tend to ignore them. I don't answer issues much.

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Zitragrad
Ambassador

Posts: 1218
Founded: Sep 27, 2017
Inoffensive Centrist
Democracy

by **Zitragrad** » Thu Sep 03, 2020 10:00 pm

Imagine answering issues for 10 puppets? I'd rather die twice. 🤖

That said, I tend to the NSstats of my main pretty well... and I made a custom NSstats table if y'all don't want to do issues but want to define yourself with the stats.

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Greater Cosmicium
Envoy

Posts: 310
Founded: Mar 29, 2018
Democratic Socialists

by **Greater Cosmicium** » Thu Sep 03, 2020 10:06 pm

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Hey, did you forget that NS stats ate my first-born child and killed 600000 bazillion people? 🤖

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***** UNIVERSAL EMPIRE OF GREATER COSMICIUM *****

Where were the "stop the war" people when the US was invading Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Syria, Yemen? Oh wait, they were supporting those wars because it wasn't Russia doing it.

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NS stats were dropped into Diet Coke to finally serve a useful purpose for Greater Cosmicium.

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Tea Chuggers
Attaché

Posts: 92

by **Tea Chuggers** » Thu Sep 03, 2020 10:14 pm

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Founded: Aug 20, 2020
Liberal Democratic
Socialists

Ooh, that reminds me, the countries that claim to be progressives but didn't decriminalize homosexuality until 2018 or so, just in time for the current leader who actually really quite seems like the player to have come to power, when the earliest countries to have decriminalized it did so in the 19th century.

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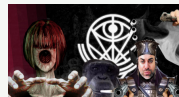
I can get behind the sentiment, but sometimes they just completely disconnect unless you're a catgirl ""communist"" FT space empire nazis. Like, TC's total population is 32,000, which... is far lower than the population that it started out with, 5 million, because it's an island chain not too terribly larger than Hawai'i. Statistics that take into account the... particularly laughably off population number are invalid by default. And sometimes you just completely make a mistake; I didn't *mean* to totally block immigration but I picked the wrong option and I'm stuck with it.

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Leaf water good. Bean water bad. David Ricardo was on to something and so was Eugene Stoner.

Only the trends are canon, not individual stats. If you want to get angry very quickly, I recommend Twitter.

Current status: *fine*.



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The main problem with NS stats, aside from the obvious question of whether you actually want to commit to building up your gameside nation on top of written worldbuilding (though admittedly it isn't much of a commitment given issue frequency, but that depends on how many puppets you're trying to manage and how much you care to analyse options), is that they don't always make sense in context. If you're an MT/PMT nation-state or similar polity, they mostly work, but the further removed your nation is from a relatively standard country, the more problems NS stats start to have in terms of lining up with its actual canon.

That being said, I *do* answer issues somewhat actively on all the puppets I care to maintain, even when applying them to their lore doesn't make much sense. Boredom and force of habit, I suppose.

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