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Founded: Aug 25, 2020 Democratic Socialists

□by **Kiu Ghesik** » Fri Sep 04, 2020 8:28 pm

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Hey, it's JP! Yeah, you (and he) make a good point. Cliche is necessary to make a story recognizable, I think, because it consists of common elements the reader can recognise and characterize the tail with. But you can't rely entirely on it, because if you do then nothing distinguished your work from a mass of cliches and ideas nicked from someone else.

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Godular wrote:

Tea Chuggers wrote:

Honestly I'm gonna have to disagree. There's plenty of well written FFT+ Space Empires out there, but the blandness of their concept makes them all blend together. They can be the best written version of a nation but if I've seen 344 of the exact same thing, I'm still gonna consider it boring. Call of Duty, for what it's worth, is perfectly fine in execution but everyone hates it because it's bland and generic military shooter tripe. On the other hand, I can get past an iffy execution if the concept is neat and not done to death.

Thing is, what constitutes 'neat and not done to death' is kind of a subjective measure.

Let's actually take Godular as an example for this point. His nation is the epitome of "FFT+ badass." And it works because it's got an interesting twist to it, and because the characters are compelling. We can't ignore the fact that a nation lives or dies based on its characters, though there needs to be a Control framework for each of these characters to operate in to make them, in turn, feel unique.

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Aeritai Minister

Posts: 2185 Founded: Oct 25, 2018 Ex-Nation by **Aeritai** » Fri Sep 04, 2020 8:43 pm

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Last edited by Aeritai on Fri Sep 04, 2020 8:43 pm, edited 1 time in total.

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Las Palmeras

Posts: 3375 Founded: Jun 15, 2012 New York Times Democracy Dby Las Palmeras » Fri Sep 04, 2020 8:51 pm

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I think so, my memory isn't the best so you shouldn't trust the exact timeframe. But it was definitely a thing.

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Last edited by Kiu Ghesik on Fri Sep 04, 2020 8:56 pm, edited 1 time in total.

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Definitely, I've had that contextual issue with Tohorin as well. The simplest way I can put it is that thinking about a PT nation's morality often involves thinking about "Blue and Orange" value systems. Their needs are different and their perceptions of reality aren't going to be based on Modernist paradigms.

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Kowani

Post Czar

Posts: 44630 Founded: Apr 01, 2018 Democratic Socialists □by **Kowani** » Fri Sep 04, 2020 9:06 pm

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The Man with a Heart
The Party with a Soul
Vote straight **Democratic** for all Biden candidates



Godular Postmaster-General

Posts: 11697 Founded: Sep 09, 2004

New York Times Democracy

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OMG CHOICE IS MURDER

cough

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A eritai

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

Dby Aeritai » Fri Sep 04, 2020 9:11 pm

Kowani wrote:

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Good thing I don't have to worry about that anymore I'm officially done with NSG, but yeah I agree that is a very common cliche on that side of the forum.

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Tea Chuggers Attaché

Posts: 92 Founded: Aug 20, 2020 Liberal Democratio Socialists

Dby Tea Chuggers » Fri Sep 04, 2020 10:07 pm

This isn't even close to NS-specific, but people who have zero idea about how businesses and economy function, and yet make their nations a soapbox about how corporate bad and governments and vigilante robin hoods good. The Old Guard and its movie adaptation are just about the worst examples of it in my recent memory. I get where it comes from, the India Companies/Banana Republics/1840s industrialists, but those are examples of their times, and not currently applicable. For more JP, he made a video on megacorporations like that. And to give a counterpoint, Shadowrun is an example of the same fantasy corporation thing but it has other things going for it, like good gameplay, so I don't mind it as much.

Last edited by Tea Chuggers on Fri Sep 04, 2020 10:17 pm, edited 2 times in

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



Kowani

Posts: 44630 Founded: Apr 01, 2018 Democratic Socialists by Kowani » Fri Sep 04, 2020 10:40 pm

Godular wrote:

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I don't even touch the abortion thread except to deliver news now-

The Man with a Heart The Party with a Soul Vote straight **Democratic** for all Biden candidates

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Democracy

Posts: 11697 Founded: Sep 09, 2004 New York Times Dby Godular » Fri Sep 04, 2020 10:42 pm

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The Shadowrun pc games are pretty spiffy.

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Coryanhafflaruda

Spokesperson

Posts: 191

Founded: Jan 24, 2019 Civil Rights Lovefest by Coryanhafflaruda » Fri Sep 04, 2020 11:19 pm

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I'm always thinking to create a Gravity Falls type nation with Bill Cipher as the leader but can't since I'm too lazy, lol.



Minskiev

Posts: 2229

Founded: Apr 20, 2020 Left-wing Utopia □ by **Minskiev** » Sat Sep 05, 2020 12:42 pm

Anglo-German Kaiserreich wrote:

Merging two nations together that really have no business being together.

...Hey, wait-

Well, we have SOME business together. But I get it that it was for the joke.

I wonder if card farming puppets are cliche?

No, there's no lore in them. You have to have lore to be diche, in this game at least.

Last edited by Minskiev on Sat Sep 05, 2020 12:46 pm, edited 1 time in total.

Quotes

Minskiev \o/ Walrus
Official Blubber Bitch Baby
3x Officer of the Rejected Realms
8x WA Author, Amb. Wallace Russell
Current Delegate of the Rejected Realms



Wexas Secretary

Posts: 31

Founded: Mar 09, 2020

Ex-Nation

□by **Wexas** » Sat Sep 05, 2020 2:28 pm

I've noticed that a lot of nations are either pure Autocracies or true Democracies. I mean this in the sense that a large portion of nations are either nations with a singular autocrat with total god-emperor-like power over their nation or a Democracy that is rarely more corrupt or dysfunctional than the US. While the latter does definitely exist, and I am not saying that nations that are Autocracies or true Democracies are bad (hell, some of my favorite nations on NS fit either category), I just don't believe Democracy and Autocracy is a binary thing. Flawed Democracies, Oligarchies, Merchant Republics, Feudal Monarchies (with high amounts of noble rights), Elective Monarchies, hell even states controlled by a singular or multiple corporations (Behind the scenes or otherwise) among other such governmental systems are underrepresented by NS IMO

Like I said though, there are good pure Autocracies/true Democracies and bad Oligarchies/Flawed Democracies. So pls don't sue me.

Surrealist Patagonia wrote:

Not enough **collapse scenarios**, warlordism, rump states and **general stagnation**. I only see nations on their highest peak of power.

Do I count?

Last edited by Wexas on Sat Sep 05, 2020 3:41 pm, edited 5 times in total.

★ Kingdom of Wexas ★

Schizotech Texan Kingdom loosely based in the lore of the CK2 mod 'After the

A parody and a homage to the gulf coast of Texas No NS stats used pls Puppet of [redacted] Q&A Thread/Unofficial F7 Server/OOC Notes My friends (Bloodshade/Albali) wanted me to put 'dory' in my flag. They were not specific. IC flag



Posts: 316 Founded: Nov 27, 2019

Democratic Socialists

by Feyrisshire » Mon Sep 07, 2020 7:45 am

Apparently according to a lot of people here - I am literally a cliche



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Outer Acharet Chargé d'Affaires

Posts: 417

Founded: Jul 29, 2020 Moralistic Democracy

□by Outer Acharet » Mon Sep 07, 2020 7:50 am

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Links and Such

Some Other... Things: $\underline{\text{Kiu Ghesik}} \cdot \underline{\text{Miranda-22}} \cdot \underline{\text{CBG-Palisade}}$



Posts: 44630 Founded: Apr 01, 2018 Democratic Socialists

□by **Kowani** » Mon Sep 07, 2020 8:58 am

Feyrisshire wrote:

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Sees anime girl flag

Target acquired, bring 'er in.

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New Carthagea

Diplomat

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

by New Carthagea » Mon Sep 07, 2020 9:01 am

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Yeah, you're the OG, Feyrisshire! That's a wonderful thing!

🕲 The Phoenician Kingdom of New Carthagea 🔮

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Federal Remnants Secretary

Posts: 31

Founded: Jul 28, 2020

Ex-Nation

by Federal Remnants » Mon Sep 07, 2020 9:11 am

Ten bazillion firearms and tanks that can punch holes through steel that would feasibly eat up like 75-80% of the national budget. Some variation of Imperial Germany or Russia - since who gives a damn about the Kingdom of Bavaria or Duchy of Nassau. Bonus points for forgetting that SE Asia or Oceania exists.

Last edited by Federal Remnants on Mon Sep 07, 2020 9:12 am, edited 1 time in total

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Kashimura Spokesperson

Posts: 128 Founded: Apr 24, 2020 New York Times Democracy □ by **Kashimura** » Mon Sep 07, 2020 10:12 am

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□□ OUR IMPERIAL FACTBOOKS ARE UNDER □□
□□ CONSTRUCTION! □□

 \square Currently operating <u>this</u> and one other factbook. \square This empire <u>DOES NOT</u> use NSStats, but it does guide its own NSStats to better fit the nation.

An 11.75 civilization, according to this index.



Outer A charet Chargé d'Affaires

Posts: 417 Founded: Jul 29, 2020 Moralistic Democracy \square by Outer A charet » Mon Sep 07, 2020 10:23 am

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Considering people make up their minds on a topic based on whoever told them about it first, according to evidence, it's not surprising.

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Western Fardelshufflestein Senator

Posts: 4744 Founded: Apr 21, 2020 Civil Rights Lovefest $\hfill \Box$ by Western Fardelshufflestein » Mon Sep 07, 2020 12:04 pm

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The Constitutional Monarchy of Western Fardelshufflestein

Always Has Been. | WF's User Be Like | NSG is Budget Twitter | Yo, Kenneth Branagh won an Oscar

Tiny, Shakespeare-obsessed island nation northeast of NZ settled by HRE emigrants who thought they'd landed in the West Indies. F7 Stuff Somewhat Not Canon; RP is in real time; Ignore Stats; Still Not Kenneth Branagh.

Links

News



Kiu Ghesik Powerbroker

Posts: 9373

Founded: Aug 25, 2020 Democratic Socialists 🗋 by **Kiu Ghesik** » Mon Sep 07, 2020 12:06 pm

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That's why neither Ari nor Pat have them. Well, they do, but they're in the "beliefs/policies" sections, and I try my best to explain their beliefs thoroughly with their reasoning for the positions they hold. And they're most certainly not color-coded buzzwords.

And if you like TWA, you'll probably like OSP and some of the other writing/worldbuilding channels too. I can only remember OSP and James Tullos right now, but there's others right on the tip of my tongue I can't quite recall.

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