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Gandoor
Powerbroker

Posts: 9909
Founded: Sep 23, 2008
Civil Rights Lovefest

by **Gandoor** » Fri Mar 19, 2021 5:40 pm

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Miku the Based
Diplomat

Posts: 665
Founded: Dec 03, 2020
Ex-Nation

by **Miku the Based** » Fri Mar 19, 2021 5:49 pm

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Those are the good threads, the more insane and specific it is the more you can think of weird oddities or at least something different.

January 8th, 2021 — I vow not to respond to anyone OOO/IC/OC I'm 100% serious

Do not ask me my opinion of LGBT. the mods don't approve.

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Alliance of Self-Defensive Territories
Political Columnist

Posts: 2
Founded: Feb 06, 2021
Inoffensive Centrist Democracy

by **Alliance of Self-Defensive Territories** » Fri Mar 19, 2021 6:11 pm

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Yes, this is Wexas.

IC Year: 2015/No NS Stats/*Eternally* WIP.

Inspired by a *lot* of cool people, but mostly [Synne](#), [SP](#), and [CBG](#)

(I am leaving a lot to up interpretation, so have fun - or don't - I ain't your dad. have rejected grill. This nation has broken me.)



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Alliance of Self-Defensive Territories
Political Columnist

Posts: 2
Founded: Feb 06, 2021
Inoffensive Centrist Democracy

by **Alliance of Self-Defensive Territories** » Fri Mar 19, 2021 6:24 pm

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Zul-ar

by **Zul-ar** » Sat Mar 20, 2021 10:09 am

Gandoor **wrote:**

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Chargé d'Affaires

Posts: 399

Founded: Dec 18, 2020
Ex-Nation

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With diligence, bravery, and obedience

Wear your masks and social distance.

This nation does not align with my views. NS stats somewhat canon. A Class 2 Civilization according to [this index](#).
[My Countryball art.](#)

Headlines: Female Tourist Released to Nation of Origin After Arrest



Aikoland
Ambassador

Posts: 1885

Founded: Dec 22, 2011
Capitalist Paradise

by **Aikoland** » Sat Mar 20, 2021 6:35 pm

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RP Info



Kiu Ghesik
Powerbroker

Posts: 9373

Founded: Aug 25, 2020
Democratic Socialists

by **Kiu Ghesik** » Sat Mar 20, 2021 6:38 pm

Aikoland wrote:

Zul-ar wrote:

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The Troas Sector
Bureaucrat

Posts: 59
Founded: Mar 08, 2021
Ex-Nation

by **The Troas Sector** » Sat Mar 20, 2021 6:45 pm

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As CEO of the Philistines I hate background-block because it makes other people's factbooks look nice and I have no idea what dark magic you people use to make background-block look nice since whenever I do it it looks ugly as shit and makes me ill.

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Aikoland
Ambassador

Posts: 1885
Founded: Dec 22, 2011
Capitalist Paradise

by **Aikoland** » Sat Mar 20, 2021 6:48 pm

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RP Info



Wuchu
Chargé d'Affaires

Posts: 463
Founded: Aug 11, 2020
Ex-Nation

by **Wuchu** » Sat Mar 20, 2021 6:50 pm

Aikoland wrote:

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documenting the experiment against nihilism.

[crossroads up ahead](#)

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Drongonia
Ambassador

Posts: 1892
Founded: Feb 11, 2019
Inoffensive Centrist
Democracy

by **Drongonia** » Sat Mar 20, 2021 7:40 pm

Wuchu wrote:

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by **Drongonia** » Sat Mar 20, 2021 8:08 pm

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Ambassador

Posts: 1892
Founded: Feb 11, 2019
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Oh I see. I'd never used it in practice. And yes, it looks fairly awful if full-page highlighting was the intention.

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Quotable Quotes



Zeloria
Envoy

Posts: 213
Founded: Apr 21, 2020
Left-wing Utopia

by **Zeloria** » Sun Mar 21, 2021 1:54 am

Probably not a cliché, but it's an annoying thing that sometimes happens. You're doing an RP with a few people. The problem is that the RP moves pretty slow, because the other users live in an entirely different timezone, and is probably asleep while you do stuff in the thread.



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Free Stalliongrad
Envoy

Posts: 338
Founded: Jun 01, 2020
Democratic Socialists

by **Free Stalliongrad** » Sun Mar 21, 2021 2:15 am

Well, I don't think that's a problem. Unless you are talking about RP with one sentence.

RP Link:

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[Free Stalliongrad Embassy Program](#)
[ISC Member](#)

Personal values test:

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Zeloria
Envoy

Posts: 213
Founded: Apr 21, 2020
Left-wing Utopia

by **Zeloria** » Sun Mar 21, 2021 2:16 am

Free Stalliongrad wrote:

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Yeah, it kinda depends on the type of RP.



EXPAND





Resilient Acceleration
Ambassador

Posts: 1139
Founded: Sep 23, 2020
Civil Rights Lovefest

by **Resilient Acceleration** » Sun Mar 21, 2021 2:17 am

Still related to formatting, the light and dark mode divide. Some factbook are specifically catered only to one mode and absolutely broke when you switch to another mode. I myself use light mode since I like white (wait, that sounds politically incorrect), I like light's UI better, I (later) want to seamlessly include a bunch of graphs, and as to ensure that I keep my eyes far enough from the screen. So it's a bit of a pain in the ass to continuously switch between modes.

Related to screens, mobile and frame size, which is even more painful. I use my mobile phone far more than I use my laptop to browse NS, since it's easier, so I try to optimize my factbook design to be (at the best of my ability) able to suit both—or any kind of window size, really. Many don't, though, and their formatting are often absolutely obliterated if given the incorrect device or window size.

Last edited by **Resilient Acceleration** on Sun Mar 21, 2021 2:19 am, edited 2 times in total.

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Hemosynaxi
Political Columnist

Posts: 2
Founded: Mar 20, 2021
Ex-Nation

by **Hemosynaxi** » Sun Mar 21, 2021 2:23 am

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I try and make my factbooks functional in both light and dark modes, as I generally used light mode until recently. That said, I pretty much never use my phone for NS, and having just taken a look the formatting is definitely broken there. I guess you can't really optimise for everything.

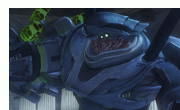
HESMOSYNAXI



The future brings itself into existence, humanity shatters and scintillates into countless forms, and nothing is the same any more



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Valentine Z
Postmaster-General

Posts: 11602
Founded: Nov 08, 2015
Democratic Socialists

by **Valentine Z** » Sun Mar 21, 2021 6:36 am

I made it so that it's visible to both themes. :3

A quick hotfix for those using white and black fonts. Instead of #000000 and #FFFFFF, use #000001 and #FFFFFFE. It is extremely subtle and you won't notice the difference, but it will also make sure that your text is not swapped by NS depending on what theme you are using.

I got a formatting guide here, though do be mindful that there is also a [difference between gameside/factbook formatting and forum formatting](#). In all honesty, it's pretty convoluted, but it does help if you put in a bit of effort into it.

[Val's Stuff](#). ≡ ^_^ ≡ [For You](#)



Aureumterra III
Diplomat

Posts: 778
Founded: Sep 21, 2020
Iron Fist Consumerists

by **Aureumterra III** » Sun Mar 21, 2021 8:55 am

The Troas Sector **wrote:**

Kiu Chesik **wrote:**
[Do they really though?](#)

[epilepsy + sound warning maybe](#)

Brettenwald **wrote:**

Welcome to the study of history, where everyone develops a drinking problem and your national pride goes to die.

Unless you're an American far-right winger then you just get even more patriotic about killing duh commies and being segregationist.

Aureumterra III **wrote:**
~~What atrocities did Iceland ever commit?~~

Ask the Danes or Norwegians and they'll probably tell you that existing is atrocity enough.

The Danes would, they seethed so much at our mere existence they tried to systematically wipe out the language

👑 The Empire of Aureumterra 👑

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Current RP Canons: Bellverse - Kali Yuga



Western Fardelshufflestein
Senator

Posts: 4744
Founded: Apr 21, 2020
Civil Rights Lovefest

by **Western Fardelshufflestein** » Sun Mar 21, 2021 8:56 am

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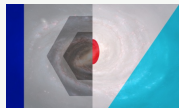
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The Constitutional Monarchy of Western Fardelshufflestein

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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](#)



Zeloria
Envoy

Posts: 213
Founded: Apr 21, 2020
Left-wing Utopia

by **Zeloria** » Sun Mar 21, 2021 9:32 am

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You know that one joke that goes: "America isn't like that, its about *opens history book". I think you can easily replace America with nearly every single other nation (or just humanity as a whole), and the joke would still work.



EXPAND



Sengoku Americas
Envoy

Posts: 218
Founded: Feb 13, 2021
Ex-Nation

by **Sengoku Americas** » Sun Mar 21, 2021 9:40 am

Probably not a cliché, but I feel there's a lack of IC threads on F7. I do wish there were more IC interaction threads without the commitment of an RP.

Five nations, one continent.

"Let everyone put forth their full effort for the reconstruction of our wonderful garden!"

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Zul-ar
Chargé d'Affaires

Posts: 399
Founded: Dec 18, 2020
Ex-Nation

by **Zul-ar** » Sun Mar 21, 2021 12:35 pm

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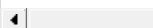
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