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**Zitragrad**  
Ambassador

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

by **Zitragrad** » Mon May 17, 2021 9:40 am

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Hot take: It is not wrong to have an attractive leader as long as they fit the atmosphere of the nation they are running, are realistic and natural to a point.

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Postmaster-General

Posts: 10079  
Founded: Nov 10, 2018  
Ex-Nation

by **Romextly** » Mon May 17, 2021 9:42 am

Looks like the mods got tired of the II drama



**Western Fardelshufflestein**  
Senator

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

by **Western Fardelshufflestein** » Mon May 17, 2021 9:44 am

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Yes. Your leaders are based--did not mean to call you out at all.

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**Langenia**  
Negotiator

Posts: 7158  
Founded: Apr 22, 2020  
Psychotic Dictatorship

by **Langenia** » Mon May 17, 2021 9:45 am

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**Dayganistan**  
Ambassador

Posts: 1453  
Founded: May 02, 2016  
Father Knows Best State

by **Dayganistan** » Mon May 17, 2021 9:50 am

#### The Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham wrote:

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Last edited by **Dayganistan** on Mon May 17, 2021 9:55 am, edited 1 time in total.

Republic of Dayganistan

A secular, Tajik dominated state in Central Asia which has experienced 40 years of democratic backsliding. NS stats are NOT used.



**New Horissnia**  
Lobbyist

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by **New Horissnia** » Mon May 17, 2021 9:57 am

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by **Zitragrad** » Mon May 17, 2021 9:59 am

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by **New Horissnia** » Mon May 17, 2021 10:00 am

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Last edited by [New Horissnia](#) on Mon May 17, 2021 10:00 am, edited 1 time in total.



**Valentine Z**  
Postmaster-General

Posts: 11602  
Founded: Nov 08, 2015  
Democratic Socialists

by [Valentine Z](#) » Mon May 17, 2021 10:01 am

I don't want to get too involved or derail the thread, so I just want to say this here quickly.

Ohh that drama. If only you rode out the 1-day ban in stride.

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**Laka Strolistandiler**  
Senator

Posts: 4015  
Founded: Jul 14, 2018  
Authoritarian Democracy

by [Laka Strolistandiler](#) » Mon May 17, 2021 10:02 am

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I am not a Russian but a Cameroonian. [Overlook](#) this POS.

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Definitely recommend it. Based on collected photos of real people, you can then create something unique while still being photorealistic-ish (there is some noticeability that it's generated by an AI, but only if you look very closely)



**Romextly**  
Postmaster-General

Posts: 10079  
Founded: Nov 10, 2018  
Ex-Nation

by **Romextly** » Mon May 17, 2021 10:03 am

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Not moi



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Negotiator

Posts: 7158  
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Psychotic Dictatorship

by **Langenia** » Mon May 17, 2021 10:05 am

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by **New Horissnia** » Mon May 17, 2021 10:06 am

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Sometimes it's better to describe the way a character looks with words. It's even better because you can describe the way he smells and sounds which is also important (for example my second-in-charge, the unnamed ALS-suffering countess smells like hospital and chlorium and sounds like Stephen Hawking because why not lol).

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Civil Rights Lovefest

by **Western Fardelshufflestein** » Mon May 17, 2021 10:07 am

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by **Zittravgrad** » Mon May 17, 2021 10:08 am

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Same here. I feel like me describing my character's personality and his military service was propaganda.

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Check my factbook on him

by **New Horissnia** » Mon May 17, 2021 10:13 am

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