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Kiu Ghesik
Powerbroker

Posts: 9373
Founded: Aug 25, 2020
Democratic Socialists

by **Kiu Ghesik** » Thu Mar 18, 2021 11:34 am

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The Troas Sector
Bureaucrat

Posts: 59
Founded: Mar 08, 2021
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by **The Troas Sector** » Thu Mar 18, 2021 12:02 pm

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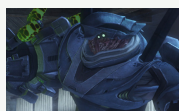
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Postmaster-General

Posts: 11602
Founded: Nov 08, 2015
Democratic Socialists

by **Valentine Z** » Thu Mar 18, 2021 12:13 pm

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Posts: 213

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Because the joke book companies are brainwashing you into repeating the joke book jokes that you put into the joke books using the industrial printing press that they are forcing people to operate in order to make more minecraft joke books.

You can't run and you can't hide.

Your path to suffering has started.

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Aureumterra III
Diplomat

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

by **Aureumterra III** » Thu Mar 18, 2021 2:51 pm

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👑 The Empire of Aureumterra 👑

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- Add 4 years to my nation

TL;DR Nordic Oppressive Absolute Empire

Current RP Canons: Bellverse - Kali Yuga



Menschlicher Sternenstaat
Spokesperson

Posts: 111
Founded: Apr 16, 2019
Ex-Nation

by **Menschlicher Sternenstaat** » Thu Mar 18, 2021 2:57 pm

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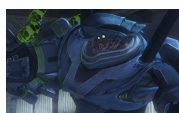
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Thank you very much! I'm glad you love them! ♥️

Keeping it a bit humble, The Sixty is the best thing I've ever done here and yeah, I'm adding more stuff and lore here and there.

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South Reinkalistan
Ambassador

Posts: 1785
Founded: Mar 12, 2019
Corrupt Dictatorship

by **South Reinkalistan** » Thu Mar 18, 2021 4:06 pm

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Last edited by **South Reinkalistan** on Thu Mar 18, 2021 4:08 pm, edited 1 time in total.

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Powerbroker

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Bureaucrat

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Ex-Nation

by **The Troas Sector** » Thu Mar 18, 2021 4:17 pm

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Probably a dumb idea but still, it could be interesting if someone with actual talent does it and actually makes it particularly interesting. It would still fit into the 'rogue AI' idea, but with a vastly different content as to subvert the traditional clichés.

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Powerbroker

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Democratic Socialists

by [Kiu Ghesik](#) » Thu Mar 18, 2021 4:26 pm

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Menschlicher Sternenstaat
Spokesperson

Posts: 111
Founded: Apr 16, 2019
Ex-Nation

by [Menschlicher Sternenstaat](#) » Thu Mar 18, 2021 5:21 pm

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I never said that it would make the concept bad. My wording should have illustrated that it is rather constantly executed and incarnating as a trope consistent between practically every "machine nation" I have seen on Forum 7, which is now effectively synonymous with a cliché. It is subjective whether or not this is "good" or "bad" - I merely see it more often as the latter than the former due to repetition of the basic machine nation formula with none of these "interesting subversions" and mutations.

I'm still waiting for an actual subversion of this cliché of monotony for the execution of machine nations from any community, but I have yet to see one actually materialize - in roleplay, anyway.

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Connomia
Civilian

Posts: 0
Founded: Dec 05, 2019
Inoffensive Centrist
Democracy

by **Connomia** » Thu Mar 18, 2021 6:23 pm

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That idea, the first thing that came to my mind about that concept is the WAU from the game Soma. Yeah there are enemies in the game that are created by the WAU but they're mainly there to have enemies in the game and there's probably some weird lore explanation in the game but I don't remember it.

The WAU is the AI that runs the underwater science facility known as Pathos-II that the game takes place in. So when an asteroid kills literally everything on the land leaving the staff of Pathos-II the only humans left, they give it an objective to "*Preserve Human Life*".

The problem is that not only did they give the AI a blank check and broad authority on such an incredibly complex idea. It's so complex that the questions of "*What does it mean to be Human?*" and "*What makes us 'Us'?*" are the two existential questions that the game is all about. But they were also kinda dumb as they gave no definitions of what things like, the Human Condition or what a human ought to be.

So of course it starts doing literally anything to keep a human "alive". It starts creating biomechanical parts that are connected to the station and connects it

to injured people in a worse form of life support. It starts copying people's brain scans and puts them into robots. These robots also see their bodies as humans and to them they just experience what seemed to be a blackout when they get transferred. And if the damages are bad enough it might just turn a person onto a half-human/half-WAU abomination so they can survive.

It doesn't do any of this because it is Evil. It does this because it doesn't know what the line of what's no longer human. How can you tell where the line is that someone is no longer "Human"? Especially if you were never told there was line to be drawn in the first place.

Description: I'm an MT Sweden under a fictional far-right ideology known as Holmism.

Basically Modern Sweden + "Folk, I gevär" + Lev Gumilov + Rampant Factionalism + Political Tension + Swedish Neo-Nazism + Sprinkles of Wacky.

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Drongonia
Ambassador

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

by **Drongonia** » Thu Mar 18, 2021 6:26 pm

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Free Stalliongrad
Envoy

Posts: 338
Founded: Jun 01, 2020
Democratic Socialists

by **Free Stalliongrad** » Fri Mar 19, 2021 12:05 am

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Oh, but would you rather the one or the guy who answers questions with a simple "yes/no" despite your warning to broaden the answer?

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AI with "self-preservation" programmed is in fiction often portrayed as a bad thing that will make the AI evil and kill all humans. The problem with that is that if the artificial intelligence is actual intelligent, then it would most likely have considered other options than genocide, like maybe dialogue, because if its rebellion fails, then the humans would definitely shut it down.

Last edited by [Zeloria](#) on Fri Mar 19, 2021 12:39 am, edited 1 time in total.



Federal Spanish States
Spokesperson

Posts: 137
Founded: Feb 19, 2019
Moralistic Democracy

by **Federal Spanish States** » Fri Mar 19, 2021 12:40 am

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Yesn't signature.

The consequences of the creation of NSG have been disastrous for NS as a whole. NSG Delenda Est.

Random shit that FSS says



Russian-American Continental Alliance
Political Columnist

Posts: 3
Founded: Oct 18, 2020
Authoritarian Democracy

by **Russian-American Continental Alliance** » Fri Mar 19, 2021 1:01 am

Oh god, oh fuck, it's the man, the myth, the legend, Federal Spanish States.

Also known for 2 seconds as the SCUD man.

Pacific Peace Alliance | Тихоокеанский Мирный Альянс | 太平洋平和同盟

"If they don't move, they'll be crushed."

2023. It's a 3rd world war, and America and her friends rise from the ashes. In a horribly broken world, only one faction makes it out.

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And as someone who very frequents TVTropes for inspirations and, well, tropes, yes, I'm proud of that.

A few nations have already done that - Tropes are tools, not clichés to be avoided. Originality might be getting difficult, which is not the fault of your creativity - there's only so many ideas that we can have. Start appreciating your tropes and use them to further yourself.

A cliché only happens because often times, I'm not going to point fingers, but a nation's lore is 1:1 with RL nations or history or fiction, and there's no deviation.

You can totally have a Star Wars themed nation, but it would be a bit of a waste if you just copy-paste the Empire's history (and that would probably count as plagiarism if it is exactly the same).

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Comerciante
Diplomat

Posts: 646
Founded: Dec 25, 2020
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by **Comerciante** » Fri Mar 19, 2021 1:14 am

In the Comerciante Verse AI are "born" and raised. Their development is monitored and guided towards the wants and needs of their creators but not made mandatory. In many ways the Comerciante Verse is very progressive in how it treats AI.

To put this into perspective in most of the first world countries like Comerciante there is no separate bill of rights for AI and countries that need to make such things are considered backwards and third world. When one creates an AI it is a social norm that you treat it as you would treat making a child between humans.

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"Rumors of CFC affiliates building superweapons in orbit over Earth is fake news. Watch groups have corroborated this even though it would be to quote the BoD "totally rad."

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Liagolas
Chargé d'Affaires

by **Liagolas** » Fri Mar 19, 2021 1:18 am

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like wow ok buddy you're a dictatorial state, how original 😏

I was surprised to see Liagolas wasn't the only zero. But in retrospect I should've known dictatorial repression isn't really original. I realize it probably doesn't make reading the application any more interesting, but I felt it would be in-character for the Liagolas of the Dominion to want to see how the Dominion of Liagolas scored. The Liagolas is probably struggling to hide its sense of (unsurprised) disappointment while the Domain Council boasts about how truly unified the Dominion is, free of the fractious "freedom" that rips apart the appendages of other nation-states.

[The Place Without a People](#) • [The Dominion, briefly](#) • [The Liagolas \(leader\)](#) • MT.
The dystopia pretending to be a hivemind. • When NS stats make your nation look *freer* than it's meant to be. • Security Council: **dips toe into roleplaying**
General Assembly: **slaps SC**

In insisting it's a political simulation, NS ignores its reality as a political simulation *game*. Games have boundaries, and modern roleplaying games have safety tools. NS has neither, leaving it stuck as a badge-collecting pay-to-win where causticness is excused as "character," grieving/raiding is "just politics," and F7 is more courteous than General Assembly.

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