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**Drongonia**  
Ambassador

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

by **Drongonia** » Mon Apr 05, 2021 5:32 pm

Valentine Z wrote:

Drongonia wrote:

To expand on this: the virgin massive nation-shaping policymaker vs the chad everyday issue enjoyer

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So he sought out to make his mark on history with the [2015/2016 flag referendums](#). He was a proponent of changing the flag, for no particular reason besides a vague justification around national identity. Long story short, the referendum failed, the current flag stayed, and his decision to push ahead with the project was universally panned as a wasteful and expensive personal vanity project. His popularity took quite a hit after this, and he resigned in 2016 (unrelated, apparently) before the 2017 election. His successor, Bill English actually went on the record saying he didn't support the flag changing, despite being Key's 2IC since 2008.

tl;dr sometimes boring leaders are good and trying too hard irl and in ns can just make things go bad

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**Fahran**  
Post Marshal

Posts: 17385  
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Democracy

by **Fahran** » Mon Apr 05, 2021 5:33 pm

**Khoronzon wrote:**

i feel like a lot of it has to do with fetishising things like "martial honour" and "warrior culture", which don't exactly mesh well with remote-controlled funny machines dropping bombs on people while the pilot sits in safety halfway across the world. people want to imagine their militaries with a lens of jingoistic heroism, and they often use that kind of cultural militarism and hero-worship of the troops as an ic justification for having bloated militaries.

Oddly enough, while it may seem counter-intuitive, the concept of martial honor has often not been absent among military forces that have considerable technological advantages over their immediate enemies. And that's not a novel phenomenon either. 'Antarah ibn Shaddad, the famous warrior-poet of central Arabia for instance, wrote at great length on such themes. Owing to his station as the son of an important local elite, he would have likely worn imported armor, gone into battle with weapons of superior quality and, when charging, would have been targeting enemies far less well-equipped and less well-trained than himself. It didn't stop his poems from embodying the concept of martial honor as it existed in the Najd region at the time.

Likewise, a good many colonial military forces, the British most especially, retained a concept of martial honor as well. It didn't matter that they might have muskets and cannons while fighting against people armed with spears. This had the additional effect of them often characterizing their enemies as courageous, fearsome, honorable, and cunning because there's little honor intuitively in besting cowards who can't fight well. I think we should really look at World War I and the Vietnam War as the death knells of martial honor as a concept in the West, and, even then, Americans still lionize their military to a significant degree. As do Canadians on occasion.

**Khoronzon wrote:**

this is, of course, why i intend to make my own armed forces unreasonably drone-heavy. soulless war machine meat grinder makes the line go up 🤖

Soulless war machine gang gang!

"They [progressives] were all corrupt." - [Kowani](#)

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Postmaster-General

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Democratic Socialists

by **Valentine Z** » Mon Apr 05, 2021 5:34 pm

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**Western Fardelshufflestein**  
Senator

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by **Western Fardelshufflestein** » Mon Apr 05, 2021 5:35 pm

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Especially if you avoid the political side of NSG.

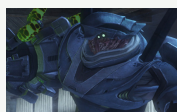
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Postmaster-General

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Democratic Socialists

by **Valentine Z** » Mon Apr 05, 2021 5:36 pm

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Post Marshal

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by **Fahran** » Mon Apr 05, 2021 5:37 pm

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**The Near Islands**  
Lobbyist

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Founded: Jan 01, 2021  
Left-Leaning College State

by **The Near Islands** » Mon Apr 05, 2021 5:39 pm

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I was using the war as a matter of snark. I realize the real war was more complex than "Yeet soldiers at a machine gun", but that is how it, and wars like it, are often portrayed by NS nations.

□ The Near Islands | Tanhana okha Kithch Muhana □

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Negotiator

Posts: 6831  
Founded: Jan 27, 2020  
Ex-Nation

by **Socialist Macronesia** » Mon Apr 05, 2021 5:44 pm

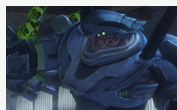
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Postmaster-General

Posts: 11602  
Founded: Nov 08, 2015

by **Valentine Z** » Mon Apr 05, 2021 5:46 pm

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It's not so much so that I am mad because I got summerposted. I told myself I will be less angry over just about everything since it is not healthy for me. ^^; Plus, people can improve, I can always have another turn or avoid the summerposting hours (some timezones more prominent than others).

Other times, well... I would just put it this way: often times, they are easily avoidable mistakes.

/ End of rant, pardon me.

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**Western Fardelshufflestein**  
Senator

Posts: 4744  
Founded: Apr 21, 2020  
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by [Western Fardelshufflestein](#) » Mon Apr 05, 2021 6:03 pm

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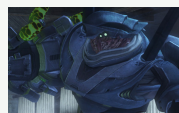
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**Valentine Z**  
Postmaster-General

Posts: 11602  
Founded: Nov 08, 2015  
Democratic Socialists

by [Valentine Z](#) » Mon Apr 05, 2021 6:05 pm

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Senator

Posts: 4744  
Founded: Apr 21, 2020

by [Western Fardelshufflestein](#) » Mon Apr 05, 2021 6:06 pm

Valentine Z wrote:

Western Fardelshufflestein wrote:

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**Valentine Z**  
Postmaster-General

Posts: 11602  
Founded: Nov 08, 2015  
Democratic Socialists

by **Valentine Z** » Mon Apr 05, 2021 6:08 pm

Western Fardelshufflestein wrote:

Valentine Z wrote:

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[Some days you just want to paw someone.](#)

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Ambassador

Posts: 1892  
Founded: Feb 11, 2019  
Inoffensive Centrist  
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by **Drongonia** » Mon Apr 05, 2021 6:10 pm

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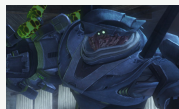
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**Valentine Z**  
Postmaster-General

Posts: 11602  
Founded: Nov 08, 2015  
Democratic Socialists

by **Valentine Z** » Mon Apr 05, 2021 6:11 pm

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Fun fact: 9 out of 10 reports in Moderation are due to NSG.

Then followed by... maybe NSGP / GA / SC, then F7 and RPs (II / P2TM / etc). Got Issues and NS Sports rarely have a hoot, maybe apart from bookkeeping stuff like moving threads or transferring ownership, or locking.

And then you have an oddball or two where someone got warned... in *Technical*.

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I dunno, I feel like F7 (despite being a minority of reports like practically every forum but General) is still moderated a bit more closely than the rest. Part of that might be fallout from C/CLT, but that was before my time; the rest of it, well... when people in F7 get beef with each other, it's not fun. I know that all too well.

*But who got warned in Technical? I must know.*

Drongonia wrote:

UHM ACTUALLY SWEATY THERE WAS A national liberal conservative anarcho-federalist workers' peepeeppoopooist state in south-western tonga during the 1860s so IT WILL WORK!

the sad part is that this is somehow a more genuine argument than the vast majority of NSG's topics, too.

The diagram illustrates the relationship between various entities and a central concept. On the left, a box contains three items: Brief, Caller, and Clans. On the right, a box contains three items: Strife, Words, and Faith. In the center, a large red box contains the text **\* THE GREAT KIU - EJADRIR DEGHEU GIYEF KHUDEYVH. \***. Below this central box is a box labeled Produce Content. Arrows point from the left box to the central box, and from the central box to the right box. An arrow also points from the Produce Content box to the central box.



**Western  
Fardelshuffleston**  
Senator

Posts: 4744  
Founded: Apr 21, 2020  
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by **Western Fardelshufflestein** » Mon Apr 05, 2021  
6:17 pm

Kiu Ghesik wrote:

how dare you insinuate that my nattlibonanarchofedpeepoopoo-state  
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Don't forget "aMeRiCa iS EviL !!!1!11!1!11!1111111!!!!!!"

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And EVERY SINGLE PROBLEM IN THE WORLD WAS CAUSED BY **WHITE CISHET CAPITALIST MEN**.\*

*\*Claims to be tolerant and anti-racist*

And real natbolibsocdemoanarchofascism hasn't been tried yet.

In other words, it's one thing to have a certain ideology and seek to address problems you see in the world, but another to attack people who don't fit it because of [X] while doing so.

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**Gandoor**  
Powerbroker

Posts: 9909  
Founded: Sep 23, 2008  
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by **Gandoor** » Mon Apr 05, 2021 6:20 pm

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Wish the mods would ban that shit tbh. It's one thing to use colored text for effect in a post but another thing to make all your goddamn posts fucking puce or something.

**OOO - Call me Viola**

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**Reminder that true left-wing politics are incompatible with imperialism, authoritarianism, totalitarianism, and dictatorship in all forms.**

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This is why I stick to writing

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you mean your sick ability to look up "text gradient BBcode" and click on the first link?

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