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Sengoku Americas
Envoy

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

by **Sengoku Americas** » Mon Feb 22, 2021 1:24 pm

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Aureumterra III
Diplomat

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

by **Aureumterra III** » Mon Feb 22, 2021 1:24 pm

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A lot of people's leaders are just there for horny fantasies, as others have pointed out

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- Add 4 years to my nation

TL;DR Nordic Oppressive Absolute Empire

Current RP Canons: Bellverse - Kali Yuga



Western Fardelshufflestein
Senator

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

by **Western Fardelshufflestein** » Mon Feb 22, 2021
1:29 pm

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Unless it's a hereditary position, agreed. The youth do not have enough life experience or wisdom to run a nation, and, if a younger person is in power, the chances they will rely on older advisors is fairly high. That could create a very interesting premise and power dynamic that could go in multiple directions and be a thrilling story.

But there is a reason countries with elected leaders have minimum ages to run for leadership positions: they want people with fully developed brains (the brain develops until age 25, and then it's downhill from there 🤔). And, if you look at the world's current youngest-serving leader, he's 29; the second-youngest world leader is 34. Both are elected positions (I think), but they're not young enough to be university students or anything.

And you're right about heads of state being middle-aged/older and portly. I actually went in that direction with Alastair, and then I opened a can of dRAMA AND TRAGEDY, so he has lost a lot of weight--but still. My leaders are not out to win beauty contests (ok, except maybe Alastair I).

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South Reinkalistan
Ambassador

by **South Reinkalistan** » Mon Feb 22, 2021 1:31 pm

Las Palmeras **wrote:**

Is there anybody mad enough to turn Mitch McConnell into an anime fenboy in this site?

Posts: 1785
Founded: Mar 12, 2019
Corrupt Dictatorship

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Kyoki Chudoku
Diplomat

Posts: 807
Founded: Apr 28, 2017
Iron Fist Consumerists

by **Kyoki Chudoku** » Mon Feb 22, 2021 1:36 pm

Technically the youngest leader I've had for a nation I remember was sixteen- but then that was an alien lifeform for which sixteen years is over half the lifespan up already.

Aozora's officially listed as twenty-five, but then she's claimed that for multiple years so absolutely nobody believes it, they just don't want to make a big deal out of it. I believe she was probably younger than that claim when she assumed power- through violence and magic, I should note- but she's certainly a fair bit older than it now. And so she went from claiming to be more mature than she was to claiming to be younger than she is.

Chudokuren leaders in general aren't really supposed to be especially wise. They're basically varying flavours of insanity. So perhaps the initial youth of many of them can be considered thematically appropriate in the sense that they were pretty much forced into these positions by a sadistic psychopath.

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Kiu Ghesik
Powerbroker

Posts: 9373
Founded: Aug 25, 2020
Democratic Socialists

by **Kiu Ghesik** » Mon Feb 22, 2021 1:37 pm

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Ambassador

Posts: 1785
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Corrupt Dictatorship

by [South Reinkalistan](#) » Mon Feb 22, 2021 1:42 pm

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Dayganistan
Ambassador

by [Dayganistan](#) » Mon Feb 22, 2021 1:44 pm

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

Republic of Dayganistan

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



Western Fardelshufflestein
Senator

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

by **Western Fardelshufflestein** » Mon Feb 22, 2021 1:47 pm

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And Mary Sues/Gary Stus are annoying as all heccin' hecc.

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Shov Scien
Bureaucrat

Posts: 62
Founded: May 29, 2020
Ex-Nation

by **Shov Scien** » Mon Feb 22, 2021 1:47 pm

'Somehow rules several galaxies or even universes' seems to be an increasingly common one.

EVER VIGILANT.

/ Please excuse the mess! This nation's lore and information is still under construction. Thank you for your patience! /

If I post in a thread that my factbooks are too unfinished to properly interact with me in, you're allowed to yell at me.



South Reinkalistan
Ambassador

Posts: 1785
Founded: Mar 12, 2019
Corrupt Dictatorship

by **South Reinkalistan** » Mon Feb 22, 2021 1:49 pm

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Comerciante
Diplomat

Posts: 646
Founded: Dec 25, 2020
Ex-Nation

by **Comerciante** » Mon Feb 22, 2021 1:51 pm

FT wankery demands one not to actually consider the scale of governance required to maintain empires that long or that the leader is so good at what they do that everything just works.

In TGSW the government works in theory! maybe! sometimes! not really! It almost got tax returns filed once! probably...

Edit: For an entirely wrong part of the population...

Last edited by **Comerciante** on Mon Feb 22, 2021 1:53 pm, edited 1 time in total.

"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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Warlord Era in a nutshell



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Don't worry lol, I cheated -- I just coloured an old photo of a Soviet naval officer

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Illegal Planets
Diplomat

Posts: 511
Founded: Jan 24, 2018
Ex-Nation

by **Illegal Planets** » Mon Feb 22, 2021 1:55 pm

Lurking.

MDE never dies

"My rock and roll is not to entertain, but to annihilate"



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Posts: 4744
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Yup! It is harder in practice than it sounds, methinks, especially the sleeping part when you're, like, YAY GOOFING OFF ON COMPUTER TIME UNTIL 2 IN THE MORNING! (Points to myself).

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Hamatu
Civil Servant

Posts: 7
Founded: Oct 02, 2019
Father Knows Best State

by **Hamatu** » Mon Feb 22, 2021 2:00 pm

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Having a lot of power and influence kinda makes keeping track of and maintaining routines less the business of one perfect person, and more that of a team of people whose livelihoods depend on that person, possibly? (Seems like an interesting perspective to take to me at least 😊)

[Don't Forget the Mermaids! \(Though you don't have to constantly bring them up either!\)](#)

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The Gamer Utopia
Civilian

Posts: 1
Founded: Jan 04, 2021
Iron Fist Consumerists

by **The Gamer Utopia** » Mon Feb 22, 2021 2:00 pm

If your nation takes place in a more distant future, then it does make more sense to have old leaders look young because their life-spans should be longer. My main, Zeloria, for example has nano-machines that pretty much make you immortal. One thing that bugs me in a lot of sci-fi is that humans often have the exact same lifespan as today, even if it takes place hundreds of years in the future.

A parody nation, that's based on the worst aspects of gamer culture. Don't take it too seriously please.

ALL HAIL POGCHAMP

Is a puppet of [Zeloria](#)



Feyrisshire
Envoy

Posts: 316
Founded: Nov 27, 2019
Democratic Socialists

by **Feyrisshire** » Mon Feb 22, 2021 2:01 pm

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oh god no please don't let the "is kim yo jong attractive" debate start i swear to god please no

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" We will not bow to your dictation. We are free. We bled to be free. Who are you to tell us what we may and may not do? [We stopped being your slaves an era ago.](#) "

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