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The Caleshan Valkyrie

Posts: 1379 Founded: Oct 07, 2004

Civil Rights Lovefest

🗅 by **The Caleshan Valkyrie** » Fri Oct 01, 2021 1:48 pm

#### Hatsunia wrote:

#### Aikoland wrote:

Yeah it's honestly the visual incongruity that comes with having a flag (which usually are fairly flat and simple in terms of their designs) and something that isn't simply designed together that makes them look off to me.

Now what about a flag that incorporates flat and simple design elements and symbolism associated with a character, but not the character themselves?

## Ain't that the basis of Heraldry?

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Hispida

Posts: 4831 Founded: Jun 21, 2021 Anarchy

□by **Hispida** » Fri Oct 01, 2021 2:02 pm

## Hispida wrote:

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brb gonna make the flag of sephiroth

i have tried my damndest\* to make the flag of sephiroth

\*it was not his damndest

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Imperial States of

Diplomat

Posts: 696

Left-Leaning College State

Founded: Sep 08, 2021

 $\square$  by Imperial States of Duotona » Fri Oct 01, 2021 2:18 pm

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Last edited by Imperial States of Duotona on Fri Oct 01, 2021 2:20 pm, edited 2 times in total.

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Aikoland Ambassador

Posts: 1885

Founded: Dec 22, 2011 Capitalist Paradise

□ by **Aikoland** » Fri Oct 01, 2021 2:20 pm

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#### **Imperial States of** Duotona

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Posts: 696

Founded: Sep 08, 2021 Left-Leaning College State Dby Imperial States of Duotona » Fri Oct 01, 2021 2:22 pm

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# Wejas

Lobbyist

Posts: 15

Founded: Sep 17, 2021 Iron Fist Consumerists

Aikoland wrote:

□by Wejas » Fri Oct 01, 2021 2:37 pm

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#### ★ Reino de Wejas ★

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A parody and a homage to the gulf coast of Texas  $\,$ 

This is Wexas' new account. I wanted to No NS stats used pls|IC Year: 2757 retcon. Old account will not CTE tho.

There was never a war against <u>Use this</u> until I complete retconning Wexas pls. the Comanche.



Neo-Western East Korea

Spokesperson

Posts: 147

Founded: Jun 15, 2021 Iron Fist Consumerists

Dby Neo-Western East Korea » Fri Oct 01, 2021 2:38

me and the boys about to watch our government collapse as a result of needlessly authoritarian rulership with no reason for the people to support it.



**Fardelshufflestein** 

Founded: Apr 21, 2020 Civil Rights Lovefest

by Western Fardelshufflestein » Fri Oct 01, 2021

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The Mexican Soviet Republic

Political Columnist

Founded: Nov 03, 2018 Father Knows Best State ☐ by The Mexican Soviet Republic » Fri Oct 01, 2021

## Western Fardelshufflestein wrote:

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## Train go boom.

Los Dictadura Trotskista de la República Soviética Mexicana "Trotsky would be less popular and not so successful than Stalin v he were charge of the Soviet Union."



#### Hatsunia

Ambassador

Founded: Apr 26, 2012 Civil Rights Lovefest

by **Hatsunia** » Fri Oct 01, 2021 4:36 pm

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Some people think Hatsunia is like that, but only because it's specifically supposed to be the opposite of most of the issues Japanese society is criticized for (like xenophobia and outdated business practices).

Last edited by Hatsunia on Fri Oct 01, 2021 4:55 pm, edited 1 time in total.

#### Hatsunia | 初音国

The first sound of the future, the society of the future

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Aureumterra III

Posts: 778

Founded: Sep 21, 2020 Iron Fist Consumerists

Dby Aureumterra III » Fri Oct 01, 2021 4:41 pm

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Last edited by Aureumterra III on Fri Oct 01, 2021 5:01 pm, edited 2 times in total.

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Lore Thread - Actual Flag

Overview (WIP)

I DO NOT USE NS STATS! - 2016 Gang Emperor - Add 4 years to my nation

TL;DR Nordic Oppressive Absolute Empire

Current RP Canons: Bellverse - Kali Yuga



Combine Interuniversal Civilian

Posts: 1

Founded: Oct 01, 2021

by Combine Interuniversal » Fri Oct 01, 2021 5:01

Ideal countries aren't necessarily perfect (Mary Sue) polities, Hatsunia. Anyways, applying character terms to political bodies is a very weird practice. A perfect country is either deliberate, making them a utopia, or the result of bad writing. In the latter's case it is the author failing to deliver the consequences of a nation's policy or diplomatic action, or failing to come up with a believable history and circumstances for a utopian society.

For the former, it's a form of literature whose purpose is to portray a better state of society that we should all strive to achieve. A good utopian nation is one that tells a story of a society which has overcome the problems it faces in an engaging sort of way, entailing a demand for novel or at least creative and semi-original takes to what is a very saturated niche of the NationStates forums.

A re-occurring diché is seeing something (very obviously) based on fictional scenarios being called unrealistic. It's as much a cop-out meta response akin to disliking a leader in an AL thread for being "anime artstyle".

•° The Pan-Dimensional Collective of the Combine Interuniversal °•. [Universal Cooperation & Counselling overcomes Division and Disadvantage]

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Western Fardelshufflestein

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

Dby Western Fardelshufflestein » Fri Oct 01, 2021

## Aureumterra III wrote:

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**Hatsunia** Ambassador

Posts: 1348 Founded: Apr 26, 2012 Civil Rights Lovefest by **Hatsunia** » Fri Oct 01, 2021 5:30 pm

#### Combine Interuniversal wrote:

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In recent months, that is exactly what Hatsunia's lore was criticized for - that there was no struggle involved in obtaining a egalitarian society, and that the government just decided to support gender and racial equality out of pure idealism so on a meta level, social issues wouldn't become "deeply rooted." Some people offered constructive criticism by saying that Hatsunese society would realistically have been more bigoted in the past, but overcame it through protests and other forms of activism and resulting government reforms, thus I revised the lore to be where it is today. And it does seem more meaningful that way.

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Gonswanza

Posts: 1580 Founded: Aug 13, 2021 Inoffensive Centrist Democracy  $\square$  by **Gonswanza** » Fri Oct 01, 2021 5:44 pm

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Totally true.

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The Caleshan Valkyrie Ambassador

Posts: 1379

Founded: Oct 07, 2004 Civil Rights Lovefest by The Caleshan Valkyrie » Fri Oct 01, 2021 5:54 pm

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Godular Postmaster-Genera

Founded: Sep 09, 2004 New York Times Democracy

by **Godular** » Fri Oct 01, 2021 6:07 pm

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It's carbon... it's one of the most common elements around. The hard part of Graphene is in figuring out a means of reliably mass-producing it, which was a cross-tribal competition that lasted the better part of two decades... with many casualties.

(posting on my main atm because that's my default on my PC)

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Aikoland

Posts: 1885 Founded: Dec 22, 2011 Capitalist Paradise Dby Aikoland » Fri Oct 01, 2021 6:10 pm

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Aureumterra III

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

by Aureumterra III » Fri Oct 01, 2021 6:17 pm

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Well a good part of this political instability is due to the fact the Emperor is paranoid of his exiled brother seizing the throne backed by foreign powers and desperately wants to legitimize his reign

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Dby Gonswanza » Fri Oct 01, 2021 8:38 pm

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Yeap. I never boast much about my nation beyond "Oh yea, the manufacturing sector is going strong, yeap! And uh... The cars are good too!" but never more than that. Hell, I almost never offer a baseline because it's more akin to saying "I got 95 on the test!" when everyone else got scores varying from 90-100 on the same test... It's quite average, maybe a little exceptional, but still painfully average.

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I should've been more specific with this. Basically what I tried to say was that a Suelandia would be a perfect nation that has been perfect for all it's history and never failed. Every country has had its ups and downs, and there is a difference between a 'first world, economically prosperous nation' and a 'we are literally perfect in every way nation. (The only exception to this rule being that if you have a corrupt North Korean style dictatorship, then pretending you are perfect is fine)

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Wormfodder Delivery Chargé d'Affaires

Posts: 478 Founded: Feb 14, 2021 Compulsory Consumerist

Dby Wormfodder Delivery » Sat Oct 02, 2021 1:08 am

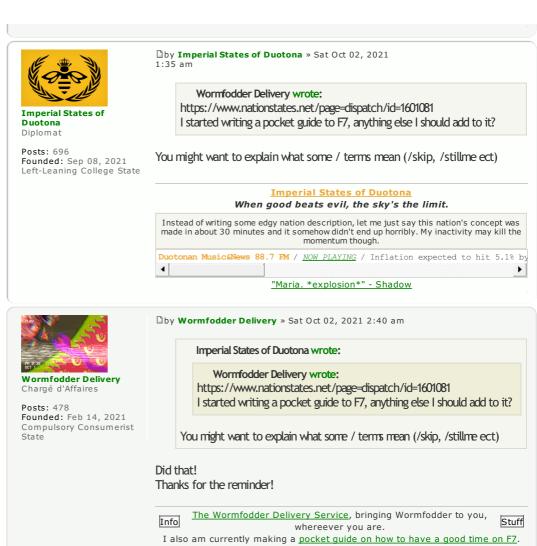
https://www.nationstates.net/page=dispatch/id=1601081 I started writing a pocket guide to F7, anything else I should add to it?

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