

Politics

an *amusing* **ARCHIVE** OF **POLITICAL** Voices, Comments,
Discourse, and **NOISE**

Collected in the Comments Section of Online News Articles

Reactions to Idiocracy in ‘Merica

“I came for the comments.”

Curated and Collected

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Introduction

This is one of my personal projects of making sense through the chaotic mess that our world, our reality, is in every single day. It's my therapy of harboring so much stress and instability in our modern world. This collection of comments under Yahoo and usatoday.com news articles was my personal way of healthily channeling my frustration and anger at how insane the world was working. I wanted to create a record of the sheer absurdity of how divided and deluded some people can be. God help us all. This is how I've been giving myself therapy for dealing with the epic delusions of certain Americans while living in the great United States of America.

I kept asking myself the question: "Did the whole world go crazy, or is it just me?" I needed some confirmation that I hadn't fully gone into The Twilight Zone where racism is acceptable, lies are reality, news is fake news, and there is no accountability for corruption.

I also literally had to compile this catalogue of the political dialogue in America and around the world just for my own sanity's sake. I wanted to make sure I wasn't crazy and wasn't the only one feeling and thinking the way I was. I also made sure to "leave my bubble" and read and hear what the opposite side has to say as well. I catalogued some of what they wrote to counter the other side. Yet... these past political-induced years have been rotten and gotten worse. We needed some sane voices to rise above the crazy.

Our Unofficial Political War in America

I feel very badly about our political situation here in America. We're stuck in a tug of war between the right-wing and left-wing extremists. And us moderates are left strung-out in the middle. How can Universal Health Care, which is something so many other developed countries like Canada, England, and France have, cause so much vitriol? It just doesn't make any sense! It's so maddening and surreal to watch this all unfold. Are so many Americans really this *insane*?!?? For the first time in my life, I'm thinking about living in Canada. At least there, they don't treat their artists like third-class citizens and treat them with contempt like Republicans do. They actually fund their talented artists. The political situation has gone from bad to worse. The ridiculous Tea Party and Sarah Palin have actually gained more followers like sheep. "Liberals" are outraged and fuming for revenge if this new "age of mediocrity" takes over once again like it did under George W. Bush. What's truly scary, really, really scary, is how of people on both the right and the left *believe they are right*. Doesn't that mean everyone is wrong? Where is the compromise? Where are the moderates in all of this? I agree that no one party should hold total control over the Presidency, Congress, and the House. Yet for absolutely no one to work together? To *hate* each other?!? Thanks to people like Glenn Beck (and perhaps even Michael Moore), the pot has been stirred and people are angry beyond belief. Everyone believes the United States is failing and no longer the once great nation it used to feel it was under Reagan and Clinton. I suppose a severe recession can certainly do that to a nation's self-esteem and sense of pride. Yet now everyone wants someone to blame. The right *hate* Obama, who really hasn't done that bad of a job in very difficult economic times... and with two wars to manage... and with an oil disaster to deal with... and... and... *and...* It's so ridiculous. Hell, he's done a *great* job. But I suppose that all depends on how you lean politically and see things. If you're a Republican, all his does is *lie*. What an insane, ugly way to see things. Then again, all politicians "lie". I'm just feeling so confused inside right now. It's so ugly out there. No one likes each other. They just argue and bitch back and forth. No wonder I just want to escape from it all, either with the Wonderful World of Canada or through reading comics or watching movies.

Personally, I think our nation has always been this screwed up. It's just that our many, many media outlets exploit all this craziness for ratings. They let people blog their hatred out all over the Internet.

I Feel a Political Revolt Is Coming

3-31-11: It's hard to go on the Internet anymore since it's so full of blogger hate-speech, anger, misinformation, and dubious "self-expression". There are no easy or simple answers to our country's problems. Cynicism runs too deeply in this modern world. People hate each other now for their political beliefs that have caused too much separation. I do blame the media (the Internet blogs, FOX 'News', talk radio, MSNBC). And the one form of neutral, unbiased news information out there, NPR (who are mainly moderate to 'liberal', but aren't allowed to talk that way on the air), are getting defunded. It's so highly ironic. I feel a revolt is coming.

I've been pretty busy and stressed today. My moods have been all over the place. I started off with disgust and anger over the passing of Senate Bill 5 that limits union's collective bargaining rights. Then the Republicans are pushing through a bill to restrict women's rights to getting an abortion in Ohio, the harshest limits of anywhere in America! I've never felt so disgusted with being an American and an Ohioan as I am lately. I told Kon that perhaps I shouldn't go on the Internet or watch the news on TV anymore because all this ugly news is upsetting me too much.

Why Did I Capture All of This?

2-10-24: Why did I find myself copying these down from countless comment sections on mainstream media news articles? Because there needs to be a detailed record of the voices and the discussions. Or else people forget or neglect what happened in America during these years.

I also wanted to articulate and capture the reasons for *why* I lean the way I do politically. Some people on the opposite end of the political spectrum can't name any reasons for the accomplishments and priorities of being a moderate liberal. I wanted to make sure that the reasons are able to be referenced and acknowledged.