

Re: No Kerry buttons allowed...

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Daniel Haude wrote:

- > *On Wed, 03 Nov 2004 12:44:23 +0000,*
- > *Paul Burridge <pb@notthisbit.osiris1.co.uk> wrote*
- > *in Msg. <hjkho0h3f9toknnlpn9clrfr3bgo96suek@4ax.com>*
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- >> *Win's *not* a Brit and queuing here in Britland simply doesn't happen.*
- >> *All you need are more polling stations! What's so hard about that?*
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- > *I've got NO idea why elections have to be so difficult, technically. Here*
- > *in Germany, elections are always on a Sunday from 8am to 6pm, your voting*
- > *station is no further than five minutes on foot*

Even in the boonies?

- > *(typically set up in a*
- > *school building), and within five minutes you're done. The ballots all*
- > *look alike, the votes get counted by hand, and by the next day the*
- > *official result is known (and the ballots are kept for a while in case*
- > *there's some glitch).*

Yes, but you folks also manage to run your trains on time.

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- > *Voting on Tuesdays is stupid, and voting on Tuesdays with voting machines*
- > *that leave no paper trail is even more stupid.*
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- > *--Daniel*
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Certainly voting machines that leave no paper trail is stupid. I was listening to an interview of Jimmy Carter the other day; he mentioned that were it to ask, the US would be turned down for monitoring by his voting rights project, in part because of the lack of easy traceability.

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