

Re: Republican voters will soon be rounded up

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On Tue, 25 Jan 2005 20:40:52 -0500, the renowned "David Grant"
<NO_SPAM_PLEASE_jmd_2003@msn.com> wrote:

>
>> *For terrorists to attack the USA like on 911, thats somehow okay in your
>> book? Is there nothing you would ever do to defend the USA? all war is
>bad?*
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>*9/11 was in no way good. I doubt many people are actually arguing that. But
>consider below:*
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>*Being that this is an electronics newsgroup I'm assuming familiarity with
>the log scale.*
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>*Let's define a first magnitude disaster as something that kills half the
>world's population (~3 mil). The return of the Black Death, or a nuclear war
>could achieve this. Divide by 10 and a second magnitude disaster would be
>something like AIDS (potentially), or a third world war without nuclear
>warfare. Third magnitude disasters would be WWI, WWII, and the Spanish
>influenza breakout of 1918. Fourth magnitude would be the Vietnam war and
>the slaughter in the Great Lakes region of Africa. Another division by ten,
>Fifth magnitude disasters would be the Yugoslavian war in the 90s, or the
>number of deaths due to famine each year in Ethiopia. Sixth magnitude would
>be the Israeli-Arab war of 1967. 9/11 was a seventh order disaster by this
>scale. More people die per month by gunshot wounds in the US than died in
>9/11. Terrorism is simply an over-hyped threat, and is not a concern worthy
>of very much attention. There are much more pressing issues we should be
>spending our time on.*

The bird flu currently incubating in northern Vietnam, Thailand (and perhaps soon southwest China) has a good potential to kill as many in the West as an all-out nuclear war. They've already culled over 40 million birds to try to stop it. But it will leave the physical assets, so it may be good for at least some businesses.

Best regards,
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