

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"
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>> *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