

Re: Lunacy from Brussels

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zwsdotcom@xxxxxxxx wrote:

> bill.sloman@xxxxxxxx wrote:

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>> Bad as it is, the Republican administration in the U.S. is worse –

>> before you get too rude about Brussels, you have the review the

>> existing alternatives, which are remarkably unattractive.

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> ALL the existing options are unattractive, because lobbying technology

> is now too sophisticated – technology for disseminating propaganda is

> orders of magnitude better than it once was, but average intelligence

> is at best increasing linearly.

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> Anyone with money and a crazed idea can create a movement around it,

> and through television and other media convince the average Joe Sixpack

> on his couch that the most pressing issue facing the world today is

> gun-grabbing, or saving the rare albino ocelot, or legalizing marriage

> between homosexual cheesemakers. Governments merely have to determine

> statistically how many people belong to each movement, decide how many

> votes they need, and hence calculate which idiotic ideas they must

> support in order to be voted in.

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> A Democratic administration would be no different. Worse, in fact.

> There would be even more bullshit doomed social programs stealing from

> my pocket.

Since the "bullshit doomed social programs" actually make you richer in the long term – none of us make money from a sick and ill-educated underclass that spends most of its adult life in a prison paid for with your taxes – you are presenting an instructive example of how effective lobbying technology can be.

Read Will Hutton's "The World We're In" (ISBN: 0349114714). My copy dates from 2002 but it is still available from stock at

www.amazon.co.uk. You can now buy via www.amazon.com, but only from associated sellers – Amazon presumably can't be seen to endorse a book that suggests that the U.S. is in any way less than perfect (though Hutton's criticisms amount to little more than "could do better") which is itself says something about "effective lobbying technology" aka

brain-washing.

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