

## Re: [OT] I hate being American

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John Larkin wrote:

> *On Sat, 1 Jan 2005 08:18:30 +0100, "Laura" <laura@nospam.me> wrote:*  
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>  
>>*Explain how christian fundamentalist hate-mongers are any better than*  
>>*islamic fundamentalist ditto. Both seem completely and utterly deranged to*  
>>*me.*  
>  
> *The Christians aren't into suicide bombing, and they let their women*  
> *drive.*

Women aren't allowed to drive only in that good friend of the US, Saudi Arabia. Christian fundamentalists aren't big on women's rights in general – reproductive freedom, for one.

>>*As for your dreams of empire... well, you'd have to turn America into a*  
>>*totalitarian state (how about a nice theocracy?) pretty quick – within the*  
>>*next 4 years, preferably – and abolish (or turn into even more of a farce)*  
>>*the electoral process. If America remains a democracy, the people will tire*  
>>*of war and elect someone who promises to end it. That's the end of global*  
>>*empire aspirations right there, and back to covertly influencing other*  
>>*nations in ways favourable to America (which will eventually backfire, as*  
>>*usual).*  
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> *In 1942, the world was down to about a dozen democracies. Since just*  
> *1980, over 80 countries have transitioned to democracy. 25 years ago,*  
> *1/3 of the world's countries held free elections; today, it's 2/3.*  
>  
> *Reconcile those numbers with "global empire" and "backfire."*

You mean like Haiti, where the US spirited off the elected president in the middle of the night? Or Nicaragua, where the US supported an army of torturers and used blackmail and millions of dollars of advertising to convince the populace to elect the government chosen by the US? Or are you talking about US complicity in the coups in Chile '73 or Iran '58? Or the US's good friend Musharraf in Pakistan who overthrew the

elected government?

--Jeff

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It is only those who have neither  
fired a shot nor heard the shrieks  
and groans of the wounded who cry  
aloud for blood, more vengeance, more  
desolation. War is hell.

--William Tecumseh Sherman

In war, there are no unwounded soldiers.

--Jose Narosky

The urge to save humanity is almost  
always a false front for the urge to  
rule.

--H.L. Mencken