

Re: Godel's theorem in the news?

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david petry <david_lawrence_petry@xxxxxxxxxx> writes:

In Monday's speech at Columbia University, Iran's president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was asked why he thinks more research should be done on the Holocaust. His rambling answer included the following remarks, which appear to be a reference to Godel's theorems.

The translation is from the Washington Post.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/09/24/AR2007092401042_pf.html

"We had principles in mathematics that were granted to be absolute in mathematics for over 800 years. But new science has gotten rid of those absolutisms, come forward other different logics of looking at mathematics and sort of turned the way we look at it as a science altogether after 800 years. "

How is that about Goedel? Why not about non-Euclidean geometry?

Anyway, you're right. The Iranian president shows that Holocaust denial is morally equivalent to modern mathematics. What better argument do we need to show Goedel was wrong?

Another brilliant moral exercise from the guy that advocates executing humanists --- if necessary.

Jesse F. Hughes

"Just goes to tell you. If you make a major discovery, and some stupid interviewer asks you if you're the greatest mathematician of all time, just say no." -- practical advice from James S. Harris

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