

# Re: OT – I finally found my huge Britannica Atlas

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We had friends who worked for Bell Helicopter in Iran when the Shah of Iran was over thrown way back in the, I think it was the 70s. (They used to send us the best dang pistachios that were "the shah of Iran's" pistachios). Anyway they wrote us and told us when things started getting touchy that Bell Helicopter Company begged them to stay and keep working and assured them they would get them out if it got bad. Well, they got the CEOs out and left our friends and other "workers" high and dry. They all had to find their own way out with just the clothes on their backs. Me, personally, I would have left the minutes things started getting hinky (hell, I'd never be there). I wrote her and told her any extra pay or so called assurances from the company were BS and get the hell out! They made it out but with nothing, but like I said, the clothes on their back and no help from Bell! It does boil down to greed, I'm afraid. They were making great money working there and just stayed. Same with some of these folks working there. But yes, some are vacationing and why the hell you take little kids to the volatile an area is beyond me. Especially since our embassy really do not do much to help anyone overseas at all these days. They used to be quite helpful to Americans overseas but they don't do much anymore.

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((what the heck are all these Americans doing there, and now on TV, being rescued by helicopters, planes and ships, are mad that they have to pay for passage so the government has waived it. I guess I just don't understand... ))

Same here, Kath. I heard one person being interviewed saying the slow reaction of the government was as bad as that right after Katrina. Say what?

These Americans, by their own choice, are in a foreign land. Yet, they expect the government to come to their rescue and also do it for free.

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I can understand government workers expecting this since they are there doing a job, but the others?

Although I do feel sorry for the tourists trapped in a war zone, particularly the small children, who brings a child into a known unstable area of the world, then complains about the officials who are doing their best to get them out of danger? Just Google on wars in the Middle East to see what I mean.

When griping about their rescue, maybe they should remember TANSSAAFL, or "there ain't no such thing as a free lunch" and be thankful our government cares about them instead of bitching.

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And then if we just left our people over there at their own devices, our government would be mean and evil for doing that. It's a no-win

situation,

I guess.

I for one am glad that the United States is willing to rescue its citizens who find themselves trapped due to an unexpectedly violent conflict.

Sandi