

Re: An oasis on the moon?

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"Rand Simberg" <simberg.interglobal@org.trash> wrote in message news:423148e2.989476321@newsgroups.bellsouth.net...

>> *And since then, more than a few countries have acquired (sometimes by
>> painful experience) some clues about how not to arrange their economies.*

> *Yes, but unfortunately, not enough. Certainly the Norks, and Cuba,
> are still clueless. As, in many ways, are the French and Germans,
> though nowhere near as badly.*

Ah, "the American Way of Life shall bring salvation to the world," shan't it?

The only reason why this lack of a social infrastructure was working so far was because America was the land of opportunity. And it was that because it was mostly empty and pristine, with lots of resources as of yet untapped. People who felt trapped yet were resourceful could simply try their luck elsewhere.

That's also why you're in trouble today. You're filling up and using up your wealth. In the end you're going to have to compromise and learn to live sustainably and defuse social tensions other than by trying to find ever new ways to grow and escape...

Unless, that is, you go into space. That could prolong the boom for quite a while. That's why I'm here, because I'd love those times to continue for some time.

But without it you're going to have pretty much the same troubles and infrastructure changes that Europe's been having a century ago. It's mostly geography and age that's made us how we are today, not cluelessness.

Don't flatter yourselves! It's been mostly your abundance of resources and arable land that's made you as prosperous as you are, not your "superior world view." We see that by just how much resources you need in order to lead the lifestyle to which you've become accustomed.

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And we see right now in the Middle East just how superior the Neocon
Jacobin ideas really are...

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('_`>      screams for help and focus on the bigger picture." <'_`)  
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