

# Re: Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama Discuss Space Policy

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- *From:* "Jorge R. Frank" <jrfrank@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
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Rand Simberg wrote:

On Sun, 17 Feb 2008 12:17:01 -0600, in a place far, far away, "Jorge R. Frank" <jrfrank@xxxxxxxxxxxx> made the phosphor on my monitor glow in such a way as to indicate that:

Rand Simberg wrote:

On Sun, 17 Feb 2008 18:06:58 +0100 (CET), in a place far, far away, Wallace Wright <wwright@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> made the phosphor on my monitor glow in such a way as to indicate that:

On Sun, Feb 17, 2008 at 04:50:56PM +0000, Rand Simberg wrote:

Could I ask  
you a  
question, a  
simple  
English  
question.  
What does  
the  
word  
"commercial"  
mean?  
Surely it is  
to do with  
trading and  
making  
money.

What a bizarre, non sequitur  
question.

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I'm working under the assumption that poor Ian is suffering from some form of dementia or ADHD that impairs his ability to present ideas in a more consistent stream. There's no profit in making fun of him for his disability but you might be able work around it if you keep it in mind.

No, it's really not possible to "work around it." There is no "profit" in trying to carry on a discussion with him at all.

And yet, you keep replying to him.

"Replying to him" != "having a discussion with him." And I rarely do so. I ignore most of his posts.

Usually (though admittedly not in this case), the only time I respond to him is to disabuse others of his latest fantasy about me. If he'd stop taking my name in vain I'd just killfile him. I probably will anyway.

You should. It is just a compulsive thing with him. He replies to people who reply to him. He used to do the same thing to me. He hasn't done it since I killfiled him.

Of course, I'll also probably abandon Usenet completely, eventually, as so many others seem to have.

As useless as I think Usenet has become, I probably won't abandon it entirely, though it is obvious my posting rate is a lot lower than it used to be and will probably never go back up again. With the proper use of killfiles against both people and threads, the S/N becomes manageable. Most of the remaining noise I see comes from people I don't want to killfile making useless replies to people already in my killfile.

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