

# Re: Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama Discuss Space Policy

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On 25 Feb, 20:11, Quadibloc <[jsav...@xxxxxxxxx](mailto:jsav...@xxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

On Feb 25, 9:04 am, Ian Parker <[ianpark...@xxxxxxxxx](mailto:ianpark...@xxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

I think that the American people should direct their anger at what Reagan et al. did during the Cold War.

That's going to be a tough sell.

Reagan won that one, so that today the people of Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, and the like are living in freedom rather than under a wretched dictatorship.

As for OBL in Afghanistan, how is the ingratitude of Osama bin Laden Reagan's fault? The evil of the Soviet Union limited our choices of allies, so if the Cold War left messes around, our anger would be directed at Russia. Which, in re Kosovo, still seems to want to differ from the United States for no good reason.

John Savard

In politics gratitude is not something that should be expected. I also feel that it is rubbish to suppose that freedom in E Europe depended on the support given to reactionary and repressive régimes. Indeed it could be arued that the appeal of the Soviet Union rested in large measure on the reactionary nature of the alternatives.

In Latin America we have a situation which is similar in some respects but different as to outcome. The US supported a whole str