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The Ruling Class

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America is often described as a society without the Old World's aristocracy. Yet we still have people who feel entitled to boss the rest of us around. The "elite" media, the political class, Hollywood and university professors think their opinions are obviously correct, so they must educate us peasants.

OK, so they don't call us "peasants" anymore. Now we are "deplorables" -- conservatives or libertarians. Or Trump supporters.

The elite have a lot of influence over how we see things.

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I don't like Donald Trump. I used to. I once found him refreshing and honest. Now I think he's a mean bully. I think that partly because he (/columnists/michellemalkin/2016/10/2006 ked as disabled person. I saw it on TV. He waved his arms around

to mimic a New York Times reporter with a disability -- but wait!

It turns out that Trump used the same gestures and tone of speech to (/columnists/michellemalkin/2016/10/ /?fi/hill Text Cruz and a general he didn't' like. It's not nice, but it doesn't appear directed at a disability.

I only discovered this when researching the media elite. Even though (/columnists/walterewilliams/2016/10/26/dumedia junkie, I hadn't seen the other side of the story. The elite spoon-fed me their version of events.

> Another reason I don't like Trump is that he supported the Iraq war --/26/dumband then lied about that. Media pooh-bahs told me Trump pushed for the war years ago on The Howard Stern Show.

But then I listened to what Trump actually said.

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Why I Now Feel Compelled To Vote

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"Are you for invading Iraq?" Stern asked.

Trump replied, "Yeah, I guess ... so." Later, on Neil Cavuto's show, Trump said, "Perhaps (Bush) shouldn't be doing it yet, and perhaps we should be waiting for the United Nations." I wouldn't call that "support" -- the way NBC's debate moderator and many others have.

I was stunned by how thoroughly the media have distorted Trump's position. That's a privilege you get when you're part of the media elite: You get to steer the masses' thinking.

At the second debate, we all know that Trump walked over to Hillary Clinton's podium, as if he was "stalking Ms. Clinton like prey," said The New York Times. CNN said, "Trump looms behind Hillary Clinton at the debate."

Afterward, Clinton went on Ellen DeGeneres' show and said Trump would "literally stalk me around the stage, and I would just feel this presence behind me. I thought, 'Whoa, this is really weird.'"



CARTOONS (/POLITICAL-CARTOONS) | JERRY HOLBERT (/POLITICAL-CARTOONS/JERRYHOLBERT/) (/politicalcartoons/2016/10/26/145822) But it was a lie. Watch the video. Clinton walked over to *Trump's* podium. Did the mainstream media tell you that? No.

The ruling class has its themes, and it sticks to them.

When Clinton wore white to a debate, the Times called the color an "emblem of hope" and a Philadelphia Inquirer writer used words like "soft and strong ... a dream come true." But when Melania Trump wore white, that same writer called it a "scary statement," as if Melania Trump's white symbolized white supremacy, "another reminder that in the G.O.P. white is always right."

Give me a break.

The ruling class decide which ideas are acceptable, which scientific theories to believe, what speech is permitted.

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In the book "Primetime Propaganda," Ben Shapiro writes that the Hollywood ruling class calls conservatives "moral scum."

He says, "If you're entering the industry, you have to keep (your beliefs) under wraps because nobody will hire you ... they just assume you're a bad person."

They won't tell you why you weren't hired. They just tell you, "You weren't right for the part," explains Shapiro. "Talent is subjective, which means that it's pretty easy to find an excuse not to call back the guy who voted for George W. Bush."

Years ago, the ruling class was the Church. Priests said the universe revolved around Earth. Galileo was arrested because he disagreed.

Today, college lefties, mainstream media, Hollywood and the Washington establishment have replaced the Church, but they are closed-minded dogmatists, too.

We are lucky that now we have a lot of information at our fingertips. We don't need to rely on the ruling class telling us what to believe. We can make up our own minds.

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As John said it: "We are lucky that now we have a lot of information at our fingertips. We don't need to rely on the ruling class telling us what to believe. We can make up our own minds", IF WE HAVE THEM.

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bendej 🖈 Hound Dog 🔹 5 hours ago

Unfortunately, with the state of education and the social media addiction of an ever growing number of people every where today, you are 100% correct. Wait until VR gets going, law enforcement will be finding people starved to death laying on couches and recliners in their VR world. Give people a few crumbs and plenty of distractions, and they will be pacified enough to blissfully elect Satan and follow him/her to Hades. Oh, right, we are about to do that. $3 \land | \lor |$ Share \land

Tinman 🖈 Hound Dog 🛛 3 hours ago

Well why can't we condense our views into bite sized pieces? If that's the way information is being spread then we need to adapt to this method if we want any hope of being heard. If you want to turn your nose up to social media site like Facebook and Twitter that's fine, but don't start complaining that the Twitter and Facebook crowds don't understand your views. Like it or not, these forms of communication are a part of our culture. If we reject them then we lose our voice within society along with any influence we have on the culture.

Let's try something like this:

#CorruptionMatters #LootingIsNotAProtest #MyMoneyMyChoice #GunsSaveLives #SlogansAren'tPolicies #Don'tLetThemControlYou

Now we have a vehicle to talk cronyism and term limits, why BlackLivesMatter doesn't care about black lives, the benefits of a free market, the hypocrisy of anti-gunners, why sound bites aren't the end of a discussion and why we need to limit the power of government and embrace news sources other than the Big 3.

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Hound Dog → Tinman • 3 hours ago There are no "Big 3". ∧ ∨ • Reply • Share ›

MattMusson A Hound Dog • 6 hours ago

Lets face it. Most people are too lazy to think for themselves. $3 \land | \lor | \circ$ Reply \circ Share \circ



Patrick Jones -> Hound Dog - 2 hours ago

One big problem I face when I talk to my friends who are black is the misinformation network in the African-American neighborhoods. They hear something there, and they won't be swayed by the truth.

I don't know how to counter act that.

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Eric Doll A Patrick Jones - an hour ago

Note their arguments, hone your responses, bypass them and use your honed communication skills where there is some chance that you will sway the listener. Argument with closed minds is good practice for you, not a waste of time. $\land | \lor \land \text{Reply} \land \text{Share} \land$



Ragnar · 15 hours ago

Trump and the rest of the unwashed peasantry have certainly put a scare into our ruling elites this election season. For the first time the wikileaks emails have allowed us to peek behind the curtain and witness the corruption and collaboration between the government, media and super rich. What the self anointed ruling class should understand is that even if they quell this latest rebellion, the larger movement which is much bigger than Trump is not going away.

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AttilaTheHun A Ragnar • 7 hours ago

Ragnar, you are definitely correct. We saw this with the Tea Party and it's continuing on with Trump support. The thing to keep in mind is that Trump is not the reason for the foul mood in the country. The foul mood is the reason for Trump. If Trump loses the election the foul mood will still be there, and it will get stronger.

It will be interesting to see what comes next. The attacks on white people and men will continue and probably increase. The interesting thing to see is the push back. I fell that's different than it was even a year ago. As the government and chattering classes continue to abuse a major portion of society, I predict that that portion will start resorting to self defense and it won't be pretty. This might not be a good time to become a dindunutin thug. 5 ^ V · Reply · Share ·



The common 200 year cycle of great civilizations:

- from bondage to spiritual faith;

Sol_of_Texas A Ragnar • 3 hours ago

- from spiritual faith to great courage;
- from great courage to liberty;
- from liberty to abundance;
- from abundance to complacency;
- from complacency to apathy;
- from apathy to dependence;
- from dependence back again into bondage.
- We are pretty much in the last stage.

4 A V Reply Share

carpe diem 36 A Ragnar · 14 hours ago

It must start with Trump or it has no power and will just flail their arms in the air.

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johnfromjersey A carpe diem 36 · 8 hours ago

Don't let your heart be troubled, (to coin a phrase) Trump is going to win this race, and win it big. If what I say weren't true, the msm wouldn't be grasping at straws trying to throw as much mud at The Donald as they are. They and the elite are crapping in their collective pants right now at the thought of President Donald Trump. Here is a man that isn't beholding to any of them. They don't and can't control him and they don't like that. So far, it appears that Trump is getting 25% or more of the early black vote in both Pennsylvania and Florida. That's not very good news for Hillary. The biggest problem I find is that this harpy will never pay for her crimes, at least not in this life. She will go back to her palace in NY and her silly daughter will go back to her \$900,000 a year job. At least we the people will have jobs to go back to. When Trump is elected, at least I can die knowing my children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren will have an America to grow up in!

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slobotnavich *relation* johnfromjersey • 4 hours ago

It's hardly surprising that The Donald is doing much better than expected among blacks. Blacks are fully aware of when somebody is pandering to them; it's demeaning and indicates that the panderer has no respect for the panderee. Bill and Hill ooze contempt for "the great unwashed," be they black or white. In short, the Clintons are both slime-covered gutter trash.

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Le Modele Francais 🖈 johnfromjersey • 7 hours ago

according to certain sources: http://freedomoutpost.com/obam... some of the political elite will retreat to countries without extradition treaties... 1 ^ · Reply · Share ·



sparcboy A Le Modele Francais - 6 hours ago Good riddance. 2 ^ Reply · Share ·



attli 🖈 johnfromjersey • 3 hours ago

And hellary is one of the best politicians money can buy. Same for bill.

Gst72 · 7 hours ago

It appears the people who created this government of elite progressives, both Republican and Democrat that serves their interests and the interests of their primary large donors are circling the wagons and

pulling out all stops because they are running scared. One thing Trump has done is he has shown the people, the voters that there is only really one party in Washington, the corrupt, establishment party that in every election puts up candidates to run against each other knowing it doesn't matter who wins the

government will stay the same. Trump, to them must be defeated because he is not part of the ruling party and is the threat they have always feared; a person who could awaken the sheeple to do something against the ruling class, political class, elitism, revolt and vote them out. The elections are being rigged and the media is helping to do it by reporting "doctored/planned" news and polls to tell the voters Trump has lost and it's not worth your time to vote; voter suppression tactic. Here is why is see the media in the tank for the current establishment, Republican or Democrat....Let's examine why FOX news is anti-Trump right now and pro-Republican (and Democrat) establishment candidates. Elections are big business and money makers for the media, they sell incredible amounts of air time to campaigns and rake in huge profits over a overextended election cycle. Now take Trump's campaign and the RNC, they are not buying air time for massive commercials on the networks, as "reported" Hillary is spending 60/1more through the networks than Trump/RNC. There are some SuperPAC's

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inonita no nouro ago

Stossel's reports are always concise, accurate, and fair, I find that refreshing in the media! I think he should have been one of the debate moderators. Why isn't Stossel the measure of a great journalist? His integrity is always first and foremost, something that is seriously lacking in the MSM! Journalists in disgrace, Peter Jennings, Dan Rather, etc, etc, I do not think John Stossel will ever be added to that list.

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Michael Bowler · 11 hours ago

Yes, the information is at our fingertips, if we are willing to look, to search, to do comparative study. Unfortunately, most are comfortable with what they already know because the news media told them so, and see the search as a waste of valuable time.

Elections are important, but only just so important, not important enough to check and see if the news media have it right. It's not like they would lie...

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James Smith • 15 hours ago

When the left, the Media and the Dims come out with a statement on anything it is a good idea to check it thoroughly because they would rather lie than tell the truth and will lie if it benefits them in the slightest.

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Ed05267 · 4 hours ago

"We are lucky that now we have a lot of information at our fingertips. We don't need to rely on the ruling class telling us what to believe. We can make up our own minds."

The very reason for giving up control of the internet to a multi-national, elite, power-hungry group terrified of freedom, especially free speech and free press. 4 ~ | ~ • Reply • Share •



Ray N Sally Hooper · 5 hours ago

I have an idea. Why not create a government of, by and for the people? Strict democracy would allow the highly populated cities to advance their special needs over those of the rural areas, so a bicameral republic that apportions representation in one house evenly and the other based on population would serve to ameliorate that. And we could divide the government into a legislative branch to establish the laws, an executive branch to enforce those laws and a judicial branch that could determine if the laws are consistent with our fundamental principles and determine if and when they have been violated. Then we could provide a system of checks and balances between those branches to prevent any one branch from exceeding its authority. We could construct a constitution that lays out how all of this should work for the fundamental purpose of maintaining our individual liberty and which would strictly specify the limited powers that government would have in order to prevent it from extending itself beyond that purpose. And our rights would be understood to be ours independent of rather than dependent on the government.

Of course that would require a well informed public so a free objective press would be essential and we would need to protect free speech to ensue views to which others might object could be openly expressed. It would not be perfect so

provision would have to be made to change things by amending the

Constitution. This should not be an easy process to execute least it be abused to accommodate popular political notions that have not stood the test of time.

Most importantly, the people would need to conscientiously remember how crucial they are in this process and not become complacent by its success or

influenced by promises of individual outcome rather than universal opportunity.

That should work, right?

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TroyGale → Ray N Sally Hooper • 4 hours ago

As someone who loves America, with all its opportunities and warts, I just want to say that given the quality of our childrens' educations, we have little hope left. I'm not only talking about the Education provided in public schools, but that provided to children by their parents at home. Both are under attack today, and the reason is really simple... "If you want a compliant populace, easily controlled, insure that they are ignorant."

Parents today are several generations removed from Civics classes, and really have no idea how our Government is supposed to work. In this ignorant state, they fail to educate their children, and so we have a nation of dummies, more interested in Kim's butt, or who has the best Football team in America. The dummies are just clueless that our Republic demands the individual's participation and understanding. They line up to give their freedoms away, and actively fight to allow millions of criminals entry into our nation, never realizing that they dilute real Citizen's votes with their stupid emotional ignorance.

It should work, and would work Ray and Sally, if we had a populace mature enough to recognize what is good for America is not always the warm and fuzzy feel good item on the table. Sometimes it is hardening your heart, and doing the unwarm thing.

The perfect example in this old Vet's mind is why we citizens are allowing millions of illegals to flood our country, giving them Welfare, food stamps, etc. etc. etc. Sounds nice and humane till you realize that for every dollar spent on these illegals, we have one less dollar for that new road, or one less dollar to treat a Vet who we promised medical care to, and will die waiting for it due to lack of resources. So the ignorant are allowing our citizens to die, so that they themselves can feel good. They are Idiots! Regards

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The_Monk A Ray N Sally Hooper • 2 hours ago

Yeah, probably. For two hundred years, or thereabouts. Until the public cry for free bread and circuses eats the whole pie and the public winds up like the grasshoppers in the fable with nothing to eat, and who to blame, eh?

I really like your point about how the electorate has to take on the responsibility of keeping themselves informed via a *free, objective press*.

Vote for Trump - the last, the best and the ONLY hope for western civilization!

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carpe diem 36 · 14 hours ago

"Today, college lefties, mainstream media, Hollywood and the Washington establishment have replaced the Church, but they are closed-minded dogmatists, too" . You must add the MSM, but as long as we are "allowed" to think as free people and follow our principles we are not going to be like the sheep of those so called "elite". We all have a chance to do just that by voting for Trump, he is not politically correct, he is not supporting the MSM and he will

change all the things we are against. He may not do all of this, who knows, but Hillary for sure will not

do any of this, but she will only strengthen those who are our real enemies, Hollywood and Washington and the MSM.

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Larry Larkin A carpe diem 36 · 10 hours ago

I think you might find that "MSM" is a shorthand for "MainStream Media". 2 A V Reply Share

Sorceress · 6 hours ago

Well, we could make up our own minds if we hadn't been indoctrinated by the left through the schools from kindergarten to college. Children are not taught to become thinkers, reasoners. They are taught that all good things come from the government, that our founders were just a bunch of old rich white guys who owned slaves and that the Constitution and Bill of Rights are just words on a page that are out of touch with "current" thinking. People do have the world of information at the touch of a few keys. Unfortunately, most people don't care to do the research for themselves. They depend on the media in is various forms to tell them what to think.

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Dr. Gonzo A Sorceress · 5 hours ago

This is by design. The intellects of our Founders were a result of the Age of Reason and Age of Enlightenment. They believed in ideals such as virtue, natural rights, etc., and held that people were, by true and inherent nature, free. The question - for them as well as us - was "why do free people need a government?" The answer to that question is of course rooted in human nature and the proven fact that free will does not always result in choosing a life of virtue: all too often the strong tend to restrict the rights of the weak. Still, the Founders (and all free-thinking individuals) believed that a life lived freely - despite its inherent dangers - was far preferable to that of a life lived as a subject of an all-powerful Government, regardless of how benevolent that government may be.

Today, the "progressive" Left has orchestrated a paradigm shift. The question now - at least to them - is not "why do free people need a government," but rather "why does a Government need free people?" Whereas the first question leads to intellectual study spanning pretty much the entire recorded history of humans, and is the basis for the formation of our republic, the latter question is more or less rhetorical, sort of along the lines of "why does anybody NEED a gun??" It is no mistake that the "progressive" Left is obsessed with talking about "rights" as if they were "needs," for while the Government MAY provide (at whim) for its citizen-subject's "needs," no government has the power to GRANT rights that are already ours by endowment. More importantly, no Government may take those rights from us. Those rights are ours by a matter of birth, and no government may justifiably strip us of such rights except by due process. Our government, in the form of a republic of the people, by the people, and for the people, exists to protect these rights from other people, other governments, and (especially lately) even our own government. Such concepts are an anathema to today's members of the "progressive" Left. To them, the people exist for the State, and although they may call their ideas "liberal," we all know them by a different name: Tyranny.

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liloleme A Sorceress · 6 hours ago

We have been taught what to think, not to think. 1 ^ V · Reply · Share ·

Charles F Schanie · 8 hours ago

There is, indeed, a ruling class danger in this country, sometimes referred to as THE ESTABLISHMENT. It is encompassed by the Obamas, Clintons, a host of other dirty pols on both sides of the aisle, megacorps, foreign globalist interlopers in America's sovereign affairs, and the mainstream media. Their grand plan is to engineer a death grip control of the federal government and the economy. They have built their infrastructure on the backs of middle class Americans, whose interests they have sold out for personal enrichment and power. (Witness the irrefutable evidence of HRC and the Dems engaging in criminal acts in the WikiLeaks and Veritas expose' documents and videos.)

THE ESTABLISHMENT is terrified of DJT because like other iconoclasts he threatens to destroy the existing corrupt order. The average American needs to understand that when they witness attacks on DJT, they are in truth witnessing an attack on middle class America. If you're struggling to take care of yourself and your family--and that often includes a range of people making \$30K to \$200K or even more--those attacks on Trump are attacks on you and yours. THE ESTABLISHMENT despises the "evenues nearly of this nation. HRC told you so when she defined half of Americans as

"deplorables." BHO told you so when he talked about middle class Americans as "bitterly clinging to God and guns." And mainstream media steps up consistently to protect these cultural vermin, while mega corps fill the political coffers, which coffers are war chests to assault middle class interests.

HRC, if elected, would assume virtual dictatorial powers through control of DOJ and a lap dog leftist SCOTUS. All would be lost.

DJT is America's last best hope to bring down THE ESTABLISHMENT and put the government back in the hands of THE PEOPLE.. 3 A V + Reply + Share -

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tinsldr2 → Charles F Schanie • 6 hours ago

DJT is part of the Establishment, that is why he has been supporting people like the Clintons for decades. He is part of the insider, special favors crowd and screw the little guy crowd.

Now because he wears a ball cap he is one of the people? I dont think so. He is a big gov progressive NYC elite, who wants different rules for people like him.

He may be better then Hillary but I refuse to lie and say he is anything other then another progressive who thinks Gov can fix our problems if only the right person is at the head of the gov, when he tells us that is exactly what he thinks.

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Charles F Schanie AtinsIdr2 • 2 hours ago

And so your solution to saving America from HRC is ...?

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tinsIdr2 → Charles F Schanie - 14 minutes ago there is no other option, either HRC or DJT will be president

Both are part of the establishment and both will be disastrous as President

Talos4 · 14 hours ago

"Years ago, the ruling class was the Church. Priests said the universe revolved around Earth. Galileo was arrested because he disagreed."

That's an oversimplification at best. Nicolaus Copernicus developed a sun-centered model decades before Galileo, and it was not particularly controversial. Galileo's troubles were more about politics than about anti-science closed-mindedness.

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Kenneth James Abbott -> Talos4 · 13 hours ago

Cardinal Bellarmine told Gallileo directly that if he could prove his theory, the Church would accept it.... but he couldn't.

He couldn't explain why, if the earth spins, and object thrown straight up will come straight down (Newton worked that out later. He couldn't explain why his predictions didn't always match up like he said they should (turns out he assumed the planetary orbits were perfectly circular, while ours is elliptical). He couldn't explain why nobody could find a stellar parallax (we needed finer telescopes for that, and it was finally discovered in 1838.

Opponents of Gallileo were incorrect, but his theory was opposed on scientific grounds, and valid criticisms were brought forth....

...also, he called the Pope a dumbass, and it's a bad idea to do that on the Church's dime. 5 \land | \lor · Reply · Share ·



Claudius Gothicus A Talos4 • 9 hours ago

Good point. :) Christianity and science are perfectly compatible. 5 A | V + Reply + Share >

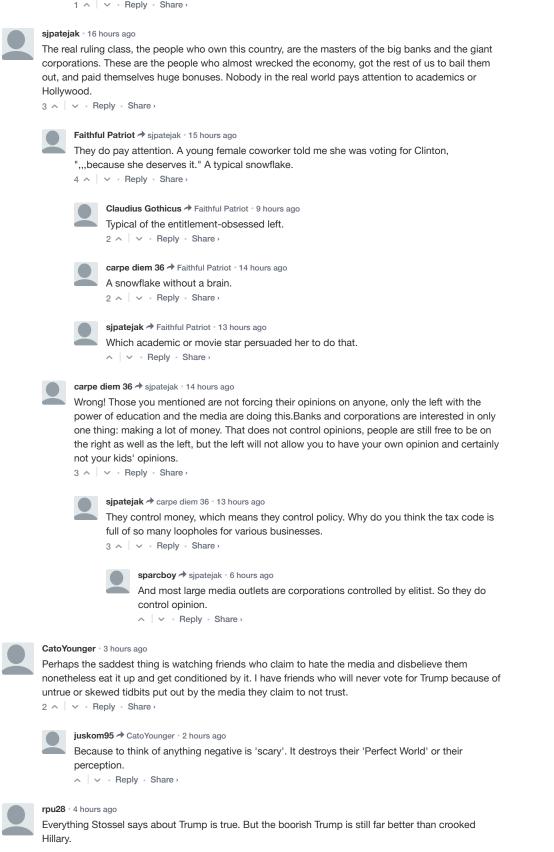
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Leslie A Talos4 • 8 hours ago

Very true. Not to mention the fact that almost all scientists also said that the universe revolved

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I hope that when the smoke clears from the election, the nation's non-socialists will realize that Big Government attracts Big Charlatans, and re-form the Republican Party as the party dedicated first and foremost to the limited government prescribed by the really smart guys who wrote the Constitution.

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USNbubblehead · 6 hours ago "We are lucky that now we have a lot of information at our fingertips. We don't need to rely on the ruling class telling us what to believe. We can make up our own minds. " Do we John? Seems to me that we just gave away control of the internet. If the left has its way, the internet renaissance will soon fade, and Pravda-like propaganda will be all that's left. 2 A V Reply Share

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