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The Role of the United States in the World

by Joe Escobar - Saturday, April 18, 2015, 10:55 AM

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Misrepresentation

by Andrew Duyck - Sunday, April 19, 2015, 4:50 PM

The Lodge article has made gotten me to reconsider my views on the internationalist to isolationist spectrum simply because of the effortlessness of which information was misrepresentation. This article got me to think again about what side of the story i am being told and how much that matters. One can be told fact after fact of how Lodge was agains the league of nations, and agains Wilsons campaign, and these facts can be true. That being said Lodge can believe in the positive that can come out of Americas involvement in world affairs, just not under Wilsons terms. Just because Lodge campaigned against the league of nations doesn't mean he thought it an entirely harmful idea, just not the optimal solution. Lodge saw problems within the league not the league itself as a problem. It is very important to understand who is telling the story. During this time the story was told by Wilson and his campaign who's objective was to obtain the majority vote of the people. It is easy to skew facts and misrepresent a person or an issue without being inaccurate at all. Which happened to Lodge, and is still being cleared up many years later.

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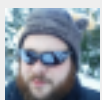
Re: Smoke and mirrors

by Robert Bigger - Sunday, April 19, 2015, 5:25 PM

The article was an interesting piece of biased programming but in reality I can only choose one side if I am forced to. I don't believe in politics. As Shakespeare said, "All the world's a stage, each another's audience," and such. I perceive all of the history of politics as a grand puppet show that lasted thousands of years and done nothing more than bred confusion.

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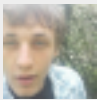
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Re: Smoke and mirrors

by Stanley Cates - Sunday, April 19, 2015, 8:35 PM

So... You're an anarchist?



Re: Smoke and mirrors
by [Robert Bigger](#) - Monday, April 20, 2015, 12:54 PM

No, I'm not an anarchist.



Re: Smoke and mirrors
by [Stanley Cates](#) - Monday, April 20, 2015, 6:05 PM

Could you expand on what you mean by "puppet show"?



Re: Smoke and mirrors
by [Robert Bigger](#) - Monday, April 20, 2015, 6:43 PM

Everybody chooses a role to play in the material world. The political game is one aspect of the grand story called history. Priests and Politicians are the puppets being used to pull everybody else's strings.



Re: Smoke and mirrors
by [Gordon Collver](#) - Monday, April 20, 2015, 7:28 PM

Where did priests come from? I see what you're saying but I'm not exactly sure what you mean by "The political game is one aspect of the grand story called history." Also how are they pulling everyone else's strings? There job is to try and educate a mass amount of people on what they believe is right or wrong and it's up to the people to decide in what they believe. The politicians don't decide for them and that's what I'm getting from what you're saying.



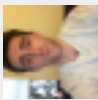
Re: Smoke and mirrors
by [Stanley Cates](#) - Monday, April 20, 2015, 7:49 PM

Are you implying that there is someone else pulling the strings of the politicians and the priests?



The UNITED States and UNITED Nations.. What is different
by [Nils Hagberg](#) - Monday, April 20, 2015, 3:18 PM

This topic has always been a funny one to me as well interesting when Americans debate it. Here is why, we as the people of America embody 50 different states that have their own and unique governments. At least within American eyes we can see at times cultural differences from state to state. For me its a knee slapper when Americans say they hate or dis agree with the concept of joining some international governing body, because look how we live already!!! If our 50 states were allowed to go our separate ways, I bet we would at least see vast difference in the governments of the NW states compared to those in the SE. Continuing further if we know these differences in states could exist (like there are country to country) what is the issue with our style of politics on a bigger stage? Have we crossed the line for how many people a single government can represent? Are we eliminating culture as we know for a neoculture that is for the world and not a single group?



Re: The UNITED States and UNITED Nations.. What is different

by Jon Sims - Monday, April 20, 2015, 4:48 PM

But on the other hand even though we are separated having a larger power above us does influence our laws and what we decide to do with our patch of land. So if we have such unique states that have special needs to be met on an individual then why have the larger government on top of that controlling 49 other special snow flakes in the first place? let alone an even BIGGER government on top of that controlling 196 other snow flakes?

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Re: The UNITED States and UNITED Nations.. What is different

by Stanley Cates - Monday, April 20, 2015, 6:12 PM

But on yet another hand; the tenth amendment to the constitution delegates all powers not expressly given to the federal government to the states. In the same way an international institution would not have absolute control over all of it's member nations; or at least in a perfect world shouldn't have such control.

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Re: The UNITED States and UNITED Nations.. What is different

by Gordon Collver - Monday, April 20, 2015, 7:31 PM

Yeah, I would have to agree with you. If an international institution had that much power it would erase the need for countries. Wouldn't it?

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Re: The UNITED States and UNITED Nations.. What is different

by Stanley Cates - Monday, April 20, 2015, 9:10 PM

Some people would argue that at some point I'm our evolution as a species there won't be a need for countries regardless.

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Re: The UNITED States and UNITED Nations.. What is different

by Gordon Collver - Tuesday, April 21, 2015, 8:04 AM

That would be pretty cool to see and experience. I can see it happening at some point in the future but not with 7+ billion people. Maybe after a huge disaster that killed billions of people it would make a lot of sense.

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Re: The UNITED States and UNITED Nations.. What is different

by Stanley Cates - Saturday, April 25, 2015, 11:42 AM

Maybe, and that's definitely an interesting idea; but I always subscribed more to the idea that something profound like the verification of extra terrestrial life might make us take a step back and think about our place in the universe. But I'm kind of a nerd so...

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Support of Lodge's Position

by Hannah Donner - Friday, April 24, 2015, 9:31 AM

After reading the Lodge article, I found that his view on foreign policy supports my initial position. His overall idea of “international commitment but retaining control of America’s sovereignty” correlates with my reservationist standpoint (Lodge

article). In particular, I agree with his belief that we should only use force if it fights for freedom and justice. According to the textbook, Lodge and other Republicans were primarily “determined to avoid war through a carefully negotiated balance of power” (Textbook pg. 790). I believe this is a good stance – it is preferable to avoid war, but if we do get involved it needs to be on behalf of supporting just, humanitarian order.

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Re: Support of Lodge's Position

by [Nils Hagberg](#) - Friday, April 24, 2015, 1:55 PM

The issue is the though using the reason for freedom and justice is what we say to do and over time it has become abused. Either we stick to this and add more details about what is what, or we reconstruct our reasons.

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Relating intervention to exceptionalism

by [Tyler Dennis](#) - Saturday, April 25, 2015, 1:59 PM

Why do we have to police the world in order to be an exceptional country? Every great empire has eventually collapsed because they have expanded out to far, had they stayed where they were (Roman empire, mongolian empire, ottoman empire, Nazi Germany,) then they would have remained some of the strongest empires. Also if they would have stayed where they were, focused on building a powerful army, and never intervened outside of their own empire then nobody would have a reason to mess with them. They would have no reason to ever feel threatened, and if they did for some reason, those empires would have the army and defense to protect themselves. Thats what would make them exceptional.

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Re: The Role of the United States in the World

by [Hyejung Lee](#) - Saturday, April 25, 2015, 8:49 PM

After reading text book chapter 23, I think the U.S Contributed to build peaceful world after world war I. During the world war I, the world in chaos. Especially in the Europe, the triple alliance and triple entente fight each other to expand their power and territory. Start by U.S interrupt the WWI, the war begun to see daylight. After finish the war, U.S lead the world to build peaceful war. every one has to avoid war.(text book ch23). In these day the U.S also role as an big leader in the world.

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14 points should have been fulfilled

by [Jaalen Johnson](#) - Saturday, April 25, 2015, 10:41 PM

In most spectrum conversations I find myself mostly in the middle. Somewhat because it is the least conflicting thing but also because usually both sides of the spectrum have something good to offer. After learning more about Wilson's 14 points I think I changed pretty substantially.

Three of the first five points could have changed this world significantly if they were fulfilled.

1. open covenants/ treaties
4. reduce armaments
5. self determination

As Mr. Escobar said in class if these were fulfilled it is very difficult to see how another great war could have occured.

That in itself was very powerful in my sense and made me change my view from limited internationalism to strong internationalism. Mr. Escobar made a very strong point about Wilson's treaty and the fact that he was looking to actually resolve the situation that was at hand.

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