

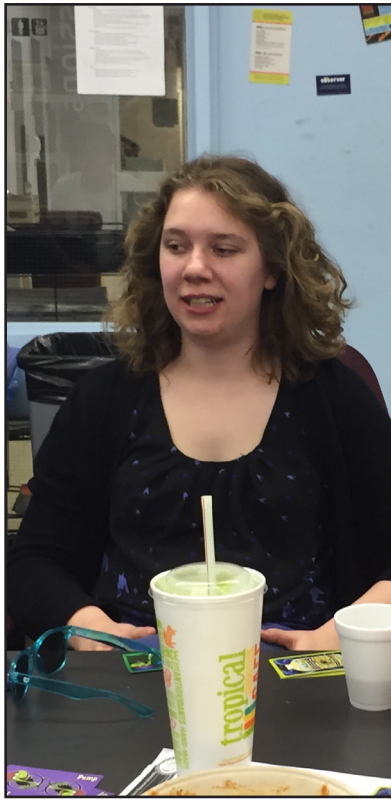
# THE ATHENIAN

THE AMERICAN ISSUE



Dear readers,

It's been real.  
It's been fun.  
So many feels,  
So many puns.



This is an editor's note,  
It's where you say stuff  
About all the things you  
wrote,  
And how you were tough  
In the face of haters.  
But this is the last magazine  
So see ya, alligators.  
A great time, it's been.

Anne Nickoloff  
Outgoing editor-in-chief



# Trump hires rioters for more controversy

Daniel Mottern

Amidst a slew of American flags, “Make America Great Again” hats, and angry conversations about immigrants, there seems to be a problem arising for Donald Trump supporters in the form of protesters. Trump himself has taken to Twitter to claim that Bernie Sanders has sent his supporters to disrupt Trump rallies, but in our exclusive interviews with Trump protestors, we got the scoop as to who is truly behind these riots.

We talked to an actor, who would like to remain anonymous for fear of repercussions by Trump supporters, and as such will be referred to as “Rick Sage,” who says that he was hired by Mr. Trump himself to incite a riot at his own rally in Louisville, KY in early March. As Mr. Sage, who has starred in movies such as “Ghost Rider,” “National Treasure” and alongside John Travolta in “Face/Off,” stated in our interview,

“I’ve hit a bit of a wall in my career. All of my roles have been too easy, and so I was looking for some more challenging acting gigs when out of the blue, Mr. Trump called and said, ‘Hey, I have a job for you’, and who was I to say no?”

Mr. Sage, who was featured in the hit movie “Kick-Ass” under the pseudonym “Nick Cage,” stated that Mr. Trump paid for his services with a small loan of one million dollars, as well as a life-time supply of Trump t-shirts. Sage also noted that Trump hired many other out-of-work actors, most notably the “Full House” star turned yogurt salesman, who denied our requests for an interview and would like to remain anonymous.

Will Trump continue this untrustworthy act of hiring his own protestors, or will he be more careful to hide his illicit actions like other politicians? Only time will tell.



Letty Dornfeld

## All rising CWRU freshmen found to be 1/8 Cherokee

Caleb Diaz

In the past few weeks, I’ve had the pleasure of meeting some of the brightest prospective students that CWRU has ever seen. Some are brilliant artists, mathematicians or basket-weavers. They come from various diverse parts of the world, like Shaker Heights, Avon Lake or Huron. I even met someone from Pittsburgh!

However, my astute eye had me realizing that suburban diversity perhaps did not equate to cultural diversity, which is surprising, considering the rising sentiment that universities across the United States lack diversity. So, after the typically awkward small talk with the prospective students, I popped the question: So, like, what are you?

Much to my excitement, one stu-

dent told me that she checked the African American box on the Common App because after coming from a tanning salon she figured she looked the part.

Another kid pulled me aside, outside of anyone else’s hearing range. He pulled out a fake Native American ID card; it said that he was Cherokee. I asked him why he had something like that.

“To prove my authenticity,” he replied. He gave me a wink. He noticed my bewildered face and said, “Look man, see that guy over there? His parents emigrated from China when he was five. Admissions thinks he’s half Navajo.”

It then became clear that CWRU had done a fantastic job bringing in

a diverse freshmen class, as all of them appeared to be at least 1/8 Native American. I realized that there were probably over a hundred Rachel Dolezals eating Mitchell’s ice cream right in front of me. They were brilliant, in an Enron-Bernie Madoff kind of way. The system is perfect, and clearly diversity requirements work.

All around me, these diverse, brilliant students’ eyes lit up as they received news of their acceptances. Many of their letters included offers to join other students of color for Diversity Weekends. However, there were a few students that had been rejected. I asked them which checkbox they checked off. Their snide and privileged responses let me know that they were not of Native American descent.

# I have money, I am the one percent

Rocky Drumpf

Some people have money, and some people don't. I happen to. That's why they call me the one percent.

Recently, we have heard a lot about the "one percent" in the media, but rarely from the perspective of the actual one percenters. The media doesn't actually understand us--they are run by big business and big government. They just want our money, so they paint us in bad light. We aren't anything like how we are portrayed on TV.

For example, most people assume that having a private chef means that I can't cook, and that I would be unable to live on my own. But in actuality, my chef

prepares meals that can I microwave on my own, just like your Hot Pockets and tater tots. Really, we aren't that different. You take public transportation, and when I visit the Maldives, I take a public plane. And really, how different are buses and Boeings?

I don't like the term: "the one percent." It's too generalizing. I'm so much more than my money. For instance, most people don't realize that I'm also a world class sailor, and I've lead the fleet in many a regatta. Athletics are important to me and I like give a lot back to my community. I even became the volunteer coach to my local polo league. Two

days a week I have to go down to the country club and try to help a bunch of snot-nosed children try to ride clydesdales with mallets - in exchange for nothing.

Anyone can be whoever they want, money is not an obstacle. Seriously, just look at all that I have become. None of it was bought, and none of it was due to my sheer, overpowering wealth. Why anyone assumes that it's my wealth that enables me to be successful is beyond me, but I can confidently say that I would be the exact same person I am now even if I didn't have money, living in Hollywood Hills, or a hollow hole in a hill.

## The Founding Avengers

by Barnabas Brennan

Iron Franklin



Alexander Hulkilton



Thomas Jefferson



Captain Washington



James Madeyeson



To Be Continued with...

John Jay!

(nobody cares about John Jay)

## Spot the difference

There are five differences between the two pictures below.

Can you spot them all?

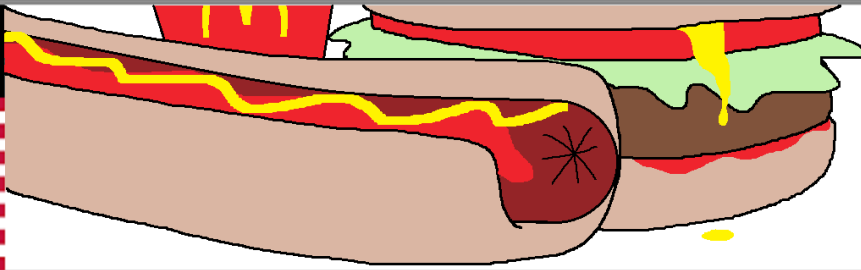
- Alaina Lisanti



# AMERICAN FOOD vs. ALL OTHER FOOD

by Letty Dornfeld

United States



If our food was only a little bit bigger, we would have hundreds more national landmarks to visit.

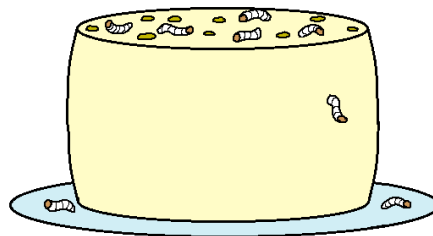
Canada



Sorry, we have some butter tarts and Canadian bacon covered in the same maple syrup that gets private syrup sellers arrested in Québec.

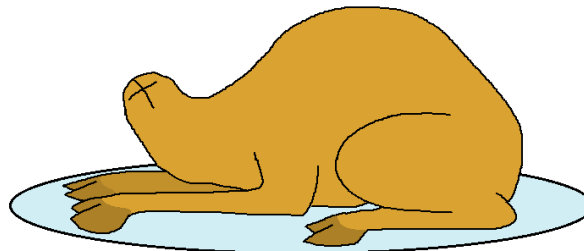
Désolé, nous avons quelques tartelettes au beurre et bacon canadien couvert même sirop d'érable qui obtient les vendeurs de sirop privés arrêtés au Québec.

Italy



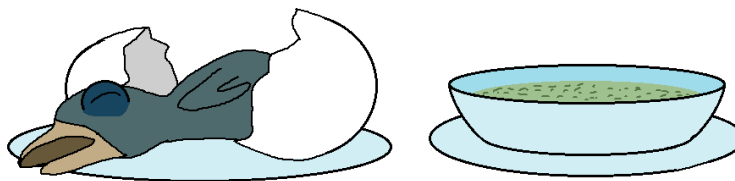
When all the lasagna and cannolis are gone, all that's left is the casu marzu, a Sardinian cheese that uses maggots to ferment it. Only the ball-less eat the cheese without the crawlies in it.

Saudi Arabia



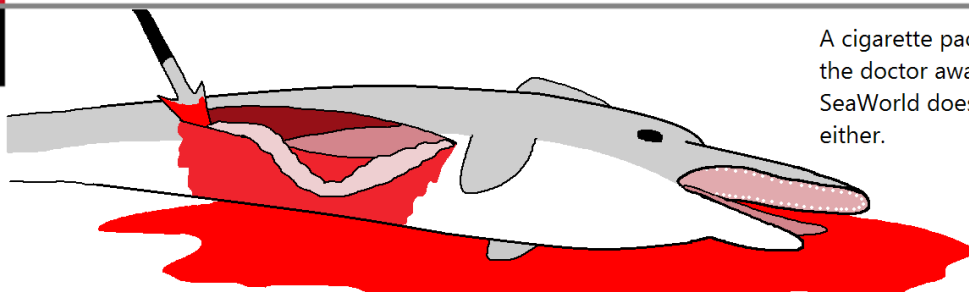
Rivaling the American food proportions is the Saudi turdunken: A whole camel stuffed with a whole sheep stuffed with a whole chicken stuffed with a whole fish.

Philippines



Abortion usually isn't a tasty subject, but it is in the Philippines! Come bite the head off of a delicious duck fetus, and on the side, you can have a soup made from a bull's dick.

Japan



A cigarette pack a day keeps the doctor away! A trip to SeaWorld doesn't hurt, either.

# Midwesterner accidentally holds door open for 13 hours

Paul Palumbo

Holding the door open for people has always been a sign of good manners and class. Doing something so simple has always been an easy yet impactful way to make yourself a more elegant, considerate, and all-around pleasant person. Especially if you're Jackson Stoicus, a CWRU student who has been holding the door to Rockefeller open for the past 13 hours, as of press time.

Jackson's mission started earlier this morning as he was walking to class. He stopped to hold the door open for somebody following him into Rockefeller, and was about to enter himself when he saw another person approaching. Not wanting to be rude, Jackson held the door for this person as well. This person was followed by another.

And another. And another. Jackson wanted to stop and go to class, but the thanks of the people now undeterred by the wooden obstacle before them made Jackson feel good about himself. So he continued.

By hour four, a crowd had gathered around him. Hour six saw a TV news crew and a delegate from the Guinness Book of World Records. The record was broken more than four hours ago, and Jackson has cemented his place in history as the "Politest Person Ever," earning himself a nice-looking ribbon. People have surrounded Jackson, keeping him fed and warm through his long campaign. Now Jackson has been at his post for 13 hours, and will keep going as long as he is needed.

"It just seemed like the polite thing

to do," said Jackson. "There are a lot of people who walk through this door every day, and all of them have to open it individually. That seems like a waste. Plus this is the Rockefeller door. Everybody hates opening this, it's like trying to dodge oncoming traffic."

While Jackson and his fans are proud, they warn against copycats. "Some people might see what I'm doing and think they can do it too. But it takes a lot of hard work and determination to get where I am today, and not everybody is ready for that," claimed Jackson.

The students are grateful for his sacrifice, and they have already opened up a donation fund to support Jackson in his endeavor. The fund has accumulated \$4 since it began.

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# Dead Representative's seat vacated

Steve Kerby

The long career of Representative Carter Obery (D-MI) was brought to a dramatic close on March 26 when an intern noticed upon delivering coffee to him on the House floor that he was not breathing.

Obery, 87, was halfway through his 22nd consecutive term in the House. Once an autopsy was completed, it became obvious that Obery had been dead for at least three years. Upon further questioning, his assistants painted a picture of several startling lacks of oversight that led to Obery remaining in his seat, and even winning reelection, despite his condition.

The revelation of Obery's demise was a surprise to many of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle. Rep. Mary Farnsworth (R-MN) noted, "He was a little bit quiet during debates the past few years. I thought he was just contemplating things harder than usual." Meanwhile, Rep. Olivia Sherwood (D-MI), one of Obery's

closest allies, and a 19-term representative herself, pointed out that Obery was not the first federal official to be caught dead on the job. "Look, everyone thought that Justice Clarence Thomas was dead until he spoke up in court a month ago, and President Reagan was determined to be brain-dead for the last few years of his presidency, and that didn't stop either of them from continuing their good work."

The Republican National Committee released a statement after Obery's body was carted off the House floor condemning the Democratic Party for "Being in the palm of Washington elites and career politicians who just want to maintain the status quo, no matter how deceased the candidates are." In a press conference, GOP leader and eight-term senator Marcus Slippar exclaimed "There is only so long that a Democrat can be in office before they are struck down for their evil work! The Democratic Party is dead, just like Obery!"

A hastily organized meeting between congressional democrats preceded a release of a DNC statement addressing complaints about Obery's continued service. The statement pointed out that Obery's votes on the floor were counted despite him being bereft of life; his aides had just put him down for voting along party lines. Furthermore, Obery ran unopposed in his heavily gerrymandered district (MI-18), so there were no public debates that might have revealed his lack of reaction to external stimuli. Party leaders were quick to point out that Obery's approval rating was 67 percent, much higher than many representatives who are still alive. "If he can still perform all his congressional duties, and his constituents approve of him, there is no constitutional mandate that representatives must be alive to run for election," noted the press report.

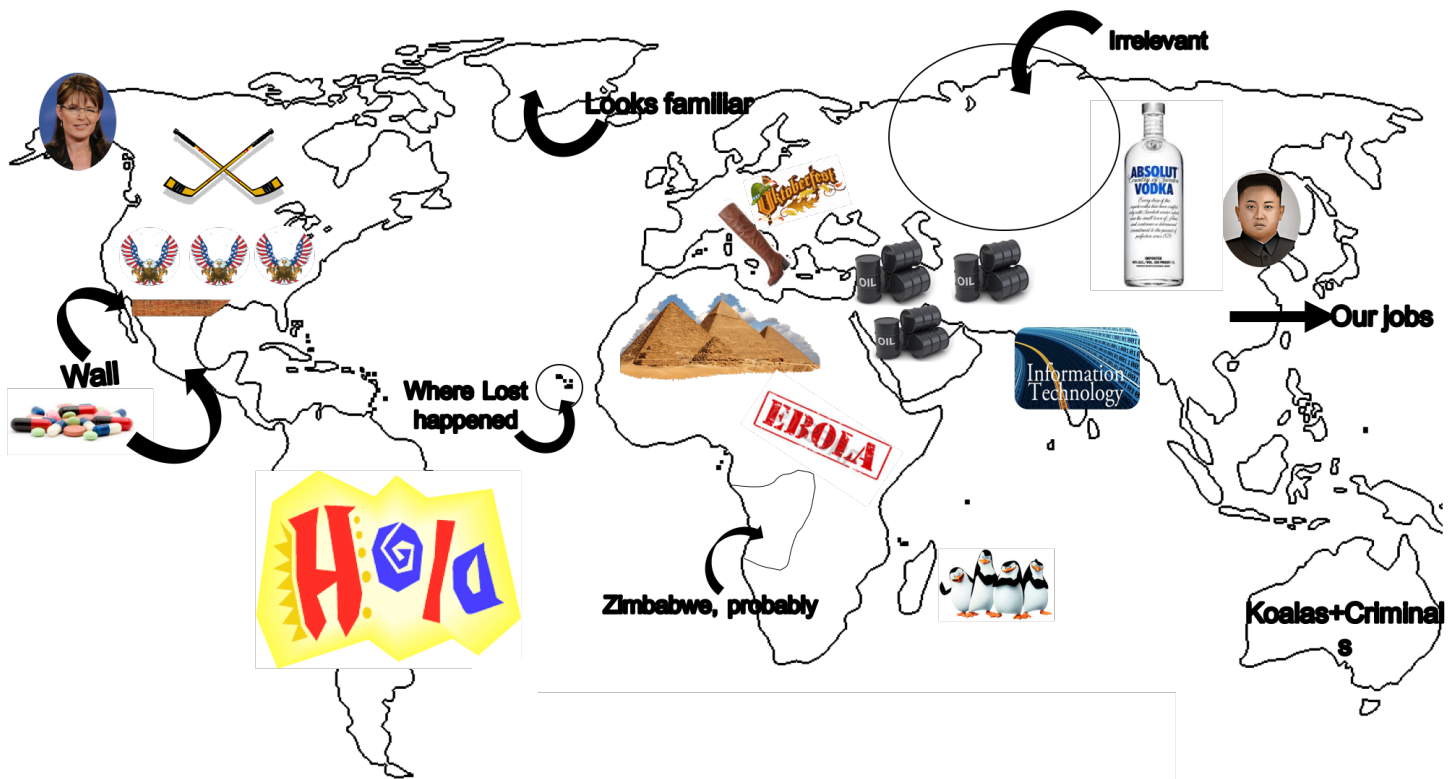
Obery was unavailable for comment.



# Map of the world

## Americans

In light of the recent controversy surrounding Americans' lack of regard to recent controversies, The Athenian conducted a study to find out what Americans truly think about the rest of the world. While we expected to hear broad generalizations based on unfounded stereotypes, we found that Americans do seem to have a good grasp of the world around them. A summary of their results can be found here:



## Countries ranked by their “Americanness”

### Eric Polhemus

10. Japan: Japan's commitment to selling everything possible in a vending machine earns it a place on this list.
9. Iraq: Look, we're trying, OK?
8. Mexico: Mexico should be somewhere on this list. Why not #8?
7. Sparta: “300” was a documentary, right?
6. Canada: Almost as American as America, but they talk funny.
5. America: America is pretty American, about halfway there.
4. China: China is beating us at everything—even being American.
3. Australia: A former British colony that has major cities on both coasts and a whole lot of dry space in between, plus a native population that was brutally murdered and then kinda forgotten about.
2. Sealand: When it comes to declaring independence from the British, no one does it better than America, except for Sealand. This tiny naval fort situated just off the British Coast drafted its own constitution in 1975. When the Prime Minister of Sealand sent mercenaries to kidnap Prince Bates, he was held hostage by his target until Germany sent a diplomat to resolve the crisis. Bates claimed this visit was recognition by Germany of Sealand's sovereignty. Also, you can buy noble titles online. America!
1. Texas: If you want to know what the rest of the world thinks of America, think of Texas. Loud! Proud! Guns! Barbecues! FREEDOM! Texas isn't a real country (anymore)? BULLSHIT!

# Old Man Out of Touch with Reality



Tejas "Tim" Joshi  
Blogger



(Photo by Chip Somodevilla/  
Getty Images)

I was attending my congregation's Sunday church service this past week when a rumpled old man burst in through a side door. I admired his zeal in rushing to praise the Lord, although I admit the steady stream of uniformed police officers and camera-wielding visitors behind him was a bit baffling. Being both close to the door and one of our community's more active members, I strode over to welcome him into the group.

"Tim, nice to meet you," I ventured.

Without hesitation, the old man delivered, "Today, in America, we are the wealthiest nation in the history of the world, but few Americans know that because so much of the new income and wealth goes to the people on top. In fact, over the last 30 years, there has been a massive transfer of wealth—trillions of wealth—going from the middle class to the top one-tenth of

one percent—a handful of people who have seen a doubling of the percentage of the wealth they own over that period. The other candidates are in the pocket of big banks, corporations and Wall Street. The choice is clear and the time to act is now. My name is Bernie Sanders."

He shook my hand vigorously.

I suddenly realized what was going on, and a wave of sympathy overcame me for the poor old man. After wondering how I could aid the confused, elderly visitor, I decided to indulge his fevered mind.

"What's one of your most treasured memories?" I carefully enunciated.

"I marched with Martin Luther King, Jr.!" he shouted.

"Yes, that sounds quite nice."

After pleasantly chatting about his ripe long life for a few minutes, I found an opportunity to excuse myself.

"Pardon me, I think my wife is calling," I proffered.

"When I served in the House of Representatives in 1996, I voted against the so-called Defense of Marriage Act," he rejoined.

Watching Bernie socialize with the rest of the congregation was bittersweet. On one hand, the old, confused man was clearly having the time of his life, railing about socialism and the glass ceiling and overturning Citizen's United. His followers, presumably his numerous offspring, were eagerly taking photos and videos of this interaction. I surmised that this must be one of the final times he would be able to mingle with the public. However, it was more than a little heartbreaking to watch a man who had clearly been an active citizen and powerful orator at one point be so out of touch with reality.

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Alaina Lisanti



# Kardashians are true Americans

Riddhi Patel

What do the 2016 election, Kourtney Kardashian and Andrew Cuomo visiting Cuba all have in common? They are all news headlines. When did American foreign policy and a family full of altercations become worthy of sharing space on the front page? Since the story of the Kardashian klan is the most American. This is fact. Robert Kardashian, the father of the infamous Kim Kardashian and her two sisters, embodies the

ideal of the American dream and so do his daughters.

He came from humble beginnings and built an empire in the entertainment industry while continuing his profession as a lawyer. This drive and passion for success was instilled in his children. Look at Kim Kardashian, a household name, a woman who has no musical or acting prowess but is constantly the most talked about celebrity.

Why, you ask? Because she embodies the American dream. Her family name was of some affluence because of her father's involvement in the O.J. Simpson trial. But she gave her family a real chance at stardom when she risked it all and put her private life out in the public eye. With the help of her momager and American values, the Kardashian family has now become a staple in American society.

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## Major Discrimination Leads to Outcry and Decline in NSF Funding:

Director of NSF threatens to remove NSF funding from researchers who discriminate against humanities.

Justo Karell

Not racial, religious, gender nor sexual discrimination – rather, the major form of discrimination on colleges is, according to recent surveys, major discrimination.

That is, discrimination against someone based on their major. Surveys on student life at Case are reporting that 31 percent of students have been overtly discriminated against based on their major. Similar results are appearing all across the nation, as the wealth gap between the starting salaries of humanities and STEM majors increases. As a result, the Director of the National Science Foundation (NSF), France D. Cordova, along with other important humanities majors, has released a statement regarding this matter.

France received her B.A. in English from Stanford University and now oversees the NSF, an institution that reviews millions of grants, reports, and other forms of persuasive

prose every year. “Every lab will need to hire at least one English major, or else,” she exclaimed in response to the reports on major discrimination. “Engineers couldn’t write if their life depended on it, and sadly, if you’re a post-doc, your life does depend on it.”

One student majoring in economics stated that his peers make him feel “... like I’ve made the wrong decision to pursue my passion.” Universities like CWRU have been under scrutiny as students are actually transferring to liberal arts colleges, rather than just saying that they will, leading to an all-time low retention rate of 82 percent.

According to U.S. News & World Report “Worst Colleges” Rankings, Case Western Reserve University has the third highest rate of major discrimination of colleges in the United States. Ahead of us are Carnegie Mellon University and Washington University in St. Louis, as expected. The average starting salary of an undergraduate

from the School of Engineering was \$66,000 whereas a student receiving their M.A. in art history could expect to receive less than \$25,000 a year. This difference is over three times that of the gender gap but not comparable to the disparity between families of color and the average American household. As a result, many students believe that this issue, like most of its kind, will not receive the attention it deserves.

France’s remarks were made with hopes to initiate social change amongst college campuses. The reports on major discrimination have even grabbed the attention of CWRU’s beloved Barbara Snyder, who was a Communications major herself at the Ohio State University. The Undergraduate Diversity Collaborative (UDC) and the Office of Multicultural Affairs also plan to hold some sort of open discussion about this new form of discrimination within the CWRU community.

# Open letter to America from the rest of the world

Paul Palumbo

Dear America,

WHAT. THE. HELL. GUYS. What on earth is happening to your country? You guys used to be a driving force in the world, wowing everybody with your ingenuity and tenacity. Remember when Reagan was standing next to the Berlin Wall and was all like "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!" Or way back when was Britain was being a little punk and trying to tax you guys for tea, and that Washington fellow was all like "Nope." You guys won a ton of wars! You made things like railroads and airplanes and Coca-Cola! You guys were awesome!

And now what? Look at you! That Donald Trump guy is the frontrunner for a whole party? THAT GUY is going to stand on the same stage as Theodore Roosevelt? England

started a petition to refuse entry to that guy, and we can't claim we aren't thinking the same. While China is flattered that he likes the wall so much, they're gonna be pretty upset once theirs isn't the only Great Wall people can go to and take pictures.

And what's the deal with your citizens, do you hate them or something? When you aren't locking them up for minor drug offenses, you're refusing them healthcare and not mandating paid maternity leave! What's next, walking down the street and punching every single person in the face? The Face-Punch Department?! And why won't you give anybody any money? There are like five people in that whole country who can actually buy things. What gives?

And the obesity! You guys have really let yourself go! I know you're

all about the stars and stripes, but you might want to consider just the stars. Stripes do not look good on you anymore. I don't know what you guys have been cooking in the world's "melting pot," but I think you've added more than enough butter.

Look, America. Buddy. Pal. Friend. We like you, we really do. We thank you for all you've done to help the human race, and we'll always be there to support you when you need it. But you guys seriously need to figure your shit out before the rich start hunting the poor for sport, and the Statue of Liberty needs to move up dress sizes.

Sincerely,

The Rest of the World

P.S. Canada wants to know if they can borrow Vermont. They super like the ice cream.

## Patriotic restaurant fight leads to injury

Bhargavee Gnanasambandam

John 'Merica' Smith was rushed to the hospital earlier this week for stress-related medical conditions after he discovered that his neighbor, Mr. Johnny America, was clearly more American than him. Smith was brought up in hillbilly land way in the depths of the country where they still have pictures of George W. Bush on their walls and wear the colors of the flag like no other colors exist. Smith was simply enjoying his daily double-cheese double-burger from the neighborhood McDonalds when Mr. Johnny America decided to join his good friend in a nice chat about the greatest country in the world.

Their discussion began with a friendly chat about the one, the only, George Washington. The pair unwrapped their cheeseburgers and began discussing the glorious crossing of the Delaware.

"Merica is so great we even kill

people in their sleep on Christmas," one of the men said as he took a large bite into his cheeseburger.

"Merica is great! We rule the world!" the other man screamed into air.

The conversation remained friendly and patriotic like any other until Smith noticed that Mr. Johnny America actually had a triple cheeseburger. Very quickly, it turned into a competition over who was the most American.

Accounts from their patriotic American neighbors show that the discussion slowly took on a more a physical turn. The two men threw their cheeseburgers on the porch as the discussion turned into a loud, public display of patriotism. It started with Smith ripping off his wife beater to display the relatively large American flag tattoo on his hairy back. Mr. Johnny America pulled down his pants and showed Smith the American flags, with the

plural emphasized by these neighbors, on each singular butt cheek.

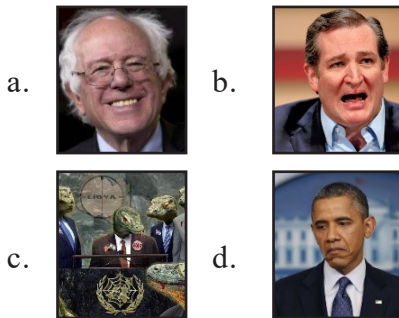
Smith then argued, while screaming and beating his bare chest, that his nickname was 'Merica' and that nothing could beat a nickname gifted by the community. Mr. Johnny America then pulled out his name-change document from the front of his white oxford with torn sleeves. The argument continued until Smith fell backward and began complaining from extreme chest pains.

EMS arrived within seconds, as they had already been watching the argument from the front lawn like the rest of the town. To his family, Smith was considered a hero. Police had no report on this event, other than a round of applause from the entire police department. The verdict is still out as to who won the argument, but to his credit, Smith came back after his heart attack to finish that cheeseburger he had left on the porch.

# How American are you?

Jahlyn Reyes-McKinley, Captain General 'MERICA the Third

**1. Which Politician are you the most comfortable with?**



**2. How artsy is this?**



- a. It's not just art... It's a wonderfully crafted political statement about the lack of inclusion
- b. Let's add a machine gun, an eagle and the Confederate flag
- c. That's not mine, so I don't care.
- d. Artsy enough for me to post on Instagram with an inspirational quote

**3. What language do you speak?**

- a. French, Portuguese and some obscure African language
- b. America F\*\*K Yeah!!!!!!eleven!!
- c. Pig Latin, duh
- d. Fluent Urban Dictionary

**4. How do you choose to store/invest your money?**

- a. Money is a social construct of capitalist cronies. I prefer bartering at the Ecological Organic Vegan Pescatarian Omnivorian Yeast Fest held annually in the Mojave Desert. #livelaughlove
- b. Gold bars
- c. There's nothing behind our currency. Life's a lie. Also, you're adopted, so I do neither.
- d. Credit cards and student loan debt

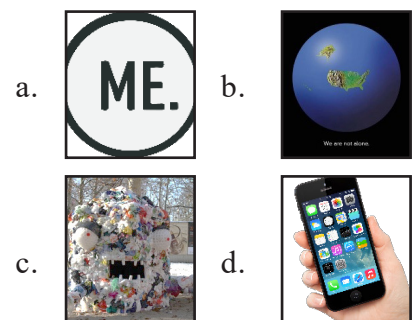
**5. What kind of music do you like?**

- a. Hum of the Himalayas recorded exclusively on top of Mount Everest
- b. Tim McGraw, and only Tim McGraw
- c. The sound of other people minding their business.
- d. Beyoncé is Love. Beyoncé is Life.

**6. What is your opinion of the film "Amélie"?**

- a. Tres magnifique... crème fraîche... bonjour... oui oui
- b. Non-American→Terrorist→Awful
- c. Who cares?
- d. You spelled Emily wrong

**7. What does the world look like to you?**



**8. What is your ideal vacation destination?**

- a. Club Fubar, a super exclusive techno club underneath the Antarctic desert
- b. A Most Dangerous Game reenactment
- c. Purgatory
- d. Microsoft HoloLens

## American Word Search by Julia Bianco

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YANKEE  
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NUMBER ONE

Mostly a - Your dedication to being "cultured" burns people out, and is, frankly, not American in the slightest. You've been reported to the IRS, and your citizenship will be revoked in the next 90 days.  
Mostly b - I don't know if it gets more American than you. I'm not sure if that's a compliment.  
Mostly c - Here's your 50 bucks. You can leave now.  
Mostly d - Silly millennial, this quiz ain't for kids.  
Did you skim over the quiz and go straight to the answers? Then you, my friend, are the most American of all.

**Results:**



# Cable providers to release 319 million new channels, one for every American

Sabanrab Bocaj

People love reality TV. It's the best thing since that time sliced bread had to live in a single family flat for a week with other baked goods. People like laughing at and living vicariously through the lives of these ridiculous reality TV characters, who can act childish and overreact in ways the subconscious wishes it could. It's the reason characters like Donald Duck do so well in the election polls, and funny news interviews make people famous.

Since Comcast and other cable providers have been in a tizzy to undermine the success of Netflix and YouTube content creators, a coalition of traditional television companies has formed to start

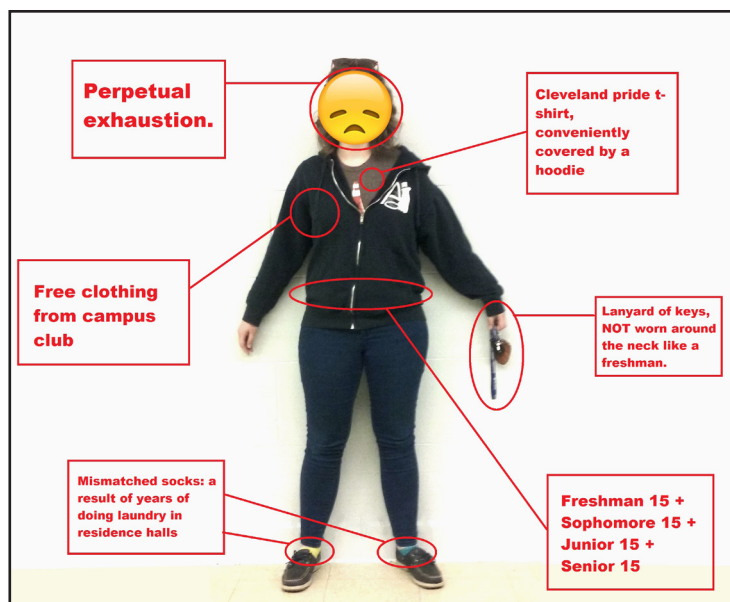
one of the most ambitious media enterprises in the history of mankind (including the visionary developments of shadow puppetry).

Starting this summer, all 318,900,000 Americans will be outfitted with GoPro cameras to chronicle their everyday lives, which will be broadcast 24/7 on an equal number of individual channels. Forget the monotonous nature of varied programming content, because now Americans will have all the content in the country at once. This marketed self-indulgence will change the way people watch TV and live life.

This has the potential to turn millions of couch potatoes into

active members of society, knowing that they are providing entertainment to possibly millions more (or five) viewers at home who are probably still being couch potatoes. But think of the possibilities! You could watch a heart surgery or the birth of baby in New Mexico live from anywhere in the United States, and even the world. Families in Kamchatka can tune into their favorite chartered accountant file tax forms, while Clevelanders can sit back, relax and watch people in Seattle sitting back, relaxing and watching people in Cleveland sitting back, relaxing and... [Note: transcript abruptly ended as the reporter was sacked].

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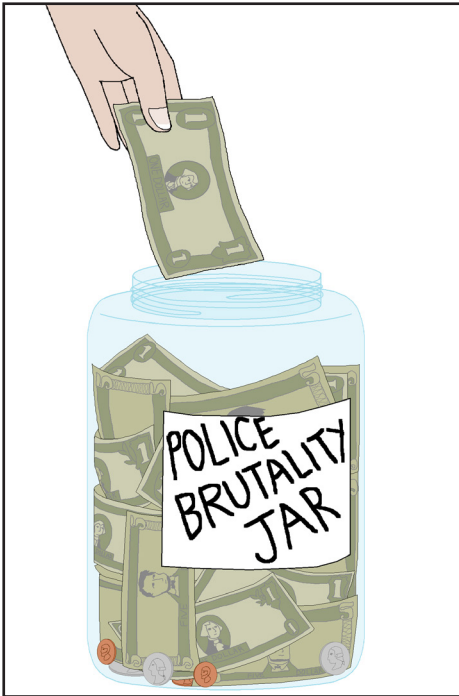
I tell you, when \_\_\_\_\_ sends their \_\_\_\_\_, they're  
(Country) (type of person)  
not sending their best. They're sending drugs. They're sending  
\_\_\_\_\_. They're sending \_\_\_\_\_. They're taking  
(plural profession) (plural noun)  
the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Americans. \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_  
(abstract noun) (adjective) (Number) (verbing)  
every year—that's \_\_\_\_\_ every day. We need to build a \_\_\_\_\_ to  
(number) (structure)  
keep them out of our \_\_\_\_\_ and protect our \_\_\_\_\_.  
(noun) (noun)

There's been a great \_\_\_\_\_ of religious liberty in  
(verb-ing)  
\_\_\_\_\_. One day you say it's okay for a man to marry a man,  
(place)  
and the next day you have a \_\_\_\_\_ marrying a \_\_\_\_\_.  
(noun) (noun)  
These people are forcing their \_\_\_\_\_ onto us. Washington is  
(nouns)  
forcing \_\_\_\_\_ to make \_\_\_\_\_ for  
(profession, plural) (type of food)  
\_\_\_\_\_ couples that violate their belief that \_\_\_\_\_.  
(adjective) (religious belief)

Look, I don't believe in political correctness. Everyone gets what  
they work for—if people in \_\_\_\_\_ get \_\_\_\_\_ by po-  
(city) (verb-ed)  
lice, that's because they were acting like \_\_\_\_\_.  
(racial dog-whistle)  
They're poor because they don't work \_\_\_\_\_. Let  
(adverb)  
me tell you, the real victim here is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(name of white man)

# Police brutality relieves national debt with jar fund

Oksinav Aizatsana with Illustration by Letty Dornfeld



As Cleveland and other cities across America see steadily increasing instances of police brutality, economists continue to search for a method to relieve the growing national debt. While these two problems are seemingly unrelated, economists recently discovered that police brutality might be the answer to the debt problem.

Inspired by their own cursing jar in their home, political pundits have developed their own solution, a police brutality jar: for every instance of police brutality, the offending officer will place \$10 in their precinct's jar. The plan was met with some protests from officers, who previously faced very little resistance to their methodic use of force.

In the past, the biggest hindrance to police brutality was the heavy focus of media on such violence. Officers had previously complained that media attention painted an incorrect picture of the need for force, and that citizens weren't taught about why it was actually necessary in some instances. For example, when going up against a 12-year-old boy playing with a toy gun, apparently force should be the first option, not de-escalation.

Beyond this supposedly misleading media representation, there were often no consequences for police brutality. If cases went to trial, officers were rarely convicted—this \$10 penalty seems to be causing more trouble for police than the trials themselves. And now that this money is going towards relieving the national debt, officers are also more willing to point out when their colleagues slip up—after all, this is for the greater good now.

Fortunately this does not seem to cause any undue tension between coworkers. Some officers say that their own version of a douchebag jar is actually helping to create an increased sense of camaraderie.

A hotly debated issue was the plan's potential to deter police brutality too much and in doing so fail to meet its economic goal. Most proponents of the bill said that this was actually the point. Since punishment by law wasn't discouraging police from mistreating suspects, a fine might do the trick. As it turns out, this was a moot point. Instead, putting \$10 in the jar has become a symbol of helping one's country in times of need.

At this point, the national debt is over \$15 trillion, and the Jar Fund, as the Police Brutality for Debt Reduction Fund is affectionately called, has raised \$12 million over the past month. Much of the money came from southern precincts, where the tension between white officers and minority citizens dates back to the Civil War.

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