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Subject: Renegade vs. Real World

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In reply to I hate the French:1. You're right, it's not America's job to be police of the world, which is why countries take offense and hate America for meddling in things that shouldn't concern them. And as for when interests are involved, America's foreign policy means that they have an interest in almost anything that's happening.2. America is not the greatest nation, only the most powerful. And it's not just due to democracy, otherwise other democracies in the world would also be as powerful. It's also due to the number of people and the strict adherence to the principles of capitalism, or the so called "Greater Good".3. Freedom can also mean "A right or the power to engage in certain actions without control or interference", which America has shown. So yes, doing whatever you want to get ahead would = Prosperity.4. The countries that hate America hate it because decisions to protect it's own interests negatively affect their own. When's the last time you saw a trade embargo put on America because of an economic decision? American Farmers are now heavily subsidised by the government, allowing them to provide their goods at discounted prices, causing an unfair advantage over farmers from every other country. If this was done by another country, you can bet that America would be at the WTO before you could think and sanctions would come into effect.5. Countries don't want americans to die for them, Vietnam anyone? As for terrorist bombings, here's a question for you: Who is the only country to have used not 1 but 2 weapons of mass destruction against civilians? (hint: Hiroshima, Nagasaki)6. Israel is hated because of the displacement of communities and the lack of religious tolerance. You're right, palestine wasn't a country, Israel was taken from all surrounding countries, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, and Egypt, the Palestinians became those people dispossessed of their land, which continues every time a new "Settlement" is created. As for terrorism, I don't agree with it at all, but violence begets violence. If people throw stones at you, you don't respond by using a helicopter gunship to blow up a building.7. Yes it's about time something was done, but again it shows up the hipocrisy of Americans. America has been arressting and detaining suspected terrorists without trial, including those of nationalities other than Afghanistan or Middle-East, but it's only when an American citizen is detained that there's an outcry about this. On a final note, I'm not saying America is evil or that terrorism is a legitimate tactic, just that no regime is innocent in what has happened.

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