
Subject: OT: Political IQ Test

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CrimsonThe fact that you actually believe what you are saying astounds me. All the time you hear about the "dot com bubble" popping. The "dot com bubble" clearly popped in March of 2000. Once the NASDAQ saw 5000, that was pretty much the end of it.

Oh no, here we go with the "Blame Clinton for the bad stuff, take away credit for the good stuff" ...stuff.

CrimsonWhy are you so against privatizing Social Security?

Because Bush gives money back to people and makes it so they can't let the government hold on to it, then stupid people lose their retirement on bad investments and go on welfare, which you so radically hate.

Crimson If it's privatized, we win.

"We" as in "Not stupid and/or unlucky people".

CrimsonPrivatizing SS makes sure that everyone gets their share, plus they can make more money on the market.

Not everyone wins on the market. Keeping SS with the government keeps homeless people off of the street.

CrimsonRight now, they can take our SS and piss it away (which they do) and it's really a giant Ponzi scheme.

Actually, now the government takes what you put in for Social Security and uses that money to pay for the social security of the people who get it now. It's going to be a HUGE problem when the baby boomers go into retirement and social security goes Up Up Up.

CrimsonDefending the US is one of the 17 functions that the Constitution grants the federal government. Regardless of your opinion about whether we should have gone to war. Therefore your argument here is moot.

Oh, I meant to type 50 billion instead of 500, but no one really knows how much it costs because ITS NOT INCLUDED IN BUSH'S 2004 BUDGET!

CrimsonAnd would you feel that way if it were your money being taxed? HONESTLY?

If it's necessary to keep the country running well, than yes. HONESTLY.

Let's talk about the government only needing 750 billion a year to run. You know what the government spends per year on the military? About 450 billion dollars. How much per year does the government spend on the national debt? Well, the whole debt service gets about 383 billion a year, and about 95% of that goes towards paying interest on the national debt. So far that's over 800 billion dollars. And you want to cut taxes? That's pretty much one of the last things that we should do.

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CrimsonThe only figures I could find were around \$600 billion over the next 10 years.

And that's a good thing? See above.

CrimsonWell, you're wrong. That extra money doesn't go into a mattress. It goes to the stock market. It goes into people's retirement accounts (heck, \$2000 is just about an entire allowed IRA contribution for a year)... goes into the cash registers at department stores, electronics stores, grocery stores. If I grab a new DVD player off the shelf, someone had to design that DVD player. Someone had to build that DVD player. Someone had to sell the DVD player to the store. Someone had to drive the truck to bring the DVD player to the store. Someone had to put it on the shelf. Someone had to ring up my purchase. I had to pay sales tax on that purchase.

So everyone buying some entertainment item is better than using the money to pay off the national debt? 7 trillion dollars doesn't just vanish.

Crimson]On the most basic level of speaking, if people have more money, they will buy more stuff. To say otherwise is ignorant.

Guess who buys the most stuff with money? The poor. But god damn, we better not give THOSE losers any money!

CrimsonDo you really, truly, honestly believe that if Clinton was that close to so many shady dealings that he didn't have anything to do with ANY of them?

Ooh, like how he was soooo close to Whitewater? Read the part where I talked about your poster in full, probably 14 or so pages back.

CrimsonYeah, let's just shrug off our President lying to the entire world on national television and then being proved wrong.

I think the Clinton/Lewinsky thing was really bad. But what's worse: Lying to the American people about personal affairs, or lying to the American people about going to war and the environment? Take a minute on that one.

CrimsonYes, because they want to influence you to believe what they believe. Unfortunately, you

are.

Yes, I too see how incredibly obvious it is that I get EVERYTHING from the media. However, one way to make the media more truthful is cross-reference stories. If there are too many holes, you can tell something's up. But again, I don't learn everything from the media.

CrimsonI think Gore is dumb for making that claim, too.

I don't think he was dumb for making that claim. If anything, he was dumb for saying something the right could distort into something that makes people think he's a lying monster.

CrimsonSaddam was found with \$750,000 in American money. What's a lonely old dictator doing with that much American money if he's not funding terrorists?

What the crap? Maybe he was using that money to buy things like food or stuff. But since he was being hunted by the armed forces, it's obvious the first thing on his mind was to give money to terrorists from down in a hole.

CrimsonBefore you say that, read the link below on the fallacies in science.

That means you shouldn't always believe unfounded science.

Oops, dinner calls. I'm going to come back in an hour or so and edit this post. Please pardon the discomfort.