Subject: Is Obamas Muslimness Bad?
Posted by zeratul on Fri, 29 May 2009 21:10:03 GMT
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What is your opinion?

Subject: Re: Is Obamas Muslimness Bad?
Posted by luv2pb on Fri, 29 May 2009 21:11:21 GMT
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Posted by nikki6ixx on Fri, 29 May 2009 21:17:55 GMT
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Posted by zeratul on Fri, 29 May 2009 21:19:40 GMT
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Posted by cheesesoda on Fri, 29 May 2009 22:27:33 GMT
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Posted by Starbuzzz on Sat, 30 May 2009 00:03:34 GMT
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Posted by Dover on Sat, 30 May 2009 01:39:44 GMT
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Posted by [NE]Fobby[GEN] on Sat, 30 May 2009 02:33:36 GMT
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nikki6ixx wrote on Fri, 29 May 2009 17:17Obama's not a Muslim...

Subject: Re: Is Obamas Muslimness Bad?
Posted by zeratul on Sat, 30 May 2009 04:41:44 GMT
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Posted by cheesesoda on Sat, 30 May 2009 05:30:14 GMT
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Posted by Dover on Sat, 30 May 2009 06:12:52 GMT
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What was your point, then? What other Democrats doesn't (Or, at least shouldn't) impact my views.

Subject: Re: Is Obamas Muslimness Bad?
Posted by Pyr0man1c on Sun, 31 May 2009 21:26:12 GMT
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[NEFobby[GEN] wrote on Fri, 29 May 2009 21:33]nikki6ixx wrote on Fri, 29 May 2009 17:17Obama's not a Muslim...

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Subject: Re: Is Obamas Muslimness Bad?
Posted by Starbuzzz on Tue, 02 Jun 2009 21:55:19 GMT
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You have got to be asinine if you think most politicians really give two damns about the religion they claim to be a part of. Most are just showbiz; trying to give an illusion that they do indeed take their religion seriously while infact they are just age old power politics (trying to please and get recognition from a certain group).

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Posted by IAmFenix on Thu, 04 Jun 2009 00:30:28 GMT
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Posted by zeratul on Thu, 04 Jun 2009 03:16:12 GMT
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Great! This means both of you can start bitching the minute he seems lost and helpless. So far, he's been decisive, forward, and moving very quickly considering the right-wing bitchfest he's wading through.

By the way, for a reference on what a lost and helpless president looks like, see footage of Bush being informed 9/11 is happening. Bush was a "vet", right? He was in the White House as a child when his dad was president.

Subject: Re: Is Obamas Muslimness Bad?
Posted by GEORGE ZIMMER on Thu, 04 Jun 2009 11:35:10 GMT
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ITT: Same shit with Bush except now it's the Democrat's turn.

Subject: Re: Is Obamas Muslimness Bad?
Posted by ErroR on Thu, 04 Jun 2009 12:21:33 GMT
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At least he's not comunist

Subject: Re: Is Obamas Muslimness Bad?
Posted by Dover on Thu, 04 Jun 2009 15:42:53 GMT
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ErroR wrote on Thu, 04 June 2009 05:21At least he's not comunist

It's a shame, really.

Subject: Re: Is Obamas Muslimness Bad?
Posted by zeratul on Thu, 04 Jun 2009 16:46:42 GMT
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ErroR wrote on Thu, 04 June 2009 13:21At least he's not comunist
You have a point... but still i don't like him

Subject: Re: Is Obamas Muslimness Bad?
Posted by nikki6ixx on Thu, 04 Jun 2009 16:57:22 GMT
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Besides, it could've been worse.

It could've been Ron Paul.

Subject: Re: Is Obamas Muslimness Bad?
Posted by IAmFenix on Thu, 04 Jun 2009 20:04:47 GMT
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Posted by Ryan3k on Fri, 05 Jun 2009 04:04:40 GMT
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can i change my vote to yes?

obama went to egypt he's definitely a muslim now..

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Subject: Re: Is Obamas Muslimness Bad?
Posted by zeratul on Fri, 05 Jun 2009 05:38:27 GMT
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Subject: Re: Is Obamas Muslimness Bad?
Posted by Dover on Fri, 05 Jun 2009 07:14:38 GMT
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Add a comment please, Dover.

-CarrierII

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Subject: Re: Is Obamas Muslimness Bad?
Posted by CarrierII on Fri, 05 Jun 2009 07:49:20 GMT
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I'm going to hope that was sarcasm...

Else he's in trouble.

At any rate, posting those sort of pictures is not welcome in this subforum Dover.

Subject: Re: Is Obamas Muslimness Bad?
Posted by Dover on Fri, 05 Jun 2009 08:40:07 GMT
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I did have a comment originally, Carrier. In fact, the original post didn't have a picture, and consisted entirely of the word "faggot", but I felt that was too dangerously close to flaming. I realize this subforum is meant for debate and other srs bizns, but when the original topic is based on such a stupid premise, and is filled with replies like Zeratul wrote on Thu, 04 June 2009 22:38lol he went to egypt?! BURN THE MUSLIM BASTERD!, there's only so far it can go.

Subject: Re: Is Obamas Muslimness Bad?
Posted by CarrierII on Fri, 05 Jun 2009 09:00:06 GMT
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"Dangerously close"? lol

Fair enough, I suggest we respond to the topic's lack of premise by not responding to the topic.

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Subject: Re: Is Obamas Muslimness Bad?
Posted by Dover on Fri, 05 Jun 2009 13:20:53 GMT
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Posted by nikki6ixx on Fri, 05 Jun 2009 23:34:42 GMT
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EVERYONE... or at least i did ud be surprised how hypocritical this country is.... unless u already know then well... u wouldnt be....

Subject: Re: Is Obamas Muslimness Bad?
Posted by Barack Obama on Sun, 07 Jun 2009 00:47:09 GMT
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Yo you're all a bunch of racists.

Subject: Re: Is Obamas Muslimness Bad?
Posted by John McCain on Sun, 07 Jun 2009 01:00:00 GMT
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Nigga, please...

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Posted by Muad Dib15 on Mon, 08 Jun 2009 22:13:25 GMT
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...Which of course, means communists everywhere (Including myself) are evil, evil people, right?

Before you answer "yes", the answer is "no, not at all, and fuck you. >:["

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Yeah I clearly meant its physical condition . Anyways, while I do understand your point, address this one: where are the terrorists that were held captive going to go? Either they go to another, much more secretive location (LOL BUSH R BAD HE KEEP THINGS SEEKRIT), or they're simply let free. Now, if they're putting it in US waters where our laws apply, and it's not a super secretive location (afterall, doing that is just a failed Bush administration method, amirite), then good. But I haven't quite heard news of that. If you'd like to correct me, feel free to.

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I'm referring to giving the Queen of England an iPod, bowing to a foreign leader (Again, a small thing, but stupid nonetheless). I'm not saying Bush was any better, but for a guy who people hoped would be alot better with foreign relations... yeah. Plus, alot of foreign investers can see US is just going deeper into a shithole, so they're not going to be as apt to help us out.

Most of the apparent "foreign relations" he does is the typical bullshit. Shaking hands, talking with them, etc. Outside of that, it doesn't seem like he's doing a better job than Bush did, really...

Oh, I also like how if people disagree with Obama, they're "butthurt conservifags". Way to be a biased prick, considering plenty of people on both sides of the aisle are disagreeing with various things Obama has done.

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I live around the DC area, I should know. He does do this, and actually very frequently. You might not think much of it, but considering the amount of people who do business in DC and can't get through, that's alot of people who are either late to meetings/work/whatever, or who outright can't get to their jobs. Not to mention, this can fuck up local businesses just as well, since everyone is focused on this one business he's going to.

You might not think much of it, but to me, this is fucking bullshit. One man should NOT be able to close down streets and fuck up or "save" a business as he does just because he decides to do so. It's supposed to be a free market, not a market controlled by the government and whatever he wants to go to. He's a fucking President, he needs to start acting like it.

Also, the US still has a pretty shitty view from people overseas, the economy is hardly being "fixed" (He's just pumping money into businesses he deems fit to throw money at... way to continue fiscal irresponsibility that's been plaguing our nation for years, asshole), and I haven't really seen us pull out of Iraq yet (LOL WE'RE GONNA PULL OUT OF IRAQ RIGHT AS I'M ELECTED). I do agree it's good he's finally doing something decent and giving to the scientific community, but who knows, maybe they'll spend shittons of that money trying to research for a vaccine for something minor that's a huge deal all around (Swine flu, anyone). And restoring the rule of law? Hahahahahahahahahahahahah. Yeah, no. If anyone should get their head out of their ass, it's you. He's continuing the same bullshit work arounds Bush did, but is adding his own touch of bullshit on top of it all.

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Actually I was- in a good majority of his speeches, he bashes Bush and his blatent "failed policies" and how he can easily fix them, and that "change" would happen almost immediatly. Now that he's in office, his tone changes to "well, bad things are gonna have to happen first before some good things happen". Once again it's the same fucking bullshit we've been experiencing for the past years.

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Because as much as Obama and the rest of the country loves change, the US constitution is designed to resist change and make it very difficult. If the 700billion bank bailouts could've been reversed, I'm sure they would be.

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Again, I should repeat myself. The stimulus package is for the most part NOT FREE MONEY. Just because you repeat it over and over doesn't make it any more true. Free money was the bank bailouts (Under Bush). Even the auto-industry bailouts weren't free money, but they were buying stock, which the government will sell once the company gets back on it's feet(Something Sweden has done successfully in the past).

Oh, and of course. GM was doing SOOOOOO well before Obama came along. Clearly, his less-than-100-days of regulation completely destroyed America's largest corporation.

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I agree, but what does this have to do with Obama, or anything on-topic? Why bring it up at all, unless you want to soil someone else's name, specifically Communists (Read: Me).

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obama went to egypt he's definitely a muslim now..

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I'm not sure if you are joking but...

Not necessarily... Egypt is in my top five places I would like to go in my lifetime. Does that make me muslim too?

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Posted by Gen_Blacky on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 02:01:23 GMT
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at least bush did what he said he was going to do.

Subject: Re: Is Obamas Muslimness Bad?
Posted by Muad Dib15 on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 02:54:44 GMT
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lol, but not all of it.

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Posted by DeadX07 on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 07:26:08 GMT
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No. You're wrong, and I disagree. Small government is weak, ineffective government. When government leaves a power vacuum, it's filled by people with deep pockets that aren't accountable to the people. No government-run healthcare? Let's have private insurance companies who can fuck you in the ass, laugh about it later, and there's nothing you can do about it, since they're in no way accountable to you. The biggest problem we have in America isn't government officials, and anyone who thinks so is just sucking Reagen's deceased cock (Every time someone says "government is the problem not the solution" or some variation, baby jesus sheds a tear). This is the way government works: You pay taxes, you participate in elections, you do your civic duty (Jury duty, occasional military draft, whatever), and in return you have a society that runs smoothly. You have someone to put a fire out if your house goes up in flames, you have someone to enforce laws, you have someone to pave the roads you drive on, etc etc. Less government means less of all that.

So, what is the biggest problem, then? The biggest problem in America is people don't want to get their heads out of their asses and look beyond their own interests. Nobody wants to pay taxes, nobody wants to cut down their entitlement, nobody wants to put off buying a house until they can afford it. People like you want a smaller government so they can pay less taxes -- More money in

my pocket and to hell with everything else! The government isn't the problem, YOU'RE the problem.

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"Controversy for the win"? This is your idea of a controversy? How about secret torture camps in international waters where laws don't apply? How about lying about WMD? How about giving $700,000,000,000.00 to banks with no strings attached? And here you are bitching about pens.

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It's good that you used the term "could be", because it wasn't. Not only was the war mismanaged, but Bush intentionally diverted. Opening up a second front in a war against a different enemy (Or in this case, an entirely different war) can only divide forces and be to the detriment of both efforts. And, like we've both already agreed upon, we had no use in going to Iraq.

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