

Re: OT: Katrina's Wrath

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Lueko, whatever your political persuasion, you don't put the boot in when people are in trouble.

Doing so gains no converts to your point of view.

You are entitled to be rabidly anti American, and hold whatever views you hold, but there is an appropriate time to express them, and an inappropriate time. If someone you are unfriendly with or disapprove of dies, you don't go to the funeral and berate the mourners with a list of your perceived injustices, or a stream of abuse at the recently departed. (And if you did, you would very possibly leave in ambulance...)

A single post, summarising your points, made to a different thread and marked OT, in a few weeks time might have done much more for your case than your posts here.

I'm saddened almost as much by your bad manners (which I find particularly unusual in a German person) as I am by the tragedy in New Orleans.

Pete.

TOP POST – no more.

"Lueko Willms" <l.willms@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:9d5MUDVeflB@xx

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> about Re: OT: Katrina's Wrath

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> LW>> When poor Cuba can do it, why not the rich USA? They could

> LW>> have organized a dozen or more planes, hundreds of buses, and

> LW>> what have you, to organize a complete evacuation of the city.

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> l> That's the thing about freedom – you have the freedom to make an

> l> unwise choice. I'd much prefer it that way to the way Cuba is run.

> l> :) It's not the *government's* responsibility to get people out – the

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- > l> truly responsible thing would be to not live below sea level to begin
- > l> with! In this country, you are responsible for you (and your family) –
- > l> no matter how many socialistic programs are enacted (or attempted),
- > l> the bottom line is that each person has the power to choose what they
- > l> do, where they go, where they live.
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- > l> Think about the mayor's year–old warning another way – if people heard
- > l> that warning a year ago, and knew they would not be able to get out
- > l> the way things were, why did *they* (the people) not do anything?
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- >>> There are no material reasons not to save peoples lives, only the
- >>> incapacity of the capitalist society which is well able to bring shock
- >>> and awe and real destruction in all parts of the globe, conquer
- >>> countries, organize hundreds of thousands of soldiers to terrorize
- >>> people all around the world, but even then they can't create
- >>> conditions where human beings can live in peace and progress.
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- > l> Government in this country has a limited function. Providing for the
- > l> defense of the land is probably the biggest one. Name for me one
- > l> other country that has given more to this Earth than the USA has over
- > l> the past 100 years. There's not one! Just because people don't heed
- > l> warnings (which, freedom being what it is, they can make that
- > l> choice)doesn't mean that it's still not the best place for peace and
- > l> progress.
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- > If I wouldn't have known your ideas, I would have thought that
- > somebody is trying to make a bad cynical joke to show how much the USA
- > is a failed state.
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- > You can not seriously claim that the USA is a great state, bringing
- > racism, colonialism, wars, "shock and awe", i.e. terror, military
- > dicatorships, torture, and mass killings to the world, just to leave
- > each and every of its citizens helpless against the powers of nature.
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- > The tens of thousands of people trapped in New Orleans did not get
- > out of the city, because they did not "heed warnings", but because the
- > **COULD NOT MAKE THAT CHOICE** either because they had not the means, i.e.
- > no car of their own, or because they were ill, handicapped, in a
- > nursing home or hospital, whatever.
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- > You claim that being poor in the USA just means that you have to
- > die when the hurricane hits.
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- > But people to organize collectivities, which means in today's world
- > states, to organize for the common tasks and problems. The state USA
- > has obviously failed before that challenge.
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- > So when this is useless and failed, it should be replaced. I think
- > that the failure of the USA as a state as shown in the incapacity to
- > deal with the upcoming catastrophe Katrina, will be a watershed like

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> the 1972 earthquake in Nicaragua, where a few years later the US–
> sponsored Somoza dictatorship ended, just after having bombed their
> own people – and when I see the military on their threatening patrols
> in New Orleans, I think that might come faster.
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> Yours,
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> Wir wohnen in Göttingen in Scheiterhaufen, die mit Türen und Fenstern
> versehen sind. –G.C.Lichtenberg

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