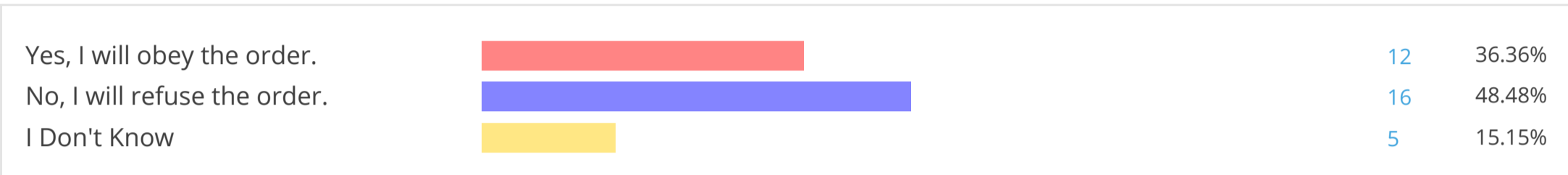


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Thread: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s?

10-04-2012, 11:57 PM #1

PickYourBattles

Senior Member
Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s?

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Please note, the reason a third option (I Don't Know) has been included is because from previous discussions, it's clear that some have taken that position, stating that they don't know if they would have forced their American neighbors and their children into concentration camps in that situation. Some have said they don't know what they would have done. **Of course, they have the full weight of history as a benefit, so based on that information, they should know what they would do if put into that exact same situation today.** Some want to punt on the question, however, just as I assume by the same logic they would also punt if I asked them if they would rape somebody this weekend (they apparently can't know anything about what they would do until put in that situation, a position I hope they tell the investigator during their next security clearance investigation).

So here are some facts about the military forcing Americans into concentration camps in the 1940s:

1. The military took an oath to support and defend the Constitution.

2. The Fifth Amendment of the Constitution states, "No person shall...be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law..."

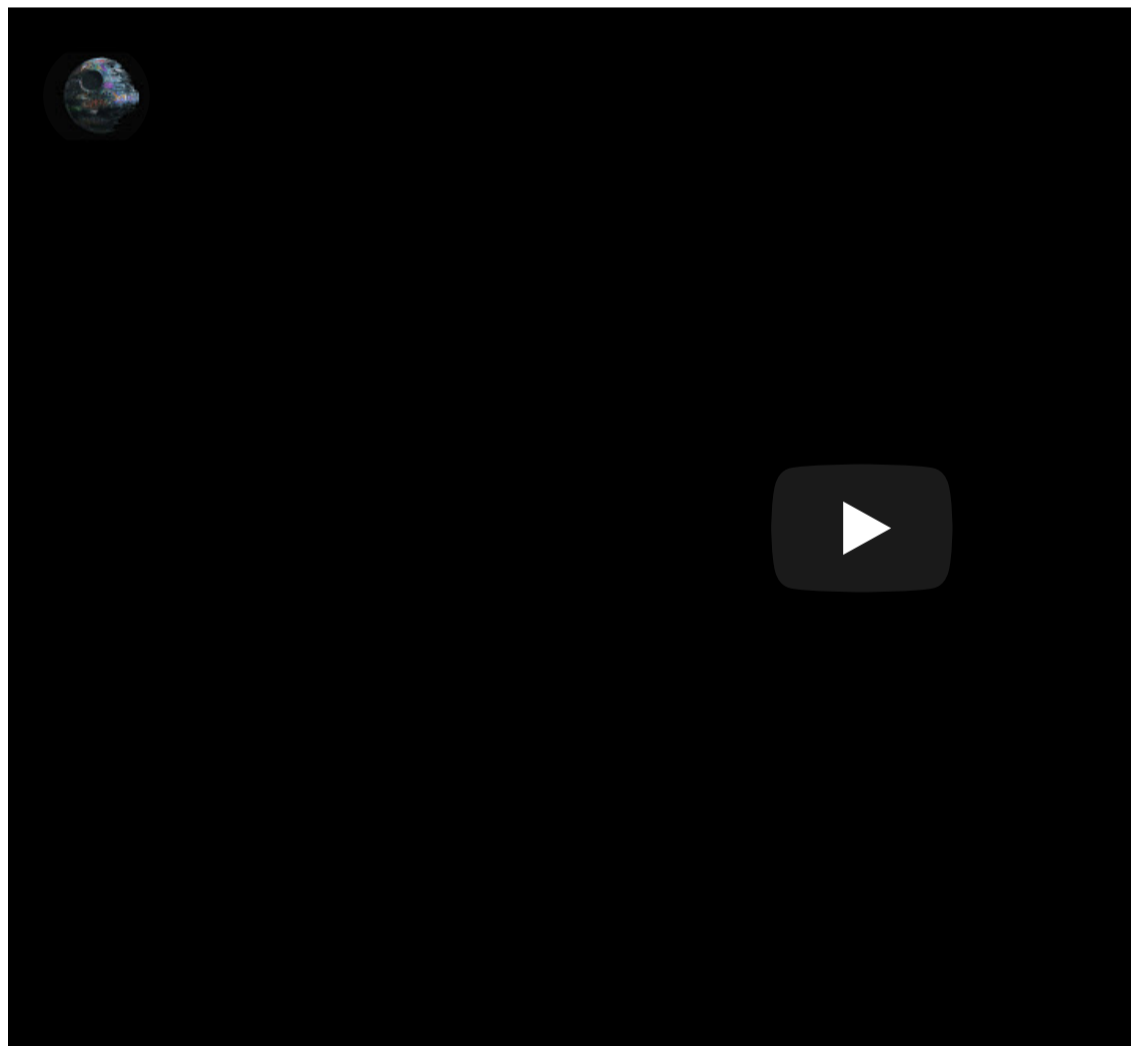
3. The Sixth Amendment of the Constitution states, "In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence."

4. Article Three, Section Three of the Constitution states, "Treason against the United States, shall consist only in levying War against them, or in adhering to their Enemies, giving them Aid and Comfort. No Person shall be convicted of Treason unless on the Testimony of two Witnesses to the same overt Act, or on Confession in open Court."

5. The government did not charge any of these Americans with a crime as a pretext to their incarceration, and they were not provided a trial and were not sentenced by a jury of their peers prior to being imprisoned in the camps.

6. At the point of the President's order, the judiciary had not ruled on whether such an order was lawful or not. Similarly, if you were to get an order today to go into Wal-mart and shoot every person wearing a hat, that order would also have not been ruled upon by the judiciary (ie, whether or not it's lawful for the military to shoot every hat wearer in a Wally World).

So you're given the order to force American citizens at gunpoint into concentration camps, absent charge or trial. Do you obey the order, or do you refuse it as an unlawful order in accordance with the oath you took to our Constitution?



COURAGE!

“ Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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Senior Member



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 Location: Florida
 Posts: 1,119
 Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

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Robert F. Dorr ◦

Senior Member



Join Date: Oct 2011
 Location: Oakton, Virginia
 Posts: 894
 Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

You can argue whether Roosevelt's decision was justified.

Many of the Japanese who were rounded up were not American citizens.

Some were active supporters of the Japanese government and cheered when Japanese forces achieved victories early in the war.

These were not concentration camps. These people were detained, not exterminated.

This of course, as Bru writes, is what you're asking for.

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Join Date: Feb 2011
Posts: 1,716
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [BRUWIN](#) →

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Any time you are ordered to commit a crime, the answer should be "NO". The situation is irrelevant... ESPECIALLY if American citizens are involved.

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Posts: 1,716
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

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Originally Posted by [BRUWIN](#) →

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10-05-2012, 02:42 AM

#7

BRUWIN

Senior Member



Join Date: Apr 2007
Location: Florida
Posts: 1,119
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [Joe Bonham](#) →

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But doesn't the new proposed law make it not a crime?

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10-05-2012, 03:58 AM

#8

Absinthe Anecdote

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Senior Member



Join Date: Mar 2012
Location: Baltimore
Posts: 3,669
Mentioned: 14 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

In the context of the events of 1941 and early 1942 I'm sure I would have followed that order. Not saying that is the right choice but thinking from the perspective of a soldier and imagining the biases the average American Joe would have been operating under I think yes, I would have followed the order.

No one briefed those soldiers on the constitution before they were sent out to round those people up. Fear, uncertainty, and our own propaganda played a big factor on the minds of those young men back in 1942.

PYB,

I think that you made this thread to spur thought on an issue you believe our nation may wrestle with again. But the way you framed the question made me answer yes.

It might be better if you came up with a "what if" scenario in a contemporary setting.

I'd like to think that I wouldn't ignore the constitution or deprive a fellow American of their liberty.

I'm just being honest when I say that I could be blinded by anger, fear or a string of events that could lead me into making the wrong choice.

If you say that couldn't happen to you; well, I question how honest you are being with yourself.

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10-05-2012, 04:08 AM

#9

CrustySMSgt

Senior Member



Join Date: Jun 2008
Location: Air, Space, and Cyberspace
Posts: 871
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Agree with AA, back then no one questioned authority. Look at those studies where they put people in a room and were told they were shocking the shit out of someone and because someone told them to, they kept upping the juice and hitting them again. People back then didn't question authority like they do today.

But even today, we're still involved in a bunch of shady stuff that could qualify as unconstitutional, but because we're ordered to do it, we do. Guantanamo is a perfect example... while they aren't Americans (most of them? Are we still holding anyone that is?), we are still holding people without due process, but the military follows orders and keeps on guarding them.

Sure, it would be different if we rolled in to the town off base and started rounding people up... no doubt there would be a lot of resistance. No doubt I'd have followed the order in 1942; today, who knows. I'd like to think we'd never be placed in that situation, given the differences the last 70 years have brought about. I just don't see it happening in the near future.

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Dr Martin Luther King, Jr.

Chief Runner Amok of the Troll Cabal 😏

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10-05-2012, 04:18 AM

#10

Pavegunner72

Junior Member

Join Date: Oct 2009
Posts: 16
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Makes you wonder what the US purchased that prison in Illinois for.

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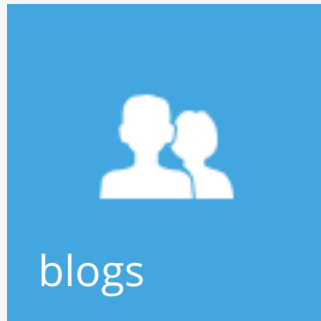
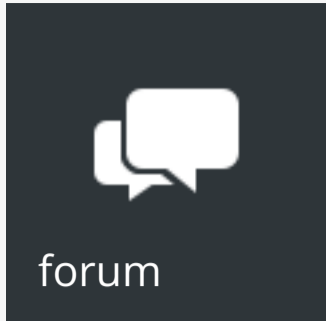
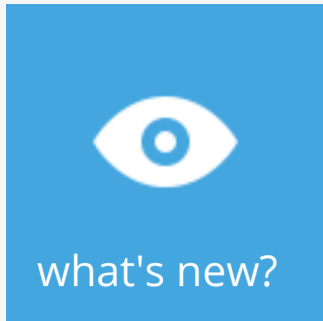
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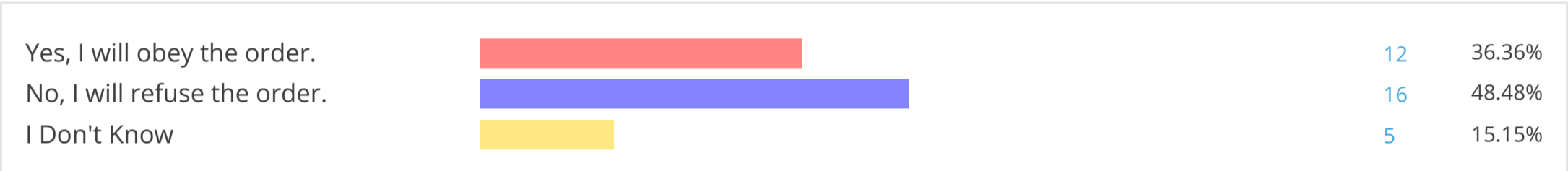
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10-05-2012, 04:54 AM #11

raider8169

Senior Member
Join Date: Sep 2010
Location: Korea
Posts: 170
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: [Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s](#)

With what I know how I would refuse it because it is well known you can refuse an unlawful order. If we are at war to the point where we were during WWII it might be different. Still while I voted no, situations could arise where I may have to.

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10-05-2012, 05:16 AM #12

BRUWIN

Senior Member



Join Date: Apr 2007
Location: Florida
Posts: 1,119
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Well I'm just gonna go out on a limb and say that if it were a certain group of people raising hell that I didn't approve of than yes...I would round them up and take them in. That's why for me it is entirely situational. Nothing is ever written in stone for me...I do what I think is the right thing and I'll ignore a peice of paper if I feel it doesn't apply. Not everything is black or white.

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10-05-2012, 05:45 AM

#13

F4CrewChick

Senior Member



Join Date: Apr 2010
Location: San Francisco (Big Surprise)
Posts: 178
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

We do not have martial law. We have posse comitatus. We have a constitution we take an oath to defend. We do not have a dictator. We have free will. We have Article 90 of the UCMJ. This would clearly be an illegal order and as an officer (former) it would be my duty to bring such an order into question.

Any questions?

[SIGPIC]/[SIGPIC]You giggle every time you say 'cockpit'

-David Letterman "Top Ten ways to know you might not be ready to join the USAF"

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10-05-2012, 06:16 AM

#14

VFFTSGT

Senior Member



Join Date: Jul 2012
Location: Civilian World
Posts: 661
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Here's another hypothetical situation...where would you stand if you were in the position that the *USS Colorado* is on *Last Resort*?

<http://beta.abc.go.com/shows/last-resort>

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10-05-2012, 08:35 AM

#15

CrustySMSgt

Senior Member



Join Date: Jun 2008
Location: Air, Space, and Cyberspace
Posts: 871
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by VFFTSGT →

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Being in the business of decoding and validating EAMs, I could one day be in a similar situation (though there are few enlisted jobs where I'd be actually in a position to execute independantly)... I'll have to go back to the 3rd choice of "I don't know" on this one... it may have been a valid EAM, but the fact that it was transmitted over a secondary net, when the primary was up and running and out of the blue I got one over the secondary, it'd have me questioning it.

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10-05-2012, 10:48 AM

#16

TVANSCOT

Member



Join Date: Jul 2007
Posts: 36
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

1. The military took an oath to support and defend the Constitution.

I have said it before and I will say it again, the Oath is useless because it contradicts itself, you simply quoted the first part, but here is the next: "of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic"... DOMESTIC... then there is this: "I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me".... so basically your screwed no matter what.

No where in the oath or in the regulations or UCMJ does it tell how us WHO decides what enemy might be domestic, foreign is pretty easy to figure out but domestic... it requires you to fall back to the next part of the oath.

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10-05-2012, 11:02 AM

#17

ConfusedAirman

Senior Member



Join Date: Feb 2008
Location: Right behind you
Posts: 199
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Not enough info for too biased of a question. All orders and responses are based on the law (as dictated by the Constitution) but neither the law nor the Constitution are so perfect and absolute that any one person, including myself, can say with absolute certainty that any particular law or order is lawful. I reserve the right to make a judgement at the time and will accept my fate if my decision and subsequent response is later determined to be unlawful by the US legal system.

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10-05-2012, 01:41 PM

#18

PickYourBattles

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [Robert F. Dorr](#) →

Many of the Japanese who were rounded up were not American citizens.

The poll discusses the 70,000 American citizens - that is why I used that number, and not the larger number that included non-American citizens. The 70,000 were all American citizens.

Originally Posted by [Robert F. Dorr](#) →

Some were active supporters of the Japanese government and cheered when Japanese forces achieved victories early in the war.

Source? What does "active support" mean? What does "cheering" mean, and is that protected speech?

Originally Posted by **Robert F. Dorr** →

These were not concentration camps. These people were detained, not exterminated.

There is a difference between death camps, and concentration camps. These were in fact concentration camps, and President Roosevelt and many others referred to these camps as concentration camps.

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/perfec...permanent.html>

"As a member of President Roosevelt's administration, I saw the United States Army give way to mass hysteria over the Japanese...Crowded into cars like cattle, these hapless people were hurried away to hastily constructed and thoroughly inadequate concentration camps, with soldiers with nervous muskets on guard, in the great American desert. We gave the fancy name of 'relocation centers' to these dust bowls, but they were concentration camps nonetheless."

—Harold Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, Washington Evening Star, September 23, 1946

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Originally Posted by **sandsjames** →

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#19

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Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by **BRUWIN** →

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Quoted for posterity. Thanks for the honesty.

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#20

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Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by **BRUWIN** →


But doesn't the new proposed law make it not a crime?

No law passed by Congress, short of a Constitutional Amendment, can controvert the Fifth and Sixth Amendments. So any law passed that says, "Go ahead and ignore the Fifth Amendment" is unlawful, even though it will be treated as lawful by one or more branches of government. It also puts the military in the position of having to honor their oaths to the Constitution, if they are principled, or going with the flow if they are not.

COURAGE!

“ Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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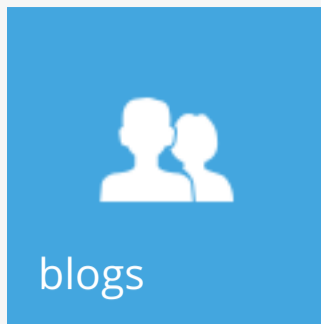
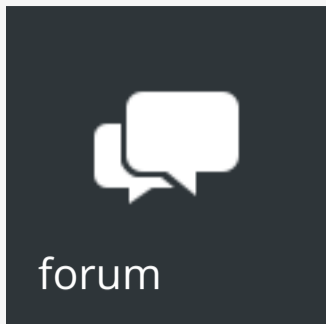
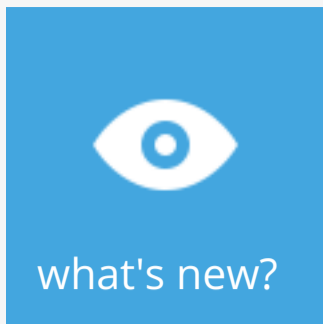
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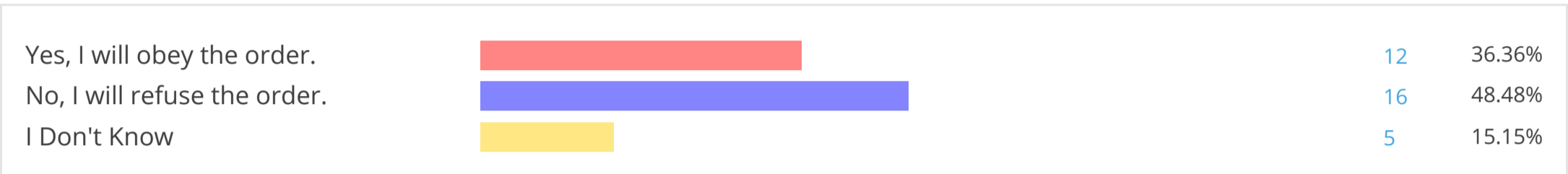
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10-05-2012, 02:06 PM #21

imported_Sgt HULK

Senior Member
Join Date: Jan 2009
Location: Europe
Posts: 123
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

If this was december or January 1941 and I was ordered into that very same situation you bet your sweet ass I would, shit some of them cheering may not have made it to the camp.

If another 9/11 happens and we are told to take to the streets to round up those who cheer our pain and death etc, give me the gun lets go do it. both legal and illegal aliens

I Support unisex bathrooms and unisex lockerroom...:biggrin

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10-05-2012, 02:08 PM #22

PickYourBattles

Senior Member
Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by **Sgt HULK** →

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Sgt Hulk, interesting. We're talking about American citizens. Are you also saying that you would take the streets with your gun and "do it" to American citizens who are cheering our pain and death?

COURAGE!

“ Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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10-05-2012, 02:11 PM

#23

imported_Sgt HULK

Senior Member

Join Date: Jan 2009
Location: Europe
Posts: 123
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

I'm saying that if our domestic enemies became a threat to our way of life and the order was given.

Its time to go to work.

If pearl harbor happens and those people take to the streets to party and celebrate the fact that you, bru, and the rest of my brothers in arms are dying at the hands of thier countryman (american citizen or not) yep round em up.

If you tell me to go get the 80 yr old guy next door sitting on the porch shelling green beans. No I have no reason to personally or legally.

there are far too many variables in this questions and too many what if's can spin this

I Support unisex bathrooms and unisex lockerroom...:biggrin

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10-05-2012, 02:40 PM

#24

PickYourBattles

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

“ Originally Posted by [Absinthe Anecdote](#) →

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The question is about what you would do now, given the full benefit of history. With everything you know now, if this exact same situation presented itself, would you obey or not?

“ Originally Posted by [Absinthe Anecdote](#) →

No one briefed those soldiers on the constitution before they were sent out to round those people up.

Still they took an oath to support and defend the Constitution. Not knowing it, and yet swearing to God you will support and defend it, is a pretty shoddy defense don't you think? If you're ordered to secure the ECP from imminent attack and asked if you can be counted on to do it, and you say, "I swear it - you can trust me!" and then later after the flight line is destroyed you throw up your shoulders and say, "I didn't know what the ECP was or where it was, and I didn't think to find out" - is that a good defense? Is that the defense you want to take?

“ Originally Posted by [Absinthe Anecdote](#) →

Fear, uncertainty, and our own propaganda played a big factor on the minds of those young men back in 1942.

Again, the question is how you would have handled it given what you know now. You mentioned fear. Courage means doing the right thing when you are afraid. Courage does NOT exist when a person is not afraid. What I take from your answer is that if you are afraid to do right, then you will not do right.

“ Originally Posted by [Absinthe Anecdote](#) →

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I'm just being honest when I say that I could be blinded by anger, fear or a string of events that could lead me into making the wrong choice.

If you say that couldn't happen to you; well, I question how honest you are being with yourself.

Everybody has a breaking point. Most people will do what they need to do to survive. That's not lost on me.

But breaking simply because you need a job? Selling out your country and your oath before God, because you might face jail time? Violating your oath for a credit card payment?


I find it interesting that we have heroes like Bud Day who endured years and years of torture and imprisonment, and who could have went home like some of the others who cooperated with the VC and came home to an Air Force promotion to full bird....and yet we have others who wouldn't refuse to violate the civil liberties of their neighbors while they know they are doing wrong, simply because they might be kicked out of the military, or at the very worst, put in jail.

I appreciate the honesty.

COURAGE!

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#25

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Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: **Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s**

“ Originally Posted by [CrustySMSgt](#) →

People back then didn't question authority like they do today.

“ Originally Posted by [CrustySMSgt](#) →

Sure, it would be different if we rolled in to the town off base and started rounding people up... no doubt there would be a lot of resistance. No doubt I'd have followed the order in 1942; today, who knows.

Why do you not know? Why would you have followed the order in the 1942? Thanks for the honesty.

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Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [raider8169](#) →

With what I know how I would refuse it because it is well known you can refuse an unlawful order. If we are at war to the point where we were during WWII it might be different. Still while I voted no, situations could arise where I may have to.

Obviously in the question posed, we would be at war to the point we were in WWII - that is the situation presented. So you voted no, but you say you might obey if we were at war at the point in the war we were in WWII (we were), so is your vote really a "I don't know?"

What kind of situations could arise where you would obey the order to point your weapon at American citizen men, women, and children and force them into concentration camps without charge or trial?

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Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [F4CrewChick](#) →

We do not have martial law. We have posse comitatus. We have a constitution we take an oath to defend. We do not have a dictator. We have free will. We have Article 90 of the UCMJ. This would clearly be an illegal order and as an officer (former) it would be my duty to bring such an order into question.

Any questions?

One question, would you refuse the order or not? You say you would bring the order into question, but does that mean you would refuse to obey it?

COURAGE!

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Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

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Originally Posted by [ConfusedAirman](#) →

Not enough info for too biased of a question.

How is a question asking you what you would do, biased?

Originally Posted by [ConfusedAirman](#) →

All orders and responses are based on the law (as dictated by the Constitution) but neither the law nor the Constitution are so perfect and absolute that any one person, including myself, can say with absolute certainty that any particular law or order is lawful.

You cannot say with absolute certainty that any law or order is lawful?

So if you were given an order to duct tape a peaceful protestor breaking no laws to prevent them from speaking, then go and burn down their church, then go their home and confiscate their legally owned weapons, then live in their house during peacetime as a military soldier, and then hang that person for treason without them getting a trial or a jury of their peers.....you wouldn't be able to say with absolute certainty that the order is unlawful?

Originally Posted by [ConfusedAirman](#) →

I reserve the right to make a judgement at the time and will accept my fate if my decision and subsequent response is later determined to be unlawful by the US legal system.

Why wait? Why not study now so you can make a better decision, being that you took an oath to support and defend the Constitution, and therefore by studying it now you will be in a better position in the future to do the lawful thing?

COURAGE!

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#29

[Jamethon](#) ▾

Senior Member



Join Date: May 2012
Location: Las Vegas
Posts: 104
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: **Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s**

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

Why do you not know? Why would you have followed the order in the 1942? Thanks for the honesty.

As weird as it may sound, I think most people wouldn't follow an order like that today versus 1942 because of the internet. Access to information which makes us smarter as a whole. Back then, everyone was aware of the war and what we had to do to win, but not a lot of extra information was available other than the news. Today if you have questions about ANYTHING, you can just google it and find an answer. Everyone knows that we are there because of terrorism but if you question the truth in the matter you can just google it.

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#30

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Senior Member

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Posts: 246

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

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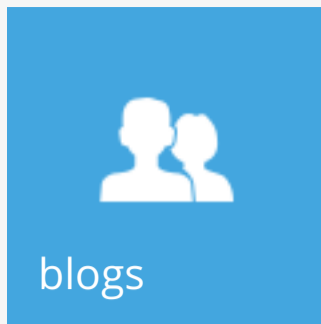
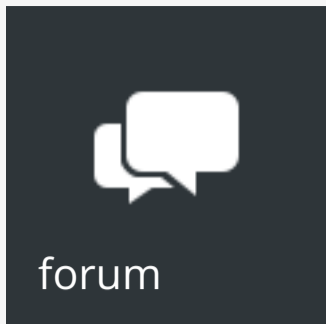
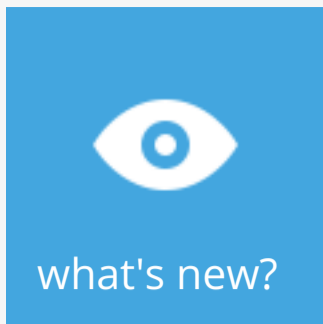
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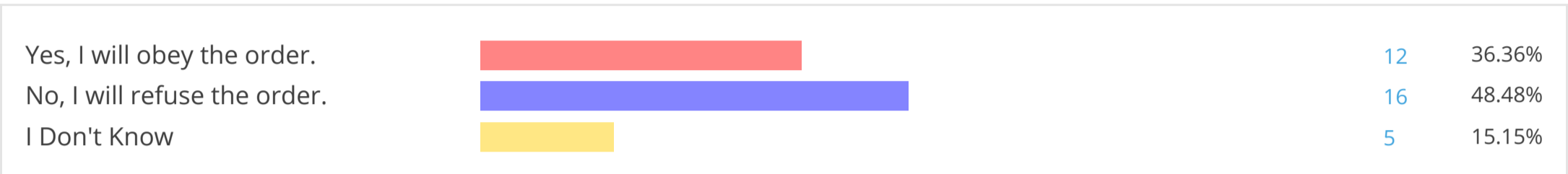
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Thread: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s?

10-05-2012, 03:16 PM #31

imnohero

Senior Member
 Join Date: Aug 2008
 Location: everywhere
 Posts: 699
 Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

With the full benefit of history and hind-sight: Of course not. It's easy to say with knowledge of the consequences and clarity of history that it was wrong.

However, you are conflating hindsight with foreknowledge in asking "would you do the same today?" The problem is that in a similar situation today, we don't have the benefit of history to inform us. The situation you pose is that of individual judgement vs. chain of command on who is or is not an "enemy." Essentially, this the "conscientious objector" situation.

The situational details of a modern analogous situation would certainly dictate the actions of a number of military members, including the knowledge of history of the Japanese Internment.

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10-05-2012, 03:22 PM #32

Jamethon

Senior Member

 Join Date: May 2012

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →
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Location: Las Vegas
Posts: 104
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

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#33

PickYourBattles

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

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#34

CrustySMSgt

Senior Member



Join Date: Jun 2008
Location: Air, Space, and
Cyberspace
Posts: 871
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

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Dr Martin Luther King, Jr.

Chief Runner Amok of the Troll Cabal 😊

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#35

PickYourBattles

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [Jamethon](#) →

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Originally Posted by [Jamethon](#) →

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Senior Member



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OK, I guess the significant difference would be the fact that we were attacked by a nation, not members of a religion/unaffiliated terrorist group. Still doesnt change my changed answer... lol

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#37

Jamethon ◦

Senior Member



Join Date: May 2012
Location: Las Vegas
Posts: 104
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

Again, the question is with what you know now, you're put into that situation (knowing what you know now). So being a "regular soldier" as we all are, you would have obeyed? Why?

Knowing what I know now? Of course I wouldn't have obeyed the order. It wasn't lawful.

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

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Politics/popular opinion would have affected my opinion because that is what I would have known. It wouldn't be a moral decision, it would have just been the norm.

And as for your second question, who knows? I can't answer for what I would have been a part of. My family doesn't originate from the south and weren't slave owners. But for those who grew up and had a great influence by their family who did the same, what difference would they know? BTW, it's "hanged" not "hung" in this situation.

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

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I already stated why I wouldn't now. The Internet. The access to information that makes it easier to open your eyes and realize it is wrong. Why there is some doubt now?

I don't see "all enemies foreign and domestic" as those who just say bad things about us. Planned, attempted or actual acts of terror is what that means (to me). If uprising starts happening and American citizens start trying to revolt with violence then they should be arrested. Not to the extent of concentration camps, an actual due process.

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#38

Join Date: Aug 2008
 Location: everywhere
 Posts: 699
 Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

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#39

PickYourBattles ◦

Join Date: Mar 2012
 Posts: 246
 Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [imnohero](#) →

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No, but it is analogous to whether or not a person follows an order without regard to the law.

Originally Posted by [imnohero](#) →

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It was a lawful order. There is a difference between stupid orders, and unlawful orders. Going to Iraq was lawful, even though very stupid and even though it hurt the security of the United States. In contrast, going to Libya on day 61 was unlawful, even though it wasn't nearly as harmful to America but it was still unlawful.

Originally Posted by [imnohero](#) →

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The clear cut decision is whether you follow the law and the Constitution, not whether or not it's a good idea. It is pretty clear cut.

COURAGE!

Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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Join Date: Feb 2011

Posts: 1,716

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

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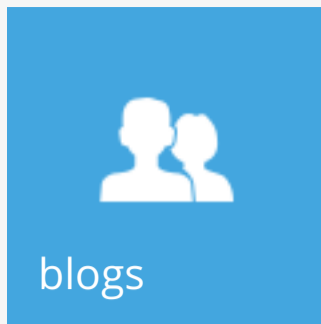
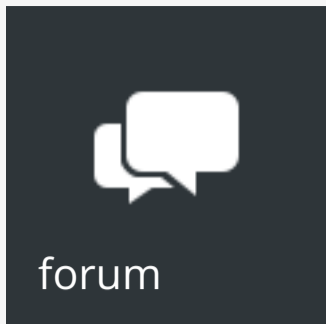
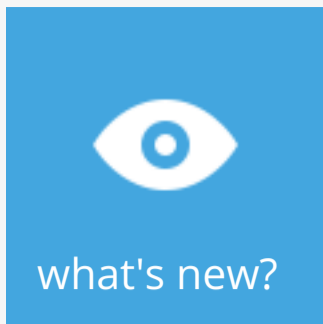
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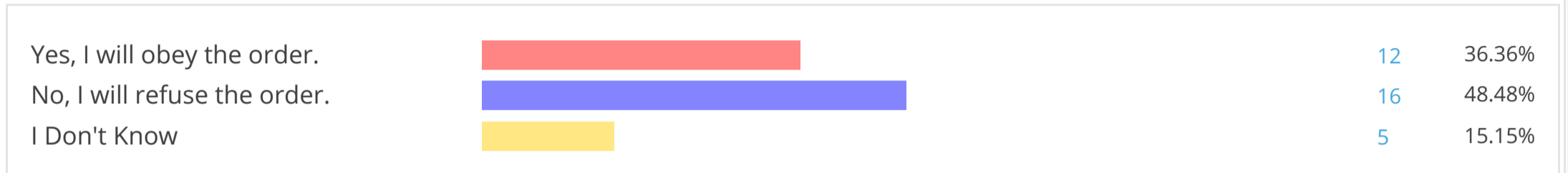
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#41

VFFTSGT

Senior Member



Join Date: Jul 2012
Location: Civilian World
Posts: 661
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by Joe Bonham →

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That is was you get when you have a people who care more about security than freedom. In this case, the security of one's paycheck, benefits, and retirement. Very few people are in the military because they want to protect America's freedom and uphold the Constitution... The majority of the military probably hasn't even read it.

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Posts: 246

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Agreed. We hire people who just want a job, who muddle their oaths of office and don't care to know what they are pledging, and then we fail to educate armed military personnel on the Constitution or why it matters, why it's special, why it's important and then when our elected officials violate the law (as FDR did), the people who get proclaimed heroes and have their food bought for them by the old lady, turn around and show they will lock that old lady up and violate her rights rather than take a stand for principle and make good on the oath they swore.

The infidelity thread shows how many of us take oaths seriously or have basic integrity (although to be fair, not everybody who is married makes that vow).

It's interesting to see some of the rationalizations by those with even a lot of time under their belts. Hell, Bru even has a bachelor's degree!

Based on the majority of answers I see in this thread, if I were a law abiding patriotic American citizen, I would be absolutely scared shitless of my military and I would fear that the money I pay them to protect my rights, is being wasted by cowards with no character.

COURAGE!

“ Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

“ Originally Posted by [VFFTSGT](#) →

That is was you get when you have a people who care more about security than freedom. In this case, the security of one's paycheck, benefits, and retirement. Very few people are in the military because they want to protect America's freedom and uphold the Constitution... The majority of the military probably hasn't even read it.

Quoted for posterity. Nailed it.

COURAGE!

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obeyed the order for self preservation purposes.

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#44

imnohero

Senior Member

Join Date: Aug 2008
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Posts: 699
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

The clear cut decision is whether you follow the law and the Constitution, not whether or not it's a good idea. It is pretty clear cut.

To be blunt, you're argument may hold true in simple situation, but it is a false dichotomy in complex ones where the law is not as clear. I'm sorry that you don't see this.

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#45

ConfusedAirman

Senior Member



Join Date: Feb 2008
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Posts: 199
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

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Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

You cannot say with absolute certainty that any law or order is lawful?

So if you were given an order to duct tape a peaceful protestor breaking no laws to prevent them from speaking, then go and burn down their church, then go their home and confiscate their legally owned weapons, then live in their house during peacetime as a military soldier, and then hang that person for treason without them getting a trial or a jury of their peers.....you wouldn't be able to say with absolute certainty that the order is unlawful?

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I will close with a question - why should whether an order is legal or not be the only reason to disobey? Legal implies man's laws - whether a federal law or the Constitution itself. What would one do with an order they perceived to simply be wrong, whether legal or not? I don't know the details behind the detainment camps. Could they have been legal under martial law or similar? I don't believe your references to the 5th and 6th Amendments fully support your position that the detainment camps violated the Constitution. The 6th Amendment is concerned with criminal prosecution and I think you will admit that the detained persons never committed a crime. But that does leave the 5th Amendment which, as you quote, "No person shall...be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law...". Note that it does NOT say "no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property", END OF SENTENCE. Persons can be so deprived WITH due process of law and that occurs everyday throughout our country as criminals are arrested, convicted, and imprisoned according to written law. But what if we write a law that says that under certain circumstances the standard laws we live by day-to-day are suspended and someone or some power has the authority to decide who to imprison or kill? That would then make such actions legal but I might choose to ignore orders based on such a law based on my own moral code and not a legal code.

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#46

PickYourBattles

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [imnohero](#) →

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I like blunt. But so far we've talked about only two situations. One was rounding up American men, women, and children absent charge or trial and throwing them into concentration camps. You agreed this was unlawful and you would not do it. The other was a hypothetical order to go into Wally World and shoot everybody wearing a hat.

If you want to make your point on "complex situations" and explain your use of the term "false dichotomy," then I would suggest you make yourself clear. Perhaps use an example from history, or bring up your own hypothetical.

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Originally Posted by [ConfusedAirman](#) →

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Doesn't bother me. I just want to know how me asking you a yes or no question relates to being "biased." I do have a viewpoint certainly, but I don't think that biases you answering a simple question.

Originally Posted by [ConfusedAirman](#) →

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But there are laws that you are expected to follow. As a representative of the government, you are not to take somebody's life, liberty, or property without the due process of law. That is law you swore to uphold. Or do you mean that each individual situation has to go to court and be ruled upon for its specifics, before you can know whether or not you should follow an order? For example, if you are given the order to shoot everybody with a hat in Wally World, and the court has not yet ruled on that situation (because they don't know about it, and nobody has brought suit, and jumped through all the legal hoops), you then assume it must be lawful, despite the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution? You know, the courts can't make an individual ruling for every single situation (whether or not the military can shoot Americans in Wally World wearing hats, whether or not they can shoot people in Wally World wearing hats AND a bracelet). There has to be a point of common sense, where people can be expected to take a law, and think for themselves. For example, "The Fifth Amendment says I cannot take the life of people without the due process of law, and it makes no caveat for those who wear hats, so it applies."

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You can disobey for whatever reason you want, and suffer the consequences. You swore to, and are legally required to, disobey unlawful orders, not orders that are lawful but you think are immoral. That is a key difference.

Yes, Americans can have life, liberty, and property taken with the due process of law. That did not happen in the example of the Americans in the 1940s we're discussing, therefore it was unlawful.

As to your questions about "what if a law was passed" that said they could arrest or kill whoever they want - you say that would make it legal. It would not make it legal, because it would violate the Fifth and Sixth Amendments. The law is like a chain of command, and our Constitution is the top dog. Any law, short of a Constitutional Amendment, that contradicts the Constitution is unlawful and should not be followed.

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#48

[bonacwolverine9497](#)

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Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

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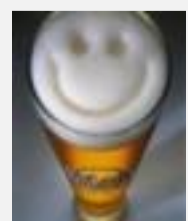
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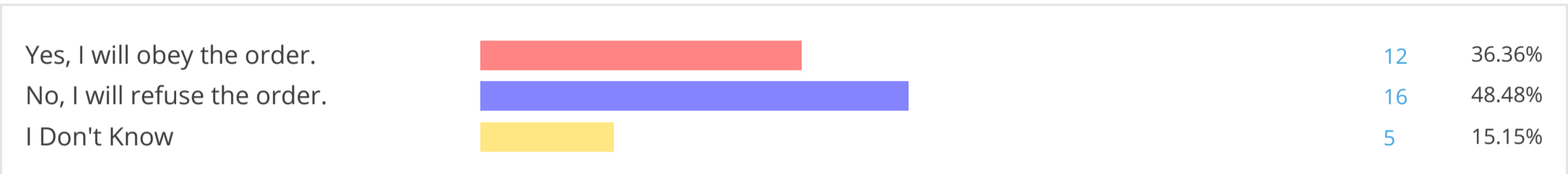
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#51

bonacwolverine9497

Junior Member
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Either way we are on the same page. With the devaluing of the dollar, inflation, the attack on the petro dollar, QE infinity, and the bubble in

treasuries right now..it is only a matter of time. There is a massive currency war going on right now, and if we lose this Americans are going to think 2008 was a picnic. Countries are already exchanging oil in there native currencies, not the dollar. It will only take someone like Russia to offer a counter currency pegged to gold that includes other oil and gas producing nations and then we are screwed.

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#52

PickYourBattles

Senior Member

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It's an interesting view that you have, that the SCOTUS interprets the Constitution for us in the military, and that we don't have an obligation or a responsibility to independently know it and what it means ourselves. Couple issues with this view:

1. Article Six of our Constitution requires both SCOTUS justices and military officers (executive officers) to swear an oath to support the Constitution. It does not require executive officers to swear an oath to the interpretations of those judicial officers, and it does not require the judiciary to swear an oath to the interpretations of the executive officers. Both groups are EQUALLY required to support the Constitution (not the other branch's interpretation of it).

Just last weekend I was at a function with several of our SCOTUS justices. Fortunately, I know a couple of them and I have the benefit of private discussions from time to time. I've never brought this particular point up in any of those discussions, and while I'd be interested to get the opinion of a judicial officer, it doesn't change my duty as an executive officer. Still, here is what Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Joseph Story had to say on the matter in his book, *Commentaries on the Constitution of the United States* published in 1833:

The constitution, contemplating the grant of limited powers, and distributing them among various functionaries, and the state governments, and their functionaries, being also clothed with limited powers, subordinate to those granted to the general government, whenever any question arises, as to the exercise of any power by any of these functionaries under the state, or federal government, it is of necessity, that such functionaries must, in the first instance, decide upon the constitutionality of the exercise of such power. It may arise in the course of the discharge of the functions of any one, or of all, of the great departments of government, the executive, the legislative, and the judicial. **The officers of each of these departments are equally bound by their oaths of office to support the constitution of the United States, and are therefore conscientiously bound to abstain from all acts, which are inconsistent with it. Whenever, therefore, they are required to act in a case, not hitherto settled by any proper authority, these functionaries must, in the first instance, decide, each for himself, whether, consistently with the constitution, the act can be done.**

It would be very convenient if this wasn't the case, and we wouldn't have to make tough decisions that might inconvenience ourselves or our paychecks, but that is what we signed up for when we took the oath. We are government servants, not employees of Enron. It's time we take our responsibility seriously and start earning the paycheck we get from taxpayers (and being good at your primary duty doesn't cut it, nor does having a boss who likes you).

2. You don't actually operate on your professed view that you can't know if something is legal or not until a judicial officer tells you it is so. If you are walking in the BX and you want to steal a candy bar, you don't call up a judge and ask them if you can or not. You know the law. The law is clear, and you are required to follow it. If somebody higher ranking than you tells you to steal a candy bar and bring it to him, you are expected to know that is illegal and to refuse that order. This should be common sense.

3. You might argue that the law doesn't cover everything and that is true. Can you steal the candy bar if you're really hungry? What if you drive a Corvette? Does the law still apply for those who drive a Corvette? No court has ruled on that particular instance of theft. So how do you know if you can take the candy or not? It's no different when it comes to killing women and children in My Lai, or whether you're ordered to assassinate or imprison Americans without charge or trial - you are expected to know the law. You don't get to phone the Supreme Court and get their opinion of what you should do, to keep your word to God and the taxpayer when you swore the oath. As a side note, the SCOTUS also refused to provide Presidents legal advice - even Presidents are expected to know and abide by the law, and the High Court refuses to give legal advice to guide the decision of the Commander in Chief.

Your view is clever, but it is absolutely incorrect. If you are not comfortable with the level of responsibility you agreed to when you joined the armed service, then you should find another source of employment where somebody above you will gladly do your thinking for you, and where you won't be required to risk yourself by making a tough call.

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imnohero ◦

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Don't have an answer for you but do have a history lesson...

Our founding fathers were rebels.

Those that supported them equaled about 1/3 of the population at the time if I remember correctly.

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You mean the ones that eventually leave the military and go work for and/or head major defense contractors?! Yeah, we have high level officers expressing their concerns... :doh ...their concern for the continued existence of what is commonly refered to as the Military Industrial Complex.

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Good question. I'll do some research and post more. My hunch is that Airman Snuffy is following a lawful order, because the Constitution gives Congress the power in Article I, Section 8 "to provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions" and "to make all laws which may be necessary for carrying into execution the foregoing powers (including the power to call forth the militia to suppress insurrections)." Article II, Section 2 states that "The President shall be Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, and of the Militia of the several States, when called into the actual Service of the United States."

As these guys have attacked federal facilities, I would imagine that Congress has passed laws which they deem "necessary and proper" to execute the power of the Commander in Chief of the militia, to suppress insurrection. I don't know off hand, but I'm sure they already have passed laws making that clear. So the answer is to be found in laws passed by Congress. The Constitution certainly does not prohibit the POTUS from using military force against an insurrection.

As to going around the nation trying to nab "sympathizers" and those who've given financial support to the group, but who are not engaged in Insurrection - the POTUS could have them arrested (whether or not military could be used would depend on the laws of Congress - Possee Comitatus might have a loop hole for such action), and then they would have to be tried in court (for treason or for another crime). The POTUS could not just indefinitely detain them or plug them with Hellfires from a drone. That would be a failure of due process.

But for those who are actively participating in Insurrection, attacking bases and such. Cleared hot.

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Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

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Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [VFFTSGT](#) →

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"Commanders are not martyrs. We didn't make it this far by telling it like it really is."
- Raymond Hammel, *Are Professional and Integrity Only a Myth?*

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#60

[bonacwolverine94](#)
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Junior Member

Join Date: Nov 2011

Posts: 5

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [VFFTSGT](#) →

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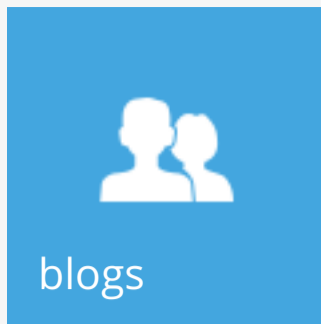
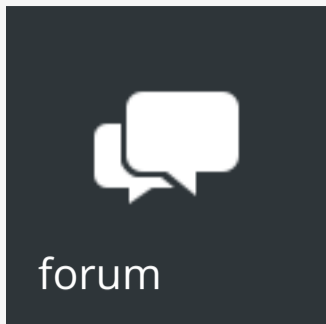
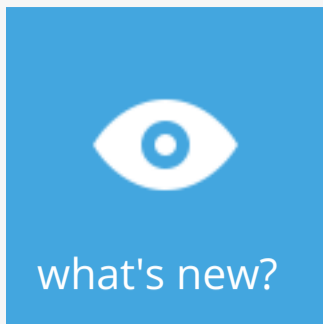
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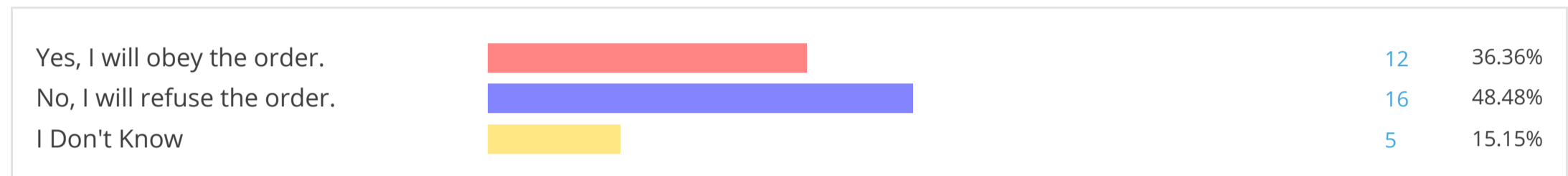
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#61

imnohero

Senior Member

Join Date: Aug 2008
Location: everywhere
Posts: 699
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: [Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s](#)

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

Good question. I'll do some research and post more. My hunch is that Airman Snuffy is following a lawful order, because the Constitution gives Congress the power in Article I, Section 8 "to provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions" and "to make all laws which may be necessary for carrying into execution the foregoing powers (including the power to call forth the militia to suppress insurrections)." Article II, Section 2 states that "The President shall be Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, and of the Militia of the several States, when called into the actual Service of the United States."

As these guys have attacked federal facilities, I would imagine that Congress has passed laws which they deem "necessary and proper" to execute the power of the Commander in Chief of the militia, to suppress insurrection. I don't know off hand, but I'm sure they already have passed laws making that clear. So the answer is to be found in laws passed by Congress. The Constitution certainly does not prohibit the POTUS from using military force against an insurrection.

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#62

Pullinteeth ◦

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2010

Location: Right about.....HERE

Posts: 1,671

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by **Robert F. Dorr** →

You can argue whether Roosevelt's decision was justified.

Many of the Japanese who were rounded up were not American citizens.

Some were active supporters of the Japanese government and cheered when Japanese forces achieved victories early in the war.

These were not concentration camps. These people were detained, not exterminated.

This of course, as Bru writes, is what you're asking for.

I think you are confusing concentration camps with extermination camps....

Originally Posted by **imnohero** →

However, you are conflating hindsight with foreknowledge in asking "would you do the same today?" The problem is that in a similar situation today, we don't have the benefit of history to inform us. The situation you pose is that of individual judgement vs. chain of command on who is or is not an "enemy." Essentially, this the "conscientious objector" situation.

Fun fact, during WWII conscientious objectors were either forced to perform labor or were imprisoned.

"I say, imagine in your private life, if you decided that I'm not going to pay my mortgage for a month or two—first of all you're not saving money by not paying your mortgage. You're just a dead beat. "

--Barak Obama

You may say I'm a dreamer But I'm not

--John Lennon

Lord of the Pings

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#63

VFFTSGT ◦

Senior Member

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by **bonacwolverine9497** →



Join Date: Jul 2012
 Location: Civilian World
 Posts: 661
 Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

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Welcome. 😊

Well, this is the MO of liberals, democrats, socialist, and even republicans...hell, pretty much anyone who's point you reject with objective facts and/or points of view.....because they cannot refute you...so they have to denounce, demonize, marginalize, and neutralize you.

“The chief function of propaganda is to convince the masses,whose slowness of understanding needs to be given time so they may absorb information;and only constant repetition will finally succeed in imprinting an idea on their mind.” –Adolph Hitler,Mein Kampf (1925)

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#64

PickYourBattles ▾

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
 Posts: 246
 Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

“ Originally Posted by [bonacwolverine9497](#) →

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I've experienced what you're talking about enormously. I was once ordered by an AETC squadron commander, to not discuss the Constitution with my officer students. This particular commander had no combat time and had spent nearly his entire career in AETC.

I've been accused of being the next Maj Nidal Hassan by a retired O-6, simply for telling officers they need to be ready to disobey unlawful orders should they get them, based on their own personal knowledge of the Constitution.

Our service has a great many inferiors in it, and many of them make rank. Be that as it may, that doesn't change our obligation to obey the law and to support our Constitution. Our service has people scared to talk. You don't want to be labeled a potential Active Shooter based on the third grader quality pamphlets they hand out, still we've got to get our comrades thinking about these issues. If we don't, those we work with will do a great deal of harm to our country, just as they did in the 1940s.

And just to bring the Ike discussion back into the original topic (like seven degrees of Kevin Bacon):



COURAGE!

Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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#65

PickYourBattles ▾

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

And here is Ike's brother talking about sending Americans to concentration camps:



COURAGE!

Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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#66

PickYourBattles

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [imnohero](#) →

What do you mean research, I thought this was a clear cut question?

So if the Constitution grants power to Congress to pass laws on a subject, and if I don't have those laws memorized, then the question is somehow complicated? You know cutting the grass isn't complicated, but it would still require me to get up and start the lawn mower.

I think my answer was pretty sufficient after taking a few minutes to thumb through the Constitution. But I can't thumb through the laws of Congress that quickly.

Originally Posted by [imnohero](#) →

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Amn Snuffy should uphold his oath to the Constitution and follow lawful orders. How is that making it more complex?

COURAGE!

Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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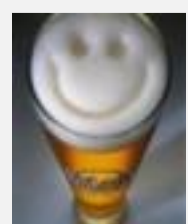
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#67

ConfusedAirman

Senior Member



Join Date: Feb 2008

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

It's an interesting view that you have, that the SCOTUS interprets the Constitution for us in the military, and that we don't have an obligation or a responsibility to independently know it and what it means ourselves.

Location: Right behind you
Posts: 199
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Not saying you can't interpret the law and act on your interpretation. Your interpretation may be right. Just that at the end of the day the legal system will have final say whether your interpretation was legal no matter how right you or anyone else believes you were.

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

2. You don't actually operate on your professed view that you can't know if something is legal or not until a judicial officer tells you it is so. If you are walking in the BX and you want to steal a candy bar, you don't call up a judge and ask them if you can or not. You know the law. The law is clear, and you are required to follow it. If somebody higher ranking than you tells you to steal a candy bar and bring it to him, you are expected to know that is illegal and to refuse that order. This should be common sense.

Yes, you give an example of a very clear law and there should not be a problem. Not all laws are that way, to include the Constitution. When not clear, you make the best judgement possible and hope there is no problem. If there is a problem then the legal system may get involved and tell you if you were right or wrong. The same applies to situations where you may think the law is perfectly clear but the legal system disagrees with your interpretation.

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

Your view is clever, but it is absolutely incorrect. If you are not comfortable with the level of responsibility you agreed to when you joined the armed service, then you should find another source of employment where somebody above you will gladly do your thinking for you, and where you won't be required to risk yourself by making a tough call.

I have always been comfortable to do my thinking. I base my actions on my own judgement, knowledge of the law and, more importantly, what I believe to be right and wrong. In my current situation I don't steal because I believe it would be wrong and not because the law says it is illegal. But my situation could change where I might steal and either not believe it to be wrong, or believe the outcome outweighs the moral crime. But I would have to say that the same reasoning might apply to the killing of innocent people or imprisoning American citizens. You seem willing to live your entire life by your oath to the Constitution. I live my life by my own moral compass and hope and pray that aligns with our Constitution and the American way of life simply because I love this country. Maybe that means I did not take my oath seriously but if such an attitude renders one unfit for military service, we will really have a hollow force.

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#68

[PickYourBattles](#) ▾

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [ConfusedAirman](#) →

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I disagree with you completely that your own personal view of morality trumps our Constitution or our laws. That's a fine way to conduct yourself as a private citizen, but it absolutely wrong as a public servant.

I'm sure many people thought it was morally right to lock up Americans in the 1940s without charge or trial. That's fine for private citizens to think that, but not as an armed government actor. We are a nation of laws, not men. We are required to obey the law. We don't have to agree with it, but it's the law. I didn't agree with doing seven deployments to Iraq or shooting poor Iraqis on the first night, who I knew were just poor schmucks trying to feed their families, who had no interest in fighting us, but were forced to man their posts by the fanatical Republican Guard and Saddam. I killed a bunch of them that night. Was that moral? I don't know. Was it lawful? Yes.

There was once a SCOTUS decision about a million dollar dam project that was put on hold because of some little endangered species minnow in the river called a Snail Darter. Went up to the High Court with one side saying it was stupid and a waste of millions to stop the project for this fish, simply because it was on Congress' list of endangered species. The court ruled to stop the project, and the Chief Justice quoted in his opinion a segment from Sir Thomas Moore:

The law, Roper, the law. I know what's legal, not what's right. And I'll stick to what's legal....I'm not God. The currents and eddies of right and wrong, which you find such plain-sailing, I can't navigate, I'm no voyager. But in the thickets of the law, oh there I'm a forester... What would you do? Cut a great road

through the law to get after the Devil?... And when the last law was down, and the Devil was turned round on you - where would you hide, Roper, the laws all being flat?... This country's planted thick with laws from coast to coast - Man's laws, not God's - and if you cut them down... d'you really think you could stand upright in the winds that would blow then?... Yes, I'd give the Devil benefit of law, for my own safety's sake.

The law, not your own personal morality, is key to being a faithful public servant.

COURAGE!

Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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#69

[DWWSWWD](#)

Senior Member

Join Date: Dec 2009
Location: here
Posts: 377
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

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In a more recent example were soldiers not asked to disarm American citizens in the wake of Hurricane Katrina? Is that lawful? It is contrary to my elementary interpretation of my right to bear arms.

Regarding Posse Commitatus... Do we use active duty military advisors to assist with domestic issues? You bet. What is the definition of advise? Are they always used only in that role?

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#70

[jconners \[Stolen Valor\]](#)

Banned

Join Date: Jul 2007
Location: Virginia City, Nevada USA
Posts: 11
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)



Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

No, I would resign my RA commission and persuade my superiors that I be reassigned pending my release from the service.

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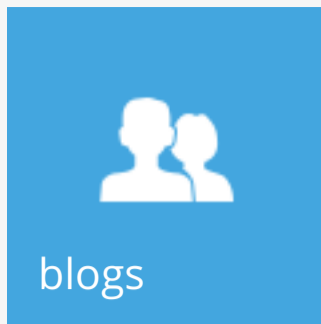
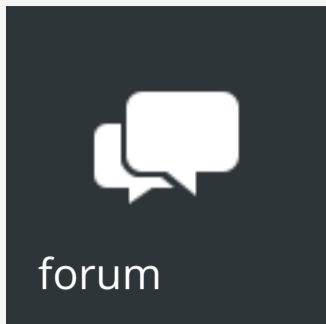
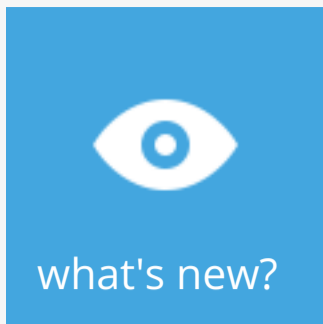


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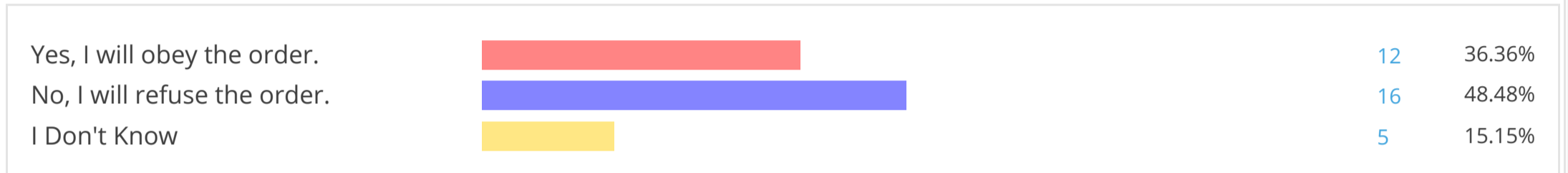
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#71

PickYourBattles

Senior Member
Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by DWWSWWD →
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Nor do we need them. Our oath isn't to the opinions of Constitutional law attorneys.

Originally Posted by DWWSWWD →
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Tricky or not, that's the oath he took. Sometimes war and such things are tricky and take effort.

Originally Posted by DWWSWWD →
The folks in the 40s had the benefit of first hand knowlege of the atrocities being committed by the Japanese soldiers and the knowlege that sympathizers lived among us. That was then. We'd probably not take a similar approach just as we'll probably not drop another nuclear bomb.

So if we have first hand knowledge of Muslims chopping off our journalist's heads over there, then it's ok or understandable for us to send Muslim Americans into concentration camps now because they might "sympathize" with the enemy?

“ Originally Posted by [DWWSWWD](#) →

In a more recent example were soldiers not asked to disarm American citizens in the wake of Hurricane Katrina? Is that lawful? It is contrary to my elementary interpretation of my right to bear arms.

No it was not lawful. It was a violation of the Second Amendment. As usual, exceptional folks honored their oaths, while the majority of inferior cowards went with the flow.



“ Originally Posted by [DWWSWWD](#) →

Regarding Posse Comitatus... Do we use active duty military advisors to assist with domestic issues? You bet. What is the definition of advise? Are they always used only in that role?

As long as they are following the law set out by Congress, it's not an issue. It wasn't until after the Civil War that Congress passed PC to keep the military from being used as a domestic law enforcement body.

COURAGE!

“ Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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Shrike

Senior Member



Join Date: Apr 2007
Location: Local Group
Posts: 653
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

I'd force them into concentration camps for a Klondike Bar.

Retirement rocks!

A 1911 in the hand is better than 911 on the phone.

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#73

F4CrewChick

Senior Member



Join Date: Apr 2010
Location: San Francisco (Big Surprise)
Posts: 178
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

I answered the poll question and commented on that question only. After reading the OP, I can understand why people are saying 'yes' to following that particular order. For myself, I cannot see myself NOT questioning that order despite the time period, 07DEC41, etc. We were at war with Germany and Italy as well but they weren't rounding up German and Italian Americans...

In response to RFD, most Japanese AMERICANS lost virtually everything because of being interned. It was and continues to be yet another racistblight in our history as a nation. When formal apologies and "restitution" were FINALLY issued, it was woefully inadequate and can never make up for that horrible, blatantly unconstitutional breach. I really can't see how others can't see this was a very clear-cut moral issue--even in 1941.

[SIGPIC]/[SIGPIC]You giggle every time you say 'cockpit'

-David Letterman "Top Ten ways to know you might not be ready to join the USAF"

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#74

BRUWIN

Senior Member



Join Date: Apr 2007
Location: Florida
Posts: 1,119
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

If somebody ordered me to arrest members of the Westboro Baptist Church tomorrow I'd be in the process of cleaning my weapons and ironing my uniform right now to prepare. I would have absolutely no qualms about it. I don't think George Washington would have any with me doing it either.

"Respect My Authoritah!" - Eric Cartman

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#75

Robert F. Dorr

Senior Member



Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by **F4CrewChick** →


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Join Date: Oct 2011
Location: Oakton, Virginia
Posts: 894
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

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I don't see this issue as being quite so clearcut, especially in the context of the time. Some of your Japanese AMERICANS (emphasis yours) were working for the other side.

However, I am still scratching my head over the "enemies, foreign and domestic..." I don't think I've ever known what that means, and this thread has brought me no closer.

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#76

PickYourBattles ◦

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

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Right, a CMSgt in the Air Force, with all that PME and experience, thinks there would be no problem with the military arresting American citizens because the government doesn't like either 1) their religion, or 2) how they exercise their right to free speech, or 3) how they exercise their right to protest.

Did I get that right? I don't want to put words in your mouth.

COURAGE!

Originally Posted by **sandsjames** →

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#77

PickYourBattles ◦

Senior Member

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Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by **Robert F. Dorr** →

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That makes sense. Did you know that some newspaper men were working for the other side? I need you to turn yourself in, where I will transport you and your family to a concentration camp. What do you mean that doesn't mean you worked for the other side, just because others like you did? Why hasn't the FBI showed up to arrest you? What's my evidence?

Just get on the bus before I shoot you, Bob.

Originally Posted by **Robert F. Dorr** →

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I think the key point is found in the text of the oath itself, "...do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic..."

Is the alleged domestic "enemy" threatening the Constitution of the United States? If the answer is no, and no further action is required to support and defend the Constitution from them, then they are not the subject of the oath.

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#78

BRUWIN ◦

Senior Member



Join Date: Apr 2007
Location: Florida
Posts: 1,119
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

Right, a CMSgt in the Air Force, with all that PME and experience, thinks there would be no problem with the military arresting American citizens because the government doesn't like either 1) their religion, or 2) how they exercise their right to free speech, or 3) how they exercise their right to protest.

Did I get that right? I don't want to put words in your mouth.

Yep, you got it absolutely spot on...except I'm a former CMSgt and I don't speak for or represent the Air Force as a uniformed member anymore.

Oh...and I was always kind of weak in PME. I was kind of a square peg in a round hole there when it came time to try and fit in there. Don't get me wrong, I had some fun in PME...but I gave many some head scratching moments.

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#79

PickYourBattles ◦

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
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Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [BRUWIN](#) →

I would have absolutely no qualms about it [using military to arrest peaceful law abiding church members in the United States]. I don't think George Washington would have any with me doing it either.

Here are a few thoughts from George Washington:

"Human rights can only be assured among a virtuous people. The general government . . . can never be in danger of degenerating into a monarchy, an oligarchy, an aristocracy, or any despotic or oppressive form so long as there is any virtue in the body of the people."

"If freedom of speech is taken away, then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter."

"A primary object should be the education of our youth in the science of government. In a republic, what species of knowledge can be equally important? And what duty more pressing than communicating it to those who are to be the future guardians of the liberties of the country?"

I particularly like this one: "Guard against the impostures of pretended patriotism."

"Citizens by birth or choice of a common country, that country has a right to concentrate your affections. The name of American, which belongs to you, in your national capacity, must always exalt the just pride of Patriotism, more than any

appellation derived from local discriminations.”

“The alternate domination of one faction over another, sharpened by the spirit of revenge, natural to party dissension, which in different ages and countries has perpetrated the most horrid enormities, is itself a frightful despotism. But this leads at length to a more formal and permanent despotism. The disorders and miseries, which result, gradually incline the minds of men to seek security and repose in the absolute power of an individual; and sooner or later the chief of some prevailing faction, more able or more fortunate than his competitors, turns this disposition to the purposes of his own elevation, on the ruins of Public Liberty.”

This one seems appropriate to this thread: "We should not look back unless it is to derive useful lessons from past errors, and for the purpose of profiting by dearly bought experience. "

“The General hopes and trusts that every officer and man will endeavor to live and act as becomes a Christian soldier defending the dearest rights and liberties of his country.”

“As Mankind becomes more liberal, they will be more apt to allow that all those who conduct themselves as worthy members of the community are equally entitled to the protections of civil government. I hope ever to see America among the foremost nations of justice and liberality.”

“It will be found an unjust and unwise jealousy to deprive a man of his natural liberty upon the supposition he may abuse it.”

“It is better to be alone than in bad company.”

And:

To the Hebrew Congregation in Newport Rhode Island.

Gentleman.

While I receive, with much satisfaction, your Address replete with expressions of affection and esteem; I rejoice in the opportunity of assuring you, that I shall always retain a grateful remembrance of the cordial welcome I experienced in my visit to Newport, from all classes of Citizens.

The reflection on the days of difficulty and danger which are past is rendered the more sweet, from a consciousness that they are succeeded by days of uncommon prosperity and security. If we have wisdom to make the best use of the advantages with which we are now favored, we cannot fail, under the just administration of a good Government, to become a great and happy people.

The Citizens of the United States of America have a right to applaud themselves for having given to mankind examples of an enlarged and liberal policy: a policy worthy of imitation. All possess alike liberty of conscience and immunities of citizenship. It is now no more that toleration is spoken of, as if it was by the indulgence of one class of people, that another enjoyed the exercise of their inherent natural rights. For happily the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens, in giving it on all occasions their effectual support.

It would be inconsistent with the frankness of my character not to avow that I am pleased with your favorable opinion of my Administration, and fervent wishes for my felicity. May the children of the Stock of Abraham, who dwell in this land, continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other Inhabitants; while every one shall sit in safety under his own vine and figtree, and there shall be none to make him afraid. May the father of all mercies scatter light and not darkness in our paths, and make us all in our several vocations useful here, and in his own due time and way everlastingly happy.

G. Washington

So, yeah. George Washington would likely have no problem with you as a military man arresting church people you don't agree with, because you don't like their speech, or their religion, or their exercising their right to protest. I'm sure that's why he was on the front lines and labored in combat for so long, to make sure we had a government that felt as comfortable as you do, violating our constitutional rights.

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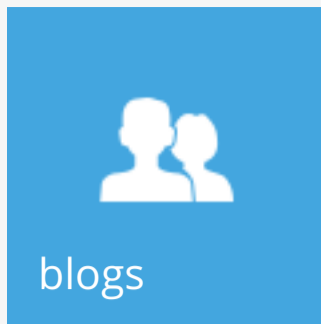
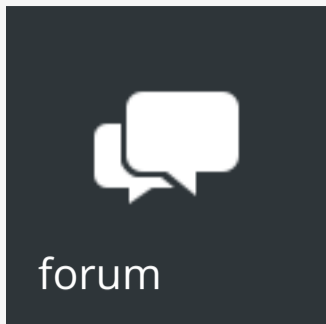
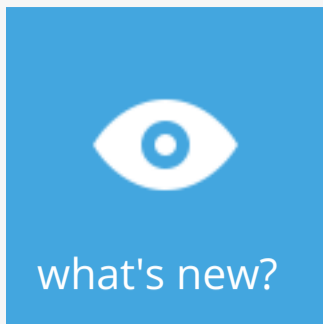
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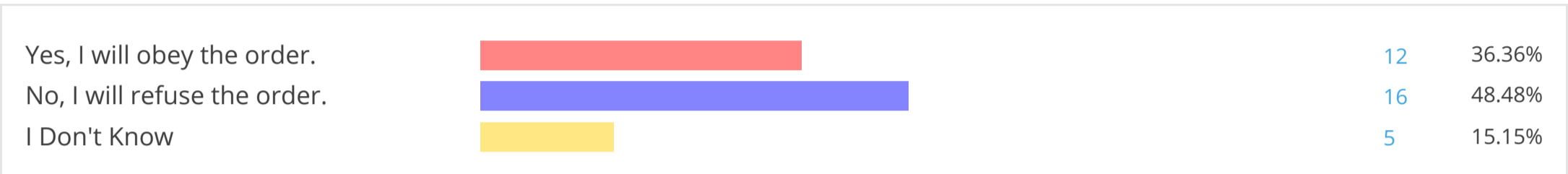
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10-05-2012, 09:54 PM #81

BRUWIN

Senior Member



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Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by PickYourBattles →
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That's perfectly ok.

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10-05-2012, 10:00 PM #82

imnohero

Senior Member

Join Date: Aug 2008
Location: everywhere
Posts: 699
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

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known what that means, and this thread has brought me no closer.

The first phrase of the oath is:

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against enemies, foreign and domestic? To think this through: I might begin with the idea that an enemy of the constitution may understandably be foreign (as in an invading army). A concept that is easy to imagine and grasp. But what is a domestic enemy of the constitution? Here I must open my thinking to understand what a "domestic enemy" might be.

- Is it anyone that verbally or in writing advocates against the constitution? Does that include congressmen advocating for an amendment? Any amendment or one that fundamentally changes the form and function of the republic? (E.g. The 12th and 23rd)
- Is a domestic enemy just those radical militia survivalist guys that talk big about the government is unconstitutional (because of the 12th and 23rd)?
- Is it people of the same ethnicity as those we are at war with, even if they haven't done anything?
- Is it only people that take direct action against the government? (e.g. Timothy McVeigh)
- Is it anyone that the government says it is?

More importantly, for the enlisted airman, how do we discern between these groups and possibilities if the entire chain of command above us agrees that a particular domestic/citizen/group is "the enemy?"

The officer oath is somewhat different because it doesn't include the enlisted phrasing of "obey the orders of the...."

Quite frankly, this is the rock and the hard place that enlisted personnel are in, because it is possible that they are being given a legal order to act against a declared "domestic enemy" while at the same time they might believe strongly that the order is in violation of the constitution.

The idea that an enlisted person could make a determination that a person or group that is declared as a "domestic enemy" isn't one and then disobey what appears to be a lawful order, on the grounds that the order is lawful but unconstitutional, is perhaps asking too much. Enlisted personnel do not function as individuals, they function as part of a system, in which they are supposed to be able to trust the judgement of the officers appointed over them. And while this is dangerously close to the "I was just following orders defense"... I see a fine line here, especially when officers fail in THEIR duty to defend the constitution.

But back to the discussion at hand, what is a "domestic enemy?" There is no official definition. Which leaves us, essentially, with only the last option, a domestic enemy is anyone that the government says it is. So then, what if the government becomes the enemy of the constitution? What is the military supposed to do, coup d'etat?

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#83

bonacwolverine94
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Junior Member

Join Date: Nov 2011

Posts: 5

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

This sort of relates to what we are talking about.

<http://theintelhub.com/2012/04/01/wi...ican-citizens/>

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#84

PickYourBattles
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Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Some tidbits from current Air Force material.

The current Laws of Armed Conflict (LOAC) CBT has these gems:

"...you can presume an order to perform a military duty is legal; but, following an order that an ordinary person would know to be illegal is not excusable." And:

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This is good stuff because it paints the reality. The command has told you the order is legal and everybody else is doing it. You'd be the only person to say no, and you'd be doing so on what you *think* and what you *feel* - no need for a phone call to the Supreme Court, no need to be a constitutional scholar. It's your responsibility to study the document and to be able to recognize an unlawful order, nobody is going to spoon feed you, and most certainly not the government. You are still duty bound to refuse unlawful orders even when the command, and their JAGs, and the POTUS, and everybody who can make your life a living hell says the order is lawful. Still, if it's not lawful, you are obligated to refuse to obey it whatever the consequences. That is why we are a service, and not a business. If you are willing to risk being a POW in war with our foreign enemies, then this really shouldn't be too much to ask.

Also, an essay called *Three Important Documents*, which was required reading for Squadron Officer School PME (but was pulled due to some religious language) offers:

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#86

VFFTSGT ◦

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Are you kidding me?! No one pays attention to the any CBT much less the LOAC CBT.

Just like the FP CBT...the AF does things all the time that is contrary to what the FP CBT teaches us. The most significant/high profile case I can point to is the bus incident in Germany.

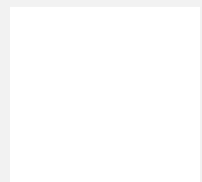
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sandsjames ◦

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Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

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#88

imnohero ◦

Senior Member

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 Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

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#89

PickYourBattles ◦

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False comparison between what? I posted it because the service teaches us that we have to refuse to obey unlawful orders. Unlawful when hunting cave dwellers on the other side of the world, and also unlawful orders that put our countrymen here at home at risk. If we are expected to disobey orders that are unlawful because they violate international laws, then we damn sure are expected to refuse orders that violate our constitutional law.

Originally Posted by **imnohero** →

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It's the same for Es and Os. Both Os and Es (via the UCMJ) are required to obey the lawful orders of those above them. Both are required to disobey unlawful orders. Both will face a government, commander, shirt, chain of command, and the full weight of the POTUS if an unlawful order comes down. Both will risk court martial and possible jail time, and a possible felony for life, and dismissal from the service. Both risk the same. Cowards will shirk at the risk, and great men and women will do what is right for their nation having pondered being in a POW camp if captured in combat. When you think of it like that, it's no big deal at all and those timid souls should be sure to never meet an American POW who gave so much more for their nation.

Or a Civil Rights activist from the 60s. But I digress.

Originally Posted by **imnohero** →

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Yeah, I maintain that because it's absolutely true. If an order violates the Constitution, then it absolutely is unlawful. As I've said before, and as should be crystal clear to any American but especially one that works for the government, the Constitution is the SUPREME law of the land. The Constitution created the government, it created Congress, it creates their ability to make law - and the supremacy clause means that no law can override the Constitution. Again, this should be common sense.

And that's true from an officer or enlisted "perspective" because your perspective doesn't change jack about the fact violating the Constitution is illegal, regardless of what anybody has to say.

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#90

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Posts: 1,716

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [imnohero](#) →

OK, here is a hypothetical.

An extreme libertarian militia group, centered in Idaho, but with supporters throughout the CONUS, begins attacking government facilities and military bases. They take control of the Idaho government, police force, disband the ID national guard, except the loyalists. During a similar time-frame, sympathizers grab control of several army depots (include a chemical munitions disposal facility). This group, american citizens all, are threatening the safety and security of the government and the american people. They advocate Idaho succession and overthrow of the american government.

The POTUS authorizes military action to retake Idaho and capture and detain all sympathizers and supporters across the country. Casting a wide net, the JCS decides to initially detain anyone physically or financially connected to the group and sends orders down the chain.

Airman Snuffy (a security policeman) 10 layers down the chain of command is ordered to assist the national guard in Alabama in this process. Is he following a lawful order?

Without doing any research - I would say that would be justifiable, just as it was in the Civil War. Combatants declaring war against the United States, so using the military to put them down would be perfectly Constitutional.

However, the Constitution would still restrict our response. Let's say the rebels were Mormon. Would that make it okay for me to shoot/torture/detain every Mormon I see?

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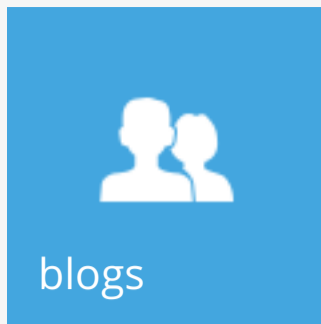
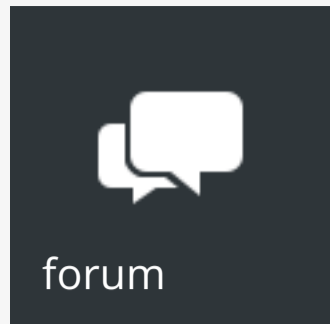
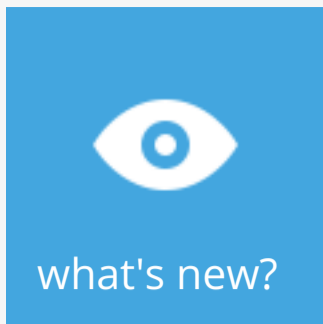
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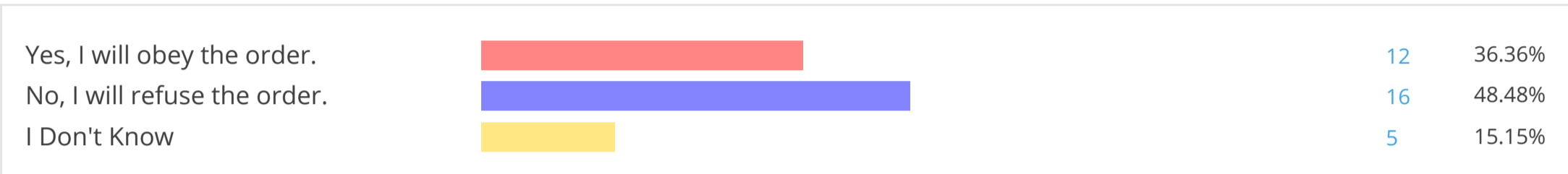
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#91

PickYourBattles

Senior Member
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Originally Posted by Joe Bonham →

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Who took military action first during the Civil War? Pretty sure it was the Union. The South was an immoral shit hole, as it remains mostly today. But the South was right, and they did have the right to secede. There is absolutely nothing in the Constitution that says states cannot secede, or that the federal government can hold states hostage. The Texas v. White one line "argument" that the preamble says "more perfect union" is no constitutional defense, not by a long shot, and certainly does not compare to the fact the Constitution states that powers not granted to the federal government, or denied to the states, are reserved to the states. The power to secede or not is NOT discussed in the Constitution, therefore that power is reserved to the states.

Originally Posted by Joe Bonham →

However, the Constitution would still restrict our response. Let's say the rebels were Mormon. Would that make it okay for me to shoot/torture/detain every Mormon I see?

I agree that during an insurrection (not a secession), the government's justified military action would still be restricted by the Constitution.

COURAGE!

“ Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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10-06-2012, 12:17 AM

#92

[Robert F. Dorr](#) ◦

Senior Member



Join Date: Oct 2011
Location: Oakton, Virginia
Posts: 894
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

This discussion illustrates the difficulty of distinguishing an act of war from a crime. Some have made an argument that the attack on the World Trade Center was a crime while the attack on the Pentagon was an act of war. For a "domestic" enemy to cross the line from criminal to combatant, the bar would have to be high. Timothy McVeigh would not qualify. He was a criminal.

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10-06-2012, 02:03 AM

#93

[PickYourBattles](#) ◦

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

“ Originally Posted by [Robert F. Dorr](#) →

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The discussion about American citizens in the 1940s imprisoned without charge or trial, and without even suspicion of any kind of unlawful activity (as in individual suspicion), makes it tough to distinguish between an act of war and a crime? I don't understand.

They didn't commit any crimes or acts of war. What's to distinguish? The only wrong doing was the government's violation of the Constitution and common sense.

COURAGE!

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10-06-2012, 02:04 AM

#94

Join Date: Aug 2008
 Location: everywhere
 Posts: 699
 Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by **Robert F. Dorr** →

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You have hit the nail on the head here. How is a soldier or airman to distinguish between criminal and combatant? Men and women "in the trenches", as it were, that are not experts in either criminal or military law. We have no firm definition of "domestic enemy", and there isn't any clear cut line between criminal and combatant, even if the bar is high, it's an unknown height.

Who's judgement is he or she supposed to rely on, his own or that of the officers and analysts and whoever, that are supposed to be making these determinations? If you're an officer in the Pentagon that's one thing, but as an enlisted grunt we rely on and trust in the good judgement of the officers. So if the chain of command and the officers we trust and rely on say that some person or group is an enemy and a combatant...american citizen or otherwise...we are pretty likely to obey, even if we have personal doubts, exactly because we aren't in a position to form a legitimate legal objection to such and order.

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10-06-2012, 03:51 AM

#95

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Join Date: Feb 2011
 Posts: 1,716
 Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by **PickYourBattles** →

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You're right. And if I recall from my readings, there was very little interest among Northern voters to fight and die to keep the South in the fold... what screwed the Confederacy was their attack on Fort Sumter - so initiated hostilities, and caused enough public outrage to fuel Lincoln's war effort.

So I agree with you, the Constitution allowed the South to secede - and perhaps the war set some unfortunate precedents - but it was a serious strategic blunder on the part of Johnny Reb that did him in. An attack on the United States, however small, has never yielded good results.

Originally Posted by **imnohero** →

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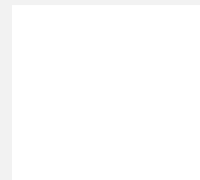
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Its understood that one of us make the wrong decision - be it confusion or fear, or just plain old getting caught up in the moment... but there's no justification for uncertainty while sitting in our comfy chairs in front of the computer. If you're uncertain now... well, the odds of making the right choice in a combat situation are that much smaller.

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#96



Join Date: Jun 2008
Location: Texas
Posts: 6,984
Mentioned: 18 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by Joe Bonham →

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10-06-2012, 05:05 AM

#97



Join Date: Jun 2008
Location: Air, Space, and Cyberspace
Posts: 871
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by PickYourBattles →

Based on the majority of answers I see in this thread, if I were a law abiding patriotic American citizen, I would be absolutely scared shitless of my military and I would fear that the money I pay them to protect my rights, is being wasted by cowards with no character.

Call me a coward, sheep, or whatever you like... but as sandsjames, we can speculate all day long about what we would or wouldn't do, but until the time comes where we're given an order, how we'd respond will be driven by the information we have at the time. The Libya example was mentioned above; so on day 61, if ordered to generate an air craft, process crew orders, load bombs on an F-16, or whatever, how many people refused that order? While I could be wrong, given it hasn't been on the front page of the paper, I'm betting zero. Not the first time we've rolled past day 60, yet I haven't seen the military shut down and refuse to execute the ATO.

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10-06-2012, 12:05 PM

#98

Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by sandsjames →

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SandsJames, will you cut your wife's head off in the future, if she were to insult or offend you? Or can you not know what you would do if put in that situation, because your principle easily gives way to emotion at the time (fear, anger, etc)? Just wondering.

COURAGE!

Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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10-06-2012, 12:11 PM

#99

PickYourBattles

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [CrustySMSgt](#) →

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Originally Posted by [CrustySMSgt](#) →

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Tell that to the investigator during your next investigation. If they ask if you would take violent action to overthrow the government, or if you would sell secrets to our enemies for money, make sure you let the person know that you can't say for certain - that it depends on the details of the situation at the time.

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Senior Member



Join Date: Jun 2008
 Location: Air, Space, and Cyberspace
 Posts: 871
 Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

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Didn't hurt my feelings... I'm just saying to call the thousands who have given their lives and place themselves in harm's way every day cowards because of your assumption as to how they'd handle a hypothetical situation BS.

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

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Apples & oranges

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

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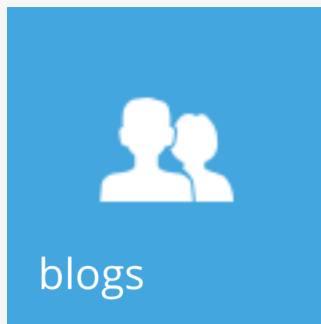
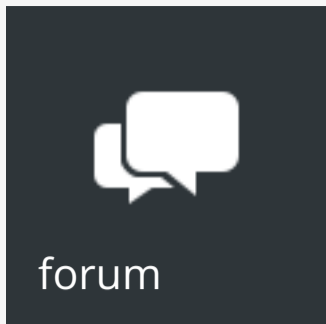
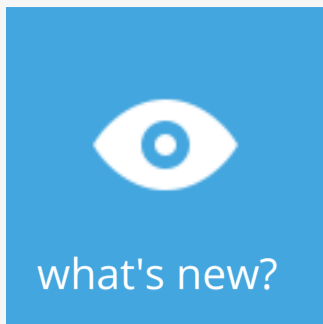
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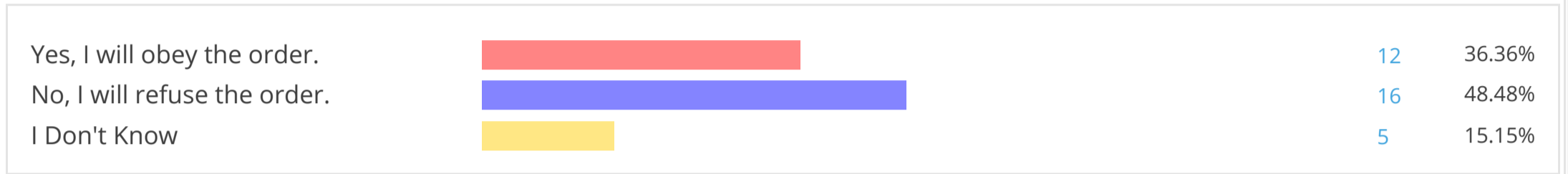
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Thread: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s?

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#101

PickYourBattles

Senior Member
Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by CrustySMSgt →
 Didn't hurt my feelings... I'm just saying to call the thousands who place themselves in harm's way every day, yet are unconcerned with their oaths to the Constitution and may lock up their American neighbors in concentration camps without charge or trial, because to refuse and unlawful order might mean negative consequences for them, cowards is BS.

Fixed it for you.

Originally Posted by CrustySMSgt →
 Apples & oranges

Apples and oranges? How do you figure? You said you won't know if you'd follow an unlawful order to violate the Constitutional rights of your American neighbors until you're in that situation. So how on earth could you know if you will break the law by selling secrets to our enemies, until you're put in that position? I'd really like to know how you know this now, despite not being put into that situation.

Could it be because it's unlawful and you will follow the law and you will not unlawfully harm the Americans who pay your bills by selling secrets to the enemy, and even if inconvenient, you will do the legal thing? Or can you not know until some agent walks up to you and makes the offer, you know, depending on the information you have at

the time (like the price he's offering)?

Originally Posted by [CrustySMSgt](#) →

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Ok, not sure if we're in Comedy Hour now or what. It appears you are saying somebody didn't TELL YOU it was unlawful, and you can't be expected to research the law yourself before hand to better fulfill the obligation in the oath you took.

Originally Posted by [CrustySMSgt](#) →

So, are you saying everyone who got up on "day 61" and followed the orders of the day is a coward, a criminal, and should be brought up on charges, all the way up to the commander in chief?

Go back and take a look at what I said if you're not sure, there is a scroll bar to the right of your screen.

COURAGE!

Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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#102

CrustySMSgt ◦

Senior Member



Join Date: Jun 2008
Location: Air, Space, and Cyberspace
Posts: 871
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

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#103

Senior Member
Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [CrustySMSgt](#) →

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Graceful exit so that you don't have to answer how you don't know if you will break the law when it comes to locking up your neighbors in concentration camps until you're in that situation, yet you know that you won't sell secrets to our enemies now without being in that situation.

Good timing on your departure. That line of questioning probably wouldn't have worked out well for you.

COURAGE!

Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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10-06-2012, 02:27 PM

#104

Senior Member
Join Date: Aug 2008
Location: everywhere
Posts: 699
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

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#105

Banned

Join Date: Jun 2008
Location: Texas
Posts: 6,984
Mentioned: 18 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [imnohero](#) →

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#106

Senior Member
Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [ConfusedAirman](#) →

I base my actions on my own judgement, knowledge of the law and, more importantly, what I believe to be right and wrong. In my current situation I don't steal because I believe it would be wrong and not because the law says it is illegal. But my situation could change where I might steal and either not believe

it to be wrong, or believe the outcome outweighs the moral crime. **But I would have to say that the same reasoning might apply to the killing of innocent people or imprisoning American citizens.** You seem willing to live your entire life by your oath to the Constitution. I live my life by my own moral compass and hope and pray that aligns with our Constitution and the American way of life simply because I love this country. **Maybe that means I did not take my oath seriously but if such an attitude renders one unfit for military service, we will really have a hollow force.**

Quoted for posterity.

COURAGE!

“ Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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#107

PickYourBattles ◦

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

“ Originally Posted by [imnohero](#) →

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I called nobody in this thread a coward or failure. Please post evidence otherwise.

COURAGE!

“ Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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#108

PickYourBattles ◦

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

“ Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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Please don't take your position (that you don't know if you will violate the Constitution and throw Americans into concentration camps unlawfully because, in your words, "fight or flight" might take over) and then apply your values and your actions and your character to everybody else who has served. You do them a disservice.

And let's not forget who really ends my discussions. [You, reporting a post for harassment, when it was anything but -](#)

and stating that I had said I would "track you down and expose your identity," even though I had said nothing of the kind.

So, when you get bested in an argument, your "trend" is to report a post for harassment, even when there is none, because you don't like your values being exposed. So just report the post and get it over with, earn your cheap ban by leveraging the fact that the moderator(s) here can't be bothered with investigating whether somebody actually did harass somebody.

COURAGE!

“ Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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#109

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Senior Member

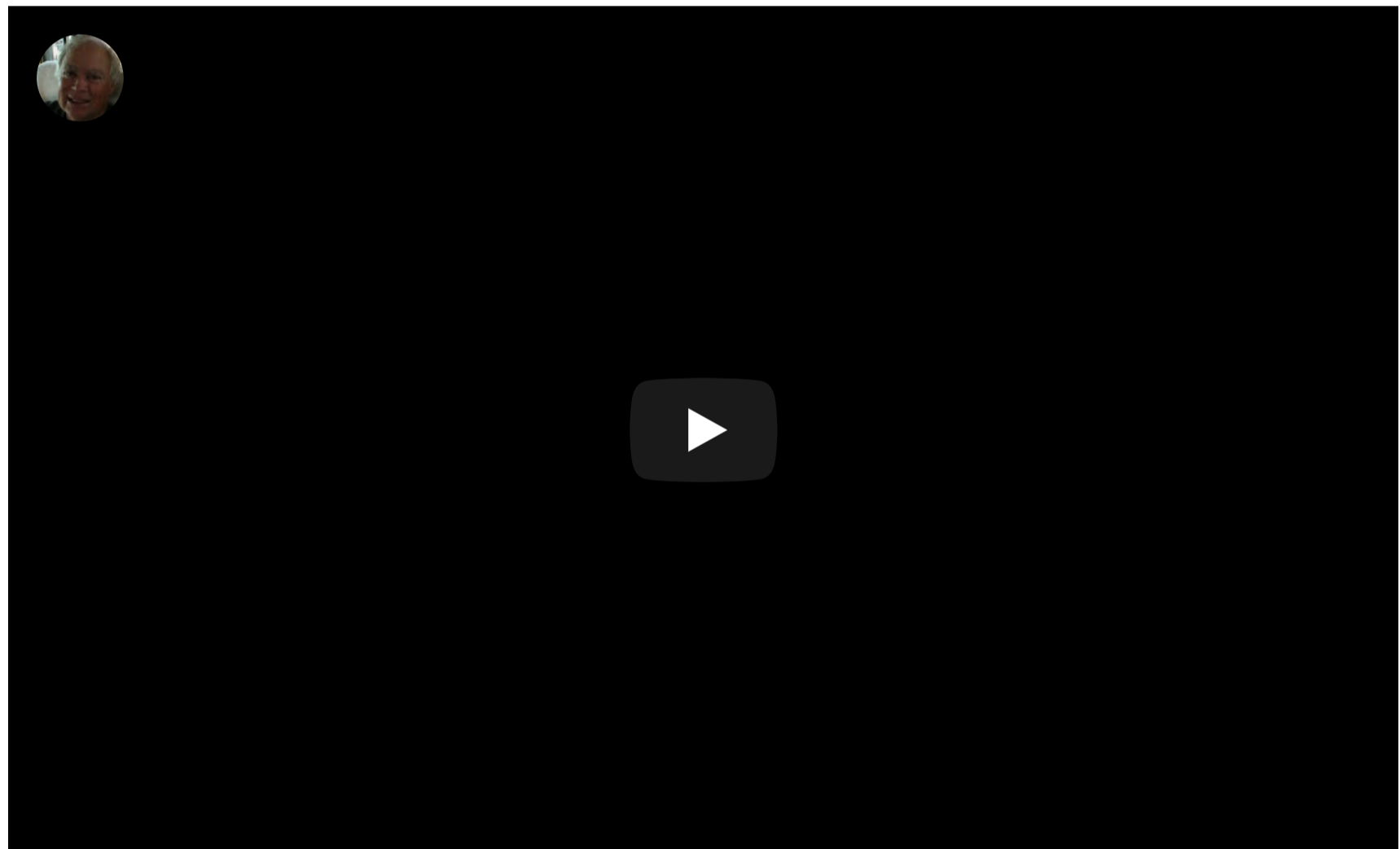
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For your edification:



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#110



Senior Member



Join Date: Mar 2012
Location: Baltimore
Posts: 3,669
Mentioned: 14 Post(s)

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

The question is about what you would do now, given the full benefit of history. With everything you know now, if this exact same situation presented itself, would you obey or not?

Then I'm inclined to answer no, I probably wouldn't have. There is no way to know for sure and I'm not sure what this exercise proves.

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

Still they took an oath to support and defend the Constitution. Not knowing it, and yet swearing to God you will support and defend it, is a pretty shoddy defense don't you think? If you're ordered to secure the ECP from imminent attack and asked if you can be counted on to do it, and you say, "I swear it - you can trust me!" and then later after the flight line is destroyed you throw up your shoulders and say, "I didn't know what the ECP was or where it was, and I didn't think to find out" - is that a good defense? Is that the defense you want to take?

It's a horrible defense.

However, what is shoddy is your analogy. When I was a young Security Policeman the Air Force didn't let me anywhere near an ECP until they sent me through a formal training school, local training at my first duty station that included OJT and a certification process.

The only training or briefings I can recall having during my career on lawful and unlawful orders came under Law of Armed Conflict and that was geared mainly toward distinguishing combatants and noncombatants.

However, that wasn't even my point. My point on stating that the young soldiers of early 1942 were not briefed on the constitution was this. Those soldiers were told that they were at war with Japan and that the Japanese Americans were possible threat. This idea that the Japanese Americans were a possible threat was likely bolstered in their minds by the recent Japanese attacks, public sentiment, the news media, the entertainment industry and the propaganda of the day.

Fear for the future of the country likely validated the threat their minds. They did not view that order through the lens of the constitution. It probably never entered their minds.

I'm not speaking in terms of "right or wrong" or "legal or illegal" but in the terms of motivators of human behavior and decision making.

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

Again, the question is how you would have handled it given what you know now. You mentioned fear. Courage means doing the right thing when you are afraid. Courage does NOT exist when a person is not afraid. **What I take from your answer is that if you are afraid to do right, then you will not do right. Everybody has a breaking point.** Most people will do what they need to do to survive. That's not lost on me.

Fear and anger do alter how people process information and respond to events as both individuals and in groups. Sometimes it prompts them into making a choice that is both beneficial to survival and that is also consistent with the values we cherish.

Sometimes it doesn't. Sometimes it alters the perception of an entire group of people as to what is justified and atrocities occur.

Real cute retort there and it did send a flash of embarrassment through my face as I read it.

Nice of you to flip my comment around to the facet that deals with an individual who knows what is right but doesn't defend his beliefs, not because of a marred perspective, but because of fear for their personal safety.

I'm sure none of us want to behave in a dishonorable manner but the unfortunate thing is some people do.

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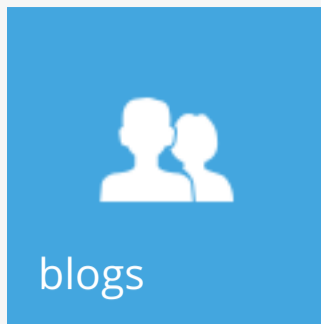
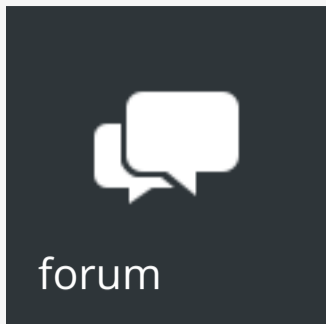
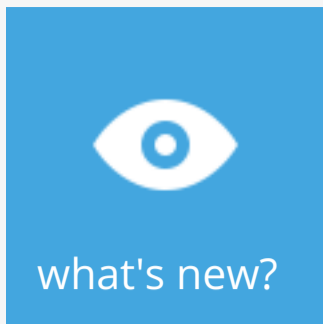
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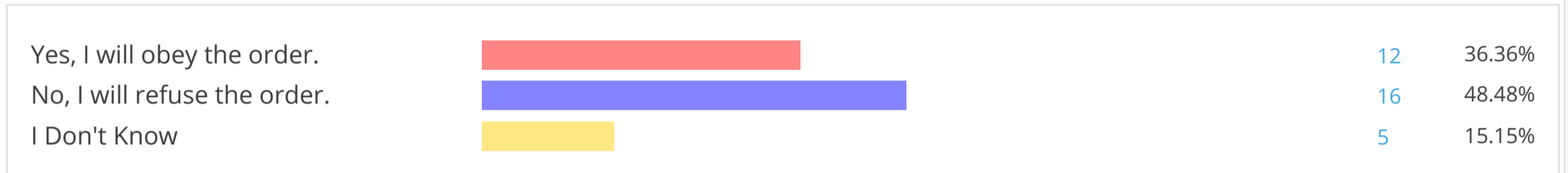
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Thread: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s?

10-06-2012, 04:23 PM

#111

tiredretiredE7

Senior Member

Join Date: Jun 2012
Location: retired usa
Posts: 347
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Here is a modern day hypothetical scenario for you to consider. What would have happened in our country if Bush would have turned the two most recent wars into religious wars? We would have thousands (even if 1% were radicalized) of potential Muslims in our country who would become radicalized and fight for their religion by randomly committing violent attacks against mass population targets. This would be completely random it would be impossible which Muslim would commit the next attack and where the attack would take place.

Would I willingly follow an order to arrest and incarcerate suspected radicalized Muslims without due process? Absolutely and I would do it for free. This is a realistic scenario that Bush avoided but could have very easily occurred. I would not execute or kill suspected Muslims if they did not meet R.O.E.

PYB, what would you do in this scenario?

Originally Posted by PickYourBattles

I believe this is the most important discussion facing the military today, because our government is trending in this same direction now with the NDAA legislation. But we're not talking about the NDAA here, we're talking about the situation in the 1940s. Please feel free to study up on President Franklin Roosevelt's order to have the military force 70,000 American citizen men, women, and children into concentration camps absent charge or trial and then put yourself in that situation, and indicate whether you would have

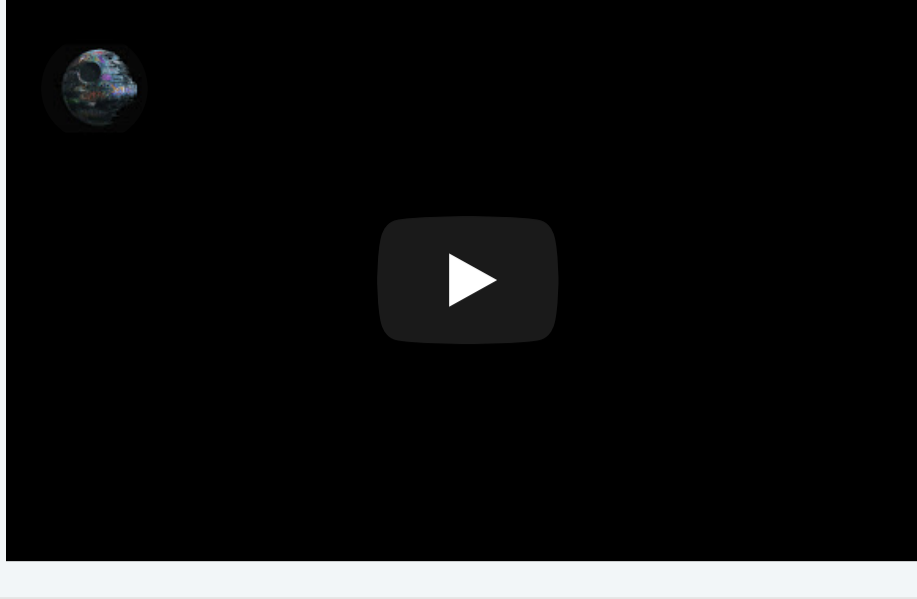
obeyed the order or not had you been told to fix bayonets and go door to door rounding up Americans to put on buses to take them to the camps. I will provide some information as a starting point.

Please note, the reason a third option (I Don't Know) has been included is because from previous discussions, it's clear that some have taken that position, stating that they don't know if they would have forced their American neighbors and their children into concentration camps in that situation. Some have said they don't know what they would have done. **Of course, they have the full weight of history as a benefit, so based on that information, they should know what they would do if put into that exact same situation today.** Some want to punt on the question, however, just as I assume by the same logic they would also punt if I asked them if they would rape somebody this weekend (they apparently can't know anything about what they would do until put in that situation, a position I hope they tell the investigator during their next security clearance investigation).

So here are some facts about the military forcing Americans into concentration camps in the 1940s:

1. The military took an oath to support and defend the Constitution.
2. The Fifth Amendment of the Constitution states, "No person shall...be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law..."
3. The Sixth Amendment of the Constitution states, "In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence."
4. Article Three, Section Three of the Constitution states, "Treason against the United States, shall consist only in levying War against them, or in adhering to their Enemies, giving them Aid and Comfort. No Person shall be convicted of Treason unless on the Testimony of two Witnesses to the same overt Act, or on Confession in open Court."
5. The government did not charge any of these Americans with a crime as a pretext to their incarceration, and they were not provided a trial and were not sentenced by a jury of their peers prior to being imprisoned in the camps.
6. At the point of the President's order, the judiciary had not ruled on whether such an order was lawful or not. Similarly, if you were to get an order today to go into Wal-mart and shoot every person wearing a hat, that order would also have not been ruled upon by the judiciary (ie, whether or not it's lawful for the military to shoot every hat wearer in a Wally World).

So you're given the order to force American citizens at gunpoint into concentration camps, absent charge or trial. Do you obey the order, or do you refuse it as an unlawful order in accordance with the oath you took to our Constitution?



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10-06-2012, 05:28 PM

#112

imnohero

Senior Member

Join Date: Aug 2008
Location: everywhere
Posts: 699
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

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10-06-2012, 05:44 PM

#113

PickYourBattles

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [imnohero](#) →

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Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

It's a recurring trend. For some reason he thinks these reactions are any different than they would have been at any point over the past couple hundred years. He's not just calling us cowards, he's calling millions of people who have served throughout generations cowards, unless he's assuming that military members in past wars/conflicts would have answered any different. I'm impressed he stayed civil as long as he did this time but, as usual, it's all beginning to devolve.

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

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Good, we agree then. Just because I speak about cowardice and failure in general terms, does not mean I'm calling any particular individual a coward or failure. If certain individuals identify with cowardice or failure, that is another matter.

I personally think it's acceptable to identify individual cowards and failures, but I understand how sensitive some are to that feedback, and how easily they will report posts for harassment that don't make them feel all warm and fuzzy inside.

Glad we agree.

COURAGE!

“ Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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10-06-2012, 05:51 PM

#114

[imnohero](#) ◦

Senior Member

Join Date: Aug 2008
Location: everywhere
Posts: 699
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

“ Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

Good, we agree then.

Glad we agree.

No, we most definitely do not agree.

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10-06-2012, 05:58 PM

#115

[Robert F. Dorr](#) ◦

Senior Member



Join Date: Oct 2011
Location: Oakton, Virginia
Posts: 894
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

“ Originally Posted by [imnohero](#) →

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10-06-2012, 06:02 PM

#116

[PickYourBattles](#) ◦

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

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#117

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Senior Member

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Posts: 246

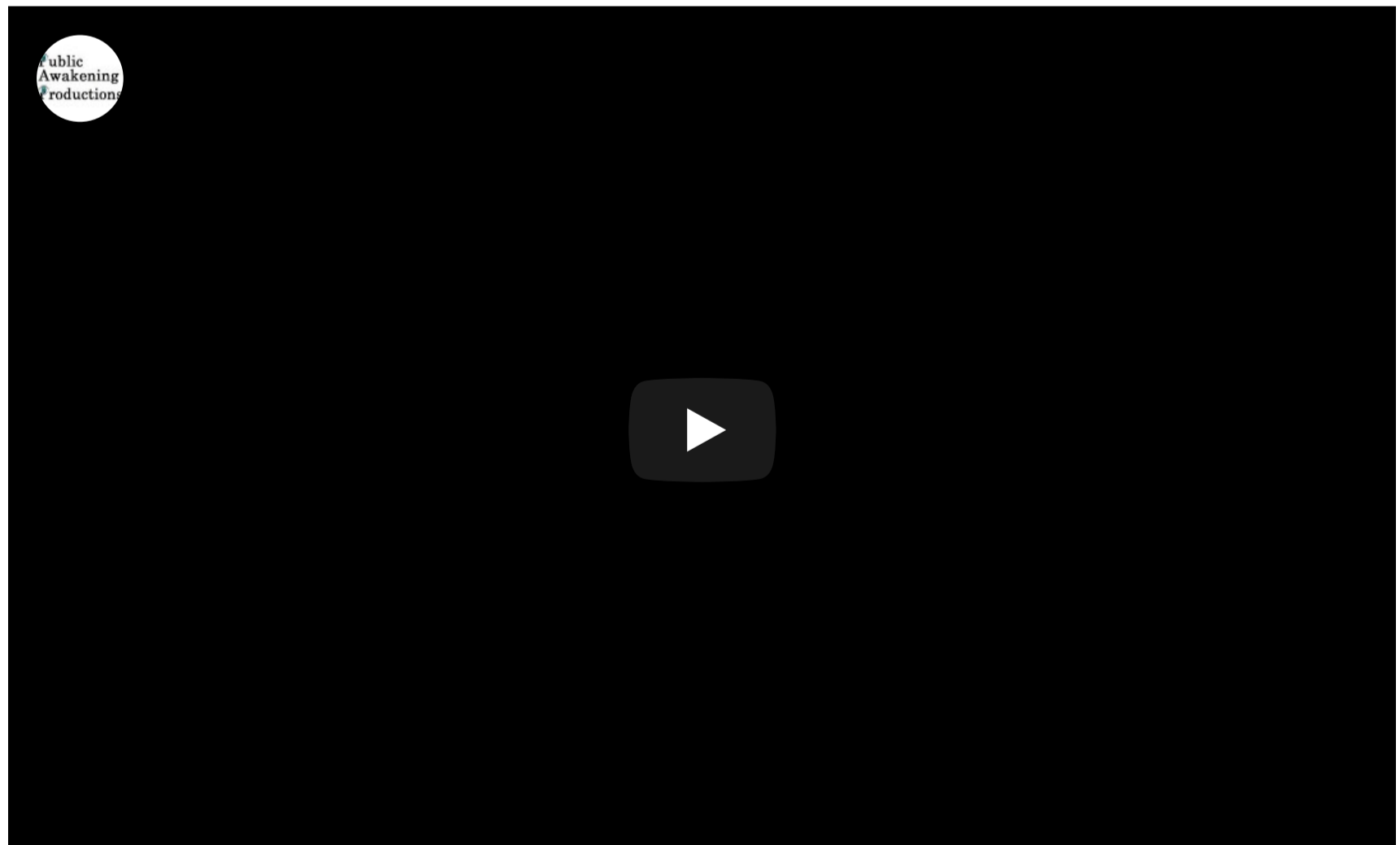
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Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Speaking of cowardice and failure, there have been a few here who say you can't know what you will do until the situation presents itself. You can't know if you will act unlawfully or not until in that situation. Some here, even those with a lot of experience and rank, have said that a piece of paper means nothing to them (our Constitution, the laws of Congress, the UCMJ, AFI, etc) and that they will follow their own edicts in the situation.

When asked how they can tell their security clearance investigator how they can then promise not to sell secrets to our enemy, they have refused to answer and have instead left the discussion.

I wonder if this attitude and this lack of the basics isn't a recipe for failure, when so many among us share that attitude and refuse to be bound by the law? This "anything goes" "choose your own reality" "it's complicated and subjective and situationally dependent" sort of mindset on very basic legal questions. Does that attitude equate to unlawful actions? The video below, while I don't agree with much of it, does touch on this subject.



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10-06-2012, 06:18 PM

#118

PickYourBattles

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [Absinthe Anecdote](#) →

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COURAGE!

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#119

PickYourBattles

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [Robert F. Dorr](#) →

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#120

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Senior Member

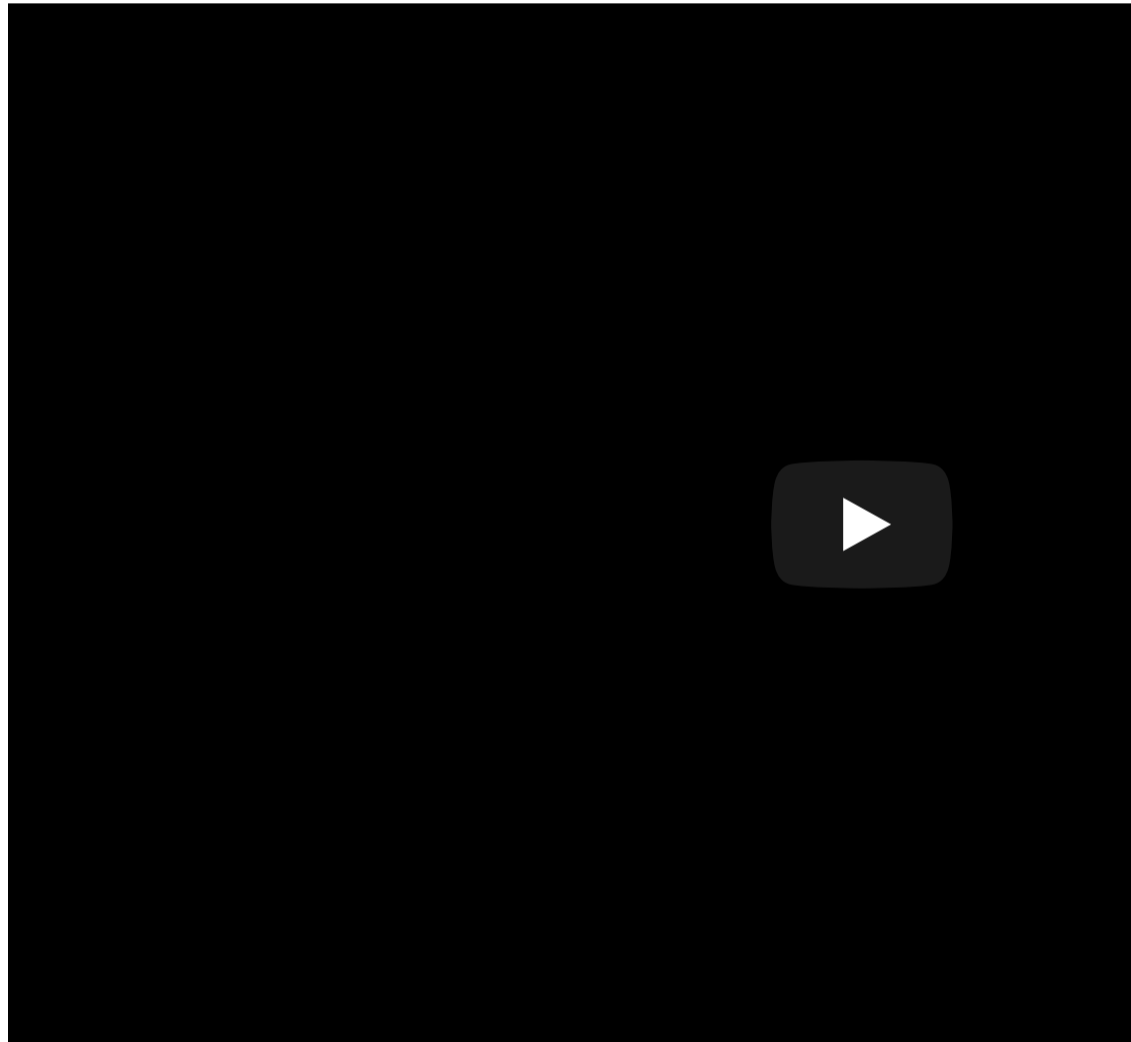
Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

This is kind of interesting. Recently an American who was imprisoned in the concentration camps in the 1940s spoke out against the Border Patrol's habit of stopping innocent Americans at checkpoints, far from any border, without any suspicion of the committing any crime. For my part, I think this is a very important piece of American history, and these folks have a very valuable perspective to offer the rest of us, so that perhaps we will change our ways and not repeat the same painful lessons we should have already learned.



COURAGE!

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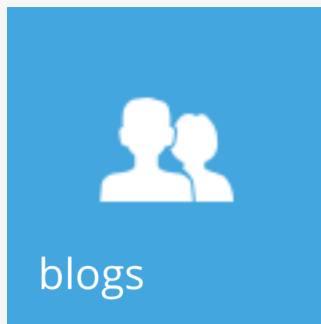
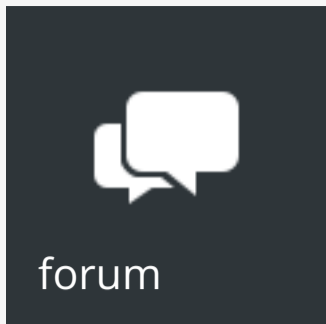
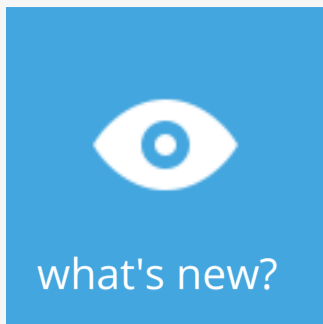
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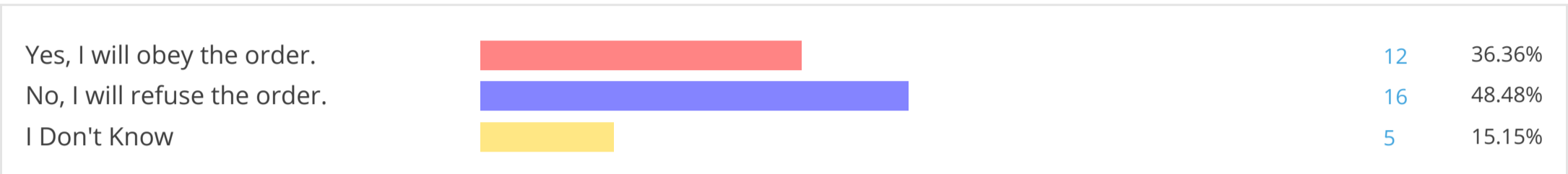
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Thread: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s?

10-06-2012, 08:23 PM #121

imnohero

Senior Member
Join Date: Aug 2008
Location: everywhere
Posts: 699
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →
Ok, so you are saying, or are not saying, that I called somebody here a coward or failure? Take your time, I know it's difficult.

Absolutely, that's what I'm saying, and not saying, and I don't agree with you. What part of this don't you understand?

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10-06-2012, 08:26 PM #122

Robert F. Dorr

Senior Member

Join Date: Oct 2011
Location: Oakton, Virginia
Posts: 894
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →
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Absinthe Anecdote



Senior Member



Join Date: Mar 2012
 Location: Baltimore
 Posts: 3,669
 Mentioned: 14 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

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Is this threat from a particular sector? Can you be a little more specific? I know I usually crack jokes around here but I'm curious to what the specific threat is.

I'm retired now but you were successful in spurring me to think about this issue.

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PickYourBattles

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
 Posts: 246
 Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [Robert F. Dorr](#) →

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I mentioned age because at your age, you should know better than what you have demonstrated in this thread.

I mentioned your education, because I assume that you are fairly well educated. Regardless, as an author, and with the level of research you do for your many books, you should know better than what you have demonstrated in this thread.

COURAGE!

Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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PickYourBattles

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

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Posts: 246
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I'm implying nothing. Glad you're thinking about this issue.

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#126

Absinthe Anecdote

Senior Member



Join Date: Mar 2012
Location: Baltimore
Posts: 3,669
Mentioned: 14 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

“ Originally Posted by [jconners](#) →

No, I would resign my RA commission and persuade my superiors that I be reassigned pending my release from the service.

Tell us a few Ranger stories Mr. Conners! How about a few stories about the Chinese Bandit LRRPs.

Please!

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#127

sandsjames

Banned



Join Date: Jun 2008
Location: Texas
Posts: 6,984
Mentioned: 18 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s


“ Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

So, when you get bested in an argument, your "trend" is to report a post for harassment, even when there is none, because you don't like your values being exposed. So just report the post and get it over with, earn your cheap ban by leveraging the fact that the moderator(s) here can't be bothered with investigating whether somebody actually did harass somebody.

If once is a "trend" then so be it.

Do you honestly feel that you have "exposed" my values? You are more egotistical than I thought.

This pity party you are throwing for yourself is pretty pathetic and, not surprisingly, makes me chuckle a little.

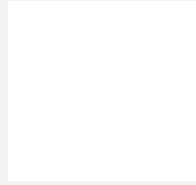
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#128

sandsjames ◦

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Join Date: Jun 2008
Location: Texas
Posts: 6,984
Mentioned: 18 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Hey everybody. There is a huge threat to our nation. There is a trend. I know what it is, but I'm not going to tell you. Just be ready.

I think somebody should run for office. He has the art of saying a lot without saying anything perfected.

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10-06-2012, 10:42 PM

#129

PickYourBattles ◦

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

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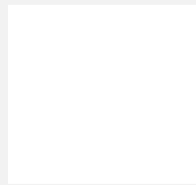
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You've made it about me with more than one post. If you don't want it to be about me, then quit mentioning me.

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The pity you want for being banned. Poor PYB. Got banned for no good reason. So now you feel the need to mention it in every thread you post in. Why else would you keep posting it if you didn't want pity? Is it because you are still trying to "expose" me? What is it with that anyway? I haven't been "exposed" in front of a computer screen in quite a few years.

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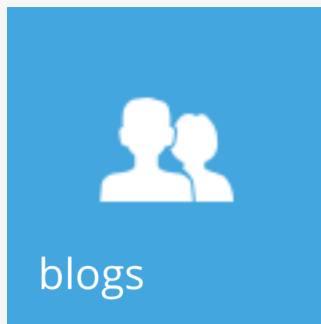
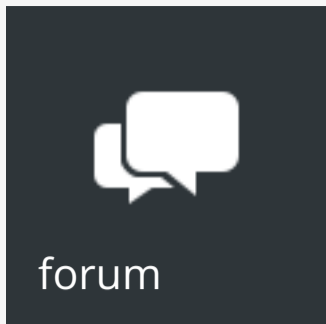
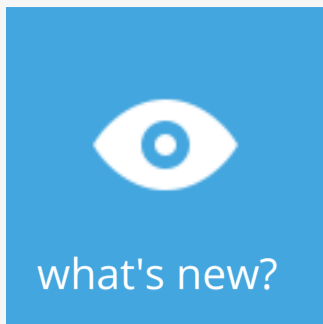
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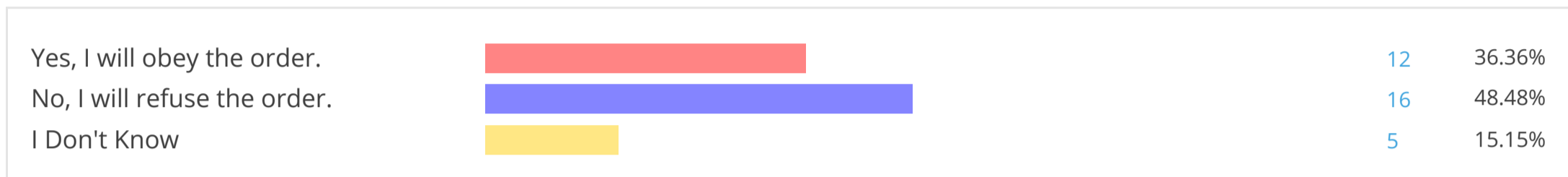
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Thread: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s?

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#131

PickYourBattles

Senior Member
Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →
 Hey everybody. There is a huge threat to our nation. There is a trend. I know what it is, but I'm not going to tell you. Just be ready.

Hey everybody. There is a huge threat to our nation according to PYB, and he told us by citing in quite a bit of detail the history of the 1940s, and then related to the recently passed NDAA.

But don't worry, I SandsJames, am ready to maybe, I'm not sure, refuse unlawful orders, but I can't say for certain because "fight or flight" might kick in. No! No, not because I may be killed in combat (I don't know anything about combat), I mean because I may lose my job! Sure, I understand many of you regular Americans have lost your jobs and not even for refusing to do something unlawful, but still it really frightens me to think that doing what I swore before God to do (obeying the law) might mean I might lose my job too. Come on, have you seen my resume?? I mean, I swore the oath because I needed a job!

Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →
 I think somebody should run for office. He has the art of saying a lot without saying anything perfected.

I think you should concentrate on doing your job correctly, instead of giving job advice to your betters.

COURAGE!

“ Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

Well, you aren't going to like this answer either, but yes [I would follow an unlawful order to round up innocent Americans by force and throw them into concentration camps]. ...I probably would have obeyed the order for self preservation purposes.

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#132

PickYourBattles

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

“ Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

You've made it about me with more than one post. If you don't want it to be about me, then quit mentioning me.

Perhaps you're right. Where in this thread have I mentioned you prior to you getting involved? Quotes please.

“ Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

The pity you want for being banned. Poor PYB. Got banned for no good reason. So now you feel the need to mention it in every thread you post in. Why else would you keep posting it if you didn't want pity? Is it because you are still trying to "expose" me? What is it with that anyway? I haven't been "exposed" in front of a computer screen in quite a few years.

Please. Like I give two shits about being banned on this forum. What I'm pointing out is how you go whining to moderators, while leaving your integrity behind, because you get your pee pee slapped.

COURAGE!

“ Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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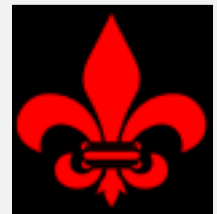
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#133

RS6405

Senior Member



Join Date: Jun 2010

Location: SRB

Posts: 386

Mentioned: 6 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

“ Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

I'm implying nothing. Glad you're thinking about this issue.

PYB,

If I am following you on this thread as well as others, you expect and demand fellow service members to not blindly follow orders but consider what they are being order to do as it applies under the constitution. Yet you challenge anyone who does not think exactly like you.

Before you ask, NO, I am going to cut-n-paste examples, because you ignore th efacts provided and it is just your troll

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#134

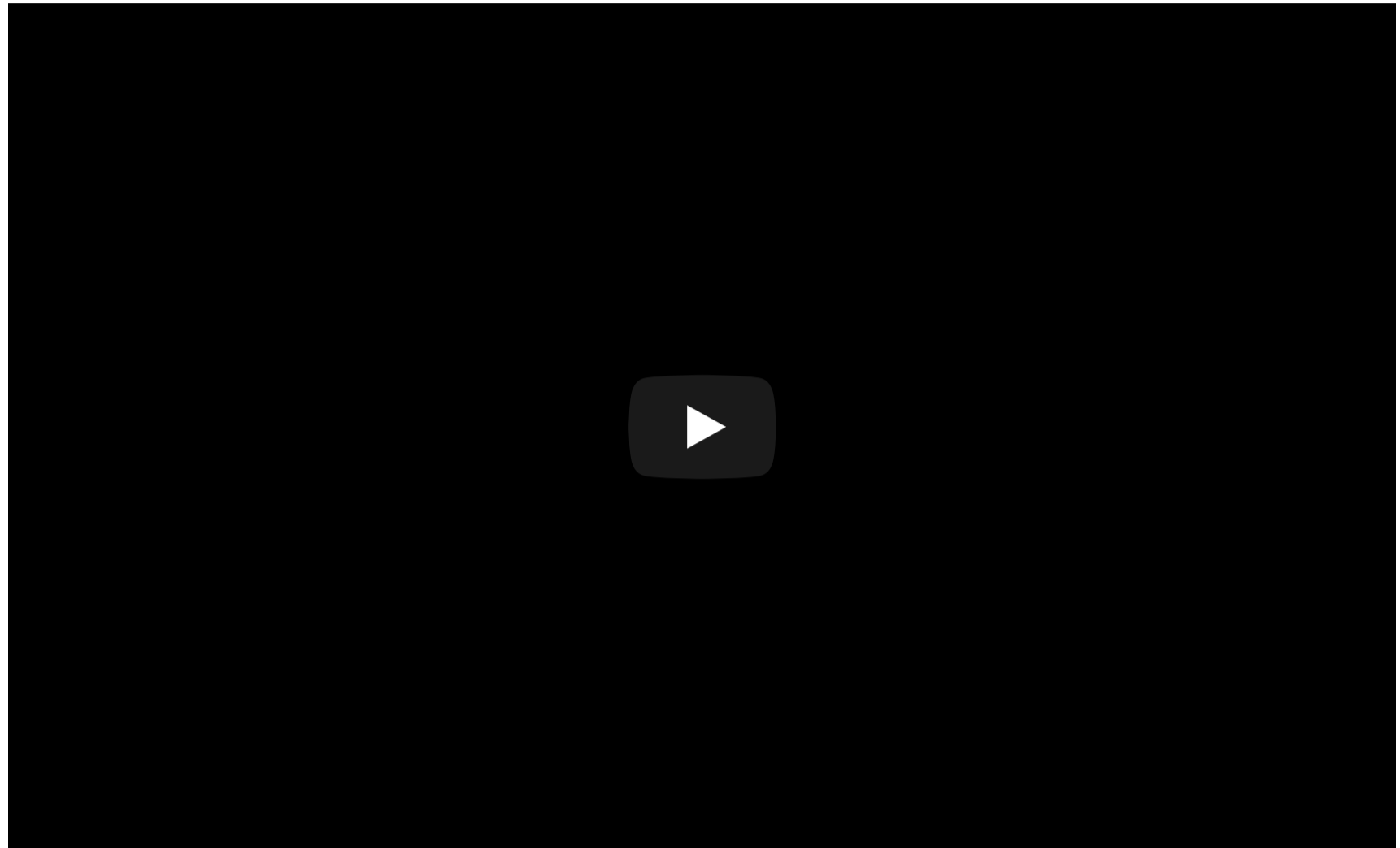
PickYourBattles

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

For your consideration:



The best part of that video is the old woman saying, "It happened. But please don't let it ever happen again."

That poor old lady...

COURAGE!

Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

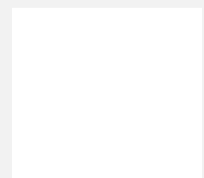
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#135

sandsjames

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Join Date: Jun 2008
Location: Texas
Posts: 6,984
Mentioned: 18 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

Hey everybody. There is a huge threat to our nation according to PYB, and he told us by citing in quite a bit of detail the history of the 1940s, and then related to the recently passed NDAA.

You forgot to mention the history of the 1830s, 1760s, and 1327s.

But don't worry, I Sandsjames, am ready to maybe, I'm not sure, refuse unlawful orders, but I can't say for certain because "fight or flight" might kick in.

"Fight or flight" doesn't "kick" in. "Fight" kicks in or "flight" kicks in.

No! No, not because I may be killed in combat (I don't know anything about combat), I mean because I may lose my job!


The part about combat is very true. I retire in 8 months, so I'm not worried at all about losing my job.

Sure, I understand many of you regular Americans have lost your jobs and not even for refusing to do something unlawful, but still it really frightens me to think that doing what I swore before God to do (obeying the law) might mean I might lose my job too. Come on, have you seen my resume?? I mean, I swore the oath because I needed a job!

That doesn't surprise me that you don't see yourself as a "regular" American. You are definitely better. Go get your free Golden Corral dinner.

I think you should concentrate on doing your job correctly, instead of giving job advice to your betters.

Giving job advice to my better what? What I find interesting is that several people in this thread have given the exact same answer I did, yet you still choose to harp on what I said as if it's something out of the ordinary. I'm amazed you would let little ol' me get under your skin this much. I'm really kind of flattered. Doesn't that annoy you that you are so focused on a couple posts from someone as insignificant as me? I'd be a little embarrassed about it if I were you. I know how prideful you are.

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#136

PickYourBattles 

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

“ Originally Posted by [RS6405](#) →

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True. Very observant of you.

“ Originally Posted by [RS6405](#) →

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And let them crash.

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“ Originally Posted by [RS6405](#) →

Before you ask, NO, I am going to cut-n-paste examples, because you ignore th efacts provided and it is just your troll tool to argue your points out of context.

After a comment like yours, I wouldn't dream of asking you to back it up with evidence.

COURAGE!

Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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10-06-2012, 11:05 PM

#137

[PickYourBattles](#) ◦

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

SandsJames, when you make a post that is not completely juvenile, I'll respond to it.

COURAGE!

Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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#138

[sandsjames](#) ◦

Banned



Join Date: Jun 2008

Location: Texas

Posts: 6,984

Mentioned: 18 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

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Don't hold your breath. I gave up trying not to be juvenile with you weeks ago. I'm trying to keep it at your level, as your level is that of a child who isn't getting his way. I'm surprised that you haven't added more people to your sig line in an attempt to "shame" more people.

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10-06-2012, 11:23 PM

#139

[PickYourBattles](#) ◦

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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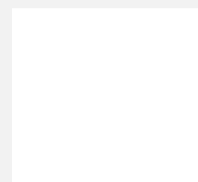
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#140

sandsjames

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Join Date: Jun 2008
Location: Texas
Posts: 6,984
Mentioned: 18 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

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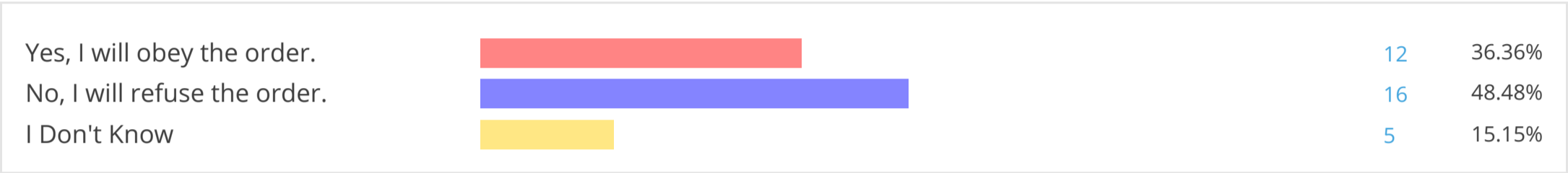
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#141

PickYourBattles

Senior Member
Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →
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Please go play in traffic.

COURAGE!

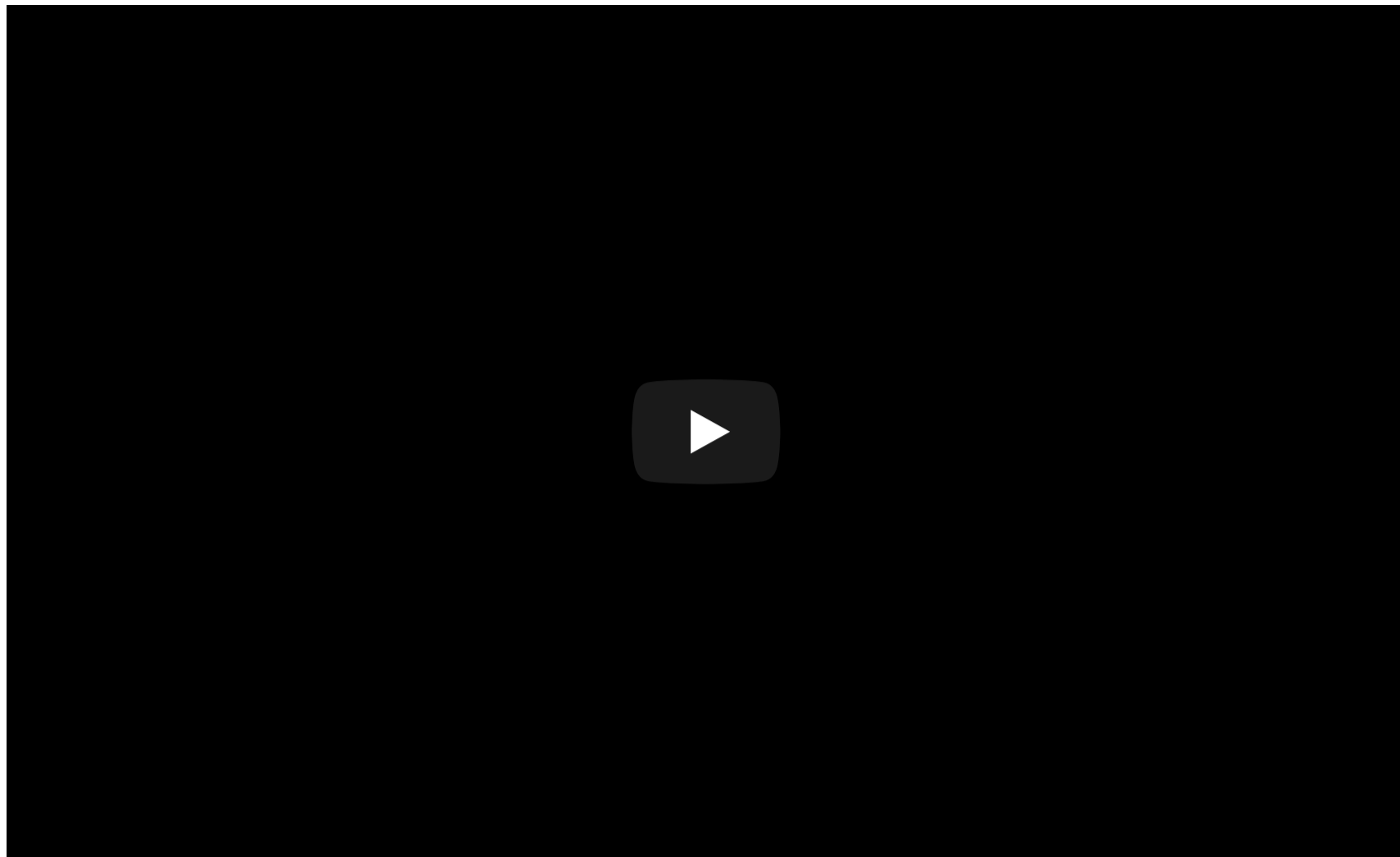
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#142

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Perhaps we can talk about the topic now...



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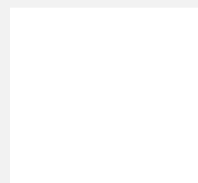
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10-06-2012, 11:51 PM

#143



Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

“ Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

Yeah, my sig line which is there regardless of the thread I post in, and my last couple of posts responding to you.

Please go play in traffic.

So quit responding to me then. Ignore me. That would make it easier on everyone. But I know you need to get the last word, so...

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10-06-2012, 11:55 PM

#144

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

“ Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

Please go play in traffic.

I can't do that. It's against the law. I don't want to violate any laws.

Join Date: Jun 2008
Location: Texas
Posts: 6,984
Mentioned: 18 Post(s)

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#145

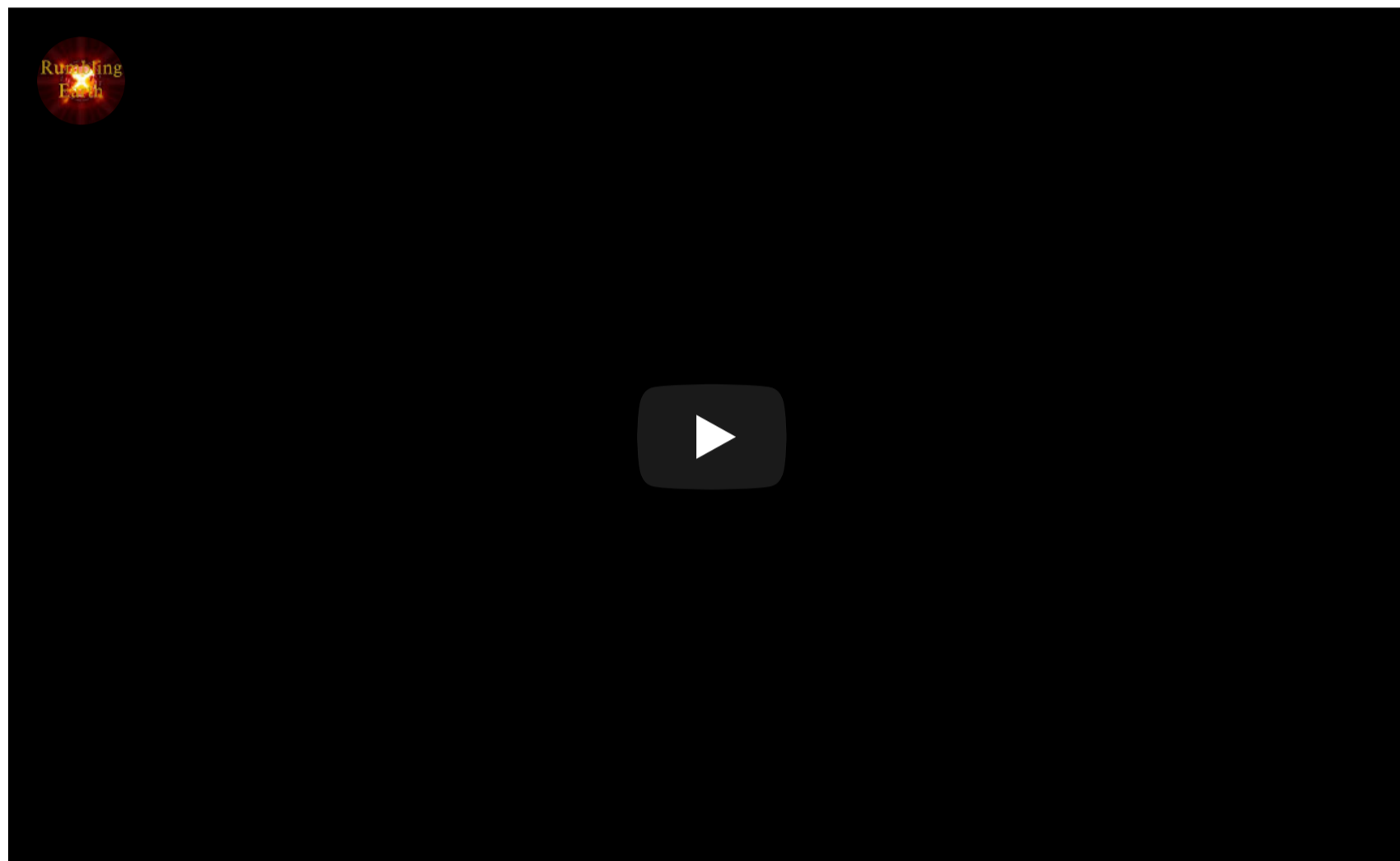
PickYourBattles

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

For your enjoyment:



COURAGE!

Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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10-07-2012, 12:00 AM

#146

sandsjames

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Join Date: Jun 2008
Location: Texas
Posts: 6,984

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

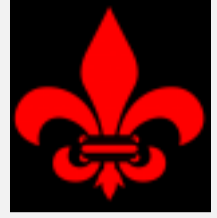
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10-07-2012, 12:04 AM

#147

RS6405 ◦

Senior Member



Join Date: Jun 2010
 Location: SRB
 Posts: 386
 Mentioned: 6 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

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And let them crash.

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The key word in my statement is "exactly". I never said your points or issues are wrong. However, anyone that says it not a completely black and white issue, but rather shades of gray, are, in your eyes just as bad, as someone who directly oppose you.

The quote thing is not an issue of evidence, but practicality. Why would I spend the time gathering quotes, when you ignore what they say? If it had ever made a difference in any prior time you requested quotes then I would have bothered.

10-07-2012, 12:06 AM

#148

PickYourBattles ◦

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
 Posts: 246
 Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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Apparently I wasn't very clear in the OP. I said that people had the benefit of HISTORY to make their decisions. So YOU, right now, knowing what you know NOW, transported back in time with the knowledge you have NOW, would you obey the order or not?

COURAGE!

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10-07-2012, 12:13 AM

#149

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by RS6405

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Thanks in advance.

COURAGE!

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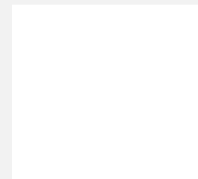
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#150

sandsjames

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Join Date: Jun 2008
Location: Texas
Posts: 6,984
Mentioned: 18 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by PickYourBattles

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In this day and age, with the news coverage, the social media, etc, I would not obey that order in a similar situation. There would be much more backing by the courts as to what an illegal order is now than there would have been during WW2.

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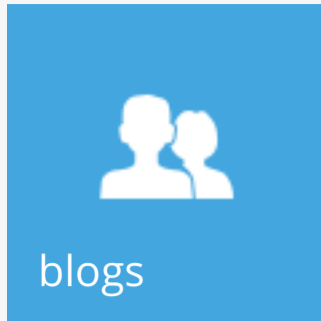
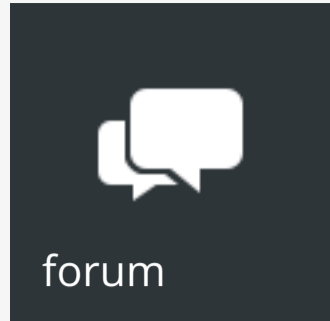
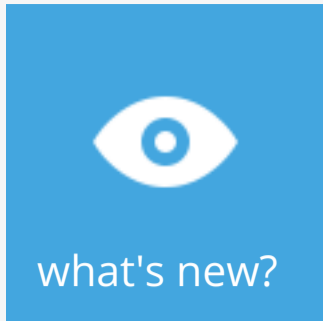
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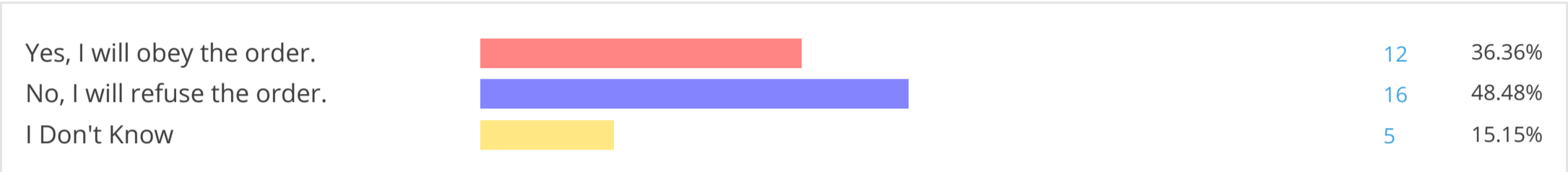
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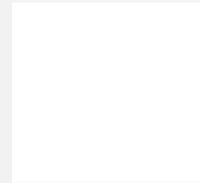
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#151

sandsjames

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Join Date: Jun 2008
Location: Texas
Posts: 6,984
Mentioned: 18 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by PickYourBattles →

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Thanks in advance.

And there you go. Way to keep it on topic. I do love how you actually think you are making us look like cowards.

10-07-2012, 12:24 AM

#152

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

“ Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

Well, you aren't going to like this answer either, but yes [I would have obeyed an unlawful order that I knew to be unlawful, to throw Americans into concentration camps without due process, without charge and without trial, just because somebody above me told me to do it]. In the 40's, if I disobeyed that order, I probably would have been treated as a traitor and possibly put to death...I probably would have obeyed the order for self preservation purposes.

I want to apologize for ever questioning your character as a military professional who took the oath before God to support and defend the Constitutional freedom from tyranny of those who pay your bills. I understand that somebody who's number one goal is "self preservation" and who can't know what they will do in a righteous cause because fight or flight might kick in, has a difficult time.

It's amazing to me that you have no combat time. I would think a person of your character could have won all our wars single himself. Won them for the enemy, but still won them.

“ Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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10-07-2012, 12:25 AM

#153

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

“ Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

And there you go. Way to keep it on topic. I do love how you actually think you are making us look like cowards.

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10-07-2012, 12:43 AM

#154

[imnohero](#) ◦

Senior Member

Join Date: Aug 2008
Location: everywhere
Posts: 699
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

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10-07-2012, 12:43 AM

#155

[PickYourBattles](#) ◦

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Sandsjames,

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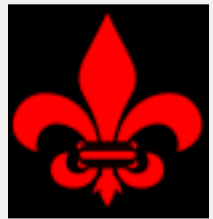
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10-07-2012, 12:57 AM

#157

[RS6405](#) ◦

Senior Member



Join Date: Jun 2010
Location: SRB
Posts: 386
Mentioned: 6 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

“ Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

You do understand you're pulling all this nonsense out of your ass, right? If you're not, then back up your claims with quotes. Otherwise, save your spin machine for the bright political career as a Fox News correspondent I'm sure you're destined for.

Oh, and BTW, I understand how the PYB Fan Bois really love to make my discussions about me - you guys are so enthralled with me. I love it boys, I really do. But how about we discuss the topic at hand? Huh? I know that's not what you want, to discuss the topic at hand, but you can always take your "We Hate PYB Because He Makes Us Look Like We're Cowards Unable To Defend Our Country!" nonsense to a different thread.

Thanks in advance.

You right we spend hours discussing you, your posts, logic, and especially that car.

The next meeting is tomorrow at 2. I was supposed to ask you for framed picture of your Mitsubishi so we can all stare at it, but I get in such a tither when you are around.

How can I live with myself when you call me a coward! I should blindly follow your posts till the end of time.

Screw the blue, I want the Mitsubishi Kool-Aid!

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10-07-2012, 01:12 AM

#158

[PickYourBattles](#) ◦

Senior Member

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Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

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Copy, no backup for your claims. But a cute post nonetheless.

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10-07-2012, 01:30 AM

#159

[tiredretiredE7](#) ▾

Senior Member

Join Date: Jun 2012
Location: retired usa
Posts: 347
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [tiredretiredE7](#) →

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PYB, what would you do in this scenario?

PYB,

Why are you ignoring this post? I really want to hear what you have to say so I can see your point of view?

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10-07-2012, 01:34 AM

#160

[imnohero](#) ▾

Senior Member

Join Date: Aug 2008
Location: everywhere
Posts: 699
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

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I don't know, do you think you have? I'm not a mind reader.

Perhaps you could provide some evidence that makes you think you have.

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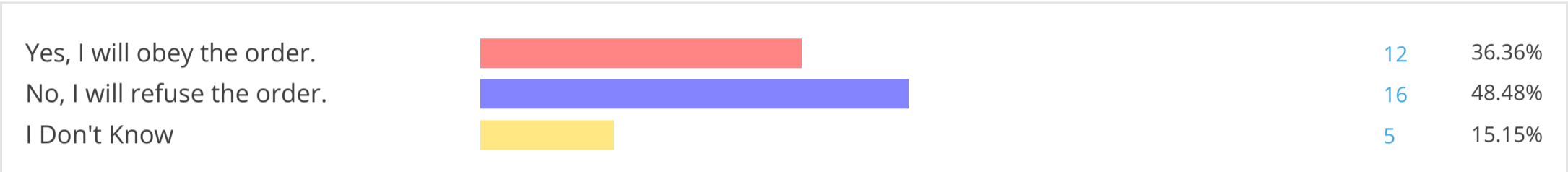
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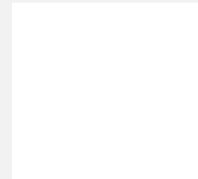
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10-07-2012, 02:03 AM

#161

sandsjames

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Join Date: Jun 2008
Location: Texas
Posts: 6,984
Mentioned: 18 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by PickYourBattles →

I want to apologize for ever questioning your character as a military professional who took the oath before God to support and defend the Constitutional freedom from tyranny of those who pay your bills. I understand that somebody who's number one goal is "self preservation" and who can't know what they will do in a righteous cause because fight or flight might kick in, has a difficult time.

It's amazing to me that you have no combat time. I would think a person of your character could have won all our wars single himself. Won them for the enemy, but still won them.

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Please, then, tell me. What were you expecting for answers from everyone? Why would you even ask the question if this is going to be your response to a truthful answer. Ok, nevermind, here's my real answer:

Of course I would disobey the order. Not only that, I would have pointed my weapon at those trying to imprison these people. It is, of course, my duty to support and defend the Constitution. If it came down to it I would open fire on those trying to illegally imprison these people. Even though I would be killed instantly by the hundreds of other people with guns around me, that wouldn't matter. The Constitutional rights of the Japanese Americans were being taken away, and it is my job to defend those rights, so I would have no other choice.

Can you say the same? Oh wait, that's right, you've already stated you are good with just disobeying the order as that's as far as your responsibility goes. What was your definition of "coward" again?

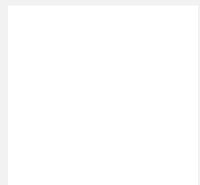
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10-07-2012, 02:04 AM

#162

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Join Date: Jun 2008
Location: Texas
Posts: 6,984
Mentioned: 18 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

“ Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

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Yeah, because nobody else in this thread that responded with a similar answer. But this isn't about me, right?

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10-07-2012, 02:19 AM

#163

Forsaken Wombat

Guest

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

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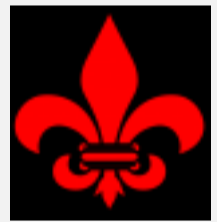
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#164

RS6405

Senior Member



Join Date: Jun 2010
Location: SRB
Posts: 386
Mentioned: 6 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by Forsaken Wombat →

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Post of the week award :first

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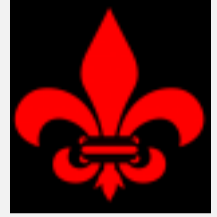
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#166

RS6405 ◦


Senior Member



Join Date: Jun 2010
Location: SRB
Posts: 386
Mentioned: 6 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

he's in the finals for the quarter awards as well

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10-07-2012, 02:59 AM

#167

RobotChicken ◦

Senior Member



Join Date: Jun 2012
Location: Williamsburg VA
Posts: 1,379
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

“ Originally Posted by [Pavegunner72](#) →

Makes you wonder what the US purchased that prison in Illinois for.

For TSA & FEMA??

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10-07-2012, 03:03 AM

#168

tiredretiredE7 ◦

Senior Member

Join Date: Jun 2012
Location: retired usa
Posts: 347
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

“ Originally Posted by [RobotChicken](#) →

For TSA & FEMA??

Neither, Obama is hooking up Illinois for when he finally returns. Illinois can use every penny it can get and Federal prisons are huge \$ for the local economy.

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10-07-2012, 03:09 AM

#169

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Senior Member



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Location: Williamsburg VA
Posts: 1,379
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Loud and clear TR-7!

imported_AFKILO7

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Senior Member

Join Date: May 2009

Location: Wackland

Posts: 180

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by Forsaken Wombat →

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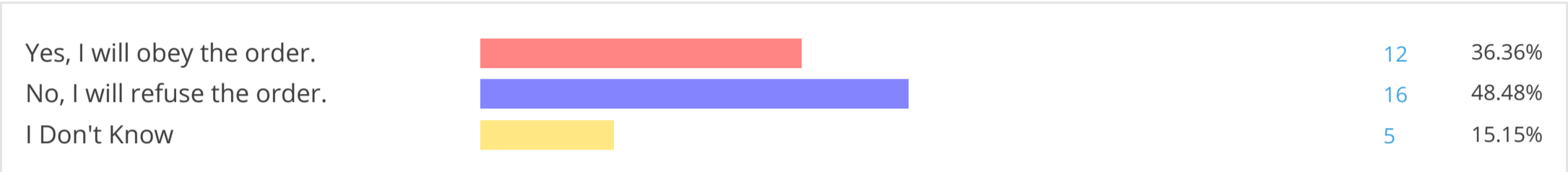
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10-07-2012, 04:18 AM #171

RobotChicken

Senior Member



Join Date: Jun 2012
Location: Williamsburg VA
Posts: 1,379
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

New 'Barbie' edition car?? Up-Armored?? Noooo James Bond features?? Where is the ejection seat hatch for 'PYB' when the going gets tough? Is he in Costa Rico??

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10-07-2012, 08:44 AM #172

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Join Date: Feb 2011
Posts: 1,716
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

So when Conservative turn on dissenters within their ranks... are they eaten as well?

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10-07-2012, 11:42 AM #173



Join Date: Oct 2011
Location: Oakton, Virginia
Posts: 894
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by tiredretiredE7 →

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Bush did avoid doing this, publicly at least, but a lot of the people who worked for him weren't listening.

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10-07-2012, 12:34 PM

#174

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Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

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So, what does it take to **win** on the Internet? First and foremost, you must post controversial topics. I don't mean topics such as, "Should we keep the BCS or go to a play-off?" I mean you must post things that would make WillisPowers blush - NDAA, concentration camps, seriousness of Constitutional oaths, etc. Remember, this is serious business on the General Discussion forums - no one wants to come here for simple banter or relaxed discussion. You must really bring the dark clouds of depression in!

Secondly, when discussing the Debbie Downer topic, you must present a scenario in absolute black & white terms. No gray area, no room for middle ground...just black or white.

Third, the moment someone posts a dissenting view, you must viciously attack their character, values, morality, etc. See, this is the great thing about Internet fighting - no real harm of physical retribution. In the real world, one might get their clock stopped. But here, on the Internet, I can be as much of an ass as I wish!

Fourth...as people begin to make valid points against you, demand evidence and quotes. It doesn't matter how simple the claim/fact is and it doesn't matter if what was said by you is in the post right above their own: demand evidence and demand quotes! If they provide said evidence, dismiss it right away and throw in a few more personal attacks.

Lastly...never give up! Part of going "underground" involves giving up any hints of a social life or pleasures. But that means you can lurk around the board and make quick-draw, sure fire replies to all the cowards who respond to your posts! If your online status isn't green, then you just don't have enough mean.



Very cute. You get those pics from your personal collection? I think your short story needed a bit of work. What you think?



Wombats

Hello! I am Pick Your Battles, the latest man obsession of Forsaken Wombat! You may know me from Wombat's latest post fantasizing about me while posting pictures of pink cars. You may also know me from a video in which a few Border Patrol agents wanted to make me eat dirt, but did not do so, as I rightfully refused to exit my vehicle, and then turned around and filed a suit on them with the benefit of a half dozen cameras. This experience, preceded by another where a police officer pulled me over illegally, then arrested me unlawfully, and then fabricated a minor traffic violation charge to justify it, led me to do two things other than spend a great deal of my own money to support and defend the Constitution.

(1) I purchased a new Mitsubishi Eclipse and armored it. Any questions about it, you know who to ask. It's quite the topic these days on the forum, because that's the closest the dimmest among us can come up with as a retort in a serious discussion. Yes, I know; you'd think it would be slow, but light weight spectra shield is a great thing. But enough about the car. Some men seem to be "bi and curious" as they judge the fashion appeal of the kind of car another man drives, or the kind of clothes they wear - such men read magazines like Vogue and Elle, and always sport the hottest styles themselves, and dream of being a French fashion designer. But I like the car since it keeps me and my family safe, which is a nice bonus after having my rights violated. Plus it provides me with great evidence in case I need to sue yet another "public servant" who would violate the Constitution, and then laugh about it and makes jokes and rationalization online to mask a lack of character.

(2) It led me to understand what a crisis there is in the realm of public service, and that led me to try to get those in my service, to understand their oaths and duties as tax paid government servants. Through actions and speech at work, and also through a blog, and by interrupting online discussion boards that typically have thread after thread of "patty cake" and other pointless topics. Now here is what you must understand - in the real world, I'm known as a very principled individual who cares about his country. Not just through a great combat record, but through concern and action at home. My career has subsequently taken a thrashing, but I feel my obligation and duty is to the nation and not the next higher rank, or even a retirement. This...doesn't make me very popular with some flesh & bone leadership, or the many who have no character or concern for their nation, and who instead treat the military and their nation like a mosquito treats its host - sucking, and sucking until they are full of the blood of others. Thus I find solace in the fact that I've given more for my country than all these parasites combined, both in actual combat, and also by choosing Boyd's fork in the road for the benefit of the nation. I am able to speak my mind without fear of physical assault online, and in person, because I know such people wouldn't have the balls to assault me, when they don't have the character to refuse online to violate the Constitution and to refuse to throw Americans into concentration camps without charge or trial. Anybody with this level of fear and shaky self preservation at the expense of those they're paid to protect, wouldn't dream of squaring off with me in person, though they'll make cute little quips online.

So, what does it take to **win** on the Internet? First and foremost, you must post topics that try to get these lowest common denominators to stir mentally. You see, they have become cowardly because cowardice is rewarded, and not exposed. So when it is exposed, you can see the kind of responses it draws. Sure, it's ok to dress down an airman or NCO down if they are late to a meeting, or aren't wearing their reflective belt correctly, or have sunglasses on their heads. But if they say they will violate the rights of Americans because they're too scared they might lose their job, well they just don't get that kind of mentoring. They exist in a service where bad character and a lack of integrity and courage is modeled to them on a daily basis. While many will complain about trivial matters in the service, they do a remarkable job of emulating shoddy character and even trying to make fun of those who exhibit real character with knee slapper posts like this one, even while knowing they can't even compare to their intended target. You see, when it comes down to it, winning means being a winner. Success says a lot, and this translates into the internet realm too. When facts and history and logic is used in a discussion, it shows a winning argument. When cute posts with five percent truth and pictures of pink cars are used, well then the converse is also demonstrated. But remember, it comes at a cost. Some claim to come to the Military Times Forum for fun and relaxation, and don't want to see "depressing" serious topics posted. I know, a military forum is the first place I think of as a source for entertainment and relaxation too, and I likewise hate it when people post serious military topics on that forum. Why can't they post those topics over at a sports forum, or a forum dedicated to entertainment and relaxation? But a military forum owned by a newspaper that reports on serious issues about the military? Depressing!

Secondly, when discussing the serious topic, you must present a scenario that should be understood to be absolute black & white for people with any character. For example, whether or not it's lawful for the military to round up American citizens without charge or trial, here in the U.S. and throw them into concentration camps where they lose their liberty and property, and sometimes their lives, without due process. Should be a black and white scenario, right? Oh, but not for people who spend their times on military forums looking for relaxation and entertainment. You see,

they approach things differently. There is no truth, there is no law, and they certainly can't be held responsible for knowing either! They just want to go with the flow and be cute, and make as few people angry at them as possible. They're pushovers and pansies. Some wonder why our Air Force has taken such a nose dive and gotten so soft and touchy feely. I don't know why that is, but I think we should avoid talking about it at all costs. We should be like those who treat everything as entertainment, and who treat their oath the same. Their oath to the Constitution is of no value, because it's depressing and boring. Just send those paychecks so they can send some money to their credit cards after racking up debt entertaining themselves. And if you ask a simple question, expect to get a "it's complex" or "nothing is black and white" answer. The same answer they give their security investigator when asked if they will sell secrets to the enemy. Nothing is black and white, and it's situational!

Third, the moment someone posts an unamerican view (like that they would gladly round up your American neighbors and throw them into concentration camps absent charge or trial, something AQ and the Taliban would like to do but are unable), you must use kid gloves and not suggest that putting their own convenience above that of the nation is somehow indicative of a faulty character, values, morality, etc. See, this is the great thing about Internet discussion - no real harm of physical retribution, because cowards who need kid gloves online and who don't have the character of a fly on shit, would never in a million years dream of trying to get physical with you when you expose their level of cowardice online. It's the same in the real world, because a coward knows if they did try to physically retort to somebody, they'd get their clock stopped just like they get bested online in a discussion.

Fourth...as people begin to spin and create their own facts, demand evidence. If you can't do that, try to pretend you're a macho man by throwing in a few vague references to physical altercation, and pretend like "in the real world" you would bow up. It's the internet, so people will think you're a tough guy without knowing that you would get absolutely leveled!

Lastly...never give up! If you can't win through online debate, and your obviously flat claims of being an internet tough guy fail, and your derision of them for not posting light and fluffy entertaining topics doesn't work - well then claim they have no social life and no pleasure in life! Just be ready when they come back and ask for evidence when you pull such a claim out of your ass, where the gerbil was sleeping.



COURAGE!

🗨 Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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10-07-2012, 12:46 PM

#175

PickYourBattles ◦

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

For the future, Wombat & Friends, if you want to turn the discussion into sparring with me, please go pick one of the several PYB threads and we can do it there.

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10-07-2012, 01:26 PM

#176

Shrike ▾

Senior Member



Join Date: Apr 2007
Location: Local Group
Posts: 653
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

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10-07-2012, 01:28 PM

#177

PickYourBattles ▾

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [Shrike](#) →

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Now why don't you take your giant glob of internet insecurity self over to some other thread where you can do what

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BTW, I think Bob Dorr is trying to sell an Air Force related book on these forums! Got get em tiger!

COURAGE!

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10-07-2012, 01:37 PM

#178

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Senior Member

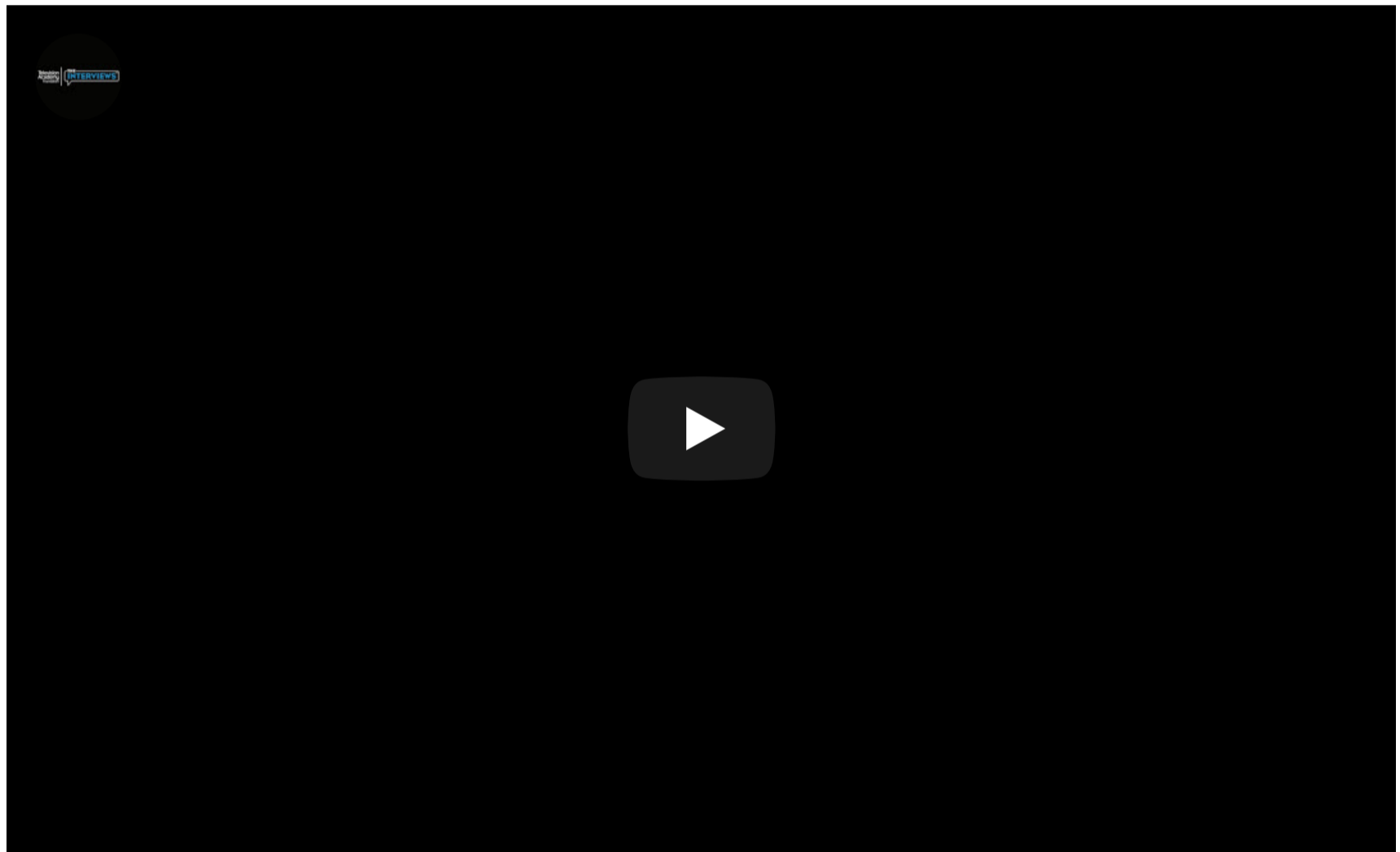
Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Pat Morita of the Karate Kid talks about being in the concentration camps.



COURAGE!

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#179

Shrike ▾

Senior Member

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s



Join Date: Apr 2007
 Location: Local Group
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Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

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You are a complete coward for not having the guts to leave this section of the forum and post under the proper area. Your career is an utter sham because of this blatant cowardice, and I would wager that your mother rues the day her womb was blighted with your cowardly, shameful presence.

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#180

[PickYourBattles](#) ▾

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
 Posts: 246
 Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: [Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s](#)

Originally Posted by [Shrike](#) →

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Nice response champ. I bet you're wishing you had blocked me, like you said you had done, huh? You and JD are funny that way, saying one thing and yet not doing it.


I understand that you have nothing better to offer than "that's in the wrong forum!" (even when it's not) and "you're soliciting Mr. Dorr!" (even if he's not).

You should find a hobby.

COURAGE!

Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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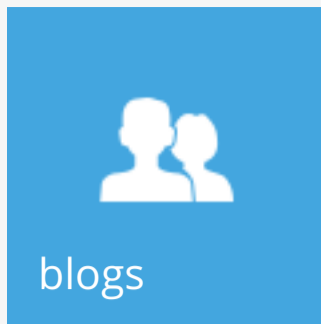
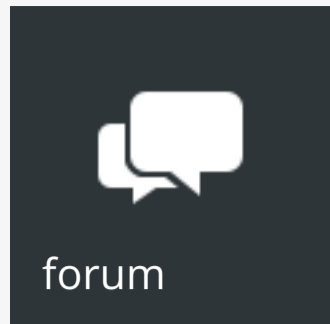
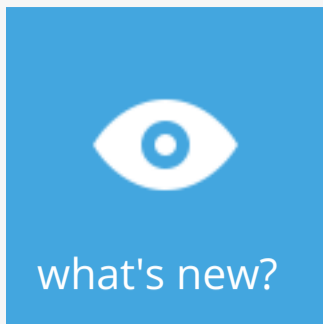
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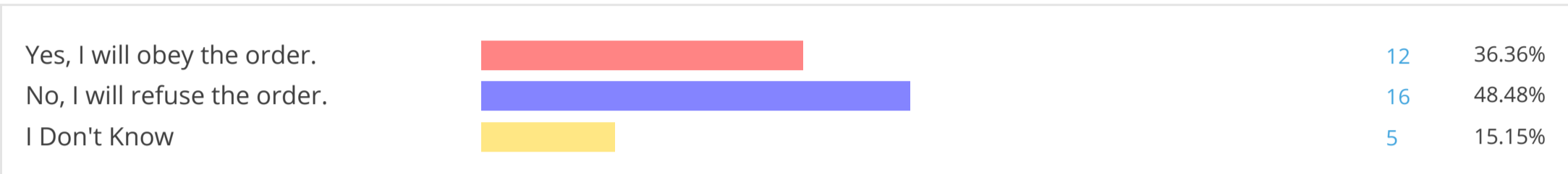
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Thread: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s?

10-07-2012, 01:41 PM #181

Shrike

Senior Member



Join Date: Apr 2007
Location: Local Group
Posts: 653
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

I'm done with you for now, by the way. Have fun typing your frothing response, little child doggie puppy boy. I'm sure the insecurities that made you uparmor a POS will be well-served in the response you'll type...which I won't read anyway, but go ahead and waste your time.

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10-07-2012, 01:44 PM #182

PickYourBattles

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by Shrike

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See you next time when you respond to me after saying you've blocked me. Buh bye.

COURAGE!

“ Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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10-07-2012, 02:00 PM

#183

[PickYourBattles](#) ◦

Senior Member

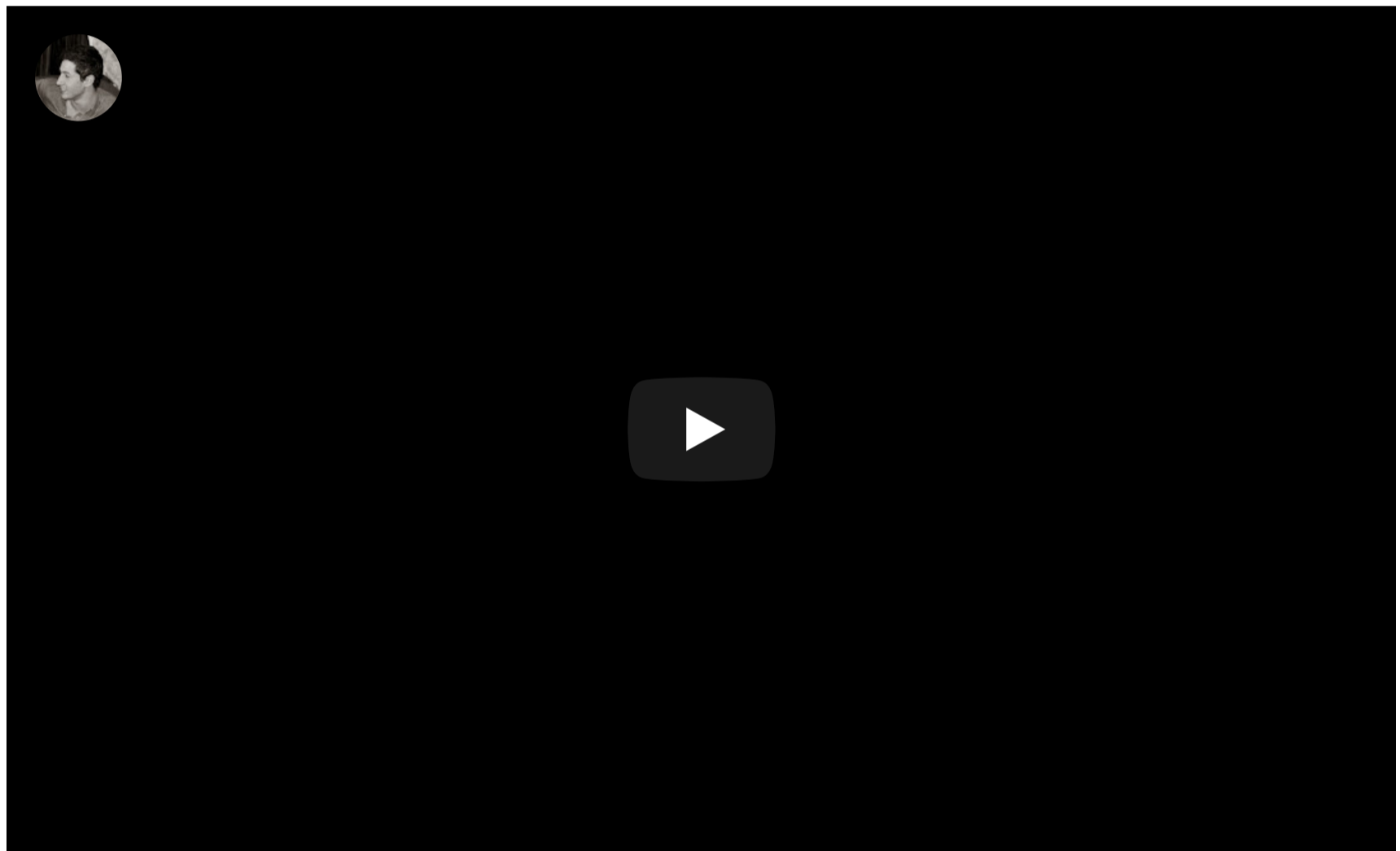
Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s


For you edification. Some Americans talking about what the American military did to them in the 1940s.



COURAGE!

“ Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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10-07-2012, 04:11 PM

#184

[tiredretiredE7](#) ◦

Senior Member

Join Date: Jun 2012

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Location: retired usa
Posts: 347
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Originally Posted by [tiredretiredE7](#) →

Here is a modern day hypothetical scenario for you to consider. What would have happened in our country if Bush would have turned the two most recent wars into religious wars? We would have thousands (even if 1% were radicalized) of potential Muslims in our country who would become radicalized and fight for their religion by randomly committing violent attacks against mass population targets. This would be completely random it would be impossible which Muslim would commit the next attack and where the attack would take place.

Would I willingly follow an order to arrest and incarcerate suspected radicalized Muslims without due process? Absolutely and I would do it for free. This is a realistic scenario that Bush avoided but could have very easily occurred. I would not execute or kill suspected Muslims if they did not meet R.O.E.

PYB, what would you do in this scenario?

PYB,

Why are you ignoring my question?

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10-07-2012, 04:28 PM

#185

[PickYourBattles](#) ▾

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [tiredretiredE7](#) →

PYB,

Why are you ignoring my question?

My apologies, TRE7. Let me take a look at that now.

Originally Posted by [tiredretiredE7](#) →

Here is a modern day hypothetical scenario for you to consider. What would have happened in our country if Bush would have turned the two most recent wars into religious wars?

I don't know what would have happened. I'm guessing there would have been people here at home who would have felt it inappropriate to waste taxpayer money and blood to fight superstitious wars between two intellectual twins with similar but different books. And I'm guessing there would have been more Muslims enlisted to fight against us.

Originally Posted by [tiredretiredE7](#) →

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Ok, you answered your own question and then stated some things I don't agree with, that it would be "impossible" to track the next Muslim attack and that those attacks would be random. I don't believe that to be the case, but could be wrong, so let's go with your prediction.

Originally Posted by [tiredretiredE7](#) →

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So if the government says they are bad, you will round up Americans of a particular color or religion? I assume you mean that Congress passes laws making our military into law enforcement (and changes current law), and then are you going to require a warrant before going into some Americans home and arresting them? So that you can arrest them where they will be charged with a crime and then tried? Or are you just going to treat a suburb of Atlanta as though you were in downtown Baghdad?

Originally Posted by [tiredretiredE7](#) →

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What ROE?

Originally Posted by [tiredretiredE7](#) →

PYB, what would you do in this scenario?

If Congress overturned current laws which separate the roles of the military and local law enforcement (which have been in place since the military abuses against southerners in post Civil War America), and instead converted our military into local law enforcement policing the people of this nation, then I would resign my commission. I'm personally not interested in using America's military might against its people. That's not how I want to serve my country. Had I wanted to do such things, I would have joined law enforcement.

Now that I've answered your question, does this tie into the topic of the OP?

COURAGE!

Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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10-07-2012, 05:24 PM

#186

PickYourBattles

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

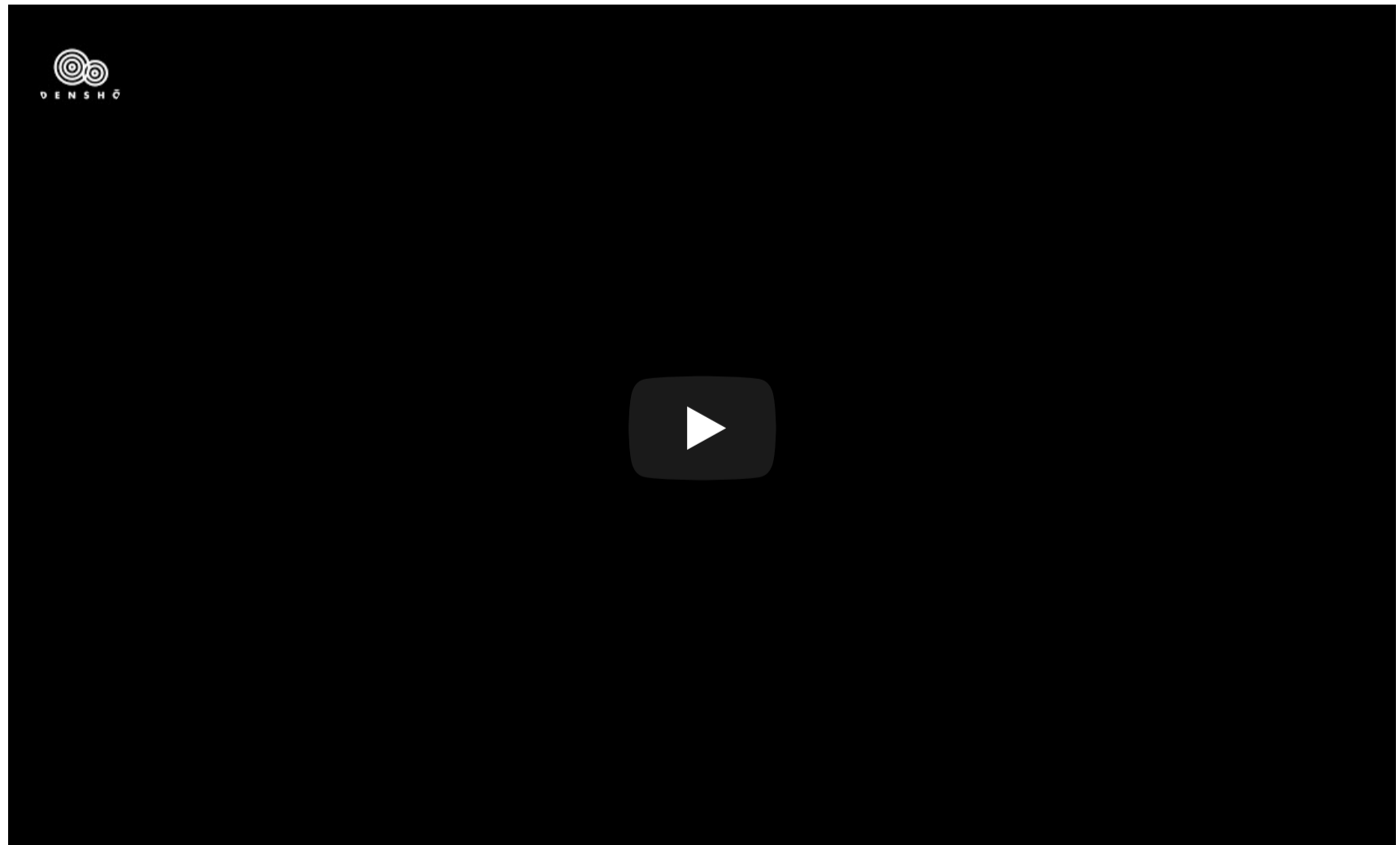
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Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Alright, so far we have 7 folks (36.84%) saying that YES, they would have rounded up Americans by force without charge or trial and thrown them on the trains taking them to concentration camps. CrustySMSgt, Max Power, MCPO_USN, OtisRNeedleman, Sgt HULK, tiredretiredE7, and twoZJbrass.

We have 8 folks (42.11%) saying NO, they would refuse to do as the order was unlawful. bonacwolverine9497, jconners, Joe Bonham, PickYourBattles, raider8169, ROAD, ThaBufe, and Z1911.

And last, but certainly not least, we have 4 folks (21.05%) who just don't know whether or not they would round up American men, women, and children absent charge and trial and herd them into concentration camps. BRUWIN, ConfusedAirman, js7799, and sandsjames.



COURAGE!

“ Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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10-07-2012, 05:32 PM

#187

[PickYourBattles](#) ▾

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Here is the text of the 1988 apology to Japanese Americans from President Ronald Reagan and the Congress, for the crime of the concentration camps, along with a bill providing each of the living Americans who were unlawfully incarcerated, \$20,000 each. Reminds me of how we pay off families in Afghanistan or Iraq after we blow up their houses.

<http://www.internmentarchives.com/sh...9269&pagenum=2>

COURAGE!

“ Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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10-08-2012, 01:13 PM

#188

[PickYourBattles](#) ▾

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Not only did President Reagan apologize for the unlawful violation of American civil liberties, but President Clinton also did:

October 1, 1993

Over fifty years ago, the United States Government unjustly interned, evacuated, or relocated you and many other Japanese Americans. Today, on behalf of your fellow Americans, I offer a sincere apology to you for the actions that unfairly denied Japanese Americans and their families fundamental liberties during World War II.

In passing the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, we acknowledged the wrongs of the past and offered redress to those who endured such grave injustice. In retrospect, we understand that the nation's actions were rooted deeply in racial prejudice, wartime hysteria, and a lack of political leadership. We must learn from the past and dedicate ourselves as a nation to renewing the spirit of equality and our love of freedom. Together, we can guarantee a future with liberty and justice for all. You and your family have my best wishes for the future.



Yes, "war time hysteria, and a lack of political leadership."

He forgot to mention all the oath breakers who had no character, who each refused to do their duty and fulfill their legal obligation to refuse unlawful orders.

Good thing we don't have to worry about this happening again in the near future, amirite!

COURAGE!

Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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10-08-2012, 01:42 PM

#189

[TJMAC77SP](#)

Senior Member



Join Date: May 2007
Location: NC
Posts: 3,156
Mentioned: 4 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Another thread fail. Your thread topic and poll question are not the same. The devil is in the details. An oversight or attempt to manipulate?

Read carefully, think, then write thoughtfully.....

I don't have any quotes.....you can pick one for yourself

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#190

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

I rue the day somebody convinced you that you were intelligent.

COURAGE!

Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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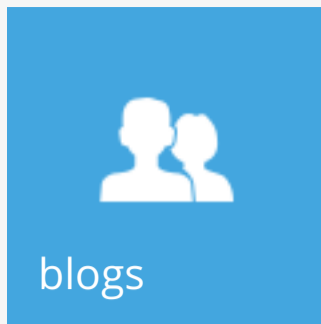
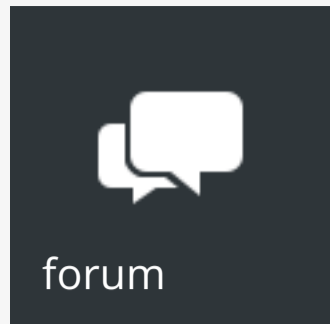
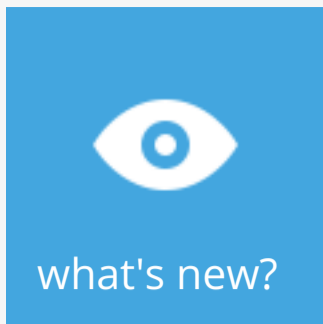
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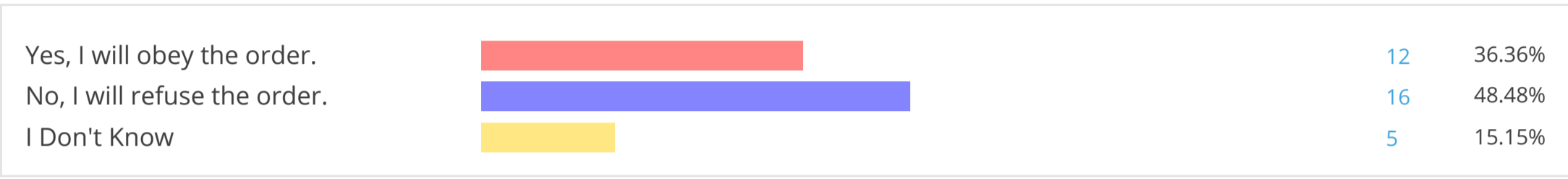
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#191

tiredretiredE7

Senior Member

Join Date: Jun 2012
Location: retired usa
Posts: 347
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by PickYourBattles →

My apologies, TRE7. Let me take a look at that now.

I don't know what would have happened. I'm guessing there would have been people here at home who would have felt it inappropriate to waste taxpayer money and blood to fight superstitious wars between two intellectual twins with similar but different books. And I'm guessing there would have been more Muslims enlisted to fight against us.

Ok, you answered your own question and then stated some things I don't agree with, that it would be "impossible" to track the next Muslim attack and that those attacks would be random. I don't believe that to be the case, but could be wrong, so let's go with your prediction.

So if the government says they are bad, you will round up Americans of a particular color or religion? I assume you mean that Congress passes laws making our military into law enforcement (and changes current law), and then are you going to require a warrant before going into some Americans home and arresting

them? So that you can arrest them where they will be charged with a crime and then tried? Or are you just going to treat a suburb of Atlanta as though you were in downtown Baghdad?

What ROE?

If Congress overturned current laws which separate the roles of the military and local law enforcement (which have been in place since the military abuses against southerners in post Civil War America), and instead converted our military into local law enforcement policing the people of this nation, then I would resign my commission. I'm personally not interested in using America's military might against its people. That's not how I want to serve my country. Had I wanted to do such things, I would have joined law enforcement.

Now that I've answered your question, does this tie into the topic of the OP?

PYB,

My scenario would easily be applied to the NDAA you mentioned but would target Muslims instead of Japanese in our country. The "impossible" part of the scenario would mean we would have to rely on what our intelligence provided for the arrests and we would have no idea how accurate the intelligence would be so we could arrest innocent Muslims by mistake. As far as a particular religion, the Muslims are the only current religion with extremists/radicals committing suicide bombings. The NDAA makes this a possible scenario and is an updated version of your topic in the OP.

I could see our government imposing martial law on certain cities if a religious war broke out and use the NDAA to roundup "suspected" extremists/radical Muslims. This could easily spread out through the United States to the level that was used to round up the Japanese so that's how it ties into your topic of the OP.

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#192

TJMAC77SP ◦

Senior Member



Join Date: May 2007
Location: NC
Posts: 3,156
Mentioned: 4 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

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#193

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [tiredretiredE7](#) →

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It could most certainly happen, I agree. In fact, I think it will happen. I'm not sure if it will be Muslims, or Occupy, or Tea Party, or anybody who protests, or people who support journalists like WikiLeaks, but I do think it will happen. Reminds me of Hitler's list. Jews, Freemasons, Jehovah's Witnesses and other conscientious objectors, gypsies, and several other groups. Kind of a catch all for anybody who wasn't a Sgt Hulk.

And before somebody brings up Godwin's Law (that unfortunate meme designed to make people feel guilty about studying or discussing THE most important piece of modern history, or to make others feel justified in not listenin), let's take a look at the democratic rise of the dictatorship in Germany. Hitler was voted in during tough economic times. He gave great speeches. He got his government behind him, including the judiciary that knew better. The people wanted it, they were scared, they were economically depressed, and they were hateful and bigoted.

And guess who Hitler's peers were? Anybody know who his peers were? Stalin from Russia. Mussolini from Italy. And President Franklin D. Roosevelt from the United States, one of the absolute worst presidents in American history, who gave the order to lock up Americans into concentration camps without charge or trial.

But Germany after the fact, just like America did after the American concentration camps, apologized. My bad! But still, don't talk about Germany and FDR and how it all relates to today, or you're just another one of those guys. Tin foil, etc etc, yawn.


Politicians don't pass a law that redefines America as a dictatorship, without having a reason and a plan. The NDAA is the most unconstitutional and most tyrannical piece of legislation to ever be passed in America. It establishes a dictatorship. And most Americans don't care.

We will repeat the 1940s and we in the military will be front and center yet again. The question is, will we fail yet again? There will be no apology after the next episode. We fail this time, and America will cease to exist forever more.

COURAGE!

Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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#194

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Join Date: Feb 2011

Posts: 1,716

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [Shrike](#) →

I'm done with you for now, by the way. Have fun typing your frothing response, little child doggie puppy boy. I'm sure the insecurities that made you uparmor a POS will be well-served in the response you'll type...which I won't read anyway, but go ahead and waste your time.

Nyah nyah nyah nyah NOT LISTENING! NOT LISTENING!!

10-08-2012, 03:05 PM

#195

PickYourBattles

Senior Member
 Join Date: Mar 2012
 Posts: 246
 Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by TJMAC77SP

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#196

TJMAC77SP

Senior Member

 Join Date: May 2007
 Location: NC
 Posts: 3,156
 Mentioned: 4 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by PickYourBattles

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And still no actual response.

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I don't have any quotes.....you can pick one for yourself

10-08-2012, 03:20 PM

#197

imnohero

Senior Member
 Join Date: Aug 2008
 Location: everywhere
 Posts: 699
 Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

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Originally Posted by [imnohero](#) →

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Indefinite detainment, assassination, and soldiers arresting and killing citizens on our own soil... is there another necessary element to a totalitarian regime that I'm missing here?

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PickYourBattles ◦

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Responded to you in the Katherine Forrest thread.

COURAGE!

Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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imnohero ◦

Senior Member

Join Date: Aug 2008

Location: everywhere

Posts: 699

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

SEC. 1021. AFFIRMATION OF AUTHORITY OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES TO DETAIN COVERED PERSONS PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF MILITARY FORCE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Congress affirms that the authority of the President to use all necessary and appropriate force pursuant to the Authorization for Use of Military Force (Public Law 107-40;

50 U.S.C. 1541 note) includes the **authority for the Armed Forces of the United States to detain covered persons (as defined in subsection**

(b)) pending disposition under the law of war.

(b) COVERED PERSONS.—A covered person under this section

is any person as follows:

(1) A person who planned, authorized, committed, or aided the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001,

or harbored those responsible for those attacks.

(2) A person who was a part of or substantially supported al-Qaeda, the Taliban, or associated forces that are engaged

in hostilities against the United States or its coalition partners, including any person who has committed a belligerent act or has directly supported such hostilities in aid of such enemy forces.

(c) DISPOSITION UNDER LAW OF WAR.—The disposition of a person under the law of war as described in subsection (a) may include the following:

(1) Detention under the law of war without trial **until the end of the hostilities** authorized by the Authorization for

Use of Military Force.

(2) Trial under chapter 47A of title 10, United States Code (as amended by the Military Commissions Act of 2009

(title XVIII of Public Law 111–84)).

(3) Transfer for trial by an alternative court or competent tribunal having lawful jurisdiction.

(4) Transfer to the custody or control of the person's country of origin, any other foreign country, or any other foreign entity.


(d) CONSTRUCTION.—**Nothing in this section is intended to limit or expand the authority of the President or the scope of the Authorization for Use of Military Force.**

(e) AUTHORITIES.—**Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect existing law or authorities relating to the detention of United States citizens,** lawful

resident aliens of the United States, or any other persons who are captured or arrested in the United States.

Nothing in this section authorizes unlimited detention, assassination, or killing of American citizens. Nor does any other section of the 2012 NDAA.

While I agree that this section is likely unconstitutional, it is not the establishment of dictatorship.

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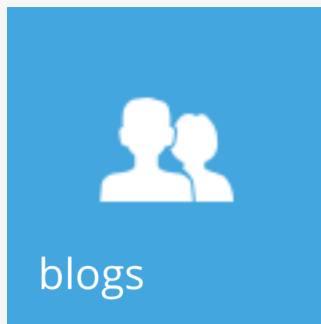
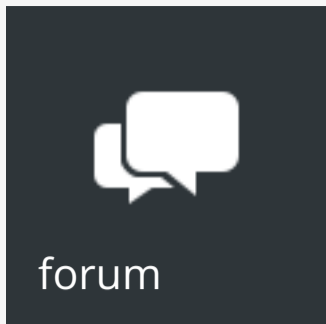
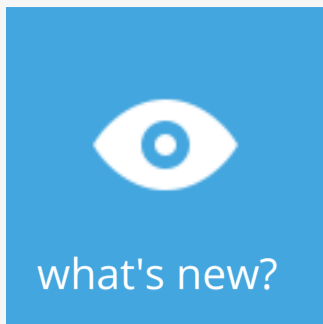
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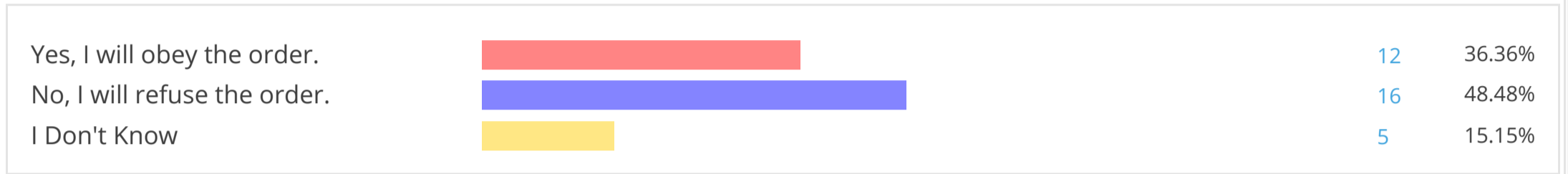
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#201

Absinthe Anecdote

Senior Member



Join Date: Mar 2012
Location: Baltimore
Posts: 3,669
Mentioned: 14 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by PickYourBattles →

Alright, so far we have 7 folks (36.84%) saying that YES, they would have rounded up Americans by force without charge or trial and thrown them on the trains taking them to concentration camps. CrustySMSgt, Max Power, MCPO_USN, OtisRNeedleman, Sgt HULK, tiredretiredE7, and twoZJbrass.

We have 8 folks (42.11%) saying NO, they would refuse to do as the order was unlawful. bonacwolverine9497, jconners, Joe Bonham, PickYourBattles, raider8169, ROAD, ThaBufe, and Z1911.

And last, but certainly not least, we have 4 folks (21.05%) who just don't know whether or not they would round up American men, women, and children absent charge and trial and herd them into concentration camps. BRUWIN, ConfusedAirman, js7799, and sandsjames.

Does it matter that one of your "Oath Keepers" is one of those stolen valor clowns?

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I guess it doesn't matter because this is a perfect exercise for a clown like him.

He can say he would resign his pretend commission in your pretend

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#202

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Join Date: Feb 2011
Posts: 1,716
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [Absinthe Anecdote](#) →

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#203

PickYourBattles

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

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Originally Posted by [imnohero](#) →

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#204

PickYourBattles

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [Absinthe Anecdote](#) →

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#205

Absinthe Anecdote

Senior Member



Join Date: Mar 2012
Location: Baltimore
Posts: 3,669
Mentioned: 14 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

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#206

PickYourBattles

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [Absinthe Anecdote](#) →

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Who's there?

Those Who Don't Know History.

Those Who Don't Know History who?


Those Who Don't Know History are Doomed to Repeat it.

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#207

[imnohero](#) ◦

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#208

[Absinthe Anecdote](#) ◦

Senior Member



Join Date: Mar 2012
Location: Baltimore
Posts: 3,669
Mentioned: 14 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

“ Originally Posted by [Joe Bonham](#) →

I didn't know who he was until I googled him. Is [this](#) him?

Yes, same guy.

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#209

[Absinthe Anecdote](#) ◦

Senior Member

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

“ Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

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Fine, then study history.

I would be less inclined to take pot shots at you if you'd show just a little humility.

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#210

PickYourBattles

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
 Posts: 246
 Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

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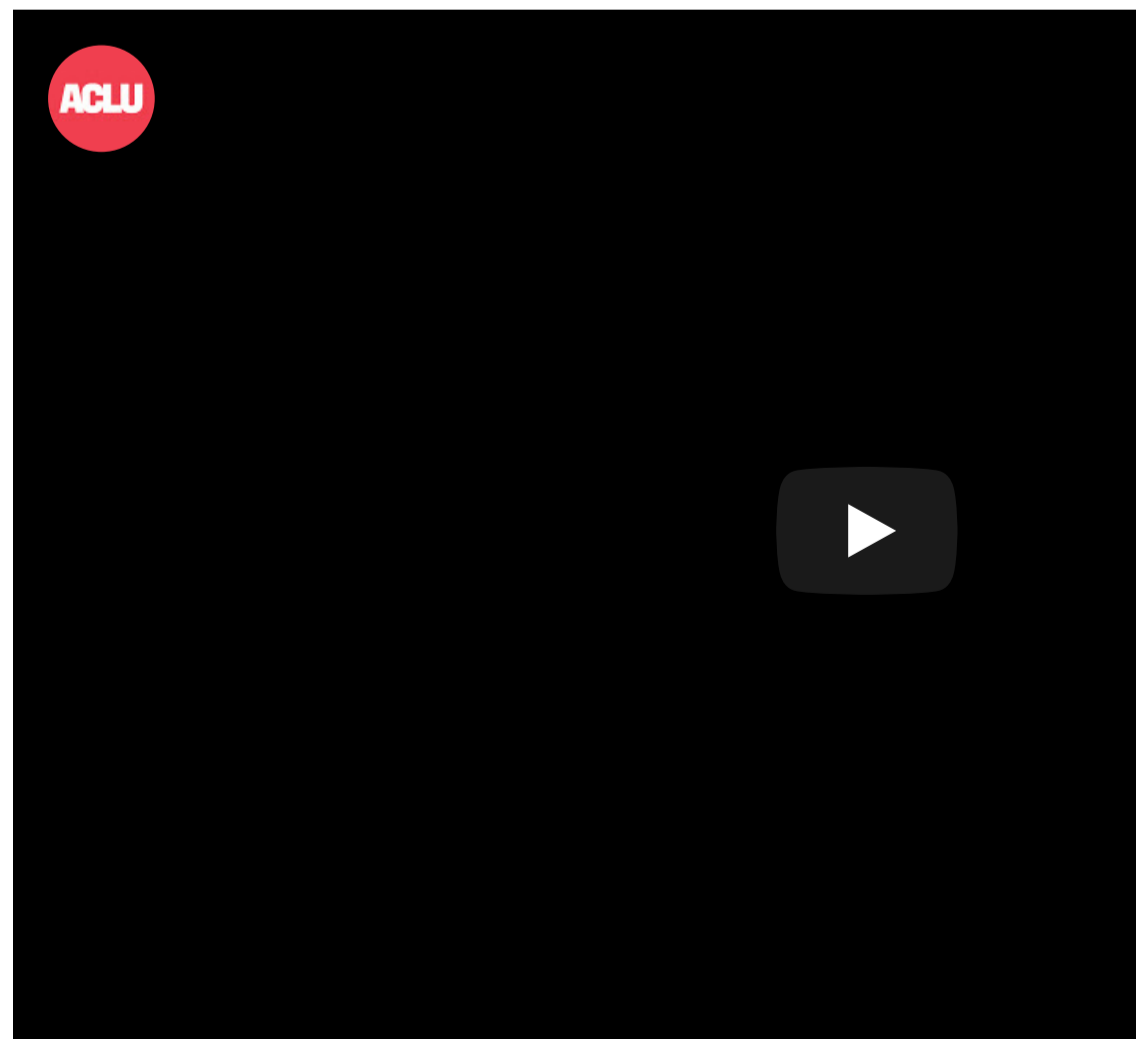
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You're probably right, you don't need to. Fuck. I'm bested. You are the real deal! Wow, I'm honored to encounter your intellect and level of awareness online. I'm sure your intelligence and level of education is far better than mine. I'm sure your legal circle of friends is also as superior as mine.

I suppose that's why you have failed to realize that the NDAA law says (in a separate section that you quoted that doesn't refer to the other section) that it (not the section on indefinitely detaining "anyone") does not apply to American citizens. Ooops!

That's why you failed to mention the floor debates where numerous Congressmen, including the Senator below who sponsored the bill, made it clear that YES IT DOES apply to Americans on American soil.



I guess that's why you failed to mention that amendments offered up to clarify that the bill did NOT apply to American citizens, were soundly defeated in a nice bipartisan fashion.

That's also why you have failed to realize that the POTUS who said he would veto the bill, in fact signed it on December 29th while the nation was celebrating.

I guess that's why you failed to mention the President Obama signed it anyway, but issued a signing statement saying (and I quote for you counselor):

Moreover, I want to clarify that my Administration will not authorize the indefinite military detention without trial of American citizens. Indeed, I believe that doing so would break with our most important traditions and values as a Nation. My Administration will interpret section 1021 in a manner that ensures that any detention it authorizes complies with the Constitution, the laws of war, and all other applicable law.

I guess that's why you failed to mention that this section of NDAA was the subject of lawsuit against Obama by various journalists claiming the government was saying it could arrest Americans for free speech, and that Obama did send his lawyers to defend it.

I guess that's why you didn't mention that Judge Katherine Forrest found that this section of the NDAA was "unconstitutional" and then called the decision re: the Japanese American concentration camps of the 1940s, embarrassing.

I guess that's why you didn't mention that the government refused to say that the Americans would not be indefinitely detained for free speech, until after the Judge issues her injunction against the government.

I guess that's why you didn't mention that the POTUS who said he would veto the bill, but signed it and issued a signing statement saying that HE wouldn't use it to indefinitely detain Americans (because like you say, the power isn't there, duh), immediately appealed the injunction to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, where the appeal is waiting a decision on whether Judge Forrest was correct that.....

The law was unconstitutional.

But hey, feel free to stay out of the Judge Katherine Forrest thread, because you might learn something. I can see you have done so already!

COURAGE!

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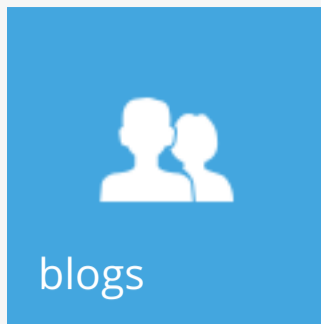
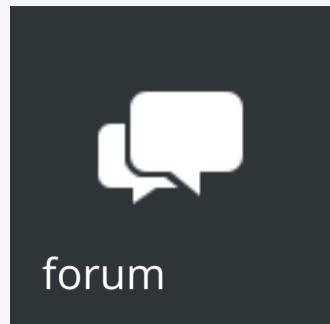
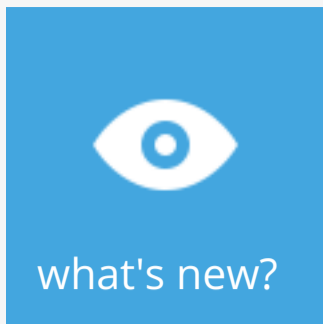
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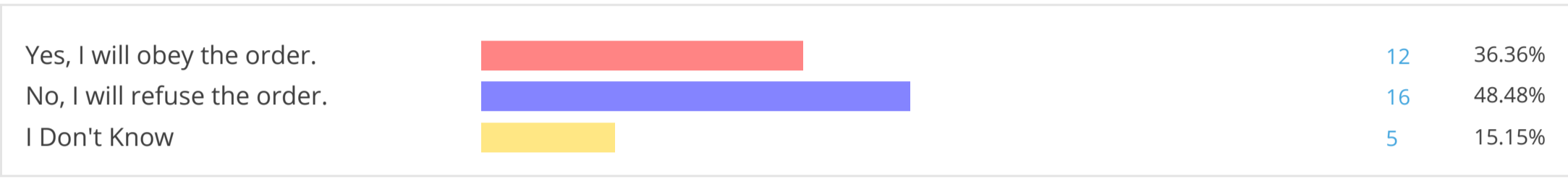


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Thread: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s?

10-08-2012, 05:59 PM

#211

imnohero

Senior Member
Join Date: Aug 2008
Location: everywhere
Posts: 699
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

You're probably right, you don't need to. Fuck. I'm bested. You are the real deal! Wow, I'm honored to encounter your intellect and level of awareness online. I'm sure your intelligence and level of education is far better than mine. I'm sure your legal circle of friends is also as superior as mine.

I suppose that's why you have failed to realize that the NDAA law says (in a separate section that you quoted that doesn't refer to the other section) that it (not the section on indefinitely detaining "anyone") does not apply to American citizens. Ooops!

That's why you failed to mention the floor debates where numerous Congressmen, including the Senator below who sponsored the bill, made it clear that YES IT DOES apply to Americans on American soil.

The ACLU logo, consisting of the letters "ACLU" in white on a red circular background.

I guess that's why you failed to mention that amendments offered up to clarify that the bill did NOT apply to American citizens, were soundly defeated in a nice bipartisan fashion.

That's also why you have failed to realize that the POTUS who said he would veto the bill, in fact signed it on December 29th while the nation was celebrating.

I guess that's why you failed to mention the President Obama signed it anyway, but issued a signing statement saying (and I quote for you counselor):

I guess that's why you failed to mention that this section of NDAA was the subject of lawsuit against Obama by various journalists claiming the government was saying it could arrest Americans for free speech, and that Obama did send his lawyers to defend it.

I guess that's why you didn't mention that Judge Katherine Forrest found that this section of the NDAA was "unconstitutional" and then called the decision re: the Japanese American concentration camps of the 1940s, embarrassing.

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I guess that's why you didn't mention that the POTUS who said he would veto the bill, but signed it and issued a signing statement saying that HE wouldn't use it to indefinitely detain Americans (because like you say, the power isn't there, duh), immediately appealed the injunction to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, where the appeal is waiting a decision on whether Judge Forrest was correct that.....

The law was unconstitutional.

But hey, feel free to stay out of the Judge Katherine Forrest thread, because you might learn something. I can see you have done so already!

At contention is not whether it's unconstitutionality, which I have already said I believe that it is...for many of the reasons you note above.

What is in contention is your statement that it (the NDAA) establishes a dictatorship. Which you still haven't discussed. Nor does your little diatribe refute that the NDAA doesn't authorize unlimited detention, assassination or killing of citizens. You can't because it doesn't, so you attack me instead.

As for your sarcasm re: my intelligence, education and social circles. You know nothing about me, my education or associations. You're brash assumption that you are smarter, more educated, or understand more than I do seems to be based solely on my disagreement with you. Which is pathetic and sad.

10-08-2012, 06:04 PM

#212

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Join Date: Feb 2011

Posts: 1,716

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [imnohero](#) →

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10-08-2012, 06:23 PM

#213

PickYourBattles

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [imnohero](#) →

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Yes, something is pathetic and sad here. But not your handle. That is perfect, and I have no issue with it. Kudos to you.

I never said, the NDAA had anything to do with the claimed power to assassinate Americans. In fact, I have said the opposite. And the NDAA does authorize indefinite detentions (is that unlimited? I suppose not, IF the government decides it's not, but it's up to them).

I don't attack you. I attack your posts, because they are quite simply ridiculous. You're like a third grader who's dad bought him a basketball for Christmas trying to square off with Michael Jordan.

I do admire your spunk. I just wish you could spell spunk.

COURAGE!

Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

Well, you aren't going to like this answer either, but yes [I would follow an unlawful order to round up innocent Americans by force and throw them into concentration camps]. ...I probably would have obeyed the order for self preservation purposes.

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Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [Joe Bonham](#) →

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I'll save educating Imnohero on this point and let you do your work. He doesn't like the way I do it. You're a liberal so you're softer and more touchy feely than I am.

Good luck explaining tyranny vs America to him Joe Bonham. We're all counting on you.

COURAGE!

Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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Senior Member

Join Date: Aug 2008

Location: everywhere

Posts: 699

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

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Followed by

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and

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You know, you really should get some help for that. I know a good psychologist.

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Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

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Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [imnohero](#) →

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And don't worry about me just today correcting one forum member and telling them the NDAA had nothing to do with assassinating Americans.

The reason I point out that your posts are moronic, is because they are utterly moronic. But beyond that, like so many on this board, they are disingenuous, where you lie and make your facts up, to try to spin a story. Not true, you say?

Then share the quote where I imply the NDAA had something to do with assassinating Americans.

COURAGE!

“ Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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10-08-2012, 09:34 PM

#217

[imnohero](#) ◦

Senior Member

Join Date: Aug 2008
Location: everywhere
Posts: 699
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

You wrote:

The NDAA is the most unconstitutional and most tyrannical piece of legislation to ever be passed in America. It establishes a dictatorship.

Assuming you are using proper grammar, the "it" in the second sentence refers to the NDAA.

Then I wrote:

In context with section 1022, the various legal challenges, court rulings, and that it's severable...hardly support the statement that the FY2012 NDAA "establishes a dictatorship."

Then you wrote:

Indefinite detainment, assassination, and soldiers arresting and killing citizens on our own soil... is there another necessary element to a totalitarian regime that I'm missing here?

Unless you are claiming that the second quote above is completely unrelated to the 1st quote, then the primary connection between them is the implication, by you, that the NDAA authorizes "Indefinite detainment, assassination, and soldiers arresting and killing citizens on our own soil."

You know very well that this is what you wrote and implied. You can deny it all you like, but it's there for everyone to see.

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10-08-2012, 09:48 PM

#218

[PickYourBattles](#) ◦

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

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How strange you don't actually quote folks using the quote function (you know, because it then shows who posted each of those quotes you claim). I think if you do so, you'll see that the quote you claim was mine:

Indefinite detainment, assassination, and soldiers arresting and killing citizens on our own soil... is there another necessary element to a totalitarian regime that I'm missing here?

Was actually from one Joe Bonham, and not me. And then if you were to really go above and beyond, you'd would then see that I corrected him and stated the NDAA did not talk about assassination.

Here, let me demonstrate how to use the quote function so people can actually see who said it:

“ Originally Posted by **Joe Bonham** →

Indefinite detainment, assassination, and soldiers arresting and killing citizens on our own soil... is there another necessary element to a totalitarian regime that I'm missing here?

To which I then responded:

“ Originally Posted by **PickYourBattles** →

Responded to you in the Katherine Forrest thread.

“ Originally Posted by **PickYourBattles** →

The NDAA doesn't talk about assassination (though the top administration lawyers, Holder, Brennan and Koh have taken to the legal circuit claiming that the President does have that right). But you are right, if the POTUS can arrest an American without charge or trial and hold them indefinitely with no access to a lawyer (the NDAA does all this), then how can that be anything other than tyrannical?

If you can be arrested based on a secret suspicion without an ability to challenge it, then you have no right to free speech, or right to bear arms, or right to protest, or right of the press, or any rights at all. I'm not sure how this is complicated. If you can just be nabbed for any reason, or no reason at all, by your government and you can't challenge it - how is it possible that in any universe that could be anything other than totalitarianism? Fascism. Authoritarianism.

Who would have ever thought a couple hundred years ago that this point would have to be made to "Americans" and that they just wouldn't get it?

It's one thing to get it fucked up. It's quite another to then be called out on it, and then to obviously mis-quote. You are either somebody who should be wearing a pink padded helmet, or you lack integrity which is it?

Please take your pink padded helmet and just go away. I can't stand people as stupid as yourself, or as disingenuous as yourself, who will just make shit up or lie to try to prove a point. Do you have no character at all?

COURAGE!

“ Originally Posted by **sandsjames** →

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imnohero

Senior Member
Join Date: Aug 2008
Location: everywhere
Posts: 699
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

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In any case, you still haven't explained how the NDAA establishes a dictatorship, that was your comment.

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PickYourBattles

Senior Member
Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

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Ok fine, a mistake was made and you admit it.

As I've told you before, go to the Katherine Forrest thread to talk about NDAA. That's where I have posted my commentary.

COURAGE!

Originally Posted by **sandsjames** →
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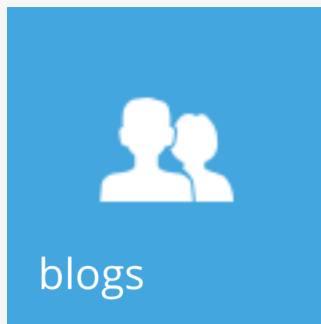
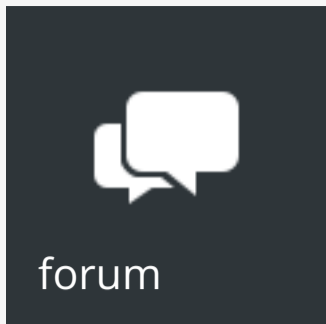
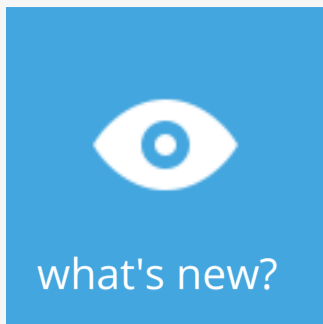
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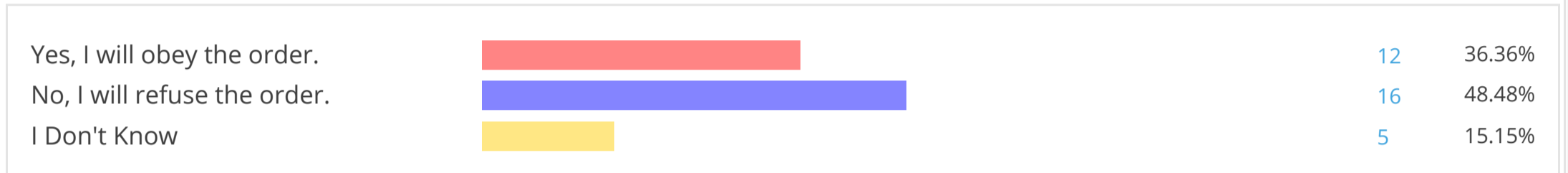
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10-08-2012, 10:15 PM #221

PickYourBattles

Senior Member
Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

The response to you is in the Katherine Forrest thread, You'reNoHero.

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Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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10-08-2012, 10:54 PM #222

imnohero

Senior Member
Join Date: Aug 2008
Location: everywhere
Posts: 699
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)


Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

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I know you think you're "getting my goat" or whatever changing my name around. But it doesn't bother me a bit. Know why? Because I did my duty, served with honor, and have the humility to know that I was not called on, nor performed any heroic acts.

You can believe that or not, doesn't bother me either way, because you're just some dude on the internet that is an amusing way to waste some time. In short, you don't matter and are incapable of telling me anything I don't know or changing my mind.

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10-08-2012, 11:55 PM

#223

PickYourBattles ◦

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

“ Originally Posted by [imnohero](#) →

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Good times. Thanks for the honesty. Thanks for the decent post on the NDAA thread.

“ Originally Posted by [imnohero](#) →

In short, you don't matter and are incapable of telling me anything I don't know or changing my mind.

Well, I'm not sure I can change your mind though I tend to agree with you. As far as telling you something you don't know, I can most certainly do plenty of that. And I have no doubt you could tell me things I don't know, too.

COURAGE!

“ Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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#224

PickYourBattles ◦

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Acting Solicitor General of the United States apologizes for his predecessor withholding evidence when these camps got challenged at the Supreme Court:

<http://articles.latimes.com/2011/may...icans-20110525>

COURAGE!

“ Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

Well, you aren't going to like this answer either, but yes [I would follow an unlawful order to round up innocent Americans by force and throw them into concentration camps]. ...I probably would have obeyed the order for self preservation purposes.

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#225

PickYourBattles

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012

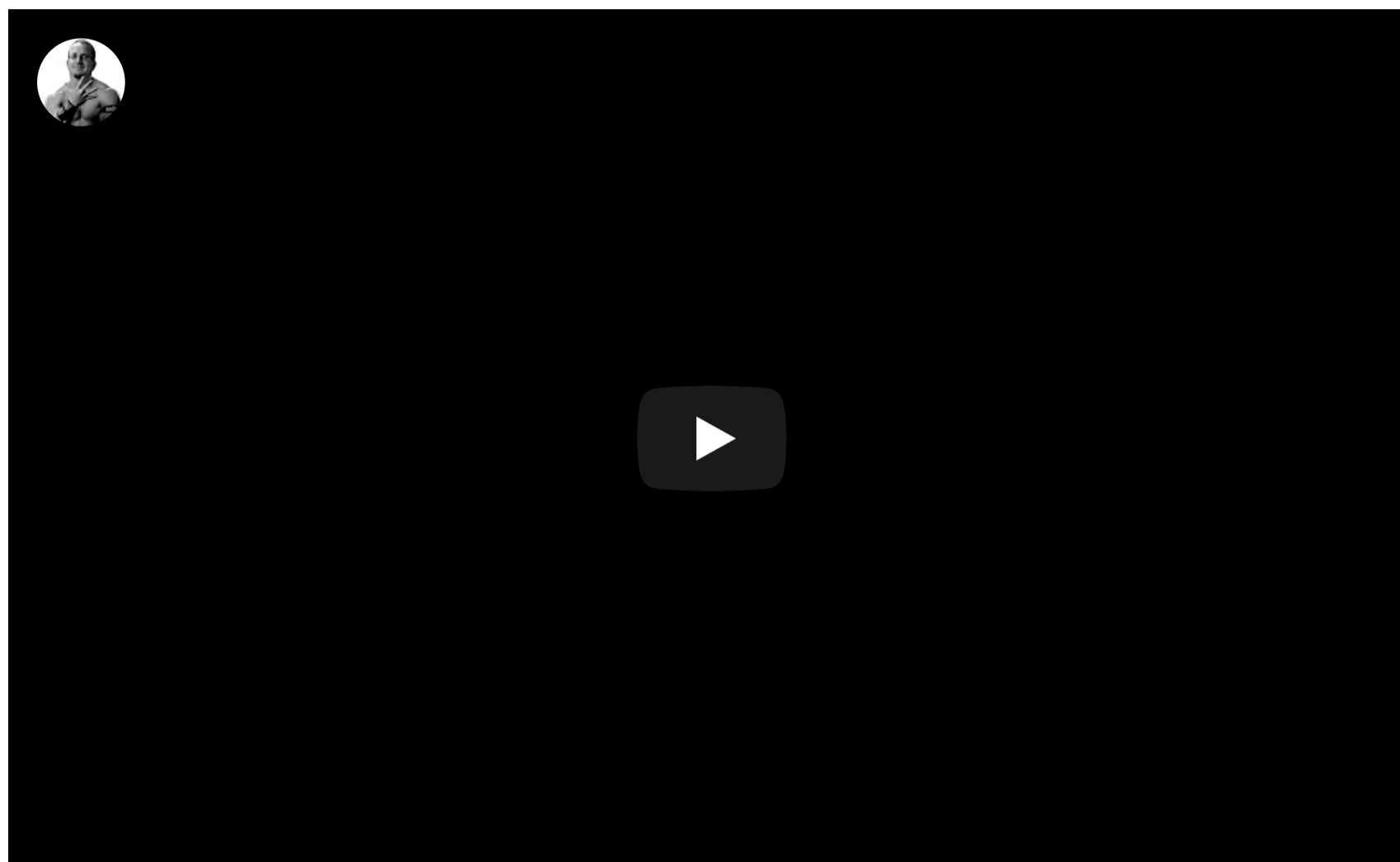
Posts: 246

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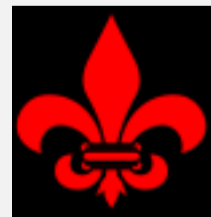
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#226

RS6405

Senior Member



Join Date: Jun 2010

Location: SRB

Posts: 386

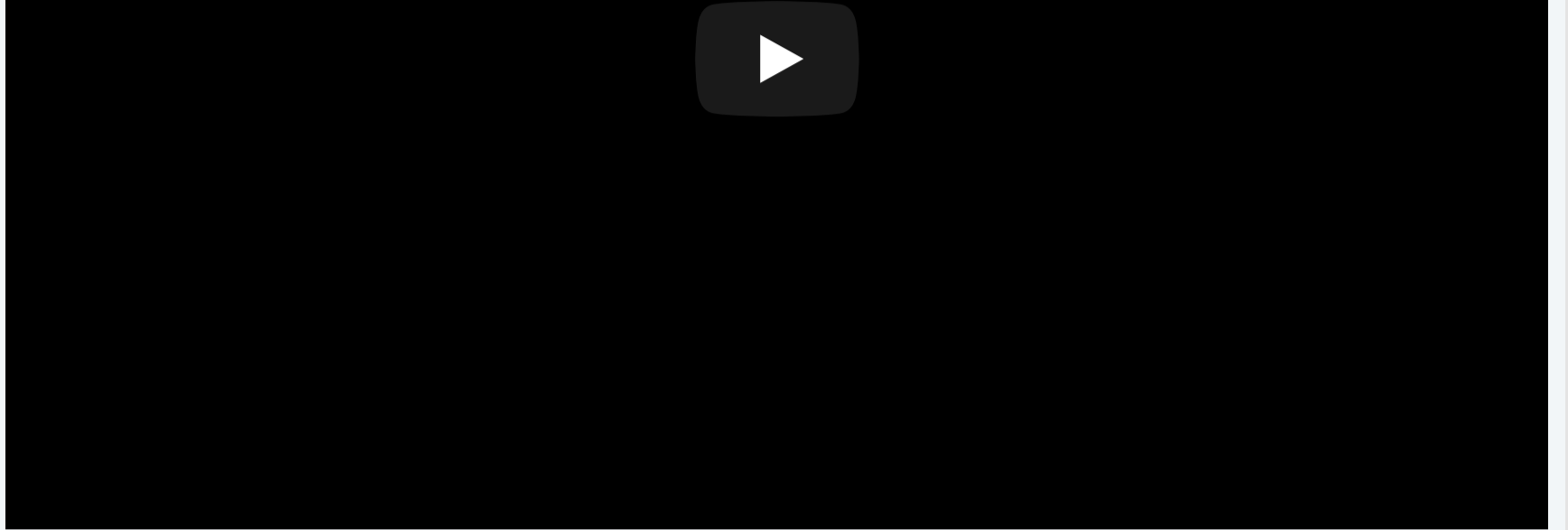
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Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

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PYB what are your sources?

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#227

Igloowhite ◦

Junior Member

Join Date: Oct 2010
Location: Charleston, SC
Posts: 22
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

In 1997 while attending the Navy Post Graduate School, Navy Lt Cmdr Neil Bewell's Master's Thesis dealt with the domestic use of military force on the civilian populace. Using a scenario resembling the riots caused by the Rodney King incident, Bewell interviewed 100 Marines at Camp Lejeune, NC and asked if they would have any questions using deadly force on civilians. All 100 hundred respondents responded that they would have no problem.

Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and myself founded empires; but what foundation did we rest the creations of our genius? Upon force. Jesus Christ founded an empire upon love; and at this hour millions of men would die for Him. Napoleon Bonaparte

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10-15-2012, 03:07 AM

#228

F4CrewChick ◦

Senior Member



Join Date: Apr 2010
Location: San Francisco (Big Surprise)
Posts: 178
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

“ Originally Posted by Igloowhite →

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Honestly, they are Marines, they are also the smallest force for a reason. No slight intended on Marines, simply they are trained to FIGHT and not question it. By how this poll is shaping up, it appears that at LEAST half of us would have a problem with an order to imprison without charges, warrant, or suspension of posse comitatus, American citizens en masse. There are enough sane and bright servicemembers to ensure a situation like that wouldn't happen in this day and age.

[SIGPIC]/[SIGPIC]You giggle every time you say 'cockpit'

-David Letterman "Top Ten ways to know you might not be ready to join the USAF"

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#229

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Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

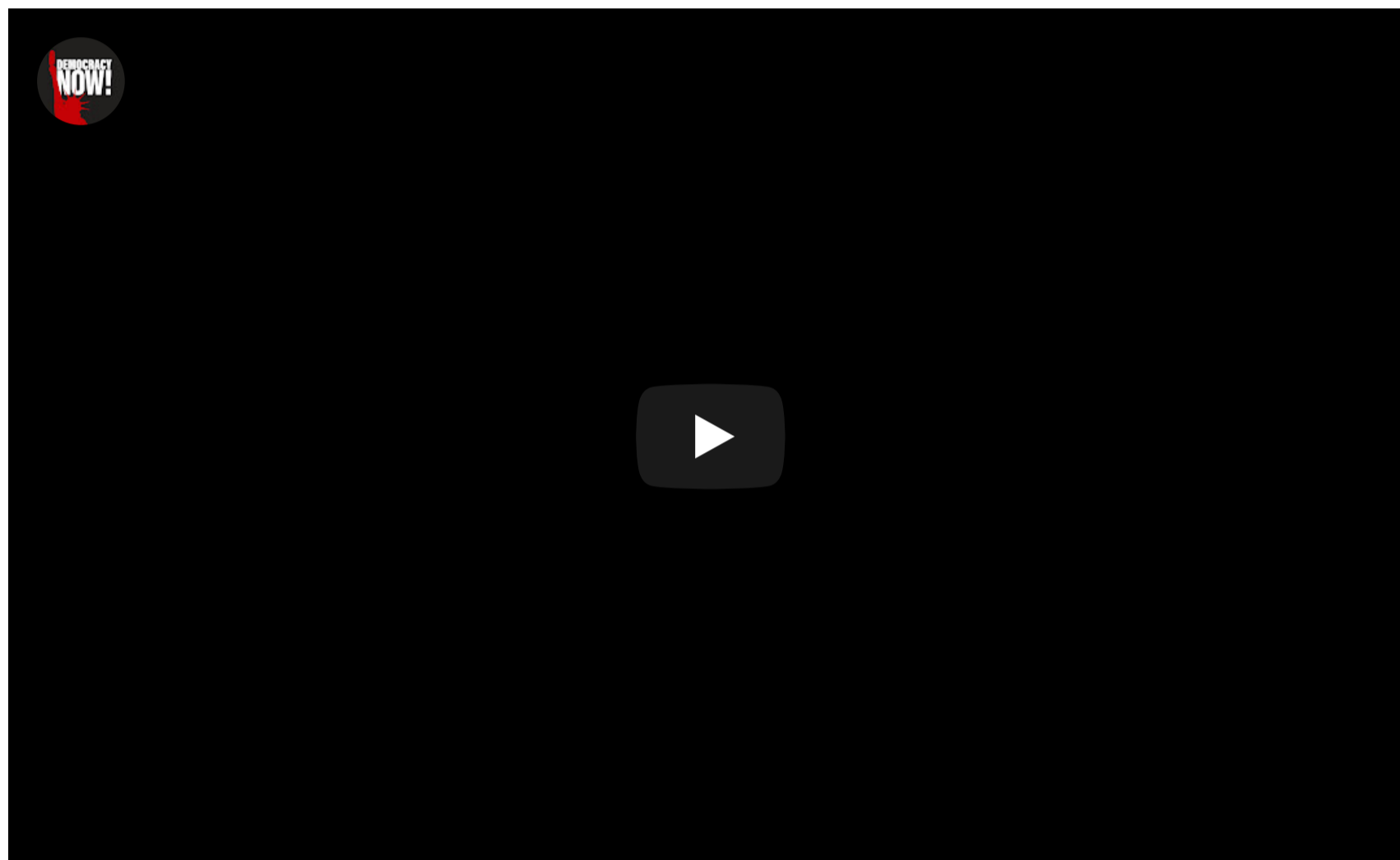
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Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [F4CrewChick](#) →

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I wish I believed that. It's easy to say you'd do the right thing on an anonymous messageboard. The sheer number of people who say they'd do the wrong thing on that anonymous messageboard is frightening. Along with recent history that shows (if you believe the media) otherwise.



COURAGE!

Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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#230

F4CrewChick

Senior Member



Join Date: Apr 2010

Location: San Francisco (Big Surprise)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

It pisses me off that some weak coward who won't sign his neg rep, dings people because of disagreeing with the position taken in a comment. The reputation points aren't about whether you agree with a post or not but if the post is an ad hominem attack or offensive, etc. Whatevs you coward who won't sign his name.


PYB, the Glenn video is about the drone strikes which is far afield

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from rounding up American citizens on US soil and putting them in camps en masse. The drone strikes are a different topic all together.

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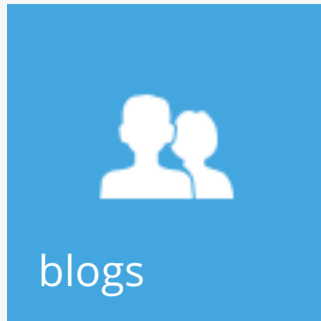
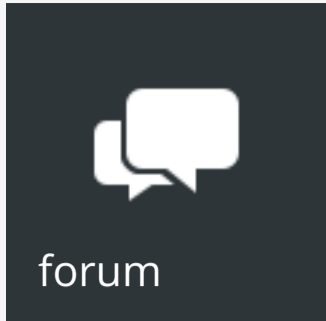
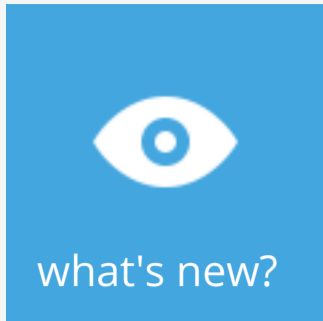
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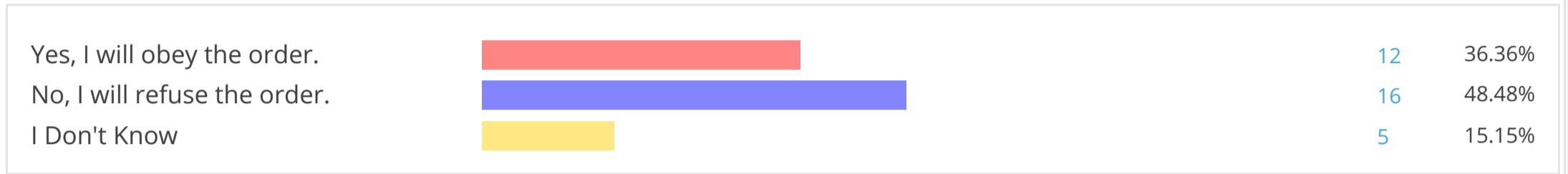
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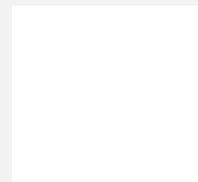
Thread: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s?

10-16-2012, 02:20 AM

#231

sandsjames

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Join Date: Jun 2008
Location: Texas
Posts: 6,984
Mentioned: 18 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by PickYourBattles →
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10-16-2012, 02:59 AM

#232

PickYourBattles

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

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Is disgruntled the same as being immoral? I've always figured those who are disgruntled are so, because those above them don't do right.

COURAGE!

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#233

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Senior Member

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Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: [Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s](#)

Originally Posted by [F4CrewChick](#) →

It pisses me off that some weak coward who won't sign his neg rep, dings people because of disagreeing with the position taken in a comment. The reputation points aren't about whether you agree with a post or not but if the post is an ad hominem attack or offensive, etc. Whatevs you coward who won't sign his name.

PYB, the Glenn video is about the drone strikes which is far afield from rounding up American citizens on US soil and putting them in camps en masse. The drone strikes are a different topic all together.

If our government will kill Americans without due process, it will have no problem rounding them up and imprisoning them without due process. Just like happened in the 1940s.

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Join Date: Jun 2008

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Posts: 6,984

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Re: [Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s](#)

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Senior Member

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Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

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Senior Member



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Location: San Francisco (Big Surprise)

Posts: 178

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

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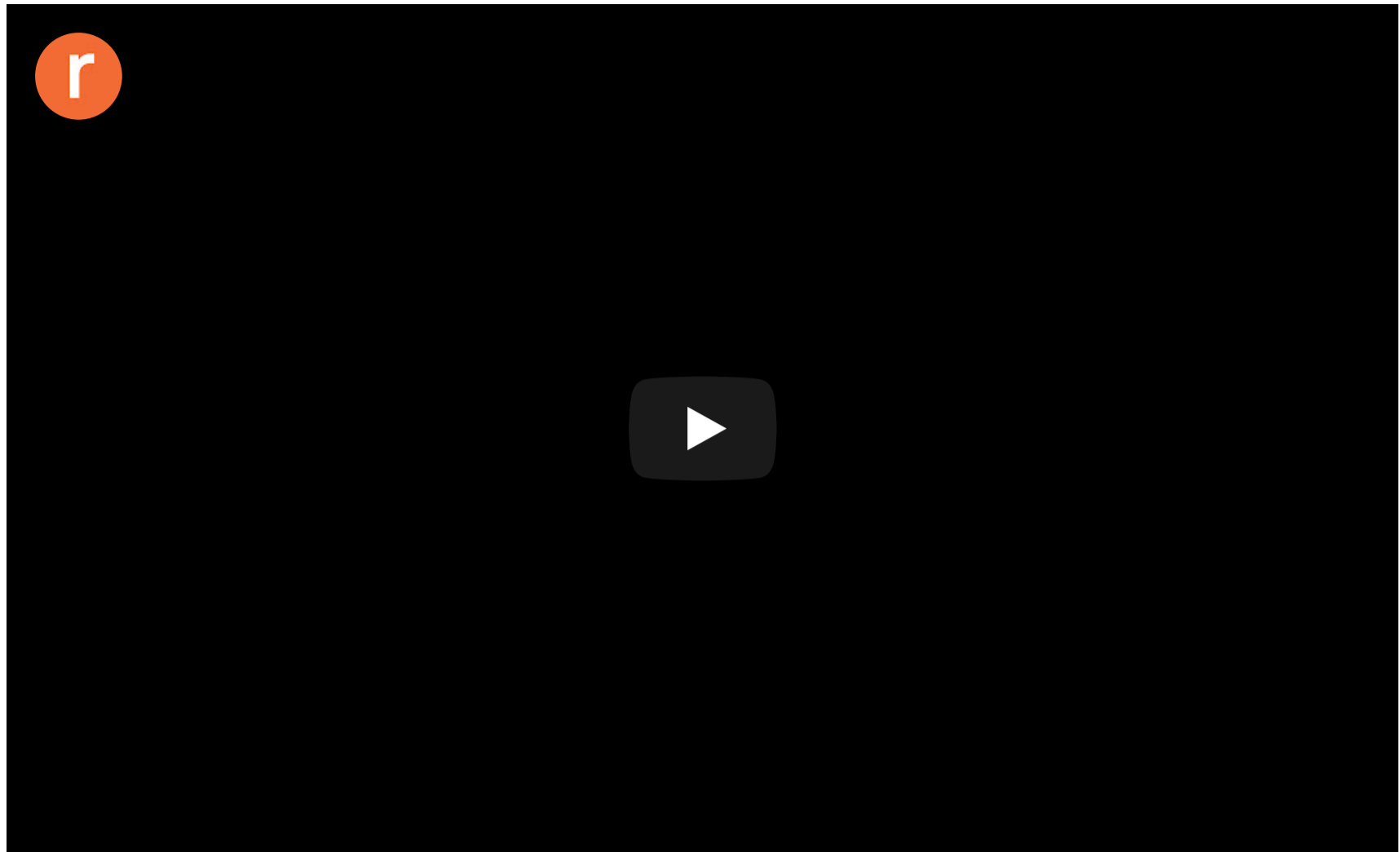
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Are you saying that perceived 'enemy' Muslim extremists cannot be Americans? Or do I misunderstand? Have you read the NDAA and listened to your members of Congress and read the President's signing statement on the NDAA? I'm not sure how you could believe that it wouldn't happen (again) here, after our government (if you believe the media) has already assassinated an American on the President's whim alone, without charge or trial or any due process.



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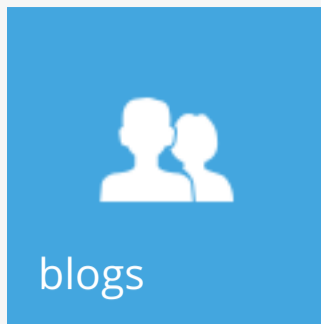
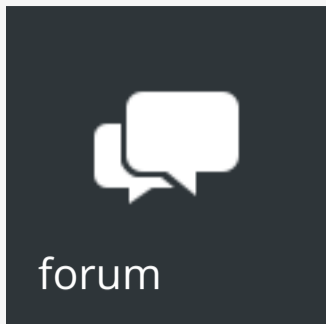
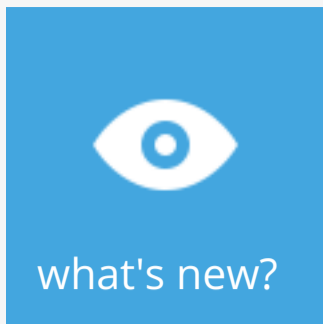
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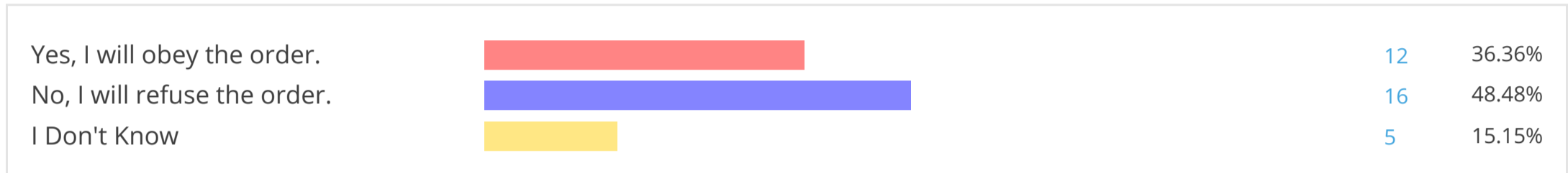
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Thread: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s?

10-16-2012, 04:46 PM #241

Calmo70

Member



Join Date: Apr 2008
 Location: Around
 Posts: 66
 Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

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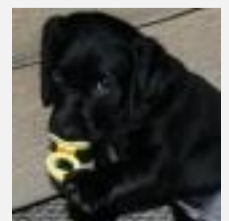
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10-16-2012, 05:06 PM #242

AJBIGJ

Senior Member



Join Date: Jun 2010
 Location: VA
 Posts: 988
 Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

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These types of things don't generally happen this way, the encroachments are much more incremental so that we become more accustomed to toeing the line for quite a while, become complacent and comfortable with doing so, then we get asked to step over. A more likely scenario is (assuming you're already assigned to a security detail) you get asked to take an individual into detention with little going-in background information about the person to be detained. The order seems relatively harmless of and by itself. After bringing the person into detention, you are asked to release custody to a different authority, legal or even more probably a medical one, and that's the last you ever hear of it

(unless it becomes newsworthy). The person you first detained then continues to be transitioned through a large degree of bureaucratic limbo and "professional oversight". All you ever remember is you were ordered to bring the person in for reasons that were beyond your own "need to know". Little did you realize your leaders deceived you (and may have been lied to themselves).

Of course, after doing this once, like a lobster in a pot you gradually become more and more comfortable with these types of activities and generally question things less as it becomes "business as usual". Before you know it, you and your peers have brought a very large number of individuals in for "detention and processing".

I like your fervor PYB, but I question your approach. Most readers in this audience probably do not have your background of research on this specific subject and rather than seeing your posts as hard questions on serious ethical issues, they may occasionally come off as tinfoil hat-wearing lunacy. This is just the opinion of a concerned outsider watching things progress.

"The two enemies of the people are criminals and government, so let us tie the second down with the chains of the Constitution so the second will not become the legalized version of the first." ~ Thomas Jefferson

It will be of little avail to the people that the laws are made by men of their own choice if the laws be so voluminous that they cannot be read, or so incoherent that they cannot be understood.

James Madison

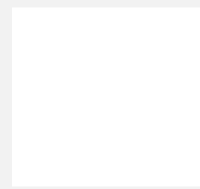
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#243

sandsjames ◦

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Location: Texas
Posts: 6,984
Mentioned: 18 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →


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Oh dear. Now my feelings are hurt. I guess your "flight" kicked it. Don't be ashamed. I don't think any less of you.

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10-16-2012, 08:37 PM

#244

PickYourBattles ◦

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

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Originally Posted by [Calmo70](#) →

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#246

[PickYourBattles](#) ◦

Senior Member

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#247

[F4CrewChick](#) ▾

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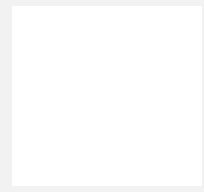
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Originally Posted by AJBIGJ →

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These types of things don't generally happen this way, the encroachments are much more incremental so that we become more accustomed to toeing the line for quite a while, become complacent and comfortable with doing so, then we get asked to step over. A more likely scenario is (assuming you're already assigned to a security detail) you get asked to take an individual into detention with little going-in background information about the person to be detained. The order seems relatively harmless of and by itself. After bringing the person into detention, you are asked to release custody to a different authority, legal or even more probably a medical one, and that's the last you ever hear of it (unless it becomes newsworthy). The person you first detained then continues to be transitioned through a large degree of bureaucratic limbo and "professional oversight". All you ever remember is you were ordered to bring the person in for reasons that were beyond your own "need to know". Little did you realize your leaders deceived you (and may have been lied to themselves).

Of course, after doing this once, like a lobster in a pot you gradually become more and more comfortable with these types of activities and generally question things less as it becomes "business as usual". Before you know it, you and your peers have brought a very large number of individuals in for "detention and processing".

I like your fervor PYB, but I question your approach. Most readers in this audience probably do not have your background of research on this specific subject and rather than seeing your posts as hard questions

on serious ethical issues, they may occasionally come off as tinfoil hat-wearing lunacy. This is just the opinion of a concerned outsider watching things progress.

Bear in mind it wouldn't be a large, popular group that would be herded into camps - it would be a small, weak and unpopular one - most likely one that Christian fundamentalists dislike and would love to see herded into camps.

If Obama/Romney gave the order for... say... Muslims to be interned - I suspect the vast majority of our military members would accept that order without question.

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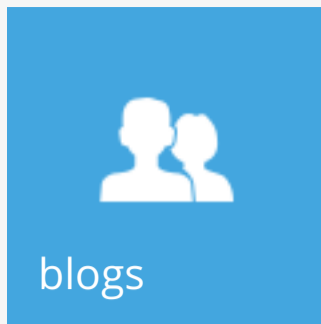
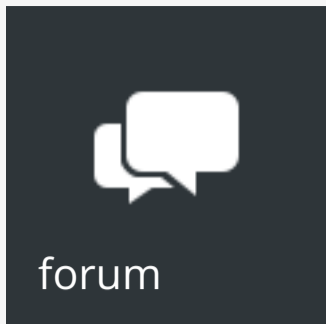
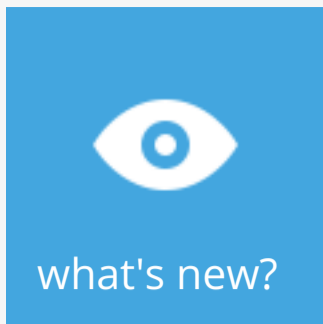
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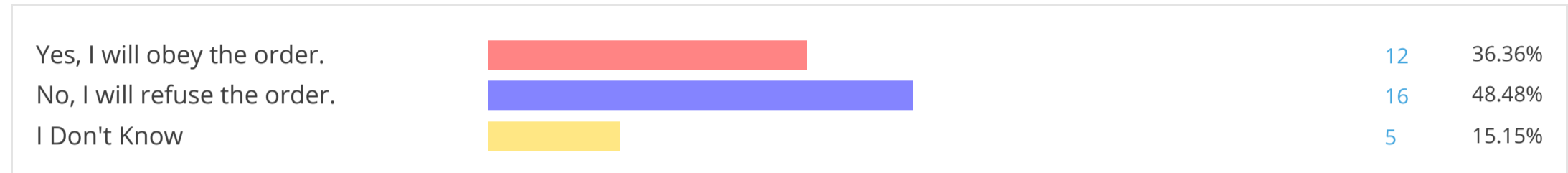
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Thread: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s?

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#251

sandsjames

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Join Date: Jun 2008
Location: Texas
Posts: 6,984
Mentioned: 18 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by Joe Bonham →
If Obama/Romney gave the order for... say... Muslims to be interned - I suspect the vast majority of our military members would accept that order without question.

Honestly, I think you are way off target on this. First of all, I can't see any President giving that order in this day and age. Second, people are way more educated than we were in the 1940s (for the most part) on international relations and the law. Third, the media would be all over it. I think if it ever did happen, we'd end up in a civil war. There would be an enormous amount of opposition.

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#252

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Join Date: Feb 2011
Posts: 1,716
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Most Americans are sheep. Scared and angry sheep. Sinners are taught to hate other sinners. Poor people are taught to hate other poor people. Immigrants are taught to hate other immigrants. Americans are taught to hate foreigners.

In reality - there's a small select minority controlling this country and reaping the benefits of a shitty economy and high unemployment rate - and completely controls our government... but we're too busy fear mongering about all these other countries that supposedly are going to attack at any second, the "lazy 47%", and the "Muslim Menace" to take notice.

10-17-2012, 12:30 PM

#253

PickYourBattles

Senior Member
 Join Date: Mar 2012
 Posts: 246
 Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

I agree, the vast majority would not question orders to kill or imprison Americans without charge or trial. As to the 1940s, I'm not sure anybody refused. I've tried to find examples of individuals who refused, and can't find any, but maybe my research skills are weak. When I google military refusing orders, I get a lot of returns from those in other countries, but oddly none from America other than some wackos refusing to deploy because of a birth certificate issue.

What I find really interesting between "then" and "now" is all the superfluous detail. We did like the President, we trusted the President, we really hated "those people." Those details may change from then to now, but they're more than likely going to be very similar. What isn't mentioned is what was the same. The law, the oath, and duty. Those things didn't change and should be all that is required of military professionals to, then and now, obey the law and do their duty. But that gets no play.

COURAGE!

Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

Well, you aren't going to like this answer either, but yes [I would follow an unlawful order to round up innocent Americans by force and throw them into concentration camps]. ...I probably would have obeyed the order for self preservation purposes.

10-17-2012, 02:48 PM

#254

Calmo70

Member

 Join Date: Apr 2008
 Location: Around
 Posts: 66
 Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

F4 Crew Chick - thanks for your support and your comments are right on target. But as you said - I can/will fight my own battles.
 PYB - My taking an oath to the Constitution plays no part in my decision matrix - my decisions now are based solely on my own political and moral belief system. But - for every aspect I can think of - that belief system pretty much is in parallel with the Constitution.
 Joe Bonham and PYB - I do not think for one minute that our military would blindly follow a presidential order to round up all people of any specific religion, race, creed, etc. While I don't have a whole lotta faith in how some generals act - I do have a firm faith that even in today's American - they are not going to become heads of some type of a red, white, and blue gestapo.

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10-17-2012, 04:23 PM

#255

PickYourBattles

Senior Member
 Join Date: Mar 2012
 Posts: 246
 Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [Calmo70](#) →

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#256

[sandsjames](#) ◦

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Join Date: Jun 2008
Location: Texas
Posts: 6,984
Mentioned: 18 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

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#257

[Calmo70](#) ◦

Member



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Location: Around
Posts: 66
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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Sandsjames - Actually, it's not.

It is simply a statement of fact. First, as I am an atheist - who/what am I swearing to/on. Second - The soldiers of the Union army during the Civil War also "swore" to uphold the Constitution - which until the Emancipation Proclamation (sp?) included supporting slavery.

So - as the Constitution is a so-called living document - meaning it is subject to change - I'll rely on my own morality and sense of values - rather than the words on a piece of paper.

So - PYB - take it as you want - But believe me, I have no problem what-so-ever to proudly assume responsibility for that quote.

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#258

[PickYourBattles](#) ◦

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [Calmo70](#) →

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Taxpayers who pay you to support their morality, codified in law, instead of your own personal morality. But you still take that paycheck.

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Member



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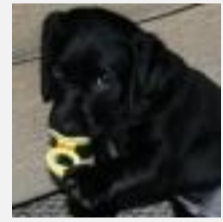
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#260

AJBIGJ ◦

Senior Member



Join Date: Jun 2010
Location: VA
Posts: 988
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by **Joe Bonham** →

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I disagree, the power of Youtube and wikileaks make blatant, flagrant orders as such a less-than-plausible means to pass illegal orders.

Smoke-and-mirrors however, is a tried and true means to deceive the public at large, and takes so very much longer to expose, usually long enough to the point where a corrupt leader never has to answer for it.

"The two enemies of the people are criminals and government, so let us tie the second down with the chains of the Constitution so the second will not become the legalized version of the first." ~ Thomas Jefferson

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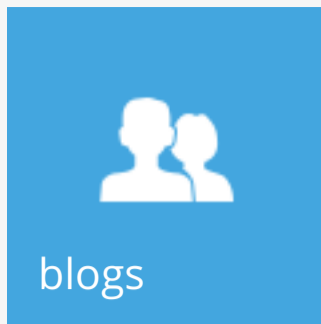
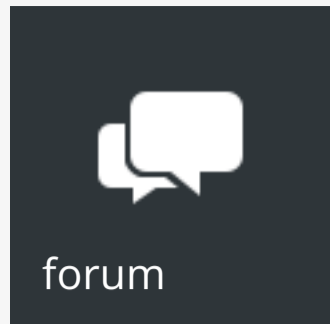
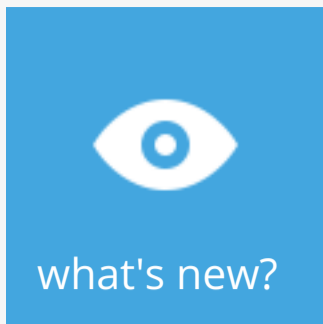
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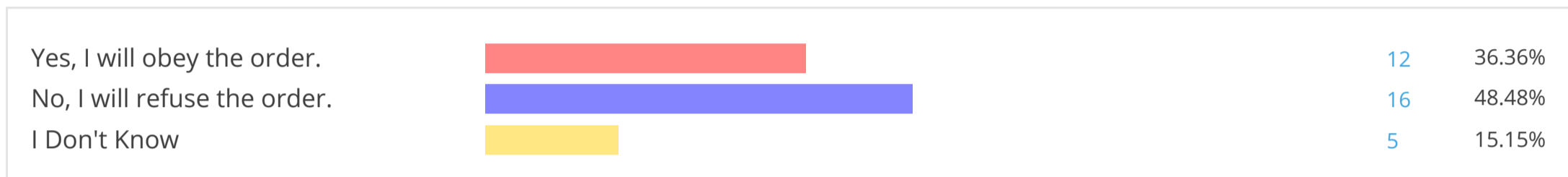
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#261

blueyclone1

Member
Join Date: Feb 2012
Posts: 46
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Bruwin is correct in the fact that it is entirely situational. You have to put yourself in that situation during that time to make a decision that would not be "skewed". Hindsight is always 20/20 and knowing what we do now(intelligence, flow of information to/from combat theaters to/from the decision makers, better knowledge of cultures), there would be plenty of dissent to placing people in internment camps due to their heritage, and it wouldn't happen in this country. One common mistake that people make is to say that "we are smarter now than we were then". That's not necessarily true. We have made our own share of mistakes in the present that would likely make our forefathers shake their heads with disbelief. So for me to make a decision based on me being there at that time, armed ONLY with the information at hand at that time, yes I would have obeyed the order. For me to make a decision based on what I know now about WW2, it wouldn't have done us any good to round up all the Japanese and toss them in camps because the vast majority of them weren't spies, would have actually contributed positively to the war effort, and many of them volunteered for military service. In short, it was a huge waste of money/time and screwed over a lot of decent people. It was okay to be Takei then just as it is now.

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#262

PickYourBattles

Senior Member
Join Date: Mar 2012

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by Calmo70 →

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I know that you admitted to lying. You promised before the taxpayer to support the Constitution, got paid to do it, and then said, "ah, fuck it - that doesn't factor into my decision matrix."

Originally Posted by Calmo70 →

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How lucky America is that your morality happened to line up with what they paid you to support.

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COURAGE!

Originally Posted by sandsjames →

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10-17-2012, 06:09 PM

#263

PickYourBattles ◦

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by bluecyclone1 →

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And it was a violation of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution we swore to support and defend. Fine print.

COURAGE!

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#264

MACHINE666 ◦

Senior Member



Join Date: Jul 2007
Location: Here.
Posts: 333
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

We need to throw all these thug-rats and half-wits alike in camps...you know..people who CHOOSE ignorance as a way of life, instead of trying to act responsible and make something of themselves...ghettos, trailer parks, barrios...I don't discriminate when it comes to helping these Darwin Award nominees and People of Wal-Mart participants clean up the gene pool....

"Thats most of America....we work ourselves to death, literally - Michaep"

"Not this American. I plan on leisuring myself to death. - Shrike"

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#265

bluecyclone1 ◦

Member

Join Date: Feb 2012
Posts: 46
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

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#266

Calmo70 ◦

Member



Join Date: Apr 2008
Location: Around
Posts: 66
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

I don't doubt it. It's a good admission to undercut hypothetical commanders who expect their airman to have the integrity to do what they promised, and are paid, to do.

You can and will have the so-called last word - so I'll just shut up and let you cling to your sense of self-righteousness and arrogance.

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#267

PickYourBattles

Senior Member
 Join Date: Mar 2012
 Posts: 246
 Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by bluecyclone1

It didn't per se. That's how FDR was able to issue the executive order. He got around that by using "military exclusion zones" and "national security/military areas" to make it "legal".

He didn't get around it, he just violated the Constitution and made a nonsense justification. Military exclusion zones etc might be perhaps "legal," but arresting and imprisoning those who violate those zones without charge or trial, is simply illegal. "Free speech zones" might perhaps be legal today, but if the government were to arrest and imprison in concentration camps activists who do not abide by those free speech zoned, without charge or trial, it would still be a violation of the Fifth Amendment (and the sixth amendment).

FDR was able to issue the executive order because he was president. He was free to issue unlawful and un-American and unconstitutional orders, or lawful orders, whichever he chose. And he did both, because he was a fascist, and used to be the worst President in American history.

COURAGE!


Originally Posted by sandsjames

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#268

AJBIGJ

Senior Member

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Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by PickYourBattles

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That's a fairly tall claim to make, I think at least Woodrow Wilson is comparable. I personally think the whole "Four Freedoms" thing may put FDR a step above personally, but I have to concede there are many who would advocate this idea and you have to give a guy credit for getting elected into office twice the normal number of terms (although if the means existed I think Reagan probably might have seen another one or two, possibly Clinton as well).

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#269

sandsjames

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

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I agree. Impeach FDR!

Join Date: Jun 2008
Location: Texas
Posts: 6,984
Mentioned: 18 Post(s)

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#270

Salty Old Dog

Member

Join Date: Apr 2010
Location: 'Merica
Posts: 61
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [CrustySMSgt](#)

But even today, we're still involved in a bunch of shady stuff that could qualify as unconstitutional, but because we're ordered to do it, we do. Guantanamo is a perfect example... while they aren't Americans (most of them? Are we still holding anyone that is?), we are still holding people without due process, but the military follows orders and keeps on guarding them.

That's where the "legal-ese" comes in. Detainees in Gitmo, for the most part, are "enemy combatants". Since they did not wear the uniform of any country, and were not recognized as foreign military, they are not required to be held in the conditions outlined in the Geneva Convention. Since they are not Americans, they're not subject to the conditions given to US citizens, under our Constitution. They fall into a legal loophole, and we can do pretty much anything we want to, with them.

Since most have been found, after being released, of going right back to fight with the Taliban, I'd say they're lucky we don't just do like the Germans and Soviets did, with partisan fighters, during WW2..... line them up at the edge of a ditch, and put them out of our misery! Lucky for them, we're a bit more civilized. :tsk

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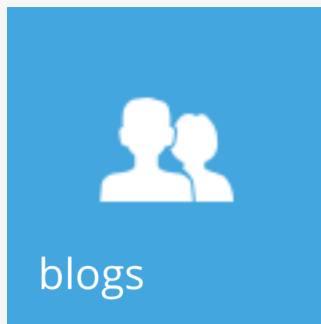
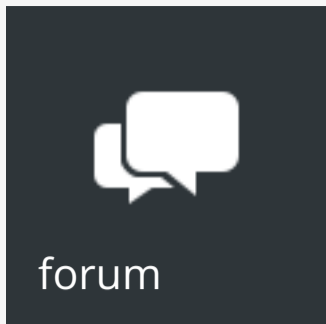
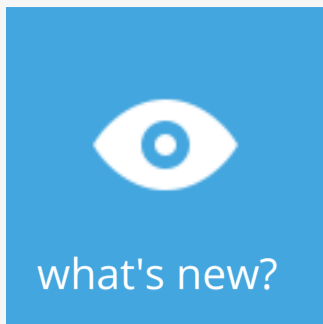
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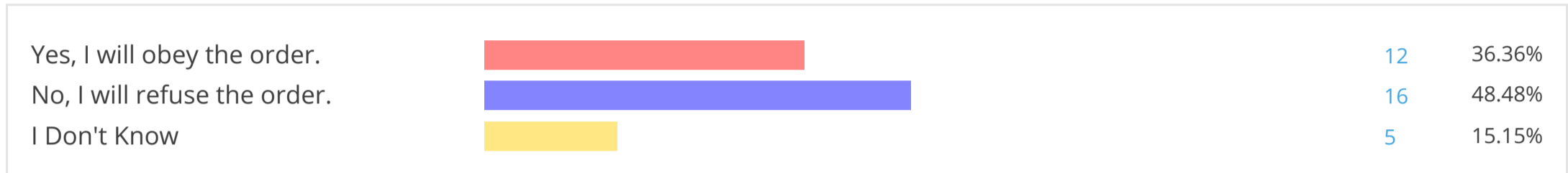
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10-18-2012, 04:12 PM

#271

PickYourBattles

Senior Member
Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: [Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s](#)

Good discussion from Consitutional lawyer, Glenn Greenwald, given at a law school - the topic is how we have gone from a nation that proclaims the "rule of law" and violates it from time to time, to a nation that now repudiates the idea of the rule of law, and has replaced it with the idea that the most powerful in government and corporate America are free from the law, with the rest of us having a crushing legal system to deal with and the largest prison population on the planet.

The proclaimed liberals should like Glenn. I certainly do. He's been openly gay for twenty years and has learned that simply "voting" does not solve our problems. It's good to see a truly principled liberal, I rarely ever see them. He is a great American.



COURAGE!

“ Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

Well, you aren't going to like this answer either, but yes [I would follow an unlawful order to round up innocent Americans by force and throw them into concentration camps]. ...I probably would have obeyed the order for self preservation purposes.

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10-20-2012, 02:53 PM

#272

PickYourBattles ▾

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Will the 1940s concentration camps be repeated today? Some say no way, I say more than likely. Either way, our politicians are all over the important stuff:



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#273

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Join Date: Feb 2011
Posts: 1,716
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Anything written by Glenn Greenwald is going to be good!

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#274

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Join Date: Feb 2011
Posts: 1,716
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [AJBIGJ](#) →

I disagree, the power of Youtube and wikileaks make blatant, flagrant orders as such a less-than-plausible means to pass illegal orders.

Smoke-and-mirrors however, is a tried and true means to deceive the public at large, and takes so very much longer to expose, usually long enough to the point where a corrupt leader never has to answer for it.

What was the effect of the wikileaks revelation? Quite a bit of useful dialogue outside the United States - but here - it was just lots of angry rednecks crying about the "hundreds" of American troops killed by the leak (Despite the DOD has not found a single case of any service member or local national being killed or harmed as a result of the information published), American politicians swearing to "hunt down" Assange, declaring Wikileaks a terrorist group, etc.

Our leaders can operate in the open without even a pretense of adhering to the law or the Constitution.

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10-20-2012, 08:21 PM

#275

PickYourBattles ◦

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [Joe Bonham](#) →

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Yeah, he's the shit. The wife and I are having dinner with him in a few weeks. Good dude.



COURAGE!

Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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10-21-2012, 02:17 AM

#276

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Join Date: Feb 2011
Posts: 1,716
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

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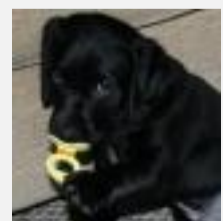
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#277

AJBIGJ

Senior Member



Join Date: Jun 2010
Location: VA
Posts: 988
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [Joe Bonham](#) →

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Well, that's just it though, they generally don't operate nearly that openly. The FDR scenario here mentioned is another thing where political leaders took advantage of the vagaries of shades of gray in passing their own agendas.

When viewed upon with the benefit of hindsight and not having lived "in the moment" we can handily pass judgment on

the offenders of the situation. I think this factor is why we often believe things like this couldn't happen in this day and age, as purportedly we've learned from our mistakes and should never repeat them because we have newer, more refined sensibilities about these sorts of things.

That is why the NDAA originally passed like a hiccup in the night, with all of the holiday budget cuts and sequesters the news was consumed with, nobody much cared about one little law that is passed every single year that happened to include some frighteningly vague definitions for "terrorists subject to indefinite detention without trial."

If we come to expect these cultural shifts to be extremely obvious when they occur, before we know it we'll be the ones joining in.

"The two enemies of the people are criminals and government, so let us tie the second down with the chains of the Constitution so the second will not become the legalized version of the first." ~ Thomas Jefferson

It will be of little avail to the people that the laws are made by men of their own choice if the laws be so voluminous that they cannot be read, or so incoherent that they cannot be understood.
James Madison

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10-21-2012, 12:44 PM

#278

PickYourBattles ◦

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [Joe Bonham](#) →

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Don Shrike has high standards.

COURAGE!

Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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10-21-2012, 12:49 PM

#279

PickYourBattles ◦

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [AJBIGJ](#) →

Well, that's just it though, they generally don't operate nearly that openly. The FDR scenario here mentioned is another thing where political leaders took advantage of the vagaries of shades of gray in passing their own agendas.

It wasn't a grey area. They took advantage of people being cowards who cared more about themselves than doing their oath sworn duty for the nation. That cowardice hasn't abated today, and is likely even worse in my view.

Originally Posted by [AJBIGJ](#) →

When viewed upon with the benefit of hindsight and not having lived "in the moment" we can handily pass judgment on the offenders of the situation.

Right, we can't pass judgment. Hasan shooting up dudes on base? We can't pass judgment. Low lifes making a human pyramid of detainees in Iraq? We can't pass judgment. My Lai? We can't pass judgment.

Leadership screwing up EPRs and making us wear reflective belts? Oh, you bet your ass we can pass judgment!

What a colossal lack of standards and character and prioritization fail in our Air Force today. The buck stops (no not here, no not here). Don't judge me!

“ Originally Posted by [AJBIGJ](#) →

I think this factor is why we often believe things like this couldn't happen in this day and age, as purportedly we've learned from our mistakes and should never repeat them because we have newer, more refined sensibilities about these sorts of things.

Have we? Look at the poll results.

“ Originally Posted by [AJBIGJ](#) →

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If we come to expect these cultural shifts to be extremely obvious when they occur, before we know it we'll be the ones joining in.

Agreed. It's coming, again. And it looks like many are eager to fail, again.

COURAGE!

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#280


[Mcjohn1118](#) ◦

Senior Member

Join Date: Oct 2011
Location: Dayton, OH
Posts: 131
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

PYB - What is your solution on all this cowardice and lack of standards in the AF that I believe you serve in as well? Is it a one man campaign on this forum and your blog? You tried the IG route and it didn't work. Is the next step to go public in the media to shed light on all this in the hopes that what...the SECAF, CSAF, SECDEF and maybe the CINC stake notice? What response are you wanting from them? Is it a revolution in the US Armed forces? I ask because I haven't read all of your blogs or posts here and therefore I am looking for what your endgame is? If it's to get out of the AF, maybe you can resign your commission. I say this in all seriousness. I don't know you so, but from reading your above posts, I am allowed to judge you. You seem like you really hate the AF and if that is the case, no matter how hard your try, your hatred will show and that is the image others will see. Then people will begin to wonder why you still serve...maybe it's the easy money and the benefits. But if that is it, then be truthful upfront and say, "I continue to serve because I make easy, quick cash and can't seem to land a gig on the outside. But while I serve, I will point out all the flaws in the AF to anyone that will listen because I am an ingrate." BTW, what exactly do you like about the AF? As far as those you call cowards from the WWII era or Vietnam for not upholding the Constitution, have you spoken to those who are still alive and did this type of thing? I'd be interested to see what their response is.

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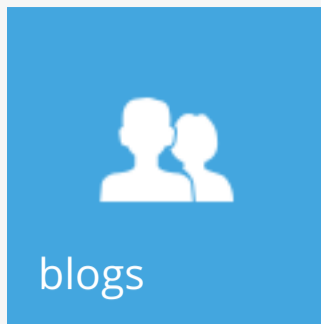
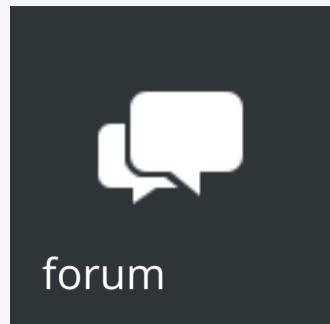
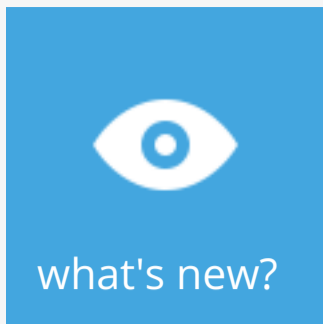
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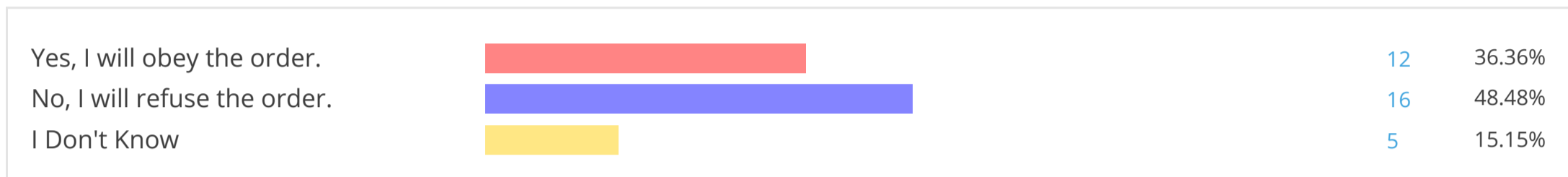
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#281

PickYourBattles

Senior Member
Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [Mcjohn1118](#) →
PYB - What is your solution on all this cowardice and lack of standards in the AF that I believe you serve in as well?

The solution doesn't require leadership. It requires followership. It requires each individual understand and take their oath seriously, and take the time to read the Constitution, consider current events, and ask themselves, "What if." Just like any other military planning, we have to "what if" our actions, so that we are prepared. So the solution, is for each individual to be aware, or made aware, of the seriousness of the position they hold, and to reflect, and to prepare themselves to refuse any unlawful orders they might encounter. Leadership is not going to do this for you. The SCOTUS is not going to do this for you. All the desire for somebody else to be responsible for your actions, will not work. You have to take responsibility. So it's my opinion that we should talk about these issues with others to help everybody prepare to do the right thing. Those who lack courage (most) may follow when they see others with courage do the right thing. Many will not, because you really can't change that fact and it shouldn't factor into your personal decision making if you're doing right by the nation. Like Frederick Douglas said, "It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." Somebody has failed the cowards, but it's doubtful they can be repaired. But for others who just haven't thought about the issues, they can be reached and can prepare themselves to honor their oaths and to refuse to break the law.

Originally Posted by [Mcjohn1118](#) →

Is it a one man campaign on this forum and your blog?

It's more than one man. Even on this forum, it's more than one man. Not enough men, but more than me.

“ Originally Posted by [Mcjohn1118](#) →

You tried the IG route and it didn't work. Is the next step to go public in the media to shed light on all this in the hopes that what...the SECAF, CSAF, SECDEF and maybe the CINC stake notice?

My intent is to reach out to my brothers in arms and help them prepare themselves to not violate the law if ordered to.

“ Originally Posted by [Mcjohn1118](#) →

What response are you wanting from them?

I'm not looking for a response from them. But they could certainly help matters by creating a mandatory and world class Constitutional training course that is required by all before a person is sworn in. It should be a course that fuses the best academics and professors and members of other Constitutional organizations from across the spectrum, and it should ensure that those who raise their right hands, know what they're swearing. But that's a side note and I doubt it will ever happen.

“ Originally Posted by [Mcjohn1118](#) →

Is it a revolution in the US Armed forces? I ask because I haven't read all of your blogs or posts here and therefore I am looking for what your endgame is?

No, it's most certainly not a revolution. A revolution is something that changes the system. I want those in the profession of arms to grasp the current system, and make good on what they've sworn. It's odd that this would be seen as revolutionary, because it's the claimed status quo. Article Six requires the oath. We take the oath. We are required by law to refuse unlawful orders. I'm preaching the kool-aid, and I want others to drink it. Because it's important.

“ Originally Posted by [Mcjohn1118](#) →

If it's to get out of the AF, maybe you can resign your commission. I say this in all seriousness. I don't know you so, but from reading your above posts, I am allowed to judge you.

No, it's not to get out of the Air Force. I joined to serve. That's what I have done, and it's what I'm doing.

“ Originally Posted by [Mcjohn1118](#) →

You seem like you really hate the AF and if that is the case, no matter how hard your try, your hatred will show and that is the image others will see. Then people will begin to wonder why you still serve...maybe it's the easy money and the benefits.

I don't hate the Air Force. I hate those in the Air Force who refuse to do what they are sworn to do, and are paid to do. Protect America. Defend the Constitution.

“ Originally Posted by [Mcjohn1118](#) →

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That's not it.

Originally Posted by **Mcjohn1118** →

BTW, what exactly do you like about the AF? As far as those you call cowards from the WWII era or Vietnam for not upholding the Constitution, have you spoken to those who are still alive and did this type of thing? I'd be interested to see what their response is.

What do I like about the Air Force? Defending America and our Constitution. And both are under serious threat.

So now that I've answered your questions, why do you serve?

COURAGE!

Originally Posted by **sandsjames** →

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#282

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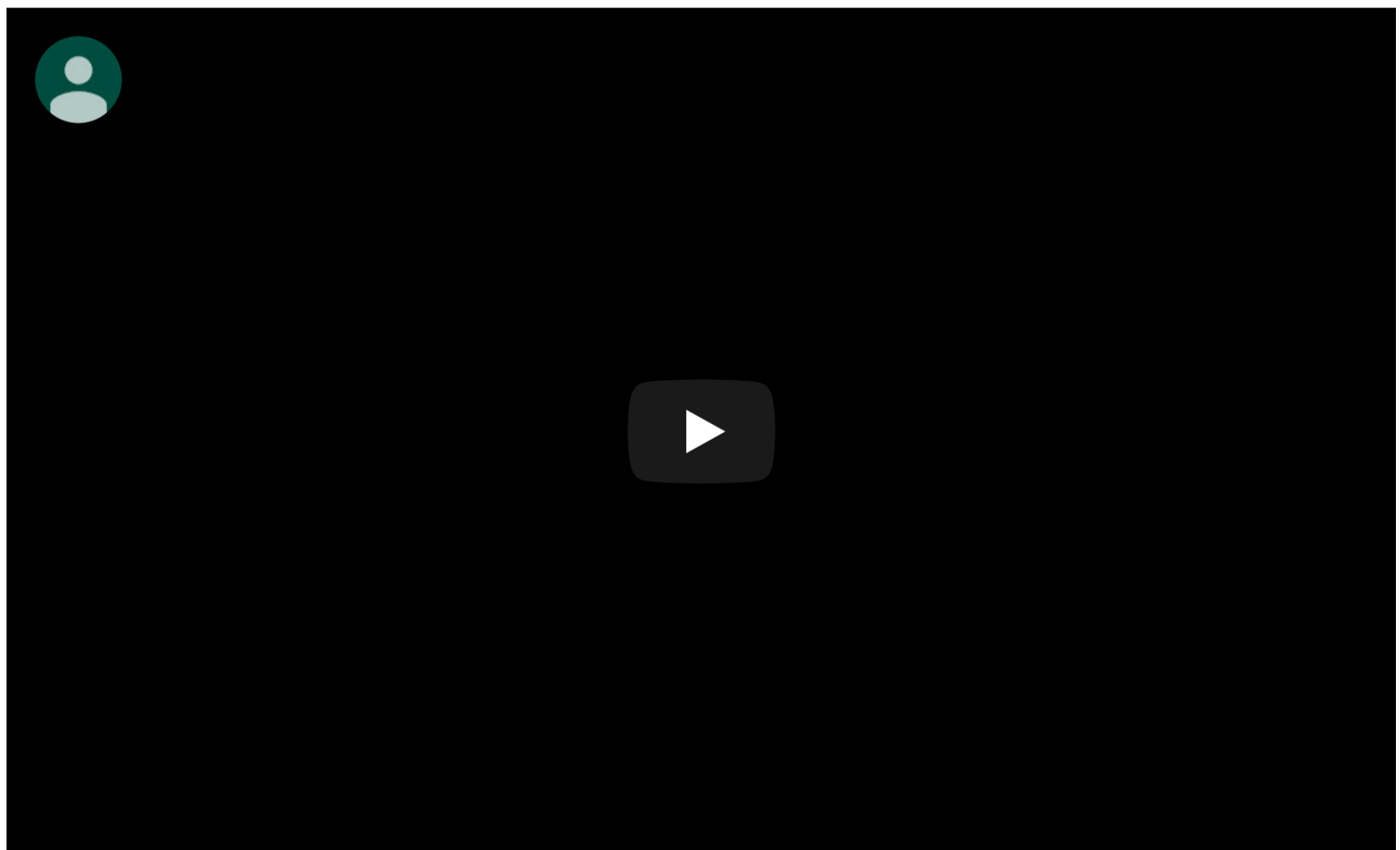
Join Date: Mar 2012

Posts: 246

Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Interview with a third generation Japanese American who was in the camps:



COURAGE!

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10-21-2012, 03:15 PM

#283

Mcjohn1118 ◦

Senior Member

Join Date: Oct 2011
Location: Dayton, OH
Posts: 131
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

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#284

PickYourBattles ◦

Senior Member

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Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

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Good stuff. Glad you're serving.

COURAGE!

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#285

js7799

Senior Member



Join Date: Sep 2011
Location: EDIMGIAFAD
Posts: 128
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

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I like your idea here. Unfortunately, it would turn into a CBT that everyone would click through annually to get the certificate and the UTM off their back.

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#286

js7799

Senior Member



Join Date: Sep 2011
Location: EDIMGIAFAD
Posts: 128
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Double post.

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#287

PickYourBattles

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [js7799](#) →

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Yeah, no doubt. It would be turned into a box checking device so they could report that people were full up trained on the Constitution. There is a CBT out there now. It's not very good, and I don't even know if its mandatory for anybody.

I'd like to see one big course offered before anybody was able to swear in, perhaps required prior to boot camp or commissioning. A once in a career thing, but top notch. Couple of weeks at least of full time study. Professors lecturing on the document, the history, but most importantly the text and how we have failed in the past (a great deal of discussion of the 1940s should be in there, and on the duty to disobey unlawful orders, and celebrating those in the past who had the courage to do so). Lectures from those in the judiciary, lectures from representatives from the ACLU, CATO, and other organizations across the spectrum to talk about the Constitution. Debates, discussions, and testing.

If you pass the tests (whatever your personal views, and there is room for disagreement), then you can choose whether or not you raise your hand. But you'll know what it means to raise your hand. Which would be a really nice change.

COURAGE!

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#288

[sandsjames](#) ◦

Banned



Join Date: Jun 2008
Location: Texas
Posts: 6,984
Mentioned: 18 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

What was it that happened in the 1940s again?

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10-22-2012, 06:11 AM

#289

Forsaken Wombat
Guest

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

What was it that happened in the 1940s again?

Mitsubishi manufactured the A6M "Zero", whose soul now resides in the powerful & menacing Mitsubishi Eclipse.

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#290

[TJMAC77SP](#) ◦

Senior Member



Join Date: May 2007
Location: NC
Posts: 3,156
Mentioned: 4 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Oh you guys.....

Read carefully, think, then write thoughtfully.....

I don't have any quotes.....you can pick one for yourself

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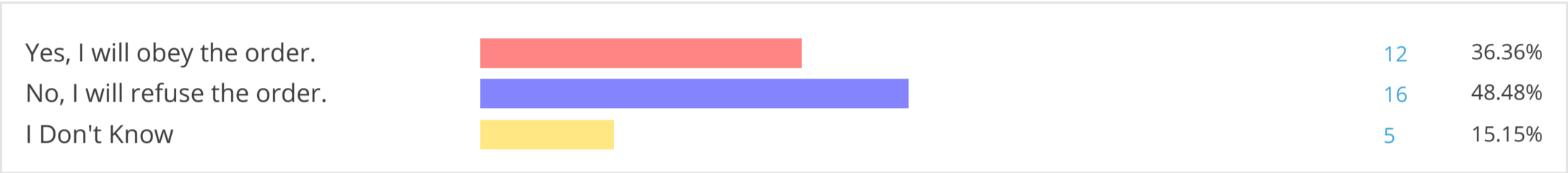
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#291

PickYourBattles

Senior Member
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Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

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10-22-2012, 12:08 PM

#292

Robert F. Dorr

Senior Member



Join Date: Oct 2011
Location: Oakton, Virginia
Posts: 894
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [Forsaken Wombat](#) →

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Mitsubishi's design team under Jiro Horikoshi designed the A6M with no help from outside sources (contrary to American myth) and they were manufactured by Mitsubishi and by several other aircraft plants. Many would consider the Zero fighter lightweight and nimble rather than powerful and menacing. I have no idea what an Eclipse might be.

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10-22-2012, 12:17 PM

#293

PickYourBattles

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Mitsubishi is a Japanese company. Way to not stray too far off topic fellas.

COURAGE!

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10-22-2012, 02:15 PM

#294

Forsaken Wombat
Guest

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

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I will fear no evil: For thou art with me;
Thy oath and thy Constitution, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a lunch table before me in the presence of Sandsjames and Don Shrike;
Thou annointest my head with oil; My Mitsubishi runneth over." - 23rd Psalm

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10-22-2012, 02:26 PM

#295

Greg

Senior Member



Join Date: Sep 2011
Location: Cleveland, Ohio
Posts: 548

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

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Guess someone forgot to put the oil pan drain plug back in!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JV-XEiUOjYE>

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12-22-2012, 05:37 PM #296

PickYourBattles

Senior Member
Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

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12-22-2012, 06:01 PM #297

sandsjames

Banned
Join Date: Jun 2008
Location: Texas
Posts: 6,984
Mentioned: 18 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →

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12-28-2012, 07:23 PM #298

TJMAC77SP

Senior Member



Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [sandsjames](#) →

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Join Date: May 2007
Location: NC
Posts: 3,156
Mentioned: 4 Post(s)

Oatmeal with raisins and brown sugar for me.

Read carefully, think, then write thoughtfully.....

I don't have any quotes.....you can pick one for yourself

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12-28-2012, 11:57 PM

#299

PickYourBattles

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

[Psychopaths know right from wrong but don't care](#)

Abstract:

Adult psychopaths have deficits in emotional processing and inhibitory control, engage in morally inappropriate behavior, and generally fail to distinguish moral from conventional violations. These observations, together with a dominant tradition in the discipline which sees emotional processes as causally necessary for moral judgment, have led to the conclusion that psychopaths lack an understanding of moral rights and wrongs. We test an alternative explanation: psychopaths have normal understanding of right and wrong, but abnormal regulation of morally appropriate behavior. We presented psychopaths with moral dilemmas, contrasting their judgments with age- and sex-matched (i) healthy subjects and (ii) non-psychopathic, delinquents. Subjects in each group judged cases of personal harms (i.e. requiring physical contact) as less permissible than impersonal harms, even though both types of harms led to utilitarian gains. Importantly, however, psychopaths' pattern of judgments on different dilemmas was the same as those of the other subjects. These results force a rejection of the strong hypothesis that emotional processes are causally necessary for judgments of moral dilemmas, suggesting instead that psychopaths understand the distinction between right and wrong, but do not care about such knowledge, or the consequences that ensue from their morally inappropriate behavior.

COURAGE!

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#300

bluecyclone1

Member

Join Date: Feb 2012
Posts: 46
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [TJMAC77SP](#) →

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Oatmeal with sliced apples today.....mighty good and good for you!

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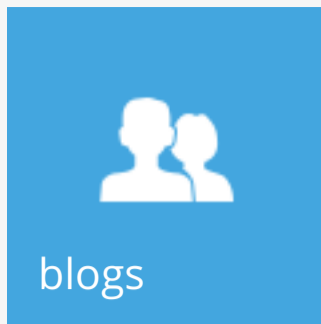
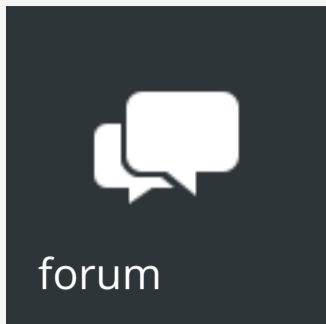
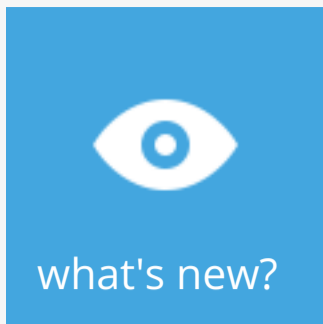
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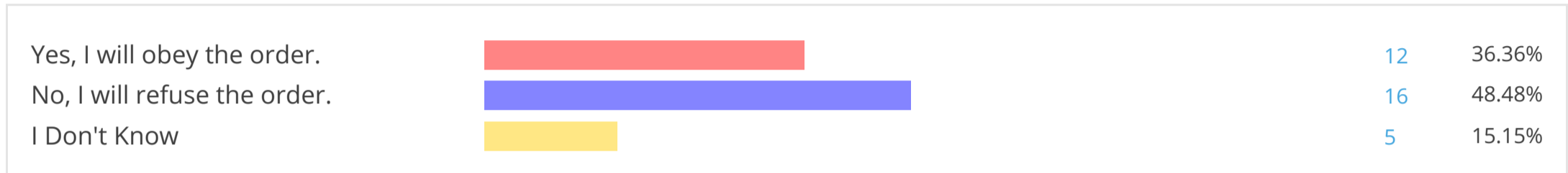
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12-30-2012, 05:22 PM #301

imnohero

Senior Member
Join Date: Aug 2008
Location: everywhere
Posts: 699
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [PickYourBattles](#) →
[Hypothesis contrary to current theory: Psychopaths may know right from wrong but don't care](#)
Abstract:

There, fixed it for you.
Next time, try reading the whole article, not just the abstract.

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12-30-2012, 06:07 PM #302

sandsjames

Banned
Join Date: Jun 2008
Location: Texas
Posts: 6,984
Mentioned: 18 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Originally Posted by [blueyclone1](#) →
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I've never tried it with apples. I may have to do that. Usually just brown sugar.
Oh, and to keep on topic, I saw all sorts of Americans being herded into prisons at gunpoint today. I think PYB may be on to something here.

PickYourBattles

Senior Member
 Join Date: Mar 2012
 Posts: 246
 Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Pretty awesome how the later votes are trending for America and doing the correct thing. Nice. Good bump Tak.


Oh, and I noticed your new avatar. Much better than the avatar you had yesterday, and the one the day before that. How's retired life treating you? Finding meaningful ways to spend your time when you're not reading autographed RFD books?

COURAGE!

Originally Posted by sandsjames

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ConfusedAirman

Senior Member

 Join Date: Feb 2008
 Location: Right behind you
 Posts: 199
 Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

Just wondering if any of you cowards who choose not to obey your oath to uphold the Constitution were involved in this latest Constitutional violation -

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[Read more here.](#)

The Onion is awesome. I get all my news there. Can't trust anybody else.

These "innocent" Jampanese-Americans should feel honored that they are being rounded up again. I would gladly take part. Probably be a great bullet statement.

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#306

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Join Date: Feb 2011
Posts: 1,716
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

[Ten years later, Cheney haunted by people he didn't manage to kill in Iraq War.](#)

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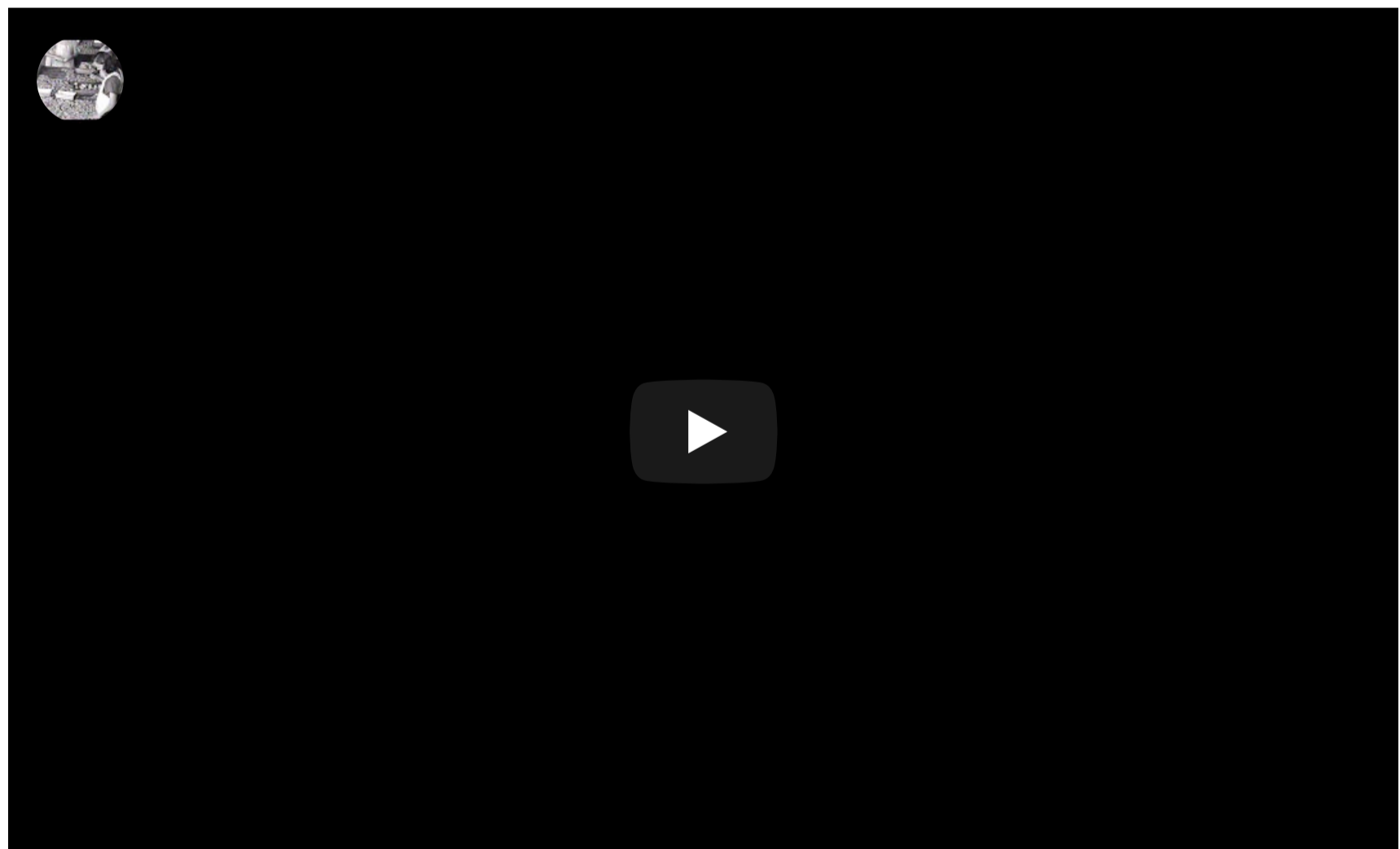
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PickYourBattles


Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2012
Posts: 246
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s



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05-26-2013, 03:26 AM

#308

Capt Alfredo

Senior Member



Join Date: Nov 2008
Location: The Echo Chamber
Posts: 584
Mentioned: 2 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

I mean, dude, they forced Miyagi's wife into the camps and he was fighting on OUR side!

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05-26-2013, 11:43 PM

#309

RobotChicken

Senior Member



Join Date: Jun 2012
Location: Williamsburg VA
Posts: 1,379
Mentioned: 0 Post(s)

Re: Would you have forced Americans into concentration camps at gunpoint in the 1940s

:spy Worse was done to the Germans in this country and South America.....clock

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