

Matt Yglesias

Sep 1st, 2010 at 6:14 pm

Endgame

Taking off the gloves:

- I think DC neighborhoods are too small and this [support “MidCity”](#) as a concept.
- The [dynamic properties of New Keynesian models](#) with learning.
- Illegal immigration [is plummeting](#) mostly thanks to a [crappy economy](#).
- To [answer Justin Logan’s question](#) I think US military personnel will be gone from Iraq by 2012 [as Ben Rhodes says](#).
- Actual hotels for zombies would be more interesting than these [Irish “zombie hotels”](#).

— The [absurd self-pity](#) of the Kochs.

— The [113th anniversary](#) of America's first subway.

I really like both Metric and TV shows about animals. The "[Stadium Love](#)" video combines both.

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15 Responses to “Endgame”

1. *Don Williams* says:

[September 1st, 2010 at 6:56 pm](#)

Something Matthew missed: Out of the large herd of wimpy tree huggers, one environmentalist finally goes Rogue — but instead of shooting the Koch Brothers, he goes after:

The Discovery Channel.

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/us_discovery_channel_gunman

2. *Brahma* says:

[September 1st, 2010 at 7:10 pm](#)

Illegal immigration is plummeting mostly thanks to a crappy economy.

Even if it's methodologically correct, the survey still doesn't mean that illegal immigration isn't a problem anymore and doesn't mean that the Cato Institute is correct that it's due to a crappy economy. From the Washington Post article:

Massey said other likely reasons for the decline include an increase in law enforcement and deportations, and enactment of stricter legislation against illegal immigrants. He also pointed to more guest-worker spots, from 104,000 in 2000 to 302,000 in 2009 — allowing more immigrants to come to the United States legally.

Not saying there should be a one-for-one reduction, but still; if you *triple* the number of legal immigration slots, and the number of illegal immigrants only goes down “almost two-thirds in the past decade” (i.e., 66% at best) you're not exactly moving the needle in the right direction.

Over and above that, we should be celebrating since these people are making contributions to the economies of their home countries instead of being forced to migrate.

3. *DMonteith* says:

[September 1st, 2010 at 7:39 pm](#)

...and doesn't mean that the Cato Institute is correct that it's due to a crappy economy.

If someone from Cato tells you the sky is blue it's best to go check it, just in case. Even if it makes the baby Koch brothers cry...

4. *cmholm* says:

[September 1st, 2010 at 8:21 pm](#)

Mr. Logan is being difficult because he's a shill for conservatives. I realize – per Joe from Lowell – that Cato manages to hew to an ideology more consistently than its right wing stablemates. But, the post Matt links to demonstrates either a desire to score a very feeble political point, or that Justin was a low performing ESL student.

Since Cato doesn't provide a means to respond directly, I'll do it here:

- 1) Formal combat ended this week.
- 2) Since there are still US forces stationed in country to patrol the borders, defend airspace, and backstop the Iraqi Army, and there is an on-going civil conflict, opportunities for US forces to engage in combat won't completely end until 1/1/2012.

If that wasn't clear enough: our current legal status in Iraq is similar to our current status in Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, and the UK... the difference begins that nobody is shooting at our forces in those countries.

5. *GOP Wins Big in 2010* says:

[September 1st, 2010 at 8:28 pm](#)

Only **62 Days** until the Ultimate TEA Party!

Nov. 2nd is going to be a massacre of liberals and “progressives”, a big bloody fucking massacre. You're going to get fucked, good and hard, by the voters.

6. *Paulie Carbone* says:

[September 1st, 2010 at 9:16 pm](#)

The Discovery Channel.

Yeah, that was pretty funny. It was all over right-wing radio.

7. *kafka* says:

[September 1st, 2010 at 9:17 pm](#)

The Podesta family is the greatest thing since sliced bread!

(Will this post?)

8. *Anthony* says:

[September 1st, 2010 at 9:19 pm](#)

Hey Ed, have you noticed how nobody takes your bait anymore? Even I respond to you only rarely, and I love racist trolls. It's because you don't even have a politics and are solely motivated by hatred of black people. It's boring.

9. *urgs* says:

[September 1st, 2010 at 11:27 pm](#)

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Irish hotels just campaign for another round of subsidies – this time to constrain supply through subsidies to shut down those hotels. They are still expensive like everything else in Ireland. Demand is most likely very price elastic with all those Ryanair connections. They will be ok, just less profitable than before.

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10. *GOP Wins Big in 2010* says:

[September 2nd, 2010 at 12:14 am](#)

Always bring up race, Anthony.

Whatever happened to “by the content of their character”?

Just wait until November. You're going to get fucked **hard** and wake up to "Speaker Boehner". Suck it, on that, bitch...

11. *DMonteith* says:

[September 2nd, 2010 at 12:50 am](#)

Whatever happened to "by the content of their character"?

Dude, the content of your character is that you're a racist. That's why people "always bring up race" when you drop by. Are you really that eager to have joe from Lowell or Anthony re-post the money quotes from the thread where you outed yourself as a racist?

Suck it, on that, bitch...

That's real smooth, Ed. Really, almost no spittle that time. Well, maybe a little bit.

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12. [Richard Steven Hack](#) says:

[September 2nd, 2010 at 5:10 am](#)

Christ, what a bunch of morons!

And I see your stupid jackass crackerjack Thinkprogress IT staff STILL have done nothing about this idiotic blog!

Matt: "To answer Justin Logan's question I think US military personnel will be gone from Iraq by 2012 as Ben Rhodes says."

You're an idiot.

13. *joe from Lowell* says:

[September 2nd, 2010 at 12:02 pm](#)

I'm going to enjoy dancing on the graves of puffed up morons who feigned worldliness while insisting that we wouldn't be out of Iraq by next year.

14. *joe from Lowell* says:

[September 2nd, 2010 at 12:11 pm](#)

GOP Wins Big in 2010 says:

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Always bring up race, Anthony.

Whatever happened to “by the content of their character”?

Always remember – the “I don't see race” line is always, always, always a cover for white supremacy.

This is the same guy:

joe from Lowell Says:

February 21st, 2010 at 12:17 pm

Don't worry, though, Morgan.

I'm sure country will become even more center-right as the white population drops below 50% in state after state over the next couple of decades.

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Ed (The Conservative One) Says:

February 21st, 2010 at 12:36 pm

Nice to see that Joe is calling for the end of white people.

Who needs those nasty whites, Joe? Let's kick them all out and this

country will be better, right?

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joe from Lowell Says:

February 21st, 2010 at 12:40 pm

LOL, way to show your ass, Ed.

Not having political dominance = “the end.”

Not being a majority = “Let’s kick them all out of the country.”

Your comment says a great deal more about you than about me, Ed. You really do think that white people will be in imminent danger if they aren’t able to control the government, don’t you?

I guess that’s the sort of thing you’d expect from someone who calls black men “boy.”

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Ed (The Conservative One) Says:

February 21st, 2010 at 12:43 pm

Oh no, of course not. It’s GREAT to be a white person in South Africa now and especially Zimbabwe. Why, whites love living there so much they’re leaving in droves for Europe!

Always, always, always, this “I don’t see race,” “Why are you dragging race into everything?” line is a cover for the most racist viewpoints imaginable.

The silver lining is that such people aren’t very bright, and can be easily manipulated into destroying themselves.

15. *Roader* says:

[September 2nd, 2010 at 1:06 pm](#)

— The absurd self-pity of the Kochs.

[Mayer cites the blogs ThinkProgress and ClimateProgress, the Web site Media Matters and the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy without ever mentioning they are funded by billionaire financier George Soros.](#)

The pot calling the kettle black.

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