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Why is all the snow gone (going)?



Ways to Make Elections a Whole Lot More Interesting

By Liz Fujita ~ Daily Bull

I'll be the first to admit that I don't know anything about politics. But, here's what I do know: politics bores me to little salty puppy dog tears, that fall from those fuzzy faces and land with a *ploop!* in the snow. So, what could we do to make things more interesting? How do we save the puppies?

For one, let's give the candidates nicknames. And not stupid nicknames like "Santorum means nasty sex stuff." I mean catching nicknames like Mitt-Bull, BaROCK, Rick-Master-S, Nude Kingrich, Ron "Pop Pop!" Paul, and so on. I'd be far more interested in hearing what Mitt-Bull has to say about tax reform -- especially if he rapped it to me.

Talking of rap, why not make the speeches like that show The Voice? The one where the judges sit with their back to the singers, and pick them based on just how they sound -- that could be neat. We'd have four celebrity judges: Oprah, Jay Leno, Stephen Hawking, and Mike Rowe. Then, the judges would turn around if they wanted to nominate that person for president. It'd be hilarious when they turn around and discover there's some kid reading the back of a Cheerios box really persuasively.

Voter turnout in America isn't nearly as high as we want it (gotta give 110%, right? Let's outsource voting!). How to get more people to vote... hmm. I, for one, am very easily persuaded by food, but I doubt that every

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Instagram: Reality or An Illusion

By Nathan Invincible "In-Town" Miller

Remember taking pictures with film cameras? Boy, those days seem so long ago. Now Kodak is bankrupt and every phone, computer, refrigerator, and toaster has a digital camera built in. The problem with all of these cameras is they take plain old boring pictures of reality. How stodgy!

For those who long for the roughness and often amateur look and feel of old style film cameras, there's an app for that. Crap I can't believe I stooped so low to use a pun like that, but it's true. Instagram is every hipster's best buddy, even more so than their fixie bike, Afghan scarf, and prized recycled coffee tumbler.

Put simply, Instagram is an app where you can take regular pictures and make them look shitty *on purpose*. Why you would want to do this is beyond me. Then again, I have two normally functioning eyes that are best suited for scanning crisp, clear photographs that aren't intentionally ruined. Once the photo has been thoroughly thrashed, you post it to all your facebook and twitter friends so they can compliment you on how great of a photographer you are.

First of all, anyone with a smart phone can install Instagram and pretend they are the next Ansel Adams. However, just because you have the

ability does not mean you have the skills. One thing I've noticed amongst my Instagramming friends is that once the app is installed, their photographer egos rise by at least 200%. Note: using a sepia filter does not make your photos any more interesting. They are just tanner, like a Jersey girl. I.E. FAKE!

Second of all, legitimately old photos are superior *because they are the only photos*

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that exist from that time period! They look old because they are old! We value their crappiness because they have survived the ages and can tell us how life was before 24/8 news coverage and constant updates from a gazillion social networks. Copying the qualities that make old photos amazing does not rub off on Instagrammer's photos. They're what we 90s kids like to call "wannabes."

Lastly, once you go Instagram, you can never go back. Many of my friends who use it only see life

through the eyes of an Instagram filter. That means that for the few times they share a regular image, they make sure to add #nofilter. What does that mean!? That's like saying, "Here's a picture of real life, I didn't have time to make it out of focus so please excuse how normal it looks." What a joke!

Thankfully, I don't own a smart phone and I'm not inclined to figure out how to get Instagram on my computer, so you won't be seeing any fake photographs from me anytime soon. Also perhaps more thankfully is the fact that I can hide all my Instagramming friends from my facebook feeds so I don't have to endure their inflated egos. Huzzah!

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voting district is going to pay for Hot-N-Readies on voting day. What if we had drive-through voting? Or ATM-voting-booth-thingies? Oh, nonono! We make an app for voting. It'll be called the iBallot (Vote Station LITE on Android devices), and we'll sell it for \$0.99 in the various app markets. We can even code in a little "hanging chad" error that kicks in for 1/5000 voters just to keep thing interesting.

Lastly, I think when it comes time to announce the election winners, we shouldn't just do the presidential announcement and that's the end of it for four years. They should make a fancy spectacle out of voting day -- like the Oscars. Have the announcements for tiny, local elections at the start of the evening, then progress to the big finale: Best President! They could even hire Joan Rivers to come in and do the inauguration." She might break her arm under the weight of the Bible they're swearing on, but who cares! It's Oscar night, and this year's award for Best Campaign Poster Design goes to... Donald Trump!

If you have any other ideas (the more ridiculous, the better), please send them to us at bull@mtu.edu or post them to our facebook. Even better -- photoshop Ron Paul and Obama having a Gladiator battle. Romney and Santorum with lightsabers. Gingrich as Alien and Obama as Predator. Get creative. Make me care about politics!

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