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NeedleDee 说...

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I read that far, and thought it a very well thought out, good piece of journalism.

Any way, how did we get onto this? Perhaps this conversation would be more relevant to this thread, [left wing nut job rants - in the interest in fair and balanced reporting](#), or perhaps even a new thread?

So back to comedy news:

From a series (which I have not seen) called 'Broken News

For more of the same:
[Broken News clips](#)
and here's some reporters losing it

perhaps Waldheri can enlighten us on this one?

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For a diversion excursion



I'm kind of surprised at how Al Franken has been able to hold his own on the senate floor. Initially when he was elected to the senate I figured he wasn't really going to do much, having such a large grounding in comedy and having come from SNL. Just a little before Adam Sandler did, in fact. The crew from SNL may have gone on to do a wide variety of different things yet, they all find themselves in the same vein of work, comedy. Franken on the other hand has tried to do something that will probably change America for the better or for the worse only history can really decide. Yet, he's doing something that stretches itself away from comedy and takes on a much more serious role. That, of the U.S. Government, and it's almost refreshing to see someone have such a metaphorsus after being obscured from the public eye for a little while.

<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/1209/30589.html>

22 million 'Lost' Bush-Era E-Mails Recovered"

(Found on a bathroom wall somewhere in the U.S.A.)

You've taken over my mind. You've raped my thoughts with your image viruses then sold me fake cures for your own disease. Your words and pictures scream orders at me like angry prison wardens. When I cover my ears, your voices echo in my head. I hate you. When I see your billboards, your talk shows, your rock concerts and your factories, when I see the work of your twisted libidos, I want to kill you. I want to set fires, plant bombs, derail trains. I want to smash your buildings and tear at your bodies until the skin of my hands is worn to the bone. I am filled with a rage that burns my eyes.

I don't want to feel this way. You have done this to me. These feelings are the fruits of your multi-billion dollar sowing. And I am not alone. There are others like me out here. Every suicide, every madman, every man and woman who gets a gun and just starts shooting -- these are your illegitimate children. They don't all know what they are doing. All they know is hate for the invisible walls which you have raised around them, hate for the narrow path you have tried to make them walk. And the innocent pay in blood for your negligence.

Remember this: My mind is big. The more you try to push me down and make me small, the greater the pressure inside me becomes. The greater the pressure, the greater the chance of an explosion. There was once a time when I felt love, but now I feel only hate and anger, and fear at what I might do. And you can tell me to "BE HAPPY," but I know that you really mean "BE QUIET".

Believe me, I want to be happy. You stand in my way.

Pacific swimmer to be message in a bottle

NICK GALVIN

December 14, 2009

(ssvs04 I hope to learn why you enjoy and watch Fox News, I'm not trying to set you up to be something I hate. It's genuinely to try and understand why you like and watch Fox news. A friend of mine refuses to talk about it, because one of my more liberal friends constantly mocks him for it while poking his stomach and saying "Hoo hoo" like the Pillsbury dough boy. So he's rather suspicious of any inquiries about his political affiliations and stances.)

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Oh also.

Global warning... Richard Pain, 45, a Sydney film-maker and environmentalist, is planning to swim 9000 kilometres across the Pacific Ocean. Photo: Nick Moir

AS IF swimming 9000 kilometres from Japan to the US is not enough of a challenge, Richard Pain is also planning to plough through the middle of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, a floating mass of plastic junk almost the size of the Northern Territory.

"I realise it's completely mad," said the filmmaker, 45, who is selling his Randwick home to raise some of the money needed for the project.

"But I'm aware there is a lot of green fatigue in the broader population. This is a way to try and raise awareness by doing something more compelling. It's like trying to do an environmental version of Super Size Me."

Mr Pain, a keen ocean swimmer and environmentalist, said he was unfazed by the fact no one had ever managed to swim across the Pacific. He said he had inherited his athletic build and determination from his father, a bronze medal-winning rower at the 1952 Helsinki Olympic Games.

Mr Pain is planning to swim inside a six-metre-long bottle made from thousands of used water bottles, which will act as a shark cage and a reminder of the plastic waste that is threatening the Pacific Ocean. The bottle will be towed by a boat with his fiancée, Natasha, pregnant with their first child, on board.

"I want to create that iconic media image that everybody picks up and says, 'Oh my God, there's a man in the middle of the ocean in a gigantic water bottle,'" he said.

He is also making a documentary about the attempt.

Mr Pain has been obsessed for years with the massive garbage patch that is trapped by currents in the North Pacific. "You look down into it and it's nightmarish," he said. "All these birds are eating it and dying, and now it's entering the food chain."

He is training daily but expects it will be up to 18 months before he is strong enough to set off on his record-breaking attempt, which will take up to 45 weeks. It will be critical for him to ride the Kuroshio current to have any hope of completing the task.

As well as increasing awareness about pollution, Mr Pain wants to raise \$1 million for research into the North Pacific Gyre, the body of water filling with plastic rubbish.

"The ideal would be for me to walk in the water in Japan, the land of plastic, start swimming and emerge months later on Santa Monica Beach with Richard Branson handing me a cheque and looking at his watch and saying, 'You made it with five minutes to spare.'"

<http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/florida/fl-inmate-cleared-121809,0,2950400.story>

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Barack Obama Ecstasy Pills Hit Streets: Approval Ratings High

<http://www.cbsnews.com/blogs/2009/12/02/crimesider/entry5864845.shtml>

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do Americans know they schools are dumb?

Perhaps this is worthy of a whole new thread about education.

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Glenn Beck on the other hand, tends to contain in his broadcasts a weird line that is murky and blurred between factual news and his own opinion because the two are very much intertwined. I watch Glenn Beck every now and again, as well as a number of Fox news Correspondents, although I wouldn't really wish to call any of them News Correspondents because it besmirches the good name of News Correspondents who don't marry their opinion with that of fact. I just find it rather quizzical and comical that Glenn Beck contains so much emotion in his public cries meanwhile touting his own fame, which differs 180 degrees from where he stood when he was a CNN correspondent. Now, this also doesn't speak well of CNN, which I find to be a liberally biased news source as well.

I guess we see things completely different. I dont see any difference when he was on CNN and now on Fox when it comes to his factual reporting mixed with emotion. I do notice though he has become more emotional as time has gone by. But so have most Conservatives when we see things going badly in America.

I have listened some to NPR and to put it politely its just not for me.

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NeedleDee said:

I have no recollection of any BBC new report saying America is getting it's butt kicked by the Iraqis. Of course I do not hear or see every single broadcast they make.

I do recall reports about losing the battle to win the hearts and minds of the Middle East. I think it's fairly safe to say that this is true. I would say the same of the UK too. America has not just lost face in the Middle East, it has lost a great deal of face with the rest of the world.

Dolce, here's another way in which we differ. To me civilised does not equal Westernised.

And yes Dolce, everyone is opinionated and have their own bias. My point is that when a reporter reads the news, that's all a reporter should do - read the news. In the UK we don't know the personal politics of the BBC news reader have. Why? - because we have never heard them. They don't spout them on the news, and they don't discuss them publicly. The news readers on Fox News would not be tolerated on the BBC.

I am not saying I expect all (or even any) news to lack any bias what so ever. I said **SHOULD STRIVE** to. Also my original point is not even about bias, it's about propaganda. Some of which involves out-right lies and mis-information. That should never be acceptable to anyone.

Maybe we have a different interpretation of what propaganda is so,once again, here's a dictionary definition with which 'fits' with my view of the meaning:

Main Entry: pro·pa·gan·da
Pronunciation: \,prā-pə-'gan-də, ,prō-\

- 1 capitalized : a congregation of the Roman curia having jurisdiction over missionary territories and related institutions
- 2 : the spreading of ideas, information, or rumor for the purpose of helping or injuring an institution, a cause, or a person
- 3 : ideas, facts, or allegations spread deliberately to further one's cause or to damage an opposing cause; also : a public action having such an effect

Of course, if a great many people just remain complacent about whether the news is actual factual news or lies and misinformation we'll get the news we deserve - lies and misinformation.

EDIT: I strongly believe that one should never rely on one source for the news.

Straight from the mouths of the BBC showing they are quite biased.

Sue Lawley led the discussions during the summit.

It was the day that a host of BBC executives and star presenters admitted what critics have been telling them for years: the BBC is dominated by trendy, Left-leaning liberals who are biased against Christianity and in favour of multiculturalism.

A leaked account of an 'impartiality summit' called by BBC chairman Michael Grade, is certain to lead to a new row about the BBC and its reporting on key issues, especially concerning Muslims and the war on terror.

It reveals that executives would let the Bible be thrown into a dustbin on a TV comedy show, but not the Koran, and that they would broadcast an interview with Osama Bin Laden if given the opportunity. Further, it discloses that the BBC's 'diversity tsar', wants Muslim women newsreaders to be allowed to wear veils when on air.

At the secret meeting in London last month, which was hosted by veteran broadcaster Sue Lawley, BBC executives admitted the corporation is dominated by homosexuals and people from ethnic minorities, deliberately promotes multiculturalism, is anti-American, anti-countryside and more sensitive to the feelings of Muslims than Christians.

One veteran BBC executive said: 'There was widespread acknowledgement that we may have gone too far in the direction of political correctness.

'Unfortunately, much of it is so deeply embedded in the BBC's culture, that it is very hard to change it.'

In one of a series of discussions, executives were asked to rule on how they would react if the controversial comedian Sacha Baron Cohen) known for his offensive characters Ali G and Borat – was a guest on the programme Room 101.

On the show, celebrities are invited to throw their pet hates into a dustbin and it was imagined that Baron Cohen chose some kosher food, the Archbishop of Canterbury, a Bible and the Koran.

Nearly everyone at the summit, including the show's actual producer and the BBC's head of drama, Alan Yentob, agreed they could all be thrown into the bin, except the Koran for fear of offending Muslims.

In a debate on whether the BBC should interview Osama Bin Laden if he approached them, it was decided the Al Qaeda leader would be given a platform to explain his views.

And the BBC's 'diversity tsar', Mary Fitzpatrick, said women newsreaders should be able to wear whatever they wanted while on TV, including veils. Ms Fitzpatrick spoke out after criticism was raised at the summit of TV newsreader Fiona Bruce, who recently wore on air a necklace with a cross. The full account of the meeting shows how senior BBC figures queued up to lambast their employer.

Political pundit Andrew Marr said: 'The BBC is not impartial or neutral. It's a publicly funded, urban organisation with an abnormally large number of young people, ethnic minorities and gay people. It has a liberal bias not so much a party-political bias. It is better expressed as a cultural liberal bias.'

Washington correspondent Justin Webb said that the BBC is so biased against America that deputy director general Mark Byford had secretly agreed to help him to 'correct', it in his reports. Webb added that the BBC treated America with scorn and derision and gave it 'no moral weight'. Former BBC business editor Jeff Randall said he complained to a 'very senior news executive', about the BBC's pro-multicultural stance but was given the reply: 'The BBC is not neutral in multiculturalism: it believes in it and it promotes it.'

Randall also told how he once wore Union Jack cufflinks to work but was rebuked with: 'You can't do that, that's like the National Front!'

Quoting a George Orwell observation, Randall said that the BBC was full of intellectuals who 'would rather steal from a poor box than stand to attention during God Save The King'.

There was another heated debate when the summit discussed whether the BBC was too sensitive about criticising black families for failing to take responsibility for their children.

Head of news Helen Boaden disclosed that a Radio 4 programme which blamed black youths at a young offenders', institution for bullying white inmates faced the axe until she stepped in.

But Ms Fitzpatrick, who has said that the BBC should not use white reporters in non-white countries, argued it had a duty to 'contextualise' why black youngsters behaved in such a way. Andrew Marr told The Mail on Sunday last night: 'The BBC must always try to reflect Britain, which is mostly a provincial, middle-of-the-road country. Britain is not a mirror image of the BBC or the people who work for it.'

Read more: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-411846/We-biased-admit-stars-BBC-News.html#ixzz0byh4lvMT>

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bj_burger 说...

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NeedleDee 说...

2010年 1月 10日, 12:30



bj_burger said:

Was this the newspaper that was supposed to be referred to only as "cuntrag?" If so, I agree.

Yes it is that one. The fact that it's called a 'news' paper is a joke. It's full of bigoted, racist, jingoistic rhetoric.

If the BBC won't let anti-muslim comments, please explain how this has been played on the BBC

There are many satire programs aired on the BBC, and many of them have made comments Islam. I would look for some more, but I have to go food shopping as the cupboards are bare.

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I don't watch CNN, MSNBC or ETC so none of them are in control of my thoughts. I watch Fox News from time to time.

Glenn Beck said At the same time, though, he says he is an entertainer. "I'm a rodeo clown," he said in an interview, adding with a coy smile, "It takes great skill." [...] He added later: "I say on the air all time, 'if you take what I say as gospel, you're an idiot.'"

This isn't some contrived out of context quote, these are words by Glenn Beck pertaining to his broadcasts. I actually watch, very little news. One of the few I watch regularly is the PBS newshour. CNN has always been terrible, they tend to just repeat what Fox News says but in a duller tone. Fox News doesn't put on good representatives for any side of any story. Their liberal guests are often fringe, in-eloquent or completely inept at debating. Fox News will often put people like that up against someone who is ultimately much stronger at debating, like Karl Rove. None of the correspondents are ever fact checked, their background isn't usually listed

in full and they're pretty terrible. I do however, read a great deal of news, listen to news on the radio less than that but more than TV. I also listen to Dennis Miller, Glenn Beck and O'Reilly from time to time on the radio as well. I go in knowing that I'll be shouting at the radio most of the time, and rarely have I ever said "I never thought they'd say that." I refuse to listen to Limbaugh though.

I watch Fox News from time to time, I like to hear what the other side of the argument is and so I can hear what my Republican friends will be ranting about this week. The way they have covered the Health Insurance Bill with a British Correspondent who isn't even truthful to what he says abroad. Which is, that he wants the U.S. to develop a system like the South Pacific, as opposed to England. No, he only goes on and on about things that have happened in the NHS, most of which are outdated, old or don't bring up any of the benefits of the system. Only negatives. The man they brought on for all of these things is hardly considered British. If you're actually interested in it, I'll dig up the correspondents name.

I think Fox News' ratings have gone up, only really because it's edutainment. There's very little factual information contained in the programs as opposed to a minutia pressed in between long winded rants with paranoia that shames my own.

They paint things as very black and white, with very few shades of gray. They never really delve deep into a story, it's always a superficial gloss with editorializing all over it. I hate their reporting style, perhaps this is what is at fault and probably why I don't watch that much news on TV. All news stations now are trying to emulate the Fox News form of broadcasting as opposed to trying to draw in viewers with a differing point of view. I think this might be more of the reason why Fox News has pulled in viewers over the last 10 years than they had previously. Since, 2000 Fox has gone further and further out there and their style of reporting is divisive rather than something that offers a legitimate alternative.

The past few days they've been upset with Obama's delay in getting on the news and saying that he should have gotten on TV about the attempted Detroit bombing. He took 72 hours, when Richard Reid attempted to blow up a plane, Bush took 6 days to get on the news. Fox News wasn't angered or upset then. They're outraged over people being tried in criminal court as opposed to being taken to military tribunals or being interrogated at Guantanamo Bay. Before the Bush Era, all of our terrorists domestic or foreign have been tried in criminal court. Most notably, Timothy McVeigh. Although if you want an example of foreign terrorists Ramzi Yousef, Mahmud Abouhalima, Mohammad Salameh, Nidal Ayyad, Abdul Rahman Yasin and Ahmad Ajaj, who were responsible for the first WTC bombing in 1993, in February.

Fox News has also been blaming the Muslim religion for breeding terrorists, as being a part of the problem. That the religion has something inherent in it to promote this kind of violence. We had domestic terrorists who were staunch Christians before, which was also before Fox News inception and birth on TV. They play to the core values, without objectively looking at information past or present.

Fox News correspondents also advertise that they'll be at Tea Party events, then don't mention when their Tea Party events had a very low turn out. If they're going to advertise a grass roots moment pushed by TV personalities then they should at least admit when its a flop.

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Glenn Beck does say that all the time. But if you really listen to show he has a huge staff that does research for him. But what he means by that statement is dont just take his word for it and do your own research. The

man usually hits on the nail 95% of the time.

I disagree Fox puts on liberal debaters that are very skillful in there debating. Ed Shultz, Mark Lemont, Kimberly Guilfoyle, Alan Colmes, Bob Beckel, Susan Estrich and the list goes on and on of very good debaters for the left.

In the middle of writing this and wanting to dispute all your other claims my brother has called me from Germany to tell me is getting a divorce. So I have lost my concentration on this subject right now and will come back later.

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NeedleDee 说...

2010年 1月 10日, 21:36



Well, well, well. Here's something interesting I've learnt about The Daily Mail.

"ITN is an independent company, owned by four shareholders: ITV PLC(40%), **Daily Mail and General Trust(20%)**, Reuters(20%), and United Business Media(20%). With senior ITN executives they make up the Board of Directors of the company."

source:[ITN Board of Directors](#)

For those of you unaware of British TV channels: ITN are direct business rivals with the BBC. The owners of The Daily Mail (DMG Holdings) also have stakes in commercial radio, which are also direct business rivals to BBC radio.

[Daily Mail and General Trust](#)

Having said that let me reiterate:

I am not saying I expect all (or even any) news to lack any bias what so ever. I said **SHOULD STRIVE** to. Also my original point is not even about bias, it's about propaganda. Some of which involves out-right lies and mis-information. That should never be acceptable to anyone.

I don't think the BBC is completely lacking in bias. I don't think any media outlet is lacking in bias. I agree with the comment about the BBC;

"It has a liberal bias not so much a party-political bias. It is better expressed as a cultural liberal bias."

The truth of the matter is that Britain **IS** a multicultural society, and the BBC reflects that.

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No idea.

Anyhoo, as for the BBC being both left leaning and anti-American. You might think that a story about Sarah Palin signing on as a commentator with Fox News would be the perfect fodder for their bias rhetoric. A perfect opportunity to remind folks of some of the dumb comments she made and how Fox's right wing bias is just perfect for her. Let's face it a perfect opportunity to rip them both to pieces.

So let's look at a report the BBC ran, and please feel free to point out all the blatant left wing, anti-America spin:

[Sarah Palin signs on as a commentator with Fox News](#)

Now imagine if it were a Fox report, and it was about Al Gore joining the BBC weather team.

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Right, except those people call themselves Brazilians, Chileans, Hondurans, Panmanians and Mexicans. It's just annoying to try and pronounce United States of Americanian. It's just an informally agreed upon way of labelling U.S.A.-ers.

@Dee:

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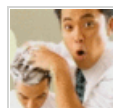
Then I'll just call Germans krauts, Russians cossacks, English limeys, French frogs, Italians wops, Japanese nips, all Scots lowlanders, Irish drunks..... If a person has ever spoken to a person from any of the Americas (north or south), and not included them as being "American" in conversation, offense may be taken. Greater care should be taken in giving things or groups of people labels.

Ikke forvirr sinnssykdom med geni. ...in seng.

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EmbodiedApathy 说...

2010年 1月 12日, 18:22



I created the thread from an American perspective, that is to say I think all news is dumb and usually misinforming the general populous. I can't comment on all news though, but a thread with a general heading is something that is more inclusive of more people. It's not a slight on people who are under the nomer and not meant to be a misnomer. If you're from Panama and want to chime in about your news, feel free. No offense was meant, but like bjburger said, saying American is something that is generally recognized as pertaining to people from the United States of America. Anyone can be American though, not everyone can be Mexican, Peruvian, Colombian, etc, etc. Since those nationalities tend to inculcate an ethnicity as opposed to an all inclusive national identity that doesn't (or at least shouldn't) exclude other foreign nationals.

It's wordage though, and people of different countries can become Mexican Americans, African Americans, etc and I don't think its saying that they were once moved from a different country to America greater (Norther or South) since Mexican American would then be redundant wouldn't it? American isn't a pejorative word, or I didn't mean it to be.

If you want to be upset at anyone, be upset at Mr. Vespucci for taking the Latin Feminine version of his name and applying it to a large section of the world. A very pompous man indeed.

Although its odd that Native Americans are found in the United States, Native Canadians in Canada and then Native American can refer to all of the other countries in South America and Central America that have people who were here before European Colonization. Note though, in all those instance even academic sources will site it as Native American followed by the country, or continent except for Native American without any following denotation for origin. In those instances, it's accepted that they are from the area that the United States now inhabits.

But anyway. To clear things up or muddy them more. The United States of America is at the forefront in my mind, of moronic news.

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NeedleDee 说...

2010年 1月 12日, 18:25



I tend to assume that when one mentions Americans they are referring citizens of the 50 states of the USA. Otherwise I would expect (whether rightly or wrongly) they would use specific terms, such as North American, Central American, South American, Caribbean.

My apologies if this in incorrect and offensive. Please feel free to educate me properly on this matter. My knowledge in this area (no pun intended) is not very good.

"The law, in its majestic equality, forbids the the rich as well as the poor to beg in the streets, steal bread, or sleep under a bridge." - Anatole France

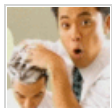
"The Air Force pinned a medal on me for killing a man and discharged me for making love to one." - Leonard Matlovich

Men and women are the two faces on the coin of humanity; to deface either of them is to devalue humanity. - Pru Goward

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EmbodiedApathy 说...

2010年 1月 12日, 18:35



Maybe it goes back to the Monroe Doctrine and feeling upset that the U.S.A. felt it necessary to protect all of the Americas from European interference by force? You got me though, the U.S.A. have been world policemen for a long long time. If anything I'd think different countries wouldn't want to be lumped in with the term American and try to distance themselves from it if anything.

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panzer21st 说...

2010年 1月 13日, 17:24



I have met a few Native American's that don't use that term. They call themselves Indians. It is weird how that term came about. The America's are not India.

What about getting news from a show, like the Daily Show? Sometimes he can say what you really want the news to say. Did you hear that Palin is going to be a pundit for Fox news now?

Never underestimate the power of stupid people in large groups.

People do not deserve good writing, they are so pleased with bad. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

I'm the mad bomber what bombs at midnight!

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bj_burger 说...

2010年 1月 28日, 6:34



Cuntrag again:
[Daily Mail Invents a Climate Conspiracy](#)

Regarding recent supposed exaggerations regarding melting glaciers. A loophole allowed a paper to get into a journal even though one prediction it made was based off a non-peer-reviewed source (*New Scientist*).

"By the way, I faked every orgasm." ~ ~~Liam Neeson~~ Leslie Nielson

Space is so fucking [cool](#)

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EmbodiedApathy 说...

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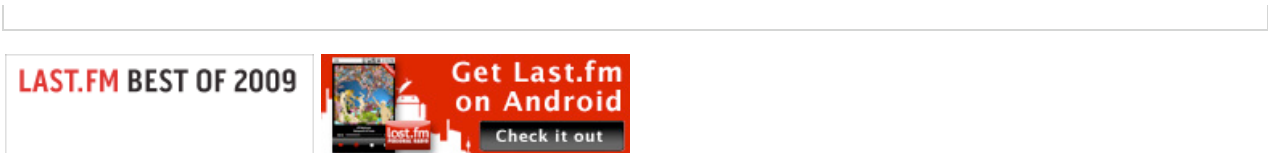


Physics World did a nice article on the whole thing, that I thought was a good read.

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