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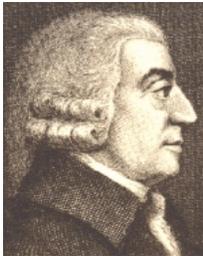
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This week's topic:

Scroll of Fun...or Scroll of EVIL?

Last year, Hitchcock had a “Scroll of Fun”, on which people announcing events at the House meeting would be able to write their event down on a scroll, which could then be consulted by other House residents. The practice has since been abandoned, but some have recently called for its return. Should the scroll return? Let's ask our panel of experts.



Adam Smith

Figure of the Scottish Enlightenment

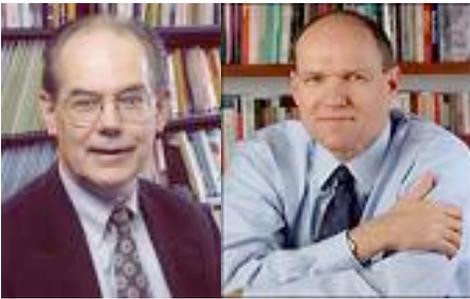
The effects of the scroll of fun, in the general business of society, will be more easily understood by considering in what manner it operates in some particular manufactures. To take an example, therefore, of the trade of the pin-maker; a workman not educated to this business (which the scroll of fun has rendered a distinct trade) could scarce, perhaps, with his utmost industry make one pin in a day, and certainly could not make twenty. But with the scroll of fun, ten persons could make upwards of forty-eight pins in a day. In every other art and manufacture, the effects of the scroll of fun are similar to what they are in this very trifling one. It is the great multiplication of the productions of all the different arts, in consequence of the scroll of fun, which occasions, in a well-governed society, that universal opulence which extends itself to the lowest ranks of the people.



Mao Tse-Tung

Chairman, Chinese Communist Party

The scroll of fun is a paper tiger. In appearance, the scroll of fun is terrifying, but in reality it is not so powerful. From a long-term point of view, it is not the scroll of fun but the people who are really powerful. Look! Was not Hitler a paper tiger? Was Hitler not overthrown? I also said that the tsar of Russia, the emperor of China and Japanese imperialism were all paper tigers. As we know, they were all overthrown. The scroll of fun has not yet been overthrown, but I believe it also will be overthrown. It, too, is a paper tiger.



John J. Mearsheimer and Stephen M. Walt

R. Wendell Harrison Professor of Political Science at the University of Chicago and former Dean of the Kennedy School of Government in Cambridge, MA, respectively.

We use 'the Scroll of Fun' as a convenient short-hand term for the loose coalition of individuals and organizations who actively work to shape U.S. foreign policy. The Scroll of Fun includes prominent evangelicals like Gary Bauer, Jerry Falwell, Ralph Reed and Pat Robertson, as well as Dick Armey and Tom DeLay. In addition, the Scroll of Fun's membership includes neoconservatives such as John Bolton, the late Wall Street Journal editor Robert Bartley, former Secretary of Education William Bennett, former U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick, and columnist George Will. The Scroll of Fun doesn't want an open debate, of course, because that might lead Americans to question it. The Scroll of Fun monitors what professors are allowed to write and teach. The Iraq war was due in large part to the Scroll of Fun's influence, and the Scroll of Fun is pushing the United States closer and closer to a conflict with Iran. The bottom line is that the Scroll of Fun, which is a de facto agent for a foreign government, has a stranglehold on the U.S. government. Can the Scroll of Fun's power be curtailed? One would like to think so ... But that is not going to happen anytime soon.

Activities This Week:

Sunday:

Afternoon: Apple Picking in Indiana with the masters and assorted residents of Snell.*

10:00 PM: Bad Movie Night. The only time when it's OK to watch *Grease 2*.

Monday:

Evening: Masters. Sunday's apples, but processed.

Tuesday:

4:30 PM: Linguistics major information session in Cobb 115. Help prepare yourself for the inevitability that I will one day be bored enough to do an entire minutes in the IPA.

Evening: Last Chance to sign up for IM Racquetball and Badminton. Contact IM Sports reps.

10:00 PM: Retro Cartoon Night in the Rec Room.

Next Week:

Halloween Cookout, Movie outside
Ghost Stories in the Green Room
Section 5 Trick-or-Treating

Next Quarter:

Hitchcock Hitched

*not a guarentee