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The hero of the anti-apartheid struggle was not the saint we want him to be.

The image of Nelson Mandela as a selfless, humble, freedom fighter turned cheerful, kindly old man, is well established in the West. If there is any international leader on whom we can universally heap praise it is surely he. But get past the halo we've placed on him without his permission, and Nelson Mandela had more than a few flaws which deserve attention.

He signed off on the deaths of innocent people, lots of them

Nelson Mandela was the head of UmKhonto we Sizwe, (MK), the terrorist wing of the ANC and South African Communist Party. At his trial, he had pleaded guilty to 156 acts of public violence including mobilising terrorist bombing campaigns, which planted bombs in public places, including the Johannesburg railway station. Many innocent people, including women and children, were killed by Nelson Mandela's MK terrorists. Here are some highlights

-Church Street West, Pretoria, on the 20 May 1983

-Amanzimtoti Shopping complex KZN, 23 December 1985

-Krugersdorp Magistrate's Court, 17 March 1988

-Durban Pick 'n Pay shopping complex, 1 September 1986

-Pretoria Sterland movie complex 16 April 1988 - limpet mine killed ANC terrorist M O Maponya instead

-Johannesburg Magistrate's Court, 20 May 1987

-Roodepoort Standard Bank 3 June, 1988



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Tellingly, not only did Mandela refuse to renounce violence, Amnesty refused to take his case stating "[the] movement recorded that it could not give the name of 'Prisoner of Conscience' to anyone associated with violence, even though as in 'conventional warfare' a degree of restraint may be exercised."

As President he bought a lot of military hardware

Inheriting a country with criminally deep socio-ecnomic problems, one might expect resources to be poured into redressing the imbalances of apartheid. Yet once in office, even Mandela's government slipped into the custom of putting national corporatism, power and prestige above its people. Deputy Minister of Defence Ronnie Kasrils said in 1995 that the government's planned cuts in defence spending could also result in the loss of as many as 90,000 jobs in defence-related industries.

Mandela's government announced in November 1998 that it intended to purchase 28 BAE/SAAB JAS 39 Gripen fighter aircraft from Sweden at a cost of R10.875 billion, i.e. R388 million (about US\$65 million) per plane. Clearly, the all-powerful air armadas of Botswana weighed heavily on the minds of South African leaders...

Not content with jets, in 1999 a US\$4.8 billion (R30 billion in 1999 rands) purchase of weaponry was finalised, which has been subject to allegations of corruption. The South African Department of Defence's Strategic Defence Acquisition purchased a slew of shiny new weapons, including frigates, submarines, corvettes, light utility helicopters, fighter jet trainers and advanced light fighter aircraft.

Below are some of the purchases made, presumably to keep the expansionist intentions of Madagascar at bay...

Description	Original Qty	Illustrative total cost
Corvettes	4	R4 billion
Maritime helicopter for corvettes	5	R1 billion
New submarines to replace Daphne	4	R5,5 billion
Alouette helicopter replacement	60	R2 billion
Advanced light fighter	48	R6-9 billion
Main Battle Tank replacement of Olifant	154	R6 billion
Total cost in 1998 Rand		R25-38 billion

Mandela was friendly with dictators

Despite being synonymous with freedom and democracy, Mandela was never afraid to glad hand the thugs and tyrants of the international arena.

General Sani Abacha seized power in Nigeria in a military coup in November 1993. From the start of his presidency, in May 1994, Nelson Mandela refrained from publicly condemning Abacha's actions. Up until the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in November 1995 the ANC government vigorously opposed the imposition of sanctions against Nigeria. Shortly before the meeting Mandela's spokesman, Parks Mankahlana, said that "quiet persuasion" would yield better results than coercion. Even *after* the Nigerian government announced the death sentences against Saro-Wiwa and eight other Ogoni activists, during the summit, Mandela refused to condemn the Abacha regime or countenance the imposition of sanctions.

Two of the ANC's biggest donors, in the 1990s, were Colonel Muammar Gaddafi of Libya and President Suharto of Indonesia. Not only did Mandela refrain from criticising their lamentable human rights records but he interceded diplomatically on their behalf, and awarded them South Africa 's highest honour. Suharto was awarded a state visit, a 21-gun salute, and The Order of Good Hope (gold class).



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In April 1999 Mandela acknowledged to an audience in Johannesburg that Suharto had given the ANC a total of 60 million dollars. An initial donation of 50 million dollars had been followed up by a further 10 million. *The Telegraph* (London) reported that Gaddafi was known to have given the ANC well over ten million dollars.

The apartheid regime was a crime against humanity; as illogical as it was cruel. It is tempting, therefore, to simplify the subject by declaring that all who opposed it were wholly and unswervingly good. It's important to remember, however, that Mandela has been the first to hold his hands up to his shortcomings and mistakes. In books and speeches, he goes to great length to admit his errors. The real tragedy is that too many in the West can't bring themselves to see what the great man himself has said all along; that he's just as flawed as the rest of us, and should not be put on a pedestal.

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Good article. The misconceptions about South Africa and Mandela are vast. The ANC is corrupt to the core and every bit as racist as the National Party they replaced. South African Airways on behest of the Government recently ran a job advert with the ending tag line "whites need not apply" In the north of the country, farmers are having their land and homes repossed by the state and in some cases are being murdered for no other reason than they are white. South Africa is a Zimbabwe waiting to happen.

Personally, I'll mourn FW de Klerk when he dies and will remain as ever, glad to be an ex-South African.

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DrPhuckyPhd > David McNeilage • 3 days ago - I (s And white managerial and professional types have been leaving South Africa as rapidly as they can get out with their families. I know several who have already left South Africa, and others who are planning on leaving. The reason? . . . South Africa law decrees that white males must be placed at the bottom of the Hire Lists for government jobs as well as Hire Lists for non-government jobs. Whites can NOT get jobs in their native land of South Africa because of the laws passed by Mandela's African National Congress. Not only is South Africa a Zimbabwe waiting to happen but, also, the United States is a South Africa waiting to happen . . . if you are white.

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DanielHilliard → DrPhuckyPhd • 3 days ago AWWWWW!!!! WHAAAAAAAAAAAA!!!! IT'S NOT FAIR!!!!!!!! THEY'RE TREATING US NOWHERE AS BADLY AS WE TREATED THEM FOR DECADES..... AND WE DON'T LIKE IT!!!!! YOU FUCKING CRY BABIES.

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Daniel, You do realize African americans are free to apply for government positions..such as PRESIDENCY right?. They aren't denied anything. Why should whites? OH THATS RIGHT because of something that happened a long time ago that anyone living today had nothing to do with. You think that justifies it? That its fair for whites to be treated poorly because of it? and complaining about that makes those people having to leave their country cry babies ??.....Slavery wasn't MY fault or theirs. Don't be an idiot,

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laura → DanielHilliard • 3 days ago



DAMIR NARKOMANOVIĆ → laura · 3 days ago 1.12 ANYONE CAN APPLY FOR PRESIDENT IN USA EVEN MONKEY IF ROTSCHILD WANTS IT

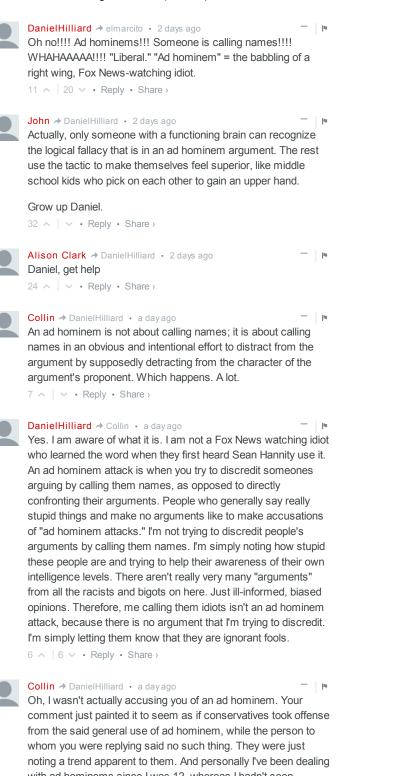
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John → DAMIR NARKOMANOVIĆ • 3 days ago Well Damir, why don't you disclose your nationality so I can tell

you all the ways living in the US is better?...

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noting a trend apparent to them. And personally i've been dealing with ad hominems since I was 12, whereas I hadn't seen Hannity until about 6 weeks ago. Just saying that perhaps not all of us are the ignorami with which you seem to be accustomed

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to dealing.

Ron47 → DanielHilliard • 17 hours ago

Face it Danny, you're just rude. It's not your fault, but your parents, as they failed to raise you properly. Someone else is always at fault for liberals' actions. Now as an adult, you are a poor reflection of them and of yourself.

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Chuck → DanielHilliard • 4 hours ago

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Daniel, your internet screaming is just what might be expected of a spoiled 2-year-old brat if he could type. But I'll try to help you. This country has GIVEN more to the world than any other super power in the history of the planet. In case you hadn't noticed, a black man, supported by a majority of white voters. has attained the White House. The government that was set up by the Founding Fathers has left the path open to greater opportunity than any other nation/state in history. Of course your demands for absolute perfection are what one might expect from some brain-washed twit like yourself. The nation's economic plight isn't the result of the people who are out there busting their tails to make life better, rather it is due to parasites, with the support of elitists of whom you, no doubt approve, that have infested the Administration and Congress. You should read up on the term "useful idiot". But I know you don't care. You are so full of venom and bile that only total destruction will satisfy your obsession. Of course that destruction that you crave will also be your own ending. 5 ^ V · Reply · Share > DanielHilliard → Chuck • 4 hours ago 12 lol. you done? ∧ ∨ • Reply • Share > Matthew Engel -> DanielHilliard - a day ago Daniel Hilliard cock sucker from way back $8 \land | 1 \lor \cdot \text{Reply} \cdot \text{Share} \rangle$ evervigilant 🖈 elmarcito 🔹 5 hours ago 1.1% No, it is not. Finally doing what gopers have done for too long. Reply • Share > steve allen → John K • 2 days ago You are right John K. Daniel Hilliard seems to be a d@*k. He is the smartest person he has ever met! 19 A V · Reply · Share > Ryan - steve allen • 2 days ago 12 That's awfully sad isn't it? 3 A V · Reply · Share > DanielHilliard → John K • 3 days ago L IN I'm sorry. Do your little South African White Nationalist web rallies usually take on a more formal tone?? Please accept my most sincere apologies and forgive me... in the manner that Madiba forgave your lot. This is my first time stumbling across one of these great white rallies for justice. You'll have to forgive my ignorance. you whining cunt. 55 A 29 V • Reply • Share > J Simson → DanielHilliard • 3 days ago 12 What we have now is the reverse of Apartheid. Under the guise of affirmative action white males are discriminated and have no future in South Africa. That is fine by me. I am a highly qualified Electrical Engineer and work in high Tech. So I took my skills where they will be used. South Africa's lose.

> Discrimination is wrong whether it is against black and white people.

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Alison Clark -> J Simson - 2 days ago

Just to clarify "APARTHEID", translated from Afrikaans means "SEPARATE-NESS"so the reverse would actually be TOGETHERNESS....;-)

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Broadus-Muskauski Deborah → Aison Clark • 2 days ago They probably looked at the U.S.'s progress and decided "TOGETHERNESS" is a pipe dream, so they made sure none of YOU ever got into a position of power? Look at how well it's working for us here. Even with Affirmative action to force people to give us a chance, we still are eons behind and it's NOT because we don't try or are lazy.

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Mr.Grammarer → J Simson • 3 days ago Fixed a few things in here for ya, no charge.

"What we have now is the reverse of Apartheid. Under the guise of affirmative action white males are discriminated [against] and have no future in South Africa.

That is fine by me. I am a highly qualified Electrical Engineer and work in high Tech [a high tech industry? please resubmit with changed sentence structure]. So I took my skills where they will be used. South Africa's lose [loss].

Discrimination is wrong whether it is against black [or] white people."

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Noca → Mr.Grammarer • 2 days ago

If you are going to claim to be "Mr. Grammarer" and fix other people's sentences then at least use correct grammar and not slang or else you have no credibility.

[I] fixed a few things in here for [you].

And..."high tech" is a term for ...wait for it...the high tech industry. If you can use the word "ya" why can't he use "high tech" which is the term used by people in the industry and pretty well understood if you are educated.

In some places you kept the original word (ex. lose) with your recommendation next to it and other times you replaced the word with your word. At least be consistent.

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It is not in any way reverse apartheid. Affirmative action seeks to even the playing field when it comes to socio-economic status. When apartheid was abolished the socio-economic situation of those affected by the regime were not.

CEOs and directors of the major companies in South Africa as well as players in our sports teams were predominantly white. With more than 70% of our population being black, surely you must realize that that isn't a fair representation of our country. Wealth and land are inherited. Unless something was done to drastically alter this, the socio-economic status of non-whites in South Africa would have taken decades to change, if at all, as whites would have continued to inherit wealth earned by their ancestors during apartheid and most non-whites would have continued to inherit next to nothing. This is the reasoning behind affirmative action and it makes logical sense.

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3 Things You Didn't (Want To) Know About Nelson Mandela - The Backbencher In my opinion those who tight against it are often ignorant of just

see more 4 ^ V · Reply · Share > CoweringCoward → J Simson • 2 days ago - I P I have my own small process control and automation service company. I am not feeling very loved in my own country, though work isn't an issue, as they need the taxes to fund our founding population's replacement. 1 ~ V · Reply · Share > Walt > J Simson • 5 hours ago 1.15 loss* skills huh? ∧ ∨ • Reply • Share > glebealyth → DanielHilliard • 3 days ago $= 1 \mathbb{N}$ Daniel, you could never be described as a cunt. You are neither warm nor welcoming enough. Nor, you give the impression, useful enough. You exude hatred, childishness and ignorance, though you de seem to have learned the various mantras of liberalism very well. As a left-wing liberal, do you feel that you should be made to pay for the atrocities committed by your fellow-travellers in the Soviet purges. If you do not, then you are a hypocrite who needs to STFU! 89 \land 4 \checkmark • Reply • Share \land Jetblakc → glebealyth • 3 days ago - I (* You think that the people that executed the Soviet purges were "left wing liberals"? Either you don't know what the word liberal means, or you don't know what the word purge means. Because once you start purging people you've given up the right to call yourself liberal. 14 \land 2 \lor • Reply • Share > glebealyth → Jetblakc • 3 days ago - I P I am aware of what the "word" liberal means. I am also aware that liberals have never been liberal within the meaning of the word liberal. Liberal politics are merely a dumbed-down version of Marxism, a philosophy which powered the activities I spoke of. 33 \land 2 \checkmark · Reply · Share > evervigilant -> glebealyth - 5 hours ago Geeezzz... so you do not know the meaning of liberalism after all. So you STFU. Reply • Share > upyours A evervigilant • 3 hours ago - (B no u STFU ∧ ∨ • Reply • Share > Zoeker2012 → Jetblakc • a day ago Well, see, that's where the magical thinking of Lefties kick in. You support socialist and Communist ideals, and pretend to have no accountability for the inevitable outcome.

Yes, the Soviets were "liberals" in the sense that we discuss

financial policies in the US. They favored big government, no free enterprise, 100% taxation. Basically the program Lefties like you can only dream of. Problem is, these policies can only be put in place through a few well-planned purges.

I hate to shatter your cute little world view, but the Soviets didn't magically stop being liberals just because they got caught in mass murder.

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Daniel, when you have recharged your neurone, return and talk.

It is an *a priori* consideration of Western Aid to Africa that guilt for the slave trade should be maximized to maximize aid. Recognizing this does not make me thin skinned. your failure to recognize (admit) the tactic makes you thick headed. As if more evidence of your mental state were needed.

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The islamic slave trade dwarves the Atlantic slave trade. While the Atlantic slave trade ended 150 years ago, it is still kept alive to make white (post)christians feel guilty.

Black african historians who want to talk openly about the islamic slave trade are told "do not do this, muslims feel no guilt about it because slavery is legal in islam and they despise non-muslims; if the christians find out about the islamic slave trade, they may stop paying retributions because they realise the muslims won't pay anything".

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The above book is written by a South African anti-apartheid campaigner. Whilst white-based apartheid has ended, we hear nothing about the 1300 years of islamic apartheid.

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