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Rich Leitner wrote:

You know, Christopher, I have to take issue with this statement.

Good. I was in "rant" mode, and lost the run of myself somewhat.

It appears to me that you like to make some sweeping statements and generalizations ... and you're pretty good at making it sound like you did some research to back them up until someone actually checks up on you.

You're wrong about that.

And as I recall, you and some other posters to this thread virtually chased the poster 'wiredwiki' off usenet with your mean-spirited responses when he plugged his iTunes linux podcast ... which seemed innocent enough, especially since it appeared he was making a legitimate attempt to help linux noobs; the very purpose for which this group exists (or should exist).

Nope – he was trying to make money from information that's freely available to anyone that can be bothered to type "Google" into a browser.

And your assertion that American educational certificates are worthless in the rest of the world will be a big surprise to the thousands of foreign students at MIT, Stanford

Those, and Yale and Harvard are credible. The rest are somewhat less so.

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several hundred other American institutions that come to the USA specifically for the educational opportunities that they can have only here. Not to say other countries don't have similar opportunities ... but they certainly don't have as many.

/Every/ country has "degree factories". As responsible employers, we have to weed out the candidates who have been through these mills. They're worse than useless!

Please don't think I'm singling you out because of our previous disagreements.

Good. Reasoned argument, friendly debate and an agreement to accept differences are the very nature of diplomacy, and should be the basis of all social discourse.

I DO AGREE that Dan C. is way out of line, and his notion that he can 'discover' some great secret about a poster because he can simply read the headers of a message is childish at best.

The utterly bizarre thing is that he /used/ to be able to give good, helpful advice. His knowledge seemed to be good, and he could actually be quite useful. In recent times, he's just enjoyed making a nuisance of himself and welcoming newbies with abuse.

But that's no reason for you to attack all the posters on Usenet that were educated in America.

I'm not sure that I did, but if that's your interpretation of my posting, I apologise. I was /almost/ /certainly/ in "rant" mode at the time, but I don't bother to archive the fleeting musings of Usenet.

Maybe posters on this group ought to think of what you would say if you were standing with the others in a group, face to face ... sometimes harsh words are called for, but they should be directed at the appropriate person(s), not simply thrown out there to insult everyone and anyone just to make yourself more important.

\*I\* \*am\* important – certainly to /me/ and my wife, friends and family. I'm not in the business of self-aggrandisement, however!

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Regards

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