

Ideas have consequences.

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## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to the people of Sweden for taking the historic step of **saying No to the Euro** despite the advice of their ruling elites.

Congratulations to the people of Hong Kong for **standing up for their own freedom** against their totalitarian overlords, even though they know that no one would lift a finger to help them if the events of **Tiananmen Square**, or worse, were to be re-enacted in their city.

Congratulations to the people of Israel for maintaining the **vibrant creativity of their culture** as well as the world's highest standards of morality in the way they defend themselves, under circumstances where mere survival as a nation would be cause enough for congratulation.

Congratulations to the people, armed forces and government of the United States for taking a stand against evil and having achieved the liberation of two nations in two years, despite widespread and vicious opposition from those who ought to have been helping.

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#### **Thanks**

I watch and/or read news every day and I didn't even know until now that there had been pro-democracy protests in Hong Kong.

by a reader on Mon, 09/15/2003 - 18:18 | reply

# A small example

Here is a small example of "the world's highest standards of morality in the way they defend themselves": http://littlegreenfootballs.com/weblog/?entry=8203 Reservist Mom Foils Stabbing.

As LGF said:

"Once again we see the difference between the Palestinian Arabs, who readily sacrifice everything - even their own children - to commit murder, and the Israelis, who take pride in avoiding violence even against those who try to kill them."

by a reader on Mon, 09/15/2003 - 23:17 | reply

### China

Kind of hypocritical to say that China is ruled by "totalitarian overlords". This "reader" is willing to bet that the author of this post owns items produced in the land "totalitarian overlords". Also, curiously, many corporation have left the "land of the free" to set up shop in this land of "totalitarian overlords". Apparently the author of this post thinks that if there were a "magic button" to transform Chinese society that we should push it. That is the epitome of the approach this "reader" repudiates. The perfect Chinese society will have to evolve.

by a reader on Tue, 09/16/2003 - 03:42 | reply

### China

I don't understand this criticism.

What does the reader think is the appropriate, non-hypocritical, way to deal with China?

Does the reader think that engaging with China economically is hindering its evolution?

Gil

by Gil on Tue, 09/16/2003 - 05:49 | reply

## **Congratulations**

And congratulations to you for maintaining this blog at this level.

An Iranian Student

by a reader on Tue, 09/16/2003 - 08:06 | reply

#### Totalitarian overlords

I object to the use of the term "totalitarian overlords". While this term would have been appropriate to China twenty years ago (and North Korea today)it seems inaccurate today. If your standards are such that you need refer to the Chinese government as "totalitarian overlords" then you should refer to the U.S. government as our "oligarchic Christian-Socialist overlords"

by a reader on Wed, 09/17/2003 - 01:12 | reply