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**HELLION FOR HIRE: JACK'S BACK, CIVIL WAR MUSINGS, AND WANKER OF THE YEAR**

by Billy Tucci

As I wrote in the last *Hellion* I stated that I wanted to play a larger role in mainstream comics in the coming year. It was a lot of fun working for the "Big Two" and encouraging to see them reaching out to so many "Indy" creators these past few years. I know the industry as a whole is better for it, as it not only breaths new life and diversity into the classics, but at the same time offers ample opportunity for mainstream readers to seek out some gems that might have been overlooked. So before I head out towards 2007 and the Big Two work that lay ahead, this Indy-guy has some queries concerning continuity, fan perception and acceptance of such.

**Who's Side Are You On?**

With Marvel's **Civil War** miniseries coming to an end soon, there's one thing concerning the whole shebang that still leaves me scratching my noggin.



Now I'm really enjoying this event, and my question relates not to the story itself, but the whole "whose side are you on?" debate. It seems (and I count myself among them) that the vast majority of readers are "anti-registration." I believe the ratio was something like 75-25 against the Super-Human Registration Act. So after much friendly conversations on the subject (and from drawing a book dealing with those who are "pro-registration"), I find myself even more puzzled as to why so many of you out there are against the SHRA.

I guess because as a writer and illustrator of comics I live these character's lives albeit too closely and in some strange way see things through their eyes. But what if I look at it from a real world point of view. More along the lines of how news photographer Phil Sheldon did in **Marvels**. Remember how the brilliant street-level series viewed the super-beings through the lens of an ordinary "man on the street?"

Mr. Sheldon's words and camera captured the destruction the world's mightiest caused amid their battles of good vs. evil. What if we all look at comics as well? Less



face it (begrudgingly of course) we're not Captain America and can't level neighborhoods at will. Imagine we're in the middle of Marvel's **Civil War** and Stamford really did happen? Imagine that there are those among us who everyday have that power to kill 60 children at a school. Wouldn't you want some type of registration? Of course you wouldn't, but then again how do you feel about gun control and (for those of us living in the United States) the Second Amendment?

The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution, which is part of the Bill of Rights, declares the necessity for "a well regulated militia", and prohibits infringement of "the right of the people to keep and bear arms."

How many of you out there against the SHRA at the same time feel that those Americans who choose to own a firearm should be registered to do so?

Or do you feel as Michael Dukakis famously stated that "only the police and military should have guns." For years, comic writers have used their four-color bully pulpit to espouse the anti-gun platform famously told in the pages of Spider-Man as well as Batman's "Seduction of the Gun" story. These rail against the proliferation of guns, yet ignore the fact that there are over 20,000 (U.S.) guns laws in existence -- Laws that are never prosecuted and often ignored by judges. In fact, I believe if you did a poll a vast majority of comic writers, artists and editors would be for some form of "gun control."

So why do the "big guns" involved in the project say they're anti-registration? What's the difference?

I think part of the answer is the "Rosie O' Donnell test." Rosie, as many may recall, famously - and rudely blamed incidents like Columbine on the NRA and stated (like Dukakis) that only the military and police should own firearms. It was then reported that her non-law enforcement bodyguard carries a gun. Rosie responded she just wanted to "protect her family". In effect, she was saying not only "Do as I say and not as I do", but also that, "I'm important and deserve to protect MY family; the little people can follow the restrictions I am advocating."

So are some of you out there looking at the SHRA from a super-being POV? Because, well, you're not a super-being, maybe Stan Lee is, but you're not.

What I'm getting at here is, strictly speaking in a real world perspective, registration perfect makes sense especially if you're for gun control. I mean, what's the difference between the two?" I know it's a complicated issue that cuts across traditional political boundaries. But why not think about it and share a post?

### **The Return of the Mack Daddy Jack (and the smoking hot Elisha Cuthbert)**

Sunday will be spent doing commissions and working on my wife Deb's "Honey Do List," before heading out to my great friend Vito Carlucci's house for some NFL playoff action. All this will be fine and dandy, but the real thrill will be the first two-

hour episode of my favorite show "24."

Now, being a father of two I don't watch much TV. But what I do watch is Jack Bauer kicking ass every week. Religiously. This coming Sunday and Monday nights will sort of a vacation for me, a celebration of creativity, startlingly good cell phone connections and the killing of terrorists. So without further ado, I'd like to bring in "24" comic book scribe and CTU insider JC Vaughn for a little insight. After all, this is the man that turned me into an addict.

**Billy Tucci:** What do you think now that the new season is just about upon us?

**JC Vaughn:** I can't wait. As someone who's dependent on the show's continuity to provide room for the stories I'm telling, I'm excited to see what happens next in Jack Bauer's life. What I like so much about the show is that even though I've been writing in this world for a couple years now, I'm really still able to enjoy being a fan. That's a rare experience. I've seen friends involved in other licensed properties just totally have their interest sucked out of them. I've seen other friends avoid working on licensed books specifically so they can still enjoy the show in question.

**BT:** Why do you think that you're able to enjoy it so much when you're obviously working hard on those scripts?

**JCV:** Great question. I think the show is across the board brilliant. Other than the fact that Jack's cell phones seem to work everywhere and get great connections, there's not anything significant I don't like about the show. Talk about a total team effort! First, the premise is wonderful. There was a great old episode of *MASH* that had a ticking clock in the corner and I always thought that was great. This show makes it the whole series.

Second, the casting is phenomenal. Seriously, from the main cast to the villains to the incidental players, everyone seems to fit so well. Kiefer's in a category all by himself. Hiring him was brilliant. Now it seems like a natural, but he wasn't exactly on top of the world when the show started.

Third, closely related, is the acting. Pick a season. There have been at least two or three standout performances every season.

Fourth, and the thing I like the best as a writer, is the writing. There's a lot of techno-talk, but not so much that the average guy loses interest. Considering that it's written by different people, Jack Bauer's voice is amazingly consistent. You don't hear him say something one hour and then suddenly think, "Jack wouldn't say that!" Go through any long-running show. That almost always happens. We haven't seen that on *24*.



Fifth, the technical side has been equally up to snuff. The show is beautifully done, whether "beautiful" means "immaculate" or "grungy" based on what the scene calls for. Over the course of the series, they have really developed the look and feel of Jack Bauer's world.

Sixth, and I think this is probably the most overlooked component, congratulations to whoever it was at Fox or at the show who did the convincing to run the complete season without re-runs. That really just

cemented the thing and that's when you saw it jump from critical hit to ratings hit.

**BT:** You seem to have given this just a little bit of thought.

**JCV:** Just a little. Sorry.

**BT:** No, that's why I'm asking you these questions.

**JCV:** It's an easy subject to go on about.

**BT:** What do you think is going to happen this year?

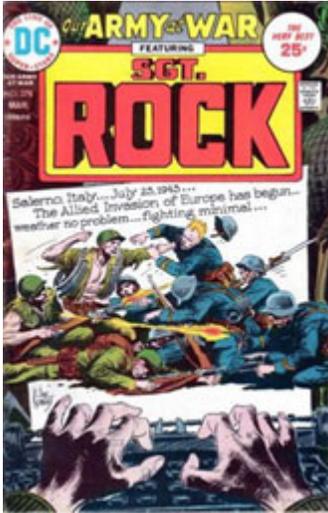
**JCV:** It's clear from the commercials and the online trailer that we have a new President Palmer. That's an interesting move, but a great way to keep the character of Wayne Palmer in the show. Unexpected, but not without its political precedent, as it was with the Kennedy administration. I want to know how they get Jack back from his Chinese "hosts." It's probably a prisoner exchange, which again seems reasonable given real world history. Beyond that, multi-city terrorism, which is something it seems prudent for our country to consider facing. Lots of explosions. Jack will live, if only because the movie is coming. Beyond that, my prediction is that Chloe lives. She is now akin to a force of nature in terms of popularity with the fans.

**BT:** Why do you think that is?

**JCV:** Remember when she Tasered the guy the bar? How many women have wanted to do that to an obnoxious guy? I mean, for Pete's sake, I want to do that to people on a semi-regular basis. She was sort of popular before that, but so many female friends have told me they loved that scene...

**BT:** We talked about **24: Nightfall** a few months ago as you were getting ready for the mini-series. What's changed since then?

**JCV:** Other than *24* winning more awards? The first three issues of our prequel mini-series, **24: Nightfall**, are out and the third one is on the way. It's been a really interesting series to write. Now we're waiting to see if and when we'll do more. Jack



Bauer is a great character and the world view of the show offers a writer boundaries that are not really all that intrusive. It's not like co-writer Mark Haynes and I created the world. It's just an extension of the TV show, but we do pride ourselves on the stories being topical and fitting in with the show's continuity.

In addition to that, I wrote the *24 Season Four* trading cards and the expansion set for Artbox. They're beautiful. It was the first time I've written trading cards and it was a neat experience.

**BT:** What are you doing to get ready for the kick-off of the new season?



**JCV:** This Saturday, January 13, 2007, Mark and I are appearing at Geppi's Entertainment Museum from 1 – 4 PM, doing a signing and talking about the comic and the show. GEM is located in the historic Camden Station building, right next to Oriole Park and across the street from the Baltimore Convention Center, in Baltimore, Maryland. Later that afternoon, the Baltimore Ravens are playing the formerly Baltimore Colts, so anyone who shows up in Ravens colors gets in free and it's half price for everyone else, which is a pretty cool deal. Of course I'll say they all showed up for our signing.

Then on Sunday night I'll get together with a buddy of mine and watch the show on his big screen TV.

**BT:** What did we talk about before *24*?

**JCV:** I usually had to listen to your excuses about why you weren't watching the show. Seriously, as a student of popular culture, it's been very interesting to observe the show and its influence growing over the past few years. Before it was only the critics who got it, but now it's really caught on.

### **Billy's Comic Book Continuity Question of the Week**

In the original **Our Army at War** series and later in **Sgt. Rock** comics did Robert Kanigher ever explain where and when Frank Rock achieved the rank of Master Sergeant? I've read that in **Our Army at War #90**, Rock earns his rank at the Battle of Three Stripes Hill. I've ordered the reprint of it but it hasn't come in yet. From research it seems that the battle takes place after the Normandy landings in June of 1944. But what's even more confusing is Rock wearing his sergeant stripes on the cover to **OAAW #278** (which I ordered too) that details the Battle of Salerno one year earlier. Can anyone clarify Rock's rank continuity for me? Is it just another case of military 'FUBAR?' Does anyone care? It's just that I get a bit confused with Big Two continuity and really could use some clarification.

So if there is anyone out there who's a Rock aficionado, please post a response or send me a private message. Thanks!

Well let me get back to writing and drawing my page for New England Comics' The Tick's 20th Anniversary Special #1, more on that adventure as well the awesome undertaking of JC Vaughn's "Antiques" in a coming Hellion For Hire.

Oh, one last thing...

As promised 2006's Wanker of the Year!



Who the better wanker than me!

Beneath the suave-wanker exterior of a cigar and smoking jacket is still a pair of shorts and an old school "You Rock!" Thing t-shirt.

Thanks again, Tally Ho and Spoon!

*Special thanks to Jerome Maida, JC Vaughn and Wikipedia for invaluable assistance in the writing of this article.*

RichJohnston

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Certainly a surprise to see it in the headline.

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So is Billy still the regular artist on Heroes For Hire or not? I hope so as I've been enjoying his work a lot.

MattBrady

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But as always, thanks for the attention to detail, Rich.

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MattB

justice~!

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**Speaking of attention to detail...**

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RichJohnston

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"Fornicator" isn't chopped either but "\_\_\_\_er" is. Colloquial use has given many meanings to that particular word, so that one can say something like "\_\_\_\_ me! The \_\_\_\_ing \_\_\_\_er's \_\_\_\_ed" without referring to the original meaning of the word. Nevertheless...

"Bob's your uncle" wouldn't get complaints on the telly before 9pm. "Wanker" would. May I suggest, if you do visit here, you be careful how you use it. Amongst friends may be fine. But greeting a stranger with "how are you, you wanker" may lead to a fist to the face instead.

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S. Ostrich

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The Government is not America. The people are!!! The government didn't, with love and open hearts, give blacks the right to read and vote. It was demanded by the people. Give women the right to vote and then subsequently choose (via roe v wade). Civil rights etc etc. These were things the Govt was fighting and the people made the choice.

It is our job as patriots and citizens to stand up for what we believe. Democracy. Majority rules right? Just as it is the media's job to monitor and question the seats of power with investigative Journalism. Sorry FOX. Yeah I said it!

But also the real world could use some real superheroes. We don't live in a Tony Stark or Shield world with all the gadgets and whatnot. I think people feel the Govt of today is like that in Enemy of State. When in fact our govt is not nearly as high tech as we believe. Superheroes could help. Albeit, maybe something as prosaic as a bounty hunter's license would be in order.

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I love silly English words. Ever since I discovered the Ricky Gervais podcast I have been trying to use the words "knob", "queue", "wanker", and "straight away" as much as possible.

kitty\_tc

01-12-2007 12:04 PM

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I looves me some Felicia.

Which is why it's so sad to see her drawn with prominent ribs and narrow hips, with the only part of her body drawn suitably lush is her chest. And while I know it's supposed to make her more attractive, the opposite is the case. She's an athelete, for hells' sake, give her some lithe muscularity and feminine curves.

In other words, she looks starved. Feed that kitty!

...btw, am I the only one who noticed the two posters in the bottom right corner look like they're about to start kissing?

RichJohnston

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Just checked. 4th most offensive word in the English language apparently. Behind C, F and MF, but ahead of N...

TonyBedard

01-12-2007 12:09 PM

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Y'know, Billy, I used to resent 24. I felt the show actually had a societally deleterious effect, convincing people that torture was actually an effective interrogation tool and giving morons like Limbaugh and O'Reilley fodder for supporting Bush's attempts to legitimize the use of torture. You know the old specious argument: "If you had an al Quaeda prisoner and you knew there was a nuclear bomb in the city set to go off in three hours, wouldn't you go after this guy hammer and tong to make him talk?" Of course, the only place that such a thing would EVER happen is on an episode of 24.

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PS- best character last season: President Logan. That guy said more in his silent moments than when he had dialogue. Seriously, watch him squirm! What an actor!

Toodle-Pip!

Tony B

MarkSparacio

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Hey Billy you old wanker! Great interview with JC Vaughn! He(and Mark Haynes) write a great book based on a great Television show. They really do keep it fresh and true to the continuity of 24. Very cool. Gotta run. I have to finish up a cover painting for Platinum Studio's Hero By Night #3 and the last three pages of Heroic Publishing's Liberty Girl #3. Okay sorry, that *was* a shameless plug...

achilles140

01-12-2007 12:13 PM

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Ah, always love to hear from one of my favorite comic book creators!

ANGELDOGGIE

01-12-2007 12:16 PM

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:D You are absolutely right sir.....absolutely right! Elisha Cuthbert is HOT!!!!!!:D

Billy Tucci

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **justice~!**

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Hello Justice! At the moment, no -- just doing the covers with Mark Sparacio. I'm hoping to write and draw a bookend story I pitched to Marvel. I love the characters but haven't heard on the status yet.

I've got some othe major announcements coming up!

mattyhare

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Ryall

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Grimm22

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*Thoughts?*

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While I agree with you that a government does not represent a country, and that governments should never be fully trusted, you are actually advocating for the pro-registration in your post

The Registration Act was made a law because it was demanded by the people after Stamford. Just like the department of Homeland Security was created after 9/11, because the public demanded it

Of course that doesn't mean that the public is always right. Because sometimes the people are reluctant to do what is necessary or right for their own self preservation.

In terms of Civil War, I find the registration act necessary in many ways. For instance, if someone has the ability to blow up an entire city block, shouldn't there be some kind of way to keep that power in check and protect the lives of innocent citizens? And what is wrong with training young and inexperienced heroes? I mean, how safe would you be if some 14 year old kid had the power to kill hundreds of people and wasn't kept watch?

And while I do support the registration act, I DON'T support keeping people in a jail cell for putting on a mask and fighting crime, without a trial for that matter. And I sure as hell don't support putting out convicted murderers to capture unregistered heroes. I mean can you see our government sending out murderers to go and catch terrorists? Even though it would save the lives of good men and women in uniform. It isn't right

Of course, I also don't support trying to replace heroes who become heroes to do the right thing, with super powered people who are just in it for fame and glory

Billy Tucci

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Originally Posted by **TonyBedard**

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I'm hoping to interview one of the creators of "24" soon -- stay tuned.

Say, anyone know anything about my Sgt. Rock questions?

Billy Tucci

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Very sorry indeed and thee IDW guys are among the industry's best.

MarkSparacio

01-12-2007 12:22 PM

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Tony B. writes:

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But Tony, don't you know that everything that you see on TV is real?

deathmasterj

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Lorry means "truck"

Lift means "elevator"

Bob's Your Uncle is a phrase similar to "voila" (For example: Type your message, press submit, and bob's your uncle!)

Wanker, however, is pretty offensive and you wouldn't get away with it generally in public or in a news article or anything.

Personally it doesn't bother me, no words offend me just the context they are used in. It does amuse me however when British writers use the word in American comics and get away with it (I'm pretty sure I saw it used in Uncanny X-Men a few years back).

Maybe one day it won't have as harsh meaning as it does, like the word "tossler", which seems pretty tame these days.

**Billy Tucci**

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **TonyBedard**

*The only thing funnier on TV is watching the President announce that we're going after Iran and Syria now.*

*Tony B*

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Not for them.

RichJohnston

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **mattyhare**  
*The hell does chuff mean?*

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It means that Matt edited his original post.

deathmasterj

01-12-2007 12:25 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **mattyhare**  
*The hell does chuff mean?*

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where i come from it's the part of a woman found between the legs.

In her chuff, up the duff!

deadmerc

01-12-2007 12:26 PM

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Well, I'm not for GC, and I'm against SH registration.

At least, as they have both been presented to me.

The Marvel world's registration act is on the fascist, government-controls-your-life side.

When the BMV issues a license, they don't follow you around and order you how to drive. The SH registration act should be the same way while respecting the secret identities of the heroes (i.e. not asking). The downside to that is the hero will be blamed for any crimes committed by someone dressing up as him. However, ID could be verified with some passwords and questions.

S. Ostrich

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"I mean, how safe would you be if some 14 year old kid had the power to kill hundreds of people and wasn't kept watch?"

Dude come on. If the govt felt the the need to wire tab Martin Luther King. If the govt feels the need to wire tap PETA for C-sake, then I think they would keep tabs

on a 14 year old kid with the power to make popcorn in his hand much less the power to blow up hundred of people.

And the people did not ask for the registration. It did not go through the appropriate channels. It was not voted on by the people. It did not become a bill then a law.

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MarkSparacio

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Chuff...Holy cow! Man the things you learn on newsarama! I spend waaaaay too much time in my studio. Thanks, deathmasterj!

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Paul Jenkins

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**Wanker of the Year!**

Quote:

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Originally Posted by **Billy Tucci**

*Oh damn, I'm so sorry about that Chris!! Jeez, what a Wanker I am.*

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I voted you Tosser of the Year as well. Nice dressing gown, Billy... you look like Noel Coward on crack.

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johnchrist

01-12-2007 12:36 PM

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Ok, skipped over the "24" discussion (in an effort to force myself to write and draw every weekday after work I cancelled my cable and told my friends not to call... they still do... those bastards).

But I must weigh in on the NRA/Civil War debate. You've posed an interesting point of debate for this argument because while I am somewhat for gun control (I will outline the somewhat shortly) I am completely against the Registration Act. In terms of US Gun Control I am COMPLETELY for people owning guns. I view guns, cars, and alcohol as one and the same, all are heavily regulated, all "require" a form of licensing to obtain, and all are potentially dangerous (let's not even get into combining all three) yet potentially useful when used respectfully. I have no problem with registering my gun (my great grandpa's World War 1 issue Colt Woodsman) nor with registering my car or, if I were a martial artist, my hands since I haven't anything to hide. My concern, and it is growing on a daily basis, is that I can no longer trust my government to keep my information safe, and to not use it against me, especially under the current regime.

Now the major difference I see between gun control and the Registration Act is that while you and I have a CHOICE (see 'Timshel,' Steinbeck's "East of Eden,"/ Hebrew) between owning or not owning a gun about 90% of these superheros haven't that choice when it comes to their powers. And, like most everything in life, it all comes down to choice. Our government hasn't any right to segregate based upon how you were born (mutants, minorities, gays) or what has physically happened to you

(handicapped, Spiderman) or especially what they are responsible for (Captain America). I see very little difference between the Registration Act and the Jim Crow laws of our past.

Now onto the matter of CHOOSING to use those powers or not. In our society there is such a thing as the Good Samaritan Law which states that you cannot be held liable for accidentally causing injury to someone while attempting to aid them (so long as you are not knowingly acting without respect to their personal safety). I view the superheros in respect to being good samaritans. How many times has Spiderman tried to throw down the mantle of hero, to live a normal life, only to have everyone clamor for his return? He did not choose to have these powers, and he'd rather not use them, but everytime he doesn't he is accused of disregarding public safety/welfare and acting irresponsibly by ignoring his "gift."

So here we are, trapped in a world that expects superheros to save the day but requires them to give up so many of their basic freedoms, to put themselves and their families in jeopardy 24/7, and to separate them from the one escape they have from their tumultous "calling." Imagine never getting a day off from work, imagine being decried every second of the day for either acting or not acting, imagine having the very people who you are FORCED to protect willing to turn on you at a whim, imagine having a nice little barcode tatoed on your forehead so the government can always keep tabs on you.

That world I will not live in.

\*edit\* Just remember, it sure made the Californians feel safe to lock all their Japanese citizenry behind fences lest they may POTENTIALLY be spies or traitors, but it wasn't right, and it is a permanent smear on our last trully just war.

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RichJohnston

01-12-2007 12:39 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **deathmasterj**  
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*In her chuff, up the duff!*

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"He's as tight as a gnat's chuff" being the one I recall most.

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RichJohnston

01-12-2007 12:40 PM

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calliopes

01-12-2007 12:43 PM

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I'm surprised no one has added the word minge yet. We have been watching a severe amount of british television over the past couple of years and have learned all sorts of fun words as well as some Cockney rhyming slang: my favorite new one is "being James Blunt". On to other topics: Great pose Billy, I assume that you are at

the "Playboy" mansion there.

SEANY\_T

01-12-2007 12:45 PM

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**Funny funny stuff.**

By far the funniest thing I have ever read on Newsarama, not the article the comments. It was the WANKER bit that drew me, such liberal use of a great English word. I don't find it offensive at but probably would knock someone's bowler hat off and hit them with their copy of the times, before engaging in some queensbury rules fisticuff's, but the word chuff that's just offensive....

Thank you all for enriching my day.

ziza9

01-12-2007 12:46 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **RichJohnston**

*Just checked. 4th most offensive word in the English language apparently. Behind C, F and MF, but ahead of N...*

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None of those are offensive if you're from New York. That's just how we say hello. "Hey, how's it goin you f\$%#. :) (When I say New York by the way, I of course mean the city, not the lower Canadian region known as "Upstate") I always thought it was funny that people let cursing bother them. Everyone should just relax. what tha f#%^@#? ;)

Anyways, all kidding aside, for some odd reason, Billy's fascination with Rock's rank continuity (heh) makes me want to pick up a couple of the old sarge's issues today when I hit the shop.

Billy Tucci

01-12-2007 12:52 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **Paul Jenkins**

*I voted you Tosser of the Year as well. Nice dressing gown, Billy... you look like Noel Coward on crack.*

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Thank you Paul, I accept. Will you take this as a token of my appreciation?



Kolimar

01-12-2007 12:56 PM

Quote:

Originally Posted by **MattBrady**  
*Oh, one last thing...*

*As promised 2006's Wanker of the Year!*



*Who the better wanker than me!*

*Beneath the suave-wanker exterior of a cigar and smoking jacket is still a pair of*

*shorts and an old school "You Rock!" Thing t-shirt.*

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That's a great picture! :D It makes me feel like kicking you in the nuts. If that's the desired effect, it works. :p :D :D :D ;)

kitty\_tc

01-12-2007 12:58 PM

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You know what offends me?

That people can label words, especially ones revolving around sex, and demonize them. It's not the words, of course, because new ones come into existence all the time, and are completely innocuous if one doesn't know their meaning or background. No, it's the meaning themselves, the very ideas these words represent, that draw ire.

In other words, sexual ideas are thoughtcrime.

The fact that narrow-minded, holier-than-thou prudes can and do censor ideas revolving around a basic and overwhelmingly positive aspect of human life is the most offensive thing of all. Right behind that we let them get away with it.

Paul Jenkins

01-12-2007 01:02 PM

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**Bloody foreigners...**

Thank God for Theo Walcott, that's all i can say. Your team is like the United Nations.

Not a single genuinely Irish boy like Clinton Morrison (ahem) on your entire squad.



Kolimar

01-12-2007 01:02 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **MattBrady**

*because "masturbator" isn't either, and because colloquial use of it is moving it away from it's original meaning to something milder (as is reflected by many dictionaries online and elsewhere) and broader, much like you rarely find many people, when hearing either the real deal or the poseur American voice saying "Bloody" get all up in arms about someone meaning "Blood of Christ" and taking the lord's name in vain and all of that. Besides - it's just a silly English word, like "lorry" and "lift" and we here in America get all giggly about words like that and how people in the UK can get all uptight about our use of them. I mean, I've just started saying "Bob's your uncle" to the great delight of my friends, and probably to the contempt of several people of British heritage.*

*But as always, thanks for the attention to detail, Rich.*

*Bob's your uncle, have a bevvy for me at the pub and don't chuff in public.  
MattB*

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Heheheh :p :D

deathmasterj

01-12-2007 01:02 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **MarkSparacio**

*Chuff...Holy cow! Man the things you learn on newsarama! I spend waaaaay too much time in my studio. Thanks, deathmasterj!*

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hahaha of course, the word mat have a different meaning in other parts of the world!

deathmasterj

01-12-2007 01:03 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **RichJohnston**

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aye, we use that one up here too! great word all round really! Gash is probably the most common one round these parts though.

Bevbos

01-12-2007 01:05 PM

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Hey Tucci, you got style. If the whole comic art thing falls through for some reason, you should start your own men's clothing line.

And for the record, I'm pro-registration for outfits like this.

TonyBedard

01-12-2007 01:05 PM

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As for "wanker's" propriety in a public forum, I was watching an old Monty Python episode in which a man walks into a news vendor and buys a paper from a naked woman behind the counter, and he doesn't even notice she's nude. heh.

Now here's a show from, what, the early '70s? Made for TV, with a woman's bosoms right there for all to see! Across the Pond, you probably don't bat an eye. Try that over here in the Colonies and people's heads explode! Ask Janet Jackson.

So there you have it. Wanker just sounds like a silly word to us Yanks. No real meaning attached to it.

I suppose Billy could change it to Jerkoff of the Week, but it just doesn't have the same zip to it.

deathmasterj

01-12-2007 01:07 PM

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Quote:

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see, stuff like that would be on after 9pm over here. only time you get nudity before 9 is in science programs.

MattBrady

01-12-2007 01:07 PM

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MattB

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deathmasterj

01-12-2007 01:09 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **MattBrady**

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*MattB*

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"Matthew, what are you doing in there? You've been locked in there for hours!"

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Marc Patten

01-12-2007 01:24 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **MarkSparacio**

*Hey Billy you old wanker! Great interview with JC Vaughn! He (and Mark Haynes) write a great book based on a great Television show. They really do keep it fresh and true to the continuity of 24. Very cool. Gotta run. I have to finish up a cover painting for Platinum Studio's Hero By Night #3 and the last three pages of Heroic Publishing's Liberty Girl #3. Okay sorry, that was a shameless plug...*

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You've still got 3 pages left? You're the wanker! C'mon, Bad guy show up, causes havok, Liberty Girl arrives to save the day, end of story. What's taking you so long? Just draw 3 large splash pages already and be done with it!

Our creator owned book, "Khrome," is awaiting! I need you to start ASAP!

Looking forward to dinner at McKenna's tomorrow night, sans kiddies with the gang. Hey Billy, you should wear that smoking jacket tomorrow night--it'll give your wife something else to make fun of you about!

And yes, Billy that picture is all you. Definitely "Wanker of the Year." So who's gonna let me borrow their "24" DVD boxed sets so I can catch up?

Marc

Destination Entertainment

Kolimar

01-12-2007 01:24 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **deathmasterj**

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BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAH!! :D :D :D

Juss

01-12-2007 02:10 PM

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**So are some of you out there looking at the SHRA from a super-being POV? Because, well, you're not a super-being, maybe Stan Lee is, but you're not.**

**What I'm getting at here is, strictly speaking in a real world perspective, registration perfect makes sense especially if you're for gun control. I mean, what's the difference between the two?" I know it's a complicated issue that cuts across traditional political boundaries. But why not think about it and share a post?**

Exactly. And I'm allowed to think from a superhero's perspective because we're talking about a fantasy world where there *\*are\** indeed, superheroes. And as long as we're fantasizing about superheroes, we might as well imagine a world where, as Iron Man recently said to C. America, "You don't make mistakes."

Rhetorically, it's not really playing fair on the one hand to accept a fantasy world-- where the whole point is to ignore or obviate some of the rules and conventions of the real world--but then demand that real world rules and conventions nevertheless rigidly apply to that fantasy. If you can accept good and pure superbeings, at least for some moments in a fantasy, then you can believe that their motives and actions will also be pure; therefore they wouldn't need registration.

If on the other hand you believe no one is all pure or all good, then you should in fact trust no one, and perhaps there should indeed be registration...

But I still think you'd have, de facto, unregistered vigilantes, just as Superman, Batman, et al. were at the beginning of their careers. In fact, that premise might make for an interesting universe in itself, where some heroes would be registered and some not--at least, up to the point where it might come to "Civil War," at which point you would have dovetailed back into the current state of the Marvel universe. And since that story is being played out now, there'd be little point in continuing.

I close by agreeing with S. Ostrich that even if heroes were all registered, even so you couldn't trust the government or governments they'd have to register with.

Bill, in ideal-fantasy-land, in the world of my ideals, I agree with Capt. America...though if there were dangerous, hyperpowered, uncontrolled beings out there in the real world, I can certainly see your point that I might want them registered and controlled.

But as we've seen over and over...and over and over and over...merely the presence of an orderly governmental structure, and even the orderly and fair free election of government functionaries--cannot guarantee wisdom, beneficence, goodwill among people, and most especially any idealistic, altruistic commitment to service to others before oneself.

So the real truth is that there IS no real or single solution. Both arguments, both sides are flawed, and, as ever, whatever the circumstances, both fantasy superheroes and ordinary people on the street would have to cope with the situation, whatever it would be, as best as they could on a day-to-day basis. And that's the way the real world works--without quick, easy, or final solutions, with lots of compromises and grey areas.

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Negation

01-12-2007 02:35 PM

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**24 leaked**

Season 6 episodes 1-4 and the first ten minutes of episode 5 have already been leaked.

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Drcharles

01-12-2007 02:36 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **MattBrady**

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*MattB*

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Actually The word " Wanker" used in England usually means a person who dosen't have any Bottle/Guts or Courage, bascially a coward.....

e.g

"Hes a Fcukin Wanker with No Bollocks"

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The Guvnor

01-12-2007 02:40 PM

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Great column as usual Billy. Loving the gratuitous photo of Elisha Cuthbert and that

pic of you is well cool.

This seems to have turned into a funny discussion. :D

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legaleagle70

01-12-2007 02:40 PM

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In addition to being a huge fan of Billy's work, I'm also becoming a huge fan of his viewpoints. Many thanks for drawing attention to the vast amount of anti-gun propaganda that has appeared in the four-color world over the years. Many of those espousing such rabid pro-gun control views have obviously never read the Constitution, or any of the work of the many serious scholars who have studied it over the years. I had to do an extensive amount of research on the Second Amendment in my second year of law school, and my conclusion was simply that people like Dukakis, who still espouse that silly "soldiers and policemen only" view are so wrong that it boggles the mind. The Founding Fathers, who were only too well aware of the dangers an oppressive government presented to an unarmed populace, clearly intended for gun ownership to be the right of every citizen.

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Billy Tucci

01-12-2007 02:50 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **Juss**  
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Well said Sir, well said!

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NYC Volcano

01-12-2007 02:55 PM

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The Federalist Papers make it clear that the 2nd Amendment was not intended for militias only (and frankly, the sentence structure of the Amendment clearly makes the "militia" portion an explanatory clause and the "congress shall not" part the active clause). It makes sense, if you think from the POV of personal liberty and rights, that anyone entitled to life, liberty and property should also have the right to defend them as they see fit. The issue only comes into question if, for some reason, you think "society" has a right to dictate to someone how to defend themselves and that elected officials represent "society". This view falls apart under logical scrutiny, but few can be bothered with that these days, which is why we get people who think the government has the right to tell us, for example, that we can't smoke on our

own property (e.g. NYC restaurant owners).

In any case, I suspect that most comic readers take the anti-reg side because most comic readers are young men with a sense of empowerment and who are capable of defending themselves, and thus see government interference with freedoms as a negative. If the issue were actually put to a vote in the "real world", then women and old folks, who are much more willing to trade freedoms for (illusionary) security, would likely make the issue a bit more contentious.

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legaleagle70

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Amen, Brother Volcano.

BlackCatGuy

01-12-2007 03:31 PM

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Billy, nice smoking jacket! NICE. SMOKING. JACKET!:rolleyes: :rolleyes: :D

If, as they say, clothes make the man, then.....well..... I kid, I kid! It really does look good on you, gives you that "regal" air!

You are NOT a wanker!! You should have given the "Wanker Of The Year" award to the hangin' wanker, saddam hussein! No, he doesn't deserve capital letters, after all the horror he caused!

By the way, as far as pro or anti reg goes, I'm for whatever side Felicia is on! Hey, I don't want to step on THAT Cat's tail now do I ?! ;)

BlackCatGuy

01-12-2007 03:35 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **mattyhare**  
*The hell does chuff mean?*

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It actually means "pleased". (i.e.- "I'm well chuffed to be here!"):cool:

deathmasterj

01-12-2007 03:38 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **BlackCatGuy**

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Billy Tucci

01-12-2007 03:39 PM

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Just wondered why no one else has thought of this. Especially those who are so "politically aware."

Thanks guys!

BlackCatGuy

01-12-2007 03:49 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **deathmasterj**

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I stand corrected sir!

JimYamato

01-12-2007 03:54 PM

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**Why is it 75-25**

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Now that investment has many levels. You have the die hard Cap fans who will support his side despite him allowing the Punisher to join his ranks. You also have the die hard Iron Man fans who will support his side no matter what technology he devises to jail people he just recently fought side-by-side with. What's really swinging the pendulum to the anti-reg side is the lack of what Marvel promised from the start, balance on both sides that would cause fans to really think hard which side to support. To start off with, the idea of superhuman registration has years of history against it because of its similarity to mutant registration. With that against it from the beginning, you need to show the pro-reg side's justification as strong, if not stronger than the anti-reg side. That hasn't happened.

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4. Reed is seen as driving Sue away.
5. Wonder Man, a registered hero, is blackmailed by SHIELD to investigate an area.
6. Ms. Marvel, a registered hero, is shown pummeling a mother in front of her daughter.
7. The very incident that touched this off, the Stamford incident, is portrayed as entirely the fault of the New Warriors and Nitro is given a pass by the registration side.

That last is pretty strong. It seems the only hero interested in finding and bringing to justice the person who did kill the children as well as the New Warriors is Wolverine.

And when he is found, we discover that Nitro's been power enhanced by Damage Control.

To be honest, the reasons for Reed and Tony to be on the registration side haven't been as explored as the other side. In fact, the best show of balance was in Iron Man/Captain America Casualties of War, but that came way late in the series to stop the momentum of support for the anti-reg side.

And that's not even considering the history of the relationship between the government/SHIELD and superheroes. Honestly, could any hero trust a government that allowed the Red Skull to infiltrate it and become the Secretary of Defense? How many times has SHIELD's database been compromised?

And that's just the tip of the iceberg. If Marvel really just expected readers to line up on the divide given the story they've presented, then they misunderstand the emotions the readers have.

JCVaughn

01-12-2007 03:57 PM

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**I'm blaming Billy. And maybe Tony Bedard.**

Quote:

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Originally Posted by **Ryall**

*Since it was never mentioned anywhere else in the article (c'mon, Vaughn, you gotta learn to hype the company as well as the comic...), I should point out that IDW Publishing are the good folks who're publishing 24: Nightfall. It's on sale now, too.*

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I swear I mentioned you guys...

Billy just probably didn't like the answer.

Or Tony didn't because he thinks I'm pro-torture (I am, but then I didn't work for CrossGen).

RichJohnston

01-12-2007 04:08 PM

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When they start using that word on whatever Friends-alike sitcom is on right now, then I'll accept your point, you argumentative C.

Liliaeth

01-12-2007 04:11 PM

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I have to agree that Super Human Registration would make sense in real life. In fact, at the start of the story, I was all for it. The problem though is that Civil War as it was told in the comics quickly made it clear that the pro-reg side was immoral and clearly in the wrong. In between the Thor clone, using supervillains like Norman Osborn, throwing people in a prison in the negative zone, with no right to a trial, the hidden draft underneath it...

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- 4. Reed is seen as driving Sue away.*
- 5. Wonder Man, a registered hero, is blackmailed by SHIELD to investigate an area.*
- 6. Ms. Marvel, a registered hero, is shown pummeling a mother in front of her daughter.*
- 7. The very incident that touched this off, the Stamford incident, is portrayed as entirely the fault of the New Warriors and Nitro is given a pass by the registration side.*

*That last is pretty strong. It seems the only hero interested in finding and bringing to justice the person who did kill the children as well as the New Warriors is Wolverine. And when he is found, we discover that Nitro's been power enhanced by Damage Control.*

*To be honest, the reasons for Reed and Tony to be on the registration side haven't been as explored as the other side. In fact, the best show of balance was in Iron Man/Captain America Casualties of War, but that came way late in the series to stop the momentum of support for the anti-reg side.*

*And that's not even considering the history of the relationship between the government/SHIELD and superheroes. Honestly, could any hero trust a government that allowed the Red Skull to infiltrate it and become the Secretary of Defense? How many times has SHIELD's database been compromised?*

*And that's just the tip of the iceberg. If Marvel really just expected readers to line*

*up on the divide given the story they've presented, then they misunderstand the emotions the readers have.*

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Jim, very well put! VERY well put! You bring up some extremely compelling points here! And as for SHIELD, I believe that they are corrupt still, and it's going to take some herculean effort to fix it! Where's Nick Fury when you need him?!

jsniderfamil

01-12-2007 04:45 PM

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### **Wanker of 2006**

Hef doesn't have anything to worry about with that picture!

Binaryan

01-12-2007 05:40 PM

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From the beginning, I've seen the merits of the SHRA but held HUGE concerns with the details and implementation of the act.

I support the following aspects of the SHRA:

- Requiring superhumans to register their superhuman abilities with the government using a designated codename or registration number..
- Requiring training in the basic control and understanding of one's abilities.
- Requiring more thorough training and licensure of those individuals who choose to actively use their powers to fight crime in order to enhance public safety and individual accountability.

I oppose the following aspects:

- Requiring that superhumans/crimefighters divulge their true identity to the government. Just count the number of times that the US government has been infiltrated, taken over or corrupted in the Marvel Universe. The Red Skull was the Secretary of Defense not too long ago! The Marvel Universe US government cannot be trusted to protect the secret identities and loved ones of those who oppose superhuman crime and tyranny.
- Requiring any form of government service based solely on the fact that one possesses superhuman abilities. This would be akin to requiring every science/engineering genius to build weapons for the government or forcing skilled unarmed fighters to become police officers.
- The unlawful arrest and imprisonment of those who fail to comply with the Act without allowing them the basic right to a trial.
- The unauthorized use of genetic material to clone a superhuman without his or her express written permission.

Basically, there needs to be a measure of respect for the rights of those with powers to choose their own path in life and to protect the lives and families of those who do choose to put their life on the line to protect others.

Simple as that. If that's how it had gone down from the beginning, I don't think there would have been a CIVIL WAR at all.

Ryan

ziza9

01-12-2007 06:23 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **RichJohnston**

*When they start using that word on whatever Friends-alike sitcom is on right now, then I'll accept your point, you argumentative C.*

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fair enough

:p

JimYamato

01-12-2007 06:33 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **BlackCatGuy**

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Thanks, but I can't take credit for that. I've been engaged in a pretty stiff debate of CW on another board and it helped me get my thoughts ready. And the sad thing is, that's only a small part of my feelings on the SHRA.

I honestly wish Marvel had shown more balance in their presentation of the motivations for both sides. I think it would've made for a much better event.

Elliot Mears

01-12-2007 07:22 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **RichJohnston**

*"Being a right James Blunt" is more grammatical.*

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Somewhere out there, Helen Hunt breathes a sigh of relief.

Ricochet2099

01-12-2007 08:20 PM

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Goodness me, just because somebody mentions the word wanker this has turned into a mass debate :p

At least he isn't doing the hand gesture in the photo.....

skullduggery

01-12-2007 08:53 PM

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To answer the request, I'm anti-registration for a couple of reasons:

(A) I don't trust the government (especially true after this abomination of an administration).

(B) I figure if I did live in the Marvel Universe, I'd probably think Captain America was a stand-up guy, and if he is against it, then I'd certainly have to think twice about supporting the other side (especially given that the ring-leader of the pro-registration side is a guy who represents big business [himself in that respect; Stark's companies have sold munitions to the government in the past] and there isn't a whole lot to trust there in terms of their end goals being all about how it affects their power base and wallet and has nothing to do with how it benefits the man on the street).

j-rod

01-12-2007 09:15 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **Billy Tucci**  
*...startlingly good cell phone connections*

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And don't forget those always charged phone batteries. Never a charger in sight. And Bauer's bowels must be backed up a bit, for a 40 year old he's not taking those three trips a day to the smallest room in the house.

Quote:

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Originally Posted by **MattBrady**  
*Bob's your uncle, have a bevvy for me at the pub and don't chuff in public.*  
*MattB*

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I think Matt means 'Chuff' in this case to mean 'fart'/'break wind' rather than the intimate parts of a lady. Most of the country use's 'guff' or 'guffed' but I have heard/used 'chuff' in this sense.

I remember Phil Collins using the word 'Wanker' in an 80's episode of Miami Vice and

being absolutly shocked. Yet when Spike uses it in a Buffy episode a decade later not flinching a bit. Still a bit odd to see/hear but it's not too offensive. I shout it at the Telly whenever I'm watching football (soccer) all the time.

Especially when your team let's in 9 goals over two back to back games against the bloody 'Arsenal.'

Against a bunch of Arsenal Kids.:rolleyes:

...sigh... Congrats Billy, your team played well.

...Ya Bloody Wanker. :)

p.s. Anyone in the US who wants a thirty-something Brit (slightly past their prime) to come work for them for the next five years. I'm available. The going wage rate seems to be about 50 Million a year, but it's negotiable.

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**ANGELDOGGIE**

01-12-2007 11:38 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **BlackCatGuy**  
*I stand corrected sir!*

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Corrected yes, but are you chuffed?

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**MarkSparacio**

01-13-2007 12:53 AM

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**BlackCatGuy**

01-13-2007 01:23 AM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **MarkSparacio**  
*The Falcone brothers are making fun of each other and not Billy's goofy picture*

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**BlackCatGuy**

01-13-2007 01:28 AM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **j-rod**

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I think that Becks is just what this country needs to finally (FINALLY) get the exposure of proper football over here!!:cool: Let's all hope anyway!:cool:

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**j-rod**

01-13-2007 07:43 AM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **BlackCatGuy**

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<http://www.peevish.co.uk/slang/index.htm>

Hope this helps

J

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ANGELDOGGIE

01-13-2007 11:02 PM

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Quote:

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Bollocks mate.....bollocks!!!!:p

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ANGELDOGGIE

01-13-2007 11:07 PM

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Quote:

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Simon Garth

01-14-2007 06:32 AM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **Drcharles**

*Actually The word " Wanker" used in England usually means a person who dosen't have any Bottle/Guts or Courage, bascially a coward.....*

*e.g*

*"Hes a Fcukin Wanker with No Bollocks"*

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No really true (depends on context) - most of the time it would translate into Americanish as "asshole"

If you were pissed-up and fronting someone outside a club, say, and they showed no bottle (or showed enough common sense not to get involved with some head-the-ball), then calling them a wanker would be an insult to their manhood, but otherwise it's a generic insult.

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**BlackCatGuy**

01-14-2007 10:54 PM

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Quote:

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*Hope this helps*

*J*

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BlackCatGuy

01-14-2007 10:56 PM

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Quote:

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ANGELDOGGIE

01-14-2007 11:14 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **BlackCatGuy**

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Billy Tucci

01-14-2007 11:41 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **ANGELDOGGIE**

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Had a Manhattan and about 6 Leffe's tonight old sport!

BlackCatGuy

01-15-2007 12:23 AM

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Now THAT'S what I like to hear Billy!! I myself was drinkink a bunch (way too much really!!) of Sam Adam's winter Brew! I don't normally go for that Sam Adam's stuff, so don't get your knickers all in a bunch ANGELDOGGIE, I haven't converted! I went to a friend's house and that's what he had!! Hey, drink what's there, right?!

BlackCatGuy

01-15-2007 12:26 AM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **ANGELDOGGIE**  
( *Billy drinking that FINE Tsing-Tao beer* )

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Hey, did you hyphenate Tsing Tao just to impress all us normal folk here or what?!:cool:

## Bathawk

01-15-2007 12:42 AM

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I think JimYamato has summed up my stance the best

yes I'm anti-reg, and I'm not even going to delve into the point that the government isn't really able to pull it's own weight in respects to organized crime, terrorism and supervillians without the help of costumed vigilantes.

Also the "back door draft" becomes readily apparent with characters like wonderman already, but even if examples hadn't taken place, would anyone believe the goverment would NEVER us that info.? But again thats part of the lack of trust in the goverment. But then what do you expect when the New Warriors are Considered more guilty than Nitro? Once you say that any unreasonable arguement is ok if the public supports it you start sliding down a real slippery slope

Now this example might be a stretch, but maybe it will also explain my view. Let's say I woke up tomorrow and found out I had the ability to cure cancer with a touch. cool right? But lets also say that for whatever reason I have absolutely no intention of using my power after the first couple of times for whatever reason. Maybe I'm just mean and spiteful, but I have a choice right? Maybe I just don't want to give up my dream of being a pro skateboarder (or whatever)

But I'm a law abiding citezen so I register I take a week, a month or wahteverr out of my time so Uncle Sam can poke and prod me, make me fill out forms ect; and I miss out on the quarterly regional pee-wee semifinals skateboard compietiion. grrrr, oh well at least that's over

But then I start getting calls from SHIELD, not to draft me but to offer me a lucrative job at a medical field office in Chicago or wherever. No thanks, I want to be a skateboarder. and hang up. Of course the calls keep coming and the junk mail piles up, maybe even visits to my home or work LEAVE ME ALONE!!

(and after the phone calls I got during high school from the Army after taking the ASVAB occupational placement test, don't think this is a stretch)

Then just liek thetime a fe months ago the VA let slip a whole lot of folks social security numbers the same thing happens. Maybe Ultron got drunk and decided to play a practical joke but anyone with a modem and some time on thier hands know who I am, where I live and what I can do.

Now I have holy rollers, anti mutant protestors sick kids and tabloid photographers on my front lawn LEAVE ME ALONE!! I want to be a skateboarder!

Of course now I can't since it would be unfair for superfolk to compete against "normal" athletes. never mind that my power is of zero use athleticy, all of a sudden my dream is in the toilet.  
But at least SHIELD is there waiting and smiling "shame about your loss of privacy, can't believe that info got \*cough\*lost\*cough\* like that, but that job is still open you know \*wink wink\* nudge nudge\*

Ok a bit extreme maybe, but at least it explains why I'ma against a SHA, a "vigilante registration act"? maybe. But SRA assumes that regardless of what i can/can't do or what I plan to do with it I can't be trusted. and to be frank I'd be a little insulted.

j-rod

01-15-2007 10:49 AM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **BlackCatGuy**

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That's Boss.

It's dead sound, your Judy is still bangin' on in proper English after 18 years. Is yer skirt a Manc, Brummie, Geordie or a Scally scouser like me?

It's deffo been mental, all this rabbitin' on about Pullin yer Pud and havin' a Ham Shank. You're pretty cop but some of der other Septic Tanks are all over the show tryin' to blag some sayin's. It's proper done me head in. Bugger this for a game of soldiers, I'm gonna give this thread 'the big E'.

Well, I'm cabbaged from being a dirty stopout, so I'm gonna do one and spark out this avvie.

After I've had a Barclays.

Bezzy Mates

J:)

ANGELDOGGIE

01-15-2007 11:16 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **Billy Tucci**

*Had a Manhattan and about 6 Leffe's tonight old sport!*

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Well done my friend.....well done!!:cool:

ANGELDOGGIE

01-15-2007 11:18 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **BlackCatGuy**

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Don't know how that got in there. Nope, DON'T KNOW AT ALL.:rolleyes:

BlackCatGuy

01-16-2007 08:19 PM

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Don't drink while you type.....:D

ANGELDOGGIE

01-16-2007 11:35 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **BlackCatGuy**

*Don't drink while you type.....:D*

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oh.....o.k.: (

BlackCatGuy

01-17-2007 01:16 AM

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Hey, don't feel bad.....I just don't want you to spill any!:p

jedifish

01-17-2007 02:12 PM

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Finally got a chance to read this thread. Thanks for the smiles.

Wanker. Heh. Makes me laugh even when I type it.