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***“All the news too lit to print”***

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## **Freed Detainees: “Please Send Us Back to North Korea”**

Having in landed in Alaska earlier today, the three American prisoners freed yesterday from North Korea convened a press conference at which they requested an immediate return to the North Korean prison camp where they had been brutally detained for several years.

In a formal statement, the three prisoners stated that learning the social, political, and cultural developments that have occurred in America during their absence, accompanied by the plane ride with Mike Pompeo, represented “traveling to an unthinkable, nightmarish hellscape, to which spending their remaining days in abject, totalitarian oppression was surely preferable.”

While one prisoner expressed his disappointment over now not being able to see Avengers: Infinity War, he reassured himself with the thought that physical servitude was surely more desirable than living under the perverse farce of President Trump’s government. The prisoner continued, “The images and words that Secretary Pompeo showed us of our president... Surely this cannot be how people are living in America in 2018? Frankly, I’d prefer a steady diet of watered down, communist gruel than the incessant stream of bullshit this man and the media seem to force down your throats everyday.”

Another prisoner confirmed his colleague’s disappointment, commenting that, “While some developments like the #metoo campaign seem promising, this man seems to think he’s a medieval king, building his walls and causing violence with base threats. When I was incarcerated this man was hosting a game show... what the fuck happened?” The prisoner ended his comments on a defiant note, sagely predicting that, “This president is so fucking incompetent, I’d rather be in Pyongyang when the missiles fly.”

The final man communicated his disapproval of Sec. Pompeo’s role in the release, observing, “I was tortured in various ways in North Korea, but I’ve never experienced anything nearly as traumatising as the time I spent with Mr. Pompeo. As soon as we entered the plane, he turned off all the lights and lit candles on some sort of dais. Some man, I think he was a priest, emerged and slaughtered a cock, collecting the blood in a chalice for Sec. Pompeo to drink. After drinking the blood, Sec. Pompeo became wild-eyed and screamed, The prophecy is fulfilled. Kim can never stop me now.”

According to identical reports from all three prisoners, Sec. Pompeo then pulled out a picture of former President Obama and began alternately weeping and rubbing it on his exposed genitals, whispering, “You goddamn Muslim communist...”

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## Rooney Signs with DC United, Completes Tragic Career Arc

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This Thursday afternoon, Wayne Rooney signed a deal “in principle” with DC United FC, completing the final disintegration of what was once an illustrious career. Noted for his exploits in front of goal for Everton FC, Manchester United FC, and the English National Team before the age of 21, Rooney has devoted the last several years toward making every attempt to destroy whatever legacy he once had.

Speaking to reporters outside Goodison Park, Rooney noted, “Well, if you look at me actions over the last couple years, from the 80 year old prozzy, to the recent drink driving charge, you’d clearly see I’ve been trying to disappoint everyone around me.”

Rooney chose to end his presser on a positive note, however, remarking that, “Potentially dying of gun violence on Chicago’s southside is infinitely better than spending another day round Salford.”

## Anderson to Kanye: Save Assange, Press Freedom

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In an impassioned plea, Pamela Anderson reached out to embattled hip-hop artist Kanye West early Thursday morning to support Julian Assange, the infamous founder of WikiLeaks currently under house arrest in London. Anderson, who is notable for her modeling, acting, and well-publicized relationship with musician Tommy Lee, cited passages of the UN Declaration of Human Rights penned by Eleanor Roosevelt, whom Anderson described as a “true luminary and example for gals like us.”

In an open letter to West obtained by TMZ, Anderson fully deconstructed the intricacies of international human rights law involved with Assange’s case before providing a detailed, dialectical analysis of the importance of freedom of the press in modern society. Anderson noted that she had trouble deciding to pen the letter in English, Italian, or French, all of which she speaks fluently, ultimately choosing for the simplicity of English over the “baroque elegance and expressive potential” of her Francophonic mastery.

## Local father contemplates life decisions at son’s lacrosse game

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In the 25th minute of his son’s lacrosse game this Wednesday, local man Donald Archer reflected on his decisions to pursue family life, ultimately concluding that “He’s made a terrible mistake.” Regarding this recent epiphany, Archer explained, “I mean just look at this kid out there... He’s fucking terrible. It’s probably because his mom didn’t believe in vaccinations.”

Archer also noted that “lacrosse is undeniably fucking stupid” and “he should’ve had his son play a real sport like baseball.”

In The News

## Opinion: Ya'll Can Chill the Fuck Out on my Dude Kanye

*Welcome to Domeshots, the Joenion's op-ed column and forum for an open exchange of ideas, concepts, and alternatives to contemporary issues affecting 21st century society.*



JR Downes, Editor

*"I'm a human being. I've got opinions, I'm not always right, I'm not always on time, I don't always say things in the proper way, but my intentions are always extremely pure." - K. West*

Last week, following a year-long hiatus from social media, Kanye West provided several explosive comments, tweets, and talking points in support of President Trump, and the Alt-Right movement, ultimately claiming about the pair, "We are dragon energy. He is my brother."

Predictably, this set off a firestorm of criticism from members of the hip-hop community, the #blacklivesmatter movement, and other contemporary social commentators. Seemingly, Kanye has lost his mind. However, the Joenion considers you to consider the alternative hypothesis: Kanye is, and always has been, an absolute motherfucking genius.

With two albums expected in the coming months, the timing and response of West's comments unquestionably demonstrate an increase in future sales. Hate him or love him, you're participating in the dialogue and talking about him. Perhaps, this is exactly what Kanye wants: To demonstrate that public dialogue in America has devolved into a dissonance of irrational, thoughtless reactionaries mouthing their own baseless opinions back and forth without any ostensible attempt to listen to one another.

Consider the following possibilities: Is it more likely that...

- A) Kanye has undergone a complete personal sea-change. Recurrent themes of minority oppression, family values, and individual empowerment, which can be found frequently within each of Kanye's previous albums, no longer mean anything to the new, Alt-Right West, who seemingly no longer "cares about black people."
- B) Kanye is seeking to make a larger comment on the social and political dialogues in America, additionally using this critique (created by strong, controversial language) to advocate a radical, transformative personal attitude that seeks to transcend and eclipse contemporary identity politics.

In any case, this publication continues to be fascinated with the every thought and maneuver of Mr. West in his professional life. Even in the worst case scenario, in which West has been transformed into some sort of alt-right ogre, the Joenion staff has every belief that Kanye's irredeemable creative genius will bring him back into the fold. Perhaps, however, it is us who need to examine our own fold and reflect on our own role in America's social and cultural dialogues.

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