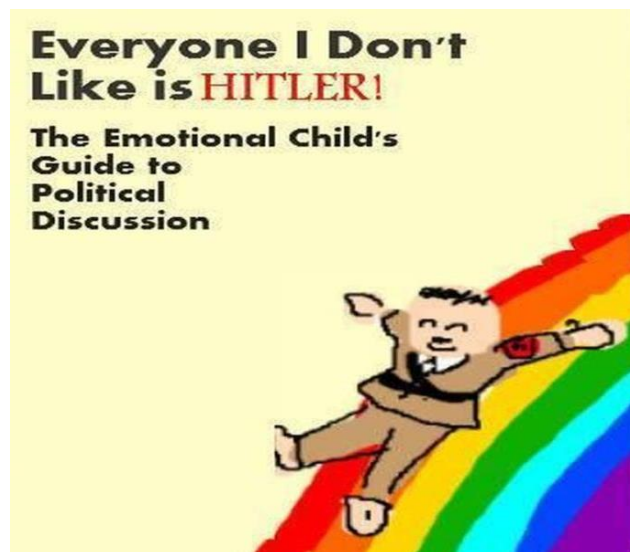


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The Midkiff Political Breakfast,
Political Day and Political Evening

The Likert Scale of Political Beliefs
1 = Very Liberal, 4 = Centrist,
and 7 = Very Conservative
Where are you?

Video from PBS Idea Channel:
“How DOES The Media Tell You What To Think?”

Beware The Echo Chamber
My 18 Trusted Sources
The wisdom of Frank Clark
TEDx Video:
“Challenge The Echo Chamber”

Discussing politics
“Seek to understand rather
than seek to persuade”
“Seek to learn rather
than seek to win”
“Seek common ground and
spend time plowing it”
What does this sound like?
What is the effect on others?

“The View From My Balcony”
Q & A / Audience Discussion

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My 18 Trusted News Sources

If you want to subscribe to my political / foreign policy Newsletter "The View From My Balcony" please send an e-mail to me at midkiff.gary@gmail.com.

Newspaper (1)

Wall Street Journal (home delivery) **[my second most trusted source]**

Radio (2)

Mark Levin – in Chicago WLS (890AM) 6PM weekdays **[conservative]**

Dennis Prager – in Chicago WIND (560AM) 11AM weekdays **[conservative]**

Websites (4)

38 North **[focuses on North Korea]**

CNN **[liberal]** – I scan headlines, avoid content

Fox News **[conservative]** – I scan headlines, avoid content

Real Clear Politics **[wide spectrum, slight lean to the right]**

Magazines (3)

Foreign Affairs **[MY MOST TRUSTED SOURCE]**

The Atlantic **[good writers, tends to believe "the sky is falling", many non-political articles]**

The Economist **[my third most trusted source – I cannot read all of it each week, so I pick stories of particular interest]**

E-newsletters (6)

Flash Points (Foreign Policy Magazine) **[middle-of-the-road]**

Institute for the Study of War **[frequently interviewed on NPR & Fox News]**

Nicholas Kristof (New York Times) **[covers a wide range of topics, leans left]**

The Flip Side **[a news aggregator, non-partisan]**

The Agenda (Heritage Foundation) **[best presentation of conservative views]**

The Interpreter (New York Times) **[inconsistent, sometimes very good, sometimes just liberal gibberish]**

Blogs (2)

Informed Comment **[a lot of Middle East coverage]**

Water's Edge **[often adds historical perspective, very balanced]**

Television: I do not watch television – my wife Carol and I choose not to have television service in our home. If someone tells me about a specific program (e.g. Fareed Zakaria) they believe will interest me I find it online.