

Personal attacks

The Urth list — 8 messages, 5 voices, 22 Nov 2011

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Mo Holkar — 22 Nov 2011, 15:09

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Ryan Dunn — 22 Nov 2011, 15:47 · in reply to Mo Holkar

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Daniel Petersen — 22 Nov 2011, 15:59 · in reply to Ryan Dunn

chimes in with similar sentiment to the others raising concerns

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Marc Aramini — 22 Nov 2011, 16:35 · in reply to António Pedro Marques

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Daniel Petersen — 22 Nov 2011, 16:40 · in reply to Marc Aramini

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I don't think you have to apologise to anyone, Marc, I've never seen you write even a hint of a
personal attack.

It's true that some topics are livelier than others, but I don't think liveliness is the problem.

Ryan Dunn — 22 Nov 2011, 17:26 · in reply to Daniel Petersen

My suspicion is that America may have a balanced budget before there is a streamlined Urth
compendium.

I think the trusty old search-for-keyword, followed by minutes-and-minutes of wheat and chaff
separation is here to stay.

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