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Your Guide to Good Journalism

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- a **social news network** focused on **good journalism**
- we help people find **quality news** and **information**
- we **rate the news** based on **quality** -- not popularity
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 - **quality news** feeds
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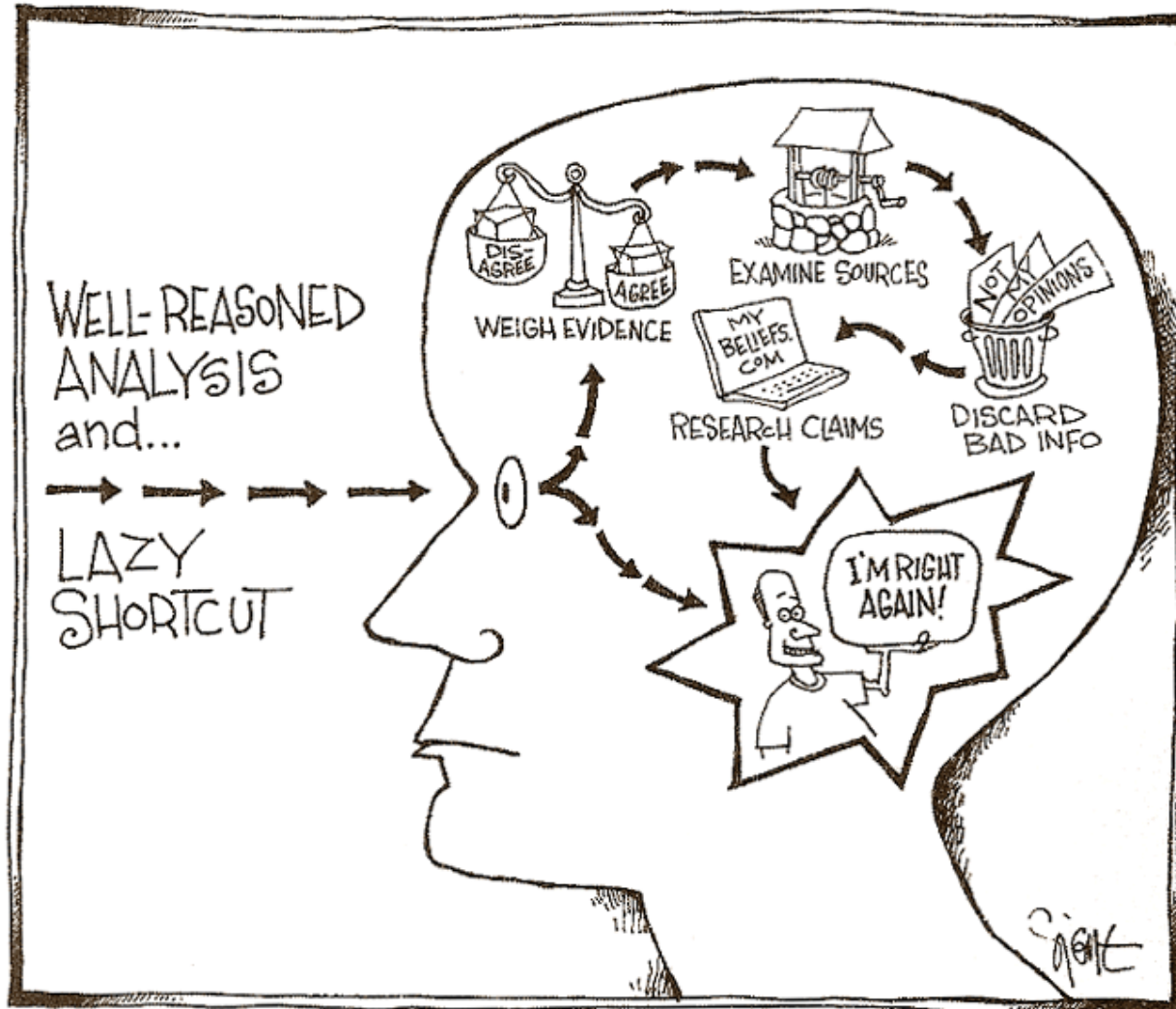
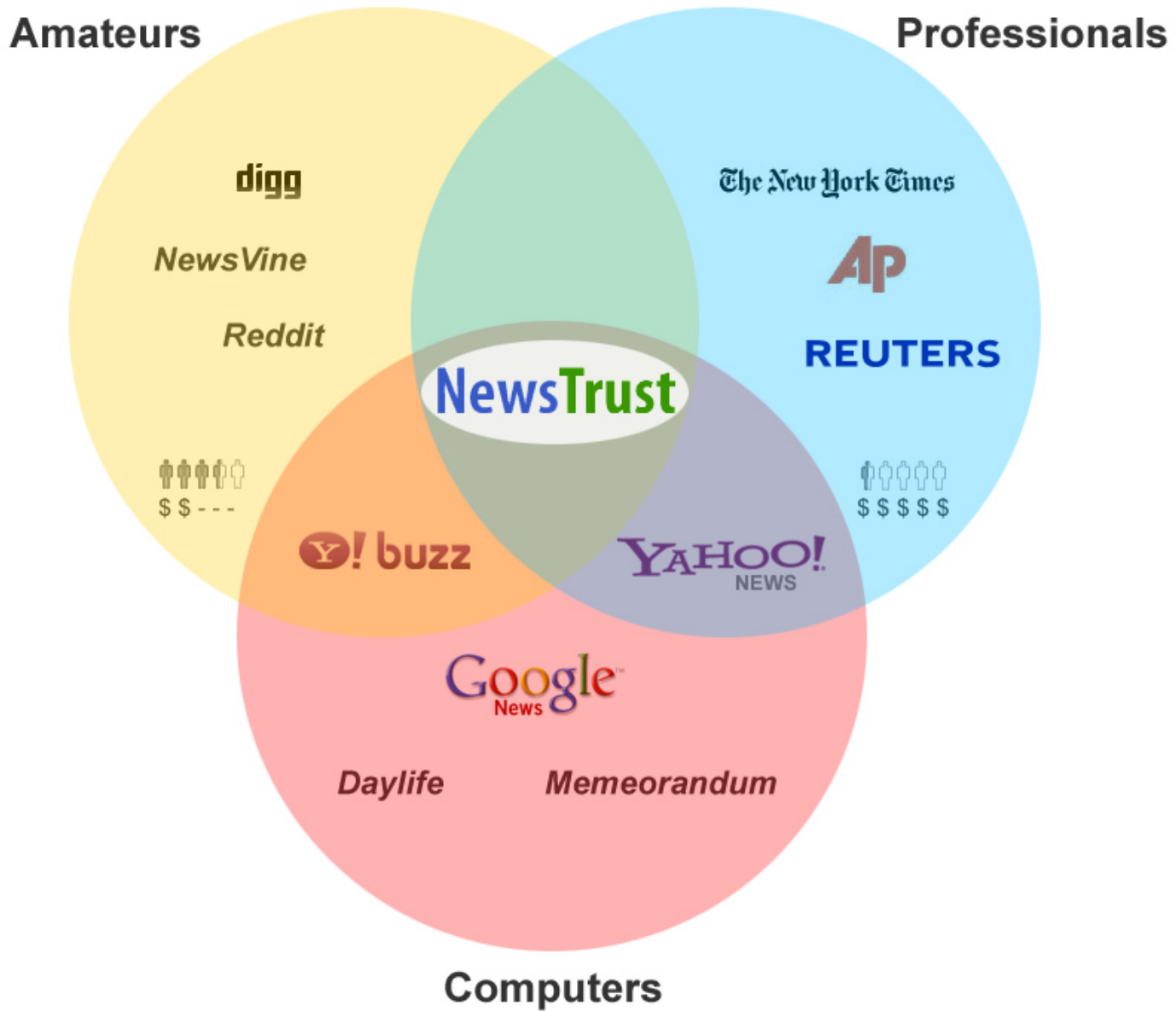


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Iran's secret site is the missing piece in its nuclear puzzle

M CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR by PETER GRIER

Iran's newly revealed second centrifuge plant hidden in a mountainside fits neatly into Tehran's nuclear program, as if it were a long-missing piece to a jigsaw puzzle that's almost complete. That is because Western intelligence analysts and ...

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WASHINGTON POST by WILLIAM BRANIGIN

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MILLER-MCCUNE by MICHAEL HAEDERLE

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NEWSWEEK by SHARON BEGLEY

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Posted by [Kaizar Campwala](#)

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Iran Nuclear Program

Western leaders are reassessing their approach to Iran after recent disclosures about a secret nuclear facility and new missile tests. How should they address Iran's nuclear ambitions at this week's diplomatic talks in Geneva? Compare these opinions:

Keeping Iran honest OPINION

THE GUARDIAN by SCOTT RITTER

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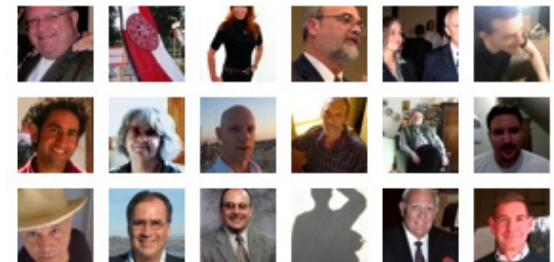
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Iran Test-Fires Its Most Advanced Missiles

By [William Branigin](#), [Thomas Erdbrink](#) and [Walter Pincus](#)
Washington Post Staff Writer
Monday, September 28, 2009; 2:14 PM

Iran reported Monday that it successfully test-fired its most advanced and powerful medium-range missiles as part of war games it said were intended to deter the country's enemies.

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Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps tested the Shahab-3 and Sejil missiles in the third phase of a two-day exercise called The Great Prophet IV, state-run news media reported. The missiles are believed to be capable of striking Israel, U.S. military targets in the Middle East and parts of southeastern Europe.

But Brig. Gen. Hossein Salami, commander of the Revolutionary Guard Air Force, said the test-firings were part of exercises to practice "preventive and defensive operations." They are "in no way a threat to neighboring countries," Iranian news media quoted him as saying. Rather, the tests send "a message for certain greedy nations that seek to create fear, to show that we are able to give a swift and suitable answer to our enemies."

"The armed forces of the Islamic Republic are now more powerful than ever and fully prepared to foil foreign threats," said Maj. Gen. Yahya Rahim Safavi, military adviser to Iran's supreme

VIDEO



Iran Tests Mid-Range Missiles

In an act of defiance, Iran tested medium-range missiles, ignoring pressure from the U.S., Elizabeth Palmer reports. Former State Dept. Spokesperson James P. Rubin discussed Iran's stance. (CBS News)

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A Dignified Departure?

By [Dan Froomkin](#)

Special to washingtonpost.com
Thursday, October 30, 2008; 12:59 PM

During the 2000 campaign, George W. Bush famously promised to "restore honor and integrity" to the White House.

By most accounts, he failed miserably.

But there are some signs that he intends a dignified departure.

The transition of power from one administration to another is never without its complications. This one -- coming at a time of great financial crisis and war -- seems particularly dicey. But Bush and his aides appear

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European Dream of Desert Energy Takes Shape

By *Cordula Meyer*
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AP

Can the Sahara Desert really meet Europe's voracious appetite for energy? The Desertec solar power project aims to do just that, but a host of obstacles remain. Overly optimistic expectations are now being scaled down as the project starts to take shape.

When the sun rises and it's still hazy over Andalusia, the future is particularly visible. That's when beams of light as thick as tree trunks and as sharp as leaves slice through the

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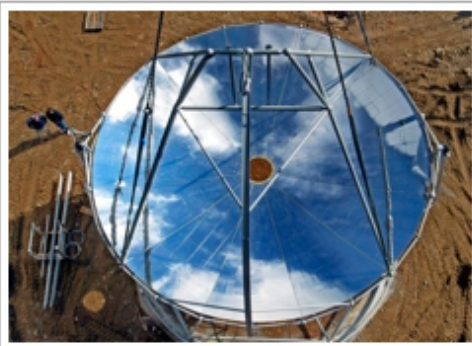
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SP **ON** DER SPIEGEL by CORDULA MEYER | MAY. 27, 2010 (Special Report)

The solar towers at the Solúcar plant, which is owned by the Spanish Abengoa group, are the most futuristic system the solar industry can offer today. Scientists love this technology, because it is capable of converting so much solar heat into electricity.

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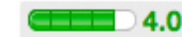
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SD SCIENCEDAILY | Feb. 22, 2008 (News Report)

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by **Alexander Rose** - Jun. 9, 2010

This is a good long article about this project Still does really address the scaling issues though.

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4.1

by **Dale Penn** - Jun. 9, 2010

FEATURED

This story considers technological, economic and political implications of solar thermal projects in Europe. I personally knew nothing about this, so I found it very informative and interesting. The article makes me want to learn more. Great photo gallery!

Fascinating alternative energy story worth a look. Very hopeful at a time when fossil fuels have given us all reason to feel downhearted.

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NEW YORK POST by CLEMENTE LISI | DEC. 30, 2008 (News Report)

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Posted by [Michael Bugeja](#)

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Dubious 'Dialogue' OPINION

NEW YORK POST by AMIR TAHERI | DEC. 15, 2008 (Opinion)

Barack Obama has been toying with the idea of dialogue with the Islamic world for two years now - but he has yet to approach the idea of actually saying anything meaningful

RATINGS (Beta)

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Venise Wagner

Member (since August 2010)

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Hosting [Immigration](#) ?

Associate Professor and Chair of the Journalism Department at San Francisco State. Our class, Social Impact of Journalism, is partnering with Raza Journalism and classes at Santa Clara University, Columbia College - Chicago, and University of Alabama in analyzing news coverage of the immigration issue.



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[WASHINGTON POST](#) by [SHANKAR VEDANTAM](#) | SEP. 21, 2010 (News)



[3.3](#) (NT Rating: 3.5)

Reviewed by [Victoria Lavaroni-Gordon](#) - Sep. 27, 2010

The article did answer the questions I had behind why Senate put a stall on the measure that would allow undocumented immigrants citizenship. The article backed up the points it stated my quoting others and giving links to some of the things he brought up in the article. However, the author did not give a lot of facts to back up the points made. The article helped me to get better informed on the subject even if there was some biased in the author's tone. Until reading the ...

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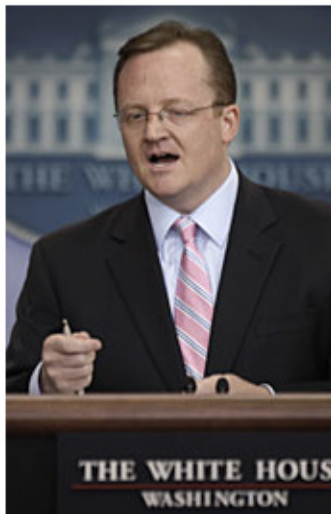
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1d 7h ago By [Douglas Stanglin](#), USA TODAY

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Arizona immigration law has groups readying for court

8d 19h ago By [Alan Gomez](#), USA TODAY

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Guard troops to head to border states starting Aug. 1

8d ago By [Dennis Wagner](#), USA TODAY

National Guardsmen assigned to the Southwest border will start to arrive Aug. 1, and reinforcements will be sent to stem illegal



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Teacher Guides: Can You Trust the News? *How to Teach Students to Recognize Good Journalism*

Welcome, teachers!

Today's students are coming of age during unprecedented changes in how we consume news and information. They have access to worlds of knowledge other generations could hardly have imagined. In order to effectively use this knowledge and make well-informed decisions as citizens, they must first learn to be discerning about the information they consume. As educators, it's our responsibility to nurture critical thinking skills and a healthy skepticism to help them reach that goal – along with an appreciation for quality journalism.

To that end, NewsTrust has created a set of teacher guides that will help you teach your students the difference between good and bad journalism. These guides include interactive lesson plans for college and high school classes in journalism, civics, social studies, communications and more. Our guides also provide topics for discussion and ideas for additional activities.

Each lesson takes about 45 minutes. During that time, we invite you and your students to read a work of journalism (news or opinion) and evaluate it for journalistic quality using NewsTrust review tools. Students will be asked to rate that story on a variety of criteria, such as: facts, fairness and sourcing (news); insights, information and style (opinion).

For your convenience, we have prepared two sets of teacher guides:

- *Printed Guides* – if your classroom doesn't have Internet access, you can print out these guides and hand them out to your students.
- *Internet Guides* – if your classroom has computers with Internet access, we recommend using these guides and having students review stories online.



Journalism students at Northeastern University review a news story on NewsTrust. Teachers: Dan Kennedy, Mike LaBonte

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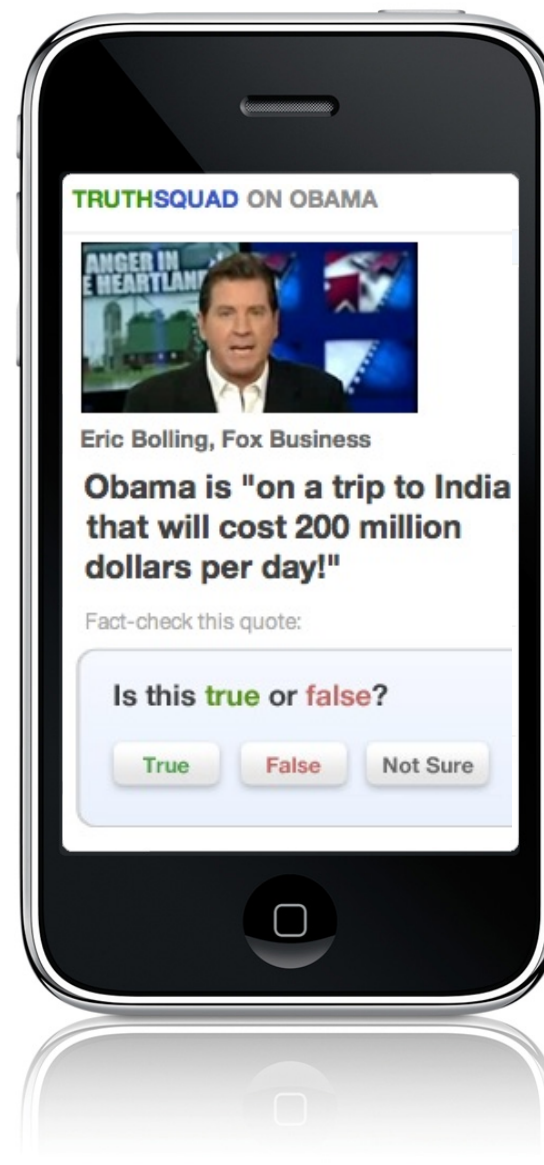




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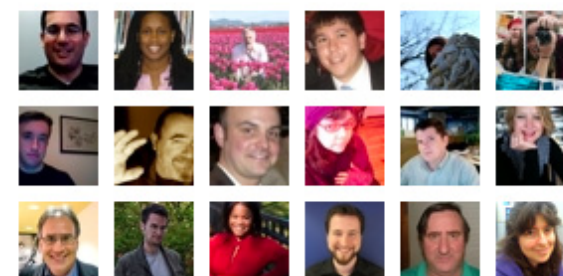
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By Eric Bolling, Fox Business host

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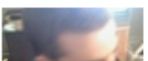


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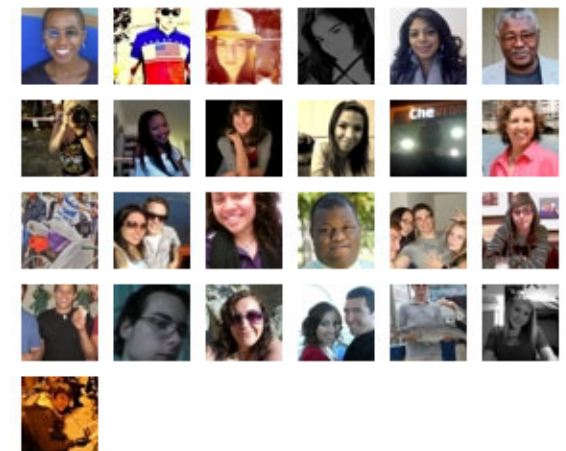
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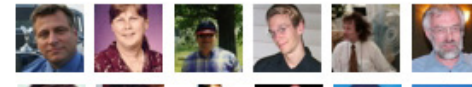
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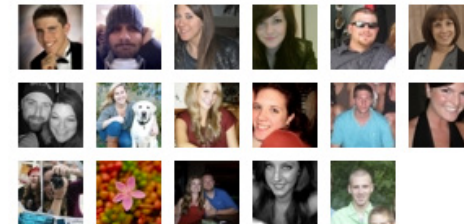
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