

James Fallows

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Always write angry letters to your enemies. Never mail them.

~James Fallows

I am explicitly not opening the giant can of worms that is the ongoing current discussion of patent, copyright, and trademark reform.

~James Fallows

Racial prejudice boils down to the deeply anti-American message that some people are born to fail.

~James Fallows

According to the Office of Technology Assessment, 3 Minuteman missiles and 7 Poseidon missiles could destroy 73 percent of oil-refining capacity in the Soviet Union.

~James Fallows

"Up or out" greatly magnified the careerist emphasis on holding a position rather than doing a job.

~James Fallows

The worst kind of management seeks a single optimum, a one-scale index of efficiency, like the mindless scales of 1 to 10 for grading a woman's beauty or one to four stars for a movie's appeal.

~James Fallows

The hoary joke in the literary world, based on 'Dreams From My Father,' was that if things had worked out differently for Barack Obama, he could have made it as a writer.

~James Fallows

I've learned that I need to spell out, even in cases seemingly so blatant, that in fact I am not taking this at face value and am being 'sarcastic.'

~James Fallows

It is not widely known that, ever since the end of the Korean War, the United States has spent essentially the same amount of money on defense, in real terms, every single year.

~James Fallows

Our military plans should be based on the assumption of unpredictability, rather than on carefully drawn, static models of the world.

~James Fallows

Contrary to what you might think, China's economy is relatively less efficient, and more polluting, than those of rich countries.

~James Fallows

Environmental disaster is the gravest threat to China's continued development. That's according to me, but it is not some wacko view.

~James Fallows

Everyone moans about the collapsing U.S. infrastructure.

~James Fallows

For a decade or more after the Vietnam war, the people who had guided the U.S. to disaster decently shrank from the public stage.

~James Fallows

I am about as pro-Google a person as you're going to find in the media. I've had friends at all levels of the company since its founding, and still do now.

~James Fallows

I have relentlessly beat the drum for Google's 'two-step' authentication systems for Gmail and other services, which radically reduce the likelihood that your account can be hacked from afar.

~James Fallows

I seem to be one of the few people in journalism who never worked or wrote for the 'Boston Phoenix.' I certainly read and admired it, and feel the same general malaise at news that it is gone.

~James Fallows

No one ever really 'learns' from history, because choices never present themselves in exactly the same way, and because you can always choose similarities and differences to fit current needs.

~James Fallows

It seems to be the case that for the people who actually are all in with Donald Trump - which is who knows: 35, 38, 40 per cent of the electorate - apparently nothing can dissuade them.

~James Fallows

I don't think anybody who is already with Donald Trump is going to be peeled off by his not knowing about NATO or why Japan does not have nuclear weapons, or things of that sort.

~James Fallows

A rigid America is also weak and vulnerable, because it sacrifices its unique strength: the energy of people who think they can always make something new of their lives.

~James Fallows

We're now in one of those periods when the reality of intense pressure on the middle class diverges from long-held assumptions of how the American bargain should work

~James Fallows

A basic rule of life for reporters is that you should spend your time talking with and learning about people who are not sending you press releases, rather than those who are.

~James Fallows

Societies are healthiest when their radius of trust is broad and when people feel they can influence their own fate.

~James Fallows

Every previous era looks innocent.

~James Fallows

No real-world human being brings to the U.S. presidency the range of attributes necessary for full success in the job.

~James Fallows

The whole point of constitutional democracy is the peaceful transfer of power; of Al Gore passing the baton to George W. Bush, even though that election was very suspiciously called.

~James Fallows

Make the important interesting.

~James Fallows

There's no longer any surprise in noting that China has grave environmental problems.

~James Fallows

In a time of transition for journalism all around the world, it's reassuring to know that some of the old ways endure.

~James Fallows

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