
\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than dogs

Posted by Felicity, I guess so - 08-05-2008 14:02

They ride around on bicycles and mince around in clogs.' (John Dowie c1979)

And that fucking Van Nistelrooy is a really effective goalscorer for such an ugly bastard

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Felicity, I guess so - 08-05-2008 14:35

Instead I'm going to have to stay here and suffer the interminable wave of false, Orange idiots, pretending they all suddenly love football, cheering on their band of useless, cheating, spoilt, mercenary bastards.

Mercedes Actros' sentiments from the ticket thread clearly belong here, in tone as well as content!

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Inca - 08-05-2008 15:23

I'll be rooting for Holland (as well as Spain) as usual, and I'm prepared to be disappointed as usual.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by EIM - 08-05-2008 15:34

I shall be watching Ruud van Nistelrooy with an aching and a longing in my heart.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by gerontophile - 08-05-2008 18:22

Inca, we have that in common. I will be rooting for Holland (and indeed IN Holland) but my 'sensible head' will be saying 'for fuck sake, its time for Spain'

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by gerontophile - 08-05-2008 18:48

good things about Netherlands:

decent food (as long as its not in a Dutch eetcafe)
they are quite tall
they do a nice line in speed skating
their fans are almost as mental as ours (insert any country here who doesnt have a uniform or a ginger wig)
they make exceedingly good cakes
they have coffee in which a spoon will be erect
they hate cyclists, yet all do it
they have the most beautiful language in the world, bar none (when you get your epiglottis around it)
they are wonderful
they are bastards

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Rogin the Armchair Fan - 08-05-2008 19:31

"There's only two things I hate - irrational racial intolerance, and the Dutch".

(Michael Caine as Austin Powers' Dad)

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Gyuri - 08-05-2008 23:52

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by dogbeak - 08-05-2008 23:56

gerontophile wrote:
they make exceedingly good cakes

YES

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than dogs

Posted by erwin - 09-05-2008 01:23

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Given the classic orange shirts and white shorts, I think the (relatively new?) blue socks are very fetching.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by The Purple Cow - 09-05-2008 07:15

The cakes are great but I prefer the custard sandwiches.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by twohundredpercent - 09-05-2008 07:41

Their change shirts look like pyjama tops, though. The sort of pyjamas that George Jetson would wear, to be more accurate.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by The Purple Cow - 09-05-2008 08:41

The stadium where Oranje first wore Oranje coloured shirts was in Doncaster, it was demolished a couple of years ago.

They lost 12 - 0 to England that day. A defeat that almost destroyed the KNVB.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Bombanero - 09-05-2008 09:30

Belle Vue, TPC?

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Zombie - 09-05-2008 09:53

Gyuri wrote:

I will, as always, be supporting the Dutch, prepared to get my heart broken when they go out on penalty kicks. With the historical blindness only available to non-Dutch supporters of Holland, my second team may very well be Germany. Add me to the list of "oranje" wannabes.

Taking a slightly longer view of Netherlands history though, I'm not sure so many of you should have Spain as your seconds.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Wyatt Earp - 09-05-2008 10:13

Holland are sort of the Newcastle United of nations, I think: once everyone's second team, now widely seen as incredibly irritating and up themselves.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by gerontophile - 09-05-2008 10:38

'up themselves' is a national trait.

GA NU de ELFTAL (apologies for shit grammar in any language)

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Felicity, I guess so - 09-05-2008 12:44

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Glad to hear you say that, Wyatt. This thread was getting far too pro-cloggies for my liking. Start your own PRO-oranje one, you hijackers!

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Wyatt Earp - 09-05-2008 12:50

The complication is that I actually support Newcastle.

Re:\'The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Antonio Gramsci - 09-05-2008 13:01

And the Leafs.

Re:\'The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Bryan - 09-05-2008 13:04

10 man total football Ireland take on fouling Dutch and win. Get the fuck in.

If Holland played England in football I might have to cheer for England. 'nuff said.

Re:\'The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by The Purple Cow - 09-05-2008 15:44

"Belle Vue, TPC?"

I honestly don't know. I just caught a snippet on Studio Sport perhaps three years or so ago showing an ancient stadium being demolished and the commentator saying that this was the end of the line for the Doncaster stadium where Oranje became Oranje.

Re:\'The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Impact Substitute - 09-05-2008 15:51

Bryan - Why do you hate the Dutch* so much? I know you're an Irishman living there, but why not even an appeal to your home country?

* The football team, not the nation or people. I presume.

Of Europe's numerous underachievers, Holland get my preference vote. Always Holland ahead of Spain or Portugal for me.

Re:\'The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by And I am the Life - 09-05-2008 15:55

At least have the decency to remember what part of your head you're pretending to have been kicked in.

Re:\'The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Wyatt Earp - 09-05-2008 16:31

Ah, you're all just sore about Good King Billy.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by the cantering captain - 10-05-2008 00:10

I cannot believe its 20 years since Van Basten knocked that one in against the USSR. So, despite all the usual nonsense, they are my second favourites.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Bryan - 10-05-2008 00:45

Every single Dutch fan I know thinks they were hard done by in 2006 during the Portugal match, and that "the dirty Portuguese" did them one. When I point that their lot, in fact, started it (Boulahrouz studding Ronaldo, Van Bommel getting various players booked), they just blank me and say that the "dirty Portuguese" deserved it anyway for what happened later.

As a nation of football fans, the Dutch have an image of their team as one of 11 Johan Crujffs who will dance their way to the title, seeing as they are the only lot who know how to pass the ball. If they lose it is because the other team are too physical, cheated, or both.

This self-image is quite far removed from teh reality of a pesky little team of average journeymen who cheated a fine Ivory Coast side out of their place in the second round and then tried to maim one of the best young players at the tournament.

As a footballing nation, they would be much better if they were humble enough to admit that they could actually learn a thing or two from other nations.

But I've experienced this playing youth football in the Netherlands. They are so set on their perfect system that it takes all the fun out of the game. Shoot from outside the box? Are you mental?

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than dogs

Posted by linus - 10-05-2008 08:55

I don't know Bryan, Holland has consistently been the best small country in international football since 1970. Always a power, very often a superpower, quite remarkable for a nation of 15M. Their system is excellent, so are their players.

I don't know about the cakes though, all their european neighbors make better cakes.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Bryan - 10-05-2008 12:57

The best small country from 1970 to 1998, I'd say. Because from 2000 onwards Portugal has consistently outperformed them.

Holland were very good in 74, 78 and 88. Although, if we believe the media, they were the best football side at the 74 World Cup. Having watched the final in its entirety recently, Germany were unlucky not to win 4-1. That said, they did deserve better against Argentina in 78.

The problem is that they are still living off that reputation and that reputation is still very much believed here and even more so abroad. But they have become increasingly dirty and cynical over the years, starting in 1998. Bergkamp scored a great goal against Argentina, but should have been suspended for a vicious stamp on a Yugoslavian in the previous round. And in that same match against Argentina, 6'6" Edwin van der Sar managed to get the 5'7" Ariel Ortega sent off for headbutting, which was quite a remarkable achievement. This is when I started disliking the Dutch team.

Their system is excellent, so are their players.

The problem is what they teach in youth football here is based on a distorted, media-induced memory of the 1974 team. It completely betrays the fact that the 1974 team had some proper hard (but not cynical) players in it, such as Krol, Neeskens and Haan. They were the backbone of the team. But what you see in the Ajax youth, and at all other clubs, is a complete concentration on a rigid 4-3-3 system, with no encouragement of creativity, aggression or movement out of your position. Ironically, what they teach nowadays is the exact opposite of Total Football. That's why the current generation of Dutch footballers is so sterile.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by jason voorhees - 10-05-2008 13:44

I think the 2000 semi-final spooked them out to no end, and led to their turn to the dark side.

But Bryan is speaking mad-sense ("mad" as in urban American slang for "a shitload of" or "a vast quantity of") and that could be another reason.

Again, as I probably say each tournament, when Frans Hoek came to speak to us in NJ, he said how there was a major civil war between the Cruyff brigade and the Van Gaal brigade. I don't know if we're seeing the bitter fruits of that war.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Bryan - 10-05-2008 14:38

The Van Gaal school of thought is one of a rigid footballing system with set tasks for specific players. The Cruyff school of thought is that of an mad man, and changes on a daily basis.

The Rinus Michels school of thought is the one that will bring success, but unfortunately Rinus Michels is no more.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by gerontophile - 10-05-2008 20:44

aim for an 'appelgebak' with extra 'slag'.

alternatively, go for the 'other' cakes.

Now that Dick (sic) van Barsteward will be their new manager, I think its about time for a total implosion or a wonderfully misplaced championship win. (I utterly agree with the poster up north about the '74 final: West Germany were seriously good in the secong half, and Netherlands bottled it as soon as Muller scored)

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by sixmartletsandaseagull - 10-05-2008 21:55

My first world cup was 1974 and I have always liked the Dutch, football, country and people. I was always them in our Subbuteo tournaments as a kid. I, unlike them, have won 2 Gordon Road subbuteo world cups.

After Italy and Argentina I tend to root for them in the major tournaments, with England a fluctuating wildcard love/hate presence for me.

Once, or if, Italy go out I will cheer on Holland again this year. Assuming they are still in it.

I also thought Holland the best team in the 1998 world cup but no-one seems to agree.

SEERdorf, still the coolest cat on the block.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Pan Tau - 10-05-2008 21:59

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I don't think that would qualify as an objective truth.

bryan is right in saying that Holland were lucky not to lose the 74 final 4-1. In the second half, West Germany were denied a 100% certain penalty and had a goal disallowed for offside that wasn't even close to offside. Having said that, if the Dutch had been able to actually take their chances, they should have won 5-4. Sepp Maier was magnificent that day.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by gerontophile - 11-05-2008 20:38

fortunately Pan, subjectivity is all.

As you probably know, when you get your tongue and brain around one of those 11 syllable buggers, nail it, and also know what you mean, then you know its the best language in the world (in terms of one's self adjustment to it)

So far, apart from northern versions of Mandarin, the only other thing that has really fucked me over is the Russian number 42 (or possibly 31... got about 97 syllables)

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Pan Tau - 11-05-2008 21:04

For composite nouns, I prefer German. And knowing Afrikaans, which thanks to English and Malay influences is less guttural than Dutch, I cannot share your enthusiasm for Dutch which in terms of ugliness is topped only by Swiss German. And Afrikaans is fucking horrible too (except what is known as Cape Afrikaans, which is spoken by coloured people and is glorious for purposes of swearing).

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by gerontophile - 11-05-2008 21:19

ok, without knowing the adjectives for whatever you are talking about, fuck off (in a caring, considerate way... nothing personal).

Everything is less guttural than Dutch, which would also assume that the speaker has at least some knowledge of the gutter.

Ugliness is beholden. If you can give me an equivocal word for 'klootzak' then I will shut up. (And non specific deity knows its about time.)

Seriously, and this is definitely the wrong topic arena to be in, but when I discovered that clearing my throat could get me a life, or at least, some serious self-belief, I said OK, how?

When I realised that it was just another language, I realised that I am not dead.

ELFTAL!

and anyone who says otherwise has no soul.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Bryan - 11-05-2008 22:12

klootzak = bollocks

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than dogs

Posted by dogbeak - 11-05-2008 22:25

ever since i learned about klootzak (and the long-winded word you can proceed it with that translates roughly to 'god-forsaken', which i'm no way going to try and spell..), i've not been able to look at I AM KLOOT the same.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Bryan - 12-05-2008 01:39

godverdomme?

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by And I am the Life - 12-05-2008 11:50

Dutch is like german spoken by someone trying to cough up an entire tubercular lung one mouthful at a time.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Bryan - 13-05-2008 12:01

Clarence Seedorf has informed Van Basten that he has decided not to bother turning up at the European Championships.

He says Marco van Basten just doesn't like him.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by orson - 15-05-2008 23:51

For dogbeak: you probably mean 'godvergeten' which does indeed translate as godforsaken.

For Bryan: the Dutch word for bollocks is 'kloten', like the Swiss airport. The singular is 'kloot'. 'Zak' as you probably know is bag. So literally 'klootzak' would translate as scrotum, though these days we don't really use it in that meaning. What an English equivocal word is, I really don't know.

Repeating Impact substitute's question: Bryan, what is your problem with the Dutch (and I'm pretty sure your dislike is not limited to the football team) and what the f*** are you still doing in this country? I remember the subject coming up on a thread on the old board and I seem to recall that you replied that every other place is just as bad, but that the Dutch are hypocrites to boot. I find that totally confusing, because I can't understand why anyone would choose to live in a country he hates, especially if it's a foreign country where he finds the local people to be hypocrites.

About the 1974 World Cup: I do believe Holland were the best football side in that tournament, because they played

brilliantly all the way to the final. Much, much better football than the Germans or any other team. Who were the better side in the final, I really could not say. I watched it live at the time, full of adrenaline and chauvinism and I've never watched it since. I know the result will never be any different and I'm not a masochist.

About Euro 2008: I would of course like the Dutch team to do well, but I'm not optimistic. When Van Basten started out as national manager he said he wanted the team to play attacking, dominating football. So far they've rarely been able to do that, though Van Basten can field some of Europe's best players. The results have generally been okay, but in many cases they were quite lucky and many games were horrible to watch. I keep hoping that Van Basten finally finds a way to bring some sort of balance to the team so that they can realize their full potential. If he doesn't, I don't think we'll make it through the group stages.

If he doesn't I also fear we can look forward to another dismal season at Ajax, but that's another story.

Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than dogs

Posted by linus - 16-05-2008 01:15

The best small country from 1970 to 1998, I'd say. Because from 2000 onwards Portugal has consistently outperformed them.

My point was that Holland was consistently the best small nation over several decades. Portugal is great now because they have had a generation of excellent players, but they weren't consistently excellent before Figo. Kind of like Bulgaria, at one point one of the very best teams in the world in the Stoichkov era, but not consistently excellent.

Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than dogs

Posted by Inca - 16-05-2008 01:47

I'll say up front that there are a few names in the provisional list of defenders that I don't recognize (mainly the Holland-based ones), so they might be wonderful players and I'm just ignorant. But...is that the best the Netherlands can do when it comes to defenders?

Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than dogs

Posted by ursus arctos - 16-05-2008 07:15

The World Soccer Euro 2008 preview issue includes a summary paragraph from pundits in each of the participating nations.

The Dutch one (which I think is by a guy from Voetbal International) includes the phrase "but our defence sucks".

Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Alderman Barnes - 16-05-2008 07:31

So literally 'klootzak' would translate as scrotum, though these days we don't really use it in that meaning. What an English equivocal word is, I really don't know.

I'm not entirely sure how the Dutch use 'klootzak', but could it be equivalent to the now sadly underemployed 'scrote', or even 'bollocks' (in the Irish sense)?

Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Pan Tau - 16-05-2008 08:41

The Dutch haven't been that consist over "several decades", linus. The 1970s were a golden decade, but between Euro 1980, when they were dire, to Euro 1988, they were not the best small nation. Belgium and Denmark were better in that period.

And the Dutch record since then has been patchy, veering from breathtaking football to courtjesters' carnival and back.

I'd say though that among Europe's small nations, Holland has more frequently bounced back than others.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Pan Tau - 16-05-2008 08:47

My understanding is that the Dutch use klootzak as an equivalent to calling somebody a cunt. But it's more versatile than that. Klootzakerij (excuse the spelling) means something like "a load of bollocks" or is used to describe the actions of somebody fucking things up.

Of course, the charm of Dutch insults extend to wishing somebody would get cancer or Aids. Which is lovely.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than dogs

Posted by dogbeak - 16-05-2008 09:13

For dogbeak: you probably mean 'godvergeten' which does indeed translate as godforsaken.

It was, in fact, godverdommese klootzak. Dutch cursing is nasty.

Kanker lul!

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than dogs

Posted by ursus arctos - 16-05-2008 09:44

Well, I've heard the cancer thing in German, and it's quite popular among people of a certain age in the New York metropolitan area (something that I don't think dates back to our period as Nieuw Amsterdam).

The "bouncebackability" that Pan Tau is indeed what has made the Dutch special among the "small" footballing countries of Europe in the last 40 years. Whereas a number of countries (including Portugal, Belgium, Romania, Bulgaria, Denmark, Czech Republic, Poland, even Ireland) have been able to produce a single "golden generation", the Dutch have been by some distance the most successful at producing multiple generations of world class players. And when looks at the current state of the national teams of once proud countries like Hungary or Austria, one gets a better understanding of just how difficult a task that can be.

Getting those world class players to play together effectively (or even to play together at all) has of course been the Oranje's principal problem, even before one gets to the spectre of penalties.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by The Purple Cow - 16-05-2008 10:19

"My understanding is that the Dutch use klootzak as an equivalent to calling somebody a cunt."

No not really, it's more equivlent to bastard.

The Dutch word for cunt is kut, but you would rarely use kut on its own as a swear word (unless you hit your thumb with a

hammer, for instance) it's more often used as part of a compound word like kutwijf or (as in today, for instance) kutweer.

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"Of course, the charm of Dutch insults extend to wishing somebody would get cancer or Aids. Which is lovely."

It is kind of poetic, I agree. It has it's basis in the former East Amsterdam criminal fraternity's patois, which also borrows heavily from Yiddish. Though I've never heard AIDs used in this context, cancer is about as extreme as it gets.

The more serious the disease the more serious the insult. So someone you were irritated with, you might invite to get scabies, whereas someone you were downright angry with would be told to get Cholera.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by ursus arctos - 16-05-2008 10:24

That's interesting TPC, because I would also trace the New York version of "I hope you get cancer" to Yiddish-speaking communities.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by The Purple Cow - 16-05-2008 10:56

As Geert Hofstede pointed out in 'Culture's Consequences' the Dutch have one of the lowest Power-Distance coefficients in the world. So in contrast to countries with a high P-D coefficient such as Greece, Turkey, Austria, Italy, Japan and Germany* you simply cannot tell Dutch people what to do, using your ranking authority alone, they just won't stand for it. You can say, "Look I'm the boss, and this is how we are going to do it." And your Dutch employees will tell you to "fuck off" in no uncertain terms. It's no coincidence that the Dutch Army has one of the most active effective Trade Unions in the World. You can't just order Dutch soldiers into battle.

So it is in voetbal as it is in any walk of life. The coach can tell players how he wants the game played. The players will then either a) agree, b) disagree, and organize together to get him to change his mind/get him sacked or c) go home. If you look at the history of Dutch football, it's those coaches that have been consistently been able to convince key players that he was right - Michels, Hiddink, Beenhakker, and (briefly) van Gaal - and so prevented b) and c) from happening that have been successful.

Dutch people are taught almost from birth to question authority. Indeed there is a large sign saying exactly that on a canal bridge near Amsterdam Centraal Station. Generally this is a good thing, I think, though from bitter personal experience I can say that it can be frustrating if you are managing Dutch people and you are trying to get something done in a hurry. It ain't gonna happen.

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As regards penalties there was a guy who wrote an entire PhD. thesis on why the Dutch are so bad at them. The book appears to be out of print, but from what I can remember his theory was that the Dutch don't like standing out in the crowd, or crowing about their successes, which is why millionaires still cycle to work on old boneshakers. Therefore, when it is time to put your ahead above the ramparts and take a penalty they feel uncomfortable and frequently screw up.

I don't buy it myself, but he has a PhD. and I don't.

*Though less than they used to. Recent research has shown that German culture has changed somewhat since Hofstede wrote his book in the early '80's. They are adopting a much more 'anglo-saxon' work culture, less hierarchical and less risk-averse.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than dogs

Posted by Mitch - 16-05-2008 11:17

Do you think it's because the Dutch, like the French, make the whole ideal of being a Republic the cornerstone of their country?

Two nations built on a contempt for authority, which is great when you think about it.

And the only Dutch phrase I use is "Lecker Ding!". Followed by a Sid James cackle, usually.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Bryan - 16-05-2008 12:02

Repeating Impact substitute's question: Bryan, what is your problem with the Dutch (and I'm pretty sure your dislike is not limited to the football team) and what the f*** are you still doing in this country? I remember the subject coming up on a thread on the old board and I seem to recall that you replied that every other place is just as bad, but that the Dutch are hypocrites to boot. I find that totally confusing, because I can't understand why anyone would choose to live in a country he hates, especially if it's a foreign country where he finds the local people to be hypocrites.

Geez.

What I said was that Holland was just as good or bad as any other country in Western Europe. In some ways it trumps Ireland, in other ways, it doesn't. What I did say was that the Dutch have an undeserved reputation for being some kind of beacon of enlightened, liberal politics.

I don't remember saying I hated Holland and that it was full of hypocrites, and that I didn't want to live here.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Mercedes Actros - 16-05-2008 12:03

Do you think it's because the Dutch, like the French, make the whole ideal of being a Republic the cornerstone of their country?

Af met z'n kop!

I think Queen Beatrix might have something to say about that.

As Geert Hofstede pointed out in 'Culture's Consequences' the Dutch have one of the lowest Power-Distance coefficients in the world. So in contrast to countries with a high P-D coefficient such as Greece, Turkey, Austria, Italy, Japan and Germany* you simply cannot tell Dutch people what to do, using your ranking authority alone, they just won't stand for it.

I wish I'd bloody married a Greek, Turkish, Austrian, Italian, Japanese or German* woman then.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Antonio Gramsci - 16-05-2008 14:44

Queen Beatrix is a fine upstanding Canadian and I'm sure she's as Republican as all of us over here are.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Rogin the Armchair Fan - 16-05-2008 20:24

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Germany

I'd not heard of this, but found the concept interesting. A bit of ggogling, though, suggests that Germany has a lower P-D coefficient than even Holland.

Bizarrely, the lowest of all appears to be the Austrians, who've not struck me before as being a particularly radically liberal and laid-back race?

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than dogs

Posted by TonTon - 18-05-2008 06:30

Dutch sounds much, much, much nicer than Afrikaans. Maybe it's an accent thing as well as a language thing. Because English spoken by Dutch people sounds nice too, whereas, you know, no offence like, but...

The only international I've been to was at Wembley, to see England lose to the Netherlands. Looking it up, that must have been 1977. It was a fine performance to watch, and a great result too. Since then I've always had a soft spot.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than dogs

Posted by gerontophile - 18-05-2008 09:10

Was that the 0-2 game with Jan Peters scoring twice?

Can one of the resident Nederlanders confirm that the Dutch pub/bar/cafe smoking ban doesnt apply until 1st July this year?

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by The Purple Cow - 18-05-2008 09:23

Yep, 1st July is when it starts.

Though some places have brought the ban in ahead of time. My boys played in a chess tournament yesterday and the community centre concerned had a smoking ban in place since 1st May.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by gerontophile - 18-05-2008 09:29

Thanks. I saw a couple of references on the 'net, but I like confirmation of these things.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than dogs

Posted by TonTon - 18-05-2008 10:53

Yup, that was the fella, ger.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than dogs

Posted by gerontophile - 18-05-2008 17:37

and what the fuck happened to Ajax today????

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Bryan - 18-05-2008 19:03

I didn't see any of it, I'm boycotting these playoffs again.

But I'd say that Twente stuck 11 players in front of their goal and watched Ajax pass the ball about in their own half for 90 minutes.

They really should have appointed a proper manager as soon as Henk ten Cate left for Chelsea. We've been stuck with a Division 1 manager for 7 months of a 10 month season. With a proper manager we might have won the league, with automatic placement for the group stage of the CL. All this suffering so that Marco van Basten can have a dab at managing Ajax.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Pan Tau - 18-05-2008 19:13

Dutch sounds much, much, much nicer than Afrikaans. Maybe it's an accent thing as well as a language thing. Because English spoken by Dutch people sounds nice too, whereas, you know, no offence like, but...

Oh yes, that is true, ton ton. Afrikaners speaking English is a horrible sound. But Afrikaans itself is less ugly than Dutch (except for some Afrikaans accents), probably because there's less gurgling going on.

As for taking offence at negative opinions of Afrikaans, I think we would both share the opinion that it is still a fucking horrible language. Just not as ugly as Dutch. I'm comparing Barbara Bush and Margaret Thatcher here, really.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by The Purple Cow - 18-05-2008 19:21

Today Ajax lost the C.L. play-off game to F.C. Twente.

As I understand it, Ajax's coach has been negotiating a new head-coaching job for next season with a leading Eredivisie club.....

.....F.C. Twente.

Conflict of interest anybody?

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Bombanero - 18-05-2008 21:47

Rather tangential to the original topic, but can the Dutch-based posters tell me anything about Niklas Tarvajärvi? Is he an all-purpose journeyman striker, or might he make the step up to the national team?

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by The Purple Cow - 19-05-2008 07:06

I'd say he's an APJS. Can't say I've ever really noticed him, he hasn't exactly set the Eredivisie alight. Though I didn't

realise till just now that he's property of Heerenveen.

The fact that Heerenveen's legendary scouting system picked up on him in the first place must stand for something.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by gerontofiel - 25-05-2008 10:09

a bump and a quick word to mention that the Dutch eased past Ukraine last night 3-0 at home, with goals from Kuyt, Huntelaar and Babel. Goed zo.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Rogin the Armchair Fan - 01-06-2008 10:21

Ryan Babel's been ruled out of the tournament after tearing ligaments in training. I don't know if it betrays something of van Basten's mentality for the way the Dutch are likely to play, now, that he's replaced him in the squad with an additional defender, Boulahrouz.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than dogs

Posted by J1s - 01-06-2008 12:34

Here's Rod Liddle in The Times. To save you the hassle of wading through his would-be "controversial" blather, go straight to the third paragraph where he has a dig at WSC readers in a manner that is relevant (well, as relevant as anything he says could be) to this thread.

www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/sport/columnists/rod_liddle/article4039402.ece

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than dogs

Posted by Rogin the Armchair Fan - 01-06-2008 12:41

But something deep-seated and primal stops me supporting the Germans. And there will be altogether far too many "footie" fans, of the kind who read When Saturday Comes and who have visited every single football stadium in the country (having taken days off from work at their IT company to catch Coalville Town playing Ashby-de-la-Zouch),

Well he's got us bang to rights on the latter point. But "deep-seated and primal"? I don't think there's anything "primal" about not liking the Germans, Rod, you're just an Engerland shirt wearing xenophobe, like me, who understands little of modern European politics but remembers what "they" did to the Scottish bloke in the Great Escape. Live with it!

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than dogs

Posted by EIM - 01-06-2008 13:51

Rod Liddle, eh? What a cunt.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than dogs

Posted by tactioe - 01-06-2008 18:33

Rod Liddle, what a pompous twat.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Felicity, I guess so - 10-06-2008 15:38

Time to resurrect this fella here.

Why do I dislike the Dutch fans? I have two direct experiences of them: Toulouse '98 quarter final (or was it 2nd round?) v Yugoslavia/Serbia, where they were very drunk and loud, kept throwing their enormous banner up in front of us/over our heads, and wouldn't accept that Bergkamp had pretty much maimed someone in a tackle. But, y'know, football fans.

Much worse was the quarter final of Euro 2000, where we were watching a brilliant France-Spain encounter in Brugge and cos the Dutch had won 7-0 earlier that day and some of them had obviously bought tickets for this tie just in case, they kept standing up all around the ground and singing 'Hup Holland Hup.' While one of the best games I've ever been to was taking place in front of their piggy eyes.

I loved it when Italy beat them in that semi. What goes around tho', eh?

Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by E10 Rifle - 10-06-2008 15:42

Rather conceitedly, I like to think that Liddle's vendetta against WSC can be traced to something I wrote about him four years ago attacking a racist, faux-laddish article he wrote about the African Cup of Nations.

Come on then Rod, let's avv it, you Millwall slaaaggg!

Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Gangster Octopus - 10-06-2008 15:48

Rod Liddle, eh, what an iconoclast. What's it going to be next Rod?

- * Tibet is really part of China.
- * Sky News should be allowed to be more like Fox
- * The UK should leave the EU
- * Voting Tory

Talk about felating Murdoch...

Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by gerontofiel van Basten - 21-06-2008 17:33

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HUP Oranje HUP

(sort of know the answer to this) why do the Dutch not use their flag at football matches?

Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Amor de Cosmos - 21-06-2008 17:57

Doesn't match the shirts, and red white and blue is, like, totally generic.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by fifepride - 22-06-2008 19:09

Imagine an employee of Rupert Murdoch playing down the significance of Euro 2008...

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Felicity, I guess so - 23-06-2008 13:04

Glad I didn't have to bump this myself.

That Russia game summed up why I'm totally resistant to the lure of Dutch football culture.

We were treated in the build-up to ITV hyping this Dutch team as the greatest since the year x; the passion and colour of the fans etc etc.

It took the commentator til mid-match to start to change the script and recognise that a) they were being totally outplayed and b) we weren't hearing a peep out of their passionate etc fans who must have outnumbered the noisy Russians about 10 to 1.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by The Purple Cow - 23-06-2008 15:08

The point is the Oranje fans know little or nothing about football. That's why they are held in open contempt by the F-Side, the 410's or the Feijenoord Legioen. They are just there for the patriotic party, the football is secondary. I for one have been startled about how little discussion there has been about Euro 2008 on the Ajax Websites.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d

Posted by Bryan - 23-06-2008 18:50

A friend of mine asked a group of 10 orange clad fans who won the Eredivisie this year. After a long pause, they eventually all agreed it was Ajax.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than dogs

Posted by 1890 - 23-06-2008 19:27

That seems to fit the profile of most Swiss fans who went to Germany as well.

It got a bit agitated in Basel after the game but with the numbers of Dutch there (150K to 200K) it certainly was nowhere near as gruesome as when Rangers came to Manchester.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than dogs

Posted by EIM - 23-06-2008 19:32

Brilliant piece of self-contradiction from Liddle here.

Even Rod Liddle thinks Rod Liddle is an idiot.

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Re:\The Dutch, the Dutch, I hate them worse than d
Posted by 1890 - 23-06-2008 19:48

His comment about the Russians is quite funny...

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