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Stephen Harper sings John Lennon's "Imagine" with YouTube star, universe is confused

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Conservative leader **Stephen Harper** sat down with YouTube star and Lady Gaga fan **Maria Aragon** and did what he always does whenever seated at a keyboard: played classic Top 40 hits. In this case, Harper and Aragon belted out "Imagine" (and let's just say that in this particular coalition, the Conservative is very much the junior partner). Anyone who has actually listened to the lyrics of "Imagine" might be a little confused. How do we square Harper's talking points about a "reckless, unnecessary election" brought about by a scheming coalition against **John Lennon's** radical critique of the status quo and plea for peaceful coexistence? Shut up, that's how.

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COMMENTS

13 thoughts on "Stephen Harper sings John Lennon's "Imagine" with YouTube star, universe is confused"

- JM says:
March 30, 2011 at 10:37 am
I wonder of the Conservative Party paid royalties to use this song.
I'm also curious to wonder what Lady Gaga and Yoko Ono think of the Conservative Party using them/ their name/ their associations to sell the Cons.
- Christine says:
March 30, 2011 at 11:19 am
I'm speechless... Harper can play the piano. I thought he was a robot.
- Carmen Langlois says:
March 30, 2011 at 1:01 pm
Was Machiavel a hore? Maybe, who knows!
- Carmen Langlois says:
March 30, 2011 at 1:06 pm
Harper ne reconnaît même pas les droits d'auteur comme il devrait.
- Insert Real Name says:
March 30, 2011 at 4:05 pm
"I thought he was a robot."
Well, he might be a piano playing robot: http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=piano+robot&aq=f
- Will says:
March 31, 2011 at 9:26 am
Why does a newspaper dedicated to Toronto arts and culture think that it is appropriate to engage in misinformed and biased political commentary? If I wanted to read hack opinions about politics, I'd read the Toronto Star.
- Jimbo says:
March 31, 2011 at 11:07 am
<http://yfrog.com/ho67uslaj>
- Philip says:
April 2, 2011 at 11:04 am
The unrealistic, idealistic lyrics in John Lennon's "Imagine" does not make the music less beautiful, just like the stupid brotherhood of all mankind envisaged in von Goethe's poem in Beethoven's 9th symphony will never materialize. The world will always have Islam and primitive Africans and sensible people like Harper (and me)who refuse to embrace them as "brothers".
- Geoff Olson says:
April 2, 2011 at 5:24 pm
Extreme cover versions require extreme responses:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gkzK3gF1X_M
- VancouverDave says:
April 5, 2011 at 8:53 pm
Did Fearless Leader pay public performance royalties for that music, or is the law just for common folk?
- Jehan says:
April 7, 2011 at 10:39 am
Copyright...
I am not so sure that Mr Harpers knows anything about "paying" royalties to writers, composers and publishers in Canada.
Will the coalition, that represents hundreds of thousand of writers in Canada...it's a lost in votes for the party..YEAH !
- Stephen Pate says:
April 10, 2011 at 6:51 pm
Oops, Yoko made them take Harper off YouTube
Yoko Ono can't Imagine Stephen Harper singing Lennon
<http://njnetwork.com/2011/04/yoko-ono-cant-imagine-stephen-harper-singing-lennon/>
- Rudy says:
April 24, 2012 at 10:00 pm
"The history of so-called civilization is the history of armed conflict."you noticed" My wife is currently reading the new biography of Cleopatra,"I'm planning to read that tooright now, I'm reading Keith Richards' autobiography and another book analyzing the Christian "hipster" phenomenomlet's start an online book club in a couple of weeks"No one with any sense of humanity wants this cycle to continue. Yet, how can we stop it?"unless you control everyone else's mind, you can'twe need to replace "peace" with a concept more like "shalom"more than just an absence of force but a general state of well-being should be our goal"If anyone wants to have a real discussion — not a series of snarky comments — let's start with Afghanistan"oh yeah, Afghanistanalways a great place to starthow's that for snarky? "Given the stakes, but also given the insanity and brutality of war, what is the wisest course of action?" glad you askedit's to bring our boys home immediatelywe can't afford to run around the world fighting everyone else's wars for freedomit's not immoral to do so but we don't have the resourceslet's ask ourselves why we're in this stupid involvementwell, this lukewarm, moderate, mamby-bamby Republican was President when Iraq invaded Kuwaita shame in some ways but really none of our businesswe really didn't have much in common with either sidethe mamby-bamby decided we should right this wrongwithout this decision, no Gulf War I or II, no 9/11, no Afghan war
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