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Thread: [Question for non-US users on HF: What do you think of USA \(NO POLITICS!\) ?](#)

Hackers - October 14, 2025, 4:56 am

Please, lets keep this thread free of all current politics.

> There are plenty of other topics that aren't "political" in nature.

For non-US users only, what do you think of the USA?

What are your perceptions of it?

Do you know many Americans? What do you think of them?

I am genuinely curious, and am not looking to argue. Feel free to tell me we're all fat and greedy, or sexy and sweet - either is fine. I want to know how people view us from outside.

SIM-4331310 - October 14, 2025, 5:57 am

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Hackers - October 14, 2025, 6:03 am

(Oct 14, 2025 05:57 AM)SIM-4331310 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I would like to visit one day..if you'll have me....

I will, I welcome all!

SIM-4331310 - October 14, 2025, 6:07 am

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Hackers - October 14, 2025, 6:09 am

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Hackers - October 14, 2025, 6:13 am

(Oct 14, 2025 06:12 AM)SIM-4331310 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Keeping the dream alive....

Where are you from?

SIM-4331310 - October 14, 2025, 6:15 am

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Hackers - October 14, 2025, 6:17 am

(Oct 14, 2025 06:15 AM)SIM-4331310 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm from South Africa..have you been..?
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Hackers - October 14, 2025, 6:42 am

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point 1 - you literally asked people about the USA specifically? no personality traits in this world are unique to anywhere, but you asked about the USA and what I thought about the USA.

point 2 - one of the europeans with the american came up and apologised on his behalf afterwards, not sure how 18 year olds are threatening, he didn't even listen, just started screaming in my face before I could even get my words out, mad autistic

Jamika - October 14, 2025, 4:18 pm

Amazing country, like many small countries in one big nation , many different things , black and white , good and evil , right and left

Chorozon - October 16, 2025, 2:09 am

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Agreed, but I wouldn't feel bad for us. The country's fine and 90% of the "problems" you see are affecting a tiny % of the population. The media likes to blow things up out of proportion. Realistically most Americans have never been affected by homelessness, riots, protests, police violence, or other media sensations that the TV stations like to pretend are widespread problems.

Our country's actually very peaceful and most people get along, regardless of politics or beliefs.

I wouldn't say there have been any actual real problems in the country for a number of years to be honest, at least not in a way that has impacted me.

The politicians & media companies are not representative of reality, from both sides of the aisle. I think they make it look like our country is in shambles at times, but for most people the system works well.

DAL-SHA - October 16, 2025, 8:11 am

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Nice! That's awesome, and hope you can visit :)

I understand. i don't agree with the US' overconsumption on Earth. I don't think it's political to say this. It's factual that we over-consume the natural resources, interfere with other countries, and use our power against smaller nations.

I hate that and hope that things change.

For example, the Earth can only re-generate so many natural resources per year. Fossil fuels took millions of years to form. Minerals take ages. Diamonds take time. Gold, etc, etc, etc. It all takes time.

To be fully sustainable, you have to use 1x Earth or less, for yearly output.

We currently use 1.75X Earth per year.

This means that to get on track, we'd have to either:

- > increase natural resources on Earth, artificially
- > find new natural resources that we haven't found
- > create new extraction methods to extract hard-to-extract resources

These 3 things would need to be done to almost double the amount of available resources per year on Earth. But it's problematic - even if we can extract more or find more, we can't easily speed up the regeneration time. Eventually we'll run out of certain resources (eventually!!).

Right now our 1.75x rate is troublesome

<https://www.footprintcalculator.org/home/en>

If EVERYONE lived like the United States, we'd hit overshoot day after 71 days roughly, which would be far worse than a rate of 1.75x consumption

China, US, and a few others are over consuming and over emitting.

Unfortunately people say this is "politics" and argue about whether it's happening, but it's not surprising that countries like USA don't want to acknowledge scientific data because of how much we make it worse.

Science != Politics

RangoWorld - October 16, 2025, 10:37 am

I see plenty of things in America and American people. Both good and bad.

I like the fact that America is a true land of opportunity. There's access to world market from it and you can genuinely make a decent climb if you work smart and hard. Specially in Tech and Finance. Unlike some other developing countries where corruption is so rampant that nobody can climb up. Nobody belonging to the non elite.

I like the fact that the laws there work for freedom of speech and right to privacy. People there will stand together against it. Even in tough times today, people still are fighting against it and I believe because the founding fathers of America put such emphasis on the first few amendments. It's very difficult to divert the masses away from it.

I like the open culture. Racism exist in many places and plenty of people must have experienced that in America as well. But at the end of the day. It's still a very diverse. You can find different cultures that you can't find in most places and it's hard for cultures to get along and I think America has done an okay job with this.

Now on to some of the things that I don't like.

I don't like the lewdness and degeneracy that's catching like wild fire in America and its people. I don't like that people are becoming more and more shameless and away from virtues, dignity and decency. I don't like the fact that families are being destroyed and in the name of individual freedom people are flipping the switch completely to the other side so much so that it appears to become normal and common for a man to pregnant someone and leave the child to be raised by a single parent. I don't like what marriages have become there and consequently the household.

I don't like gang violence and very pro aggressive gun culture. There should be certain limitations and the state should ensure some safety for their citizens. It hurts me when I see mass school shootings there. I can't imagine this happening frequently in my country.

I don't like the fact that healthcare is so expensive there and that there's little social welfare net that works for people who fall into poverty and consequently homelessness. I like to think that America can do a better job.

Overall, I still like America and its people for their open mindedness and belief in the American

dream and innovation.

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is it lame if i open google maps and go for street views just to wander there ???

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inb4 everyone from the UK comes in here bashing

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upon rereading; far less anti-american stances than i thought. i will update my post shortly with my thoughts.