

Sorkin – America – the Greatest Country

[As google researched – by Susan]

<https://www.usnews.com/news/articles/2012/06/25/what-aaron-sorkin-got-right-and-wrong-in-the-newsroom>

(not true) 207 sovereign states in the world,

<http://www.nationsonline.org/oneworld/states.htm>

(not true) like 180 of them have "freedom."

<https://freedomhouse.org/report/freedom-world/freedom-world-2018>

there's absolutely no evidence to support the statement

that " [we're the greatest country in the world](#)".

(YES 7, tied with Russia) 7th in literacy,

<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/literacy>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_literacy_rate

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/answer-sheet/wp/2016/03/08/most-literate-nation-in-the-world-not-the-u-s-new-ranking-says/?utm_term=.36b8a37b2948

(wrong40+ place) 27th in math,

<http://www.businessinsider.com/pisa-worldwide-ranking-of-math-science-reading-skills-2016-12>

(wrong 25th in science) 22nd in science,

<http://www.businessinsider.com/pisa-worldwide-ranking-of-math-science-reading-skills-2016-12>

(Wrong rank=31 - 79.1years) 49th in life expectancy,

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_life_expectancy

(wrong) 178th in infant mortality,

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_infant_and_under-five_mortality_rates

(wrong - USA is 6th) 3rd in median household income,

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Median_income

(True) number 4 in labor force and

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/rankorder/2095rank.html>

(Wrong - USA is 3rd) number 4 in exports.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_exports

We lead the world in only three categories:

number of incarcerated citizens per capita, (**TRUE**)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_United_States_incarceration_rate_with_other_countries

(**unknown**) number of adults who believe angels are real

(**TRUE**) and defense spending, where we spend more than the next 26 countries combined, 25 of whom are allies.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_military_expenditures

“ We waged wars on poverty, not on poor people”.

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/War-on-Poverty>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/War_on_Poverty

“ First step in solving any problem is recognizing there is one.”