

World's Dumbest Phrases

It seems an inordinate number of the World's Dumbest Phrases start with one particular word: *"our"*.

*"Our government", "our president", "our military", "our CIA", "our elections", "our police", "our borders", "our schools", or whatever. Dumb, dumb, **dumb**.*

If that seems insulting, good. It's intended to be, and a person probably wouldn't be insulted if they didn't know it's true.

Now, *"our"* isn't always a dumb word to use. If you and I share real-world ownership in something, *"our"* is a valid word. Suppose we go in together and buy a sword, and we have an arrangement where we both get to use it. It is our sword.

Something doesn't become *"ours"* just because you want to impose it on me at my expense when I have no use for it. It's also not *"ours"* if you're trying to spread the guilt around; smearing me by claiming I share in your guilt. If you want it, and it is harmful, but I have opposed it from the beginning- or even if I withdrew my support when I got smarter- you don't get to pin it on me. I disavow your ethical and economic disasters. They are your responsibility. Suck it up.