

SIX OCTOBER DAYS

Stub Cruft (rush limbaugh redux)

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Introduction

As an artist I am interested in how the ideas and images presented to us by the media affect our view of the world. For my current work I have borrowed the computer hacker term 'Crufft', defined as an unpleasant substance; excess; superfluous junk; and redundant or superseded computer code. To create this work I call CRUFT, I write simple algorithms that an automated computer system follows. The instructions outline what websites to target, and the system then downloads selected images and text, which are then used as source material, and remixed to create new artwork on a schedule that imitates the 24/7 cable news cycle.

Six October Days is a selection of poems created as the result of my own consuming and digesting of the words used in Rush Limbaugh's daily talk radio show.

Cook On Cannabilism

This custom of eating their enemies slain in battle (for I firmly believe they eat the flesh of no others) has undoubtedly been handed down to them from earliest times; and we know it is not an easy matter to wean a nation from their ancient customs, let them be ever so inhuman and savage; especially if that nation has no manner of connexion or commerce with strangers...

...For, said they, 'Can there be any harm in eating our enemies, whom we have killed in battle? Would not those very enemies have done the same to us?' I have often seen them listen to Tapia with great attention, but I never found his arguments have any weight with them. When Oedidee and several of our people showed their abhorrence of it, they only laughed at them.

~ Captain Cook

A General History and Collection of Voyages and Travels — Volume 14 by Robert Kerr

<http://www.gutenberg.org/etext/13381>

These poems are a collaboration between myself and Rush Limbaugh, but as my computer program manipulates his words, they are remixed and transformed, no longer as incendiary, but rather impotent in their desperate staccato repetition demanding to be heard.

The current daily Stub Crufft, as well as the entire archive can be found online. <http://www.robertspahr.com/work/stub/>

STUB CRUFT (rush limbaugh redux)
SUICIDE COUNTRY WHO
Monday October 25 2010

part 1 of 3

says asking
asking
says asking socially look sworn look
says asking socially look sworn
SUICIDE
says asking
says asking
says asking
says world SUICIDE asking sworn

part 2 of 3

Brooks worried
worried
Brooks worried could United being United
Brooks worried could United being
COUNTRY
Brooks worried
Brooks worried
Brooks worried
Brooks better COUNTRY worried being

part 3 of 3

day fired
fired
day fired Dallas masturbation being masturbation
day fired Dallas masturbation being
WHO
day fired
day fired
day fired
day myself WHO fired being

STUB CRUFT (rush limbaugh redux)
SAY LIFE TRYING
Tuesday October 26 2010

part 1 of 3

November thanked
thanked
November thanked Oakland always being always
November thanked Oakland always being
SAY
November thanked
November thanked
November thanked
November Johnson SAY thanked being

part 2 of 3

endorsed telling
telling
endorsed telling want tweaks Speaking tweaks
endorsed telling want tweaks Speaking
LIFE
endorsed telling
endorsed telling
endorsed telling
endorsed governor LIFE telling Speaking

part 3 of 3

serious running
running
serious running done understand being understand
serious running done understand being
TRYING
serious running
serious running
serious running
serious West TRYING running being

STUB CRUFT (rush limbaugh redux)
TALK OBAMA WOULDN
Wednesday October 27 2010

part 1 of 3

melody attracted
attracted
melody attracted have win going win
melody attracted have win going
TALK
melody attracted
melody attracted
melody attracted
melody Washington TALK attracted going

part 2 of 3

three thinking
thinking
three thinking are weapons passed weapons
three thinking are weapons passed
OBAMA
three thinking
three thinking
three thinking
three oppose OBAMA thinking passed

part 3 of 3

mosque obsessed
obsessed
mosque obsessed along This started This
mosque obsessed along This started
WOULDN
mosque obsessed
mosque obsessed
mosque obsessed
mosque taxes WOULDN obsessed started

STUB CRUFT (rush limbaugh redux)
HOW HARRY WELL
Thursday October 28 2010

part 1 of 3

appear fed
fed
appear fed adults South South
appear fed adults South
HOW
appear fed
appear fed
appear fed
appear Think HOW fed

part 2 of 3

next voting
voting
next voting want people done people
next voting want people done
HARRY
next voting
next voting
next voting
next tidal HARRY voting done

part 3 of 3

any declined
declined
any declined Democrat number fed number
any declined Democrat number fed
WELL
any declined
any declined
any declined
any happy WELL declined fed

STUB CRUFT (rush limbaugh redux)
MISTAKE TOLERATE KNOW
Friday October 29 2010

part 1 of 3

fewer

fewer restoring most had most
fewer restoring most had
MISTAKE
fewer
fewer
fewer
fewer themselves MISTAKE had

part 2 of 3

jobs viewed
viewed
jobs viewed dwarf live watching live
jobs viewed dwarf live watching
TOLERATE
jobs viewed
jobs viewed
jobs viewed
jobs live TOLERATE viewed watching

part 3 of 3

enemy restoring
restoring
enemy restoring going damage going damage
enemy restoring going damage going
KNOW
enemy restoring
enemy restoring
enemy restoring
enemy Make KNOW restoring going

STUB CRUFT (rush limbaugh redux)
ZAKARIA RUBIO RUNNING
Saturday October 30 2010

part 1 of 3

who happening
happening
who happening engineer another created another
who happening engineer another created
ZAKARIA
who happening
who happening
who happening
who innovation ZAKARIA happening created

part 2 of 3

Senator denying
denying
Senator denying world young arranging young
Senator denying world young arranging
RUBIO
Senator denying
Senator denying
Senator denying
Senator The RUBIO denying arranging

part 3 of 3

say Come
Come
say Come Obama created Obama
say Come Obama created
RUNNING
say
say
say
say get RUNNING created

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