

1933

The Walt Disney Company releases the cartoon Three Little Pigs, with its hit song "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?"

1965

Vietnam War: American warships begin the first bombardment of National Liberation Front targets within South Vietnam.

1996

First Chechen War: the Russian President Boris Yeltsin meets with Chechnyan rebels for the first time and negotiates a cease-fire.



2006

The 6.4 Mw **Yogyakarta earthquake** shakes central Java with an MSK intensity of VIII (Damaging), leaving more than 5,700 dead and 37,000 injured.



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ty station, in accordance with a unanimous GCC resolution adopted two years earlier. The purpose of the station was to monitor Iranian naval activity, which could have affected the interests of all stakeholders, especially since this period was the aftermath of the revolution under Khomeini. Bahrain did not retaliate for the invasion, because of the mediation and good offices of neighbours, which resulted in a Qatari retreat a few weeks later.

The Qatari regime did not stop there; it took the issue to the In-

ternational Court of Justice, and submitted forged documents to the tribunal, regarding Dibal and other disputed islands. Qatar gave up the counterfeit papers after the confirmation of their falseness by international experts. The pattern shows established Qatari behavior of aggression against its restrained neighbour Bahrain, which had sovereignty over the Qatari peninsula from as early as 1762.

The invasion of Dibal is a recent episode that violates the basic norms of international law.

Qatar detained Dutch civilians for being construction workers, and continues to mistreat foreign labourers, especially in the construction sites of the FIFA World Cup stadiums and other facilities, which Doha will host in 2022. There is no guarantee to restrict the behavior of Qatar from its neighbours, especially with its declared close co-operation with Iran, which is in its own right a state sponsor of terror.

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None of these safeguards, however, can protect Ireland when it comes to social media. And, in fact, Ireland's experience is demonstrating just how vulnerable voters are to online influence.

for Save the 8th, rejected the notion that there was anything amiss in such cross-border activism, or in using data analysis to microtarget voters. But he also warned that outside activists might have limited success in a place like Ireland. "They think what works in Alabama will work here," he told me. "It doesn't. I wish they'd leave."

He also said that the growing concern in Ireland over foreign influence was a diversion. "The media and the yes side are so obsessed with the online ads, because when the political es-

tablishment loses, they will need an explanation for the defeat," he said.

Days after our meeting, Google announced that it would ban all referendum advertising from its platforms, including YouTube, to safeguard what a company spokesman called "election integrity," a decision that McGuirk and other anti-abortion campaigners were quick to denounce. Facebook has announced similar limits.

Calls are growing in Ireland for new regulations on social media advertising targeted at voters, but if anything is done, it will come too late for the May 25 vote.

In any event, experienced campaigners on both sides here believe they will win or lose the argument the old-fashioned way: walking the neighbourhood, knocking on people's doors, engaging in real-life conversation and showing how much politicians and campaigners actually care about their cause.

Let's hope they're right.

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Wisdom is the ability to use the resources we are given in order to maximize happiness and wellbeing for all. So let us not pray for wealth; let us pray for the wisdom to use the many blessings we have been given for the betterment and advancement of this nation.

@akrammiknas

02



This is the time Indian Railways should do away with Non veg food. It would keep the pantry kitchens healthy, hygienic, eco friendly & pure This would be honouring the largest vegetarian populated nation of the world.

@RailMinIndia @narendramodi @SriSri

@meenakshiidevi

03



Be friendly with trolls. Be polite and civil and explain your argument in a cool manner. It confuses the hell out of them, and doesn't give them the recreational antagonism they crave.

@matthaig1

04



#PaidFamilyLeave is not a nationally mandated benefit in the US. 46 states leave the decision up to employers. However, only 15% of workers have access to #PaidFamilyLeave at their workplaces. We need a national #PaidLeave policy to ensure #FamilyBenefits for all in our country!

@IvankaTrump

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Exploring Seoul's recipe for success



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After a long trip across time zones, we reached this clever little East Asian nation for a tour of the LG manufacturing unit.

With consolidated sales of USD 14.1 billion and operating profit of USD 1.03 billion for the first quarter of 2018, LG's Home Appliance & Air Solutions sector alone weighed in with revenues of USD 4.59 billion (operating profits of USD 515.51 million).

While the LG company also has four other sections - Home Entertainment, Mobile Communications, Vehicle Components and Business-to-Business - it quickly became apparent that our visit would focus on the cash cow of the LG portfolio: its home appliances segment of washing machines, refrigerators, gas and microwave ovens and air conditioners.

Our visit was run against the backdrop of the historic North-South meet of the leaders of the two Koreas which will undoubtedly open up new markets for South Korean manufacturers in the electronics and technology-starved North.

I could not help but marvel at how far this beautiful country has come within just one generation. South Korea has managed to transform its economy from being one of the poorest countries in the 1960s to becoming the world's 13th largest economy in 2014, according to the World Bank.

At the heart of this change lies innovation.

Competing against China's low labour costs, and Japan's high-tech, capital-intensive industries, the South Korean government has focussed on building a creative economy with the emphasis on higher value-added manufacturing that thrives on innovation and new, cutting-edge technology. The annual

spend on R&D as a share of GDP in S.Korea at 4.24% in 2016, was second-highest among the world's most advanced nations.

"South Korea notched top scores worldwide for manufacturing value-added as well as for tertiary efficiency - a measure that includes enrollment in higher education and the concentration of science and engineering graduates," said a recent Bloomberg report.

Every experience has a deeper meaning if we only look for it. I may not be an expert on microwave ovens and washing machines but the passion and the creativity that LG has invested in these everyday appliances and translated into corporate profits is an eye-opener. It is a lesson that the Arab world too would do well to emulate. We must encourage our brightest minds to think R&D, our governments must fund think-tanks and research projects. The results may not be immediate, but we can no longer afford to be mere consumers - we must remake ourselves in the Korean mould for the millinnum ahead.

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