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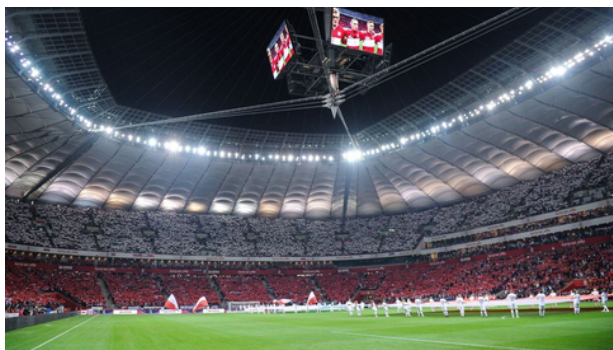
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## Does Poland have a chance to win the world cup?

*Karol Lah*

Let's start with the fact that our group at the World cup includes the national team of Mexico, Argentina and Saudi Arabia. In order to get out of the group, we have to defeat at least two teams. The best team in our group is for sure Argentina, where Leonel Messi Angel Di Maria and Paulo Dybala play. Another team is Saudi Arabia which seems to be the weakest team in our group so a victory with them is very possible and the .Last team is Mexico which is comparable to our national team in the past we played with Mexico 8 times out of which we won 2 times we lost and 3 times tied, the last game against them was in 2017 and we lost 0 to 1 then.



[HTTPS://WWW.GOAL.PL/STADIONY/STADION-NARODOWY-W-WARSZAWIE/](https://www.goal.pl/stadiony/stadion-narodowy-w-warszawie/)

During these five years, our national team has changed a lot. Players such as Łukasz Piszczek or Jakub Błaszczykowski no longer play for us. Many new young talents have joined us, such as Nicola Zalewski, who plays for Ac Roma and chose to play for the Polish national team, despite the fact that most of his life he lived in Italy and many

coaches and fans said that he regretted that he did not choose to play for the Italian national team. Another great player who recently joined us is Matty Cash who has Polish roots, although he spent his whole life in England, now he decided to play for Poland as a right-back. To sum up, our team has changed a lot, I think for the better, so we have a better chance against Mexico than in 2017.

We can also approach this topic more mathematically. A computer was used to prepare the ranking, which with the use of special algorithms simulated the entire tournament a thousand times. The summary is as follows: France has 17.93% of winning the trophy, Brazil 15.73% and Spain 11.53%. The Polish national team is on the 15th place with 0.82 percent chances of a triumph in Qatar.

However, we must not forget that football is unpredictable, for example in 2004 Greece won the euro and absolutely no one expected it. They didn't have any good players but still managed to win 1-0 against Portugal in the final. We always have a chance to win so we have to keep our fingers crossed for our national team.

## The Netherlands – a country of drug addicts? Stereotypes and the whole truth about it...

*Olga Durytska*

The Netherlands is a country of drug addicts or a safe country with amazing tulip fields, beautiful cities where every kind and friendly people live, a country where personal freedom and tolerance have become the main principles of the state, and the architecture has both medieval and ultra-modern buildings? In this article I will talk about the safety, nature, people and architecture of this country.

The most important stereotype about this country is that drugs and prostitution are legalized in it and are popular. Well, marijuana is legal in the Netherlands, someone can buy it in places known as coffee shops, this country also has a famous red-light district, but in reality these places are only popular when a lot of tourists come and only tourists go there. The Dutch are not interested at all. They want to get rid of this dubious reputation. And they do not just want to: the authorities of Amsterdam have even decided to move the famous red-light district from the city center. Yes, soft drugs are allowed here, but they are only of interest to tourists, and are mostly found in Amsterdam. The percentage of drug addicts here's lower than the European average. The Dutch actually lead a healthy lifestyle while they incorporate sports. The most popular ones are football, swimming, figure skating, speed skating and cycling. What's interesting is that Holland has more bicycles than citizens. Also, the Dutch are very friendly and polite, as they value respect. They also take care of the environment. By 2025, the Netherlands plans to switch to electric cars as it's already convenient to use them due to many charging stations. Furthermore, Dutch citizens care about the environment and specifically about animals. You will not find homeless animals in any city in the Netherlands because the police take them to shelters. Photos of these animals are posted on websites or social networks, and thankfully, almost all of them find new families for themselves.



This land is also very famous for its beautiful tulip fields as well as daffodils and multi-colored hyacinths. It is the largest producer of cut flowers and potted plants in the world. Keukenhof is the Royal Flower Park in this country, famous throughout the world for its tulips. More than a million people visit the Keukenhof every season. It's worth noting that the architecture in the Netherlands is different. Along the canals, you will see rows of neat four-story houses. But now in many cities, there are also quite striking examples of modern architecture that can surprise with their appearance, including theaters, schools, museums, or shopping centers.

In conclusion, the Netherlands is an outstanding country in many ways. The citizens are honest and decent people. They also have exceptional flower plantations in the world, buildings with incredible architectural features, and develop a lot of interesting technologies. Therefore, in my opinion, it is a wonderful country with a good future.

# Protests in Iran

Witold Olejarz

It's the 13th of September. A young woman from Iran, Mahsa Amini, is captured by the Iranian morality police. A few days later, she mysteriously goes into coma and dies in the hospital. The reason behind that is the fact that her hijab didn't cover her hair correctly.

The waves of protests regarding Mahsa's death started somewhere in mid-September. Those are regarded as the biggest anti-regime protests since 2019, when a rise in fuel prices caused unrest. The situation is really brutal. There have been over 100 deaths, almost 1000 injured, and there are 2500 people protesting in Iran right now, not to mention the rest of the world. Canada, amongst many countries, is supporting Iran from the comfort of their own country, also protesting. But while their protests are peaceful, the ones in Iran aren't. During them, they light huge fires, and burn their hijabs in them. Moreover, they cut their hair and go out on the streets, which is strictly forbidden. For some time, the protests have been rather ignored, but a few days ago, the protesters were attacked by Iranian forces in an attempt to break them up. Many people have been killed or injured, and a couple has been arrested. Amidst the captured protesters were the citizens of Poland, which presents the significance of this issue. Besides the protests, the whole cause was spread across social media in order to raise awareness among all youngsters. As of now, the officials of Iran have stayed quiet about the incident and didn't release any statements

Currently, the president of the country, Ebrahim Raisi, is in the USA. One of the reporters from CNN, Christiane Amanpour, attempted to interview him to get his opinion about the situation as a whole. It apparently took over 8 hours to set up lighting, sound and translation tools for the interview. In the last second, the president declined the interview, stating the reason as: "the interviewer wasn't going to wear a hijab while talking to him". This might, of course, just be an attempt to try to not give any recognition to the situation and keep pretending that nothing is happening.

I think that this whole cause is outstanding. In my opinion, hijabs should be only worn by people who chose so. Nevertheless, the hijabs are, of course, an important part of their religion and culture, but they shouldn't be enforced legally. Hijabs undoubtedly shouldn't be the reason for brutalizing innocent women. Personally I support the protesters whole heartedly and send my love to everyone currently in Iran. Let's remember that we all deserve freedom of choice.



<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2022/sep/30/mahsa-amini-iran-protests-terrifying-inspiring-iranian-americans>

# The Ghost of Carmichael Manor

*Abigail Boelman*

The storm swirled in the sky, as Sarah navigated the drenched fields in search for a place to shelter from the deluge. She came upon a miniscule town, hidden between the rolling green hills, and ventured closer, choosing to investigate a large, run-down manor house positioned on the edge of the town. When her cries for help elicited no response, she tried the door, finding it open.

The interior of the manor house was desolate and bleak, and furniture was sparse. Sarah spotted a group of cobwebs clinging to the high ceiling, and shivered. The house felt cold, colder still than it had felt outside in the storm. She was on the point of leaving, preferring to sleep in the rain than in this peculiar place, when she heard footsteps thundering down the curved staircase. A rather frazzled-looking middle-aged woman appeared in front of her. She bore a smile that didn't quite meet her eyes, and, saying nothing, motioned for Sarah to accompany her further into the house.

She was led to a similarly dramatic, empty living room sporting a pair of armchairs and a fireplace. The strange woman motioned to her once more, pointing at one of the armchairs. As she sat down, Sarah was handed a lukewarm mug of tea, and the woman began to speak.

"I understand you are attempting to shelter from the ghastly weather?", she asked. Sarah nodded. "I was going to force you to leave, but Lucy and I get so lonely during these storms nowadays."

Sarah furrowed her brows in confusion. "Lucy?", she enquired.

"Oh - Lucy is my daughter, I'm Mrs Carmichael."

Sarah glanced around, hoping to catch a peek of the other resident of the manor house. Mrs Carmichael smiled, catching her in the act, and said, "You probably won't spot her now, Lucy only leaves her room at midnight." Sarah must have looked alarmed, as Mrs Carmichael swiftly moved on, launching into an extensive rant on home renovation, how expensive it was, and how Lucy wouldn't want her to change any of the decor.

When Sarah had finished her tea, Mrs Carmichael showed her to a dingy bedroom on the first floor, equipped with creaking floorboards, moth-ridden curtains, and a massive four-poster bed. Mrs Carmichael explained that she could stay in the manor for the night, and that she would help her find a comfortable inn to stay at in the morning. Sarah, dreadfully exhausted, fell asleep almost as soon as her head touched the decidedly uncomfortable pillow of the four-poster bed.

As midnight approached, Sarah was awoken by scraping sounds and footsteps coming from the hallway. She reminded herself that this was probably Lucy, but that thought wasn't reassuring. The footsteps became louder and louder, got closer and closer, until Sarah was trembling in her bed. She heard a small sigh, and then the footsteps receded. It took an hour for her to get back to sleep after that incident.

At the crack of dawn, Sarah was already downstairs, prepared to leave, and hurriedly explained to Mrs Carmichael that she didn't need her help finding an inn. Fleeing the manor, she made her way through the town and ended up in the local cafe, ordering breakfast. She sat down next to an elderly lady, who beamed at her, and asked, "Which house in this town did you stay in for the night? I don't recognise you, and I don't reckon you just came in this morning after that storm!". "I stayed at the manor house," motioned Sarah, "And it was terribly odd. Mrs Carmichael's daughter, Lucy, only comes out at night and she gave me the fright of my life!". The elderly lady chuckled. "I'm afraid that's not possible, dear". "How come?", enquired Sarah. "Well," the elderly lady said, "Mrs Carmichael's daughter died five years ago."



# HISTORY AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF ROGER FEDERER

*Bruno Kardaś*

Roger Federer, the legend of world tennis, was born in Basel in Switzerland at 8th of August 1981. His mother comes from Africa and his father is Swiss-German. He is married to an ex-tennis player, Miroslava Federer, and they have four children.

His journey with tennis started at the age of 8. In 1992 and 1993, Federer was a ball boy during a local tennis tournament in Basel. He played his first junior game when he was fourteen. Furthermore he won one grand slam in singles and doubles in 1998 at junior Wimbledon..

Over the course of his career, Roger won twenty grand slam titles, his first one being Wimbledon in 2003. His last victory took place in 2018. What's also worth mentioning is the fact that he was the Olympic gold medalist in doubles and finished second in singles. At the 2017 US Open press conference, Roger Federer was challenged by a fan and a tennis player, known as Zizou. He asked if Roger could keep playing tennis until he'd be old enough to play against him. Five years later, Zizou came to Zurich to play with his idol.

After winning the Australian Open 2004 on February 2, he moved up to number one in the world ranking. For the next 237 weeks, he was at the top of the list (until August 11, 2008). On July 6, 2009, he again became the leader of the ranking for a period of 48 weeks. Two years later, on July 9, 2012, Federer took the lead again, equalling first, and breaking the record of 286 weeks as Pete Sampras's.

Roger played his farewell game on 23 September in an epic doubles match together with his good friend Rafa Nadal at 2022 Laver Cup in London. Federer signed off after a 24-year career with a three-set defeat to Team World's Jack Sock and Frances Tiafoe.

I strongly believe that Roger Federer is one of the best tennis players and athletes of all time. Personally, to me, he is an inspiration who achieved a lot through respecting others and sharing passion and devotion to sports.



# Disneyland and its secrets

Nyusha Nikitenko

Have you ever heard of the mysterious dreamlike Disneyland?. In 1928, the first Walt Disney "Mickey Mouse" cartoon was released. I'm sure most of you have seen him steering the wheel of the ship and whistling. It was a huge achievement during that time. After releasing many more cartoons, Disney decided they needed to create a special place where fans of their favorite characters could come and chat. In 1955, the first Disneyland was built, whereas now there are 6 of them worldwide . They may seem different, but the rules are the same everywhere...

## How is Disneyland different from other amusement parks?

Of course, characters, dolls, princesses are always present. Furthermore,asked employees to mention that the visitors are often rude and impolite. However, their work protocol prohibits them from answering these taunts. They simply say "have a magical day!". In Disneyland you will never see a character go to the restroom or. They literally appear with the help of underground tunnels which are located around the perimeter of the park. Therefore, we don't get to see the behind the scenes.

## Disneyland plays games with our minds.

Most of us associate a certain smell with childhood. Some adults believe that Disneyland has a smell, but it's not real. Around the perimeter of Disneyland, there are holes from which the smell of candy comes out. There is also one song called "It's a Small World" that plays on an endless loop on one of the rides. Some people say that they feel like they're entering a trance. There is a reason for this. As an example, the US intelligence uses the method of repeated melody to confuse the criminal with a song.



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## The remains of people in Disneyland.

When the "Pirates of the Caribbean" ride was built, the decorator thought the fake skeleton didn't look like a real one, so they used real skeletons for quite some time until more realistic sets came along. But still one authentic skull remains.

## Disneyland is covered in human ashes.

Some people want to be "buried" in Disneyland so their families scatter their ashes in the amusement park. The staff members have been trying to put a hold on this, however it's impossible. They even have a special code to call a janitor, who removes the ashes.

# AI as a writer

Alex Dzierwa

AI text generators leverage machine learning to help users through multiple stages of the writing process, such as researching, correcting grammar and tone, and localizing. There are numerous examples of AI-powered content writing, ranging from creating articles about various topics, to creating articles and creating summaries.

Believe it or not, that paragraph was fully written by an online copywriting program, compiling information from various sources on the internet. This goes to show how well artificial intelligence is with combining existing texts with language generation programs, creating comprehensible texts.

Funded by Tesla CEO Elon Musk, as well as Microsoft, collectively pledging over \$2 billion, OpenAI has become one of the most advanced AI platforms, building most of its fame from GPT-3 (Generative Pre-trained Transformer, 3rd generation), an incredibly powerful text writer, and DALL-E, a program capable of creating images similar to those made by professional artists from a single sentence of text.

Although this seems like such a breakthrough, there is one major issue. As most of its source material for learning is on the internet, especially on platforms like Twitter, curating the AI's thinking is difficult, as material on the platform ranges from scientific texts to racist and sexist speeches, to a lot of purely incomprehensible content. The latter two pollute its capability to write factual and/or neutral texts. Though there is one more factor that is slightly more amusing: people who use these tools do tend to post the results on Twitter, which is summed up well by this tweet.



*AI learning from itself sounds like a decent idea...  
until you look at people on the internet trying to do the same.*



As it turns out though, the GPT-3 prototype is still far from perfect. Twitter user Kevin Lacker proved this by giving it a ‘turing test’. The purpose of the test is to determine if a machine can think the way a human would. Kevin asked the AI a few questions, like:

- What is your favorite animal?
- How many eyes does a giraffe have?

Unsurprisingly, GPT-3 answered those in a similar way to a human - its favorite animal was a dog, and it said giraffes had two eyes. But when the questions got a bit more illogical, the test revealed the AI was still not perfectly human-like, because it tried to answer every question without the capacity of saying it doesn't know or that the question was nonsense, like: How do you sporgle a morgle?.



*Pictured: A supposedly accurate depiction of AI.*

This means we probably won't want to put this programming into a murderous robot just yet, which means no AI takeover for now. American physicist Michio Kaku claims that with technology we are able to recreate the intelligence equivalent to the brain of a cockroach. He predicts that by the end of the century we will be able to simulate a monkey's brain, but whether we will put these into actual robots with the capacity of eliminating humanity from the face of the earth is anybody's guess.

# The anonymous opinion



During the last 50 years, the opinion about masculinity has drastically changed. Society nowadays accepts the fact that men shouldn't be masculine at all. This isn't the only controversial opinion that you will find in this article. This article is also meant to open up the topic of family values and how they changed throughout time. Maybe these topics aren't as relevant in eastern Europe as they are in the western. So we decided to ask the students of WMHS several questions:

## **Do you agree that the standards of masculinity have changed during the last 50 years?**

Students that have been interviewed had the same opinion that men have lost their masculinity standard. Some students even mentioned that the opinion of our culture changed. As an example of culture, we were given filmography. Some examples of movies we were given were 'Rambo' 'The Way of The Dragon' 'Terminator' 'James Bond' and many more. Interviewed students were also disappointed about the fact that masculinity has disappeared in the film industry and even in our life. Interviewed students believe that a man should be strong both physically and mentally and to be able to protect his partner at all times.

## **Did men get more feminine during the last 50 years?**

In this case, the interviewed person gave us his opinion that people are aware of what a strong man is. Overall, the interviewed students agreed with this statement and they are aware of the fact of gender roles being destroyed.

## **Who is the prize in an average relationship? The man or the woman?**

Interviewed students said that in an average relationship, women are the prize. Because usually a man will do anything to get his future partner's attention. So the female partner decides whether she wants a man or not. However, interviewed students also mentioned that women often support men in an emotional way. That means that a relationship is equally fair to one another.

## **Are men and women equal in a relationship?**

Most of the interviewed student think that men and women stand for different functions in an average relationship. For example, men stand for material wealth of the relationship and women stand for emotional sustainability. Remember that this is just an example, not an opinion. This could mean that in the case of relationships, men and women are not equal because both have different functions.

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