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Chavez wins "Person of the Year" poll ... Time magazine ignores result

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A few days ago, Time Magazine announced the winner of its annual "Person of the Year" award. Many supporters of the Bolivarian Revolution will be disappointed to hear that Hugo Chavez did not make it despite the fact that he won Time's online poll by a wide margin and got 35% of the votes. This is significant, as Chavez had been the number 1 in the poll for several weeks and was clearly set to win the award.

Instead, it seems we all have won the award! Indeed, the 2006 Person of the Year is "you" and much is made of the Web 2.0 and one of its foremost brainchildren, the online video service YouTube. For that matter Hands Off Venezuela is also a happy user of YouTube, but still we find it quite amazing that not a word is said about why the winner of Time's own readers poll is simply ignored and not even mentioned.

The link to their online poll is simply not there any more, although after some Google searching we traced it back to www.time.com/time/personoftheyear/2006/walkup/, where you can see the results for yourself. You don't have to be a believer in conspiracy theories to assume that clearly the Time Magazine editorial board was not happy with the choice of its readers! Surely the so-called "liberal" magazine did not like the result of its own poll and decided to push its own candidate, "the YouTube guys".

[Update: [Paul -V- provides the screenshot.](#)]

Interestingly, the present issue of Time carries another article called "Power to the People" (read it [here](#)), which starts by saying: "Meet 15 citizens-including a French rapper, a relentless reviewer and a real life lonely girl-of the new digital democracy"

In the whole magazine there are many lauding words for this "digital democracy" but ironically Time decided to ignore its own "digital democracy" and hide the fact that 35% voted for Hugo Chavez and 21% for the Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

It is true that an online poll is not a very scientific tool but surely it would have been worth to at least point out who won the Time poll in the first place? If not, what is the point of organising one on your own website? Maybe because they did not want the winner to be a popular President of a country where "power to the people" is not just an empty phrase but is being implemented in practice in the real world, and who has been democratically elected time and time again?

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the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are employed in the public sector has increased from 10.5 million to 12.5 million, and the number of people in the public sector who are employed in health care has increased from 2.5 million to 3.5 million (Department of Health 2000).

There are a number of reasons why the public sector has become an important employer in the UK. One of the main reasons is that the public sector provides a wide range of services that are essential to the well-being of the population. These services include education, health care, social care, and housing. The public sector also provides a number of other services that are important to the economy, such as transport and utilities.

Another reason why the public sector has become an important employer is that it provides a stable source of employment. The public sector is not subject to the same fluctuations in demand as the private sector, and it is therefore able to provide a steady stream of jobs. This is particularly important in times of economic downturn, when many private sector jobs are lost.

Finally, the public sector provides a number of other benefits that make it an attractive employer. These benefits include a strong sense of purpose, a commitment to public service, and a variety of career opportunities. The public sector also provides a number of other benefits, such as a strong pension scheme and a variety of training and development opportunities.

Despite these benefits, the public sector has faced a number of challenges in recent years. One of the main challenges is that the public sector has become increasingly expensive to run. This is due to a number of factors, including rising wages, increasing costs of services, and a growing number of people in the public sector who are employed in high-paying jobs.

Another challenge that the public sector has faced is that it has become increasingly difficult to recruit and retain staff. This is due to a number of factors, including a shortage of people who are interested in public sector jobs, a high level of competition from the private sector, and a number of other factors.

Despite these challenges, the public sector remains an important employer in the UK. It provides a wide range of essential services, a stable source of employment, and a number of other benefits that make it an attractive employer. It is therefore likely to continue to be an important employer in the UK for many years to come.

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