

MR. SULZBERGER, TEAR DOWN THAT WALL

My buddy Pinch Sulzberger wrote me today. He said:

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Shorter Pinch: We thought we could live without the Dirty Fucking Hippies. But it turns out we needed them more than they needed David Brooks.

Though having learned to live without Brooks, I say we just treat him like the troll he is and continue to ignore him.