

## No More Singing at the Opera

One of the two blogging sites I joined when Multiply shut down was My Opera. The interface was quite good, and several others tried it as well. Just not enough to make a widely diverse community. Of course it already had a large worldwide membership, but not enough of them were interested in political controversy. There were too many "me's" and not enough "us's".

Of course, that's the problem with American politics as well.

However, My Opera is closing down, as I was informed by an email. They're doing it with considerably more courtesy than Multiply did, but as of March, the proverbial obese diva will have trilled her last note.

<http://my.opera.com/chooseopera/blog/2013/10/31/important-announcement-about-your-my-opera-account>

So, Shmoozezone, despite your annoying and awkward name, it looks like you're IT. Perhaps this presents an opportunity to bring in a few more people, a stimulus to the metaphorical economy of intelligent and meaningful discussion.

I think many who are here already are potential participants, just awaiting motivation.

There are a couple of Facebook discussion groups, one of which is decent, and the other is dominated by ignorant right-wing knuckle-draggers whose response to any intelligent debate is crude name-calling. Multiply had them too, but they were only one edge of a broader landscape there.

Facebook is good for posting links and generating interest and discussion, but it is not a blog site. This is. But we can't just sit here and vegetate. The world needs fixing-- let's get to work.

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