

# Super Bowl XLV point-counterpoint

Copy Editor Dave Alexander and Editor in Chief Daniel Heyman discuss their predictions for Sunday.

- **Dave:** I heard that if the Packers win, Mubarak will step down as President of Egypt.
- **Dan:** I question the validity of that statement. In fact, I think you made it up.
- **Dan:** Pittsburgh will win because it's Hines Ward's last season.
- **Dave:** Hines Ward has been in the league for 13 years, I'd say it's about time he got out... Still don't think he's making the Hall of Fame.
- **Dave:** Clay Matthews is the Beowulf of the Super Bowl.
- **Dan:** Does that make Roethlisberger Grendel? 300 grossed over double what Beowulf made in theatres. Meaning Pittsburgh is planning to build a wall of dead Packers, and defend the title with 300 players (far more than Green Bay will likely bring to Dallas).
- **Dave:** I'm excited about the commercials.
- **Dan:** Except for those unattractive Danica Patrick godaddy.com ones. Did you hear the JesusHatesObama commercial got banned?
- **Dave:** Yeah, the one with the bobble heads, I thought it was kind of funny.
- **Dan:** But seriously, the commercial was probably in poor taste.
- **Dave:** John Kuhn has been on fire for the past few weeks. I expect him to put up big



numbers.

- **Dan:** Good luck going up against Steelers' run defense. I expect the terrible towels will give him motion sickness.
- **Dan:** Mike Wallace is really fast.
- **Dave:** Compared to you? Yes, he's a professional athlete. It's generally accepted that players in the NFL are fit.
- **Dave:** I'm going to watch the Black-Eyed Peas' half-time performance.
- **Dan:** I haven't liked them since they put out The End.
- **Dave:** I have almost all Packers in my NFL playoff challenge.

- **Dan:** If this past season of fantasy football is any indication, it only exists to crush the hopes and dreams of Clarion editors.
- **Dan:** Are you not going to make a Roethlisberger rape comment?
- **Dave:** Too easy.
- **Dave:** What's the first thing you think of when I say Steelers?
- **Dan:** Super Bowl tested quarterback Roethlisberger and Super Bowl tested wide-receiver Hines Ward
- **Dave:** What's the first thing you think of when I say Packers?
- **Dan:** Fudge.

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## Devil's advocate: *The problem isn't Islam*

By Brian Burgess  
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I stood in the market district of Aswan, Egypt speaking with a young man wearing glasses, hair styled, clad in the archetypal "educated man" uniform so common of Arabic countries: western clothes. He pulled me aside after asking about their President, Mubarak. "We don't speak of these things much here. Perhaps when you say the wrong thing you..." he finished, giving the universal thumb across neck motion.

This was last year over Christmas break on the Brevard trip to Egypt, and it's something that will stick with me for the rest of my life. Now, in the light of recent events I feel like he didn't give me advice, he gave me a preview.

However, the why seems to escape so many in America. News stations seem to chalk these events up to religion; specifically Islam. Particular fear mongering news pundits would have the American people believe this uprising is to bring Islam into power, an Islamic Regime of sorts.

This speculation is answered by asking

yourself if it would take religion to make you want a man who has pictures of himself posted on every free wall in Cairo (oddly enough in sunglasses stylish of 1978 to make sure Egypt knows how cool their President is), or a man that is grooming his son for the inheritance of an alleged democracy. Would we as Americans allow ourselves to go unrepresented, oppressed, and cast out? Anyone with a basic understanding of our history knows we wouldn't, and we've got a record of showing it.

Historically, for us, it was not religion that made us fight. It was injustice. Differing faiths came together to defend their individual rights, and this is exactly what the Egyptian people are doing today.

So why does this get blamed on Islam? I can't give the answer because I don't know, and that's the problem. I find myself at a loss for words trying to understand why and how this became religiously motivated. Where Christians and Muslims were only months ago at each others

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