



Brazil or Argentina? A guide on which team to support

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It's time to revive the age-old fight between South Asian supporters of two South American football teams. From competing to see who can hoist the biggest flag, a clear form of overcompensation, to some good ole' beatdowns in Brahmanbaria, football fever, alongside dengue fever, has taken over Bangladesh.

But the question is, which team should you actually assault others for? Allegiance is usually tied to childhood memories and lineage. A couple that supports Argentina, passes its flag on to the children and grandchildren.

But this is pure indoctrination, and families that do this should be destroyed with facts and logic. So, in this guide I'm going to use my objective opinions to reveal whether one should support Brazil or Argentina.

THE FLAGS SHOW THE WAY

Both countries have flags with a circular object

in the centre. But the resemblance ends there. One has stripes, like half the world's flags, while the other has a unique shape, which shows just how creative and talented Brazil is.

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If you want to take our diplomatic relations to new heights, at a time when Bangladesh is gearing up to graduate from LDC status, you know which team (Brazil) to support.

IT'S IN THE NAMES

"Brazil" is a name containing two syllables, while "Argentina" is made up of four. Is more better? Only when it comes to goals.

Chanting "Brazil!" is way easier and more fulfilling, putting the team miles ahead of Argentina, said Noam Chompy, the language nerd.

And it makes complete sense. Would

you rather be called "Rahmatullazaman" or "Abul"? Why do nicknames exist? Because people can't stand those who have long names. Linguistically, Argentina drops the ball.

POPULATION, GDP, FOREIGN RESERVE

Brazil's population is around 214 million, and Argentina's? A measly 46 million. Meanwhile, Bangladesh is home to 166 million people. A population dividend like Brazil's is something to aspire to. We have to harness that spirit to prosper with our support.

Meanwhile, Brazil's GDP is around \$1.6 trillion, three times more than Argentina's. When it comes to foreign reserves, Brazil has \$296.4 billion, while Argentina can't even pile up \$40 billion.

The numbers don't lie, and they spell disaster for Argentina fans.

"BUT WHAT IF I CARE ABOUT FOOTBALL SKILLS?"

Then just support Germany.

Sexist man refuses to make eye contact with female colleague

THE RANTING CORRESPONDENT

A sexist man, who holds a position of power and claims to listen to the best music and watches the best movies, yesterday refused to make eye contact with his female colleague while addressing a question posed by the female colleague.

The man, named Hameem Aman, today walked into the office and went straight to another male colleague with very important input (his input must be important, being who he is, a man) regarding a presentation made by his female colleague.

The woman, who also allegedly holds a position of power – but can never be more powerful than a man, biologically speaking – tried to interject with her views on the matter and explain her presentation to the man in question.

However, Hameem Aman, who believes women are also people in principle, simply turned his face to another virile man and started addressing the woman's queries.

Livid at the situation, the woman went straight to the HR. Because, you know, in an ideal world the HR is here to listen to all your problems.

Upon listening to the "overreacting lady's" complaints, the HR boss sat her down to impart his wisdom on her.

"Listen, these are your boro bhais. They don't wish you ill. They simply want to do what is best for you. Their heart is in the right place but you have to understand they are only now learning to make space for women in the workplace. Change comes slowly. You have to teach them. But if you get angry, that will only scare them further and they will isolate you. You know how men are," said the HR.

In other news, another male colleague yesterday repeatedly talked about an argument he was having with his female colleague in a meeting where the said female colleague was present and no conversation alluding to the argument was brought up.

But this correspondent was told by a gender expert that when you hurt a man's ego once, he will talk about it forever but disguise the story as a joke, or an interesting anecdote to prove he is right about a new thing.



Bangladesh announces 16-crore-person argument squad for Qatar 2022

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While many countries were busy declaring their 26-man squads for the FIFA World Cup in Qatar, Bangladesh declared a 16-crore-person squad for world cup arguments, as people of the country argue much better than they play football.

You may think the number is too high, but it may actually increase, subject to data of the recently conducted census.

After declaring the biggest squad in football history, Torkouddin, the CEO of Bangladesh Soccer League, said, "Football isn't just a game for 26 people from a nation who get the chance to kick a ball; it's a game for the whole nation enjoying it through arguments and fights. With the announcement of our squad, we just continued to protect our long history and culture."

Since the declaration of the squad, people have been polishing up their word-based weaponry.

Like every four years, tea stalls around the country are abuzz with talk of

football. Arguments, debates, provocation and the good old punch and kick centring discussions on the world cup have taken the place arguments, debates, provocation and the good old punch and kick centring discussions on politics and economics.

The country's famous motivational speakers have changed their topics drastically after seeing empty chairs in seminars as their audience were already engaged in arguments and handing over the world cup trophy to their favourite teams through the force of their "logic".

The 11-Minute School launched a new premium course named "How to win arguments" and it quickly became the best-selling course as people, hoping to fight back after losing football arguments, rushed to enrol.

Brahmanbaria has become the capital city and the centre of attention till

the end of the competition. A man from the town, continually drinking 7-up, agreed to talk to Satireday.

"You don't need to ask the identity of my favourite team. You already know it. We are going to win this world cup. If my team fails, I will retire from footballing arguments.

"Stop dreaming, bro. It's football, not handball," said a man, holding a placard with the words "USE FEET, NOT HANDS", as he rushed towards this correspondent after seeing his friend speaking near a microphone.

As soon as the comment ended, the punch from the first man successfully landed on the nose of the second person and our correspondent left the place

as more 7-up and 'No Hand' placard guys joined the fight.

Apart from tea-stalls and Brahmanbaria, offices of Dhaka and other cities have joined the race as the 16 crore squad includes them.

Desks are now sorted according to the flags hoisted on them. Even the calmest and quietest souls have been observed in heated conversations while defending their teams from verbal attacks of others.

"I never bullied him, but he replied. But whenever I belittled his favourite team, he defended his just like

Zimbabwe defended a low score against Pakistan in the recently concluded T20 world cup," Jony, an employee of a corporate office, said about the behaviour of his "no more calm" colleague Zubair.

Meanwhile, it seems Bangladesh is unlikely to be a world cup playing nation in the next hundred years. The country is eagerly waiting to celebrate its 200th position among football playing nations, the only country to reach this milestone despite having millions of football enthusiasts.

When asked when Bangladesh would make it to the main event of global football, CEO Torkouddin said, "Our plan is colossal. We don't want to send just 26 ball-kickers to fight for the world cup, we are here to give a chance to every person of Bangladesh."

