



Daily Article (Bharath's Reading list) - Answers and Explanations 31.03.2023

Article link : <http://bit.ly/3M1jPpn> (HOW ELON MUSK IS AIDING THE US EMPIRE'S REGIME CHANGE OPERATION IN IRAN)

1.The author is least likely to agree with which of the following statements?

- A.Starlinks have been put to use by the US in Iran and Ukraine to aid proxy wars and promote pro-U.S. messaging
- B.Twitter and Facebook media have given a voice to millions and are a liberatory force in modern society
- C.It is thanks to the US government's largesse that SpaceX has grown into a behemoth
- D.Big Tech is a critical weapon in the U.S.' regime change arsenal

Explanation: B

Refer to the line, "Equally plain-to-see is that big tech is not a liberatory force in modern society but is a critical weapon in the U.S.' regime change arsenal."

2."In Israel, however, the astroturfing was turned up to 11." It can be inferred from the article that astroturfing refers to:

- A.an attempt to use social media to advance attempts at regime change
- B.an attempt to create an impression of widespread grassroots support for something
- C.an attempt to whitelist accounts on social media to protect them from scrutiny
- D.an attempt to control online speech by blocking or blacklisting social media accounts

Explanation:B

Note the lines that follow the given line: " In just four days between September 21 and September 24, accounts based in Israel sent over 43 million tweets about the protests – quite an achievement, given that only around 634,000 Israelis have a Twitter account – an average of 68 tweets per account". From this, we can infer that astroturfing refers to an attempt to create an impression of widespread grassroots support for something.

3.The phrase "beggars belief" refers to:

- A.Something that begs for attention
- B.The belief of those who beg
- C.Something that is impossible to believe
- D.None of the above

Explanation:

Correct option **C**

When something beggars belief, it is impossible to believe.

