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# Life Advice

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# How to Respond to Insults

<https://blog.computationalcomplexity.org/2024/10/random-thoughts-on-election.html>