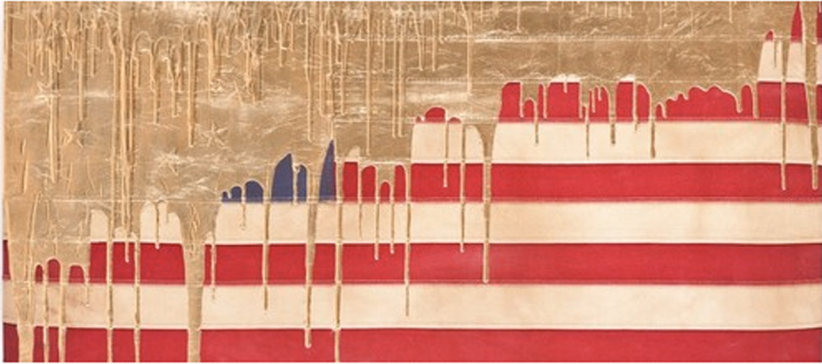


Andrew Schoultz Responds To The Outcry Over His Exhibit

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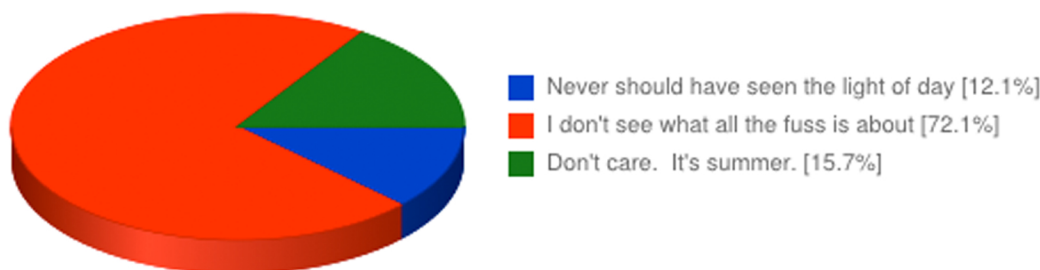
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Over the weekend, a new exhibit at East Hampton's Firestone Gallery was met with a less-than-enthusiastic reaction by many who saw it. At issue is the artist's—**Andrew Schoultz**—use of the American Flag in a way that many consider is disrespectful to Old Glory and everything it stands for.

Well, the gallery/artist has issued a statement, responding to the criticisms:

"Concerns about our economy led me to use flags and gold in this exhibition, while my wall painting backdrop is intended to convey global economic turbulence. I take great pride in America and this work is wholeheartedly pro-American. For the past 10 years I have worked with icons and symbols to create narratives addressing social, economic, and political issues. My intention is always to open a dialogue about these issues. While a viewer may misinterpret the intention of an artist, I encourage the conversation and debate that may result."

We wouldn't get involved in this debate with a ten-foot (flag)pole, but we're curious to know what readers think about the whole brouhaha.



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