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This evening the word (Jingo) came into my mind. Curiosity sent me to one of my favorite little books: "Word Origins and their Romantic Stories". Where I found the treatise on "Jingoism". Which then let me to the OED, with its rather long and well-researched entries... and... at the end there is Harry Bosch! I hope you find this interesting.

## **JINGOISM**

The British Mediterranean fleet was sent to Gallipoli in 1877 to slow up Russia, who seemed to have her eye on Constantinople. Prime Minister Disraeli had suggested this move, and war excitement ran high in Britain. At just this time a singer known as "The Great McDermott" was popularizing a ditty called "By Jingo" that ran as follows:

"We don't want to fight  
But, by *jingo*, if we do,  
We've got the ships, we've got the men,  
We've got the money too."

These warlike verses took the music halls by storm, and soon the warmongers of that day were being called *jingoists*. After that a jingoist in any country was an intense patriot who supported the war party.

Page 39 'These Words Came From Proper Names'  
"Word Origins and their Romantic Stories"  
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## **OED: Oxford English Dictionary**

jingo int., n., and a.

(ˈdʒɪŋɡəʊ)

Also 7 jeingo.

[Appears first c **1670** as a piece of conjuror's gibberish, usually **heyor high jingo!**, prob. a mere piece of sonorous nonsense with an appearance of mysterious meaning. In 1694 **by jingo** occurs in Motteux's transl. of Rabelais, where the Fr. *has par Dieu*: this, being contemporary with the conjuror's term, may be presumed (though not proved) to be the same word, substituted, as in many other cases, for a sacred name: cf. by golly, gock, gom, gosh, jabers, etc. In Scotland, by jing (or jings) has long been in common use.

A recent conjecture, since **jingo** began to attract attention, would identify it with the **Basque word for 'God'**, given by Van Eys and Larramendi as Jinko, Jainko (Yinko, Yainko), Jincoa, Jaincoa; the suggestion being that this may have been caught up from Basque sailors. Such an origin is not impossible, but is as yet unsupported by evidence. The grotesque notion that the word is short for St. Gengulphus is merely a joke of the author of the Ingoldsby Legends.]

A.A int. and n. I.A.I †1.A.I.1 (Usually hey or **high jingo!**) A **conjuror's call for the appearance of something**: the opposite of hey presto!, by which a thing is bidden to be gone. Hence, an exclamation of surprise at the appearance of something. Obs.

1670 Eachard Cont. Clergy 34 He falls a flinging it out of one hand into the other, tossing it this way and that; lets it run a little upon the line, then tanutus, **high jingo**, come again! 1672 Pasquil on Stair Family in Bk. Scot. Pasquils (1868) 180 Jeingo! the taws. Presto, begon: a mace. 1679 Oldham Sat. Jesuits iv. (1685) 89 Where spiritual Jugglers their chief Mast'ry shew: Hey Jingo, Sirs! What's this? 'tis Bread you see; Presto be gone! 'tis now a Deity. 1707 Fenton Fair Nun, He turns it round and round, and eyes it, Heigh jingo, worse than 'twas before! 1722–30 Ramsay Fables, Monk & Miller's Wife, [He] Cries, Rhadamanthus husky mingo, Monk, horner, hipock, jinko, jingo, Appear in likeness of a priest.

2.A.I.2 by jingo! a vigorous form of asseveration. Also intensified, by the living jingo! colloq. or vulgar.

1694 Motteux Rabelais iv. lvi. 219 By jingo [Rab. Par Dieu], quoth Panurge, the Man talks somewhat like, I believe him. 1760 Murphy Way to Keep Him i. ii, Their husbands care no more for them, no, by jingo, no more than they care for their husbands! 1766 Goldsm. Vic. W. ix, One of them..expressed her sentiments..in a very coarse manner when she observed, that by the living jingo she was all of a muck of sweat. 1773 — Stoops to Conq. v. ii, By jingo, there's not a pond or slough within five miles of the place, but they can tell the taste of. 1800 W. B. Rhodes Bomb. Fur. i. (1830) 8 Does he, by jingo? 1837 Marryat Dog-fiend xxx, No, by the living jingo! not till he treats us. 1878 G. W. Hunt Song (Chorus), We don't want to fight, yet by Jingo! if we do, We've got the ships, we've got the men, and got the money too. 1888 J. Payn Myst. Mirbridge xiii, That was a parting shot he took at you, by jingo!

II.A.II [Derived from the expression **'by Jingo!'** in the refrain of the **music-hall song**, quoted in sense 2, 1878, which became the Tyrtaean ode of the party ready to fight Russia in 1878.]

3.A.II.3 A nickname for those who supported and lauded the policy of Lord Beaconsfield in sending a British fleet into Turkish waters to resist the advance of Russia in 1878; hence, one who brags of his country's preparedness for fight, and generally advocates or favours a bellicose policy in dealing with foreign powers; a blustering or blatant 'patriot'; a Chauvinist.

1878 G. J. Holyoake in Daily News 13 Mar. 3/4 The Jingo in the Park. Ibid., The Jingo—the new tribe of music hall patriots who sing the jingo song. 1879 Truth 22

May, The Jingoists ought to rejoice and be glad that their 'tall talk' did not drive us into a war with Russia last year. 1880 G. Duff in 19th Cent. Apr. 667 Our interest in Russia is that the Muscovite Jingoists should learn a little more geography. 1881 Gentl. Mag. Jan. 46 **The Jingo is the aggregation of the bully.** An individual may be a bully; but, in order to create Jingoism, there must be a crowd. 1897 Ld. Salisbury in Times 19 Jan., A well-working arbitration system would be an invaluable bulwark to defend the Minister from the jingoists. 1898 Times 18 Jan. 6/1 (N.Y. Corresp.) A school of politicians..who, like the jingoists, are apt to use the word American aggressively, as the jingoists do.

#### 4.A.II.4 The jingo spirit or policy personified.

1898 L. Stephen Stud. Biogr. I. iii. 104 Nobody..could be less given to the worship of Jingo.

B.B adj.

†1.B.1 [from sense A. 2.] Exhibiting vulgar dash; suggestive of the man who asseverates by jingo! [*asseverate*: To affirm solemnly, assert emphatically, declare positively, avouch. ]

1859 Millais Let. 28 Apr. in Life (1899) I. 342 It is very good (well painted), but egregiously vulgar and common-place, but there is enough in it of a certain 'jingo' style to make it a favourite.

2.B.2 [from sense A. 3.] Of or pertaining to the political jingo; characterized by jingoism.

1879 Truth 22 May, The consummation of the Jingo policy. 1879 Scotsman 1 Dec. 4 In the height of the Jingo fever in London, mobs, carefully organised, broke the windows of Mr. Gladstone's house. 1882 Daily News 19 July 5/5 He [M. Lockroy] is intensely Jingo, very hostile to M. de Freycinet. 1896 Ibid. 20 Jan. 7/6 Sentiment in Washington is overwhelmingly Jingo. 1900 E. C. Brodrick Mem. & Impr. 198 The imperialism of the so-called 'Jingo' party, which seemed to measure national greatness by the constant annexation of new territories.

Hence 'jingo v. trans., to drive by the jingo spirit; 'jingodom, the realm or domain of jingoists; jingo'esque a., jingo in style or manner; 'jingoish a. = jingo B. 2.

1898 Daily News 28 Feb. 5/7 A member of the Cabinet stated in an interview to-day that President McKinley..would not be jingod into war. 1895 Nation (N.Y.) 19 Dec. 441/3 The resemblance of Jingodom in this to an Indian village is very remarkable. 1885 Glasgow Herald 3 Aug. 6/2 The continental press..is essentially Jingoish. 1892 Goldw. Smith in 19th Cent. Sept. 348

There is nothing more jingoish in tone than were the speeches of Lord Palmerston and Lord Russell. 1896 Nation (N.Y.) 3 Dec. 421/3 Jingoish ideas of America's past and future.

***AND THEN THERE ARE THESE:***

**High Jingo** is a jazz tune composed by Lee Konitz and often performed by Art Pepper, as well as the name of a 1982 album featuring both musicians. It is **also a slang term for a situation that is highly politicized or otherwise fraught with danger.**

**High jingo**

Political corruption in high places  
"a case with high jingo all over it. "

The Closers by Michael Connelly  
by Berkeley Child December 09, 2016

**Harry Bosch** Wiki re **HIGH JINGO**

\It is also a slang term for a situation that is highly politicized or otherwise fraught with danger. In police work, a case with high jingo on it meant there was special attention being paid by the top brass of the department, the mayor, the Police Commission, or someone else capable of making trouble. An officer working on such a case need to be extra careful in saying or doing anything that might be career jeopardizing.

... "[**H**]igh jingo" was a way old-guard detective would describe a case that had taken on unusual interest from the [police chief's office] or carried other unseen political or bureaucratic dangers. When a case had high jingo on it, you had to be careful. You were in murky water. You had to watch your back because nobody else was watching it for you."

- Harry Bosch in "Lost Light"

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