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I am in control day is celebrated for 2 reasons: the first is to encourage people to take control of their lives. The second is because there was an assassination attempt on President Ronald Regan today in 1981 and the then Secretary of State, Alexander Haig, told the American people in an press release, "I am in control". The American people freaked out because they all thought that Secretary Haig meant that he was going to take control of the Government. However, later he reassured people that he only meant to calm them down by saying that he was in control of the situation. Considering that the government was never taken over, Haig was either telling the truth or his evil schemes failed and he somehow managed to cover them up.

Now you might be thinking "Man I'm sure glad that I don't have to worry about someone secretly trying to take over my life" and if you think that you'd be wrong. There are a surprising amount of people that in some small, minute way control your life everyday. Well okay maybe control isn't the best word, more like influence. Your decisions will never be totally your own because your loved ones and/or family members influence you everyday. This includes parents, friends, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, nieces, nephews, bosses, coworkers, and of course duckies. Duckies are the biggest influences in our lives. They have been secretly manipulating the human race since the beginning of time. The great advice giver Anonymous knew this which is why they once said, " You are in control of your own actions. Except not really because the duckies have been manipulating us this entire time." So in light of I Am In Control Day, just know that you aren't always in control; in fact most of the time you are not. So, enjoy the times that you are; and if you see a ducky, show it some respect because it can and will fuck you up.

- Root Girl Sarah