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> of scientific knowledge for partisan political ends must cease." Bush  
> completely  
> ignored this statement.  
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> In the two weeks preceding the storm in the Gulf, the trumping of  
> science  
> by ideology and expertise by special interests accelerated. The Federal  
> Drug  
> Administration announced that it was postponing sale of the morning-after  
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> and its approval by the FDA's scientific advisory board. The United  
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> responsibility

> for a condom shortage in Uganda -- the result of the administration's  
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>No disrespect intended DJ, but your response just reinforced the stereotype  
of someone who works in the industry.

"DJ" <animix\_spam-this-ahole\_@animas.net> wrote:

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>"gene lennon" <glennon@NOSPmyrealbox.com> wrote in message  
>news:43171cbd\$1@linux...  
>>  
>> Has anyone noticed that after working five years on the new White House  
>sponsored  
>> energy bill, the U.S. Congress passed a bill that fails to reduce  
>America's  
>> dependence on oil, fails to address the threat of global warming, fails  
to  
>> make any significant new investments in clean energy, and fails to help  
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>> at the gas pump.

>> What it did do includes:

>> Grants the oil and gas industries an exemption for their construction  
>activities

>> from compliance with Clean Water Act.

>> Increases America's oil dependence by 130,000 barrels of oil per day in  
>2014

>> through extending the 'dual-fuel' loophole.

>> Authorized billions in new subsidies to the oil industry. (Who are all  
>showing

>> record profits without the government bonuses.)

>> Give away billions in unrelated pork fat. (The biggest giveaway of all  
>time.)

>>

>> The list of pork fat is too long and too funny for me to list but my  
>personal

>> favorites are:

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>> Giving \$800 million for companies in Texas and Louisiana to compensate  
for

>> their phase out of the gasoline additive MTBE, which studies have  
>concluded

>> contaminates ground water and causes cancer.

>> Since we will now longer allow you to poison us we will give you \$800  
>million

>> for your trouble. "Coincidentally", the Bush family has considerable  
>holdings

>> in one of the companies.

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>was never tested properly before this was legislated. Turns out it was bad  
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>> Not only opening up parts of the Alaska Wildlife Refuge, but also similar  
>> areas in Wyoming. Why Wyoming?. "Coincidentally", the Chaney family has  
>future

>> Oil/mineral rights to some of this property.

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>There are huge natural gas reserves in Wyoming on the eastern slope of the  
>rocky mountains. One of the biggest known ones is right outside of Glacier  
>National park. You gotta go where the gas is to get it. The fact that Cheney

>owns mineral rights there is certainly fortunate fro Cheyney, but he's from  
>Wyoming. I doubt he moved his family there 3 or four generations ago just  
>because he knew that someday we would have high natural gas prices.  
>  
>His brother is a surveyor in this area and I have worked with him before.  
If  
>Cheyney is anything like his brother, it might be a good thing to get to  
>know him before casting stones. Yeh.....I know.....its the Halliburton  
>thing, right?  
>  
>>  
>> In 2003, if you bought a Toyota Hybrid and owned a business you would  
have  
>> received \$450 in tax reduction from the IRS because of its energy  
>efficiency.  
>> If you bought a Hummer H1 (7 miles per gallon) and owned a business, you  
>> would have received aprox. \$30,000 in tax reduction from the IRS. (Public  
>> outcry has recently forced the closure of this tax loophole.)  
>  
>Most of the folks around here who own Hummers are tree huggers. (Just a  
>little perspective)  
>  
>:o)  
>>  
>> Gene  
>>  
>> P.S. DJ - I agree. Our countries largest vulnerability is our absolute  
>reliance  
>> on our current energy model. Any time our oil sources are negatively  
>effected  
>> we go into an instant recession. This essentially enslaves us to the large  
>> foreign oil producers and causes the "need" for Big-Stick diplomacy.  
>>  
>> Unfortunately we are about to come to a critical fork in the road.  
>>  
>> The people who will profit the most will be pushing the idea that we must  
>> reduce or remove all environmental constraints on energy suppliers to  
help  
>> us achieve independence and keep our economy working. This will help make  
>> many of them even richer and will shorten the time before we completely  
>run  
>> out of US oil reserves, but will also cause tremendous health issues and  
>> will result in serious environmental impacts. Some of this already  
>started.  
>> Only a national level push for new energy sources and energy independence,  
>> similar to the 1960s push to go to the moon, will help us now.  
>> That plus having a White House and Congress that actually cares more about  
>> saving our economy then their personal wealth.

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This may be true but it is an interesting perspective on the history.

The environmentalists got onboard with MTBE because the additive companies presented the information on the positive impact, while covering up known problems with cancer and ground pollution.

This was well documented in a California study funded by the California state legislature.

Naturally when presented with studies that showed significant improvement in air quality, most pro environmental groups signed on.

When the full truth came out, the oil industry backed by the first Bush White House and conservative members of congress (can you say Tom DeLay) did everything in their power to hide the facts, and then block efforts to remove the MTBE.

Now the \$800 Million bonus for lying to us, and poisoning us.

It is quite an interesting twist to blame this on the environmental movement.

GeneOr these guys... we use them for audio distribution at large scale events (street festivals and the like).

<http://www.decade.ca/>

David.

DJ wrote:

> Brandon,

>

> I would love to be able to listen to my mixes, broadcast from my DAW to the  
> radio in my car. What a great idea! I was checking these out. the most  
> affordable one has a range of 30' \*line of sight\*. Walls and metal can  
> reduce this substantially according to the specs. However, the FM38-T looks  
> like a pretty substantial beast. There is no info on what kind of input it  
> uses, but I'm guessing RCA. Do you happen to know?

>

> Think of all the CD burns you could save. Between the media savings and the  
> time it takes to burn CD's again and again, at \$200.00, the FM30-WT would  
> pay for itself PDQ if it's got a decent range. I would need about 50' and  
> for it to be able to transmit through a metal roof as my studio is upstairs,  
> the roof slopes between the back wall and my driveway and/or garage and the  
> distance to the car parked in the driveway is going to be at least 30' and

> probably a bit further.  
>  
> Put a little dead air up front to give you time to get to the car and set  
> the song to loop and you could get a real good idea of where you are with a  
> mix as far as vehicular playback goes (and probably ruin some assholes day  
> who is driving down your street with thunderbuckets cranked full out if you  
> knew the band this station was using and you wanted to \*substitute\* his  
> Gangsta' mix for a good dose of Karen Carpenter or the Osmonds).  
>  
> Of course, this is illegal so I would never dream of doing it.  
>  
> ;oP  
>  
> Deej  
>  
> "Brandon" <brandon\_goodwin@REMOVETHISsbcglobal.net> wrote in message  
> news:4316479d@linux...  
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>>http://www.hobbytron.com/LowPowerFMTransmitters.html  
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>>"RZ" <pearlmusic@sbcglobal.net> wrote in message news:4314bb79@linux...  
>>  
>>>That's very cool. I wonder how easy it is to override the FCC imposed  
>>>distance limitations, When we were kids we had a pirate FM station  
>  
> that  
>  
>>>broadcast for almost a mile with a Radio Shack kit.  
>>>  
>>>It really has a different purpose than replacing a burned CD. I always  
>>>thought it would be cool if someone made

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Posted by [Tony Benson](#) on Thu, 01 Sep 2005 19:31:02 GMT  
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nson314@bellsouth.net> wrote:  
>1. What's a good plugin for noise removal? Anything that will work in Paris?  
>Standalone?  
>  
>2.What are my options for replacing one or both pickups in my Telecaster  
>with humbuckers? I love the way my guitar sounds, and wouldn't want to  
>necessarily change the sound itself, but I sure would love to kill the



>noise...

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>I play through an old silver-face Fender Twin that a local amp guru has  
>rewired to black-face specs. It sounds amazing, and it's in top shape, but  
>I'd love to get that Tele-Twin combo a little quieter...

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>Jimmy

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>Good call Tony.

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>Thanks Dimitrios!

"Dimitrios" <musurgio@otenet.gr> wrote:

>Dear Dale,

>We were talking about comprssion in aux some posts before...

>If you wanna use compression on a vocal track just put it as insert on eds

>slots so you will have only wet compressed vocal output.

>If you wanna mix uncompressed and compressed (mostly used for drums+bass)

>please read my previous post.

>"Compressed drumtracks along with uncompressed"

>I hope this helps a bit...

>Regards,

>Dimitrios

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>"Dale" <dalebradleycello@yahoo.com> wrote in message

>news:4316a20f\$1@linux...

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>> My problem (well, one of the lesser ones anyway):

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>> I used mild EDS compresion (in the Aux) to tame the loud

>> toilet paper tube (a rather large one). Is this possibly an issue

>> due to mixing both compressed / uncompressed signals? If so, is

>> it somehow normal procedure to insert the compression into the

>> more sense rather than blending wet/dry signal in the aux.

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>> I recorded live tracks (piano, voice, cello, flute) together

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>> grade level directions would be much appreciated.

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>Or stand inside a well grounded faraday Cage to put your parts down.

On-stage it would look very "Spinal Tap" ;-)

David.

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<http://www.fralinpickups.com/humbuckers.asp#p92>

I use the "Twangmaster" and love it. It's 2 coils, but each coil is only covering 3 strings. That way the coils can be in series, so you get the silence of a HB, but because only 1 coil picks up each string, you get the sound of a single.

Another option, if you want something to go in the standard cutout is Chris Kinman's stuff.

<http://www.kinman.com>

His Tele pickups are very quiet and sound terrific, and don't require cutting any larger openings in anything. He's an Aussie, but his

pickups sound like Fullerton (or maybe Memphis) if you know what I mean.

Inside Paris, sometimes I simply go around editing out the spaces between guitar parts to get the hum out if I just have to use a guitar with a buzzy pickup on it. Lot's of work, but effective unless the guitar is clean, and mixed way up front.

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Dedric Terry <dedric@echomg.com> wrote:

>Anonymous posting of politically motivated website articles using every  
>topic from the Iraq war to AIDs as to argue why the Bush administration  
was

>responsible for not preventing the levee break isn't a well reasoned basis  
>for a legitimate debate.

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>in article 431769bb@linux, justcron at justcron@hydrorecords.compound wrote  
>on 9/1/05 3:51 PM:

>

>> not really guys... shooting the messenger isn't a legit debate point,

>> although you did provide some additional info.

>>

>> "Dedric Terry" <dedric@echomg.com> wrote in message

>> news:BF3CC2D2.4CB%dedric@echomg.com...

>>> Good call Tony.

>>>

>>> An Army Corp of Engineer rep said yesterday in an interview that it was  
>>> years ago when the levee was inadequately designed. The reason - they  
did

>>> a

>>> cost/benefit analysis and a more secure levee didn't make sense - I guess

>>> the probability of a Cat 5 hurricane was in the negligible range at the

>>> time, or they didn't know it would be that bad. Hindsight is always

>>> 20/20,

>>> especially for those that have nothing to do with planning beforehand...

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>>> The levee is mostly porous rock and earth, not concrete and steel.

>>> Current

>>> federal funding had nothing to do with it - that was maintenance money  
at

>>> best, not redesign. The engineer pretty much said there was nothing that

>>> could have been done to the levee short of rebuilding it from scratch

that

>>> would have stopped what happened.

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>>> Please, troll, don't waste our time with politically motivated rantings.

>>> Placing blame is a complete waste of time, especially for people who  
just

>>> lost everything in New Orleans, Louisiana and Mississippi. People posting

>>> rantings as a way to stick it to the administration are no better than

>>> price

>>> gouging hotels and gas station owners in Louisiana and Miss -

>>> opportunists,

>>> at best. The gulf coast is suffering enough, and our country needs to

>>> exercise a measure of respect and cohesiveness to resolve the energy  
>>> crisis  
>>> we may be facing.  
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>>> in article 43175704@linux, Tony Benson at t o n y @ s t a n d i n g h a  
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>>> o n . c o m wrote on 9/1/05 2:31 PM:  
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>>>> Ok, everyone together now! TROLL!  
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>>>> Tony  
>>>> (yes, my real name and everything) ;>  
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>>>> "Time For a Revolution" <stickittobush@whitehouse.crap> wrote in message  
>>>> news:43174564\$1@linux...  
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>>>>> Bush on Good Moring America today....  
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>>>>> "Who would have thought the levee would have breached?"  
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>>>>> By Sidney Blumenthal  
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>>>>> Biblical in its uncontrolled rage and scope, Hurricane Katrina has  
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>>>>> Roosevelt: "And he knew that the best way to bring peace and stability  
>>>>> to  
>>>>> the region was by bringing freedom to Japan." Bush had boarded his  
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>>>>> own  
>>>>> "Streetcar Named Desire."  
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>She's runnin' BEAUT!! :o)

Last night I got Paris and all my standard plugins loaded. Had a couple of issues briefly where I hadn't restarted after installing some DX plugins which the system didn't like much. Once I got that resolved it seemed to work perfectly. I didn't give Paris a really lengthy test though, but had a listen to a few projects... engaged and disengaged some plugins. Seemed solid, and very quick. Extremely usable.

And my favourite test of "snappyness" of all, on boot, when the black Windows screen with the blue Knight Rider bar comes up, the blue bar travels from left to right a grand total of ONCE! :o) In bootup, the machine spends far longer getting it's BIOS organised than it does booting Windows.

Also, I remembered the old Aaron Allen tweak of putting a "Prefetch.bat" in startup which has the line "del C:\Windows\Prefetch\\*.\*/q" and hence clears the Windows prefetch. That actually sped up the boot process from about 4 knightrider bars to just the one.

Made a ghost. Now I'm ready to move on to loading the general Audio Apps boot, which will involve starting from the Paris Only boot, and adding Cubase and Reason. I'll have to buy the BFD one day soon too...

Cheers,

Kim. I do indeed work in the industry. No denials, no apologies. If I am stereotyped for not automatically assuming that every anti-industry viewpoint is valid, then so be it.....again no apologies. I do question both sides. If you have read some of my posts here you might discover that I'm a somewhat reluctant conservative, perhaps siding with the least dangerous of the two evils I see and seeing very little in the middle that looks reasonable to me.

"JimT" <JT@sansun.com> wrote in message news:43174724\$1@linux...

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> No disrespect intended DJ, but your response just reinforced the stereotype

> of someone who works in the industry.

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> "DJ" <animix\_spam-this-ahole\_@animas.net> wrote:

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>> "gene lennon" <glennon@NOSPmyrealbox.com> wrote in message

>> news:43171cbd\$1@linux...

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>>> Has anyone noticed that after working five years on the new White House

>>> sponsored

>>> energy bill, the U.S. Congress passed a bill that fails to reduce

>>> America's

>>> dependence on oil, fails to address the threat of global warming, fails

>>> to

>>> make any significant new investments in clean energy, and fails to help

>>> consumers

>>> at the gas pump.

>>> What it did do includes:

>>> Grants the oil and gas industries an exemption for their construction

>>> activities

>>> from compliance with Clean Water Act.

>>> Increases America's oil dependence by 130,000 barrels of oil per day in

>>> 2014

>>> through extending the 'dual-fuel' loophole.

>>> Authorized billions in new subsidies to the oil industry. (Who are all

>>> showing

> >> record profits without the government bonuses.)  
> >> Give away billions in unrelated pork fat. (The biggest giveaway of all  
> >time.)  
> >>  
> >> The list of pork fat is too long and too funny for me to list but my  
> >personal  
> >> favorites are:  
> >>  
> >> Giving \$800 million for companies in Texas and Louisiana to compensate  
> >for  
> >> their phase out of the gasoline additive MTBE, which studies have  
> >concluded  
> >> contaminates ground water and causes cancer.  
> >> Since we will now longer allow you to poison us we will give you \$800  
> >million  
> >> for your trouble. "Coincidentally", the Bush family has considerable  
> >holdings  
> >> in one of the companies.  
> >  
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> >  
> >> Not only opening up parts of the Alaska Wildlife Refuge, but also  
> >similar  
> >> areas in Wyoming. Why Wyoming?. "Coincidentally", the Chaney family has  
> >future  
> >> Oil/mineral rights to some of this property.  
> >  
> >> There are huge natural gas reserves in Wyoming on the eastern slope of  
> >the  
> >> rocky mountains. One of the biggest known ones is right outside of  
> >Glacier  
> >> National park. You gotta go where the gas is to get it. The fact that  
> >Cheney  
> >> owns mineral rights there is certainly fortunate fro Cheney, but he's  
> >from  
> >> Wyoming. I doubt he moved his family there 3 or four generations ago just  
> >> because he knew that someday we would have high natural gas prices.  
> >  
> >> His brother is a surveyor in this area and I have worked with him before.  
> >If  
> >> Cheney is anything like his brother, it might be a good thing to get to  
> >> know him before casting stones. Yeh.....I know.....its the

Halliburton

> >thing, right?

> >

> >>

> >> In 2003, if you bought a Toyota Hybrid and owned a business you would  
> have

> >> received \$450 in tax reduction from the IRS because of its energy  
> >efficiency.

> >> If you bought a Hummer H1 (7 miles per gallon) and owned a business,  
you

> >> would have received aprox. \$30,000 in tax reduction from the IRS.

(Public

> >> outcry has recently forced the closure of this tax loophole.)

> >

> >Most of the folks around here who own Hummers are tree huggers. (Just a  
> >little perspective)

> >

> >;o)

> >>

> >> Gene

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> >> P.S. DJ - I agree. Our countries largest vulnerability is our absolute  
> >reliance

> >> on our current energy model. Any time our oil sources are negatively  
> >effected

> >> we go into an instant recession. This essentially enslaves us to the  
large

> >> foreign oil producers and causes the "need" for Big-Stick diplomacy.

> >>

> >> Unfortunately we are about to come to a critical fork in the road.

> >>

> >> The people who will profit the most will be pushing the idea that we  
must

> >> reduce or remove all environmental constraints on energy suppliers to  
> help

> >> us achieve independence and keep our economy working. This will help  
make

> >> many of them even richer and will shorten the time before we completely  
> >run

> >> out of US oil reserves, but will also cause tremendous health issues  
and

> >> will result in serious environmental impacts. Some of this already  
> >started.

> >> Only a national level push for new energy sources and energy  
independence,

> >> similar to the 1960s push to go to the moon, will help us now.

> >> That plus having a White House and Congress that actually cares more  
about

> >> saving our economy then their personal wealth.  
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> presented the information on the positive impact, while covering up known  
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Gene.....with all due respect to you, I know quite a few environmental activists and not a single one would \*get onboard\* something like this and take the additive companies at their word on anything.. This is finger pointing spin. Consider the source. I'm not saying that MTBE is a good thing and that the money. The fact that it's the California State legislature, arguably the most corrupt and partisan outside of New York and Texas, I'd say there is plenty of room to question the source.

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Posted by [Tony Benson](#) on Fri, 02 Sep 2005 16:24:17 GMT  
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t;  
>> "uptown jimmy" <johnson314@bellsouth.net> wrote:  
>>> I tend to agree on this point. The first thing that started really scaring  
>>> me was the fact that the governer of LA was near hysterics in a televised  
>>> news conference. That was Tuesday, and things have gotten much worse since  
>>> then. And the mayor of NO doesn't seem entirely competent to handle the  
>>> situation, either...to put it nicely...



>>>  
>>> LA leadership is not up the task, never could have been. It's just so  
>>> obvious the whole place got caught with a uppercut it never bothered to  
>> take  
>>> seriously.  
>>>  
>>> It is unconscionable, however, how slow and lazy the Federal response has  
>>> been. The various leaders of various agencies, including our not-so-esteemed  
>>> boy king, have spent more time making excuses, it seems, than in making  
>>> things better.  
>>>  
>>> I am simply horrified with what is unfolding. The political repercussions  
>>> will be massive. I predict the head of FEMA will be jobless very soon.  
>>>  
>>> Jimmy  
>>>  
>>> "DC" <dc@spammersinhell.com> wrote in message news:43186e80\$1@linux...  
>>>  
>>>> I'm with you.  
>>>>  
>>>> The president is not an inspiring leader at times of diaster, but this  
>>>> f\*ckup has to be laid at the feet of the tradition of corruption and  
>>>> poor government in NO. They knew exactly what would happen  
>>>> to the levies, they knew exactly how deep the water would be and  
>>>> where it would go. Why was there not an effective emergency  
>>>> plan? Where was the local leadership? When NO needed a  
>>>> Giuliani they got a worthless whiner and no plan. Bush was slow,  
>>>> as he usually is. No excuses. But compared to the city and state  
>>>> bozos he is a paragon of virtue.  
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>>>> DC  
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