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Posted by [j-cron](#) on Wed, 08 Nov 2006 21:54:38 GMT
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Posted by [Tony Benson](#) on Wed, 08 Nov 2006 22:32:57 GMT
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yeah exactly. I figured it was a nice uplifting message anyway, but yeah we know the reality. Both parties suck.

I dont even know what party I am anymore. I mostly vote Green because its not the status quo, not that they have a great plan or organization.

I'm sure we'll need to kick the dems out of congress in 12 years too, but maybe for now theres a little light at the end of the tunnel.

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They are eating our lunch, they sell us out by the second.

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People we need more than a two party system. We need to take back our government.

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The other issue facing the US is China. If we are not careful we will have Chinese boots on American soil in the next 30 years. Make no mistake, they are planning on it, just do some research on it. They plan to take over the world.

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cool response deej, but can you explain that a bit? There was the internet boom and bust but I dont think Clinton can take credit for that... lol.

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you can use some semblance of a real name... dont worry about the domestic spying stuff...

"no" <no@no.com> wrote in message news:45526b88\$1@linux...

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Thats not really fair or insightful Deej. You need to factor in the fact that Clinton balanced the budget and Bush spends your great grandchildrens money every day.

Somethin to think about.

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Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Thu, 09 Nov 2006 03:40:28 GMT

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I find that more than a little scary..but I sure applaud the democrats for pulling it off.

Reality is that these *conservative* Democrats *owe* the liberal leadership already. Pelosi orchestrated this and these freshman congressfolk are in the bag....mere window dressing to put a moderate face on. Unless they tow the liberal line, they will get nowhere as *career politicians* and will not be supported next election by the Dem power structure so the real winners were the manipulative leftist power structure. It's diabolically clever. They make guys like Carl Rove seem like rank amateurs when they put their minds to it.

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DJ, I thought you were a Democrat??

Here in the midwest, the economy is not as good as we bring told. I's very bad. Wages have not increase in years. Massive lay-offs are everywhere here in the rust belt. That's Why we voted he way we did. Tax breaks for the rich, no break for the workign class??? What gives..??

And, the current administration has not had a plan for Iraq as well. I for one and glad that there is a change called BALANCE.. Now, they can repeal that "eavesdropping act, kill the Patriot act..Get back to a right to decent, without being called an American..

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Posted by [LAD](#) on Thu, 09 Nov 2006 05:07:18 GMT
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Good post...Whoever you are..

"no" <no@no.com> wrote:

>
>>So why didn't they say they would get along before the 7th? Why haven't they
>>done this for the last 40+ years? Why have they been so divisive?
>
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>>they pointed at the Republicans and screamed "Scandal". So typical! "Look
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parties
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stay
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>the two party system works, they keep us divided and weak, they stay in power,
>and we lose!
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>The other issue facing the US is China. If we are not careful we will have
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the
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>prosecutions so they can stay in power for years and years to come. This
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Posted by [LaMont](#) on Thu, 09 Nov 2006 05:14:08 GMT
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And to their "tax everything that moves & when it stops moving
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again just so I can have all the social welfare advantages that
I'll now start paying even more for, starting - oh, probably

tomorrow.

Neil

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Posted by [Dedric Terry](#) on Thu, 09 Nov 2006 16:16:07 GMT
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I think that's a good assessment Thad - I agree with you. We are much more
directly impacted and influenced by the market/economy than political
leadership. After all, money pays the bills, not political platforms (in
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Dedric

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of weakness. They will be encouraged by this.

Regards,

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now we know you're full of shit.

> The two parties are both bad!

yep.

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The 527s and the lobby groups have to go first. The electoral college is second. We need to count the exact vote of the people some how, and I don't care if it takes a month.

The system is broken, and patching it with the same kind of people (Democrats) is not going to fix it. We need real change, and that can only be done by WE THE PEOPLE!!!

Subject: Re: message from democrats
Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Thu, 09 Nov 2006 18:34:45 GMT

Really? That sounds like no benefit of the doubt whatsoever.

What I'm hearing from you, DeeJ, seems like an echo of the constant drumbeat of Democrat hating and bashing put forth by special interest influenced and poorly researched (but cheap to produce) talk radio and TV blather that are to journalism as shit is to caviar.

Now, some of your repeated Democrat bashing may well be deserved, but it sounds like rehashed propoganda because there is almost nothing positive in what you say about the Democrats, almost nothing negative about the Republicans, and especially because the same talking points keep coming up.

-Hiding behind "Bush Bashing" and "Bush Hating" Bush-as-victim accusations as if there are no reasonable areas to disagree with the policies and performance of the current government, (which by the way includes three branches, not just the executive). This is a very slanted interpretation of events and of the actions of the electorate in this election.

-Meanwhile bashing Clinton, blaming Clinton and Clinton hate in ironic amounts. While ignoring all Republican components to government during his 8 years in office, and ignoring all that came before and since. This is also a very slanted interpretation of current events.

-Projecting every mistake and misstep of the Republicans onto the Democrats. As if the Republicans can do no wrong and Democrats can do no right.

-For that matter, making this about the political parties instead of the individuals involved.

Personally, I think there are competent/trustworthy and incompetent/corrupt people in both parties. And unethical people running the propoganda machines whose talking points you seem to be repeating.

It might help to turn off the TV and radio for a couple of months (at least the one-winged variety), write a long letter to your congressfolk about your concerns, and see if you can truly give the next congress the benefit of the doubt while they get to work. There's a lot that needs to be done.

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>>> trial involving a big-time drug ring and accepting a \$150,000 bribe. He
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I've spent the last few years working in one of the most successful money managing organizations in history, so I follow markets (willingly or not) on a daily basis. The petrodollar thing is just nonsense. The rest of what you say, about foreigners holding massive amounts of US debt, is true. I don't necessarily think it's all that much worse to have Japanese banks hold that debt instead of US banks, and those banks are so internationalized it might not make any difference. The real problem, though, is that we have that massive debt in the first place, no matter who holds it. And that debt is just our governmental debt, no the personal debt and interest only loans that have been written. But if tomorrow the Euro is used for some percentage of oil transactions the world won't end, and the US won't be massively changed.

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Energy policy needs immediate attention. And some amount of time for
better policies to help, as you say.

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terrorists directly control their course of action (or inaction).

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Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Thu, 09 Nov 2006 18:46:47 GMT
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I have a good mattress, I'll happily store your excess cash and stuff. :^)

Historically, the investment climate has been good and bad under the leadership of both major parties, so I can probably come up with an investment strategy better than a mattress no matter who's in power...

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Democrats have been responsible for some questionable spending decisions. However Republicans have done little to provide a better example. Republicans have to take a hard look at their own government spending because they have managed to break all the records. The deficit is more than it has ever been. If taxes go up it will be most likely because of the need to pay the bill due on that.

Taxes are one element of living expenses but not the major piece. For example, I don't know about your neck o' the woods, but here we're paying more for gas the day after the election than we did for the few stable weeks before the election, and not because of taxes or sudden government policy change.

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The "they" in that case was the Democratic voters voting in their own state primary. Local voters have the right to choose their candidate and Lieberman did not win the primary.

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It takes money to fight money.

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>>>living hell

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>>Oh yeah, that's REAL productive. That'll get us EVERYWHERE!

>> (not)

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>>>AND stop the use of FEAR (Foxnews) to control the electorate..

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>>How? By using CNN & Chris Matthews to control the electorate?

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>>>More power to them !!
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>>And to their "tax everything that moves & when it stops moving
>>tax it's offspring" economic strategy... thanks, LaMont - you
>>make me want to go back to earning no more than \$10k a year
>>again just so I can have all the social welfare advantages that
>>I'll now start paying even more for, starting - oh, probably
>>tomorrow.
>>
>>Neil
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Subject: Re: message from democrats
Posted by [steve the artguy](#) on Thu, 09 Nov 2006 20:57:53 GMT
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"no" <no@no.com> wrote:

>
>Bolton is as good as gone. Wait till you see the wormy grease ball they
will
>replace him with.

I shall not miss him or his mustache. A real lover of democracy.

-steve

"Im with the Bush-Cheney team, and I'm here to stop the count."

Those were the words John Bolton yelled as he burst into a Tallahassee library on Saturday, Dec. 9, 2000, where local election workers were recounting ballots cast in Florida's disputed presidential race between George W. Bush and Al Gore.

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Subject: Re: message from democrats
Posted by [TCB](#) on Thu, 09 Nov 2006 21:31:43 GMT
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You know more about energy than I ever will, but from what I read clean energy is way, way, way off as a viable replacement for hydrocarbons. Obviously it's a great idea to get the ball rolling, for political and environmental reasons, but it's going to be a long time. I'm also personally all for exploiting domestic energy stores AS LONG AS THEY ARE TIED TO CONSERVATION PROGRAMS. And they should be paid for by gas taxes so all the soccer moms I see driving a Ford Explorer 'Osama Special' on I-95 will be footing the bill for their largess.

As far as negotiating with terrorists, the US has not only negotiated with terrorists before we have trained, paid, and provisioned terrorists all over the world. Sometimes we trained actual insurgents (Nicaragua), sometimes irregular state supported terrorists (El Salvador, Iran), sometimes actual open state terror (Dominican Republic). Ironically, or tragically depending on your opinion, Saddam was one of the bloodthirsty state mass murderers we funded for a very long time and Osama (along with nearly every thug in Afghanistan at one point or another) was greatly helped by US and US approved Pakistani money and training. So we're fine with terrorists on a moral and

practical level, and have treated with them constantly since at least WW II, we just don't like being the recipient of the terror.

TCB

"DJ" <no@way.jack> wrote:

>Are you really happy that our economy is artificially propped up with
>trillions

>of dollars borrowed from countries like China?

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>Absolutely not....and who praytell, gave China the jumpstart that vaulted

>them into the position they are in nowadays?

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>>It's bad enough that we have placed ourselves in the position that we need

>>a constant flow of mideast

>oil to keep our economy going.<

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>I agree. A president with some foresight would have recognized this back

>when we had the time to do something about it, especially upon having had

>ward publicly declared on this country by Al Qaeda. So what are we going
to

>do? Are the Democrats going to solve this? In order to do so, we need to

>become energy independent *as in..yesterday*. Now how to go about that when

>all domestic energy options other than drilling for oil in old, depleted
oil

>and gas reservoirs here are off the table whereas solutions that *are

>proven* could bring this about within the next 5 years are off the table?

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>I'm all for clean energy. enough clean energy to sustain flour economy is
15

>years away, at least. We don't have 15 years...especially with a party in

>power that is willing to negotiate with terrorists, which to them is a sign

>of weakness. They will be encouraged by this.

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>Regards,

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>DJ

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>"Gene Lennon" <glennon@NOSPmyrealbox.com> wrote in message
>news:4553565b\$1@linux...
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>>>3. Since the republicans have rebuilt the economy that Clinton destroyed,
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>>>and it usually takes the democrats at least 4 years to wreck a good
>>>economy,
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>>>the border control issue is going to be their biggest domestic challenge.
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>>>They are going to have to carry the ball on this and if it is not
>>>effective,
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>>>the responsibility will fall in their lap.
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>> This is from an article in the New Yorker that is about a year and a half
>> old. The numbers are much worse now.
>> Are you really happy that our economy is artificially propped up with

>> trillions
>> of dollars borrowed from countries like China? It's bad enough that we

>> have
>> placed ourselves in the position that we need a constant flow of mideast
>> oil to keep our economy going. Very few Americans understand the danger
>> of
>> working under the threat of petrodollar conversion. (
>> <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Petrodollar>).
>> But. To also be so far in debt to China that they have REAL influence
>> on
>> our policies is unconscionable. This is the hidden economy of the Bush

>> years.
>> Funny but it has been very good for The Carlyle Group and Halliburton.
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>> "Last year, Asian countries invested almost four hundred billion dollars
>> in the United States, mostly in government bonds. China is effectively

>> taking
>> most of its excess national savings and lending it to the United States.
>> The Japanese, who despite their creaking economy remain flush with
>> savings,
>> bought a quarter trillion dollars of American debt last year, even though

>> the interest is lousy and the assets themselves are losing value. More

>> than

>> any other nation in history, the United States depends, economically,
on

>> the kindness of strangers."

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>> http://www.newyorker.com/talk/content/articles/050418ta_talk_surowiecki

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>> Gene

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Subject: Re: message from democrats

Posted by [gene Lennon\[3\]](#) on Thu, 09 Nov 2006 21:42:51 GMT

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"TCB" <nobody@ishere.com> wrote:

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>I've spent the last few years working in one of the most successful money

>managing organizations in history, so I follow markets (willingly or not)

>on a daily basis. The petrodollar thing is just nonsense.

Then you should know...

You think the United States does not derive economic benefit from having
its currency serve as the dominant international reserve currency?

You think the big oil companies are in favor of the switch to euro based

of millions in PAC funds. It may only effect 0.5% - 8% of GDP but it will
have a far greater effect on major oil. Have you noticed that whatever is
good for major oil seems to be what good for America.

This is not just about Dems vs Repubs. Since Clinton's Marc Rich pardon,
Clinton has also found a place on my shit list.

Oil and money, money and oil.

Gene

Subject: Re: message from democrats

Posted by [TCB](#) on Thu, 09 Nov 2006 22:00:39 GMT

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It's a double edged sword. A stronger dollar makes imports cheaper for the

US and makes anything we export more expensive to other countries. The US government right now would like nothing more than to see the yuan stronger v. the dollar to do _something_ to rectify the account deficit we have with China. So it's not a one way deal.

Nobody can quantify what, if any, difference the 'petrodollar' makes in the relative strength of the dollar. I can say this, when markets get scared and capital 'flight to quality' starts nobody loads up on assets in Nigeria and Bolivia. I think that's because, as screwed up as our economy is sometimes, we're still _by far_ the largest and most stable economy in the world. Here's a fed chart for the dollar vs. G-10 currencies.

<http://minneapolisfed.org/Research/data/us/charts/exc1.cfm>

which shows the dollar losing over 20% of its value over four years. No food riots, no mass unemployment, nothing of the sort. Even if one assumes 10% of the value of the dollar is from being a reserve currency (which is absurdly high) that would put us back to being roughly where we were against G-10 currencies in 1997, which that chart uses as its 100 value.

TCB

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Posted by [Jim\[3\]](#) on Thu, 09 Nov 2006 22:05:25 GMT
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I'm no economist, but what happens when the Chinese and/or Japanese decide to cash in their bonds? Other than influence in our government, isn't the only reason they don't now is because their economies depend on our fat ass consumption of their products.

Doesn't it make sense that the day the US consumer is so in dept and broke that they can no longer buy Asian products by the gazillion, they will no longer have a reason to keep they're \$\$ here. Won't they just go prop someone else's economy up. Then what?

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>you say, about foreigners holding massive amounts of US debt, is true. I
>don't necessarily think it's all that much worse to have Japanese banks
hold
>that debt instead of US banks, and those banks are so internationalized
it
>might not make any difference. The real problem, though, is that we have
>that massive debt in the first place, no matter who holds it. And that debt
>is just our governmental debt, no the personal debt and interest only loans
>that have been written. But if tomorrow the Euro is used for some percentage
>of oil transactions the world won't end, and the US won't be massively changed.

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Posted by [j-cron](#) on Thu, 09 Nov 2006 22:13:06 GMT
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"TCB" <nobody@ishere.com> wrote in message news:45539b7c\$1@linux...
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> overreactions to literally scare up more and more followers.
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> As part of a well considered and comprehensive defense, we must interrupt
> this dynamic. To not do so would be to fight with one arm tied behind our
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Posted by [TCB](#) on Fri, 10 Nov 2006 19:10:39 GMT
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Ike is a fascinating one. The most recent (and likely last) president who kinda sorta fit the classical model of a politician. He was a general, a political moderate, a reader, writer, and even a painter. He respected the constitution and the separation of powers, and was thus personally opposed to McCarthy but did little to stop what was a Congressional matter. What's odd was that he helped oversee the transformation of our state from a flawed

but generally improving republic into the empire it became by the time he left office. Then, in that last speech, he suddenly felt something. Remorse? Regret? Concern? And gave us the 'military-industrial complex.' Interestingly, the original drafts had the phrase as 'military-industrial-congressional complex' which is quite more accurate as we see our congress funding Navy installations in home district in Nebraska while transport vehicles in Iraq are not armored. But I guess even Ike wasn't feeling _that_ guilty, or he was talked down from including our noble representatives in his thoughtful complex.

But nevertheless Ike has always fascinated me, far more than other 20th century presidents like Kennedy or Truman or even Roosevelt. As we learn more about just how reckless JFK was, politically as well as personally, the mild mannered moderate conservatism of Eisenhower seems compelling. But one also has to wonder why, if he knew what was happening, he didn't warn of that military-industrial complex earlier and actually do something to fight it. By the time he retired, the goose was pretty much cooked, to all of our neverending detriment.

TCB

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>> This was from Roosevelt's first inaugural and referred to an economic
>> depression. He was trying to keep people from withdrawing their money
from

>> the banks. He certainly wasn't talking about a shooting war/spies and

>> saboteurs.

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>Exactly, and I noted the different context. However the quote is germane.
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>Speaking of ex-presidents and war, Eisenhower said this:
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>industry is new in the American experience. The total
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>> sacrifices from the citizenry of the respective combatants.
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>Right, no one has advocated a sacrifice-free response in this thread.
>Although our current president and congress have actively worked to make

>it seem like little sacrifice has been required by, for the first time

>in history (correct me if I'm wrong), cutting taxes in time of war. Of
>course this only delays the sacrifice a generation or two.
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>essence of American freedom and human rights to the altar of terrorism.
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are in
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>Then we can be united despite our differences. Like a composite material

>with fibers in different layers running in different directions we can
>be bonded together, stronger for our union. :^)
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>IOW, it's OK that we sometimes think differently, as long as we listen
>to each other, respect each other and can consider each other's
>viewpoints. We can draw on all of our strengths to innovate workable
>solutions.
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>crafty enemy AND against those who would sacrifice the ideals and
>freedoms of our country. We must not lose the war in order to win the
>battle. And we must not lose that battle.
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>We must choose paths that serve both our citizens and the people of the

>world, not those that best serve the military industrial complexes of
>the world's nations, nor the short term interests of short-sighted
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>>wannabe despots. This will take leadership in a style not seen for quite

>a while in these parts.
>
>Fear-based thinking on either side of a conflict props up illegitimate

>power.

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>This is among the top dangers of major aspects of our current course.

>While trying to appear "not weak" we run the risk of making it easy for

>those against us to use our missteps, missed opportunities and

>overreactions to literally scare up more and more followers.

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>As part of a well considered and comprehensive defense, we must

>interrupt this dynamic. To not do so would be to fight with one arm tied

>behind our back.

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>We need to think very long term, we need to look at alleviating root

>causes of conflict and we need to consider the best interests of the

>nations and citizens involved. As long as we don't, we are fighting

>without a complete defense and we are in danger of blundering into trap

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>>>> have been planned before this election.
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>>>> it's the fault of this election anyway. Flawed logic is still logic
and
>>>> there's no goat like a scapegoat when the blatherers don't want to
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>>>> the possibility of other causes, like poorly considered policy and

>>>> action by whoever's not being scapegoated.
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>>>> presidents. Worse under Republicans with 9/11, but go ahead and blame

>>>> BOTH the Clinton and Bush Jr. administrations, or if it really makes
you
>>>> feel better, just blame Clinton and give Bush a pass.
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>>>> Personally I can blame foreign policy back at least to WWI for
>>>> contributing to the setup of this situation. So IMO there's plenty
of
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>>>> for those times we're in a blaming mood.
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>>>> assumption that one party or another is eager to invite attack is
>>>> presumptuous. Surely there are at least a few real patriots left in
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Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Fri, 10 Nov 2006 19:39:17 GMT
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If we act in our best interest and the leadership of al-Qaeda happens think we're being "weak" in so doing, it would be stupid for us to be thusly manipulated to act to our detriment just to impress those few terrorists.

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More than one expert on the region has criticized our lack of long term preplanning in Iraq before going in. We're now in a situation that the current (for the moment) policy architects did not anticipate nor prepare for, and it's not a great situation. Many lives lost and \$300 billion tax dollars later, more lives and dollars every day, significant tax money unaccounted for, Iran gaining influence in Iraq, these sorts of consequences have been a significant factor in this election. Voters are asking hard questions, as well they should.

Our various policies directly affect the region and so we must carefully consider their effect. We will never have perfect intelligence systems, a perfectly impenetrable border, flawless law enforcement and a blanket defense against everything nor can we afford that. We can work in that direction within what we can afford but we must also work in other directions to help create peace. There is a balance. Anyone who preaches that there is only ONE avenue of action is probably making money on that avenue or listening to someone who does.

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Consider that that kind of stubbornness and inability to see creative solutions can actually make us miss opportunities to become stronger and more successful, and to help create a better situation for ourselves and for people who live in the region.

Am I being more clear?

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There are elements of the Patriot act; our move toward justifying
torture; and aspects to wholesale wiretapping of American citizens that
are very unamerican IMO.

We must be extremely careful that we do not permanently lose our place
in history as a great step forward in personal freedom and opportunity.
Either by some nutcase reducing St. Louis to a nuclear wasteland or by
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This is not an easy problem, so we need every viable idea on the table
and we need to come together with respect. And we need to remember:

"Those who would give up Essential Liberty to purchase a little
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>> My point is that it's important to operate from a position of strength
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>> terrorists (and by self-serving politicians, for that matter). Can we not
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>>> and saboteurs.
>> Exactly, and I noted the different context. However the quote is germane.
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>> Speaking of ex-presidents and war, Eisenhower said this:
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>> industry is new in the American experience. The total influence-economic,
>> political, even spiritual-is felt in every city, every state house, every
>> office of the Federal government. We recognize the imperative need for
>> this development. Yet we must not fail to comprehend its grave
>> implications. Our toil, resources and livelihood are all involved; so is
>> the very structure of our society.
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>> In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of
>> unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the
>> military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of
>> misplaced power exists and will persist.
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>>> great sacrifices from the citizenry of the respective combatants.

>> Right, no one has advocated a sacrifice-free response in this thread.
>> Although our current president and congress have actively worked to make
>> it seem like little sacrifice has been required by, for the first time in
>> history (correct me if I'm wrong), cutting taxes in time of war. Of course
>> this only delays the sacrifice a generation or two.
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>> We must choose paths that serve both our citizens and the people of the
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>> international corporations, nor the power ambitions of a any obsessive
>> wannabe despots. This will take leadership in a style not seen for quite a
>> while in these parts.
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>> Fear-based thinking on either side of a conflict props up illegitimate
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>> This is among the top dangers of major aspects of our current course.
>> While trying to appear "not weak" we run the risk of making it easy for
>> those against us to use our missteps, missed opportunities and
>> overreactions to literally scare up more and more followers.
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>> As part of a well considered and comprehensive defense, we must interrupt
>> this dynamic. To not do so would be to fight with one arm tied behind our
>> back.
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>> We need to think very long term, we need to look at alleviating root
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Like I said Jamie, once we get a handle on at least fixing the big holes in our homeland security we can then work on long term solutions to why they

hate us so. Hell, I don't even care if we work on the long term at the same time, just get to work on the immediate security stuff now.

Yes, we should act in our best interest. I believe appearing weak to terrorists will not be in our best interest. I'm sorry, I'll have to agree to disagree with you on this point.

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Subject: Re: message from democrats

Posted by [Tony Benson](#) on Fri, 10 Nov 2006 21:10:30 GMT

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Now look, I'm replying to my own damn post when I said I was done. What a dork! ;>)

See my insert below.

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>>>>>>>> news:4553565b\$1@linux...
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>>>>>>>>> 3. Since the republicans have rebuilt the economy that Clinton
>>>>>>>>> destroyed,
>>>>>>>>> and it usually takes the democrats at least 4 years to wreck a
>>>>>>>>> good economy,
>>>>>>>>> the border control issue is going to be their biggest domestic
>>>>>>>>> challenge.
>>>>>>>>> They are going to have to carry the ball on this and if it is
>>>>>>>>> not effective,
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>>>>>>>>> and a half
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>>>>>>>>> placed ourselves in the position that we need a constant flow
>>>>>>>>> of mideast
>>>>>>>>> oil to keep our economy going. Very few Americans understand
>>>>>>>>> the danger of
>>>>>>>>> working under the threat of petrodollar conversion. (
>>>>>>>>> <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Petrodollar>).
>>>>>>>>> But. To also be so far in debt to China that they have REAL
>>>>>>>>> influence on
>>>>>>>>> our policies is unconscionable. This is the hidden economy of
>>>>>>>>> the Bush years.
>>>>>>>>> Funny but it has been very good for The Carlyle Group and
>>>>>>>>> Halliburton.
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> from tearing each other up. Now it looks like that will happen anyway. The
> problem there is so huge and complicated, that I don't have hope anyone can
> "fix" it. We didn't create the "real" problem though. We just removed
> Hussein so the various divisions in Iraq could get back to their centuries
> old civil war unimpeded.

Kinda, but don't forget that modern day Iraq was imposed from the
outside by others:

"Iraq was carved out of the Ottoman Empire by the French and British as
agreed in the Sykes-Picot Agreement. On 11 November 1920 it became a
League of Nations mandate under British control with the name "State of
Iraq".

The British government laid out the political and constitutional

Iraq and defined the territorial limits of Iraq without taking into
account the aspirations of the different ethnic and religious groups in
the country, in particular those of the Kurds to the north. Britain had
to put down a major revolt against its policies between 1920 and 1922."

More: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Iraq

And don't forget that Saddam came to power with our help and assistance,
as part of our cold war policies:

"In 1958, a year after Saddam had joined the Ba'ath party, army officers
led by General Abdul Karim Qassim overthrew Faisal II of Iraq. The
Ba'athists opposed the new government, and in 1959, Saddam was involved
in the attempted United States-backed plot to assassinate Qassim.[12]
Saddam was shot in the leg, but escaped to Tikrit with the help of CIA
and Egyptian intelligence agents. Saddam then crossed into Syria and was
transferred to Beirut for a brief CIA training course. From there he
moved to Cairo where he made frequent visits to the American embassy.
During this time the CIA placed him in a upper-class apartment observed
by CIA and Egyptian operatives. (UPI 'analysis' article)
He was sentenced to death in absentia. Saddam studied law at the Cairo
University during his exile.

Rise to power

Concerned about Qassim's growing ties to Communists, the CIA gave
assistance to the Ba'ath Party and other regime opponents.[5] Army
officers with ties to the Ba'ath Party overthrew Qassim in a coup in
1963. Ba'athist leaders were appointed to the cabinet and Abdul Salam
Arif became president. Arif dismissed and arrested the Ba'athist leaders
later that year. Saddam returned to Iraq, but was imprisoned in 1964. He
escaped prison in 1967 and quickly became a leading member of the party.
In 1968, Saddam participated in a bloodless coup led by Ahmad Hassan

al-Bakr that overthrew Abdul Rahman Arif. al-Bakr was named president and Saddam was named his deputy. Saddam soon became the regime's strongman. According to biographers, Saddam never forgot the tensions within the first Ba'athist government, which informed his measures to promote Ba'ath party unity as well as his ruthless resolve to maintain power and programs to ensure social stability."

More: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saddam_Hussein

> I don't believe being tough with terrorists should be our only course of
> action. We need to explore all avenues to work toward better relations in
> the Middle East, and all around the world. Take care of protecting ourselves
> right now, and I'm all over the making friends thing.
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> I must have mis-interpreted your "wacky beliefs of a few terrorists"
> statement. I thought you were implying that our risk from terrorists is not
> real, or something we need not aggressively address.

Sure it's real. And it's intertwined with Western involvement in the region as mentioned above. Forget that and you lose sight of reality and end up in a blind boogiemans fight. The danger there is the boogiemans becomes this unknown terror that can grow in your head. This way lies madness. If both sides do that, and they have to some extent, it becomes an escalating hatfield mccoys thing, as in Israel - with no end in sight and the whole world eventually in the balance.

> I have a hypothetical question for you Jamie. If by some miracle we could
> reverse all the failed policy and all of our mis-steps, Israel went away,
> basically remove any and all reasons for the terrorists to hate us, what if
> after all that, they still hate us and want us dead? What if it really is a
> war of ideology? What if the "infidels" really must convert or die? What
> then? I don't wish anyone to die by war, aggression or violence, but at what
> point do we decide to either fight or lay down and wait to die. I pray to
> God that this isn't the case. I hope somehow we can find common ground and
> live in peace with everyone. I haven't heard the terrorists ever express
> this option though.

There have been statements but it's hard to put much stake in them. However you can likely read them for yourself on the net, it's at least interesting to see what Osama's stated reasons are for using terrorist actions, and what he says it would take to make them stop. Keeping in mind that he has lied before.

However it is important to understand the needs of people in the region so we don't inadvertently walk into the trap of setting ourselves up as the perceived bad guys, thus encouraging what we don't want, which is

more people being convinced to join al-Qaeda.

Have you ever seen the sorcerer's apprentice bit in Fantasia? Good intentions and amazing power isn't enough, we have to be smart about our policies. We have to understand the power we wield and be as aware and as proactive as possible about unintended consequences.

There are interesting tidbits here, including rumors of Osama's death:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Osama_bin_Laden

As to your question, I am not interested in reliving the crusades now, in the year 2006. I think very few people are, unless whipped up into self righteous fervor by ardent nationalism to the point of jingoism, (in place of patriotism). Whipped up for the benefit of some wannabe despot or someone's short term financial gain at great expense to the world. I think we may finally be getting to the point where such intentions can be seen through. The challenge is to recognize and head that stuff off. Be aware of the tools of dictatorship anywhere such manipulations appear.

But since you asked, I will not convert forcibly to anyone else's religion. Not Osama's take on it nor Bob Jone's take on it. And I'd thank any corrupt or ignorant politicians, wannabe despots, wannabe afterlife virgin collectors and ill-informed uberfundamentalists everywhere to quit fighting and killing each other over matters of God. How absurd, ironic and pathetic. Live with integrity, find your potential, walk your spiritual path and respect the rights of others to do the same.

I believe in freedom of religion, which is guaranteed by our constitution and is our right in any case. Believe what you feel is true, but respect the right of others to do so as well.

Be free to talk and listen, communication is essential and freedom of speech is another basic human right. But remember that your right to swing your fist ends before my face begins. Don't tread on me, bucko.

I also believe in personal responsibility. Mine and that of every citizen that wants our great experiment to continue. We face threats to our system both external and internal and must be ever vigilant. We must be proactive, intelligent and constantly educate ourselves using multiple sources. We must not be manipulated into betraying our rights.

Yep I believe in freedom. Don't even think of taking that away. If you agree, let's stand together.

> I anticipate your response, but will refrain from replying back. You have
> much greater debating skills than I, and besides, I've already broken my
> promise not to get involved in political threads. I'm such an opinionated
> ass! ;>)

Opinions are great, thanks for sharing. And listening. I appreciate the conversation.

United we stand. We have work to do.

Cheers,
-Jamie
www.JamieKrutz.com

> With Respect,

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> Tony

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> "Jamie K" <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote in message news:4554d313@linux...

>> Hey Tony,

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>> I never said anything about "a few wacky terrorists."

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>> I was speaking of the wacky beliefs of a few terrorists, a very different
>> concept.

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>> If we act in our best interest and the leadership of al-Qaeda happens
>> think we're being "weak" in so doing, it would be stupid for us to be
>> thusly manipulated to act to our detriment just to impress those few
>> terrorists.

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>> We should act out of strength of purpose, clear vision and as much wisdom
>> as we can gather, being true to our ideals, regardless of the wacky
>> beliefs of a few terrorists.

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>> More than one expert on the region has criticized our lack of long term
>> preplanning in Iraq before going in. We're now in a situation that the
>> current (for the moment) policy architects did not anticipate nor prepare
>> for, and it's not a great situation. Many lives lost and \$300 billion tax
>> dollars later, more lives and dollars every day, significant tax money
>> unaccounted for, Iran gaining influence in Iraq, these sorts of
>> consequences have been a significant factor in this election. Voters are
>> asking hard questions, as well they should.

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>> Our various policies directly affect the region and so we must carefully
>> consider their effect. We will never have perfect intelligence systems, a
>> perfectly impenetrable border, flawless law enforcement and a blanket
>> defense against everything nor can we afford that. We can work in that
>> direction within what we can afford but we must also work in other
>> directions to help create peace. There is a balance. Anyone who preaches
>> that there is only ONE avenue of action is probably making money on that
>> avenue or listening to someone who does.

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>> Yes you can recognize the possibility of additional attacks on the US
>> without subscribing to the notion that we have to behave shortsightedly
>> and predictably in order to impress a few terrorists with our
>> "non-weakness."

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>> Consider that that kind of stubbornness and inability to see creative
>> solutions can actually make us miss opportunities to become stronger and
>> more successful, and to help create a better situation for ourselves and
>> for people who live in the region.

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>> Am I being more clear?

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>> Cheers,
>> -Jamie
>> www.JamieKruz.com

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>> Tony Benson wrote:

>>> Jamie,

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>>> I didn't imply that you were "blind, deaf and dumb". I respect your
>>> discourse, and strong defense of your views. I just feel the current
>>> situation involves more than "a few wacky terrorists". Also, just
>>> because I recognize there is a real, and likely threat of more attacks
>>> here in the US, doesn't mean I'm an "overcompensating insecure
>>> spendthrift fool undercutting our own democracy with shifty eyed abject
>>> fear". I do understand though that this isn't some war between two
>>> countries, where we can "negotiate" an end to hostilities, or simply drop
>>> our support for Israel, or change our policy and make everything better.
>>> Whether it was decades of failed U.S. policy or not, these people want us
>>> dead right now, and we have to be proactive. Once we do something
>>> significant about our borders and make sure we have the absolute best
>>> intelligence, defense, and law enforcement agencies money can buy, then
>>> we can talk about long term programs to make everyone "like us". Sorry,
>>> gotta go. It's lower body workout day. I have to be in shape for all that
>>> "knee jerking"! ;>)

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>>> Tony

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>>> "Jamie K" <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote in message news:45544bcc@linux...
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>>>>> and a healthy fear of a real threat will keep you alive whereas you can
>>>>> die by living in the fantasy world of an idealistic anachronism, or you
>>>>> can face reality, deal with it for the time being and have something
>>>>> left to argue over once the dust clears.
>>>> Those are two of many choices. Black and white in a multi-colored world.
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>>>> Concern and awareness are useful when focused to motivate planning and
>>>> forethought that translates into appropriate action, no dispute from me
>>>> on that. You can call that "healthy fear" if you like, at the risk of
>>>> confusing it with unhealthy fear.
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>>>> It's dangerously possible, through fear, to react with insufficient
>>>> thought and understanding, and make a bad situation worse.
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>>>> Ask a military planner. Fear is the path to panic, not the basis for
>>>> sound policy or strategy. Ask any dictator, fear is an effective way to
>>>> enslave.
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>>>> "...the only thing we have to fear is fear itself" FDR in another
>>>> context.
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>>>> At any rate, it would be inaccurate to imply that anyone who doesn't
>>>> agree with a particular course of action is blind, deaf and dumb to
>>>> potential threats. Not a true nor useful characterization. Divisive at
>>>> best. And dividing ourselves IS one road to defeat.
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>>>> It's important to recognize what hasn't worked, to be open to better
>>>> ideas. So we can, together, find solutions that help our country and our
>>>> planet achieve peace.
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>>>> The first step toward getting out of a hole is to stop digging. That may
>>>> be one message of this election.
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>>>> www.JamieKruz.com
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>>>>> news:45541a10@linux...
>>>>> Sure, I hope you're wrong, too, DeeJ. Like me, you've been wrong
>>>>> before so there's reason to hope. ;^)
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>>>>> The prediction that we will be attacked again has been made many times
>>>>> before this election. And if/when we are attacked next it will
>>>>> probably have been planned before this election.
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>>>>> But should it happen I'm sure a lot of cable TV blatherers will tell
>>>>> you it's the fault of this election anyway. Flawed logic is still
>>>>> logic and there's no goat like a scapegoat when the blatherers don't
>>>>> want to face the possibility of other causes, like poorly considered
>>>>> policy and action by whoever's not being scapegoated.
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>>>>> We've suffered al-Qaeda attacks under both Democratic and Republican
>>>>> presidents. Worse under Republicans with 9/11, but go ahead and blame
>>>>> BOTH the Clinton and Bush Jr. administrations, or if it really makes
>>>>> you feel better, just blame Clinton and give Bush a pass.
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>>>>> Personally I can blame foreign policy back at least to WWI for
>>>>> contributing to the setup of this situation. So IMO there's plenty of
>>>>> blame to go around through many administrations in both major
>>>>> parties - for those times we're in a blaming mood.
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>>>>> For those times when we can get BEYOND being in a blaming mood, the
>>>>> assumption that one party or another is eager to invite attack is
>>>>> presumptuous. Surely there are at least a few real patriots left in
>>>>> BOTH major parties AND the minor parties.
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>>>>> There are different ways to attempt to meet any threat, diffuse the
>>>>> threat and find solutions for any situation. Maybe, just maybe, we'll
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What do you think will happen to the democrats if another major attack happens on our soil?

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The next few years will be interesting to say the least.

DC

Subject: Re: message from democrats
Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Sat, 11 Nov 2006 02:55:42 GMT
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Simple. Yeah...

It would be great to get beyond black and white thinking. Beyond characterizations that rely on false dichotomies. No amount of straw men will protect us.

Sure, such simplisiticity fits in with the views of those itching to revisit the crusades. But does that seem like a really, really smart strategy in 2006? The crusades created piles of dead bodies and we have such better weapons now. Can't we be just a little bit smarter almost a thousand years later?

Using the Hitler appeasement argument is like fitting Cinderella's sister's bloated foot into Cinderella's petite shoes. The shoe doesn't really fit. There are some similarities between these situations, but many differences. It would be limiting to cling to that one point of view, pretending that some straw man is the only other point of view, and sadly actively avoid considering the vaster spectrum of perspectives available. From which may come other, more viable solutions. With potentially better results than we are currently experiencing.

I hope we will have the benefit of a wider range of views on these and other problems for the next couple of years. There's at least a chance of that now, but it's by no means certain. I wonder what the switch at sec of defense really means. I'm guardedly hopeful.

The last few years have, unfortunately, been more than "interesting."

Cheers,
-Jamie
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DC wrote:

- > Tony,
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- > This is simple.
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- > Either you believe that the terror threat is real, and is a part of a
- > larger movement to impose sharia on the west, and grows from the
- > ideology of hate enclosed within that belief system.
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- > (seen this?)
- > <http://www.obsessionthemovie.com/>
- >
- > Or you think that it is somehow the things we do, or that we did
- > years ago that have made people hate us, and if we just dialogue
- > with the mullahs and dump Israel, they will leave us alone.
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- > Being that they kill other muslims simply for believing a slightly
- > different strain of islam, this is a risky proposition, but there are
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Subject: Re: message from democrats

Posted by [TCB](#) on Sat, 11 Nov 2006 20:37:04 GMT

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You know Don, I really wish I could live in your world instead of the actual world. As you note, things are simple there, even something as complex as 'terrorism' and its motivations/manifestations. Not that I expect this to make much of a dent to DonWelt, but the most flamboyant kind of terrorism, suicide bombing, has been shown to be far more political than religious in motivation. I've read this superb book, but here's a story about it that you can read for free.

http://www.boston.com/ae/books/articles/2005/07/03/why_do_suicide_bombers_do_it/

The only part that religion plays is that civil wars that involve different religions tend to have more suicide bombers, or suicide bombers at all. This isn't unique to any one religion, and in the Lebanese civil war that started modern suicide attacks 70% of the suicide bombers were--take a seat please--Christians, though most of them came from secular groups.

So yes, the 'threat of terror' is real, and I'm sure the next big attack against the US is well into the R&D stages. But it's anything but simple to pull off a major terrorist operation, and anything but simple to stop one, and in the larger picture applying simple answers to complex questions gets us into stupid wars with countries that, until we attacked them, had no history of producing anti-American terrorists.

Some lefties (and paleo-conservatives like me) argue that Bush 43 is the worst president ever. I don't happen to think so, I'd say he's probably one of the five worst but he can't compare to some of the real stinkers. Martin van Buren (though a superb secretary of state) was a disaster, McKinley our first taster of imperium, but for me by far the worst president ever was Woodrow Wilson, who discarded the Monroe Doctrine, manipulated us into WW I, and helped fashion the stupendously idiotic treaty at Versailles that all but demanded another great European war. It shows what a bastard he was that I didn't even get around to his support for the KKK and anti-semitism in one sentence. Nevertheless, the worst thing he did was create the language and thought processes that have been used ever since to make Americans think our country is somehow more than just another country in the world, prone to the same kinds of mistakes and missteps that the rest of history is littered with. European writers call it 'American exceptionalism' and Wilson provided the crucial vocabulary to make it possible. GW Bush's speeches these days sound like Wilson carefully rewritten for someone with major problems speaking in public. All of which is a warmup to another article by a Wilson hating paleo-conservative. This from Bill Lind, who puts the paleo in paleo-conservative and openly refers to himself as a monarchist. Just a little 'outside the box' thinking on Iraq.

http://www.d-n-i.net/lind/lind_11_06_06.htm

TCB

"DC" <dc@spammersinbaghdad.com> wrote:

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>Tony,
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>This is simple.
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>Either you believe that the terror threat is real, and is a part of a
>larger movement to impose sharia on the west, and grows from the
>ideology of hate enclosed within that belief system.
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>
>(seen this?)
><http://www.obsessionthemovie.com/>
>
>Or you think that it is somehow the things we do, or that we did
>years ago that have made people hate us, and if we just dialogue
>with the mullahs and dump Israel, they will leave us alone.
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>
>Being that they kill other muslims simply for believing a slightly
>different strain of islam, this is a risky proposition, but there are
>millions who believe it.
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>I've said it before, but there is nothing more dangerous than
>someone who refuses to take people at their word. Appeasers do
>not gain peace; rather they end up in a corner with no option other
>than the big red button...
>
>What do you think will happen to the democrats if another major
>attack happens on our soil?
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>Will they morph into uber-hawks? Will they give away Israel?
>
>The next few years will be interesting to say the least.
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>DC
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Subject: Re: message from democrats
Posted by [dc\[3\]](#) on Sat, 11 Nov 2006 23:51:40 GMT
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"TCB" <nobody@ishere.com> wrote:

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>You know Don, I really wish I could live in your world instead of the actual
>world.

Start by ending all drug use. Your version of "actual" may get revised.

Just a thought.

>As you note, things are simple there, even something as complex as
>'terrorism' and its motivations/manifestations. Not that I expect this to
>make much of a dent to DonWelt, but the most flamboyant kind of terrorism,
>suicide bombing, has been shown to be far more political than religious
in
>motivation.

There is absolutely no difference between the two in the minds of
those committing the acts.

Just watch the trailer for Obsession.

Terrorism is indeed complex. The choice as to the magnitude of
the threat, and the likely success of various approaches to it, is
quite simple really. You either take the assertions of the leaders
of terrorism seriously or you do not.

>I've read this superb book, but here's a story about it that
>you can read for free.

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> http://www.boston.com/ae/books/articles/2005/07/03/why_do_suicide_bombers_do_it/

Read it. Not very impressed.

Now you read "Because They Hate"

<http://www.americancongressfortruth.com/>

And tell me what she did to bring on the wrath of her persecutors.

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>though most of them came from secular groups.

As most of the Irish terrorists have been. Now compare those attacks to these in number and scope:

<http://www.thereligionofpeace.com/>

Make sure you check out the stats page.

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Ok, so what is your plan? Obviously, the other side has failed in your mind, so I would love to hear an alternative. Remember that americans and millions of others around the world expect a plan that reflects your view, stated above, that

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And what if Europe is a lost cause already?

<http://www.victorhanson.com/articles/hanson021906.html>

<http://frontpagemag.com/Articles/Printable.asp?ID=25256>

<http://www.victorhanson.com/articles/hanson021106.html>

Give me a reason to care what European writers think.

Tell me why you care in particular.

The last election went the way it did, not because Bush was wrong, stupid, or evil, but because

he does not know how to lead, and there may be no solution in the Middle East at any rate. Years ago, we could have started a crash program to get our own oil resources and develop alternatives but no, we blew it just like we blew all the chances to get OBL.

Now we will pay for ALL the stupidity of both sides.

I know you have little faith in the left or the Dems, so you must feel about as cheery as I do concerning the next few years...

DC
