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ABOUT THE NEWS HOLE

It's the new award-winning blog* from the cast and crew of the award-winning television news hour** "Countdown with Keith Olbermann."

We heard about this whole "blogosphere" business from [Tom DeLay](#), and came to the immediate realization that we too, "needed to become involved" in it.

So here it is. Covering the big news, the small news, medium-sized and irregular, The News Hole strives to bring everything you love or hate about Countdown to the internets.

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Special Comment: Neocon Job

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Full text of Keith's Special Comment after the jump.

Finally, as promised, a Special Comment about the President's cataclysmic deception about Iran.

There are few choices more terrifying than the one Mr.. Bush has left us with tonight.

We have either a president who is too dishonest to restrain himself from invoking World War Three about Iran at least six weeks after he had to have known that the analogy would be fantastic, irresponsible hyperbole -- or we have a president too transcendently stupid not to have asked -- at what now appears to have been a series of opportunities to do so -- whether the fairy tales he either created or was fed, were still even remotely plausible.

A pathological presidential liar, or an idiot-in-chief. It is the nightmare scenario of political science fiction: A critical juncture in our history and, contained in either answer, a president manifestly unfit to serve, and behind him in the vice presidency: an unapologetic war-monger who has long been seeing a world visible only to himself.

After Ms Perino's announcement from the White House late last night, the timeline is inescapable and clear.

In August the President was told by his hand-picked Major Domo of intelligence Mike McConnell, a flinty, high-strung-looking, worrying-warrior who will always see more clouds than silver linings, that what "everybody thought" about Iran might be, in essence, crap.

Yet on October 17th the President said of Iran and its president Ahmadinejad:

"I've told people that if you're interested in avoiding World War Three, it seems like you ought to be interested in preventing them from have the knowledge to make a nuclear weapon."

And as he said that, Mr.. Bush knew that at bare minimum there was a strong chance that his rhetoric was nothing more than words with which to scare the Iranians.

Or was it, Sir, to scare the Americans?

Does Iran not really fit into the equation here? Have you just scribbled it into the fill-in-the-blank on the same template you used, to scare us about Iraq?

In August, any commander-in-chief still able-minded or uncorrupted or both, Sir, would have invoked the quality the job most requires: mental flexibility.

A bright man, or an honest man, would have realized no later than the McConnell briefing that the only true danger about Iran was the damage that could be done by an unhinged, irrational Chicken Little of a president, shooting his mouth off, backed up by only his own hysteria and his own delusions of omniscience.

Not Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, Mr. Bush.

The Chicken Little of presidents is the one, Sir, that you see in the mirror.

And the mind reels at the thought of a Vice President fully briefed on the revised Intel as long as two weeks ago -- briefed on the fact that Iran abandoned its pursuit of this imminent threat four years ago -- who never bothered to mention it to his boss.

It is nearly forgotten today, but throughout much of Ronald Reagan's presidency it was widely believed that he was little more than a front-man for some never-viewed, behind-the-scenes, string-puller.

Today, as evidenced by this latest remarkable, historic malfeasance, it is inescapable, that Dick Cheney is either this president's evil ventriloquist, or he thinks he is.

What servant of any of the 42 previous presidents could possibly withhold information of this urgency and gravity, and wind up back at his desk the next morning, instead of winding up before a Congressional investigation -- or a criminal one?

- you must disenthral yourself: Mr. Cheney has usurped your constitutional powers, cut you out of the information loop, and led you down the path to an unprecedented presidency in which the facts are optional, the Intel is valued less than the hunch, and the assistant runs the store.

The problem is, Sir, your assistant is robbing you -- and your country -- blind.

Not merely in monetary terms, Mr.. Bush, but more importantly of the traditions and righteousness for which we have stood, at great risk, for centuries: Honesty, Law, Moral Force.

Mr.. Cheney has helped, Sir, to make your Administration into the kind our ancestors saw in the 1860's and 1870's and 1880's -- the ones that abandoned Reconstruction, and sent this country marching backwards into the pit of American Apartheid.

Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Arthur, Cleveland...

Presidents who will be remembered only in a blur of failure, Mr.. Bush.

Presidents who will be remembered only as functions of those who opposed them -- the opponents whom history proved right.

Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Arthur, Cleveland... Bush.

Would that we could let this President off the hook by seeing him only as marionette or moron.

But a study of the mutation of his language about Iran proves that though he may not be very good at it, he is, himself, still a manipulative, Machiavellian, snake-oil salesman.

The Bushian etymology was tracked by Dan Froomkin at the Washington Post's website.

It is staggering.

March 31st: "Iran is trying to develop a nuclear weapon..."

June 5th: Iran's "pursuit of nuclear weapons..."

June 19th: "consequences to the Iranian government if they continue to pursue a nuclear weapon..."

July 12th: "the same regime in Iran that is pursuing nuclear weapons..."

August 6th: "this is a government that has proclaimed its desire to build a nuclear weapon..."

Notice a pattern?

Trving to develop. build or pursue a nuclear weapon.

Then, sometime between August 6th and August 9th, those terms are suddenly swapped out, so subtly that only in retrospect can we see that somebody has warned the President, not only that he has gone out too far on the limb of terror -- but there may not even be a tree there...

McConnell, or someone, must have briefed him then.

August 9th: "They have expressed their desire to be able to enrich uranium, which we believe is a step toward having a nuclear weapons program..."

August 28th: "Iran's active pursuit of technology that could lead to nuclear weapons..."

October 4th: "you should not have the know-how on how to make a (nuclear) weapon..."

October 17th: "until they suspend and/or make it clear that they, that their statements aren't real, yeah, I believe they want to have the ****capacity****, the ****knowledge****, in order to make a nuclear weapon."

Before August 9th, it's: Trying to develop, build or pursue a nuclear weapon.

After August 9th, it's: Desire, pursuit, want...knowledge technology know-how to enrich uranium.

And we are to believe, Mr.. Bush, that the National Intelligence Estimate this week talks of the Iranians suspending their nuclear weapons program in 2003...

And you talked of the Iranians suspending their nuclear weapons program on October 17th...

And that's just a coincidence?

And we are to believe, Mr.. Bush, that nobody told you any of this until last week?

Your insistence that you were not briefed on the NIE until last week might be legally true -- something like "what the definition of is is -- but with the subject matter being not interns but the threat of nuclear war.

Legally, it might save you from some war crimes trial... but ethically, it is a lie.

It is indefensible.

You have been yelling threats into a phone for nearly four months, after the guy on the other end had already hung up.

You, Mr.. Bush, are a bald-faced liar.

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And more over, you have just revealed that John Bolton, and Norman Podhoretz, and the Wall Street Journal Editorial board, are also bald-faced liars.

We are to believe that the Intel Community, or maybe the State Department, cooked the raw intelligence about Iran, falsely diminished the Iranian nuclear threat, to make you look bad?

And you proceeded to let them make you look bad?

You not only knew all of this about Iran, in early August...

But you also knew... it was... accurate.

And instead of sharing this good news with the people you have obviously forgotten you represent...

You merely fine-tuned your terrorizing of those people, to legally cover your own backside...

While you filled the factual gap with sadistic visions of -- as you phrased it on August 28th: a quote "nuclear holocaust" -- and, as you phrased it on October 17th, quote: "World War Three."

My comments, Mr. Bush, are often dismissed as simple repetitions of the phrase "George Bush has no business being president."

Well, guess what?

Tonight: hanged by your own words... convicted by your own deliberate lies...

You, sir, have no business... being president.

Good night, and good luck.

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 Comments

Special comment -- A president long since living in a world visible only to himself?

Hey Witch King -- I think the Ring is hidden in the White House. Better get over there right away. It's pretty unlikely that Bush will be able to "unthral" himself from Cheney without a little help from you and your friends. YOU'LL be able to see his world. Time to let him off the hook, for sure. Nuclear holocaust, for sure. George Bush has no business being president, for sure.

Anomaly (Sent Thursday, December 06, 2007 9:06 PM)

Am I the only one that stands up and claps after a special comment?! Bush and his whole administration is an international embarrassment.

Jane Doe Philadelphia (Sent Thursday, December 06, 2007 9:08 PM)

Spectacular job Mr Olbermann.

Finally, the truth is spoken.

Bush is a liar. Cheney is a liar.

Impeach both of them

P. Cole Moshimer Kennebunkport ME (Sent Thursday, December 06, 2007 9:10 PM)

Keith,

Keith, if the president is the boy crying wolf when the wolf is dead, you are the lone voice of reason in a wilderness of deceit and apathy. Keep the comments coming. You're the only big-media television journalist with the ... fortitude, shall we say, to call the president what he is. Media must act as a watchdog, and I think many corporate media are so venal or cowardly they fail to identify this spin for what it clearly is. You have my undying admiration and respect.

Sue, Westchester, N.Y. (Sent Thursday, December 06, 2007 9:12 PM)

Thank God Keith Olbermann and MSNBC are willing to expose the truth, regardless of the consequences for the sake of our democracy. It is astounding the President and others have not been impeached and charged with treason - subject to the death penalty.

GW Bush has done more harm to the U.S. than any other since the founding of our noble country.

Keith Olbermann is a breath of fresh air in a dank sewer of Bush government rhetoric.

W. Farris McGee

W. Farris McGee (Sent Thursday, December 06, 2007 9:19 PM)

As a 61-year old American who's dad was a prisoner of war in WW II, who myself was in the marine reserves back during the Viet Nam war, who has one son that was in the Navy and one son who is in the Air Force, I wish to state that I have never listened to a more anti-american, socialist, communist, in denial piece of shi* in my life than Keith Olbermann. Anyone who uses the "freedom of speech" excuse to put out the vermin (lie after lie) that he does day after day after day and professes to be a journalist/newsman is a sad little excuse for a human being. God bless America and God bless Keith and hope he some

day comes to his senses. MSNBC is just as stupid for keeping this idiot on the air with the lowest ratings of any show like his daily cartoon.

Ron Sherman, Norman OK (Sent Thursday, December 06, 2007 9:21 PM)

Keith Olberman is the biggest water carrier for the Democrat party in the media I have ever seen. Gunga-Din would be proud.

He blasts the President for "lying" about the intelligence report from the NIE. The same NIE that gave the President the intelligence concerning Iraq leading up to the March 2003 war. Let's see when the President used the NIE report for Iraq, but now when the NIE has contrary information concerning Iran, the President is lying again.

Seems that all that matters to you and the far left is to continue to call the President a liar? Which is Keithy boy? You libs want it both ways, don't you? The problem is that none of you ever got over the fact that President Clinton lied under oath and ever since that the sole mission of the far left is to paint every conservative a liar.

Well, the way I see it Clinton evened the score for Nixon. But, its never "even Steven" with you lefties.

Your hatred of the President and any conservative is shameful. You're shameful, venomous person and your whole schtick is, to quote your boy President Clinton, "the politics of personal destruction".

You and the far left have such a love or fascination for countries like Iran and Syria, do you think you could say the things you say if you were in those countries and the comments you were making were about their leaders? You ought to thank GOD - uh-oh, I said the "G word" you live where you live and make the millions you make doing what you do.

The reality of it all is Keithy, you're just a weak, sad little man that is mad at the world for reasons only known to yourself. My guess, you got picked last in dodge ball.....JMO....

Phil Sallusti - Palmyra, PA (Sent Thursday, December 06, 2007 9:23 PM)

Way to go Kieth RE: Neocon job. The only news group that tells it like it is.

Miles M. (Sent Thursday, December 06, 2007 9:25 PM)

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During the 50s, Joe Maccarthy was to democracy what a silver bullet was to Dracula, but thanks Edward Murrow, he didn't succeed and democracy was saved. Even though, today the stakes are much higher and the repercussions more grave, the fear that the executive power has instilled in the American people and being American media another casualty of 9/11, afraid of being labeled "Terrorist. anti-patriotic" for not agreeing with all the lies the Bush administration spews, it's nice to know that Murrow is being replaced by Keith Olbermann of Countdown. The sad thing is that he is the only voice in the media today not afraid of tyranny and not afraid of telling like it is. Great job, Mr Olbermann, please help to save America from this tyranny.

Jorge I. Gomez (Sent Thursday, December 06, 2007 9:27 PM)

beautiful

Joe Oklahoma City Ok. (Sent Thursday, December 06, 2007 9:27 PM)

Religion and politics: dangerous combo. It's how an unqualified Texas boy can get to be president despite being unable to tell the truth. Wave your religious flag, get the vote, and then ignore one of the tenets of your faith (something about not lying?). Watch out for another similar story approaching. (Actually there may be a few in this election – you fill in the blank.)

Matt, Tucson, AZ (Sent Thursday, December 06, 2007 9:32 PM)

Wow, it is so refreshing to see one tell it like it is.

I wish NBC would show this in prime time, to enable more Americans to hear the facts you presented tonight.

Thanks Keith, for not caving into pressure to just go along with the administration. The last time the media did this, we ended up in a war in Iraq that will cost us and them a fortune in lives and money.

Kim OConnor, San Francisco (Sent Thursday, December 06, 2007 9:42 PM)

Keith, I agree and thank you for your inspired words of truth.

So, how do you propose we get the liars and manipulators out of the hen house when we have a complicate congress/senate and supreme court... Even if by some miracle we could manage to elect someone above corruption to the office of president, how affective can they be in our corporate controlled, special interest beholding, personal profit before the common good, government of today?

Sincerely, Susan P.

Susan P. sandwich (Sent Thursday, December 06, 2007 9:50 PM)

Great job, Keith! Keep it up.

Paul, Connecticut (Sent Thursday, December 06, 2007 9:52 PM)

Keith, great job!

Now call on David Gregory_and anyone else within the White House you have conections_to lead a boycott of these press gatherings. In light of all the lies, misleading statements, and inpreciseness of this administration, what more evidence do we need that whatever is said is so incredible and irrelevant; I can't believe a good case can be made for wasting everyone's time anymore that already have.

NavySDguy (Sent Thursday, December 06, 2007 10:02 PM)

You're insulting Grant, Garfield, Hayes, Arthur, Cleveland.....

And, if the CIA admitted destroying tapes of suspects being waterboarded, and if as that lying coward always says, "We don't torture." Then does he consider waterboarding to not be torture?

Pol Pot (Sent Thursday, December 06, 2007 10:02 PM)

Thank you for saying it - and for actually doing the job of a journalist and speaking the truth as it is so plain for anyone with information access and objectivity could do it. Everyday I know that for one hour I can get the truth as best it is discernable with this administration. You are invaluable to our nation and our liberty...unlike our president.

Katie Klabusich, Chicago, IL (Sent Thursday, December 06, 2007 10:07 PM)

Woo-hoo! That's the way to bite the bear on the nose, Keith! Words well chosen and well said. Thank you!

Saje Williams (Sent Thursday, December 06, 2007 10:08 PM)

Mr. Bush has set a new standard for corruption and deceit in the (now) Offal Orifice. While some may claim that this Special Comment is hyperbole, anyone with integrity and decent principles who has observed this total travesty of an administration and kept themselves informed must be appalled that these people aren't in prison for their crimes.

Mike, Royal Oak, Michigan (Sent Thursday, December 06, 2007 10:21 PM)

"Iran and North Korea are the states of most concern to us. The United States' concerns about Iran are shared by many nations, including many of Iran's neighbors. Iran is continuing to pursue uranium enrichment and has shown more interest in protracting negotiations and working to delay and diminish the impact of UNSC sanctions than in reaching an acceptable diplomatic solution. We assess that Tehran is determined to develop nuclear weapons--despite its international obligations and international pressure. This is a grave concern to the other countries in the region whose security would be threatened should Iran acquire nuclear weapons."

- Thomas Fingar, NIE Author

July 11, 2007

James, San Diego, CA (Sent Thursday, December 06, 2007 10:21 PM)

Keith, One of your best yet. Kudos, sir!

Fred Carpenter, Surfside Beach, SC (Sent Thursday, December 06, 2007 10:24 PM)

I can only assume that this blog has not been updated yet because all of America is writing Keith to tell him what a good "special comment" he had tonight! Oh well, it will snow here tomorrow and I have the day off so I will have all day to read all the posts.

Keith is the best!

MK, Indianapolis (Sent Thursday, December 06, 2007 10:25 PM)

Incredible. Thank you KO, sir, for speaking the truth.

Dave Hutson (Sent Thursday, December 06, 2007 10:33 PM)

As always you speak the truth. A job well done Mr. Olbermann.

I do wish that the entire political system would work at the intellectual level you present yourself at, but I doubt I will ever see the democratic party bring up these points as well as you do, since that would cause the voters to actually stop and think.

Dave Smith, New York, New York (Sent Thursday, December 06, 2007 10:38 PM)

Keith,

I am a Republican, since Ronald Reagan, who is sick of what I'm seeing in this seemingly self serving administration.

You nailed it right in the button regarding Bush and Cheney's Machiavelian tendencies. I hope someone is looking at some more Machiavelian possibilities.

We started a wars on 'Terror', with Afghanistan and Iraq.

I was just wondering, did anyone in the administration, directly or indirectly, profit from this war or pre-knowledge of it i.e. through investment companies making investments, esp before the war, in defense contractors and/or other companies like ex. Hallibuton that would most certainly profit from a war,.

Also, look at our oil company biased energy policy. Who, besides the people in the White House with oil industry backgrounds, stood and still stand to make loads of money by sticking to oil as our predominant energy resource, and using whatever means it takes, including war, to maintain our dependence on this lucrative, to them, form of energy?

I hope someone is looking at some of these coincidences and looking for and gathering evidence on these possibilities so we can dethrone these 'crooks' and hopefully avoid, at least by them, future self serving international conflicts and wars, not to mention harm caused to us on our own soil.

Mike H.

Mike H. (Sent Thursday, December 06, 2007 10:47 PM)

Thank You, Sir, for saying what the rest of us don't have the voice and camera to say to the nation, to the president.

Chloe, Dallas, TX (Sent Thursday, December 06, 2007 11:00 PM)

Dear Mr. Olberman:

I was one of the seven or eight people watching your show tonight, and I would like to suggest a few changes so that your show would be competitive with the home shopping network in this market.

First, your competition is too strong. The "O'Reilly Factor" is interesting because he sometimes talks with guests who disagree with him. "Countdown" is basically a forum for you to preach to the choir, unchallenged, for an hour. I would prefer to watch paint dry.

Second, your likely viewers are probably watching reruns of "Friends" in western PA at this time. I suggest moving "Countdown" to 9 pm, when liberals are more likely to watch your show than the less popular "Everybody Loves Raymond" reruns in this area. Another possibility is to run the show earlier, before bedtimes and crack houses compete for your fans' attention. O'Reilly fans will spend an hour watching a news and issues program. People who agree with your viewpoints generally don't spend their time this way.

Another idea is to use flash cards, which would enhance the enjoyment and comprehension of your likely supporters.

I hope you can salvage your show.

Jeffrey D. Martens, M.D.
Indiana, PA

Jeffrey Martens, M.D. (Sent Thursday, December 06, 2007 11:14 PM)

Why, Mr. Olbermann do you keep calling him Mr.?

You give respect to one who long ago lost his right to any respect what-so-ever. Respect has to be earned, it is not obtained by birtright or election. Just say Bush or reluctantly shrug your shoulders.

All 7 of them should be in orange jumpsuits. P.S. They are; Bush, Chaney, Rumsfeld, Wolfritz, Feith, Libby, & of course Rove.

Thank You for your time.

Marvin Feldman. (011) (52) (55) 2222-2511.

Marvin Feldman (Sent Thursday, December 06, 2007 11:28 PM)

"A pathological presidential liar, or an idiot-in-chief?"

Keith, do I have to pick just one? And let's have a "twofer" impeachment...Bush AND Cheney!

Deb G, Columbus, GA (Sent Thursday, December 06, 2007 11:31 PM)

Keith, I thought your special comment tonight was excellent, exposing what is wrong with this president and his administration. Thank you Sir for your courage.

James Boswell, San Diego, Ca. (Sent Thursday, December 06, 2007 11:53 PM)

You go Keith! Wow, I couldn't have said it all better myself. (same opinions, thoughts, rationale)

I am so proud of you Mr. Olbermann! You got moxie sir!

It's good to see and hear that someone on this planet still has some sensibilities and sanity! It was such a powerful show tonight, I cannot give you and whomever else, enough accolades!

Ro Mestre, CA (Sent Friday, December 07, 2007 12:07 AM)

Keith, god bless you, you've done it again. Bravo for your courage for helping to make this issue front and center. I cannot believe that anyone still supports this lying President, I live in a country larger than the US and yet I'm informed of your issues in the US; how can they be so uninformed? Your citizens must be sticking their heads in the sand or are just plain stupid. Wake up America and impeach this liar. Liar, liar.

Peter Bidlake

A Canadian fan, thankful for Keith Olbermann

Peter Bidlake (Sent Friday, December 07, 2007 12:12 AM)

I loved this and all of Keith's special comments. It gives me hope that we might be able to get America back from the abyss. I was offended though when Eugene Robinson & Keith ripped Romney's speech on religion. I am a Mormon and am an avid Countdown fan. It thought it was unfair to assume that religion is off limits for politicians. The Bush administration has brought this on by being such horrific hypocrites. Not all of us who believe in God are lying cheats. We should have a chance to have a say in the governing of the country. I do realize we are in a minority now, but if we are genuine, we should get a chance to contribute.

Mary, Gig Harbor Washington (Sent Friday, December 07, 2007 12:23 AM)

Thank you for saying how I feel.

Margo Klein (Sent Friday, December 07, 2007 12:25 AM)

Yes, yes yes. Well done. Now if only Congress would stand up and impeach President Liar and Vice President Warmonger and the rest of their enablers.

Loved hearing the word "liar" over and over and over. It's honest. It's what they are.

Thank God that he didn't get us into yet another pointless and unnecessary invasion and that Cheney wasn't able to bamboozle or threaten the intelligence officials on this one to get them to write the report that supported the NeoConNutJob policy.

Sue, West Allis, Wisconsin (Sent Friday, December 07, 2007 12:37 AM)

Bravo, Keith! . . . and thanks for always reminding us that we actually have a Constitution!

Don Dzinski, Haddon Heights, NJ (Sent Friday, December 07, 2007 1:01 AM)

Thank you! I always remain a little surprised, when I see your show, that commentators are allowed to speak candidly in the mainstream media again, and not simply tout the party line. I find that after seven years of this, I am more often numbed than outraged, but good and feisty rhetoric like this makes me feel like fighting again. My father asked me once, "Which would you prefer, being ruled by a true believer or a crook?" Evidently college students generally choose the true believer option. The Bush and Cheney example is a shining example of the gruesome ramifications of that choice.

Sophia Alexander, Anchorage, AK (Sent Friday, December 07, 2007 1:10 AM)

Keith may be the only newsman that we have today who lays it on the line without equivocation.

Bravo.

Sharon

Sharon Webb, Blairsville, GA (Sent Friday, December 07, 2007 1:10 AM)

It's the long hours of the early morning, when you look out eastward across the ocean. You know it must come, soon now, sooner, if you just wait. In the distance, at the edge of the horizon, there's a patch of light, perhaps the light from a passing distant ship, perhaps the gleam of the reflection of some unknown star or perhaps, just perhaps, the first ray of a rising sun. You wait, you look, you hope and you wait. You know it must come.

Are you the first ray of a rising sun?

Allen Ethridge, Dallas, TX (Sent Friday, December 07, 2007 1:18 AM)

Bravo Keith! It's about time someone spoke the truth about the dishonesty, ineptitude, thuggery and blatant stupidity of this most disreputable group of self serving crooked "Public Servants" I have been witness to in my lifetime. Thank You for being the one visible person with thoughtful and honest response to what will surely be known as the 21st century's Dark Age of the USA.

Michael Holmes, Morris Plains, NJ (Sent Friday, December 07, 2007 1:33 AM)

'You, sir, have no business... being president.' Right, Bush was never elected, and we will not allow a *third* GOP coup d'etat. Great commentary by Keith Olbermann on the Idiot Usurper, Cheney Halliburton and the NeoCONS.

Lori Price, Bristol, CT (Sent Friday, December 07, 2007 1:51 AM)

I CANNOT BELIEVE WE ARE NOT IN THE PROCESS OF IMPEACHING GEORGE BUSH----WHY HAVE WE TOLERATED YEARS OF LIES AND MANIPULATION-IF I WERE THE PARENT OF A CHILD IN IRAQ WHO HAD BEEN KILLED, FOR NO PURPOSE OTHER THAN WHAT APPEARS TO BE THE ADMINISTRATIONS ATTEMPT TO GRAB THE OIL-I CANNOT SAY WHAT IF WOULD DO AT THIS POINT-WHY ARE WE TOLERATING THIS INSANE REGIME1

CAROLYN TODD, LYNNWOOD WA (Sent Friday, December 07, 2007 1:58 AM)

The gall and the audacity of this president are frightening. How can he lie so blatantly and so consistently? Doesn't he recognize any moral authority which might hold him accountable for his lies? He behaves as if he does not believe in a God of any sort, at least not one who would have the power to hold Bush accountable. I just wish the elected representatives of the American people (Congress) and the judicial branch of the government had the moral courage to bring Bush to account for his gross misconduct and his abuse of presidential power.

Eddy Riha, New York, NY (Sent Friday, December 07, 2007 2:08 AM)

Amen

What is more frightening still is that so many American lack the global understanding, fundamental intelligence or intellectual will to see through the smokescreen of lies. Ignorance may be bliss but this level of abdication will surely lead to the downfall of our great nation--if that erosion---like the melting of the polar icecaps has not already become irrevocable

Jonathan Los Angeles California (Sent Friday, December 07, 2007 2:55 AM)

You sir, have every business...being president. Umm...see how the democratic republic system works is that the people eligible to vote sometimes do and then those votes are tallied in each state to represent to electoral college and the candidate with the majority of electoral college votes is then elected president. He may not be the greatest president we've ever had, I agree, but he was elected by the majority and so rightfully does have business of...being our president. If you don't like it you should perhaps resort to logic instead of rhetoric to attempt to make your points.

So, he clearly toned down his threatening talk after discovering that Iran has disbanded its nuclear program after 2003. I don't understand what is so wrong with this. He is talking about a country that at one point (not as much now but obviously still) is an enemy of our country. Their president has on numerous occasions made threats against our country. The comments made after the discovery of their halt in nuclear progress have been much more informed and not of the threatening nature. Equals, now he knows and is backing off from his earlier defiant stance. I do not see what is wrong with this in the slightest.

You soapbox pundits have the easiset jobs of all..sit in a Madison Av. office and bemoan the state of everything. Or is it on Lexington, I can never remember.

How about you do something meaningful instead of sit in a nice leather chair with the AC set to 60 drinking Johnny Walker Blue? Maybe like motivate the masses with actual logic instead of hyperbole. I am not against you, far from it, but blog posts that make no sense do no good (Bush bad...Bush make comments years ago...Bush change comments in light of new info...ummm...Bush still bad). Maybe instead of writing or ranting, you should actually do something meaningful? Or would that take too much time out of your extremely busy day enjoying the benefits of our capatalist society?

I'll be awaiting a response but I gather I probably won't be getting one, if this comment is even allowed by the mods. I'm open to a friendly discussion anytime.

Johnny Doughnuts, NY, NY (Sent Friday, December 07, 2007 4:46 AM)

As always, thank you Keith for a great Special Comment. There was a time when I put a little faith in this administration. In the beginning, even though I didn't like Bush when he was Governor of Texas, I didn't like the Bush family in general, I didn't like the way the outcome of the election of 2000 was accomplished, but since we had a new Commander-In-Chief, I kept an open mind. I don't know when that changed, but it did. In the years since, too much

has happened. Too many scandals, too many lies, too many questionable reasons for what the administration did. Slowly taking away our civil liberties, changing the Consitution to meet their agendas. Just too many to list.

To have someone like Keith Olbermann, a common man really, who has the luxury of speaking his truth, much of our truth, is something I hold dear. He is my voice on many subjects. No one tells me what to believe. I am not an "Authoritarian" who believes what this government tells me is gospel, or for that matter, no one tells me what to believe. I have a mind of my own that works quit nicely, thank you very much.

If the 24% out there want to continue believing what this administration is telling you, then that is your right and your belief, and you're stuck with it. As for me, my hope is that someone will work hard to get our country back. Back to being strong, respected by the rest of the world, our Constitution in place, for this administration has done a despicable job for us, they totally forgot who they're working for.

Laura in Los Angeles (Sent Friday, December 07, 2007 5:04 AM)

Hey, where are all the comments about this stunning Special Comment???

PCM (Sent Friday, December 07, 2007 5:33 AM)

Thank you, Keith. Please watch your back.

Linda

Linda - USA (Sent Friday, December 07, 2007 5:37 AM)

Thank you Keith. America needs to hear the truth.

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