

Salina People for Peace

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The big media lie this week
This lie has been going around that the terrorists hate us because we have nice cars, tvs and other stuff. The government led media really must believe that Americans are a truly stupid people. If I had any belief that there was any truth in this, I would have suggested to Bush that we spend that 70 billion buying these people off instead of using it to kill people. Why do they hate us? Because big American corporations are screwing them out of their heritage, killing them and their children to protect the corporations, and starving their children out of greed. They therefore see us as people without morals, why else would we allow our leaders to do this?

“Never wrestle with a pig. You both get dirty. The pig likes it.” —Old saying

Honesty, anyone?

Why, as Iraq has proven to be the exact disaster that the peace people claimed that it would be months ago, does the American public think that Bush was right all along? Just for the record a friend of mine went back and found Bush's last state of the union address. Here is the list of assertions straight from the president's mouth (with snips in the interest of brevity):

“ biological weapons sufficient to produce over 25,000 liters of anthrax . . . materials sufficient to produce more than 38,000 liters of botulinum toxin. . the materials to produce as much as 500 tons of sarin, mustard and VX nerve agent. . . upwards of 30,000 munitions capable of delivering chemical agents. . . had several mobile biological weapons labs.”

As we reviewed the above list the fact of finding one potential mobile lab seems rather insignificant. It becomes even more perverse when we realize that we went to war on the basis that we had the secret information of what they had, where they had

it, and who was going to use them. When the rest of world asked us to share the information, we made fun of them. Isn't that being just a little bit hard on our friends. Now, I don't deny that Iraq used some ugly weapons, and that Hussein ran an incredibly cruel dictatorship. None of that alters the apparent fact that we(the American people) were lied to repeatedly. Is anyone systematically keeping track? Yes, we are! So be aware Mr. Bush, some of us haven't stopped thinking. Nor have we stopped paying attention to what is right, and what is wrong.

Where are all those people who thought that we should impeach a President for his lies about his personal sex life. Do you realize how many people have died because of Bush's lies? Does anyone care? If we don't stop this president's lies, we may not have a planet left for our future!
America Rise up to Regain your democracy!

The Patriot Act, versions 1 and 2
These acts are the worst threat to our constitutional rights in the history of this country. Try to stop it now, because if you don't, you won't be able to complain latter.

“America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.” —Abraham Lincoln

The most corruption money can buy
Yes, and it may be permanent. The FCC on June 2nd will be voting to give a few people control of all the media. Do you really think these big media moguls will have your interests at heart when the dictator of the US tells them what they must say? They'll be unable to protest, or the government will just give the license to someone else, and no one else will be allowed to run an independent news service. The communists wished they could have done this.

“Through clever and constant application of

propaganda people can be made to see paradise as hell, and also the other way around, to consider the most wretched sort of life as paradise.”
—Adolf Hitler in “Mein Kampf,” 1923

The good life

Is it true that we are the greatest country in the world? Why is it we are 26th in health care among industrialized nations? Why is it that 25% of our children are malnourished? Why do most industrialized nations have less than 40 hour work weeks for most workers, but our president now wants to propose eliminating all overtime? And that’s just the tip of the ice berg.

“Fascism should more properly be called corporatism, since it is the merger of state and corporate power.” —Benito Mussolini (cited by Lewis Lapham in Harper’s, January 2002)

Lower than murder

Is it not murder to kill someone intentionally? Even if you didn’t intend to kill someone, but you use excessive force, you still might be convicted of murder. We wouldn’t even allow someone to kill their neighbors dog next door just because they think that it might someday bite them. What sort of crime would it be to blow people apart, including children, because your fear what might happen in the future. We have committed a grievous sin in Iraq!!!!

“My first wish is to see this plague to mankind [war] banished from off the Earth, and the sons and daughters of this world employed in more pleasing and innocent amusements than in preparing implements and exercising them for the destruction of mankind.” —George Washington in a letter to David Humphreys, July 25, 1785

“You just need to look at what the gospel asks, and what war does. The gospel asks that we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the homeless, visit the prisoner, and perform works of mercy. War does all the opposite. It makes my neighbor hungry, thirsty, homeless, a prisoner and sick. The gospel asks that we take up

our cross. War asks us to lay the cross of suffering on others.” —Dorothy Day

The True Patriot

Some people are obviously unable to see anything wrong with what the Bush administration is doing. They even get upset when any criticism is made about America. Is this really patriotism? I would challenge all readers to think hard about what patriotism really means. One thing it certainly is not is a blind following of leadership.

People who follow leaders blindly, or people who follow just because they don’t want to go against popular opinion, or because they want to feel good about their country, are only good for the Adolf Hitlers of this world. They are unknowingly the assassins for hire. They are unwittingly blocking the true patriots from getting the message out, and will, in the final end, be those who destroy their country.

The true patriot is someone who stays informed, and who holds the government accountable, and questions those acts of leadership that might endanger their country. A true patriot does not tell themselves lies about how great something is when there is obvious need for improvement. The true patriot works for improvement. No freedom can exist for those who fail to admit their own sins and the sins of their fathers. Are there any good patriots left in America?

The jump is so frightening between where I am
and where I want to be ...
because of all I may become ...
I will close my eyes and Leap!
—Mary Anne Radmacher

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