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## From Hype To Hysteria: Fox News Selling Preemptive War Against Iran

Tomorrow marks [the deadline](#) for Iran to comply with U.N. demands to suspend portions of its nuclear program. Fox is using the opportunity to sell another preemptive war.

Today Fox has aired multiple segments featuring pundits who claim that a U.S. military attack on Iran is both essential and imminent. Fox anchors repeatedly parrot these arguments. Watch a compilation of clips culled from the last several hours:



Sen. Chuck Hagel (R-NE) said recently that a military strike on Iran would be “[disastrous, catastrophic](#),” and “would inflame the Middle East in ways we can’t imagine today.” A bipartisan group of national security experts agrees there are [no good military options in Iran](#).

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Full transcript:

FOX ANCHOR: In a [Washington Times article](#), Arnaud de Borchgrave writes, “Odds makers bet sometime before the end of his second term President Bush will order a massive air attack on a wide range of carefully selected targets in Iran, in partnership with Israel, and against the advice of many of his advisers.”

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FOX ANCHOR: Some though think a more hawkish approach is in order, suggesting that President Bush should order the military to hit targets in Iran sometime before he leaves office.

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FOX ANCHOR: Do you see that as a possibility?

BILL KRISTOL: It sure is a possibility, Jon. And I think the President would hate to leave office with Iran well on its way to getting nuclear weapons

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GEN. BURTON MOORE: It’s interesting that we’re discussing pre-emptive strike now as we get close to the deadline, which suggests that more and more people, particularly in conservative circles realize Iran’s not going to back down. The U.N. is not going to be able to enforce it and it will be up to the United States, perhaps Britain with some logistics support from perhaps France and of course Israel, will have to carry out a strike before Iran gets too far down the road here.

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FOX ANCHOR: And could the Bush administration prepare to launch a massive air strike against Iran's nuclear sites? This hour we will talk with one expert who says yes.

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FOX ANCHOR: And I talked to a guest last hour who said military action could be imminent before Bush leaves office.

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FOX ANCHOR: What about a pre-emptive strike on Iran? More and more reports on this now.

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1. In 1966, King was convicted of stomping to death an employee who owed him \$600.

Cavuto: Let's go to Fox News analyst and convicted murderer, Don King for some comments.

-GSD

*Comment by GSD — August 30, 2006 @ [2:08 pm](#)*

2. They are not looking for a good military option. They are just thinking of what a great ratings booster an all out war would be.

*Comment by Albert — August 30, 2006 @ [2:10 pm](#)*

3. For the love of pete, for these idiots it is: **Let the games begin!**

*Comment by Citizen80203 — August 30, 2006 @ [2:10 pm](#)*

4. Yes, let's do a war with Iran! But only if the US Fox News staff is in the first wave of the invasion forces, cleaning minefields by hand, with a toothpick as only tool.

*Comment by Evil Spaniard — August 30, 2006 @ [2:14 pm](#)*

5. leading up the war in iraq, we were asked the question "are we safer with or without saddam". the answer was revealed. The world and the middle east is a lot more chaotic place now since the war. Now we should ask ourselves the same question. If we can't handle iraq, do you think we could add iran, a country much larger? could we handle more terrorists? can our tax dollars do more in iran and iraq than to help our own nations problems, ie. katrina, the uninsured, growing federal deficit, etc. are you willing to join the military in a draft? wouldnt we be better off if we shifted our attention towards terrorists? unlike the slogans for the iraq war, a war in iran will not pay for itself

*Comment by g — August 30, 2006 @ [2:14 pm](#)*

6. The right wing will tell you the difference between us and them is that we are unwilling to defend our country with

war and they are.

The truth is that we BOTH are willing to defend our country with war.

The difference is we just don't CRAVE it like they do.

*Comment by WORFEUS — August 30, 2006 @ [2:15 pm](#)*

7. The truth is they LUST after it.

They WORSHIP it.

They THIRST for it. They thirst for blood.

*Comment by WORFEUS — August 30, 2006 @ [2:16 pm](#)*

8. Well, I must say the neo-cons are looking pretty desperate. As of yet, nobody' is buying their hype about Iran, so they turn to Fox News, (once again), to do their dirty work. Let's see if the sheeple will fall for this.

*Comment by [NMC](#) — August 30, 2006 @ [2:17 pm](#)*

9. Poor jerk offs. They only get pleasure in their pathetic, little lives with some images of jets cruising the skies and waving flags, like any 7th inning. America is pathetic. Im sorry for the intelliget people here.

*Comment by Juan C — August 30, 2006 @ [2:17 pm](#)*

10. Every single one of the Bush Cabal Cheerleaders who foment war on Iran should offer their services to the military right now. Then they need to go see how this works out for themselves. First hand. Live and in person. On the front lines.

With NeoCons, anything short of participating in killing people will only lead to more Chickenhawk leadership.

It's always easy to tell someone else to go fight your Grand Wars. But it's damned difficult to show up and do it in person. People run the risk of facing reality... which for NeoCons is more often than not WAY out of step with what rattles around in their little minds...

*Comment by Jesus Christ God of WAR — August 30, 2006 @ [2:18 pm](#)*

11. To all our men and women in uniform and the civilians who should know better: I'll understand and support you if you just say NO.

*Comment by Udonnome — August 30, 2006 @ [2:19 pm](#)*

12. But for the small problem that, technically, according to the Constitution, Bush cannot order an attack on Iran. But what the hell. Congress don't seem to care much. War powers; whore showers. Let it rip.

*Comment by bubba — August 30, 2006 @ [2:19 pm](#)*

13. As I've said before, the American public is growing immune to terror threats. We've seen too many of them turn out to be so much smoke and mirrors.

An interesting parallel exists in the natural world. The monarch butterfly is quite poisonous, and advertises this fact via its extraordinary color scheme. Predators know what the bright colors mean, and leave the monarchs alone.

The viceroy butterfly is so named because it sports a color scheme almost identical to the monarch's. However, unlike the monarch, the viceroy butterfly is quite safe to eat. The viceroy counts on its false warning to bluff predators away.

After serving up the monarch of 9/11, the administration has followed with a long succession of viceroys, expecting us to react the way they desire us to on the basis of fear alone. For a while, this worked, but after terror threat after terror threat has been shown to be either a government entrapment scheme, a ridiculous exaggeration of a non-threat, or a outright hoax, we're slowly figuring out that the orange and black butterflies are no threat at all.

In the natural world, organisms who mimic poisonous organisms evolve to look as much like the real McCoy as possible. This leads to a situation where there are as many frauds as originals, and a predator learns that any given mouthful may or may not be bad to eat. This undermines the effectiveness of the warning coloration of the original poisonous organism, so the evolutionary pressure on them is to evolve to look as *unlike* their imitators as possible.

The coloration of the administration's terror threats is fast becoming meaningless. Faced with the knowledge that bluff is no longer effective, the administration will go beyond mere bluff to secure the currency of the terror threat.

In short, expect another butterfly soon. But this one won't be a harmless viceroy, but a deadly monarch. The next 'terrorist incident' will cost lives. It's the only way the neocons can revalue the terror threat.

*Comment by TripMaster Monkey — August 30, 2006 @ [2:19 pm](#)*

14. To bad that the strategy of the right wing is always to "shoot first and ask questions later". What we need are people who are willing to use diplomatic solutions, but apparently **diplomacy** isn't a word in George Bush's very limited vocabulary. And, since he doesn't understand the word, he is unable to use that approach. Stupid b\*st\*rd.

*Comment by Willy — August 30, 2006 @ [2:20 pm](#)*

15. So we have a crazy person who denies science running our country and a crazy person who denies history running Iran, so why are we suprised that we have this mess? And I believe neither of them have more than 40% of their country behind them.

*Comment by Elliot — August 30, 2006 @ [2:20 pm](#)*

16. Revolutions exploded in wiser leader's countries...

*Comment by Evil Spaniard — August 30, 2006 @ [2:22 pm](#)*

17. Draft all our fine Young Republicans, point to the map where Iran is (turn on Faux News so they know where to go) and send all those Johnny Keyboardists to the front lines (no, son, you can't work for the Stars and Stripes either).

*Comment by Schwede — August 30, 2006 @ [2:22 pm](#)*

18. *Statesmen will invent cheap lies, putting blame upon the nation that is attacked, and every man will be glad of those conscience-soothing falsities, and will diligently study them, and **refuse** to examine any refutations of them.*

*And thus he will by and by convince himself that the war is just, and will thank God for the better sleep he enjoys after this process of grotesque self-deception.-*

Mark Twain  
*Chronicle of Young Satan*

*Comment by WORFEUS — August 30, 2006 @ [2:25 pm](#)*

19. The world will be against America forever The minute the truth comes out that Iran only was after its right to generate electricity after the first pictures of babies with legs blown off the world will not buy any American products and wipe their hands of you all

*Comment by Tobey Tall — August 30, 2006 @ 2:25 pm*

20. Hopefully, everyone here at least understands that Iran is nowhere near producing nuclear weapons.

For those who know people who dispute this, [here](#) is a good analysis of the non-threat Iran poses to the civilized world.

Rather than assume the administration is telling the truth until shown otherwise, I have found it to be a big time saver to simply assume they're lying, until shown otherwise. I find that the practice of assuming everything the administration tells us is a lie has disturbingly accurate predictive value.

*Comment by TripMaster Monkey — August 30, 2006 @ 2:27 pm*

21. **The day the bombs begin to fall, the mullahs will join ranks with teenagers in the streets of Tehran. Dr. Ahmadinejad will become as politically immune from public criticism as Mr. Bush was on September 12, 2001.**

Iran's program can be delayed a few years by bombing, but only at the price of solidifying Dr. Ahmadinejad's rule in Iran and making him a regional symbol of Islamic defiance. In this non-elected office, he will replace Osama bin Laden. The difference is, Ahmadinejad is a legitimately elected President of a nation with a lot of oil.

**This is about oil, political power, currencies, and above all, legitimacy. It is about the ability of the United States to change regimes its way and then preserve these new regimes from replacement by domestic enemies.**

**The United States and its client state regimes will be replaced in the Middle East. It is only a matter of time. If the United States bombs Iran, the timetable will speed up.**

*Comment by Tobey Tall — August 30, 2006 @ 2:27 pm*

22. *To be a patriot, one had to say, and keep on saying, " Our country, right or wrong," and urge on the little war.*

*Have you not perceived that that phrase is an insult to the nation?*

Mark Twain  
*Glances at History*

*Comment by WORFEUS — August 30, 2006 @ 2:27 pm*

23. Well if Fox wants to start a war then maybe we should ask Fox how many of their employees would enlist in the US military to fight such a war.

*Comment by Vincennes — August 30, 2006 @ 2:32 pm*

24. *Hopefully, everyone here at least understands that Iran is nowhere near producing nuclear weapons.*

*Comment by TripMaster Monkey — August 30, 2006 @ 2:27 pm*

Hopefully Trip. But unlikely.

The right wing has a way of talking on future possibilities as if they are somehow present reality.

Not only do most people NOT realize that not only is Iran more than a decade away from any REAL nuclear capability, but most people still think North Korea can hit the US with a TaiPoDong.

They can't.

Idiot analysts on Fox took the range of the Tai Po Dong (around 2500 to 3000 miles) and decided it could reach the coast of Southern California by calculating Linear mileage. Of course what these bozo's DIDN'T do, was factor in that these were AIR MILES.

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Air Miles between LA and North Korea are about 6000 Air Miles.

TWICE as far as the Tai Po Dong can travel.

But that didn't stop "security moms" all over the country from believing it.

And unfortunately, security moms vote.

*Comment by WORFEUS — August 30, 2006 @ 2:35 pm*

25. PLEASE EVERYONE GO TO TODAY'S CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS ACTION FUND AND THEIR LINK TO A JUNE '06 ARTICLE AT <http://www.prospect.org/web/printfriendly-view.wv?id=11539> DETAILING THE LIES AND DECEPTION ALREADY IN PLACE REGARDING IRAN, BASED ON TWO IMPORTANT WHISTLEBLOWERS, WILKERSON (STATE) AND FLYNT LEVERITT (CIA). SEND THE LINK TO EVERYONE YOU KNOW.

*Comment by Robert Olive — August 30, 2006 @ 2:35 pm*

26. Of course if they would have been right.

If the Tai Po Dong was a Torpedo.

*Comment by WORFEUS — August 30, 2006 @ 2:37 pm*

27. the administration is restricted by their own logic. by not acknowledging their self-imposed criteria for regime change (in which iraq and iran are mirror images) they reveal the inherent hypocrisy of what the US is trying to accomplish. attacking iran is almost a foregone conclusion at this point, because to the Republicans, not appearing wrong is worth any cost - in this case a staggering loss of lives.

*Comment by chris — August 30, 2006 @ 2:38 pm*

28. TripMaster Monkey! Thanks for the laugh!

"I have found it to be a big time saver to simply assume they're lying, until shown otherwise".

I really needed that. Of course you may not have meant us to find humor in it. I guess it's one of those things that you laugh to keep from crying. I have never seen such a bunch of liars in my entire life!

We're all going to have to help each other through these next few months. It's already coming at us fast and furious!

Attacking Iran is a really bad idea. The only ones who would enjoy it are the fools that have been saying, "Nuke Iran!" for years. Like that's the answer.

*Comment by Margaret — August 30, 2006 @ 2:40 pm*

29. It's not preemptive when there is nothing yet to preempt. It's preventative. Preventing Iran from getting something from the endless list of claims.

Pet peeve...

*Comment by [Geoff](#) — August 30, 2006 @ [2:42 pm](#)*

30. Perhaps our military will call in an airstrike on Faux News.

*Comment by [yankeluh](#) — August 30, 2006 @ [2:42 pm](#)*

31. #30  
yankeluh,  
They do have the practice in [such raids](#).

*Comment by [dlet](#) — August 30, 2006 @ [2:47 pm](#)*

32. Speaking from Europe we really dont give a shit if Iran does have Nukes, when have terrorists ever bombed Stockholm, Copenhagen or Zurich never , If Iran in 12 years time gets nukes then im sure they will not bomb Stockholm, Copenhagen or Zurich we have a great foreign policy, UNLIKE YOU TOSSERS

America just because your living a false economy and your empire is slowly decaying you need not take the world to armageddon along with you

*Comment by [Heinz](#) — August 30, 2006 @ [2:49 pm](#)*

33. Here's an article that gives great advice to those who get their news from FOX or any of the other corporate media whores, and still believes he or she is informed about anything of importance.

It's a MUST READ: JUST SHUT UP AND LISTEN!

[CLICK HERE](#)

*Comment by [Reg](#) — August 30, 2006 @ [2:53 pm](#)*

34. *Rather than assume the administration is telling the truth until shown otherwise, I have found it to be a big time saver to simply assume they're lying, until shown otherwise. I find that the practice of assuming everything the administration tells us is a lie has disturbingly accurate predictive value.*

*Comment by [TripMaster Monkey](#) — August 30, 2006 @ [2:27 pm](#)*

Occam's Razor says that the most mendacious of all possible theories is the correct theory when it comes to interpreting the statements and actions of the Bush administration.

*Comment by [RealScientist](#) — August 30, 2006 @ [2:54 pm](#)*

35. Time to parachute all Faux News talking heads into Iran's Natanz facility for frontline coverage. Love to see the glow on Kristol and Hannity before they carbonize. If such a scenario is guaranteed you can count me to become a Faux News viewer.

*Comment by [swampfox](#) — August 30, 2006 @ [2:58 pm](#)*

36. What I can't figure out is how in the world the most obvious rejoinder to the panic doesn't get more attention: NO ONE would dare use a nuclear weapon against us (or in the Middle East, against Israel) because any country launching such a strike would be utterly destroyed in retaliation!

It's as if we're completely defenseless. If we didn't build up the largest nuclear arsenal in the bleeping world precisely to deter others from attacking us, then what the hell is it good for???

Um, I think I know... :-)

And that doesn't get any attention either.

*Comment by [Juan del Llano](#) — August 30, 2006 @ [2:59 pm](#)*

37. The look in Kristol eyes is bone chilling. He is a mass murderer in the making; free to walk this earth and paid by US to invade our airwaves... Incredible!

History repeats itself. This administration thinks that most Americans have forgotten the fear driven propaganda that led us into other useless wars.

Brasscheck TV wrote:

In 2002, Adam Curtis and the BBC released a four-part series called "The Century of the Self."

The series tracks how American elites have aggressively used the modern behavioral sciences to persuade, coerce and manipulate the American public into accepting the corporate-government world's version of events as their own.

This seven-minute video which I call "The Assassin of Democracy" focuses on one of the most skillful and amoral expert of all the experts in mass manipulation, Edward Bernays. Bernays got his first taste of the power of propaganda during World War I. He advised US presidents from Woodrow Wilson to Eisenhower and served numerous corporations and business associations. One of his biggest fans was Hitler's propaganda chief, Joseph Goebbels, a fact about which Bernays bragged proudly.

In this clip, we see a pattern that Bernays used over and over again: turn a harmless entity into a fearsome enemy through lies and manufactured news items. Then use the "threat" to justify attack. The subject of this video is Bernays campaign against the democratically elected government of Guatemala in 1953, but you'll have no trouble seeing that this very same method is being used today:

<http://www.brasscheck.com/videos/spin/bernays1.html>

*Comment by Marley — August 30, 2006 @ [3:01 pm](#)*

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39. omg.

thank you... I'm stunned. I shouldn't be, we expected it...

but OMG... will they be demanding more CANADIANS to backfill? Will there be a draft?

ironically, the more people SUFFER for something... the more VALUABLE it becomes. Basic Social Psychology...

Social Psychology, increased effort of any kind increases compliance to goal setting:

<http://tinyurl.com/ky6b5>

[http://commentisfree.guardian.co.uk/john\\_gittings/2006/08/raising\\_the\\_stakes\\_on\\_iran.html](http://commentisfree.guardian.co.uk/john_gittings/2006/08/raising_the_stakes_on_iran.html)

BlueBerry Pick'n

can be found @  
ThisCanadian.com  
“Silent Freedom is Freedom Silenced”

*Comment by [BlueBerry Pick'n](#) — August 30, 2006 @ [3:07 pm](#)*

40. even tom hartman is opining that maybe bush has a “death wish” of sorts... a grand exit from the stage... i wouldn't put him/them past anything...

*Comment by [katy](#) — August 30, 2006 @ [3:10 pm](#)*

41. i would like to see these yankee wage an attack on iran. if you think 9/11 was bad, the american citizens haven't seen shit.

now did anyone pick up on the faux news statement saying in conjunction with israel? now folks wake up. this is israel's war, just like iraq and afghan. the rothchilds own israel, and america and just a sharon said the americans know it. so here we go for some more oil. huh and these pricks actually get a seat in the pew.

*Comment by [bs](#) — August 30, 2006 @ [3:16 pm](#)*

42. I truly hope that the mighty UN will be able to stop Iran nuke program. If they can't, what choices are left? Honestly. We either attack Iran or we sit back and let them build nuke bombs. Seems very much like a black and white issue to me.

*Comment by [Roger\\_Roger](#) — August 30, 2006 @ [3:17 pm](#)*

43. Now, y' see, the plan is not to invade them.  
Why would you invade a smoking ruin of radioactive waste?  
The plan is and has always been to nuke them until they glow.  
We can't be worried about shit like fallout over China and Japan, after all, they took our embassy personnel hostage!

*Comment by [RUCerious](#) — August 30, 2006 @ [3:18 pm](#)*

44. I like that last Fox comment: “more and more reports on this now.” Classic echo chamber! Fox makes it up then cites itself as corroborating evidence. Priceless!

*Comment by [arctic bonobos](#) — August 30, 2006 @ [3:19 pm](#)*

45. #32 - ...*America just because your living a false economy and your empire is slowly decaying you need not take the world to armageddon along with you*

Excellent points. Seems to me that 'Ol Europe could teach Amerika a thing or two.

One of the many challenges is that current “leaders” use religion as a wedge to drive people to hate “the other”. This is a no win situation where George Wanker Bush's Evangelical Kristian Army is facing off against Islam. Neither side can prove (and I do mean prove in a rational sense) that one's form of God is better than the other... which goes a LONG ways toward allowing “leaders” to do anything they want.

*Comment by [Jesus Christ God of WAR](#) — August 30, 2006 @ [3:22 pm](#)*

46. Juan del Llano sez:

*What I can't figure out is how in the world the most obvious rejoinder to the panic doesn't get more attention: NO ONE would dare use a nuclear weapon against us (or in the Middle East, against Israel) because any country launching such a strike would be utterly destroyed in retaliation!*

Yes, Juan, it's called the [doctrine of massive retaliation](#), also referred to as the doctrine of mutually assured destruction. I like to sum it up as 'I lose, *everybody* loses.'

The doctrine of massive retaliation kept us alive during the staredown between the USSR and the USA (anyone here old enough to remember doing 'duck & cover' drills at school?).

The doctrine of massive retaliation presupposes that the people with their fingers on the buttons are sane enough to not want to see their own nation destroyed. The neocons' argument at present is that the leadership of Iran is an irrational, violent regime with apocalyptic aspirations, who firmly believe that the End Times are upon us and that it is their holy duty to wipe out the infidels...and that given all this, they cannot be counted upon to fear massive retaliation sufficiently to deter them from launching a first strike.

The problem with this line of reasoning, of course, is that that derisive description of Iran's government more closely fits the government of the *U.S.A.* at present. Our president has openly claimed to have conversed with the Almighty, a claim that would land most of us in a padded room. If any regime cannot be trusted with nuclear arms, it is the Dubya regime.

*Comment by TripMaster Monkey — August 30, 2006 @ [3:24 pm](#)*

47. Again, the US does not have the manpower to do a ground invasion. Hell, the armed forces are taking 42 year olds, white supremacists, and convicts. Conventional munitions are possible, but once you start a shooting war in Iran, without ground troops to back up the bombardment, you're in trouble. Nukes are the only option. GW has to have a war before the November elections, once he starts it the Iranians aren't going to back down, which means terrorist attacks on US soil and interests and you can kiss the 130,000 American troops in Iraq goodbye sandwiched between Iran and Syria, Custered.

*Comment by bones — August 30, 2006 @ [3:24 pm](#)*

48. Roger\_Roger sez:

*I truly hope that the mighty UN will be able to stop Iran nuke program. If they can't, what choices are left? Honestly. We either attack Iran or we sit back and let them build nuke bombs.*

False dichotomy. Iran is decades away *at best* from acquiring nuclear weapons. Stop trying to perpetuate the lie.

*Seems very much like a black and white issue to me.*

Indeed...until you consider the facts of the case.

*Comment by TripMaster Monkey — August 30, 2006 @ [3:27 pm](#)*

49. *41I truly hope that the mighty UN will be able to stop Iran nuke program. If they can't, what choices are left? Honestly. We either attack Iran or we sit back and let them build nuke bombs. Seems very much like a black and white issue to me.*

People like you make me sick you keep spuing the same old rhetoric,  
**America is the biggest threat to mankind the world has ever known**

Every sentence Roger Roger - between full stops is a lie and utter crap

*Comment by Tobey Tall — August 30, 2006 @ [3:29 pm](#)*

50. This truly shouldn't even be our problem.  
I don't really give a whack if Iran has nuclear bombs. Their neighbors, Pakistan and India have them. Their friends the Russians and Chinese have them.  
We have them.

Lots of countries have them. Why don't they then use them?  
MADD.

If Israel is so freaked out about them having nukes, let Israel show it's true colors and nuke them.  
If either Yahwey or Allah exist, they would stop this shit.

*Comment by RUCerious — August 30, 2006 @ 3:31 pm*

51. ALL HAIL THE FOX NEWS QUESTION-MARK HEADLINE!!

*Comment by pgw — August 30, 2006 @ 3:32 pm*

52. SHOW THE PROOF. Any ONE of you, people like Roger Rogered. WHERE is your proof?!

Oh, don't have any? Just believe every word BushCo and FauxNews tells you? The same people who fed you the lies about WMD and now don't care about Osama Bin Laden?

Come on, I dare you. Show it.

*Comment by Go Back To Sleep America — August 30, 2006 @ 3:32 pm*

53. Are you serious RUCerious?

*Now, y'see, the plan is not to invade them.*

*Why would you invade a smoking ruin of radioactive waste?*

*The plan is and has always been to nuke them until they glow.*

*We can't be worried about shit like fallout over China and Japan, after all, they took our embassy personnel hostage!*

*Comment by Marley — August 30, 2006 @ 3:33 pm*

54. Ah, but you forget GW talks to Jesus, and Jesus says kill, torture, bomb.

*Comment by bones — August 30, 2006 @ 3:33 pm*

55. 41/

*I truly hope that the mighty UN will be able to stop Iran nuke program.*

The IAEA say they have had access to Iran Nuclear Power stations and more areas than requested and cannot see anything wrong, read their report asshole

*If they can't, what choices are left? Honestly.*

many choices left have a televised debate with Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as he asked or even use diplomatic talks directly even Braindead Bush says "war is my last option" LIAR

*We either attack Iran or we sit back and let them build nuke bombs.*

Just sit back and chill for the next 12 years then they might have a bomb even then they are no more of a threat than North Korea which America is shit scared of

*Seems very much like a black and white issue to me.*

Funnily enough yes correct answer it is Black and white, Just dig a hole and jump in it and stay there you warmongering fool

*Comment by Tobey Tall — August 30, 2006 @ 3:38 pm*

56. Marley - sorry I should have included my end tag

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*Comment by RUCerious — August 30, 2006 @ 3:38 pm*

57. Marley, oops, that was /Sarcasm...

*Comment by RUCerious — August 30, 2006 @ [3:39 pm](#)*

58. Sorry again guys,

I forgot I am on the We Hate America First site. Let me restate:

Iran isn't the problem! Iranians are peace loving people that are simply afraid of the evil Americans. I hope they build there nuke bombs so they are safe. Furthermore, they need to attack those Evil Jews in Israal. They are the real problem. America is horrible and I hope we all die in hell for how bad we are. Um, GO GREEN stop polluting and hug a tree already (GO Peta), Also, if you have time kill some more babies!! GO BLUE!!!

Whew, now I fit in.

*Comment by Roger\_Roger — August 30, 2006 @ [3:39 pm](#)*

59. It's about the money. [Big money.](#)

The oil and end-times are just fringe benefits.

*Comment by John I — August 30, 2006 @ [3:40 pm](#)*

60. RUCerious,

Sigh of relief. I thought we lost you to the growing list of trolls.

*Comment by Marley — August 30, 2006 @ [3:41 pm](#)*

61. Answer the damn question Roger\_Rogered.

WHERE is your proof?

Don't hide in a corner. Don't reply with character attacking bullshit. Don't reply with nursery level childish crap.

ANSWER THE QUESTION.

*Comment by Go Back To Sleep America — August 30, 2006 @ [3:42 pm](#)*

62. *I truly hope that the mighty UN will be able to stop Iran nuke program. If they can't, what choices are left? Honestly. We either attack Iran or we sit back and let them build nuke bombs. Seems very much like a black and white issue to me.*

*Comment by Roger\_Roger — August 30, 2006 @ 3:17 pm*

Thanks for proving what a coward you are.

*Comment by WORFEUS — August 30, 2006 @ [3:42 pm](#)*

63. No Roger, you are on the Don't let the Bushite NeoCons BS you site. No, you don't fit in. Hey, look! There's a site called redstate.com. You'll feel much more welcome in that barrel of monkeys.

*Comment by RUCerious — August 30, 2006 @ [3:44 pm](#)*

64. Never mind not ONE of their nukes could reach us even IF they ever got one working.

Never mind they KNOW they'd be completely destroyed the MINUTE they fired even ONE in our general direction.

Never mind all that.

You go on being afraid and we'll take it from here.

*Comment by WORFEUS — August 30, 2006 @ [3:44 pm](#)*

65. No, I sometimes am a lunatic, never a troll.

*Comment by RUCerious — August 30, 2006 @ [3:44 pm](#)*

66. **waiting to see Roger\_Roger's hard evidence of nuclear weapons and imminent threat to the USA**

Come on, it can't be that hard seeing as how you totally believe it. Just convince me with your HARD EVIDENCE.

*Comment by Go Back To Sleep America — August 30, 2006 @ [3:44 pm](#)*

67. #65 - Is that your foot I hear tapping on the floor??

*Comment by RUCerious — August 30, 2006 @ [3:46 pm](#)*

68. If America keeps starting wars one day you will get hit big time.

To Mahmoud Ahmadinejad I suggest 50 tins of nerve agent smuggled into America in coco-cola tins and release on in every major city in america, just 1 tin could wipe New York out totally this is what I would do faced with a bully and would certainly teach a Bully A Lesson

Then I would Seek the Bushes out and personally wipe their genes from the face of the Planet

*Comment by Hitler — August 30, 2006 @ [3:46 pm](#)*

69. You guys need to chill,

I already gave up on our people in Washington. I come here because I can actually argue with people who truly care about the issues. Those in washington don't car about me or you. They surely don't do what they say. Should we invade Iran?

Not today. We should talk to them and try to get them squared away without 1 bullet flying. Will the Bush administration do that? Nope. Why? Because they suck at foreign policy. Will the Dems finally step up and give a clear answer as to what they would do on the Iran issue (and by Dems, I mean one of the true party leaders). NOPE, because it won't help them politically.

Both parties are simply political and couldn't care less. I come here to engage people who actually care about the issue. Sadly, this site is getting filled more and more with guys and gals that don't want a debate. They just want to bash Bush and History. It is sad as I would love to actually discuss what we (yes us on this site) would specifically do about this problem.

Anyways, just to keep fitting in with the other moron lefty soldiers:

I HATE BUSH!!!! America rot in HELL!!!!

*Comment by Roger\_Roger — August 30, 2006 @ [3:48 pm](#)*

70. *The soul and substance of what customarily ranks as patriotism is **moral cowardice**, and always has been.*

Mark Twain's

*Comment by WORFEUS — August 30, 2006 @ [3:48 pm](#)*

71. Wow Roger\_Roger you are an idiot. What choices do we have with Pakistan and North Korea? They already have nuclear weapons and possible ties to terrorists. I don't see anyone advocating bombing them. To seriously consider attacking Iran for the reasons publically proposed by the neocons, you'd have to first seriously consider simultaneously taking out North Korea and Pakistan's weapon producing capabilities, as well as the weapons they already have. Nuke bombs are a deterrent, not an offensive weapon in everyone's mind except neocon crazies and islamic terrorists. State actors understand their country would be a pile of melted glass if ever found to be a part of a nuclear attack on american soil.

*Comment by miker — August 30, 2006 @ [3:50 pm](#)*

72. You don't seem to want to "discuss" anything at all. In fact most of your posts seem to be here to troll. It's only since you've been cornered by a perfectly reasonable question you're going onto another subject.

Please, I'm asking you again **show your proof Iran has nukes and there is an IMMINENT threat to the USA**  
Show it, or shut up.

*Comment by Go Back To Sleep America — August 30, 2006 @ [3:50 pm](#)*

73. And how, exactly, Roger, do you bash history?  
P.S. America is a great country that has been hijacked by a bungling cabal of malificent neocons.

*Comment by RUCerious — August 30, 2006 @ [3:52 pm](#)*

74. *waiting to see Roger\_Roger's hard evidence of nuclear weapons and imminent threat to the USA*

*Come on, it can't be that hard seeing as how you totally believe it. Just convince me with your HARD EVIDENCE.*

Comment by Go Back To Sleep America — August 30, 2006 @ 3:44 pm

Roger\_Roger's HARD EVIDENCE stands about 1 inch tall inside his red underwear.

*Comment by Marley — August 30, 2006 @ [3:54 pm](#)*

75. *It is sad as I would love to actually discuss what we (yes us on this site) would specifically do about this problem.*

Comment by Roger\_Roger — August 30, 2006 @ 3:48 pm

I'm your huckleberry.

First, lets start by defining "this problem".

Now let me see if I have your position straight.

You are frightened of a tiny country in the middle east who has limited technology and who "someday", MIGHT get a nuclear device to work.

Never mind they have no delivery system. Never mind they have no reason to launch one at us. Never mind that even if they did launch one at us it in all probability would fizzle out over the ocean. Never mind that they know that if they do launch one, they'll be blown to kingdom come.

Never mind all that.

You're frightened and you want answers. So I'll give you one Rambro.

What would I do about "this problem"?

Why the same thing the republicans did about the same "problem" with North Korea.

Nothing.

*Comment by WORFEUS — August 30, 2006 @ [3:54 pm](#)*

76. Comment by Roger\_Roger — August 30, 2006 @ 3:17 pm: It's true what they say, "It's better to shut up and let people think you are stupid and a coward than to open your mouth and remove all doubt."

It's time for less panic and some logical thinking. It's only a matter of time before some country elects someone like Bush who would push the button first and weigh the implications later. Nobody wants WMD anywhere. It's time to weigh the pros and the cons rationally. Not the time or place for someone too paranoid to think straight.

Go back under your bed and stick the thumb back in your mouth. We will call you when it's safe to come out.

*Comment by Abby — August 30, 2006 @ [3:56 pm](#)*

77. Well I hope IRAN has the big bomb and if attacked bombs the shit out of the INSANE for money/power elite FASCIST REGIME running america/israel then we don't have to try them all as war criminals, which they really are, and the world will prosecute and execute the frickin WORLD WAR CRIMINALS. It is really too bad america has lost it's soul to corruption and is being fooled by GREEDY corrupt MANIACS. American citizens will not be welcome anywhere in the world soon if nothing is done to stop the illegal government that has stolen the power from democracy, this really makes american people look ridiculously spineless and ignorant for doing nothing to stop war crimes against humanity....KARMA is inevitable .

*Comment by LOOKATYOURSELVES — August 30, 2006 @ [3:56 pm](#)*

78. Please, America! Do not let these motherfuckers sell us this war!

OPEN YOUR EYES!

This will DESTROY America, not save it! EVERYTHING is stretched so thin already, adding another front to the current war is NOT THE ANSWER!

For christ's sake, is this thing on?

*Comment by [Ronin Tetsuro](#) — August 30, 2006 @ [3:57 pm](#)*

79. *Go back under your bed and stick the thumb back in your mouth. We will call you when it's safe to come out.*

*Comment by Abby — August 30, 2006 @ 3:56 pm*

But don't be surprised if we forget to.

*Comment by WORFEUS — August 30, 2006 @ [3:57 pm](#)*

80. Roger\_Roger

Just because we progressives see the nuanced social and political dynamics at play from both the U.S. and the Iranian perspective does not mean that we are the "Hate America First" site. We are the "America Can Do Better" site. Iran has increased their nuclear threats precisely because they feel threatened by the rhetoric and actions of the U.S. - why is this so difficult to accept for you and BushCo? That's easy, too - because you are the cause. You can't label 3 countries as the axis of evil, attack the weakest, and not expect the other two to start strengthening their

military capabilities and rhetoric. You start labelling citizens of other countries as “demons” or in some other way less-than-human and how can you not expect them to be concerned that you might exterminate them. Worse, many of your political colleagues and trolls have expressed that very view on this site. Fear breeds fear. We Americans CAN and MUST do better.

*Comment by PLC (PatrioticLiberalChristian) — August 30, 2006 @ [3:59 pm](#)*

81. How can you “discuss” something when the person at the other end of the table isn’t even willing (or can’t) demonstrate any credible evidence at all?

Person 1: “Let us have a discussion about the shape of the planet

Person 2: “Very well, I propose the planet is round.”

Person 1: “I think it’s flat”

Person 2: “Well then, here is my evidence to show it is round...”

Person 1: “That’s extremely compelling evidence and I’ve nothing hard to show my viewpoint. Therefore I concur, the planet is indeed round”

There, not hard is it? Perfectly reasonable. So, how’s about it. First let’s see the evidence for your premise there is a real nuclear threat to the USA, and nuclear weapons in Iran? If that’s not possible, this “debate” is over before it began.

*Comment by Go Back To Sleep America — August 30, 2006 @ [3:59 pm](#)*

82. [...] read more | digg story [...]

*Pingback by [Fox News Selling Preemptive War Against Iran \(Video\) « News & Truth from Israel](#) — August 30, 2006 @ [3:59 pm](#)*

83. Miker,

Now that is a good post!! The publicized reasons the BUsh administration push’s for attacking Iran aren’t the true reasons. We won’t attack North Korea because that country doesn’t have anything we need. Iran on the other hand controls a vast Oil field that effects the price of world wide Crude. This means alot to us (Both Democrats and Repugs even though neither would admit that). So, we frame the Iranian leader as a crazy nut. We push the idea that they won’t talk with us. Then we overthrow said crazy nut and put in a puppet that listens and obeys.

That is the American way afterall and “maybe” the reason the middle east hates us in general.

So, as you can see, I ain’t a huge I love Bush brain dead moron. While many of my financial idea’s are conservative, most of my social ideals are very left-wing. Foreign Policy has never come across to me as a Left vs. Right though. It is just a part of the job and your either good or bad at it. In the end, either party will ALWAYS do 2 things when making a decision.

- 1) Will it benefit me and my party
- 2) Will it help America

They truly don’t think or care much about the rest of the world. Hell, most don’t care about anyone but themself. This is a major reason, I won’t be voting this fall. Neither party actually stands for anything. As a matter of fact, I would vote for someone who I completely DISAGREE on every single issue IF they would actually go to washington and do it. You see, all politicians today simply talk about ideals that you and I eat up. They then get elected and head off to washington. At this point they could care less about us or what they said while trying to get elected. It is time for change in both parties.

*Comment by Roger\_Roger — August 30, 2006 @ [3:59 pm](#)*

84. First, Roger roger - the statement both parties don’t stand for anything is republican propoganda for yes we torture

and kill the innocent but the democrats are just as bad, no they're not. Republicans kill children and torture people. Second, nuking Iran won't get their oil. It will shut off their oil to us and gas prices will go up tremendously, hurting everyday Americans. Bush will still get gas for free from the American taxpayer and Big Oil profits will rise again. Third attacking middle east countries CAUSES terrorists, they don't like us screwing with their lands, government, etc. So NONE of what you outline in post 81 is ANY GOOD for you or the US.

*Comment by bones — August 30, 2006 @ 4:06 pm*

85. You know Roger, you might be taken more seriously if you didn't start off with trollish and inflammatory statements, which, apparently/supposedly don't really represent your actual views anyway? Cut the crap, stop making excuses and put it on the table beforehand rather than pretending to be this or that. You'll just come across as dishonest otherwise.

If you're just playing devil's advocate, what is the point of that? There are enough real trolls and defenders of the current administration here as it is. Unless of course your statement is just another decoy. See what I mean about lacking credibility and integrity, if you pretend to be something you're not?

As you've failed to produce any hard evidence there is a direct and immediate nuclear threat from Iran to the USA, the conclusion must be there is none. At least in the context of your "debate"

*Comment by Go Back To Sleep America — August 30, 2006 @ 4:08 pm*

86. Roger\_Roger  
You prove that you are symbolic of the problem. You make claims that you don't back up, change the subject, declare yourself a "regular guy", refuse to respond to request for clarification and proof of your positions, and then whine that there is no one to agree with you to the point you won't vote. This is exactly the way BushCo interacts with other nations and forms its foreign policy.

*Comment by PLC (PatrioticLiberalChristian) — August 30, 2006 @ 4:11 pm*

87. just thought this interesting: on the "front page" of google news:  
World Scene  
Washington Times - 15 hours ago  
The United States will issue a visa to former Iranian President Mohammed Khatami for a visit to Washington next week, a US State Department official said yesterday. Mr. Khatami will become the highest-ranking ...

White House Urged to Deny Visa for Former Iranian President -CNSNews.com

Ex-Iranian President Will Be Granted Visa To Visit The US -All Headline News

*Comment by katy — August 30, 2006 @ 4:15 pm*

88. **Announcing a Day of Mass Resistance:**  
*OCTOBER 5: There is a way! There is a day!*

*Thursday, September 7:  
Organizing Meetings at 7 pm Nation-wide*

**<http://www.worldcantwait.net/>**

*Comment by katy — August 30, 2006 @ 4:17 pm*

89. You know, just once, I'd like to see a Fox Moos anchor have the courage to be a real investigative journalist and ask the chickenhawks the question I've posed. Just once.

That day pigs will fly in the winter wonderland of Hell.

*Comment by Go Back To Sleep America — August 30, 2006 @ 4:29 pm*

90. My post #81 is the real reasons the government does with it does. I don't agree with it, but it still holds true.

Does Iran hold an immediate threat to the USA? NO

Do they have nukes right now? NO

Is Iran a very important piece of real estate to the US? YES

Will we attack Iran? I would say there is at least a 50% chance of it

Is it smart to attack Iran? NO

What would I do?

I would actually stop this wall we built and actually go talk to them. The President of Iran isn't a crazy man. He actually seems fairly intelligent. Check out his site some time:

<http://www.president.ir/eng/>

The problem is really one that can't be fixed. They hate the fact that we and our allies screwed them after WW2. Sadly, we can't fix that wrong today as Isreal will always be a country at this point. Furthermore, Iran is a very religious country while the USA is not. We need to discuss what we can agree on. Iran building nuke sites is a bad idea. A country sitting on a huge lake of Oil doesn't need more energy. They could build refineries for that. They are doing what there doing in a hope to protect themselves but that is pointless since we will never let that happen. There best bet is to become more like America and get with the free market. They could turn that Oil into Serious cash which they could diversify and become a world super power with time. Right now they are simply acting like a child and it won't get them anywhere.

My problem with America is simple as well. Republicans in generals speak about conservative values and smaller government, but don't actually do any of it when they get elected. They spend more each year and never pass new laws to back there moral philospohy. Democrats are in a prime position to take America back. There problem is that they also want to spend more money and most of there major social issues are already legal. They are left trying to run campaigns simply on how bad the other side is. They also go out of there way to create new victum groups that "need" them.

Either way, in the end both parties are identical. They say one thing and do another. Democrats screaming about how much the republicans are spending is like a robber screaming about how another robber is stealing something.

I want to see the Repugs actually go to washington and fight for what they actually say. On the flip side, I want to see Democrats stop living in the past. They need to run a campaign on NEW ideas about the problems facing america. They need to stop with the vague BS and lay out specific plans that drastically differ from the repugs. I want to be able to tell the 2 parties apart again.

We normal people have these extreme views and are very engaged, yet no one on either side of the aisle actually looks out for us. They all need to stop paying lip service and start doing something!

*Comment by Roger\_Roger — August 30, 2006 @ 4:32 pm*

91. Unoriginal Roger,

You have done that "fit in" bit before, got any original thoughts?

*Comment by For Truth — August 30, 2006 @ 4:33 pm*

92. [85 Katy Heres more on that visit from Khatami](#)

["President Carter, in his role since leaving the White House, has made his office and services and center available to basically anybody who wants to talk. He believes that it is much better to be talking to people who you have](#)

[problems with than not to, and that's the approach he takes now," Wise said. "I can confirm that President Carter is open to a meeting if the former president of Iran would like to have one."](#)

would also like to note that the trouble started in carters watch..???? so should be interesting

*Comment by Hitler — August 30, 2006 @ 4:35 pm*

93. come on all you trolls leave a message on ahmadinejad blog site  
come on I dare you show your real ignorance to the world  
<http://www.ahmadinejad.ir/>

*Comment by Hitler — August 30, 2006 @ 4:38 pm*

94. Roger\_Roger sez:

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Is it smart to attack Iran? NO*

*What would I do?*

*I would actually stop this wall we built and actually go talk to them.*

...but...Roger\_Roger also said:

*I truly hope that the mighty UN will be able to stop Iran nuke program. If they can't, what choices are left? Honestly. We either attack Iran or we sit back and let them build nuke bombs. Seems very much like a black and white issue to me.*

Roger\_Roger, there's really no point trying to discuss issues with you if you can't cogently express where you stand.

*Comment by TripMaster Monkey — August 30, 2006 @ 4:39 pm*

95. #87: *You know, just once, I'd like to see a Fox Moos anchor have the courage to be a real investigative journalist and ask the chickenhawks the question I've posed. Just once.  
That day pigs will fly in the winter wonderland of Hell.*

*Comment by Go Back To Sleep America — August 30, 2006 @ 4:29 pm*

Or the day this goverment is challenged within the U.S. news by real journalists and outspoken citizens.

<http://brasscheck.com/videos/middleeast/me5.html>

*Comment by Marley — August 30, 2006 @ 4:39 pm*

96. Hitler, interesting that you bring up Carter's potential meeting with Ahmadinejad. I was just about to post about it. Of all the Christian Politicians in America, Carter is the ONLY won I trust. I hope he can get a meeting together, although, I'm sure the NeoNitWits will loudly claim that he is 'with the terrists' on Faux.

*Comment by Yikes — August 30, 2006 @ 4:43 pm*

97. #94: Man that makes me sad. Where are the US journalists like that :-( Desperately needed.... astonishing CNN clip too.

*Comment by Go Back To Sleep America — August 30, 2006 @ [4:47 pm](#)*

98. Tripmaster,

I believe I expressed right where I stand. I believe we need to talk with Iran about this issue. I also said that Iran cannot be allowed a nuke site. So we first talk/negotiate with them. If they are unwilling in face to face talks, then we have 2 choices.

- 1) We attack
- 2) We do nothing

If we go through the UN and then we go talk with them ourselves and none of it works, I say we at least attack their nuclear structures to decrease their progress. I wouldn't think that any American would want Iran having nuclear weapons.

*Comment by Roger\_Roger — August 30, 2006 @ [4:49 pm](#)*

99. *Furthermore, Iran is a very religious country while the USA is not.*

*Comment by Roger\_Roger — August 30, 2006 @ 4:32 pm*

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*Comment by WORFEUS — August 30, 2006 @ [4:50 pm](#)*

100. *We either attack Iran or we sit back and let them build nuke bombs. Seems very much like a black and white issue to me.*

*Comment by Roger\_Roger — August 30, 2006 @ 3:17 pm*

Well, Roger, everything seems like a black and white issue to you. That is why you can only pose false dichotomies. Does this remind anyone else here of the deeply stupid George W. Bush?

*Comment by RealScientist — August 30, 2006 @ [4:52 pm](#)*

101. *Furthermore, Iran is a very religious country while the USA is not.*

*Comment by Roger\_Roger — August 30, 2006 @ 4:32 pm*

That dog's not gonna hunt.

*Comment by WORFEUS — August 30, 2006 @ [4:53 pm](#)*

102. **FAUX NEWS IS THIS ADMINISTRATION'S 'SPIN DOCTOR' ...EVERYONE KNOWS THEIR AGENDA IS BOGUS...DOWN WITH FAUX NEWS!**

*Comment by suggie — August 30, 2006 @ [4:54 pm](#)*

103. *If they are unwilling in face to face talks, then we have 2 choices.*

- 1) We attack
- 2) We do nothing

*Comment by Roger\_Roger — August 30, 2006 @ 4:49 pm*

One question: Does your wife fall from stairs too often?  
If you solve all your conflicts the way you put it, I'm sorry for you, really.

*Comment by Juan C — August 30, 2006 @ [4:54 pm](#)*

104. *Sorry again guys,*

*I forgot I am on the We Hate America First site. Let me restate:*

*Iran isn't the problem! Iranians are peace loving people that are simply afraid of the evil Americans. I hope they build there nuke bombs so they are safe. Furthermore, they need to attack those Evil Jews in Israal. They are the real problem. America is horrible and I hope we all die in hell for how bad we are. Um, GO GREEN stop polluting and hug a tree already (GO Peta), Also, if you have time kill some more babies!! GO BLUE!!!*

*Whew, now I fit in.*

*Comment by Roger\_Roger — August 30, 2006 @ 3:39 pm*

Oh. I forgot that in between shoveling his false dichotomies for the Bush team, Roger is busy building straw men, the most gutless and pathetic debate tactic there is. Roger is an insurgent against the truth.

*Comment by RealScientist — August 30, 2006 @ [4:55 pm](#)*

105. Roger\_Ramjet

I'm waiting for an explanation from that last turd you dropped.

Just where exactly is it that you live, where people think the USA is NOT a "religious country"?

*Comment by WORFEUS — August 30, 2006 @ [4:56 pm](#)*

106. Roger has rogered himself, repeatedly. Save what's left of your face buddy and go home. You can't even stay to one viewpoint. I doubt if even any die hard republican supporters would want you on their side the way you flip flop, like a fish out of water.

*Comment by Go Back To Sleep America — August 30, 2006 @ [5:00 pm](#)*

107. We are NOT a religious country. Most people in America are religious, but are government isn't based on religion. Far from it. Furthermore, most "religious" people are only religious in name only. They don't actually have any true faith. Over 60% of America believes in the Death Penalty (I don't) yet call themselves Christian even though the Pope himself is against it. How many Catholic women will use the morning after pill? How many have abortions? My point is, they only call themselves Christian, they don't actually live it.

Iran on the other hand, is all based on religion.

That is pretty extreme for us to deal with here in Secular America land.

*Comment by Roger\_Roger — August 30, 2006 @ [5:03 pm](#)*

108. *You guys need to chill,*

*Comment by Roger\_Roger — August 30, 2006 @ 3:48 pm*

No, Roger, you need to shut up. You are not a debater, you are a debate saboteur. You are here to deliberately obfuscate, to sow confusion, and to breed cynicism, all in the name of dissuading people from participating in the political process in meaningful and productive ways. You wish to lead them astray before they do something like vote for progressive Democrats.

*Comment by RealScientist — August 30, 2006 @ [5:04 pm](#)*



over doesn't cost them anything. What we need to see is some expert opinions on exactly what attacking Iran would cost America. Starting with what it would do to the Military already deployed in Iraq and the gulf.

*Comment by owlbear1 — August 30, 2006 @ 5:27 pm*

115. What I think I will never be able to forgive is how they are trashing my country. They are gonna need that wall .....to keep us all in. I mean it is going to take at least a generatioin to clean up this mess... .who has that kinda time anymore.

What a bunch of nihilists/fatalists

*Comment by gocatgo — August 30, 2006 @ 5:37 pm*

116. Solitare and owlbear - The Bush Administration wants, note WANTS, perpetual war. War breeds increased oil prices, big profits for defense contractors. They have been baiting Iran at least since the war in Iraq began. The most recent example is "allowing and encouraging" Israel to invade Labanon, knowing full well Iran and Syria would be un-nerved and possibly attack Israeli forces to protect innocent Lebanese. Bush NEEDS an attack BEFORE November, then we have no option to fight Iran. Once Bush does anything to Iran, there's no way they won't retaliate and then Bush has justification for a "war".

*Comment by bones — August 30, 2006 @ 5:39 pm*

117. People you can make a difference. Call upon your elected officials (the people in DC who are **your** employees to censure this administration. Remember Iran has not been under twelve years of sanctions, Iran is twice the size of a country that we still cannot win against (Iraq), Iran has ten times the fire power that Iraq did when we invaded, Iran has a professional military that is a least on par with israels, Iran has a navy that could very easily sink our sitting ducks in the Persian gulf and Arbian sea, Iran is supplied by two of the worlds super powers (China, Russia: yes they are indeed superpowers.) Iran supplies a major chunk of chinese oils making them a staunch allie with China (who happens to be holding about 1/3rd of our debit.) Venezuela will also back Iran making this war a bit closer to home than the one in Iraq. America is almost completly broke and is quikly running out of creditors.

People we need to stop this madness or our country won't survive another two years of this maniacal bunch of narcissists.

*Comment by cstrut — August 30, 2006 @ 5:47 pm*

118. "Doe maar normaal, dan doe je al gek genoeg." is a Dutch saying that sadly seems to be lacking in some parts of the world. Translation? Roughly "Act normally, then you're already [crazy|insane|mad] enough."

As for Roger\_Roger, if neither of the two political parties are to your liking and somewhere deep down you do find it important to be politically engaged (evidenced by the simple fact that you post here), choose the remaining option: start up your own party.

Write-up your views and plans with the USA. Put it all down in your own blog. You'll never know if anyone shares your opinions and misgivings. Tip: start with plans to change the voting system from district to representative so you can release your beloved country from the two-party dictatorship stranglehold. Maybe split up the president's tasks between a president and a prime minister. Maybe even have a look around the world, see how other democracies work, what's different and why. You'll never know if it'll work unless you try.

As for Fox, can't wait until this madness is over (and it hasn't even started yet) and I can visit Schiphol to see that A380 land, carrying the main culprits of the global fearmongering debacle. I'll be cheering as Bush & Co are led to their 5-star hotel in ['s Gravehage](#). Well, we all can dream, can't we?

*Comment by JFH — August 30, 2006 @ 6:01 pm*

119. "What we need to see is some expert opinions on exactly what attacking Iran would cost America."

And more importantly we have to ask what exactly America would GET OUT OF attacking Iran.

*Comment by June — August 30, 2006 @ 6:33 pm*

120. (if anything)

*Comment by June — August 30, 2006 @ 6:33 pm*

121. Preemptive air attacks in Iran will only destroy Iraq's "democracy." The Shiites will just explode with anger and unite across Iran and Iraq. How wonderful.

Bill Kristol's thinking on this one is insane and grotesquely naive.

*Comment by Squidbilly — August 30, 2006 @ 6:36 pm*

122. Actually it is not the constitution that prevents Bush from ordering a strike it is legislation passed after the Vietnam War when the president used the Gulf of Tonkin incident as an excuse to commit more forces to the growing conflict without a declaration of war.... There is a time limit on how long he can do it without congressional approval but he can do it ... scary huh

*Comment by Royal — August 30, 2006 @ 6:53 pm*

123. **"Stay calm, FOR NOW," says Nelson Report...**

Before reading the relevant Iran excerpts from tonight's report, read these two (here and here) excellent posts by Matthew Yglesias. I've yet to see anything remotely resembling such sanity from anyone in the punditocracy. And thanks to Matt for singing...

*Trackback by [The Agonist](#) — August 30, 2006 @ 7:09 pm*

124. Faux News, We ARE the news!

*Comment by [Dustin L. Hopper](#) — August 30, 2006 @ 7:34 pm*

125. **The Real Reasons Why Iran is the Next Target:  
The Emerging Euro-denominated International Oil Market**

*"The Iranians are about to commit an "offense" far greater than Saddam Hussein's conversion to the euro of Iraq's oil exports in the fall of 2000. Numerous articles have revealed Pentagon planning for operations against Iran as early as 2005. While the publicly stated reasons will be over Iran's nuclear ambitions, there are unspoken macroeconomic drivers explaining the Real Reasons regarding the 2nd stage of petrodollar warfare - Iran's upcoming euro-based oil Bourse."*

<http://www.globalresearch.ca/articles/CLA410A.html>

*Comment by No more blood for oil — August 30, 2006 @ 7:46 pm*

126. The hyperventilating program director at Faux News is working himself into a post-Karr fainting frenzy by recycling the same talking point pundits to react to each other's reactions. "More and more reports" of "more and more reports".

"Some people say" that's called "breathing your own exhaust".

*Comment by melior (in Austin) — August 30, 2006 @ 8:03 pm*

127. [...] Check out the video compilation here. [...]

128. Here we go again. It won't work this time. We have to get these insane people out of our government soon. We can start by going to the polls in November and voting for any/all Democratic candidates.

*Comment by Susan* — August 30, 2006 @ [8:43 pm](#)

129. Some wing-nuts are definitely nuttier than others.

If these Pox News pundits are so adamant about another ?pre-emptive? war, this time against Iran, then it should be mandatory that they be assigned to a forward U.S. military unit...on the ground...either in Iraq or Iran, or wherever all-hell breaks loose after Bush orders the bombing of Iran.

And the Pox News pundits have to stay there, no cutting and running, until hostilities end.

For instance, all the Pox News pundits who are advocating the bombing of Iran should be immediately renditioned over to the Green Zone in Baghdad. That is definitely a forward position that will be attacked by Iran sympathizers in Iraq if bombs drop on Iran.

I figure that Hezbollah has rocket launchers already in place around the Green Zone (hey, they've had over three years to prepare) just like they positioned rocket launchers with over 12,000 rockets in southern Lebanon.

All the Hezbollah agents in Baghdad or their Iraqi sympathizers are doing is waiting for orders, like after Bush orders the bombing to begin in Iran, for them to begin raining rockets (and mortars) down on the Green Zone, as well as other U.S. military/political locations around Iraq.

Therefore, the Green Zone is the perfect place for all the Pox News pundits to be located if their egging on Bush to attack Iran is successful. At least, they'd be putting their asses where their mouths are.

*Comment by The Oracle* — August 30, 2006 @ [8:44 pm](#)

130. So... which one were we at war with, Eurasia or Eastasia?

How blind must people be to continually support such a warmongering leader? To think how they impeached Clinton for being dishonest about an affair, how about your lying being responsible for the death of thousands and a huge crisis in the Middle East?

*Comment by AriseNow* — August 30, 2006 @ [8:47 pm](#)

131. Did anyone notice the disgusting smile, smirk on Bill Kristol's face when he was talking about how Bush should go ahead?

*Comment by [catsagainstbush](#)* — August 30, 2006 @ [8:51 pm](#)

132. *To bad that the strategy of the right wing is always to "shoot first and ask questions later"*

*Comment by Willy* — August 30, 2006 @ 2:20 pm

Gee who would have authored that policy? \*\*\*\*\*coughing\*\*\*\*\*cheney\*\*\*\*\*coughing\*\*\*\*\*

*Comment by For Truth* — August 30, 2006 @ [8:55 pm](#)

133. **Will Iran's oil kill the U.S. dollar?**

"Iran is about to begin pricing its oil in euros. Unfortunately, just about everyone would benefit—except the United

States- Without some form of U.S. intervention, the euro is going to establish a firm foothold in the international oil trade.”

[http://www.aljazeera.com/cgi-bin/review/article\\_full\\_story.asp?service\\_ID=9752](http://www.aljazeera.com/cgi-bin/review/article_full_story.asp?service_ID=9752)

*Comment by No more blood for oil — August 30, 2006 @ 9:04 pm*

134. Will these guys stop at nothing in their eagerness to support Bush?  
What is wrong with Fox? One lost country, thousands of dead and maimed, for a failed and unnecessary war is not enough for them.  
Whatever it is they get from being Bush&Co cheerleaders — they are just prostitutes. They would sooner see us involved in another losing war with higher stakes and worse odds than tell Bush he is headed in the wrong direction. Their ratings are in the tank - this kind of headline won't help them. Perhaps at one time it would have, but the tide is turning and Fox is headed out to sea.

*Comment by Marie — August 30, 2006 @ 9:56 pm*

135. If you didn't see Olbermann tonight, tune it in for the replay. The last ten minutes are excellent (he excoriates Rumsfeld) and invokes Edward R. Murrow.

*Comment by Marie — August 30, 2006 @ 9:58 pm*

136. ” . . . no good options” is the corner the GOP has allowed the US to be backed into.

*Comment by Pampero Firpo — August 30, 2006 @ 10:06 pm*

137. [...] read more | digg story [...]

*Pingback by VOF News » Fox News Selling Preemptive War Against Iran (Video) — August 30, 2006 @ 10:39 pm*

138. To me this “possible war with Iran” is nothing but fear-mongering. Also, if you notice from the video one of the pundits pointed out that he hoped strike would happen while President Bush is still in the office. By saying this he is trying to sway the viewer into thinking the world is a far safer place now that he is in office.

*Comment by gjleyba — August 30, 2006 @ 10:47 pm*

139. Anyone who has the opportunity should ask the people advocating war with Iran where we are supposed to get the troops from to fight a war with Iran. If we bomb Iran, Iran will retaliate and we will be in a full scale war with it. We have never had near enough troops in Iraq to win there and do not have near enough there now. Our military is already stretched to the breaking point. Iran is a lot bigger and stronger than Iraq, and if we are to have any chance of winning we will need an awful lot more troops. So the crucial question is

WHERE THE HELL ARE WE SUPPOSED TO GET THE TROOPS TO FIGHT A WAR WITH IRAQ FROM?

*Comment by CaptainVideo — August 30, 2006 @ 11:51 pm*

140. OOPS!

That should be

WHERE THE HELL ARE WE SUPPOSED TO GET THE TROOPS TO FIGHT A WAR WITH IRAN FROM?

*Comment by CaptainVideo — August 30, 2006 @ 11:52 pm*

141. I am a Vietnam Veteran. My eyes were opened when I was only 19 years old, in some small country in SE Asia. I implore you... do not trust these corporates that tell you lies for their own amusement and for their profits... As

one that has lived through the nightmares of their dark side. Stand and fight the good fight for your own heart... What they offer is death. And this death we need live with for the rest of our lives. Never break. Never give in. Never stop trusting your heart and that which stands for justice and integrity. Ashe.

*Comment by Unknown Veteran — August 30, 2006 @ [11:55 pm](#)*

142. Captain,

Let's assume for the sake of argument that a Democrat is elected to succeed Bush. Bush as a lame duck, declares "victory" in Iraq, freeing up thousands of troops. In the last days of his Presidency he orders the attack against Iran. His successor will then be embroiled in a war, and the Republicans will be able to blame the Democrats for the outcome.

Or, assume that a Republican will succeed Bush. Same thing, Bush starts the war. His successor will be a "War-Time President." Further restrictions on freedoms will be called for, as well as a further expansion of Executive Power. It's win-win for the Ruling Elite. Their kids don't get drafted. (Texas Air National Guard, anyone?)

*Comment by Briseadh na Faire — August 31, 2006 @ [12:00 am](#)*

143. Some say that Fox is only playing to its market. The rednecks lap this stuff up, which is good for ratings and profits. Fox might not want to start a war - just talking about it is good for keeping their audience.

*Comment by Martin of Earth — August 31, 2006 @ [12:11 am](#)*

144. *His successor will then be embroiled in a war, and the Republicans will be able to blame the Democrats for the outcome.*

*Comment by Briseadh na Faire — August 31, 2006 @ 12:00 am*

whatever happens, his successor is sure to inherit a tremendous mess...  
the next president will HAVE to repeal the tax breaks AND raise taxes -  
it will cost an enormous amount of money to clean up these mistakes of the past 5 years... the repugs will have a grand ol' time playing the blame game all over again... i really fear for the coming years... it will be an ugly time for sure... if for no other reason, than because they will not, can not, admit the facts when/if the country DOES turn around because of democratic policies...

if the next president is a republican... uuuugghhhhhh...  
no, can't think about that now... focus...

*Comment by katy — August 31, 2006 @ [12:23 am](#)*

145. If the next president is Republican, and the Republicans maintain control of congress, then the tax breaks will continue, the debt ceiling will be raised, and Social Security will be tapped out. The Republicans will put off paying for their excursions until China and Europe stop funding our debt.

*Comment by Briseadh na Faire — August 31, 2006 @ [12:48 am](#)*

146. well. ah. what did you go and do that for???  
i said "not now" ... :( ... (kidding)

doesn't take much imagination to know what that will be like...

marie - thanks for the countdown heads up...  
worth staying up for...

*Comment by katy — August 31, 2006 @ [1:05 am](#)*

147. To The Oracle, Pox News pundits cannot go to the middle east, as you suggest, because they've got to stay here to keep us informed and to run the wars.

*Comment by Martin of Earth — August 31, 2006 @ 1:19 am*

148. **The Iranian government's plans to create an oil exchange fit into a strategy of weakening US economic hegemony.**

**WASHINGTON – Is the biggest threat Iran poses to the United States really its nuclear ambitions - or is it petropolitics?**

“Yet even as remote as the Iranian threat may be, others note that past attempts to create new markets have not been greeted warmly. None other than Saddam Hussein decided to sell oil only in contracts dominated in euros - in the months before he was ousted by a US-led military invasion.”

<http://www.csmonitor.com/2005/0830/p03s01-wome.html>

*Comment by No more blood for oil — August 31, 2006 @ 2:07 am*

149. [...] When political actors are in symbiotic relationships with vast corporate media systems, the national psyche becomes infused with the extension of politics: war. The antagonism of ideological combat becomes the antagonism of the stealth bomber payload deployment. ThinkProgress shows how this works: Today Fox has aired multiple segments featuring pundits who claim that a U.S. military attack on Iran is both essential and imminent. Fox anchors repeatedly parrot these arguments. ... [...]

*Pingback by [Fox Sniffing New Henhouse « Big Ink](#) — August 31, 2006 @ 2:20 am*

150. Now, now, folks, let's put on our happy faces that global thermonuclear war is about to happen...

Why?

Because if it does, the swiss will be prevented from completing their linear accelerator with which they intend to create umpity tens of thousands of black holes a day. The swiss claim it's all perfectly safe as the black holes will evaporate before they have a chance to interact with the Earth. But the swiss are lying out their asses. It's not safe at all. Somewhere along the way, a black hole will interact with the Earth and then it's a permanent Bedtime For Bozos. The linear accelerator is scheduled to go online next year.

So, come on folks, turn those thermonuclear war frowns upside down.

A black hole in the core of our planet is so infinitely worse than nuclear war, that a nuclear war in comparison would be a happy, blessed event. So let's have everybody nuke everybody as the EMP effect will destroy the linear accelerator's ability to function. Or even better, if a few nukes were detonated on the CERN facility, so much the better.

Think I'm making this up? Check it out for yourself...

<http://www.risk-evaluation-forum.org/anon1.htm>

If you thought global thermonuclear war is stupidity run completely amok, this is sheer blatant stupidity in its very stupidest form.

At least after a nuclear war, after a few million years have passed and the radiation has half-lived away, it would be tough to tell a nuclear war ever happened, except, of course, for the obvious bomb crater lakes that will dot the landscape. But at least, the Earth will still be there.

Not so with a black hole in the planet's core. Where there was once a planet orbiting the sun, will instead be a small black hole orbiting where the Earth used to be.

So, happy faces, everyone, happy faces! Or at least if you still had a face after being flashburned so badly that your skin hangs off you in strips and your eyeballs have been literally melted out onto your cheeks. Well, ok, so you won't have a face anymore, but still, you can die in horrible pain thinking happy thoughts that at least the Earth has been saved from the swiss.

Let's go thermonuclear! Nuclear war so the Earth can be saved! Stop the swiss!

*Comment by South Point Man — August 31, 2006 @ [3:08 am](#)*

151. #150 South Point Man. I hope I missed the [/sarcasm]-tags. Baseless fearmongering is the typical method for neoconservatives to goad the

The site you link to displays so much misunderstanding of both relativity and particle physics that even a non-physicist like me can point out several huge mistakes.

*“For example, if the MBH speed were zero, gravitational attraction would be active at a distance greater than the Schwarzschild radius.”* The Schwarzschild radius has nothing to do with turning gravity on or off. What it does define is the radius for any given mass where the escape velocity is higher than the speed of light. Also “gravitational attraction would be active” implies that the writers only understand gravity as if it were a force rather than the curvature of space-time. Disqualified for not understanding relativity.

*“To indicate the pressure we must use the surface If in an equation Pressure  $P = \text{Force } F / \text{Surface } S$  if we keep  $F = \text{Constant}$  and we reduce surface, we are obliged to notice that Pressure  $P$  will increase.”* This is so faulty that I don't know whether to laugh or cry. The whole page is about reinterpreting science fiction through Newtonian physics. Do they even know what pressure is, especially at the subatomic level? Fermions and bosons are considered to be point-particles and as such have an infinitely small volume. That's where this whole MBH mess comes from, applying relativity (Schwarzschild radius) to point-particles. Why do you think the Standard Model (QED, QCD) is called a Model? One of today's frontiers in science is how to make a successful theory out of the combination of relativity and quantum mechanics. Read some real scientific papers concerning string theory, loop quantum gravity, (causal) dynamic triangulations, non-communicative geometry, deformed special relativity to get an inkling on how difficult the whole subject is. And just to be sure: real scientific papers.

*Comment by JFH — August 31, 2006 @ [5:21 am](#)*

152. This is totally irresponsible sensationism. Its not journoulism, its not news. Can't the FCC step in and censure FOX to stop this shit? Its time for the military experts and congress to refuse to move aganist Iran and end this shit all together. Then round up Kristol, Bush cabal, et al and put them n trial for war crimes.

*Comment by David B — August 31, 2006 @ [5:30 am](#)*

153. David Ray Griffin and Moral Responsibility

I am in the process of reading David Ray Griffin's newest book “Christian Faith and the Truth Behind 9/11” for the second time. Apart from outlining the evidence of U.S. government complicity in the attacks of 9/11, this book also challenges its audience to understand the “demonic forces” ever-present in world events. Taking this discussion out of the realm of mythology and rejecting the fundamentalist evangelical approach to theology, Griffin makes a very eloquent case for viewing USA foreign policy, global warming trends and humanity's sordid history of “War Systems” from a realist's standpoint - as a product our own intellectual creaturely creativity - in direct conflict with the divine.

I have come to the conclusion, after reading this book, and reviewing USA foreign policy in Guatemala, and Iran, and Indonesia, and Vietnam, and Cuba, and Chile, and on and on and on, that advanced degrees in physics and structural engineering is not necessary to read the obvious writings on the wall.

And, if we wait DECADES (as we did with all of these other crimes) to determine the horrible truth – that YES the USA did indeed orchestrate terrorist attacks all over the world, for over a century, as a tool of imperial design –

*Comment by Tobey Tall — August 31, 2006 @ 5:57 am*

154. **Nukes program ‘legitimate if peaceful’**

ITALIAN Foreign Minister Massimo D’Alema said today that Iran’s desire to develop nuclear energy is “legitimate” provided the goal of the program was for “peaceful purposes”.

“If Iran is looking to use nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, it is not only legitimate, but can also clear the way for cooperation” with other countries, Mr D’Alema said in an interview on Radio 1.

But he said: “We must work so that Iran does not build a nuclear weapon.”

**LISTEN TO THE WORLD STOP BEING COMPLETE ARSEHOLES IN THE WORLD**

*Comment by Tobey Tall — August 31, 2006 @ 6:12 am*

155. **“Could Hussein’s in-your-face challenge to the petrodollar supremacy have been among the reasons we went to war? Was it important for the U.S. to make an example of this petrodollar defector before others chose defection, too?”**

**Oil Hitting the Fan: Iran’s Coming Petroeuro Oil Bourse**

“What is an oil bourse? It’s like a stock exchange for oil. There’s two major ones in the world already: London’s International Petroleum Exchange (IPE) and the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX).

Along with Iranian plans to start a third oil bourse in early 2006, what may be most disturbing to the petrodollar establishment is the likely intention of Iran to also, according to William Clark, “usher in a fourth crude oil marker - denominated in the euro currency. From a purely economic and monetary perspective, a petroeuro system is a logical development given that the European Union imports more oil from OPEC producers than does the U.S.”

Clark, who has an upcoming book on the subject, **Petrodollar Warfare**, went on to say...

“One of the Federal Reserves’ nightmares may begin to unfold in 2005 or 2006, when it appears international buyers will have a choice of buying a barrel of oil for \$50 dollars on the NYMEX and IPR... or purchase a barrel of oil for E37 - E40 (37 to 40 euros) via the Iranian Bourse.

**“A successful Iranian Bourse would solidify the petroeuro as an alternative oil-transaction currency, and thereby end the petrodollar’s status as the monopoly currency.”**

**Does that mean Iran will be made an example, too?** Is war with Iran inevitable, notwithstanding the euros recent weakness? **Seymour Hersh and Scott Ritter**, at least, believe it’s right around the corner. Both the veteran investigative journalist (in the January 24th New Yorker) and the former weapons inspector (in a February 18th talk) maintain that the decision has already been made and the planning already begun.” — **Gold, Blood and Petrodollar Defectors**

[http://www.gold-eagle.com/editorials\\_05/demeritt060605.html](http://www.gold-eagle.com/editorials_05/demeritt060605.html)

*Comment by Iranian Oil 2006 — August 31, 2006 @ 6:29 am*

156. #141 unknown vet; Right on brother. I also had my eyes opened by the Vietnam experience. I was drafted at 18, just 6 weeks after high school graduation. If these cowardly chickenhawks want a war, let THEM be the ones to actually fight in the front lines rather than sending other peoples kids to die.

*Comment by [Ho Chi Minh](#) — August 31, 2006 @ 7:38 am*

157. HEIL BUSH!!

*Comment by Kenny — August 31, 2006 @ 8:01 am*

158. We are bogged down in Iraq, 140,000 strong and cant fight 'dead enders', Saddam loyalists, and a couple hundred other rag taggers, do you think we could wage war with a superior fighting force like Iran as compared to the Iraqi forces who had nothing since we bombed Iraq 40000 times in the 2/3 of the country we owned with the no fly zones..... I want O'reilly, that faggot Hannity, and those other war mongering mouth pieces to go sign up and fight if they think it is noble... lead by example you bitches...

Fox News Spreads Fear..... Fox news spreads lies, Fox it isnt even news, its CIA prepared mindles drivel to fuel the mindless masses..... Thank god, many here on this blog see it... its time to wake up the sleeping sheeple.....

*Comment by Anita Bongtoke — August 31, 2006 @ 9:04 am*

159. Bill Krystal, Brit Hume, and the other saber rattlers should go enlist themselves and their children to serve this country, if they find it so crucial... IDIOTS

*Comment by Anita Bongtoke — August 31, 2006 @ 9:06 am*

160. Ok silly people, lets get down to brass tacks. We don't do anything about North Korea for the same reason we will do something about Iran.....money. North Korea borders China, and they are very uncomfortable with a US presence on thier border. So, we don't want to upset the Chinese, and destabilize our own economy in the process. Iran, however, holds large volumes of Oil. They have no direct patron that will "rush" to thier defense (Despite Russia and China's objection to sanctions, niether is interested in hostilities with the US over a region that is as alien to them as us), so we are free to treat them in a more agressive manner. Now that being settled, the best course of action really is to move on Iran. Despite the widely held public belief, we are quite capable of taking down Iran. By doing this we weaken the last remaining regional power in the middle east. Will the "arabic" world dislike it? Sure, but it won't make new terrorists. It will just provide them with another reason (although, they don't really need one) to urge attacks against "The Great Satan". Please remember that the people who attack us are the minority, but as the old saying goes: it only takes one rotten apple to spoil the whole bunch. Of course the way to fix that problem is to through out the bunch, and pick new apples.

*Comment by WFI GUY — August 31, 2006 @ 9:30 am*

161. Funny, people like to say Iran is a threat, let me remind us all, what country has invaded 2 nations and occupied them? What country is talking about another military action against another country? Oh yeah the US.... the biggest terrorist nation in the world, learn it, know it.. and remember it... and dont say we were attacked on 911, know why, 911 was hatched in Washington DC.... it opened the door for the 'war on terror' the event the neocons preached and prayed and wrote about....

**FACT THE FBI WILL NOT INDICT OSAMA FOR 911, BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO EVIDENCE HE WAS INVOLVED, YET THE NEWS STILL TELLS US HE WAS BEHIND IT???????**  
WTF?

*Comment by Anita Bongtoke — August 31, 2006 @ 9:41 am*

162. I wonder while reading all these comments from all above why there is no mention of the fact that the pres has a dad who is basically head of Carlyle group which produces the stuff needed for armys to go to war and prospering from all war activity his son so flipantly chooses to start at will with no accountability whatsoever to the american people let alone the UN or more importantly the U>S

*Comment by Sal Munno — August 31, 2006 @ 9:54 am*

163. Sal,

That is a valid point, that many are profiting from this war. However the end of the paragraph lost me....We are not accountable to the United Nations. With regards to going to war, it seems that I recall Congress (the representatives

of the people) voted to authorize these actions. If they want it finished, then all they have to do is vote to end the action. They will vote the way people tell them if there is enough support. If there isn't, then minority option is just that, opinion of the minority.

*Comment by WFI GUY — August 31, 2006 @ [10:07 am](#)*

164. WFI GUY T-Y,  
3 quarters of my post didnt make it in here and I dont know why. I guess I must re-post

*Comment by Sal Munno — August 31, 2006 @ [10:14 am](#)*

165. Anyone that thinks we can win in a war with Iran needs to rethink their position by first reading and learning a little about Islam and its ultimate goals for the world. Iran wants to start a nuclear war with both America and Israel. By doing so they believe that their religious ideology will be brought to realization.

You can fight a war against an enemy army that you can see and develop lines against; however when you are fighting an enemy that consist of one or two men teams that hid in your civilian population and actually wish to die in the process of carrying out their plans you are fighting a completely different war that is almost impossible to wipe out. History proves this point and we as Americans need to remember it.

*Comment by fcsanders — August 31, 2006 @ [10:17 am](#)*

166. Anita,

Umm the FBI didn't indict Hirihiro either, but that doesn't mean that there was no evidence that he was involved in an attack on the United States.

An indictment of Osama would be meaningless.

As to the country that has invaded and occupied two other countries, that is inaccurate. We were asked to remain by the Afghan government, so that isn't an occupation. Iraq is an occupation, and I refer to my previous email to Sal. If the people of the US really want us out, then they can let Congress know. It really is that simple. But the fact is that while war is terrible, it is sometimes necessary. If there were no other reason but to establish a presence on either side of Iran, then invading Iraq wasn't bad. In the end, we will see if the invasion was appropriate. Often the ramification of foreign policy decisions take years to manifest.

I presume of course that you support the troops, as most people say they do. But does any one really understand what that means? Do you buy groceries for the wife who was left behind, because her husband is a reservist who's military pay is 1/2 of his civilian job? Do you hold the child of a friend and lack the words to explain to him why mommy isn't coming home? DO YOU EVEN KNOW SOMEONE IN THE MILITARY?

“The person that prays the most for peace is the professional warrior.” - Omar Bradley

*Comment by WFI GUY — August 31, 2006 @ [10:17 am](#)*

167. Iran has less of a reason to build a nuclear weapon than our country did, yet the same people who say they Iran has plenty of oil also say the bomb is their ultimate goal! Think, people. They have oil. We have technology to develop alternative fuels. The only reason Bush and Co.

*Comment by TLV — August 31, 2006 @ [10:18 am](#)*

168. Bill Kristol should be flogged, flagged, & f\*cked on live FUX NOOSE.

This little prick helped write NPAC.

This little prick would never fight for America, just like his President.

This little prick is not a journalist, he's a warmonger.

Check his stock holding.

You don't think he'd benefit from another war? He's *counting on it!*

He, Feith, Wolfowitz, et al, should be dropped in the Green Zone, sans parachute.

Maybe we could use them as sandbags instead of douchebags.

*Comment by FUX NOOSE — August 31, 2006 @ [10:20 am](#)*

169. FCSanders,

I disagree with your view that Iran wants to start a nuclear war with the US and Israel. I believe that they want to hold onto the “trump” card of nukes, so that they can project their foreign policy (Read religious beliefs) first regionally, then globally. I believe they feel that no one will attack them, because of the chance of Nuclear destruction. It is more important for Iran to understand the History of the US, and nuclear armed countries in general. While most are cautious about attacking countries with Nuclear arms, it is not completely unprecedented. The fact is that most countries with Nuclear Arms use them as a “last resort” defense. That is where Iran wants to be. The problem is that there are elements in their society that simply cannot be trusted to be rational. Although some will say Neo cons aren’t rational either, they are not willing to trade their lives for their beliefs. Regardless of what this says about their character, it is a comforting fact for those who are possible recipients of nuclear strikes from the US. Iran’s current leadership has no such compunction, so the issue isn’t really about deterrence, it’s about rationality. The US has the same concerns with India and Pakistan, however they already have the technology, so the genie is out of the bottle.

*Comment by WFI GUY — August 31, 2006 @ [10:26 am](#)*

170. WFI GUY and all that want to face truth,

There is too much writing on the wall for anyone to say I don’t see a thing,,, I call this the “head buried in the sand syndrome” there are people suffering from this in all walks of life in this country which has to do with hiding from truth they don’t want to face because they are afraid of what they will find when their head pops out...

I can’t believe in general that so many people are not aware of what Bush and others are pulling off right in front of our very eyes via untrustable media!

Sal.

*Comment by Sal Munno — August 31, 2006 @ [10:26 am](#)*

171. wif guy,

Has anyone thought about this Iran nuclear threat thingy as a valid threat which is supposedly not really one yet but very likely already be one they are just not letting you know about it, which a good military strategy.

Think about this ,,who supposedly gave them the technology to clean up uranium for the use in a bomb which they keep claiming is for lights,,,RUSSIA we had not ever trust anything the Iranians tell us if we want to be basing our decisions on the law of averages alone if nothing else, MY POINT BEING what is the problem with supposing that instead of shared Russian tech they actually gave them bombs CAN WE JUST REAL HERE!

I have never heard a word of this yet even as I type!

Sal

*Comment by Sal Munno — August 31, 2006 @ [10:40 am](#)*

172. WFI Goon- “If there were no other reason but to establish a presence on either side of Iran, then invading Iraq wasn’t bad”

Are the deaths of over 100,000 civilians and almost 3,000 US soldiers bad? Is lying to congress and the American people about the reasons for invading Iraq bad? Is de-stabilizing Iraq to the point that people are now openly talking about splitting the country up into three countries bad? I think a lot of people may disagree with your assertion!

Also, how do you know that attacking Iran “won’t make new terrorists”? Did you not read anything about the effects of Israel’s recent destruction of a good part of Lebanon? From what I’ve read, there are a lot more people supporting Hezbollah now than before the bombings. Considering that the official U.S. line is that Hezbollah is a terrorist organization, I think we can conclude that Israel was productive on one score at least - they created more terrorists!

How would YOU feel if some country decided that they wanted our resources so just dropped a bunch of bombs on some key cities and then moved their troops in and took over? Would you just roll over and let them?

And, please correct me if I’m wrong, but are you trying to tie unwillingness to go to war with Iran as being unsupportive of American troops?! I sure hope not. But, if so, did it occur to you that by NOT going to war with Iran some military lives might actually be spared? And that more of those military wives that you are supposedly so concerned about will actually get to see their spouses again?

Yikes.

*Comment by Margaret — August 31, 2006 @ [11:01 am](#)*

173. We (those who oppose this wrong headed administration) need to question the morality of pre-emptive war (every day, every hour, every minute)! The old testament says ‘an eye for an eye’...not ‘an eye for a possible eye’ or even ‘an eye for a threatened eye’. We can’t even go into the new testament where every word Jesus spoke was of peace and love (‘before it was said an eye for an eye...but I say turn the other cheek’ (paraphrased). This is the most morally bankrupt, evil, greedy, uncaring, etc. etc. regime ever!

BTW, the reason that we invaded Iraq is because Saadam was going to sell oil for Euros. Right now, entities must pay for oil in dollars which keeps us in business.

*Comment by Miss Redd — August 31, 2006 @ [11:14 am](#)*

174. Margaret—easy on wfi-guy he’s made very solid points coming from a patriotic standpoint and then some, but his opinions are allowed while we get to the bottom line of what is really going on in this world let alone country!

Let’s get this figured out and speak out once and for all!

*Comment by Sal Munno — August 31, 2006 @ [11:14 am](#)*

175. Sal,

Absolutely right in the regards to Russia possibly sharing the technology with the Iranians. However, it is unlikely that the Russian government did this knowingly. Again, they have a greater fear due to proximity, and understand that the only reason they have not seen terror attacks on Russian soil is due more in part to the internal security apparatus. If the Iranians did acquire the “bomb” from Russia, it was from individuals, not the government as a whole. The technology for cleaning the uranium came from a third party, but it is readily available commercially. In and of itself it is not weapon specific. However the enrichment of uranium is considered dual use, as it can also be used to create nuclear weapons. Again the issue here is will power. Either we as a country need to have the will to eliminate this risk now, or have the will to retaliate to a possible nuclear strike (most likely sea based, short range missile) by overwhelming response. Despite what stories and movies say, we may or may not strike back, if Iran did perpetrate a nuclear strike. It depends largely on American Will. I for one, having served in harms way, would prefer that the shooting take place there, rather than here. I believe that a conflict with the middle east (most likely a Syrian-Iranian-Shiia Muslim Iraq) is inevitable. Some the question is, how long do we wait. It took 5 years to stop Hitler and Tojo, at a staggering cost...is this what we want for our children?

*Comment by WFI GUY — August 31, 2006 @ [11:18 am](#)*

176. Margaret,

Yes, the deaths of Civilian and Military personell are bad (although I disagree with the Civilian total). Lying to congress is bad, but despite what congress would have you think, they have access to the same information, so they are culpable as well for authorizing it. In destabilizing Iraq, I would suggest that Germany under Hitler was extremely stable, but that doesn't make it a good place to live. Unfortunately Iraq (much like Yugoslavia) was never meant to be a single country. It really should be, and was several smaller "countries". It was held together (again like Yugoslavia) by force of arms, torture of civilians, murderous reprisals against dissendets, etc.). When I suggest that it won't make new terrorists my point is this: any one who would be recruited to become a terrorist doesn't have a shortage of reasons to do so. Adding one more reason to a long list doesn't change the product, only the packaging.

With regards to Israel, I would suggest that the assertion is incorrect. Hezbollah is supported by the Lebanese only because the government lacks the ability to remove them. I think that if they want to continue to be a political party in Lebanon, then that is there right. However, I firmly believe that if they disarmed, then they would lose the support they currently have. In inner cities of the US, gangs are "supported" by the local populace out of fear, but that doesn't mean that they are wanted, nor does it mean that eliminating them would draw more people to thier cause.

I beleive that I would feel the same as I did before with regards to another country wanting our resources and dropping bombs. I would be unhappy. But, at the same time I wouldn't find myself in a postion of killing innocents (ala WTC) to get it to stop. Innocents might be killed collatorally when I went to the foriegn country to fight back, but that is the unfortunate nature of war. But to target them specifically is something that I would never agree with. Now if we are talking specifically about Iraq, I seem to recall hearing something about the local government (the newly elected leaders) asking for our support. So I guess then that we aren't really occupying the country, so much as assisting the new Government (chosen by the people) at thier request. Did we drop bombs? Yes. Did Saddam want that?No. Did the Iraqies want Saddam? No. So, we are at an impasse.

No, I am not tying support of the troops to not going to war in Iran. Yes, by not going to war with Iran it would definitely spare troops...in the short term. However, don't be niave enough to believe that we won't at some point be forced to militarily face Iran. Give me peace in my children's time, even if it means I need to fight here and now.

Please do not ever forget that we have the life we live because there are men and now women willing to do violence on our behalf. War is ugly, hateful, evil, and repugent, but sometimes it is necessary.

We tried to be diplomatic with Iran in the 70's, didn't work. We tried to help Lebanon in the 80's, didn't work. In beleiving that if we just abandon the middle east, and they will leave us alone is why we are here today.

Sal, thank you, but Margaret believes in what she says, and I respect that greatly, even if I disagree. She writes passionately, and I welcome the discourse, as it may be the best way to solve the problems our nation faces.

*Comment by WFI GUY — August 31, 2006 @ [11:40 am](#)*

177. I see a lot og finger pointing. Those in Europe thinking their governments are innocent and even those in the Middle East, only pointing at America. The truth be know, the leaders of most of these countries work together and we are all guilty (govermenatally speaking). I leave you with this:  
WHO gains the most from a de-moralized Middle East?

I would say;

- 1) Europe
- 2) Israel
- 3) Middle East (other than #2)
- 4) America

*Comment by FingerPointing — August 31, 2006 @ [12:13 pm](#)*

178. **The Iranian Threat: The Bomb or the Euro?**

"March 19, 2005 — Iran does not pose a threat to the United State because of its nuclear projects, its WMD or its support to "terrorists organizations" as the American administration is claiming, but rather in its attempt to re-shape

the global economic system by converting it from a petrodollar to a petroeuro system. Such conversion is looked upon as a flagrant declaration of economic war against the US that would flatten the revenues of the American corporations and eventually might cause an economic collapse.”

<http://www.serendipity.li/wot/akleh.htm>

*Comment by No more blood for oil — August 31, 2006 @ 12:15 pm*

179. Follow the money trail, it is not just “America” it is most of the so-called free-world, including the ME:

<http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/viewthread.php?tid=213546&page=#pid2295240>

*Comment by FingerPointing — August 31, 2006 @ 12:24 pm*

180. WRI GUY MARGARET AND OTHERS,

Let me bring up a bad subject for a moment, and I am not asking for discussion even though I encourage it,,,,,Depleted uranium bombs which in my opinion are weapons of mass destruction which killed in 2001 and 2002 and keep killing today even though they were launched years ago were fired at countrys which we claimed had wmd’s well isnt that a contradiction in terms and hippo, THINK ABOUT IT!

Now for another bad subject gulf war #1, the first thing acomplished by military was to secure offshore oil drilling faciltys which the bash’s owned in the facinity of kawatis shores.

Now for another bad subject a oil pipeline going through turkey our ally and other countrys envolved we are in agreement with..

And now for another bad subject the Baku yes thats Baku pipeline which the oil lords cut afghanastan out of the deal and threatened to destroy maybe we bombed them before Iraq to whip them into submission, because supposedly we were after “al quaida” right which we were told was in afghanistan right, well isnt that where alquiada is and who we yes thats the US Gov helped train and fund and start under the guise of stability in there country!

Now for another bad subject proof and overwhelming evidence of depleted uranium bombs and amunition being used on lebanon, and the overwhelming substancial evidence of our supposedly much needed bomb shipments to Israel,,supposedly, repeat I say supposedly, which were used to whip lebanon into submission!!

As I type I cry right now, yes its ok for men to weep,what I weep about no-one will admit in exists!

Now for another bad subject, air bases and naval ports all over the middle east region,,,GUESS WHO controls the air AND WATER???? YES USA Question is and proof we control Iran AND THE MAJORITY OR THE MIDDLE EAST AND ALL THIER AIR SPACE,, Iran has purchased sub’s from prescious Russia to try and get around are supossed control and stronghold on that region which carry nukes,,, AND to top that off Russia picked up 1/3 the bill 3 subs one for free and yet they supposedly are against terrorism.

I think of Tom Cruise saying to the biggest pig in hollywood in a movie WHERE he was confronting a heavy hitter commander of a military facility in Cuba, AND SAID

“YOU CANT HANDLE THE TRUTH” after being asked do you want the truth?

You know what, I want the truth and so do all those I know and my sons as well! My point in saying this is, I believe God can show and reveal to us the truth before we ever here it from a human being, that has to do with discernment, which is a gift!

Sal M.

*Comment by Sal Munno — August 31, 2006 @ 12:58 pm*

181. That won't stop the war mongers. It's all about more bombs for the death merchants. people are just an unfortunate side-effect of this game they call war.

*Comment by tomz — August 31, 2006 @ [1:02 pm](#)*

182. gEORGE Bush has NO CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY OF ANY KIND TO USE ANY MILITARY FORCE against Iran. The Constitution LIMITS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO DELCARE WAR TO CONGRESS. There is no provision in the Constitution for Congress to delegate that responsibility to the president. Evidently neither George nor most of the members of Congress can READ. It is up to us - the citizens - to remiind them of this Constitutional provision. If we don't, them we may end up with another billion dollar a day quagmire ithat makes the world lless safe for everybody.

*Comment by Jana Lane — August 31, 2006 @ [1:09 pm](#)*

183. **Premptive Military Attacks are Immoral and Illegal**

Further the most reasonable intelligence indicates that it may be as long as 10 years before Iran can enrich enough uranium for 1 bomb. Thus, even if they do get one in the next 10 years they are not likely to use it, since the main point of having one is to deter others form attacking them.

Under international law they are allowed to develop Nuclear energy for peaceful use.

Brave Americans will understand that we survived several decades with literally thousands of missles set for launch on hair trigger, by the USSR. As we compare Iran to this we see how the Neo-cons are making a mountain out of a mole hill. Using this narrow perspective they appear as complete cowards, ready to kill innocent people without any proof of even the existence of a bomb. Iran has every right to develop and build nuclear power plants, hell who cares if they build a nuclear weapon. In the event they use it on us we will survive that and be able to respond with overwhelming force if need be, this is the deterrent factor.

For those who would make the argument that what if they let an Islamic militant terrost group have the bomb and it is delivered secretly without knowing the origin. I say simply, we can always send clear public signals, that any detonation of a nuclear device on US soil by islamist wahabis, will result in the bombing of Meca. This will deter any islamic terrorists, in much the same way wee deterred the USSR by threatenign them with mutual assured destruction. Not even the craziest islamic terrorist will feel it is worth doing if we promise them we'll blow up Meca. This will also encourage the Saudis to deal with their own terrorists. This simple foreign policy defice while extreem is no more extreem than what we used in the cold war. the only problem with it is it does not provide a mechanism for the Military induclrial complex to continue it's onscene profit making enterprises flowing form perpetual war on terroism, nor does it offer the oil corps access to the occupied resources which would be captured as bounty in Iran.

Stop the Buch Crime syndicate, restore democracy and the constitution in the united states now!

*Comment by Higher Power — August 31, 2006 @ [1:45 pm](#)*

184. WarGasm!

*Comment by [Thomas Mc](#) — August 31, 2006 @ [2:20 pm](#)*

185. [...] Thinkprogress.org has a clip from Fox News about the impending UN resolution which calls for sanctions against Iran unless they stop their nuclear program. In this clip, the Fox News hosts are rattling the sabers of war. [...]

*Pingback by [PoliticsTV.com Blog Channel » Blog Archive » Cha-Ching:Fox is selling war with Iran](#) — August 31, 2006 @ [2:20 pm](#)*

186. #183

dear, oh dear

and I always had an impression that it was USSR deterring crazy and power hungry USA from executing their nice

plans like DropShot

*Comment by Skeptic — August 31, 2006 @ [2:37 pm](#)*

187. I always enjoy reading the give and take on Think Progress. This one has been no exception. The poster Roger\_Roger and a few others has prompted me to jump in. Let's see: we are 4% of the worlds population yet consume 25% of its resources. To continue this folly you are willing to not only kill countless "enemies", but thousands of your own fellow citizens. Today means more to you than yesterday or tomorrow. We would follow your path at everyones peril. If you have grandkids, pick them up, look into their eyes, and tell them their futures are nothing but war and suffering so a few greedy bastards can have a bigger slice of our earthly pie. If we follow your course, some day they will go miles out of their way to piss on your grave. Have a nice day everyone

*Comment by Dave Lessick — August 31, 2006 @ [3:34 pm](#)*

188. [...] read more | digg story [...]

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190. Dictators don't leave office.

*Comment by Chad — August 31, 2006 @ [4:39 pm](#)*

191. This Bill Kristol asshole needs to be arrested , tried and put in jail for the rest of his natural life. Crying "Fire" in a crowded theatre is ILLEGAL! How many deaths does this scumbag and the other "WAR" cheerleaders have on their hands???? Nothing but death, destruction and LIES!!!! A "no heart" scumbag like this needs to be put away where he can do no harm anymore.

*Comment by [Gamble Online](#) — August 31, 2006 @ [4:45 pm](#)*

192. Why doesn't Gibson and Cavuto and everyone else just bow to the ground on T.V. and praise President Bush. They've done everything short of it. Sheesh. They might as well start up a new show called "Iranian Attack".

I thought the point was to PREVENT war at any cost. I know the government's already screwed up at that once, but I'm hoping the second time around they go through a checklist before lauching the fighters.

*Comment by [Adam](#) — August 31, 2006 @ [4:48 pm](#)*

193. Yo higher power,

you said-Stop the Buch Crime syndicate, restore democracy and the constitution in the united states now!

Dont you know we are and were a republic in the constitution, many fore fathers said, to allow a second party /a democrcy/ as you put it would divide the nation because of oposing views.

A democracy has never worked in any country wether imposed or taught and caught and supposedly practiced!

Look at how divisional the debates are between republicans and democrats, and the values they claim to believe in.

We the people and for the people remember?

The above is gone and most likely to never return!

Did you see the way the lebanese were hugging and thronging anan from the UN the other day on tv?

The majority of what makes up the /un/ are in favor of the moon goodess allah the islam freaks believe in,, just look at what side of the border they the un forces are on and you will have your asnswer .

How can the nations be united when there is a giant statue of zeus the minute you walk in the door at the UN bldg doors.

To come into agreement with error with those who are in error you become guilty of the same.

Heres a quote from a powerful man in whashington–Power corrups and absolute power corrups absolutly!

This whole discussion if you wanna call it one is about good- evil, jacob -esau, ishmael- isaic, the offspring of ishmael and esau are born hating the jews and cant help but be that way because of generational sin being passed down from the fathers before a word is even spoken.

We need to this as I share it in all literality we are all part of a divine plan no matter what side of the fence we have chosen to be on!

With all do respect!

Sal M.

how can a man believe it is ok to rationalize irrational behavior but in all reality isnt that what bush is doing,,,,,,,,,,,,,

*Comment by sal munno — August 31, 2006 @ [5:28 pm](#)*

194. **W.BUSH,**

**THE WORLD'S MOST STUPID LEADER....RIGHT NEXT TO DAN QYUALE, THE WORL'S MOST STUPID FORMER VICE PRESIDENT. IF W. BUSH IS NOT JUST STUPID, HE MUST HAVE ALZHEIMER'S DESEASE. IN ANY CASE, MUST BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE.**

**IRAN IS WELL IN PLACE, TO PRODUCE NUCLEAR ENERGY AS IT HAS SIGNED ALL INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR TREATIES. SO, WHAT IS THE HYPE? AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED, THE TRUE AXIS OF EVIL IS ISRAEL STRAIGHT TO WASHINGTON DC.**

*Comment by Hans — August 31, 2006 @ [6:13 pm](#)*

195. The way we stop this insanity is to pass one law, and that is every U.S. Senator or congress man will provide two of the children or closest relatives to fight in front line combat the entire duration of the war or what ever they want to call it, police action Or a cluster F— !

*Comment by Bill — August 31, 2006 @ [7:32 pm](#)*

196. I think an attack on Iran will occur before the November elections, and this by Israel. We then pick up the pieces. This will confuse the country, but the “rally round the flag boys” hysteria calculation will be thought to soften the blow of the republicans losing at least one house of congress. Hell, they may even think that this a favor for Bush, and maybe, just maybe, the ‘rally’ will keep the republicans in power . Israel cannot afford to lose Bush through committee hearings and investigations which will be “de rigueur” after the next election. No, the dirty work will be done before the election, while Israel’s soft cushion, found in Bush, can “joyusly” take the retaliatory blow for Israel. They need the brilliance of a Bush claiming that Sharon is a man of piece, and that Israel won the the latest

Lebanon fiasco. They need him to say that Israel attacked Iran in self defense, before Bush loses all credibility through committee hearing proofs of his lies leading us to the worst blunder in our country's history. In a word, Israel must attack Iran before Bush is totally discredited, and on the road to possible impeachment. The November election will probably be the most important date in our nation's history, dwarfing 9/11's import. How better to introduce the draft this way?

*Comment by Frank — August 31, 2006 @ 8:23 pm*

197. Sorry, when did the USA give up its nuclear weapons, that it's demaning the same of others?  
I must have missed that.

Does anyone remember when France went ahead with its nuclear explosions in the Pacific atolls, effectively giving the whole world the middle finger? Did we invade them?

SOVEREIGN states, people, look the word up in the dictionary.  
We may not like what they do, but we're ahrdly sectting an example, are we?

*Comment by Al Green, Bristol — August 31, 2006 @ 8:24 pm*

198. Unfortunately for FOX and the rest of the MSM, a war with Iran would be a media fiasco. Quite frankly, it would be boring and a ratings failure. As this war will surely be an air war, there would be no first hand reporting, as its hard to embed a reporter in a stealth bomber or cruise missle. We'll be going back to the days of the 1st Gulf War with TV images of missiles striking their targets, interviews with know-nothing psuedo-military experts and on screen graphics that always manage to incorporate America's favourite cult symbol, the red, white and blue. But what interesting graphics they would be. A map of Iran showing where all the tactical nukes have struck, an overlay showing where all the radio-active fall-out will land and a clicker counter to show how many of millions of Iranians will die.

Perhaps FOX will take us live to the Oval Office to watch the Monkey Man lead the Joint Chiefs in a prayer circle, where he will "Speak in Farts" as he reassures the nation. At the same time he will pray for the return of the US Constitution (which has been stolen under very mysterious circumstances), but if it can't be found he'll promise to write a new one from memory.

*Comment by BC Bud — August 31, 2006 @ 8:29 pm*

199. Plaese let the USA attack all militairy targets in the state which hijacked a name namely "israel" first, it's an extremely sickminded murderess fascist state and nobody should accept this sectarian stupid movement called zionism! IAEA doesn't even exist according to this clearly evil state, while Iran still operates just fine according to IEAE rules.

*Comment by Dove — August 31, 2006 @ 9:10 pm*

200. **Arming Iraq: A Chronology of U.S. Involvement**

"This chronology of the United States' sordid involvement in the arming of Iraq can be summarized in this way: The United States used methods both legal and illegal to help build Saddam's army into the most powerful army in the Mideast outside of Israel. The US supplied chemical and biological agents and technology to Iraq when it knew Iraq was using chemical weapons against the Iranians. The US supplied the materials and technology for these weapons of mass destruction to Iraq at a time when it was know that Saddam was using this technology to kill his Kurdish citizens. The United States supplied intelligence and battle planning information to Iraq when those battle plans included the use of cyanide, mustard gas and nerve agents. The United States blocked UN censure of Iraq's use of chemical weapons. The United States did not act alone in this effort. The Soviet Union was the largest weapons supplier, but England, France and Germany were also involved in the shipment of arms and technology." View Full Chronology at: [http://www.iranchamber.com/history/articles/arming\\_iraq.php](http://www.iranchamber.com/history/articles/arming_iraq.php)

*Comment by No more blood for oil — August 31, 2006 @ 9:18 pm*

201. I'll bet my money on the predictions of poster #196. Additionally, Pakistan could dump core in the next few years and be taken over by radical Islamist juntas, and as they have nukes already, what then? Get India to attack them? Wait, wasn't there a big nuclear free-for-all deal with India recently where everybody was asking where the heck that was coming from?

*Comment by El Tonno — August 31, 2006 @ 9:21 pm*

202. I can't believe people are still watching FOX News.

*Comment by Mohammed Atta — August 31, 2006 @ 10:23 pm*

203. Love, selfless love is our only hope.....communication is understanding's shadow, thought is a form of light.

seek love.

do not let the citizen-posturing-operatives of shadowy regimes entice soft conversation into unyielding debate-hate-darkness.

your heart is a bio-crystal, let it shine the purest frequency.....LOVE.

*Comment by who puts the icing on the yellowcake — August 31, 2006 @ 10:57 pm*

204. beware of dimwits and their dim-pulsators

their plans for a dark future are ill-conceived

Mr Nuclear Winter..... ? anyone.....?

that's who I think will really put the frosting on the yellowcake

*Comment by who puts the icing on the yellowcake — August 31, 2006 @ 11:06 pm*

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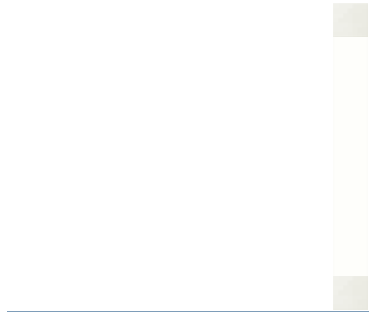
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