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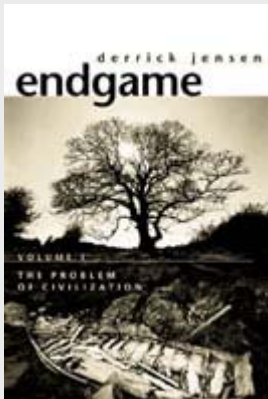


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Krauthammer, you ignorant slut ...

Posted by [Joshua Holland](#) at 11:22 AM on May 27, 2006.

Everything wrong with America is embodied in the feverishly illiberal columnist.

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Is there a more dangerous intellect than Charles Krauthammer on a tear against the Islamunist menace?

His latest:

All of a sudden, revolutionary Iran has offered direct talks with the United States. All of a sudden, the usual suspects -- European commentators, American liberals, dissident CIA analysts, Madeleine Albright -- are urging the

administration to take the bait.

Yes, Charles, all of a sudden ...

[Flynt Leverett, in the New York Times:](#)

During its five years in office, the administration has turned away from every opportunity to put relations with Iran on a more positive trajectory...

In the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks, Tehran offered to help Washington overthrow the Taliban and establish a new political order in Afghanistan.

In the spring of 2003, shortly before I left government, the Iranian Foreign Ministry sent Washington a detailed proposal for comprehensive negotiations to resolve bilateral differences. The document acknowledged that Iran would have to address concerns about its weapons programs and support for anti-Israeli terrorist organizations. It was presented as having support from all major players in Iran's power structure, including the supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. A conversation I had shortly after leaving the government with a senior conservative Iranian official strongly suggested that this was the case. Unfortunately, the administration's response was to complain that the Swiss diplomats who passed the document from Tehran to Washington were out of line.

According to the *Financial Times*, that wasn't the first time Iran's tried to open a dialogue, but previous tries have been scuttled by neocon madmen -- men like Krauthammer:

Iran's proposal of a road map leading to the restoration of relations with the US did not come as a complete surprise to the Bush administration, but it has intensified a fierce internal debate between "realists" and "neo-conservatives" over ambitious plans to remake the wider Middle East.

Signs of an overture from Tehran had been picked up by Washington a year before the invasion of Iraq ...

Even before last May ... a suggestion [of detente] had been aired by Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, a former president.

Mr Rafsanjani, a powerful figure central to several abortive bids over the past 18

voluntary transformation to a sane and sustainable way of living. If we do not put a halt to it, civilization will continue to immiserate the vast majority of humans and to degrade the planet until it... collapses...

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years to strike deals with the US, suggested the question of Iran-US relations could be put to a referendum, a move almost sure to secure approval for rapprochement...

For Donald Rumsfeld, the defence secretary, Iran and its creation Hizbollah cannot be forgiven for the retreat of US forces from Lebanon in 1983 after 241 Marines were killed by a bomb.

For many in the Bush administration, that humiliation, followed by no meaningful retaliation, created an image of American weakness in the Arab world that ultimately encouraged the al-Qaeda attacks of September 11, 2001.

The story goes on about the internal fight between people in Dick Cheney's office -- Doug Feith, who Tommy Franks [called](#) "the fucking stupidest guy on the face of the earth" -- and Colin Powell, Bush I's National Security Advisor Brent Scowcroft and other sane folks about how to react to the overtures. Guess who won? The fucking stupidest guys on the face of the earth.

Anyway, "European commentators, American liberals, dissident CIA analysts" and even wild-eyed Clintonistas like Madeleine Albright were encouraging direct dialogue all the time.

And, by the way, those attempts at *rapprochement* were all big news stories at the time. meaning Krauthammer knows all of this to be true and is essentially just lying his way through this whole column. Eh, what else is new?

Back to it:

Mark my words. The momentum for U.S.-Iran negotiations has only begun. The focus of the entire Iranian crisis will begin to shift from the question of whether Tehran will stop its nuclear program to whether Washington will sit down alone at the table with Tehran.

The horrors of negotiation! I ask you: can't we all just drop a bomb?

Just yesterday the world was excoriating the Bush administration for its unilateralism -- on Kyoto, the ABM Treaty and, most especially, Iraq -- and demanding that Washington act in concert with the "international community." Just yesterday the Democratic nominee for president attacked President Bush's foreign policy precisely for refusing to consult with, listen to and work with "the allies."

Another day, another principle. Bush is now being pressured to abandon multilateralism and go it alone with Iran.

The one area where I agree with Krauthammer is his belief that people who read his (and his colleagues') knowledge instead of entertainment) are very, very stupid.

How else to explain this pathetic attempt at a "gotcha"?

Let's set aside the obvious differences between attacking a country or pulling out of a climate treaty and sitting down to negotiate to get something you want. Nobody, and I mean nobody, has suggested that Bush "abandon multilateralism." It's called "multi-track" diplomacy: on track one you continue the multilateral negotiations -- with the 3 taking the lead -- and on track two you have bilateral U.S.-Iranian negotiations for issues that can only be settled between the two. This is done all the time -- it's a standard operating procedure in peace negotiations -- and, again, Krauthammer knows this very well.

The next 500 words are the boilerplate half-truths and transparent historical revisionism that prove that Iran is the Next Nazi Germany. He forgets to mention that Iran has a "inalienable right," under a treaty signed by the U.S., to enrich uranium, or that all of Iran's [nuclear fuel is presently accounted for](#).

Then we get an idea of what Krauthammer's hoping to achieve in the short-term:

Pushing Washington to abandon the multilateral process and enter negotiations alone is more than rank hypocrisy. It is a pernicious folly. It would short-circuit the process that, after years of dithering, is about to yield its first fruits: sanctions that Tehran fears.

Sanctions. Nothing would hurt Iranian reformers or strengthen its hardliners more than sanctions. It's another example of how these guys feed off of each other. The Krauthammers and guys like Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad are two sides of the same coin; they need each other -- hell, they *feed* off of each other.

But sanctions won't happen, or at least not significant sanctions. The rest of the world sees the Iranian leadership as a nuisance, but the country itself as a major trading partner. The rest of the world needs their oil.

And the world will get it regardless of sanctions. Let's review the countries that border Iran:

- Afghanistan
- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Iraq
- Pakistan
- Turkmenistan
- Turkey

Good luck stopping Iran from smuggling out that \$100 dollar-per-barrel oil through those borders.

Anyway, finally, at the end of his column, Krauthammer comes clean and admits that he'd accept direct negotiations as long as they're geared, ultimately, toward bombing Iran to hell:

We should resolutely say no [to bilateral talks].

Except on one condition. If the allies... [pledge] support for U.S. and/or coalition military action against Iran in the event that the bilateral talks fail, then we might achieve something.

You want us to talk? Fine. We will go there, but only if you arm us with the largest stick of all: your public support for military action if the talks fail...

That's our condition. Otherwise, the entire suggestion of bilateral talks is a ploy that should be rejected with the same contempt with which it was proposed.

It's not that he thinks anyone's going to pre-approve an attack -- by this administration -- on a country that hasn't demonstrably breached any international law. It's just that he's nuts.

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day0527Posted by: day0527 on May 27, 2006 1:53 PM [\[Report this comment\]](#)

Krauthammer is an RNC lap dog. As soon as you see his smirking face and his mouth starts to open, you know something unbelievable or absurd is about to come out. Intellectual, you gotta be kidding!

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Just know you probably think you're cute doing it and that it's OK because SNL did it first but would you STOP with the sexist & degrading remarks like 'ignorant slut'??

Krauthammer may well be ignorant but to pair it with the word slut is like a double-whammy insult when used against men. It insults them by associating them with women and again by using a word that degrades women.

If you want to degrade & disrespect Krauthammer with sexually-loaded invective then check your pants and find some creative insult in there and stop using women.

Sheesh.

[\[< Reply to this comment\]](#) [\[Post a new comment >\]](#)[» wait wait...](#) Posted by: JoshuaLudd[» RE: wait wait...](#) Posted by: doremi[» RE: wait wait...](#) Posted by: tclaverture**Krathauer, Present Dangers, PNAC and other neo-cold warriors...**Posted by: brad on May 27, 2006 6:45 PM [\[Report this comment\]](#)

Krathauer and others associated with the group Present Dangers, which is aligned with PNAC, represent the left over mentality of the cold war. Where imperialism is shielded behind an ideology of defence from an evil other. They represent the Rudyard Kiplings of our era. Or more likely the Hitler, Mao or Stalin of our era. How these paranoid, power hungry warmongers ever got into positions of power is telling of our nation's reward system.

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Posted by: gar

Krauthammer's -- and Your -- Use Of WordsPosted by: ZPaul on May 28, 2006 1:15 AM [\[Report this comment\]](#)

I have seen this Krauthammer fellow quoted by neocon-zombies in enough forums to know that he uses all the "right", "magical" reactionary words to endear him to the ignorant souls who hang on his every slur: "European", "liberal", "dissident", "wild-eyed", "Clintonistas" (the "istas" gives any word that Latin-American Revolutionary Commie flavor, y'know...)

As for your use of the word "slut" -- I must have lived outside the U.S.A. for too long a time -- does this word have some new meaning that I wasn't aware of, and is it appropriate to use it here? Maybe I'm old-fashioned, but it struck me as inappropriate for the context.

[\[< Reply to this comment\]](#) [\[Post a new comment >\]](#)[» RE: Krauthammer's -- and Your -- Use Of Words](#) Posted by: Aussie Kim**Exquisite terminology**Posted by: veive on May 28, 2006 8:14 AM [\[Report this comment\]](#)

Use of the word "slut" is perfectly apt in Herr Krauth's case. He's a genuine man who "sleeps around" with anyone that can abide his repulsiveness. Since all the neocons are either myopic or totally blind, he has plenty of "partners."

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ZPaul

I see, a quadraphlegic slut

Posted by: gerdhansel on May 28, 2006 1:13 PM [[Report this comment](#)]

I wonder how many of you are aware that Charles K is paralyzed from the waist down?

I don't agree with the man's politics, but associating a sexual slur like "slut" with a man bound to a wheelchair for the rest of his life is particularly odious.

Would you call the late Christopher Reeve a "man-whore" for using his affliction to drum up support for stem cell research, just because you disagree with him? Of course not.

Political discourse has gone to the dogs in this country. It's not enough to say, "I disagree with you." Now we say, "I hope your career goes in the toilet, and you end up in prison, and your family ends up destitute on the streets!"

Let me give you a few examples of the sheer nastiness that is poisoning the well of political discourse in this country:

"Deliverance wing of the Republican Party" Randi Rhoades

"Knuckle-dragging base" Randi Rhoades

"Butt monkeys" Laura Ingram

"Feminazi" Rush Limbaugh

"Rush Limbaugh is a big fat liar" Al Franken.

Seen enough?

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» **RE: I see, a quadraphlegic slut** Posted by: dave236412

» **RE: I see, a quadraphlegic slut** Posted by: Evil_Ed

» **jane wasn't a cripple** Posted by: gerdhansel

» **RE: jane wasn't a cripple** Posted by: dave236412

» **A.....CRIPPLE???** Posted by: Longdream

» **Paralysed?** Posted by: chief of okeefe

» **don't forget randi and al** Posted by: gerdhansel

» **RE: don't forget randi and al** Posted by: bodo

» **i'm talking about radical environmentalists** Posted by: gerdhansel

» **Huh?** Posted by: particle

» **Seen enough?** Posted by: Longdream

Krauthammer

Posted by: dave236412 on May 28, 2006 1:26 PM [[Report this comment](#)]

These people really have no ethics. The neo-conservatives seem to have this abhorrent attitude that they're some kind of benevolent elite, who are justified in telling the public whatever it needs to be told - whatever lies or sophistry - to gain public support for aggression, repression, and more atrocities. In reality, of course, they're anything but benevolent.

The Bush Administration wants war on Iran because they fear Iran's potential to become a major regional power in the Middle East, reducing U.S. influence. Even if Iran is not actually trying to develop nuclear weapons, Iran is in a position to greatly increase its influence in the region. Since they can't just come out and say what their motives are, the Bush Administration and its lackeys need a pretext, and have no qualms about using blatant lies and absurd fallacies to provide one.

Incidentally, I think it's funny how "dissident CIA analysts" are now being thrown in the same category as "American liberals." The CIA - with its history of instigating coups; covertly supporting dictatorships and fascistic "anti-communist" forces; meddling in the internal politics even of our Western democratic allies, and possibly in domestic U.S. politics as well - is now, apparently, comprised of long-haired pot-smoking socialist hippies. If only...

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More Krauthammer-bashing at the Buffalo Beast

Posted by: Evil_Ed on May 28, 2006 3:11 PM [[Report this comment](#)]

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Like shooting fish in a barrel.

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darby1936

Posted by: darby1936 on May 28, 2006 3:16 PM [[Report this comment](#)]

We need to invade Iran as soon as possible. But first, we need a military draft, with no one excluded.

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» [Strap you ass to the front of the lead tank...](#) Posted by: chief of okeefe

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» [RE: The Land Of Opportunity For Guest Soldiers](#) Posted by: ZPaul

» [RE: The Land Of Opportunity For Guest Soldiers](#) Posted by: scott balogh

day0527

Posted by: day0527 on May 29, 2006 1:24 AM [[Report this comment](#)]

He's also apparently paralyzed from the neck up! He is frozen in the mold of the neocons, who even as only 30% or below continue to support this excuse for a president.

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Posted by: cryOfan on May 29, 2006 12:09 PM [[Report this comment](#)]

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» [Turn in your loved ones now.](#) Posted by: Longdream

To those complaining about the 'slut' title...

Posted by: quiet sound on May 30, 2006 10:16 AM [[Report this comment](#)]

Are you familiar with the term Presstitute?

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