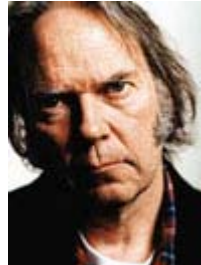


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"Impeach the President" - Neil Young

"Neil Young's new album, 'Living with War,' is an incendiary, moving, totally American document of peaceful protest that is going to make a lot of people crazy one way or another. And there's no doubt that the centerpiece of the album, a song called 'Let's Impeach the President,' performed as a melodic, rocking campfire ode, will be what causes the most controversy." [[Fox News](#)]



[Stream the album.](#) Read the "Impeach the President" lyrics below...

*Let's impeach the president for lying
And leading our country into war
Abusing all the power that we gave him
And shipping all our money out the door*

*He's the man who hired all the criminals
The White House shadows who hide behind closed doors
And bend the facts to fit with their new stories
Of why we have to send our men to war*

*Let's impeach the president for spying
On citizens inside their own homes
Breaking every law in the country
By tapping our computers and telephones*

*What if Al Qaeda blew up the levees
Would New Orleans have been safer that way
Sheltered by our government's protection
Or was someone just not home that day?*

*Let's impeach the president
For hijacking our religion and using it to get elected
Dividing our country into colors
And still leaving black people neglected*

*Thank god he's cracking down on steroids
Since he sold his old baseball team
There's lot of people looking at big trouble
But of course the president is clean*

Thank God

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Wow, I was never a big fan of Neil Young - until now.

Posted by: rmk at May 1, 2006 11:28 AM

Love how FOX declares those lyrics an "Exclusive" when they were posted earlier on Neil Young's blog (<http://livingwithwar.blogspot.com/2006/04/album-info.html>).

Something I was wondering, and maybe someone here knows: Did Neil Young ever become a U.S. citizen? Or is he just some crazy Canadian telling us how to run our country?

Posted by: J at May 1, 2006 11:37 AM

Watch the CNN interview on YouTube. Besides the interviewer unknowingly making it highly entertaining, Neil responds to your question about being an American:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7utryGZ25dg>

Posted by: brooklynvegan at May 1, 2006 11:44 AM

Thanks. That hot pink jacket is hilarious.

So he IS just here to take our women and bitch about our government.

Posted by: J at May 1, 2006 12:03 PM

Well, to be fair, I'm sure Canadians don't much like many of the Americans who cross the border to take advantage of their lower drinking age (19) and the occasional American who manages to lie his or her way to free Canadian medical care.

Posted by: Triumph the Insult Comic Dog at May 1, 2006 01:06 PM

Though Neil is still a Canadian citizen, he has lived in America for nearly 40 years, during which his songs have very often made some real impact touching on subjects of American culture and history (Powderfinger, Pocahontas), and immediate protest (Ohio, This Note's For You). It's also worth noting that he's a father of three American children.

Posted by: at May 1, 2006 01:51 PM

"Something I was wondering, and maybe someone here knows: Did Neil Young ever become a U.S. citizen? Or is he just some crazy Canadian telling us how to run our country?"

Kind of like America telling the rest of us how the world should be run, I guess.

Posted by: [TroubleBoy](#) at May 1, 2006 09:45 PM

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I like how Fox News calls Bob Dylan "the original rock protest singer," especially since he so often/readily talks about how Pete Seeger and Woody Guthrie influenced him profoundly.

P.S. This song is corny as hell.

"And shipping all our money out the door"
-corny stupid forced rhyme

"Breaking every law in the country"
-really? He committed every possible type of parking violation?

The whole thing is corny, fifth-grade level rhyming. Those are just the two best examples. Also, what makes Neil Young a political authority? Ohhhh, of course, the same thing that makes Susan Sarandon and Tim Robbins political experts: a massive ego and a misguided sense of self-purpose.

Posted by: at May 1, 2006 10:41 PM

Doesn't Bush have "a massive ego and a misguided sense of self-purpose" himself?

Posted by: at May 1, 2006 11:05 PM

anonymous 2, how does your observation detract from any of anonymous 1's arguments about the lazy, inept lyricism of the song and the fact that neil young has no political credentials?

Posted by: at May 1, 2006 11:08 PM

True, my observation doesn't address the criticism of the lyrics. I only managed to point out the irony of criticizing a person with "a massive ego and a misguided sense of self-purpose" for expressing his or her opinion of the President when the President himself has "a massive ego and a misguided sense of self-purpose."

Posted by: anonymous 2 at May 1, 2006 11:26 PM

Neil Young doesn't read. Seriously, he doesn't read books. Ask him yourself. That's probably why his lyrics are for shit.

Posted by: at May 2, 2006 01:37 AM

anon 3--how does your comment (ostensibly in defense of anon 1) do anything more than criticize anon 2? This is meta-laziness in conceptual analysis...

And criticizing the form of the lyrics or one example of hyperbole is also to select a superficial aspect of something to direct your criticism at in the hopes that a valid point on a collateral matter will somehow obscure any discussion on the actual issue and will gain you some much desired and little deserved intellectual credibility

Posted by: at May 2, 2006 07:13 AM

does anyone else think it's funny that this report was from FOX NEWS?

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