

NEWS NETWORKS INSTALL "QUARANTINE ROOM" FOR ELECTION NIGHT: NO ONE GETS OUT WITH EXIT POLL INFO...

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In the Senate, with fewer seats in play, the math is simpler. If one or two of the most vulnerable Republicans -- in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee and Missouri -- win decisively, the networks will know fairly early that the Democrats won't be able to reach their magic number of six needed to take control. But even if the Democrats sweep those races -- and hold New Jersey, which is in doubt -- the networks still won't be able to forecast a Democratic takeover until enough votes are counted in Montana, where polls close at 10 p.m. Eastern. The Democrats would have to unseat Montana's embattled GOP senator, Conrad Burns, to gain control.

The biggest behind-the-scenes change in network coverage involves what has been dubbed the Quarantine Room. Determined to avoid a rerun of recent years, when its exit polls leaked out by early afternoon to the Drudge Report, Slate and other Web sites, a media consortium is allowing two people from each of the networks and the Associated Press entree to a windowless room in New York. All cellphones, laptops and BlackBerrys will be confiscated. The designated staffers will pore over the exit polls but will not be allowed to communicate with their offices until 5 p.m.

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It's POLL and not POLE

By: Chucklingrepublicon on November 02, 2006 at 12:03am

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That would be "exit poll" ...

By: DianneVarga on November 02, 2006 at 12:19am

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I would say that if major discrepancies develop between exit polls and tallies that it is THE VOTES that should be scrutinized. Any Repig troll caught preventing anyone from voting should be arrested. With their record, a lot will be behind bars. Any phone banks also caught giving false and misleading info should also be investigated, with callers engaging in practice also arrested...this is war, folks, a real war to take back the real America, and we are going to play ROUGH!

By: MCE337 on November 02, 2006 at 12:20am

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Yet another illustration of how our changing world is all Karl Rove's fault. How else can we account for the incredible lapse in intelligence regarding the exit poles headline?

Perhaps this individual is one of those who was so uneducated he had to go to Irak to be rescued by Jon Carry, was dishonorably discharged and then immediately scooped up by the liberal press because he was either; (a)economically challenged and limited, or (b) he was a victim.

By: NRBP on November 02, 2006 at 12:29am

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"Exit Pole?"

But I thought Mark Foley was out of the race.

By: JArthurCrank on November 02, 2006 at 12:32am

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We should never allow FOX news to appoint our leaders ever again.

It wasn't the Supreme Court, not really.

People got the impression in 2000 that Bush won the election because FOX News said he won. But it was all LIES, completely made up. They couldn't have possibly known because the votes weren't even counted yet!

That's how this whole mess started, remember?

Lots of folks "woke up" on 911. I woke up ten months before when I saw that our highest office had been stolen.

By: ChucklingRedRectum on November 02, 2006 at 12:36am

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...in a follow up:

GOON SQUADS like Macaca's will get arrested, on the spot...

By: MCE337 on November 02, 2006 at 12:47am

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This WashPo story is dead wrong on Jersey...local media, and I live in the state, says Menendez is pulling ahead...Garden Staters just don't cotton to Bush apologists and ass lickers like Kean, no matter what his lineage is, and at this point, after his father's shameful endorsement of the awful 9/11 mockudrama, he has no cred in the state...Menendez by 4...

By: MCE337 on November 02, 2006 at 12:53am

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Think how much more intelligent and civilized the election coverage would be if the 'Network Quarantine' meant that no info, no data, no 'news', no 'commentary', no 'speculation', no 'forecast', no 'prediction', no picture, no sound, could be emitted by the networks until noon, 8 November.

By: FUBush on November 02, 2006 at 01:17am

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Maybe someone will use a pole to vault into the exit poll to see what's happening.

By: watchingthings on November 02, 2006 at 01:38am

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By: FUBush on November 02, 2006 at 01:17am

I have to agree with you. Every network has their own slant, especially with polls. We're better off finding out who won by counting votes, not by counting polls or journalists. And spreading rumors about the results from the east coast before the west has a chance to vote is just another form of election tampering.

By: Mort on November 02, 2006 at 02:03am

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The Democrats don't really need to stay up late for the Conrad Burns results. A Dem will be in that seat soon no matter who wins. Burns is very soon going to be joining his good buddy Bob Ney in a Federal jail cell. And if his seat becomes open, Montana's Democratic Governor will be choosing his replacement.

By: Ohio on November 02, 2006 at 02:13am

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What a shock, another messed up HP headline...

By: geneven on November 02, 2006 at 02:23am

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NRBP...

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Get back to molesting your grandchildren, pops--I'm sure they're wondering where you are...

By: timoirish on November 02, 2006 at 02:56am

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Yes, it's been said before but "exit pole"? Are you kidding me with this crap? How does the doofus who wrote this still have a job?

By: ShempLugosi on November 02, 2006 at 03:31am

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This is all a load of horshi*. The exit polls were right in ohio, Kerry did win. The traitorus criminals who "count" and then "fix" the vote count is why the exit polls were "wrong". This Network crap is just more evidence that they will try and Fix this election's count as well. I just hope it is such a landslide that it is too much for even the diebold creeps to fix. Exit polling is used throughout The WORLD to verify elections and has decades of reliability.

By: crx on November 02, 2006 at 03:52am

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NO polls for House races....are you KIDDING me?

The fix is in folks....brace for it!

By: philipba on November 02, 2006 at 04:58am

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Quick, Robin... to the exit pole!

It's okay. The eurotrash socialist moonbat-in-charge does very well with English as a second or therd langige...

By: RedSt8r on November 02, 2006 at 06:14am

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Why? When the Republicans and Diebold still the elections, they will simply say exit polls are wrong. The Dems and media will say, OK.

By: oakland on November 02, 2006 at 06:18am

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In the begining I found the Huffington Post easy to reead but nowdays its seams that evry hedlaine is mipselled, witch I com eto thiink is quiet clever as by hiring some of us fateful posters as edutors it better refelects the general level of educations threw Americans poses that will go to the Poles after make uniformed decicion thanks to raeding these cements. Leave no voter in our behind as may the bestest man (or womens) win to lead this Nation further into the abyss, by ignoring global warming, rising oceans, bird flu, poverty, health care, education, equality, pollution, and a glaring absence of bicycle lanes!

By: metropixie on November 02, 2006 at 06:55am

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Sounds like the fix is in for the repugs. Cheating, lying and stealing have become the norm for these bushpigs.

By: UrbanChaos on November 02, 2006 at 07:23am

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Remember in 2000 - first it went to the DEMS and then, as expected by the Bush Family, did the election result favor their son.

Did you expect it to be different this time?

Don't think so.

By: vippy on November 02, 2006 at 08:14am

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I wouldn't touch exit results with a ten foot poll.

Mark Foley thinks a page's keister is a pole vault.

<http://www.newsprism.com...>

By: narcissisticfibrosis on November 02, 2006 at 08:24am

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Exit polls have been a part of every election for years.

Now They Are Considered Leaks ? ?

What are they trying to hide in this election?

By: hw on November 02, 2006 at 08:26am

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Which Pollock is the "exit Pole"? Is HuffPo hiring Bush disciples to write their headlines?

By: trotskyxxx on November 02, 2006 at 08:27am

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