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Karl Rove Announces Plans to Steal Election

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By David Swanson

White House political head honcho Karl Rove was interviewed by National Public Radio yesterday. He effectively announced plans to steal the coming elections. The polls point decisively to a Democratic majority in the House, and possibly in the Senate. Yet Rove told NPR he was certain of Republican majorities in both houses, and gave laughable reasons for his claim. Rove had no actual evidence to point to.

Now, this could be seen as the obsessive lying of a political hack, were it not for the fact that Rove's party has stolen elections in 2000, 2002, and 2004, has recently increased dramatically the opportunities for election fraud (with new machines, new ID requirements, new purging techniques), and has already begun dirty tricks in a number of states (including machine foul ups already in Maryland, Virginia, Texas, Illinois, and the U.S. military). Rove's strategy is clearly to steal the elections and to put forth a paper-thin excuse to justify it, one he hopes the corporate media will (again) accept. How do we know that's Rove's strategy? Because he announced it yesterday on NPR. Here's the transcript:

MR. SIEGEL OF NPR: We're in the home stretch, though. And many might consider you on the optimistic end of realism about --

MR. ROVE: Not that you would be exhibiting a bias or anything like that. You're just making a comment.

MR. SIEGEL: I'm looking at all the same polls that you're looking at every day.

MR. ROVE: No you're not. No you're not!

MR. SIEGEL: No, I'm not --

MR. ROVE: I'm looking at 68 polls a week. You may be looking at four or five public polls a week that talk about attitudes nationally, but that do not impact the outcome --

[Rove is claiming access to secret polls that he never cites any data from, indicates the origin of, or otherwise documents the existence of. When asked for examples of races Republicans are winning, Rove turns to races we all know they're winning based on "public" polls. Needless to say, thousands of public polls report on individual races, not just "attitudes nationally".]

MR. SIEGEL: -- name races between -- certainly Senate race

MR. ROVE: Well, like the polls today showing that Corker's ahead in Tennessee; or the race -- polls showing that Allen is pulling away in the Virginia Senate race.

[Yes, we knew about those, Karl. But those still leave the Republicans losing the House and possibly even the Senate.]

MR. SIEGEL: Leading Webb in Virginia. Yes.

MR. ROVE: Yeah, exactly.

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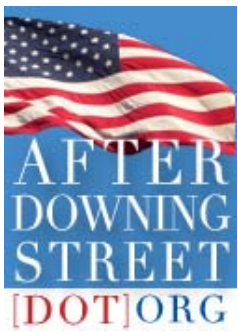
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MR. SIEGEL: Have you seen the DeWine race and the Santorum race and -- I don't want to --

[You don't want to what, point out that Karl is lying by listing more of the races where the Democratic Senatorial candidates lead in the polls? Now watch how Karl responds...]

MR. ROVE: Yeah. Look, I'm looking at all these Robert and adding them up. And I add up to a Republican Senate and a Republican House. You may end up with a different math, but you're entitled to your math. I'm entitled to "the" math.

Rove probably meant to say something coherent, such as "You're entitled to your own opinions, but not your own math." He probably couldn't manage to come out with that simple statement because his attention was focused on blatantly lying his ass off. If he had evidence that the Republicans are ahead in polls, he would reveal it. What reason could he possibly have not to? He knows that whoever is leading can often be helped to a larger lead by simply announcing that fact. He's on the air precisely to claim that Republicans are leading. Yet he has no evidence.

Democratic candidates, consider yourselves warned. Don't concede a shady election the next day and then complain weeks later that you didn't realize, you hadn't been aware, or you didn't want to put us through a traumatic experience. Our uncertainty as to whether you will fight for your votes is what is traumatizing us.

Citizens, consider yourselves warned. Go to <http://www.mydem.com> and prepare yourselves to make sure the votes are counted. Then join a blue revolution: candlelight vigils outside county election offices the evening of November 7th -- Let them know we're watching: <http://www.blurevolution.us>

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"The" Math

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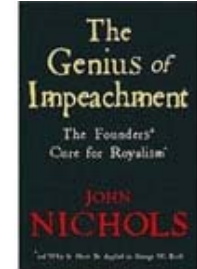
Remember that the Bush administration creates reality. We were given an explanation about this in Ron Suskind's N. Y. Times [article from two years ago](#):

In the summer of 2002, after I had written an article in Esquire that the White House didn't like about Bush's former communications director, Karen Hughes, I had a meeting with a senior adviser to Bush. He expressed the White House's displeasure, and then he told me something that at the time I didn't fully comprehend -- but which I now believe gets to the very heart of the Bush presidency.

The aide said that guys like me were "in what we call the reality-based community," which he defined as people who "believe that solutions emerge from your judicious study of discernible reality." I nodded and murmured something about enlightenment principles and empiricism. He cut me off. "That's not the way the world really works anymore," he continued. "We're an empire now, and when we act, we create our own reality. And while you're studying that reality -- judiciously, as you will -- we'll act again, creating other new realities, which you can study too, and that's how things will sort out. We're history's actors . . . and you, all of you, will be left to just study what we do."

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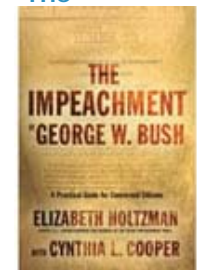
Impeachment: The Founders' Cure for Royalism, by John Nichols, a masterpiece that should be required reading in every high school and college in the United States, a history and portrait of the practice of impeachment.

"Articles of



Impeachment Against George W. Bush, by the Center for Constitutional Rights, a short book that lists and explains four (multi-part) articles of impeachment.

"The



Impeachment of George W. Bush: A Practical Guide for Concerned Citizens, by Elizabeth Holtzman (former Congresswoman and member of the Nixon impeachment panel) and Cynthia L. Cooper, an excellent and readable book laying out five major grounds for

Couple the understanding and implications of those statements with [how voting machines work...](#)

...and [how the results are processed by voters](#) (bold print mine):

*In a very fine book, [Life the Movie: How Entertainment Conquered Reality](#), author Neal Gabler helps us understand this remarkable and uniquely American aberration that is George W. Bush. Gabler begins by explaining that we have entered a "brave and strange new world—the world of postreality," where major elements of life itself are transformed into a movie **and are mentally and emotionally processed in the same way...***

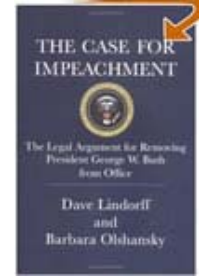
...and you can easily see why Rove's math is "The" math.

Willy Smith
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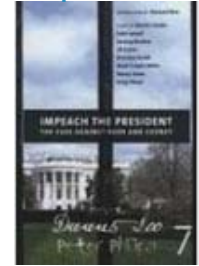
impeachment of Bush, plus an extra section on Dick Cheney.

"The Case for



Impeachment," by Dave Lindorff and Barbara Olshansky, an amazingly popular and extremely readable book that explains the context while also setting forth six articles of impeachment against Bush, plus an extra section on Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld, Condoleezza Rice, and Alberto Gonzales.

"I Impeach the



President: The Case Against Bush and Cheney," edited by Dennis Loo and Peter Phillips, with an introduction by Howard Zinn, a wonderfully well written collection of essays organized around a list of 12 grounds for impeachment of Bush and Cheney.

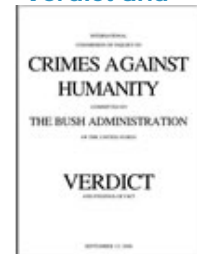
"George W. Bush



versus the U.S. Constitution: The Downing Street Memos and

Deception, Manipulation, Torture, Retribution, and Cover-ups in the Iraq War and Illegal Domestic Spying," by the U.S. House Judiciary Committee Democratic Staff, a book that not only collects the evidence but also tells us what Congressman John Conyers, the ranking Democrat on the Judiciary Committee, is thinking (the full text, minus a new introduction by Joseph Wilson, is available [here](#).)

"Verdict and



Findings of Fact," by the International Commission of Inquiry on Crimes Against Humanity Committed by the Bush Administration of the United States, a report that looks at five major international crimes and overlaps significantly with most lists of impeachable offenses (the full text is available at the link and can also be purchased for \$10);

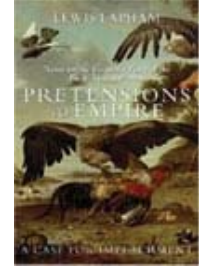
"Impeach Bush: A



Funny Li'l Graphical Novel About the Worstest Pres'dent in the History of Forever," a comic book account of

Bush's impeachable offenses – the crimes really are self-evident, but pictures don't hurt.

"Pretensions to



Empire: Notes on the Criminal Folly of the Bush Administration," by Lewis Lapham, a collection of essays from Harper's magazine, concluding with one called "The Case for Impeachment," which focuses on Rep. Conyers' report.
