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“More Mid-Term Election Hype”

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I've written several times about this mid-term election and the hype which accompanies it even though it is still just an opening act for the big one in 2008. Many have said that “how goes the vote in 2006 will predict how goes the vote in 2008.” Although 2006's vote will definitely be a precursor to 2008 I do not necessarily see it as a predictor. The American people are so unpredictable and two years is an eternity in our “memory vs. response quotient” that determines our actions down the road. We are so quick to forget the “bad” that happened yesterday when confronted with a new “bad” today... contrived or otherwise. Either we are a tremendous forgiving society or a particularly fickle one, but we treat many of our important issues as we would a trolley car ride. We don't get in all the way and take a seat... we just jump on the side running board, holding on with one hand, so we can jump off quickly if we see others doing the same thing. At the first sign of rough traffic ahead we tend to either get off the trolley and walk, or jump onto a different trolley heading back in the direction from which we've come.

After 9/11 all of America was so intensely united and angry at those across the seas who would dare come to our shores and wreak havoc and homicide so blatantly. Everyone was in favor of going after the bad guys no matter where they were, and taking on terrorists wherever they lived, trained, or ran to hide or seek support. When the subject of Iraq supporting terrorists and their potential stash of WMDs came before the House and Senate members they voted, based on information collected by MANY of our allies' intelligence communities, by an overwhelming majority of both parties to do whatever it took to bring Saddam Hussein down. Republican and Democrat leaders, especially those on the Senate Intelligence Oversight Committee, took the floor and said there was irrefutable evidence that Iraq was capable of having and probably did have such weapons and that we could not take the chance of allowing them to pass even a small amount of the dangerous material into the hands of potential terrorist organizations.

Of course, politicians being what they are... immediately following the 2003 invasion and in anticipation of the 2004 Presidential elections... those on the left conveniently forgot their united stand against the terrorists and suggested that President Bush had lied and contrived the WMD theory... even though they had agreed with the theory a year or so earlier... not based on what the President had said but what the intelligence communities had collected. It wasn't the President that divided this country but those who would seek political gain and advantage through a divided America.

Also, being the shortsighted and opportunistic scoundrels they are, the left began to condemn the President for spending too much money, even though those now complaining were the same ones who voted to rebuild New York City with a gift of \$30 or \$40 Billion dollars; spend additional Billions to fund the war; Establish a Homeland Security Department; Create a completely new bureaucratic, all inclusive Intelligence

Department; and continue to Fund their own pet pork barrel projects...for both Republican and Democrat recipients.

The Democrats' immediate solution for the ensuing deficit was their usual remedy, a tax increase. President Bush, however, correctly said that with the economy taking a huge hit, a tax increase was the last thing our citizens needed. What the country needed, he said, was an overall tax reduction thereby giving all of its citizens a way to put money back into the economy through purchasing power, and to give our employers an incentive to create millions of new jobs that were lost due to the fear and backlash of 9/11. We have all seen just how that wise decision indeed re-invigorated our economy and has reduced the deficit much quicker than was originally forecast by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB .)

We lived through all this stuff happening... watched as pro-Iraqi war rhetoric was agreed to overwhelmingly as the right thing to do... witnessed it all with our own eyes and heard them with our own ears. Yet when our President is called a liar and the greatest terrorist in the world by those who had sided with him just months earlier, we quickly jump ship and demand he be hanged in effigy? It reminds me of an incident that took place a little over 2000 years ago when a very popular man was hailed as the Messiah when He entered the city, only to be crucified by that same crowd just a few short days later. We do these things because we don't want to dig deeper into our innermost being and hang tough in the tough times. It's hard to have a conviction of one's beliefs if one really doesn't believe in anything.

I'm sure many of you care what the scriptures might say about people like us, so I'll quote some for you. Several verses in the first chapter of James are very clear...James 1:2-8 - Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. 4 Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. 6 But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does. (NIV) Whether one is a Christian or not these words are apropos at this time.

Admit it folks... we're a double minded and unstable people and there is so much impatience and doubt in our minds we allow ourselves to be tossed back and forth by every argument coming down the pike as to why we shouldn't be in Iraq and why we should tuck tail and run. Also, even though the facts speak a different story we choose to believe the fear mongers that say our country is in the worst economic condition it's ever been. No wonder we're so miserable...we choose to believe the lies rather than the truth.

Don't let a lie dictate your vote the 7th of November. It's too important for everyone you love.

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