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Fighting over spilled milk

By JUSTIN RAINE

Since last October, the Iraq war has turned from the normal overseas conflict to a political debate. People and politicians are fighting, crying and overall screaming over the outcome of a disastrous 2006 and a grim 2007.

George W. Bush, the leader of the war, is under heavy fire from American Democrats and some Republicans to end the war soon. In other countries, riots continue against Bush. Even after the Democrats' numerous tries to end the war by next year, Bush seems confident enough to go on for as long as possible.

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How lucky will they stay?

The U.S.'s FBI has uncovered numerous terror plots recently... but how long will the luck last??

Recently, the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) uncovered a plot to set gasoline pipes running through New York City's John F. Kennedy International Airport on fire, causing millions in damage to the planes and facilities. And a few months back, there was also the Fort Dicks terror plot.

The United States has come so very close to another terror attack, but has uncovered them at the last minute. There is now an arising question: how long will this luck last?

As terrorists continue to become more sophisticated with the way they hatch terror plans, it is a matter of time before there is a costly attack on the United States that could even outnumber 9/11. These recent plots could set the path towards the major destruction day.

The U.S. must pay attention to home-grown terrorists, rather than the ones thousands of miles away in Iraq. If this government doesn't look to the left, there could be a disaster that could even see to the impeachment of President Bush.

The Bush administration is very careless in the way it handles terror plots inside the United States. First, it is the seemingly "tiny" terror plot, then all eyes are back on the Middle East. The government has to take action – this is personal.

The story of the \$54 million pants

Recently, you may have heard of the story about a man suing his dry cleaner for \$54 million – over a lost pair of casual business pants.

Roy L. Pearson, Jr. has sued his local dry cleaner (Custom Cleaners) for a hefty 54 million US dollars because they lost his pants for 3 short days. They found them, but it was too late: he sued, they were in court, and he wouldn't accept the pants.

The owners of the dry cleaner shop are South Korean immigrants who moved to the U.S. in search of a more prosperous life. They can't even speak English, and he still won't let go.

He stated that he wants \$54 million to:

- Pay his car rental fees to drive to another dry cleaner (\$15,000)
- Pay for his mental suffering (he cried over the pants)
- He's a judge, so he has to represent himself in court. He's paying himself \$400 per hour – and he's worked 2000 hours. (\$800,000)
- And a lot, lot more...

Now, we know that these are crocodile tears and he really wants **money**. He recently got divorced and he is filing for bankruptcy. He only has \$2,000 to spend on his well-being.

The Chung family is considering moving back to South Korea, and even offered \$12,000 dollars to Mr. Pearson to finish the case, but this stubborn man won't give in.

It is disturbing that the American justice system is even letting this ridiculous case get through to court. This is a clear all-money case, and America should be ashamed if Mr. Pearson wins.

Spilled milk

FROM PAGE ONE

Even though, President Bush knows he's gotten himself into a heap of trouble. Republicans are backing Mr. Bush, stating that they must keep the USA strong, but Democrats are screaming "you can't win every war!"

The Dems are correct. You can't win every war. Back in the Vietnam War, the U.S. decided to jump in and fight the communists; who didn't look strong at first. Then, after many bloody years, the U.S. lost after realizing that looks are deceiving.

The U.S. could admit a loss back then, but the Bush administration can't now. Backing out would be a "win for the terrorists" as they say.

But Bush has gotten into a tricky position: either try to win and sacrifice thousands of soldiers and spend billions on war funds, causing uncontrollable damage to the government's flexibility, or admit loss and pull out of Iraq and Afghanistan before anything gets worse.

Who knows? When 2008 comes, it's all up to the new president.

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Vetoed once again

President Bush vetoes the Democrats' children's healthcare plan. Will Bush make it through his term?

Earlier this month, United States President George W. Bush vetoed a \$35 billion expansion to the State Children's Health Insurance Program, which would cover many more uninsured children in the States. This has raised the question "does George Bush care about our kids?"

With the veto, Bush stated that the children should "just go to a hospital," not noting that you need insurance to pay the potentially enormous fees and bills that are packed with it.

But still, *does* George Bush care about our kids – or our citizens overall? Ever since he took office, the quality of life and freedom of US citizens has diminished. The U.S. ranks 16th in the "freest" countries study, behind Canada and Australia. And now, it seems, he cares about the trillion-dollar war more than the people who thought he was going to help them. It seems obvious now that there will always be a terrorist somewhere in the world, with the sick mind that can't be cured. Bush must pull out now to save himself and his people.

Bushes' selfishness will cost him dearly, for there is bound to be another Republican to join the Democrats on October 18 to shoot back against the controversial veto. And if 15 cross over, Bush will have to cave in to the pressure mounted on him.

George Bush is having a weary last term, with a diminishing approval rating and no hope in any of his situations. Hillary Clinton, the frontrunner in the presidential race (see "2008: A new odyssey, a new America") is sure to win, and unless something devastating happens to her lead, she will end the war for good. She will do everything Bush *doesn't* want, including approving a huge healthcare plan ("Hillarycare 2.0") that Bush would push out of sight.

George Bush *doesn't* care about America's people, but only about his war. Plagued by the horrors of 9/11, Bush is dimly walking towards the end of a dark, cold tunnel. And his chances of survival are slimming. Will he make it out alive ... or dead?

2008:

a new odyssey, a new America.

DEMOCRATS

The Democrats lead the way in the US's presidential race this year, and are seeing no end to their success. Hillary Clinton currently leads in almost every poll imaginable, and she is the key to the dems success in 2008. The chances for Clinton are high, but anything could happen between now and the elections next autumn.

The other two, Barack Obama and John Edwards are seeing a dim future. At the beginning of the race, they were doing okay, but those good times have died down as Clinton eats into their poll numbers.

The other numerous candidates (8 or so) will only make it if they are the last ones standing.

If the Democrats win, it will be a devastating loss to the Republicans. The war will end and all sorts of Republican-hated bills and plans will go into effect. That includes:

- Nationwide healthcare plan
- Tax raise
- Budget increase in health, education and public services

REPUBLICANS

The Republicans are on a road to nowhere in the race, thanks to the guy in the White House that tarnished the GOP's reputation. As David Letterman stated, the #2 reason you won't get the Nobel Prize is because "you invaded Iraq without an exit strategy".

The GOP hopeful is Rudy Giuliani, who is just behind Clinton in some states. Thanks to his response in the wake of 9/11 and granted experience when it comes to terrorism, he is the main weapon against the Dems'. Fred Thompson might also get a chance, but for most of the "important issues" being asked, he lets the individual states make their decisions, instead of applying nationwide law.

Mitt Romney and John McCain are both doing fairly well, yet have both seen a drop in money and popularity recently. Unlike earlier this year, they aren't as great as they used to be.

The other 6 or so candidates have a very slim chance of making it to 2008. The Republicans will:

- Stay in Iraq
- Keep taxes low
- Imply new security laws

Freedom of dress?

Are school uniforms really justified, or are they limiting freedom of expression?

Already a feature in most western countries, school uniforms are growing in popularity. Is it really necessary or even fair, to force students to wear uniform or send them back home? You may be surprised at how harshly this concept has been treated in some areas.

For example, in the UK it is illegal to force uniform in schools. This also applies similarly to Queensland, Australia and the U.S. state of Massachusetts. A 1960s U.S. court case against school uniform also ended with that message: freedom of expression applies to schools as well.

A study published in The Journal of Education Research by David L. Brunsmas, of the University of Missouri, and Kerry A. Rockquemore, of the University Of Notre Dame, stated that student uniforms don't improve attendance and discipline nor decreased drug use. According to Brunsmas and Rockquemore, uniforms did not significantly improve academic performance or students' attitudes toward school, peer-group relations were not improved, and that uniforms had a *negative* effect on student attitudes.

So is it really legal to kick someone out of school just because their shirt is red when it has to be green? Seriously, school is a place to learn, and when did wearing a shirt with the number 8 on it lower the campuses' exam average? Freedom at schools is being limited law after law, and the tipping point was when students were punished for supporting an Olympic march with a religious banner.

Dress codes and uniform rulings need to be limited severely so that the first amendment is protected. Countries should go back to the old way: no offensive or revealing dress, but anything else is OK. It could also be a waste of clothes, because all those colorful, patterned shirts and pants are

restricted to weekends, leaving hundreds' worth in the drawer – and conservation is everything these days. The other 49 states should imply a less strict law on freedom of expression in schools, because freedom applies to dress, and dressing differently reveals the true culture inside everyone.

Oil spikes again

It happens again and again, with oil prices jumping to “all time highs”. The future of oil looks bleak, with prices rattling economists and the oil industry itself, built on top of a risky business.

The cause of this series of spikes is thanks to reports from many nations that show production is down. This, plus the ever-growing demand, means that oil will always be anxiously spiking until something gets in the way. Earth's dependence on oil is terrifyingly high, and there *has* to be some solution. Many throw out the idea of renewable energy, while may be the only way.

Eventually, oil will easily pass the US\$100 mark, in which many will be drained of their oil, and worldwide economy could possibly collapse. Environmentalists have the chance to rid the world of the black gold crave and replace it with some healthy renewable energy. Yet this simply will not stand with many countries. Most likely, the West will brush the spikes off as a mere “cycle” and will concentrate on politics. That means two things: the Iraq war and China, distractions on the world stage. And as they watch, the world will run dry, and then it will come into place – much too late.

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LOCAL NEWS – HOUSTON, TEXAS

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School child kicked off bus in unfair driver ruling

CHILDREN SHOULD HAVE A SAY IN ADMINISTRATIVE RULINGS

Tuesday, November 13, 2007 – 3:45 PM – Students are leaving Spring Forest Middle School on a warm, sunny day. Everything seems perfect, except on bus #625. One child, squished in-between 4 other schoolmates, can't sit down. There's no space left.

The African-American bus driver closes the doors and starts the engine. The boy, sitting on a binder or kneeling on the chair, is halfway down. The driver notices him and tells him to sit down.

Still crowded in, he tries to tell the driver that he simply can't sit, but he doesn't listen and turns around to report him to the principal. After returning to the empty school, he calls for the principal, and the 6th grade building principal Carol Bucek walks into the bus. The annoyed bus driver tells her that he won't sit down and is talking to the people behind him (which is not a rule on the bus). The student tries to tell "Principal" Bucek the truth, but is cut off. The bus driver, lying, tells her that he should be written up, and the student is abruptly led off the bus, on the verge of tears.

While this may not seem like an important story, it is a sign of unfairness. The student was trying to sit down, and the bus driver (name unknown) **did not** go back to actually view the situation, instead yelling from his seat many rows away. He **did not** move the student to another seat; and he, nor "Principal" Bucek, let the student have his say. While they, if asked, will say that he was unsafe and putting himself in danger, the bus is barley safe anyway. The seats are built on a thin steel structure with metal bars in front and behind

the persons sitting there. The area between the bars is covered with a thin sheet of aluminum, and the entire thing is covered with foam and grey leather.

So what constitutes a good punishment and a bad one? A good punishment means that the child is deliberately doing something bad and that they will not stop when they can. A bad punishment is when the child needs help and cannot stop whatever is happening. This is most definitely a bad, unjustified, and incredibly stupid punishment.

To take action against this, call SFMS at their phone numbers and file complaints against the bus driver (remember: bus 625, it travels to Nottingham Forest VIII).

You can make a difference.

A NOTE TO ANY SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS THAT RECEIVE THIS: I am not afraid to tell you that I am a student at SFMS. You can not punish me for writing this. Why? Well, you can only censor and punish the writers of *school-funded* newspapers. I paid for the word processor, the Internet, and this edition of Windows Vista. As angry as this may make any of you, it is unlawful to stop me. If the administration suspends me for the comments made here, News8 will sue and win. See this: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beussink_v._Woodland_R-IV_School_District.

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Music review: Kidz Bop

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Come on, children these days aren't idiots. I'm a 12-year-old who has made over 2,500 edits on Wikipedia*, and if I can do that, I can understand that *Kidz Bop* will make you go deaf for the rest of the day.

I have been waiting many months for someone to really give *Kidz Bop* a proper beating, or someone who will eat into its unbelievably high sales. But I guess I'm the only one who will do this properly.

Surprisingly, practically all of the *Kidz Bop* albums have made successful debuts onto the Billboard, peaking as high as the top 10.

I have listened to a few cuts of the album, and it is more of a rip-off than I thought previously. The adult singing sounded just like the original song, but the kids in the back break in almost randomly. It is really annoying to hear the squeaky chorus break in when the song almost sounds... well... good. I hate to admit it, but the *adults* sing at par, while the *kids* sing at the double bogie level.

If you are considering getting "hip" with today's music, or want to buy your kid a new CD, trust me, this will KILL you, mentally, socially, and physically.

The Death of Freedom of Speech – a special report

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“Police forces shall make no action respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

- First amendment of the Bill of Rights (“Congress” changed to “police forces,” “law” to “action”)

We all have the right to talk as much as we want. It’s called “Freedom of Speech,” if you didn’t know already. It’s a right, not a privilege. But this was all changed in September 2007, when Mr. Andrew Meyer was Tasered for asking Democrat John Kerry questions at a public forum at the University of Florida.



This is absolutely outrageous, for he was asking perfectly reasonable questions and had only spent 1 minute and 50 seconds at the stand before they cut off his microphone. Then, standing and wondering why, they arrested him for no good reason. In a fight against America’s crumbling justice system, with fellow students cheering for him, Mr. Meyer tried to break free. The two officers continued to pull on his shirt, and eventually he was being dragged down the aisle. Continuing to resist arrest, the officers pulled out the last-resort Taser, and sent a 50,000 volt shock through his body.

*“When you’re looking for your freedom,
Nobody seems to care,
And you can’t find the door,
You can’t find it anywhere,
When there’s nothing to believe in.”*
- Eagles

Why? Five officers against one man, they obviously had the manpower to arrest him peacefully, but to add emphasis, Tasered him instead. Sure he was resisting arrest, but he shouldn't have been arrested anyway. How was his talking in a forum "disturbing the peace"?



That's not nice!

This was Kerry's forum, and he *wanted* to answer the questions, he announced on the speakers. But he was barred from taking action, thanks to the ridiculous acts of the university police.

Later, Kerry said:

"In 37 years of public appearances, through **wars, protests** and **highly emotional events**, I have **never had a dialogue end this way**. I believe I **could have handled the situation without interruption**, but I do not know what warnings or other exchanges transpired between the young man and the police prior to his barging to the front of the line and their intervention. **I asked the police to allow me to answer the question** and was in the **process of responding** when he was taken into custody. I was not aware that a Taser was used until after I left the building. I hope that neither the student nor any of the police were injured. I regret enormously that **a good healthy discussion was interrupted.**"



George W. Bush – a special report

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George W. Bush

The story of America's most controversial president — and why he's hated so much.

George W. Bush is America's story of despair and embarrassment. The 61-year-old president has tarnished America's reputation on the world stage by invading Iraq and losing ground to terrorists. The GOP isn't that grand anymore, and the future of the United States is at stake while the war drags on and countries are pulling out or crossing onto the opposition side.

The citizens aren't happy either. The country's approval of his handling (see box) has dipped to 26% for adults overall. Republicans still believe in him, but that support should end soon. The war, costing billions each week and nearing a total cost of \$1,000,000,000,000, is dying. And with the Democrats leading politics overall, Bush will have a hard time making it without increased scrutiny.

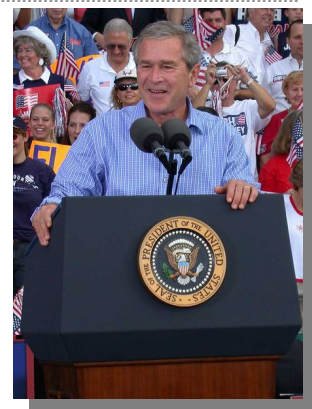
CITIZENS IN FAVOR BUSH'S HANDLING OF THE IRAQ WAR

Republicans.....	58%
Democrats.....	8%
Independents.....	18%
OVERALL.....	26%

Source: CBS News Poll (October 12-16, 2007)

Unlike how most portray him, Bush is not a selfish or evil character. He is clumsy and somewhat unintelligent, mostly for invading the Middle East without any sort of exit strategy. This ignorance has revealed the U.S sore spot — an unorganized and brainwashed government.

There are new threats out there, including negotiations between Iran and Russia, China, and of course North Korea. There might be a new axis of evil forming in this oil-hungry world, and those four countries may be the founders. Bush doesn't know much about controlling an unstable planet, and if something else pops up, he might throw America into the same box as the Soviet Union and the British Empire.



Just keep smiling... just keep smiling

HIS LIFE STORY

Bush was born to Former President George H.W. Bush and Barbara Bush on July 6, 1946. He was the first of six children. The Bush family moved to Midland, Texas and later relocated to Houston, Texas, where the President grew up.



Bush's Midland, TX home

As he went through his school years, Bush had mediocre grades. By university, his grade point average was 2.35 (77%), a C+. He was a sports kind of kid, and joined the rugby team. In 1968, Bush graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history.

For the next ten years, Bush lived his life normally. He continued pursuing his education, joining Harvard Business School in '72, earning himself a MBA by 1975. Two years later, he met Barbara Bush and they married. Now starting a family, Bush needed support and looked to starting his own business. He founded Arbusto Energy in 1979 along with five investors. His two twin daughters, Barbara and Jenna, were born in 1981. Now with a developing family, Bush was nearing the end of his investment in the company. When the 1984 energy crisis struck, Bush sold the company. It was eventually dissolved by a cloud of controversies in the 1990s.

Hunting for another occupation, he stumbled across the Texas Rangers baseball team, whom had owners willing to sell. Interested, Bush destroyed the oil company Harken Energy by selling close to \$1,000,000 in stock. With a sufficient amount of cash from the sale and a previous investment, Bush bought the team for \$200,000,000.

After the buyout, Bush ordered a complete makeover for the team, including a new stadium. And as his father was elected, Bush became a well-known name across Texas.

Bush had fumbled with politics in the early 1970s, and was not very experienced. After another unsuccessful run for the House in 1978, he moved on to other ranges of business. In 1994, though, Bush, influenced by his father, ran for Governor of Texas. Aided by a huge staff, he was doing well with the public and his views were regarded as proper. After some controversy with the handling of his staff, Bush won in a landslide of 52% to Ann Richards' 47%.

Bush shaped up Texas into a magnificent state. The education system was vitalized, and a huge tax cut was put into place (after Bush's consideration on creating a much hated business tax). Bush also killed many death-row inmates, 152, a Texas record. Being quite popular for his views, Bush was re-

elected in 1998. It was 1999 when he decided to take his ideas to the White House.

It was 2000. Bush vs. Gore, the race of the year. Bush was well known around the country for his terms as governor, but it was not enough to get him to Washington easily. On that fateful day, November 7th, Bush and Gore were nose-to-nose in an intense and unusual election. Florida was the breaking point.

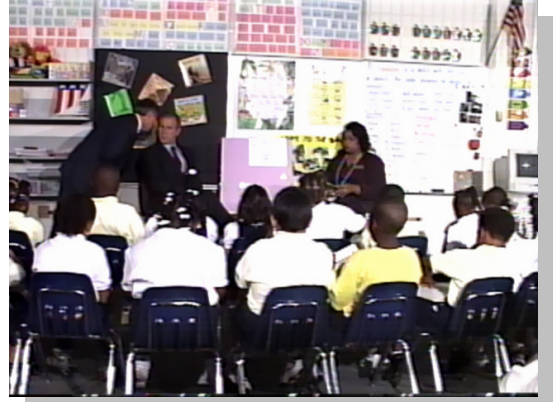
It was early morning the next day when the count came in. It was so close that there were two recounts. After much confusion and annoyance, the Supreme Court voted that Bush was the winner and recounts in Florida were to cease. Gore won the popular vote, but lost the electoral. If he had won one more state, he would probably have been the president.

Bush was inaugurated on a rainy day in Washington, with 10,000 protesters already shouting at him on his first day. For the first eight months of the dastardly year of 2001, Bush was busy sorting out the economy, education and conflicts in North Korea. Then, on the morning of September 11, 2001, Bush learned something that would change America forever.

It was another day for the president; he was sitting in a classroom reading a book to children as part of his *No Child Left Behind* program. Soon after the story began, one of the president's guards or advisers informed him of the attacks. The president was about to cry. It was the turn of the century – starting off with turmoil.

The president immediately responded and everything was either locked down or secured. On September 20, 2001, Bush attended a joint session of Congress where he laid out the foundation for the fight against terror. Through 2003, the U.S. joined its Western allies in invading the Middle East and ending terrorism.

George W. Bush is old and weary now, and his political future is unknown. At 60 years old, he is most likely to retire after 2008. What started out as a smooth road has faded to a bumpy one, and no-one knows what will happen in his last year.



WHY HE'S HATED

Bush is a very unusual person, and unusual people don't fit in with most of the crowd. Many, many people despise Bush for his actions, specifically for the ones listed here:

- Starting a failing war in extremely unstable countries without a specific target or a much-wanted exit strategy.
- Promising to improve education but failing to do so.
- Hiring unreliable staff and advisers.
- Keeping alleged terrorists in prison for indefinite amounts of time (which is illegal).
- Ignoring the potential of global warming.
- Failing to provide assistance to Hurricane Katrina victims.
- Vetoing increases to the healthcare industry.

The War on Terror – This is the main reason of Bush's failure. The War on Terror, first believed to be an easy task, has grown into the second failed war for many Americans. 2,800 have died, and while that may not be close to Vietnam's 11,000+, it still is bad. The U.S. may not be able to squeeze its way out of this one easily, mostly because of Bush's own carelessness. There is no exit strategy; it's nothing but an endless war in the desert. The only way to get out is to admit failure – something which no-one wants to do.

Education and healthcare – When Bush took office in 2001, he launched a huge education program (*No Child Left Behind*) which was a huge success for him. After 9/11, Bush practically threw it behind him in the effort to "protect the country" and "fight" terrorism. The program is now terribly under-funded and the Democrats are using it as a weapon against Bush.

Bush pays almost no attention to healthcare in the U.S., and has repeatedly denied the approval of stem cell research after showing some approval in early '01.

Guantanamo Bay – This is the ugly part of the War on Terror. Guantanamo Bay holds 355 alleged terrorists from the Middle East, all of which are being imprisoned under unusual circumstances. Many prisoners are accusing the government of torture, and 40% of the detainees are being held with unknown futures in the facilities. The issue of the terrible conditions has pounded the administration, and it continues today.

Global warming and the environment – Being that tough Texas guy, Bush is not very mindful – or caring – about the environment. He withdrew the United States from the Kyoto treaty after he was elected, citing terrible economic effects. He does note climate change as a "serious problem," but can't tell if it's natural or

manmade. No matter which, though, limiting emissions would make things a lot better. He has had only a few acts on this issue, the main of which failed to get through Congress.

Hurricane Katrina and FEMA – Bush was vacationing in late August of 2005 when Katrina bore down on the soggy city of New Orleans. The president did, in fact, pay much attention to the situation to the disaster before it occurred, and he did order FEMA to help with the situation. It was FEMA's fault for running the lives of the citizens of the city, mostly because of its poor response in the following days. George W., though, still got pummeled for FEMA's carelessness. The idea that Bush "hates black people" is so very, very wrong; but who will look up the facts?

THE DEATH OF THE REPUBLICANS – AND THEIR REVENGE

Because of Bush's poor invasion of Iraq, the supportive Republicans have been left in shambles. The simple fact that they *support* Bush is killing them, because with all the Democrats in this reversed country, they are sure to lose unless there is some big turnaround.

Currently, the Republicans have a modest but diminishing political base in the country. The war in Iraq has killed over 2,800 soldiers, and while that may seem small for an American war, it is a lot for the families who have to live with the fact that the guy named Bush sent them to their death – and they can't do anything about it.

The Grand Old Party, as the Republicans call themselves, isn't so grand anymore. Bush has removed the "Grand" from the bronze plate and has etched "Grimacing" instead. He has destroyed the grip the Republicans have had on American politics. He showed the world that the US of A isn't the Soviet-killer it was in the 1980s – that a bunch of low-life terrorists can kill off the most powerful country on earth.

In response to Bush's unusual behavior, the Republicans are slowly, but surely, moving to the Democrats for shelter. This move is currently taking place in Congress, where the Dems are becoming ever more powerful. The Republicans, though happy to be controlling the White House, despise Bush for creating the new, tired and shaggy America where the snap of a twig can injure you for the rest of your life.

Before anyone knows it, the Republicans will have nothing to brag about anymore, nothing to show off to the people supporting them. The Democrats have plenty to show off, feeding on the dying corpse of the GOP and showing every piece of meat to the viewers. With no choice (and probably fine with it), the GOP's members will join the Democrats in tormenting Bush for the rest of his political life.

CONCLUSION

It took approximately 1 month to write this report of 2,000 words, and in that time I've learned more about Bush than ever. Before this report, I despised Bush and his actions, but after a while at looking carefully at both sides of the fight, I am not sure which corner to turn to. Bush is a very kind man, and he actually cares about our soldiers and the sufferers of Katrina – but he cares too much; too much to actually look at the situation and notice where it's heading.

I applaud Bush for taking action immediately after the 9/11 attacks, and for invading Iraq. It *would* have been a success if we had done it right – but anger is a strong force, and it can trip the smartest. Bush, obviously, was angry at the terrorists who killed the thousands that day and saw everything as a blur. He rushed to invade the world's most unpredictable country.

As for the other issues including healthcare, education and the environment, Bush somewhat cares – but all his attention is focused on Iraq and Afghanistan. Democrats, who look like angels to many, are actually killing a goodhearted president. I am not a Republican, and I'm not really much of a Democrat. I would like it if George W. Bush would take a look at the country he is protecting and see how depressed they are. How sad the victims are, how mournful the refugees look. I really wish Bush would be a nicer figure – a community president who can manage a war without being too angry, too distraught. Unfortunately, he is not that kind of person. Bush is a rushing war president, the tough man who can do anything – but with a lot of mistakes; like making it through the song *Through the Fire and Flames* on “expert” in *Guitar Hero III* while missing 70% of the notes. He can make things die and explode, but he can not do it at the right time.

There are many good factors about Bush – he cut taxes and knew what to do about many issues. There are so many good things about President #42, but thanks to CNN, nobody notices these great accomplishments. The surge, for example, was a great strategy, and it is working, but the media keeps on reporting the “bloody attacks” and “terrible violence” that rock the region. What would you expect from the Middle East? A field of flowers?!

For now, we should try and accept Bush and his reasons. As I said, he does make unusual choices, sometimes painful to listen to, but he means well. All he is trying to do is to protect the people, and that does not make him a bad person.

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