



“Changing Course”

American Doublespeak

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President Bush and many Members of Congress like to proclaim that our war in Iraq was to allow the Iraqi people to have a democracy, which is something that we in American do not even have. What we do have is a republic, which means “the people” have little or no impact on legislative issues because only a tiny number of people get to decide policy and legislative issues in secret. Large multinational corporations, which are now financially larger than most countries, love this “representative” system because it is so easy to corrupt. Indeed, few American’s with even a minimal understanding of current events would deny that corporate lobbyists play our elected representatives like puppets on a string. It is why a constitutional amendment is needed to transform America from a republic to a true democracy, so than any military conflict abroad would have to be approved by the majority of the American people.

The process of going to war should never be easy. War involves having complete strangers, who are usually some of the best and brightest of their generation, to mass-murder each other. It is unfortunate that this horrific and inhumane practice is glorified, but it has always been that way. As wars escalate, the level of barbarity increases accordingly as the surviving combatants become emotionally hardened killing machines. In World War II, entire cities of innocent families and homes were needlessly destroyed, and the mindless multi-trillion dollar arms race that has continued since that time has now allowed a few individuals to be able to exterminate our entire civilization, and perhaps our species, in a matter of seconds.

It is the barbarity of war that makes it both immoral and illegal, but while the American invasion of Iraq clearly violated international law, the reality is that no one can force the only remaining Superpower to comply with any war crimes investigations or charges. America’s leaders know that they can get away with mass-murder and destruction of other people’s property because no one can stop them. They are above the law, and only the American people have the power can change that. We may be a nation of laws, but its more Doublespeak if elected officials can choose which laws they want to acknowledge. This only infuriates the rest of the civilized world, and explains why George Bush’s policies of unprovoked genocide have given new meaning to the term: *Ugly American*.

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The news media has clearly documented to the entire world that tens of thousands of innocent American soldiers and Iraqi citizens have been killed and injured in a war that was based on forged documents and misinformation. The Bush administration convinced most Americans that the war was not over oil and that Saddam was somehow responsible for 9/11; that he had weapons of mass-destruction; and that the urgency was so great that Bush had to order the UN weapons inspectors out of Iraq so that the military invasion could begin. While most Americans are understandably proud of the U.S. armed forces and will always support them in a war, that does not alter the fact that the war in Iraq was an illegal, immoral and truly barbaric action that has reduced the cradle of civilization to rubble.

In a historical sense, the invasion and subsequent looting of Iraq is comparable to the burning of the priceless Library of Alexandria in Egypt by the Roman army in the year 412. This tragic loss of ancient books, manuscripts and archeological artifacts is simply incalculable. It is a war crime in and of itself because it not only affects this generation, but all of our descendants into the future. As an American, I was already deeply ashamed and dishonored knowing that this happened because of the Bush administration's lies and forged documents, and then pictures of the prisoner torture surfaced, as the final act of depravity.

President Bush says he wants "freedom" for Iraq, but what his Doublespeak really means is the freedom for multinational corporations run the new Iraqi government as easily as they do the American government, which allows the corporations to exploit and contaminate our own people. Most Iraqis want no part of this American corporate agenda. They and the other peoples in the Middle East know all about Lawrence of Arabia. They know that western corporations have always wanted to control their oil resources, and have repeatedly had their western governments resort to war as needed to impose their corporate will.

In the Doublespeak of free markets, it means that multinational corporations are free to reduce ancient wilderness areas to rubble for a few days worth of fossil and nuclear fuels, which when burned, will contaminate vast numbers of our own people. Indeed, in the case of radioactive wastes, they will be leaking and spreading for millions of years like a drop of red dye in a glass of water, causing disease and death for trillions of our descendants. After the short-term profits are extracted, the corporations simply disappear, so no one is accountable, but literally trillions of people are profoundly damaged in the process.

Corporations want to "privatize" as much as possible. Dick Cheney was one of the architects of privatizing the U.S. armed forces, so that private contractors could be given secret cost-plus, no bid contracts for tasks ranging from providing meals and fuel to private security guards that operate outside the military code of justice.

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Indeed, the second largest Coalition military force in Iraq are private security guards, which are paid over a \$1,000 a day for all the risks, compared a military MP's which are paid about \$30 a day for assuming the same risks. This is three time more than the \$8 a day that is paid to the Iraqi security guards.

Even worse, because of the cost-plus nature of the contracts, the private contractors profit regardless of whether the war goes well or badly. It is why as President, I will put an end to this privatization scheme, and will work to pass Constitutional Amendments that will make corporate secrecy and political contributions illegal.

President Bush has stated that he will be held accountable for the Iraq war. That's more Doublespeak that really means he will evade any personal responsibility for the mass death and destruction he caused. But ultimately, the only resolution the Iraq war crimes issues if for President Bush and other senior members of his administration to be held accountable to the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court for War Crimes. American presidents should not be above the law. They and their advisors need to be held accountable for their actions.



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