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Anti-War Activists, the News Media and Other Annoyances

With few exceptions (Fox News, for one) the news media, for whatever the reason (greed, political support of the liberal agenda, etc.) continues in its charge to divide our country's resolve against the evils of Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq.

Refocusing on their recent revelations that the war may not be over in a microwave moment and the dollar-cost of the war may exceed the original estimates, they have seized the opportunity to rustle-up a posse to head-off the White House at the pass or begin planting the seeds of doubt and distrust among our President and his staff.

Either way, the attempt to undermine the credibility of the White House serves only the causes of our critics and enemies throughout the globe.

It fires up the anti-war activists who seem to think that their right to criticize Washington was never bought with a price…a price of countless and selfless acts of brave Americans who fell on countless battlefields far from home. They have forgotten these brave souls who sacrificed their lives to rid the world of other brutal, sadistic tyrants of ages past (i.e., Hitler, Mussolini) …those who sought to exterminate an entire race of human beings through the atrocities of starvation, torture, gas chambers, and fiery furnaces where their "victims" were often burned alive.

More than anything, they appear to have forgotten the fine men and women who currently serve in the Mid-East at this very moment and those enroute there… those who repeat their forefather's bravery and determination to insure America's children and grandchildren will be able to enjoy the freedoms America has fought and died for over the last 200 years…those whose conscience will not allow them rest from the imagery of the torture and cruelty being imposed upon a people by an demented dictator nor sit idly by while the circles of opportunity for another 9/11 continue to expand and strengthen.

Many of them argue that the war in Iraq will likely increase the terrorist threat to America and Americans everywhere. This may very well be the case. However, one thing is for certain, if we do not destroy Saddam's regime, terrorists everywhere will have the biggest shopping center of weaponry and monetary funds available with which to wage terrorism on our country. Should this be allowed, 9/11 could seem like just a bad cold. To think otherwise requires either an idealistic perspective on "how things could be" or a complete void of common sense.

If these anti-war activists do acknowledge the brave souls defending our country, they are as cruel as the very regime our troops have been sent to remove from Iraq. As a Vietnam Veteran, I can tell you first hand that seeing anti-war activists chanting "Peace" slogans while you are in a hostile environment trying to preserve their right to be "flower children" is not encouraging. Knowing that the enemy is soaking up every moment of these scenes to fuel their propaganda machines for their people and as a de-motivator for our troops is not helpful.

The recent round-the-clock coverage of the van full of women and children that refused to stop at a checkpoint and was gunned down, killing many innocent lives, was one of these senseless and irresponsible acts by the media. Just how many of our soldiers will the news media kill before the war is over is yet to be determined. That's right…*just how many of our soldiers will the **news media kill** before the war is over?* Coverage of any kind regarding such tragedies should be left at that…a tragedy…after all, what do you expect in a war? Insinuating that our guys made an *avoidable* mistake can do nothing towards helping their morale or that of every soldier on the battlefield. You would think the media should realize…

- That the soldiers that did the shooting did not enjoy it…they must actually feel really horrible about the incident.
- That with all of the negative publicity about it that they and others now will likely endanger their lives by waiting, *just a few more precious seconds* before using deadly force again. These "few" seconds could be their last, as a truck full of explosives or terrorists or Iraq troops attack.
- That our enemy is really cranking up their propaganda machine with this kind of news, thereby pumping up their troops and terrorists and casting doubt on the Iraqi people about whether or not they can trust the coalition forces.

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- That war is hell…period.

Today, every American, should embrace the moment to project to the world an overwhelming resolve to rid the world of the Saddam Hussein Regime. This is a moment to be proud to be an American or an Englishman or any of the other 40+ nations who represent the coalition against Saddam Hussein. The souls of these nations have remembered their history and are led by convictions of the heart and not by mere intellect or economic interests. They have chosen to rise to the occasion and offer the highest bid for the very lives of the Iraqi people and eliminate a major distribution point for weapons and funds used to threaten our very existence.

As the Christian nation we claim to be, we cannot allow history to repeat itself with the same type of atrocities as were committed by Adolph Hitler in WWII. We should not accept any stand short of fully supporting our President as we battle against these forces of evil. Now is not the time to be playing "Monday morning quarterback" or any other self-serving angle. We need to rally behind our troops and the White House, showing our enemies the fastness and depth of our convictions and resolve to liberate the oppressed and help minimize the threat of another 9/11.



It would be interesting to hear from those who speak out against this war regarding the following questions…

1. Do you believe that Saddam Hussein is a cruel and ruthless ruler who supports terrorizing his own people, cutting the tongues out of those who speak against him; rape a man's daughter and wife before him; publicly tortures human beings; has built rape rooms and torture rooms for these purposes; hangs civilians for showing their support of the coalition troops advance on Baghdad, and forces a carload of women and children to speed toward a coalition force checkpoint without stopping even after warning shots were fired?

2. Even if you believe that Saddam does not have chemical, biological, radioactive, and/or other weapons of mass destruction, do you think he would hesitate to use them (if he had them) to further his personal gain? Do you believe he would refuse to sell or supply in any way any terrorist group *any* weapon or financial grubstake if their intent is to attack America and/or Americans, period?

3. What is the maximum price you are willing to pay in order that your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren will be able to live in a free America?



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