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Keith wrote:

On Fri, 14 Apr 2006 19:49:46 -0700, Paul Hovnanian P.E. wrote:

Ken Smith wrote:

[snip]

Undoubtedly, we can enter  
and occupy Iran. But we  
will incur major  
losses while doing so.

Will those losses be high enough to  
politically force the US  
government to  
pull out. A democracy can only say "we can"  
with the consent of the  
people. This time it may be withheld.

I don't recall voting on the Iraq thing. And yet, there we are.

You are stupid, it seems. Your representatives voted for you. That's  
sorta the way it works in a republic. The descision was made, and you  
whine and by doing so make things even worse.

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Please read before posting.

That was my point in response to Ken. "We" didn't get asked to vote on Iraq. Our representatives did. I'm not willing to live with the "decision was made, live with it" attitude. I'm not a pushover and I don't follow the Washington elite blindly. I never gave my consent, or withheld it.

George has at least a year in which to do as he (or his puppet-masters) pleases. The current administration doesn't seem to think it needs anyone's approval, be it congress or the courts to do as it damned well pleases.

He \*has\* the approval of congress.

Correct. But not mine.

And why do you think your opinion is important? If congress needs your approval then wtf are you bitching in this NG? Face it... you are not as important as you want to be.

Aren't you paying attention? Show me the brilliant bulb that's going to cut off support for the war. Teh Democrats only wish to whine (like you). No plans, just whine.

Here's a plan. Assume we have 200,000 troops in Iraq. We can ship them out at a rate of 50,000 per month and be out of there before labor day.

Do you have the brain cells to see the only logical result of this? I think not or you wouldn't even dare to suggest some crap like this. Liberals screwed us up in vietnam and now you think we should let you do the same with iraq?

That's better than Bush has ever proposed. A plan requires a schedule and budget. Every "plan" (to use the word loosely) for training an Iraqi security force has never included either. No numbers of troops to train, budget to train them and projected completion time. So, to date, we have

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NO plan to secure Iraq and exit.

Hmm... no plan huh? Funny how you so easily overlook all the progress that has been made in Iraq.

You know, the problem with you and people like you is that even if you have some potentially valid points you completely ruin it by adding your own political crap in the mix. It's fine if you don't like Bush but that doesn't mean you need to throw your logic out the window. Just because you don't like Bush doesn't mean everything in the world relating in some way to him is crap or will be crap. You expect "us" to debate with you and what you assume is your logical and rational arguments but you think we are so stupid we cannot see that you are blinded by your hate for Bush? So even if you did say something that has merit at some point no one is going to give a second thought because you surround it with your BS.

For example. Personally I think Bush isn't that bad of a person... I definitely don't think he is as stupid as many want to believe. I do think he has done a poor job in many areas and might have ulterior motives in a lot of things he does (But note I have no real proof of this so I do not assume it is true like many do).

EVEN IF the war with Iraq was based on false information IT IS STILL A GOOD THING!!!! (in the a much broader sense than you probably could ever realize). I think Bush is no better or worse than Clinton. They have different strengths and weaknesses... But I'm sure you think Clinton was a god.

What Bush has addressed a problem that has long been overdue. Unfortunately the world needs to resolve its conflicts over religion if we ever hope to get anywhere. We can't sit back and expect everything to be hunky dory. Maybe in 50 to 100 years we can put all this crap behind us actually get somewhere. If we all just turn a blind eye like you want and ignore all the troubles then the problem will only fester and lead to worse problems.

Basically, your approach (and many) to conflict is identical to someone with, say, an infection. Instead of getting treatment immediately you ignore the problem and hope it will go away... maybe it does... but years later guess what? It's back and there's no ignoring it. Maybe the treatment at first was just amputation... but now you must pay with your life.... is it worth it? Maybe... Maybe not.

What is the real reason why you hate the war in Iraq? Cause Bush lied? If that's the case then you are as arrogant and conceited as you seem. There is absolutely no real proof that he is the monster you people think he is. You intentionally overlook the good things he has done to exaggerate the bad things. Cause of all the soldiers that die? BS. I doubt you care about

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them at all. These soldiers sacrifice their life for our freedom and you want to slap them in the face by turning tail and running. You don't care about the hundreds of thousands of Iraqis that by Saddam either cause you didn't want to go to war in the first place. So you can't say you don't want to see people die. (because more Americans would die by terrorists in the future if we didn't try and do something about it)

So I can't seem to find a logical reason why you think the war is bad. Of course there might be one though... You might say something like "It's wrong to interfere with other nations", etc... but these are philosophical points and just cause someone disagrees with you on them doesn't give you the right to call them "Butchers", "Terrorists", etc.

It seems to me that probably the reason you and others really don't want war is because it affects your way of life. It makes you scared that might lose a lot of the luxuries you have. You don't want to be forced to recycle in case of a shortage of something. You don't want to be scared of dying or being in a violent situation because of the war. You don't want to have to pay higher fuel prices or expensive flight tickets for your 2-week vacations to exotic places. I could go on and on for the reasons that you don't want war... how it affects the things you call "liberties" and "needs"... when in reality they are luxuries. Basically it boils down to the fact that you don't want your good life to be turned upside down.

Those reasons are pretty arrogant and selfish. They, of course, are natural to have as everyone does. Some people are more willing to sacrifice for others... seems you are not. The problem is that instead of admitting it or at least being quite you go ahead and launch a smokescreen of attacks... you think people are stupid and cannot see through it and to some degree you are right.

I hope that the war leads (well, what it will eventually lead to, which I think is going to be a world war) to better insight into why we do the crap we do. Why are people so wasteful, why do we use religion to kill, why we focus more on satisfying ourselves instead of working towards a more practical human existence. The fact is that many humans haven't really progressed much past the caveman. We all still believe we are the center of the universe no matter how much we can intellectually trick ourselves. As soon as people realize that the only way humanity will mean anything is if we all work together towards a common goal (which is obviously the continual existence of humanity) that all the things we have accomplished will be for naught. Hopefully one day we will also realize that religion doesn't play a part in this goal. I personally think religion has been the single most worse factor to hurt humanity, although it has done some good things it has hurt much more than it has helped. I think that a "stupid" person cannot handle religion yet an intelligent person doesn't have any need for it.

Anyways, I've wrote to much ;/

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lol.

I'm going to go masturbate or something! j/k.

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definition: recursion; see recursion.

Jon

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