

## Re: Life on Mars....and the Election!

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On Sun, 11 Jul 2004 14:50:26 -0600, in a place far, far away, quibbler <quibbler247@yahoo.com> made the phosphor on my monitor glow in such a way as to indicate that:

>> >> *...anything that takes people's minds off the campaign helps Kerry.*  
>> >> *He does much better in the polls when people forget about him. His*  
>> >> *smartest campaign strategy would be to just lay low until November,*  
>> >> *since "an unnamed Democrat" still outpolls him (and Bush).*  
>> >  
>> >*You might want to look at current data. I've seen no evidence that an*  
>> >*"unnamed Democrat" still outpolls Kerry.*  
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>> *That's because they're no longer polling on that question*  
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>*Then why did you say that this unnamed Democrat \*still\* outpolls him?*  
>*How do you know that if they aren't \*still\* asking the question?*

I don't know it. I consider it a safe presumption.

>*Do you*  
>*really have any figures or are you just trying to hold Kerry to some*  
>*ridiculous standard of absolute perfection?*

I only know that Kerry is not very likeable, even to his supporters. When canvassing for votes, the message is always anti-Bush, not pro-Kerry.

>, *now that*  
>> *Kerry is the presumptive nominee. But it's clear that there's no*  
>> *enthusiasm for Kerry even among the faithful, other than his perceived*  
>> *ability to topple Bush. A generic Democrat would surely be more*  
>> *popular.*  
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>> >*Kerry is ahead of Bush*  
>> >*right now according to Gallup, Rasmussen, MSNBC and others.*  
>>  
>> *What relevance does this have to anything I wrote?*  
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>*Because it's evidence that Kerry is popular both in his own right as well as when compared to people like Bush.*

I wasn't comparing Kerry to Bush.

>*That casts doubt on your suggestion that there's no enthusiasm for him. In fact there is plenty of enthusiasm for him. He's pulling in money at a record pace*

Exactly, so that Bush can be defeated.

>*and his selection of Edwards has also bolstered his popularity.*

No, it's bolstered the popularity of the ticket, which was exactly the intent of the choice—to put out someone with more charisma and charm than Kerry.

>*I highly doubt that an unnamed democrat would outpoll him, though you're free to provide actual evidence that this is the case.*

You may doubt if you wish. I hardly see how it matters what you believe or doubt.