

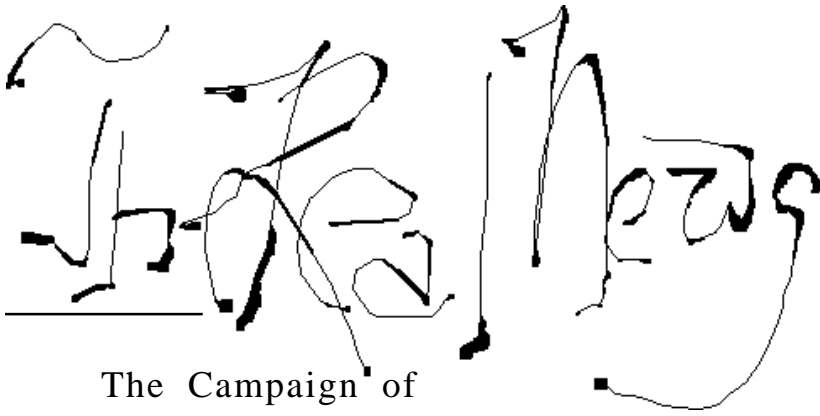


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The Campaign of 2006 continues to turn off millions of American voters. The Democrats are still fuming and rambling about George W. The donkey candidates are still running against the Man who will never run for public office again. The Dems are lost sheep, sheared of any true political platform that unites the diverse spectrum of old liberal special interest groups.



major party is the first in line when the lobbyist hand-outs begin in Washington.

So the stakes are fairly petty this year. The concept of a statesman in the Capitol is only found in the Library of Congress archives of black and white movies. The Dems cry wolf, cry foul and scream and pout that Bush and Dick Cheney are greedy, lying oil men. The Republicans with the arrogant stiff up-

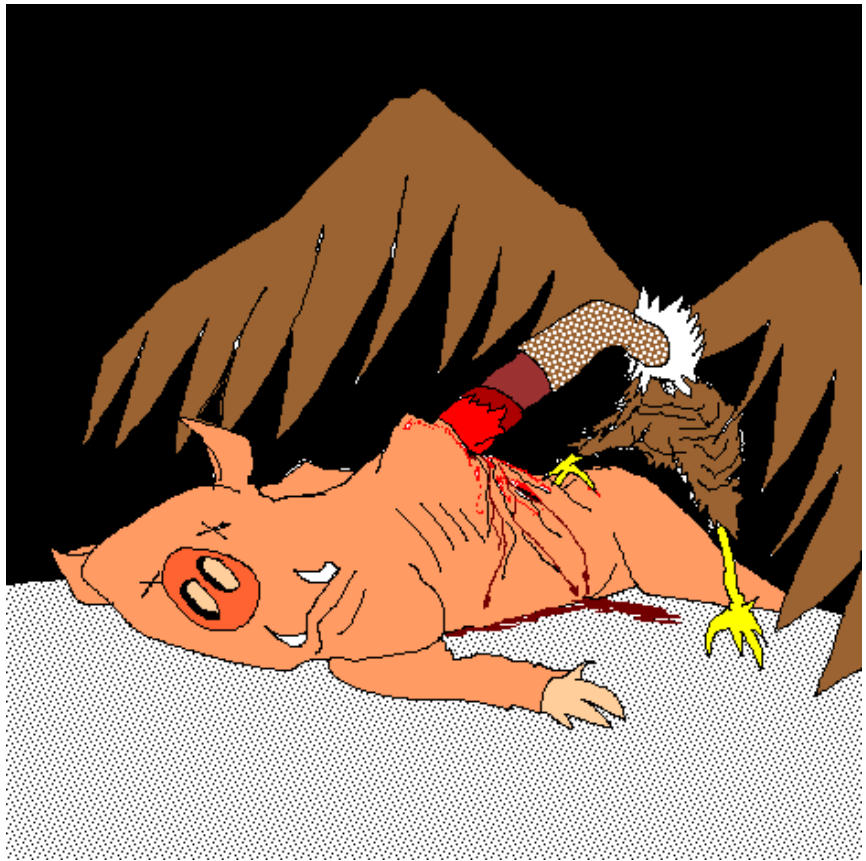
per lip of a Ivy League professor quip that we are at war, and any dissent is giving comfort to the enemy. No one realizes that the industrial base of the country, our national strength, has been rusted and eroded to second world status. No one realizes that the government has outsourced more liberty to foreign nations than it protects its own citizens.

But the Republicans are no different than their second party cousins. The GOPpers have an elephantiasis approach against associating themselves too closely with the President. It is like he has political cooties. As a lame duck, Bush has little clout left in his holster. Leaders are turning into cartoon characters. The White House are

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Just as the federal, state and local governments are fiscally bankrupt, the major parties are philosophically bankrupt going into this election cycle. The election is only about winning; winning creates power; power creates influence; influence creates personal wealth. An incumbent in the

There are times when one cannot tell whether your elected official is a pig or a vulture. Or whether you are the carcass being devoured by the person you elected to protect your interests. You give up your trust every two years or so to people who promise you the world, promise to make your life better, promise not to get in your way, promise everything (that won't cost you a dime.) But when the election is over, the elected disappear into their own misty world of backrooms, cigar smoke and doublespeak.



The elected take credit for all your accomplishments. The elected create your misery, but are willing to solve all of mankind's problems if they are re-elected and increase the government budget. The elected never admit a mistake, but legislate reams of paper without reading each other's bills. It creates a growing organic machine of bigger government bureaucracy.

The elected have exempted themselves from the daily grind of the Average American household: they have a guaranteed paycheck, a pension no private company could ever give its employees, free office, room and board expenses, and the unchecked opportunity to create slush funds. Check any newspaper in a major metropolitan area and you will find a ma-

major story of local political corruption, indictments and plea deals. The storylines are repetitive: ghost payrolling, bribes for government contracts, income tax evasion. It is like the nation's officials go off to expensive vacation seminars, on taxpayer dollars, to learn on how to maximize their personal bottom line from the public trust.

This may be the dim, sarcastic view of the beginning of the 21st Century in the United States. But the cornerstones of each major political party have been eroded like sand dunes by the political leaders own hot air. The Democrats New Deal is more than 50 years old and the same problems of poverty, education, inequality and social quicksand have never been solved by their alleged solutions. The Republicans traditional

mantra of smaller government, tax cuts and personal responsibility have been totally obliterated by a \$9 trillion federal deficit, a huge national homeland police state, and massive new social programs that would make even an old ward healer Democrat blush.

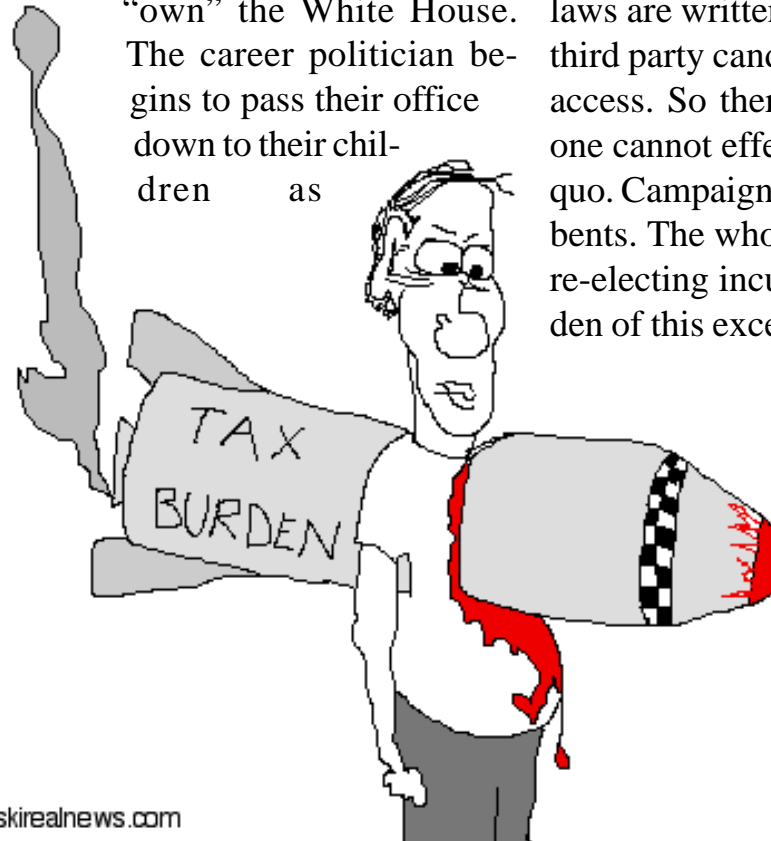
The only fight is who will be first in line for the lobbyists free spending cash donations. The majority party gets first dibs; the second party the leftovers. So all political capital in Congress is spent on getting re-elected, obtaining millions of dollars in campaign donations, finding ways around campaign finance laws, getting a war chest, and buying the best soundbite producers money can rent. This may be a dim and sarcastic view of the situation, but if one looks back in recent time, the idea of a candidate having a coherent grasp of the issues has been transplanted by empty, vague promises in order to inflate the current poll numbers. Polling results have now replaced investigating reporting and detailed analysis reports in the media. Polls are cheaper and simple fodder for the vari-

ety of talking heads on the vacuum of cable television to play the game of partisan spin than reporting facts, truth. Truth has been redefined to become meaningless; truth today is what you believe is right. A fact used to be an absolute objective statement; a fact today is a fossil to be studied in the musty halls of a journalism college.

The sports page has pushed its mannerisms to the frontal lobe of society. In politics, it is the betting line of candidates in the board game of electioneering. The media has it little underdog Rolodex favorites who can't draw flies at a picnic at the early caucuses. In the end, it is who has no conscious to beg, borrow or steal \$100 million in order to run a presidential campaign that will that party's nominee. No one wants to admit the true 2008 match up of money titans: Hillary Clinton, who has an army of experienced money manager machines, and Dick Cheney, the political oil man with more boardroom connections than Blackberry. It is an election that no one wants.



A Bush-Clinton-Bush-Clinton Presidential dynasty would look like the stitch scars across the forehead of Frankenstein. Uncle Sam's lobotomy. It would be the coronation of an elitist nobility who believe that they "own" the White House. The career politician begins to pass their office down to their children as



some form of earned inheritance. The founding fathers would be turning over in the graves if they saw the rise of this intolerant know-it-all. The founders fought against the fat, privileged, elitist law makers in Parliament who continually made rules and regulations that taxed their personal freedoms. Tyranny comes in many forms. Tyranny can thrive in environments of apathetic change. The American voter as a bloc has grown tired with fighting city hall. They have been beaten back into their

homes on election day; less than 50% in national elections, less than 30% in more important local elections. Loyal small voting blocs have great influence when the electorate stays home. The powerful wield more power than they deserve. Election laws are written to make independents and third party candidates difficult to get ballot access. So there can be no real change if one cannot effectively challenge the status quo. Campaign funding is easier for incumbents. The whole process is geared toward re-electing incumbents to office. The burden of this excess falls squarely on the tax-

payers. Only when the burden gets to a mafia street thug level, will the taxpayers be compelled to rebel against the system. And this time is getting very close to a reality. The elderly cannot afford the property taxes on their 30 year old homes. A business owner cannot pay the rent because residential

property tax caps have left local officials jacking up commercial property taxes. Commercial property owners tax bills can be as high as 90% of their property's current rent rolls. It is not worth the trouble of owning property if it being confiscated on an annual basis. Then government does not understand why businesses are leaving their towns, why local unemployment is rising, and why basic household expenses are skyrocketing. They don't understand that a growing segment of their population can-

not make it from pay check to pay check without adding more expensive credit card debt to their personal bankrupt net worth.

The elected are out-of-touch with the average worker, who is working two part time jobs with no benefits because his or her middle management job was lost in a consolidation, a plant closing, or outsourcing. The labor value spectrum has turned into a barbell polygon: the minimum wage number of workers end and the CEO end of golden parachutes have skyrocketed to leave the thin Middle Class caught in the middle.

The culture has sanctioned a lottery mentality. If you get hurt, sue and win the lottery. If you are unemployed, buy state lottery tickets to win. Speculate on margin investments and win the lottery before the bubble bursts. There is number of nouveau rich who lucked out into early retirement not on brain power but on timing and happenstance.

The permanently unemployed middle manager has little options. Job security of a generation past is gone forever. He or she must buy a franchise or start a business in order to create a paycheck, which all things considered, may amount to less than minimum wage. Real wages as defined in 1980 dollars have not grown for most Americans. Even when gasoline is nearing \$3/gallon, the government claims there is no rampant inflation eating away at the economy. The truth has no place in political soundbites, especially in an election year.

IMMIGRANT SONG

City streets were lined with protesters. Many held Mexican flags or signs demanding “their rights.” It is from the playbook of the 1960s: street marches, media attention, change public opinion, get laws passed, then win the war. Salsa instead of folk music.

In today’s society, the louder one speaks, the more the speaker thinks his or her point is correct. The television newscasts showed the film footage, but never put it in context with the past waves of immigration into the United States or the present situation.

There was a point where the U.S. would take anyone to populate its vast interior. The prize for the old world lower classes was the chance to have something they could never attain in their homeland: property ownership, estates and self determination. Families who left everything they had known, took dangerous voyages across the cruel Atlantic Ocean with the mere hope that America would change their lives forever.

America was the brash new land. It was a democracy; most of Europe still held on to the feudal reigns of kings and nobles. The merchant class was constrained in any independent thought. America’s founding fathers, educated and free thinking capitalists, forged the ideals of the American Dream in the War of Independence. Those ideals spread across the globe, making the United States the destination of choice for the outcasts of other lands.

Thomas Jefferson had the Louisiana

Purchase to survey. His country had tripled in size overnight; territory needed to be settled in order to be secured. Homestead farmers who would fight to retain their land from any enemy would be the sentries to the Pacific.

The first land rush made immigrants equal citizens. All had the same goal: to own a piece of land; cultivate it; raise a family without the old world restraints of the king's god and taxation. The English, German and French early settlers were welcome to find their own place. And their hard work and success led to their European neighbors to seek their own destiny and fortune.

After the nation was populated with sufficient farmers and stable local markets, the beginning of the industrial revolution called for more skilled and unskilled labors to populate the expanding urban factory districts. Railroads were created like mushrooms in a damp forest. Eastern Europeans, Irish, and Asian immigrants came to America to take over the hardest, lowest paying and most dangerous jobs, all under the promise of the American Dream.

In both expansive periods of the nation, the federal government allowed immigrants to settle in America because it was in the nation's best interest. Families checked through import stations like Ellis Island, registered to be guests in the land; and to start on their path to citizenship, property ownership and assimilation into the American culture (called the "melting pot" of the free world).

The benefit of the bargain was a win-win situation for the nation and the immi-

grants.

The global industrialization did not deter the ancient prejudices and nationalistic empire building. It created new enemies with new methods of world destruction. The old world order was somewhat jealous with the rapid growth and power of the United States, a mere infant in the timeline of mankind. In the end, the United States began to have jealous enemies, internal disputes and the need to close its borders in order to preserve its independence. All countries have had immigration policies to avoid being overrun by disruptive foreigners. One nationality can take over a country or continent without firing a shot by disease, political upheaval, or social disorder.

So the federal government sets rules on how many immigrants can come into the United States. Student visas, work permits, and citizenship applicants are set to keep the status quo. In the 1990s computer boom, there was a lack of skilled programmers that high tech companies lobbied the government to increase the number of work permits. It was a first come, first served process. Employers, and the economy, had a growing need so the permits were expanded, provided that the foreign workers were sponsored by employers, who would have to pay the prevailing wage and post the job opening for an opportunity to hire in-country. Sponsoring an immigrant meant that you had to follow the rules, pay the wages, pay the income taxes, and pay for deportation costs if the rules were broken.

The system is still a bureaucracy. And

people know how to beat the bureaucracy. Foreign students who graduate on a student visa never leave the country. They work without green cards (work permits). Employers hired temporary or transient labor to mow lawns, plant seeds, harvest crops, or build buildings. This underground economy is a cash based, off record books system of accountability. Undocumented workers do not pay income or employment taxes, but do take up social service capital in housing, police incidents, emergency room care. Employers use these workers to pay less wages, pay no benefits, and avoid taxes.

When the national economy is running on all cylinders, wages are increasing, and the middle class (the crux of the U.S. tax system) are happy, the underground economy is a non-factor in the minds of most people. It is like a fly at a picnic; a temporary annoyance.

But when the economy begins to soften; and middle class managers are out of work with no opportunity to be rehired quickly; sentiment on undocumented workers begins to change. American workers resent that their jobs have been lost, either to overseas outsourcing, or illegal workers taking their place.

None of this background is explained as the pictures of the thousands of protest marchers rolls across the television screen. It is not a complex situation. To American workers and legal immigrants, who are working hard and playing by the rules, these protest marches defy common sense. Illegal immigrants by definition are illegal. They have no rights to be in the country.

But the media analysts equate their struggles with the civil rights movement of the 1960s, and the historic contribution of other immigrants. But the civil rights movement dealt with black American citizens who asked for equality. The past legal immigrants were invited into the nation, stayed, and became citizens, too. The current immigrants are demanding rights which do not exist now, or in the past.

Amnesty rewards illegal behavior. It creates 10-12 million new aliens. It also displaces those waiting their legal turn to come to America to study or work. One major part of the immigration protest is the provision that would decriminalize the employers who illegally hire illegal workers. Currently, the harsh penalties fall on the employers who get large fines and penalties if caught; the illegal worker gets deported. Some Republicans want to lessen the burden on employers, but that too rewards illegal behavior. This is in direct contradiction to other Republicans who believe in the sovereignty of a nation's border security.

Many Democrats are yelling loud on behalf of the illegals. They claim that these illegal workers are the backbone of the economy; that the system would collapse without them. The stay home from work day did not collapse the economy. But there is a hidden agenda in the Democratic leadership. The underpinnings of the Clinton and Gore campaigns was the massive amount of suspect voters in California. Laws were passed where poll workers cannot ask for IDs or proof of citizenship. Open voting, using illegal aliens as voters, is clear

voting fraud. The next step in this process is to get the illegal alien some “rights” then argue if they have rights, then they should have all rights of citizenship, including the right to vote. The Democrats believe in secret that the Hispanic wave of illegal immigrants is the next great voting bloc that it wants to control like the black vote. The blacks have been social conditioned to vote Democratic, even though historically, it was the Republicans who stood up in the Civil War to fight for their first civil rights. But over time, the perception of the Republican party was twisted and the Democrats won the hearts and minds of special voting interests by promising groups anything they wanted in order to vote the straight party ticket. Jobs, welfare, health benefits, anything, everything, for free.

The Republicans also can read the census projections. Fifty percent of the new births in America are Hispanic. In the environmentalist-liberal social engineering of the 1960s, when we were educated about the doom of the population boom, that zero population growth was the answer to solve the global population problem. America has taken heed; its citizen population growth is below zero. We are not replacing ourselves. The replacements are new immigrants, from Mexico, Asia, and Eastern Europe. Blacks are no longer the first minority; Hispanics and Asians are the growing demographics.

In the past, all ethnic groups used to pool in city neighborhoods. But in a few generations, the immigrant families have become Americans in loyalty and pride. Today, new immigrants are not assimilated into American culture. In fact, they are

encouraged to keep their home language, not learn English, not participate in American institutions. There are growing pockets of ethnic zones that remain more loyal to their homeland principles than to the American ideals.

So this current immigration issue really does not center on poor people coming to America in search of a better life; it is political groups pandering to their special interests. And flag waving Republicans cannot hide from pandering in this situation.

You can't be for national security, then relent and allow millions of illegal aliens to remain in the country. If each one obtains a weapon, how big an army would that be? Twenty times the U.S. military?

You can't be for law and order, then relent and allow millions of illegal aliens who have intentionally broken the law to remain in the country without any consequences.

If you want to change the current immigration policy, the solution is simple. Increase the number of work permits. Find out which jobs or categories American workers cannot fill, and allow those employers to fill them with foreign candidates. But this objective study would shine the light neither political party wants the world to see; that there are sufficient American workers, college graduates and early retirees to fill the needs of the economy if given the chance. It is easier wave a magic wand and show how powerful you are to those you are courting; like an imperial king granting special privileges to his serfs.