

Washington Post, right before he underwent surgery for prostate cancer, Powell said that there was no matter of principal over which he would resign, and then went on to depict civil service as a painful journey of loss. Powell quoted Thomas Jefferson the first Secretary of State: "I go now to the task that you have put before me, in the certain knowledge that I will be diminished." Powell has had to watch three of his underlings, life-long civil servants, resign over the pre-emptive war in Iraq. Ambassadors Mary Ann Wright, Brady Kiesling, and John Brown all resigned in protest over the weak case for going to war with Iraq. In John Brown's resignation letter he said, "The President's disregard for views in other nations... is giving birth to an anti-American century."

The deserters of the Bush administration do not all come from the State Department. Indeed many of this nation's best terror investigators have quit in disgust over how terrorism is being dealt with. The first to quit was John O'Neil, the top terrorist investigator at the FBI. O'Neil quit in August of 2001 because the bureau was stalling his investigations of terrorism coming out of Afghanistan. In a tragic irony John O'Neil lost his life on 9/11, in an attack his supervisors dismissed as impossible. In March of 2003, counter terrorism expert, Rand Beers left the Bush administration after serving under four presidents in the NSC. Beers, contrary to the White House rhetoric, believes this administration has failed the people in terms of homeland security. Beers believes that to best defend against terrorists, it takes a lot of boring dirty police work, patrolling borders, and inspecting shipping containers entering the country, and does not lend itself to PR stunts on aircraft carriers. Beers has now joined up with the Kerry Campaign as Kerry's foreign policy advisor.

Paul O'Neil, former Secretary of the Treasury, has been in the papers lately, claiming the Bush administration had the Iraq War on the agenda since the beginning of the term. Paul O'Neil resigned over differences between himself and rest of the administration over what O'Neil thought to be outrageous tax cuts for the rich.

The EPA, which has been under funded drastically during this administration, has contributed its share of deserters. EPA officials Eric Schaeffer and Robert Martin both have ended long and distinguished careers as public servants. Eric Schaeffer quit as this nation's top enforcer of environmental legislation. He said, "We are fighting a White House that seems determined to weaken the rules that we are trying to enforce."

None of the deserters have suffered more blowback than Joseph Wilson. Wilson, a former ambassador, was sent as a special envoy to Nigeria to investigate claims that Saddam Hussein was trying to buy Uranium. Wilson and other intelligence experts agreed the claims were bogus. In the 2002 State of the Union, George W. Bush used the debunked Nigerian Uranium claim in his case for war. Wilson soon went public, revealing that he had returned to Washington

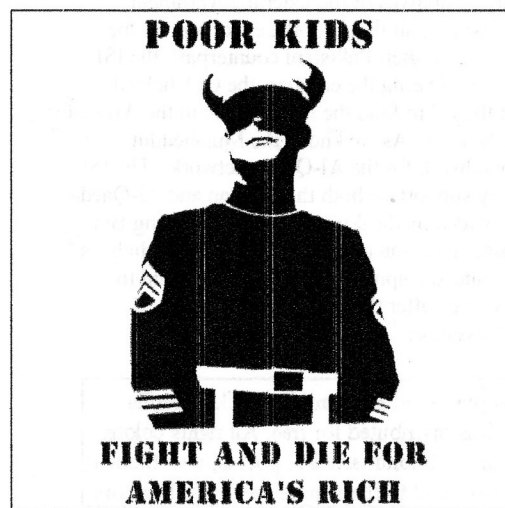
and debriefed the CIA and the vice-president, months before the faulty intelligence made it into the president's speech. The Bush administration fired back at Wilson by illegally revealing that his wife was an active CIA agent, blowing her cover. At the time she was outed, she was working undercover on counter terrorism investigations.

These days it is not hard to find someone bashing Bush, but the complaints of these civil servants carry more weight. They have seen the ugly underside of this morally bankrupt administration. They know its inner workings, and they have quit. The time has come for Bush to quit, or for us to fire him.

### **A Vote Not Cast, Is A Vote For Bush**

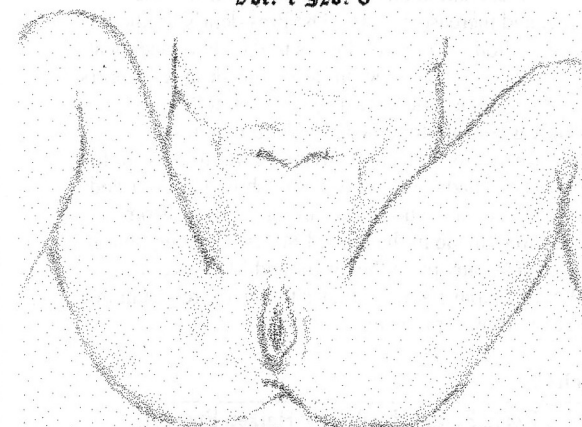
The pressure is coming down hard on the Bush Administration. This is a very important time for us. It's up to the American people to start questioning Bush's legitimacy. We laid down and let him take the presidency in 2000, we can't let that happen again. We, the people have to take back the government, and let the world know that Bush does not act in our name. In the past few years, Bush has tarnished the name of the American people, and has made our country less safe in doing so. There is more animosity towards the US now than before the Iraq War.

It is our constitutional right and duty to vote. Enclosed is a voter registration form for Colorado. One must register at least 29 days before an election. In order to vote in the Caucus on April 13<sup>th</sup>, we must be registered by March 14<sup>th</sup>. Also in order to vote in the Caucus, one must be registered as a Democrat to vote in a Democratic Caucus or as a Republican for Republican Caucus. The instructions are on the back as to where you mail/drop off your registration form. Help the people take back our government. And remember, not voting is a vote for Bush.



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### **For the Rich by the Rich**

This country was built on the idea of the rule of the people. Every November, about half of us bother to make it to the polls. On the ballot you have a millionaire democrat and a millionaire republican. How representational of the "people" is that? Naturally, a government ruled by the wealthy will benefit the wealthy. In 1945, corporations accounted for 40% of tax dollars collected by the IRS. Today, corporations pay a miserly 15%. Basically, the people who get paychecks get screwed, and the rich grow more prosperous.

Nobody, can debate the wealth of this administration. The President, the Vice President, and 11 out of 14 cabinet members are multimillionaires. The average net worth of the top one hundred administrators of this nation is twelve million dollars. Trickle down tax cuts, no bid reconstruction contracts, and corporate welfare should be expected. Right?

The current administration has benefited the corporations and fat cats, more than any other in recent memory. Bush's tax cuts favor the rich. The estate tax and the dividend tax that Bush has done away with, both favored the wealthy—poor people don't own stock, nor do poor people inherit much more than funeral expenses. While Bush was Governor of Texas, pollution regulations were gutted, out of state companies paid Texas to "store" their toxic waste. The economy experienced a pollution-based prosperity, but now Texas is the most polluted state in the union. Houston has now eclipsed LA as the nation's most polluted city. What worked in Texas, works for the country. Since moving into the White House, Bush has worked with his energy and mining friends/contributors to roll back the Clean Air Act, and the Clean Water Act. Bush's Healthy Forest Act is promoting clear-cut logging, a nod to his lumber industry

contributors. The bill was praised as the solution to the West's wildfire problems. According to this logic a healthy forest is a harvested forest. These rollbacks in environmental legislation allow companies to lower their bottom line, and increase profits. The President's Medicare reform gave billions of our tax dollars to the pharmaceutical and insurance companies. The bill also bans drug re-imports from Canada. This is where Bush gives back to his pharmaceutical contributors, because the bill states, Medicare can't use its collective buying power to bargain for cheaper drugs. Canada uses its collective buying power and that is why it is actually cheaper to re-import drugs from Canada that were made in the United States. The big pharm companies can set any price they want and Medicare will pay it. We the taxpayers are the ones that get screwed in this golden age of crony capitalism.

### Oligarchy?

**George W. Bush:** Founded Arbusto, Harken Energy board member. Former co-owner Texas Rangers. Assets: 27 million dollars.

**Dick Cheney:** Former CEO of Halliburton, board member of Procter & Gamble, Union Pacific, and American Petroleum Institute. Assets: 81.7 million dollars.

**John Ashcroft,** Attorney General. Ashcroft, a life long civil servant, has taken generous donations from AT&T, Enron, Monsanto and others. Assets: 3.3 million dollars.

**Donald Rumsfeld,** Secretary of Defense. Former CEO of General Instrument Corp and G.D. Searle & CO. Assets: 242.5 million dollars.

**Colin Powell,** Secretary of State. Former board member of AOL and Gulfstream Aerospace. Assets: 68.9 million.

**Condoleezza Rice,** National Security Advisor. Former board member of Chevron, J.P. Morgan, Charles Schwab. Assets: 2.2 million.

Assets as declared on financial disclosure statements filed upon assuming office.

### Angry 15 Year Olds For Bush

(The following was taken from <http://15yrs4bush.blogspot.com>)

"I think she is libel because she always tries to talk about how George W Bush did not capture saddam or osama yet and how going to fight terrorists in Taliban was okay but not the war against Europe, France and Germany or Iraqi because she says there are no terrorist there. That is when I

say that there are libels there and she asked me did I know what a libel was and I said yes it is a terrorist that is white. She got really mad because she knew I was talking about her but I don't care we cannot have libels or terrorist and even if they are my own family I will report them to the president."

"George Bush is a hero because he fought the revolutionay war to save America from osama bin laden and form Iraqi libels and saddam husane. He flew on an airplane and told the army that the war was finished and since then the terrorism has stopped because we killed osama bin laden and saddam hussein. Now only korea and france and germany are the enemy terrorist and they have sent libels here to trick poor people and Africans into hating America."

### The Pakistan Connection

On the morning of 9/11, Senator Bob Graham, chairman of the House and Senate Intelligence Committees, and representative Porter Gross, a ten-year veteran of the CIA's clandestine operations wing, were having a breakfast meeting at the Capital with Director Lt. Gen. Mahmood Ahmed (The head of Pakistan's secret service—the ISI). Also at this meeting, was the Pakistani ambassador to the US and Senator John Kyl.<sup>1</sup> The topic of this meeting according to Senator Graham: "We were talking about terrorism, specifically terrorism generated from Afghanistan."<sup>2</sup> Nearly all of the people at this meeting met less than two weeks prior in Pakistan. Nobody in that room knew more about terror than Lt. Gen. Mahmood Ahmed who wired \$100,000 to 9/11 leader Mohamed Atta through ISI asset Saeed Sheikh.<sup>3</sup> Mahmood Ahmed later opposed Pakistani cooperation for the war against the Taliban. He was fired in mid-October when evidence of the \$100,000 he wired Mahmood Atta surfaced. Is it really just coincidence that Ahmed who helped fund the terror of 9/11, was meeting with three elected representatives of the federal government discussing terrorism, of all things at the exact time of the attacks? The CIA, and their Pakistani counterpart, the ISI have a long history. During the eighties, the CIA helped create and train the ISI to fund the Mujaheddin in the Afghan war against the Soviets. As we know, the Mujaheddin became the groundwork for the Al-Qaeda network. The ISI has a long history supporting both the Taliban and Al-Qaeda. The ISI even provided medical treatment for the ailing Bin Laden in Peshawar Pakistan on September 10<sup>th</sup> for dialysis.<sup>4</sup> The ISI also continued shipments of weapons and aid to Taliban fighters, even after the air war had begun, and continued into November.<sup>5</sup>

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Until September 16<sup>th</sup>, terrorist and ISI director Lt. Gen. Ahmed met with high ranking officials in Washington including Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage, Colin Powell, Director of the CIA George Tenet, and many others. After 9/11, Ahmed, and Pakistan itself came under enormous pressure to cooperate or perish. The LA Weekly quotes Armitage speaking to Lt. Gen. Mahmood Ahmed: "Help us and breath in the 21<sup>st</sup> century along with the international community or be prepared to live in the Stone Age." Colin Powell gave a seven-point ultimatum to Mahmood, and Pakistan agreed to all seven. It was reported that Lt. Gen. Mahmood's presence in Washington may have averted a war with Pakistan.<sup>6</sup>

Was it luck, or did Pakistan and Lt. Gen. Mahmood Ahmed know when the attacks were going to take place?

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## The State of Disunion

# of months Gitmo detainees held without charge:	24
# of votes cast in the 2000 elections:	105,326,325
# of votes cast on American Idol in 2002:	109,516,521
# of drug arrests since Jan. 1st:	166,466
\$'s spent on the war on drugs since Jan 1st:	4.3 billion
\$'s raised by Bush so far for 2004:	131,774,275
\$'s given by mining/energy corporations to Republicans in the 2002 election cycle:	37,778,378
\$'s given by the big pharm coporations to Republicans in the 2002 election cycle:	20,250,124
# of years Bush was AWOL:	1
# American troops killed in Iraq:	531

### Republicans Caught Cyber Spying

Since the spring of 2002 until at least April 2003, Republican staff members of the US Senate Judiciary Committee spied on internal democratic communications, and then leaked some of them to right-wing newspapers. Robert Novak (famous for illegally outing whistleblower Joseph Wilson's wife as a CIA agent) of the Wall Street Journal appears to have been blessed with some of the ill-gotten information. An investigation has been launched, and already agents have seized more than half a dozen computers, including the computer of Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist of Tennessee. Could it be Watergate II?

### Bush's Deserters

According to rumors floating around Washington, the sanest member of the Bush administration is planning on calling it quits after this term is over. Colin Powell has been a voice crying out in the wilderness. He argued for diplomacy in the build up to the war in Iraq, and lost to the hawks in the administration. In an interview with the