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News and Views from the Left



[1] **Liberty:** [Bush's Secret NSA Spying May Have Tainted Prosecutions, Report Warns](#)

The Justice Department needs to investigate whether the secretiveness of Bush's warrantless wiretapping program tainted terrorism prosecutions by hiding exculpatory evidence from defendants, an oversight report from five inspectors general warned Friday.

The report (.pdf), mandated by Congress, also warned that President Bush's post-9/11 extrajudicial intelligence programs involved unprecedented

Wired July 10, 2009

[3] **Liberty:** [No charges but US may never release Guantánamo Chinese](#)

Seventeen Chinese prisoners who have been held for nearly seven years in Guantánamo Bay will be informed on Monday that they could spend the rest of their lives behind bars, even though they face no charges and have been told by a judge they should be freed.

Guardian November 1, 2008

[5] **Government:** [A Last Push To Deregulate](#)

The White House is working to enact a wide array of federal regulations, many of which would weaken government rules aimed at protecting consumers and the environment, before President Bush leaves office in January.

Washington Post October 31, 2008

[7] **Government:** [Administration to Bypass Reporting Law](#)

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration has informed Congress that it is bypassing a law intended to forbid political interference with reports to lawmakers by the Department of Homeland Security.

[2] **Security:** [Gone Missing](#)

Ever since Sept. 11, 2001, the world has been plagued by the threat of loose nuclear weapons or radio hands of terrorists. Shuddered and

New York Times November 2, 2008

[4] **Economy:** [Another Thumb on the Scale](#)

The world is in economic turmoil because of financial excesses — but the Bush administration's anti-regulatory, unfettered-market approach is making it worse.

New York Times November 1, 2008

[6] **Environment:** [With time short, EPA weakens rule](#)

WASHINGTON — At the Bush administration's behest, the Environmental Protection Agency would weaken pollution regulations to increase emissions without adding new jobs.

McClatchy Newspapers October 2, 2008

[8] **Environment:** [EPA weakens rule on lead](#)

WASHINGTON — After the White House announced that the Environmental Protection Agency would weaken airborne lead standards at the last minute, the agency would have their emissions monitored.

McClatchy Newspapers October 2, 2008

[10] **Environment:** [Last-Minute Changes](#)

All presidents indulge in end-of-term policy changes, partly to tie up bureaucratic policies that their successor will be forced to deal with.

New York Times October 25, 2008

[9] **Environment:** [More Sadness for Appalachia](#)

The Bush administration is writing one more sad chapter in the long, tortured history of Appalachia's coal-rich hills. Last week, the Interior Department's Office of Surface Mining proposed a revision, amounting to a repeal, of one of the last regulatory protections against an environmentally ruinous mining practice called mountaintop removal.

New York Times October 21, 2008

[11] **Environment:** [Memos tell wildlife officials to ignore global-warming impact](#)

WASHINGTON — New legal memos by top Bush administration officials say that the Endangered Species Act can't be used to protect animals and their habitats from climate change by regulating specific sources of greenhouse gas emissions, the cause of global warming.

McClatchy Newspapers October 14, 2008

[13] **Women's Rights:** [Family planning run amok](#)

Here comes another sneak attack on family planning by the Bush administration. Masquerading as a measure to protect healthcare providers from "morally coercive or discriminatory practices," a rule change proposed by the Department of Health and Human Services would require healthcare facilities to certify in writing that their workers do not have to assist with procedures they find objectionable.

Los Angeles Times September 24, 2008

[15] **Environment:** [States Accuse Pentagon Of Threats, Retaliation](#)

Environmental officials from several states that have tried to force the Pentagon to clean up polluted military sites say the Defense Department has retaliated by reducing or withholding federal oversight dollars due them.

Washington Post September 19, 2008

[17] **Government:** [Bailout Hide and Seek](#)

On Friday, less than a week after the government took control of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the White House announced that there is no reason at this time to account for the companies in the federal budget.

That is great news for officials who prefer to hide the cost of the bailout since it is due, in large part, to their failure to adequately regulate the financial markets and steward the economy.

New York Times September 13, 2008

[19] **Environment:** [Whales, Dolphins, Sonar and the Courts](#)

We were cheered to learn that the Navy and conservation groups have reached a court-approved settlement that allows the service ample opportunity to test its low-frequency sonar systems while protecting the habitats of marine life that can't tolerate loud

President Bill Clinton's midnight including a rule protecting 60 million acres of road-building and most commercial logging.

New York Times October 18, 2008

[12] **International:** [Can This Be](#)

The Bush administration this month has announced that it will control supplies to some of the world's most powerful nations. Thus the paradox of a "pro-life" administration whose result will be tens of thousands of lives lost each year — along with more women's deaths.

New York Times October 9, 2008

[14] **Health:** [Report: EPA to deny](#)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22 (UPI) - The Environmental Protection Agency will deny calls for stronger standards for the chemical perchloroethylene.

UPI September 22, 2008

[16] **Security:** [Not Safe Enough](#)

We could not agree more strongly that the United States country must do everything it can to prevent the destruction out of terrorists' hands.

If this truly reflects his thinking — does the United States government respect the rights of a respected, bipartisan group of national security experts to prevent nuclear, chemical and biological threats?

New York Times September 13, 2008

[18] **War Crimes:** [US air power says report](#)

Civilian deaths in Afghanistan from nearly tripled over the past year, a report says today.

Guardian September 7, 2008

[20] **Labor:** [A Toxic Proposal](#)

FOR 7 1/2 YEARS, the Labor Department has stood it's supposed to protect. Now it is supposed to stand official policy. The Post's Columnist says the Labor Department has fast-tracked a proposal that will make it more difficult to regulate workplace safety.

Washington Post August 18, 2008

[22] **Environment:** [Bush to relax](#)

WASHINGTON - The Bush administration is set to let federal agencies decide for themselves whether to let dams, mines and other construction projects

underwater sound. Sometimes compromise and good sense do prevail. So it is especially disturbing that the Bush administration is still trying to

New York Times August 19, 2008

[21] **Liberty:** [U.S. May Ease Police Spy Rules](#)

The Justice Department has proposed a new domestic spying measure that would make it easier for state and local police to collect intelligence about Americans, share the sensitive data with federal agencies and retain it for at least 10 years.

Washington Post August 16, 2008

[23] **Government:** [Long Overdue Crane Safety](#)

The Bush administration generally prefers to fiddle, not regulate, as problems approach a crisis, but its failure to address accidents involving construction cranes is particularly hard to grasp.

New York Times August 2, 2008

[25] **Environment:** [Judge: EPA turned 'blind eye' on Everglades](#)

A federal judge said the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency turned a "blind eye" to protecting the Everglades under the Clean Water Act.

Miami Herald July 29, 2008

[27] **Justice:** [There Was Smoke — and Fire](#)

It was hardly news that President Bush's Justice Department has been illegally politicized, but it was important that the Justice Department finally owned up to that sorry state of affairs. An internal investigation released on Monday found that the department's top staff routinely took politics and ideology into account in filling nonpolitical positions — and lied about it.

New York Times July 29, 2008

[29] **Environment:** [Ex-EPA Official Says White House Pulled Rank](#)

A former Environmental Protection Agency official yesterday contradicted EPA administrator Stephen L. Johnson's congressional testimony on one of the administration's key global warming decisions, saying the White House ordered Johnson to block California's bid to regulate vehicles' tailpipe emissions.

Washington Post July 23, 2008

[31] **Environment:** [Bush Cronies Tried To Redefine 'Carbon Dioxide' To Save Power Plants From Emissions Regulations](#)

Earlier this month, former EPA official Jason Burnett wrote to Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA) with explosive revelations on how the White House has neutered climate change science to protect corporate interests. For example, OMB general counsel Jeffrey Rosen asked for multiple memos on whether carbon dioxide (CO2) from cars and plants could be regulated differently.

Think Progress July 23, 2008

[33] **Liberty:** [Mukasey Calls On Congress to Subvert Constitution](#)

animals and plants.

MSNBC August 12, 2008

[24] **Law:** [Defeated in Court -- A](#)
ALBERT EINSTEIN is said to have said the same thing over and over and exp administration would be wise to t

Obsessed with stretching the limit administration has time and again unilateral action in defense of war Time and again, it ha

Washington Post August 1, 2008

[26] **International:** [Past Time for](#)

Two weeks before he goes to the Bush remains unacceptably silent human rights. Emboldened by the leaders, China is harassing or lock journalists and selectively denying

New York Times July 29, 2008

[28] **Health:** [U.S. Rushes to Char](#)

Political appointees at the Departu unusual speed to push through in administration a rule making it too job exposure to chemicals and tox

Washington Post July 23, 2008

[30] **Economy:** [A Time for Urger](#)

In the nearly two weeks since he a Mae and Freddie Mac from insolv Secretary Henry Paulson has insis approve the proposal quickly, pre quick approval, it has been attach prevention bill that Congress is fi

Unfortunately, support for swi

New York Times July 23, 2008

[32] **Energy:** [Energy Policy Melt Shale](#)

WASHINGTON, DC (July 22, 20 plan that would destroy large tract the Bush administration today an opening 2 million acres of public Utah for commercial oil shale pro Natural Resources Defense Council

NRDC July 23, 2008

[34] **Environment:** [EPA Won't A](#)

The Bush administration has decid

WASHINGTON, DC - In an enormous executive branch power grab, Attorney General Michael Mukasey called on Congress today to authorize indefinite detention through a new declaration of armed conflict. Mukasey also proposed that Congress subvert the right of habeas corpus with a new scheme of procedures that will hide the Bush administration's past wrongdoing - an action that would undermine the const
ACLU July 22, 2008

[35] **Liberty:** [The Government and Your Laptop](#)

The Department of Homeland Security is routinely searching laptops at airports when Americans re-enter the United States from abroad. The government then pores over or copies the laptop's contents — including financial records, medical data and e-mail messages. These out-of-control searches trample the privacy rights of Americans, and Congress should rein them in.
New York Times July 10, 2008

[37] **War:** [US cluster bomb plans outrageous, say campaigners](#)

US plans to respond to international pressure over the use of cluster bombs by phasing out the amount of unexploded bomblets they contain, were today branded as "outrageous" by campaigners.
Guardian July 8, 2008

[39] **Government:** [Ideology-Based Hiring at Justice Broke Laws, Investigation Finds](#)

Senior Justice Department officials broke civil service laws by rejecting scores of young applicants who had links to Democrats or liberal organizations, according to a biting report issued yesterday.
Washington Post June 25, 2008

[41] **Justice:** [Deck stacked against detainees in legal proceedings](#)

KHOST, Afghanistan — Guantanamo detainees appearing before the military tribunals that would decide their fate had little chance of receiving evenhanded hearings, an eight-month McClatchy investigation found. At least 40 former Guantanamo detainees of the 66 interviewed had tribunal hearings, but none was able to submit testimony from witnesses outside the detention facility.
McClatchy Newspapers June 18, 2008

[43] **Environment:** [EPA ducks duty to keep water clean](#)

To showcase its long-standing indifference toward the environment, the Bush administration last week announced it will not interfere with Florida's practice of pumping polluted farm water and suburban runoff into the Everglades and Lake Okeechobee.
Miami Herald June 15, 2008

[45] **Government:** [Interrogation for Profit](#)

Congress is finally moving to ban one of the Bush administration's most blatant evasions of accountability in Iraq — the outsourcing of war detainees' interrogation to mercenary private contractors.
New York Times June 12, 2008

regulate greenhouse gas emissions despite pressure from the Supreme senior federal officials that new re
Washington Post July 11, 2008

[36] **Environment:** [Cheney's Off](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Vice Pre for major deletions in congression consequences of climate change, t leading health official might mak greenhouse gases, a former EPA c
New York Times July 8, 2008

[38] **Environment:** [White House](#)

The White House in December re Protection Agency's conclusion th that must be controlled, telling ag message containing the document E.P.A. officials said last week.
New York Times June 25, 2008

[40] **Justice:** [U.S. hasn't apologize](#)

WASHINGTON — To date, the U former detainee financial compen: imprisoning him, shipping him ar without legal recourse.
McClatchy Newspapers June 18, 2008

[42] **Liberty:** [Mr. Bush v. the Bill](#)

In the waning months of his tenu once again trying to scare Congre powers to spy on Americans with
New York Times June 18, 2008

[44] **Environment:** [Companies ge](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Less tha bears a threatened species becaus administration is giving oil compa potentially harm them in the pursu
Wired June 14, 2008

[46] **Government:** [Report Faults](#)

WASHINGTON — The Food anc carry out much of its own plan to Congressional investigators say in Thursday.
New York Times June 12, 2008

[48] **Iran:** [Senate: Iranian intel cc](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pentag concealed from the CIA and other useful information gleaned from I

[47] **Immigration:** [Dying in Detention](#)

The government has a duty to provide decent, effective, timely medical care to people in its custody. That should be beyond debate, but not when the government in question is the Bush administration and the people in custody are illegal immigrants.

New York Times June 11, 2008

[49] **War:** [Senate committee: Bush knew Iraq statements were untrue](#)

WASHINGTON — A long-awaited Senate Select Intelligence Committee report made public Thursday concludes that President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney made public statements to promote an invasion of Iraq that they knew at the time were not supported by available intelligence.

McClatchy Newspapers June 5, 2008

[51] **Environment:** [Watchdog: NASA misled on global warming studies](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) -- NASA's press office "marginalized or mischaracterized" studies on global warming between 2004 and 2006, the agency's own internal watchdog concluded.

In a report released Monday, NASA's inspector general office called it "inappropriate political interference" by political appointees in the press office. It said the agency's top management wasn't part of the censorship, nor were

CNN June 2, 2008

[53] **Education:** [Mr. Bush and the G.I. Bill](#)

President Bush opposes a new G.I. Bill of Rights. He worries that if the traditional path to college for service members since World War II is improved and expanded for the post-9/11 generation, too many people will take it. He is wrong, but at least he is consistent.

New York Times May 26, 2008

[55] **War:** [Blackwater's Impunity](#)

After guards from Blackwater Worldwide protecting a State Department convoy killed at least 17 Iraqis in a hail of bullets last September, we hoped the Bush administration would rethink the folly of relying on mercenaries, who have no accountability to Iraqi or American law. The ever-stubborn administration decided it couldn't stay at war without its gunslingers.

New York Times May 16, 2008

[57] **Liberty:** [New Government Report Reveals 2,500 Youths Held In Military Custody Abroad](#)

NEW YORK - In a supplemental report to the U.N. Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) made public today, the U.S. government revealed that it has no comprehensive policy in place for dealing with youth detained by the U.S. military in Iraq and Afghanistan, including nearly 2,500 youths under the age of 18 that have been held in U.S.-run facilities overseas to date. In a separate

released Thursday.

USA Today June 5, 2008

[50] **Environment:** [The Science c](#)

The Bush administration has work conceal scientific evidence — and scientist — to justify its failure to

New York Times June 4, 2008

[52] **War:** [Cluster Bombs, Made](#)

On Friday, 111 nations, including treaty that sets an eight-year dead cluster arms — pernicious weapon bombs across a wide area, where to innocents. The Bush administration treaty but vigorously opposed it.

New York Times June 1, 2008

[54] **Environment:** [Official: Whi California emissions](#)

WASHINGTON — Environment Johnson was interested in granting greenhouse gas emissions from ca mind and denied it after meetings EPA official told congressional in Monday.

McClatchy Newspapers May 19, 2008

[56] **Environment:** [Clean-air rule](#)

The Bush administration is on the quality rules that will make it easi national parks and wilderness area agency scientists and park manag

MSNBC May 16, 2008

[58] **Health:** [Govt Wants Less Me](#)

(WASHINGTON) — The Bush a federal appeals court to stop meat animals for mad cow disease, but whether the government has that a

Time May 11, 2008

[60] **War:** [U.S. deploys more than](#)

WASHINGTON — More than 43 unfit for combat in the weeks before Iraq or Afghanistan since 2003 we show.

USA Today May 8, 2008

[62] **Torture:** [Scratch torture from](#)

When it comes to torture, the Bus States to have it both ways. Presic

report, the A
ACLU May 14, 2008

[59] **Democracy:** [Crippled Election Commission](#)
 The White House is removing a member of the Federal Election Commission for standing up for clean elections, while trying to install another member whose specialty is keeping eligible voters from casting ballots. The Senate, which must confirm nominees, should insist that President Bush appoint commissioners with a proven record of supporting voting rights and fair elections.
New York Times May 8, 2008

[61] **Environment:** [New Policy Prolongs EPA Chemical Reviews](#)
 The Bush administration has changed Environmental Protection Agency reviews of chemicals in a way that will delay scientific assessments of their health risks and open the process to politicization, congressional investigators said yesterday.
Washington Post April 30, 2008

[63] **War:** [The Tarnished Brass](#)
 As it prepared to invade Iraq five years ago, the Bush administration called up retired military officers to help sell the war. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and his propaganda team courted as many as 75 retired military officers who could best market the Pentagon line, particularly on television. As detailed in *The Times* on Sunday, many of these officers used their access to Pentagon bigwigs to promote their private businesses.
New York Times April 26, 2008

[65] **Liberty:** [U.S. Plans to Collect DNA on Any Federal Arrest](#)
 WASHINGTON (AP) — The government plans to begin collecting DNA samples from anyone arrested by a federal law enforcement agency, a move intended to prevent violent crime but which is also raising concerns about the privacy of innocent people.
New York Times April 17, 2008

[67] **Law:** [Going Soft on Corporate Crime](#)
 The Bush administration has a well-known aversion to regulating big business. As it turns out, it is also reluctant to prosecute corporations that break the law.
New York Times April 10, 2008

[69] **Environment:** [More Stalling On CO-2](#)
 After refusing to lead the nation by implementing regulations for carbon-dioxide emissions from motor vehicles, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Bush administration are now refusing to get out of the way.
Hartford Courant April 6, 2008

[71] **Government:** [My Way or the Highway](#)
 President Bush likes to talk about not being swayed by public opinion, especially the views of Democrats. At a news conference

a country governed by laws, even special circumstances. This is a m diminishes America's stature in th soldiers at risk. Moreover, it is no
Miami Herald April 29, 2008

[64] **Environment:** [Our Favorite](#)
 Imagine if President Bush announ Korean nuclear programs that dec accumulating nuclear weapons by through incentives and voluntary :

Mr. Bush would be ridiculed, but announced for climate change on halting the growth in carbon di
New York Times April 20, 2008

[66] **International:** [Memo to Bus](#)
 President Bush seems genuinely t and has periodically suggested to just send troops in and take care c explains: You can't invade a third with oil. And so Mr. Bush backs c
New York Times April 10, 2008

[68] **Government:** [Another Heck](#)
 Any remaining hope for a moderr 2010 has cratered, brought low by administration's relentless antipatl
New York Times April 10, 2008

[70] **Environment:** [Ignoring the S](#)
 THE BUSH administration never the Supreme Court commanded it greenhouse gas emissions. We inf President Bush ordered his agenci meet the court's directive, and eve Protection Agency delivered to th finding that those po
Washington Post April 2, 2008

[72] **Environment:** [More Flimfla](#)
 On April 2, 2007, the Supreme Cc clearly empowered the Environme greenhouse gas emissions from ca the agency to determine whether g public health and welfare — an “c so, to devise emissions standards
New York Times March 29, 2008

[74] **Immigration:** [A Foolish Im](#)
 Leave it to the Bush administratio

last December, he said the most important criterion for picking a president is “whether or not somebody’s got a sound set of principles from which they will not deviate as they make decisions.”

Unhappily for the country, we have learned that Mr. Bush has no idea when stan

New York Times March 29, 2008

[73] **Environment:** [EPA chief bides time on court's emissions order](#)

EPA Administrator Stephen L. Johnson has shelved his agency's findings that greenhouse gases are a danger to the public, and on Thursday told Congress that he will initiate a lengthy public comment period about whether such emissions are a risk before responding to a U.S. Supreme Court order.

Los Angeles Times March 28, 2008

[75] **Health:** [Pentagon admits postponing brain screenings](#)

The Pentagon has admitted that it delayed introducing a routine screening of troops returning from Iraq for mild brain injuries because it feared that the extent of the problem could mushroom to the scale of the Gulf War syndrome after the first Iraq war.

Guardian March 18, 2008

[77] **Energy:** [No Action on Auto Fuel Economy Despite EPA's Urging](#)

Congressional investigators said yesterday that Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Stephen L. Johnson recommended raising automobile fuel economy standards three months ago based on a staff assessment that carbon dioxide emissions threaten the public's health and welfare, but the Bush administration has taken no action.

Washington Post March 13, 2008

[79] **Environment:** [A Toxic Time Bomb in the Northwest](#)

Buried in President Bush's proposed budget for next year is a story of broken promises. It's a story that puts our nation's honor -- and our environment, economy and families -- on the line.

The president wants to increase spending on every major category of our government's nuclear program except one: cleaning up the toxic legacy that lurks at nuclear reservations and facilities around the nation.

Washington Post March 3, 2008

[81] **Government:** [Congress to Bush: You've Lost Mail](#)

The Bush White House has made a mockery of the Presidential Records Act and its requirement that official White House records -- including e-mails -- be preserved for posterity.

At a congressional hearing yesterday, it became clear for the first time that top White House officials knowingly adopted a new e-mail system in 2002 that was riddled with technical problems that not only

abiding American workers and co economic times. That would be th ahead with a bad idea: to force bu names don't match the Social Sec *New York Times* March 27, 2008

[76] **Liberty:** [President weakens](#)

WASHINGTON - Almost 32 years created an independent Intelligence private citizens with top-level cle activities, President Bush issued a board of much of its authority.

Boston Globe March 14, 2008

[78] **Justice:** [Going to Jail for Be Gov. Don Siegelman Got Roved](#)

Don Siegelman, a popular Democrat Republican state, was framed in a 29, 2006, and sent to Federal prison administration.

AlterNet March 3, 2008

[80] **Torture:** [Horrorifying and Un](#)

In the next few days President Bush right to order mistreatment of prisoners would regard as torture.

Mr. Bush is planning to veto a law all the intelligence services to abide and interrogating prisoners contain Field Manual. Mr. Bush says the *New York Times* March 2, 2008

[82] **Environment:** [EPA threaten limits](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) — While a to enact tougher mercury controls administration pressured dozens of would let some plants evade clear documents show.

USA Today February 16, 2008

[84] **Government:** [The Cult of Sec](#)

There's no end to President Bush's Congressional law and clinging to administration's executive cloak. the tattered freedom-of-information both houses of Congress, the president and quietly sign it into law on Ne

But, of course, even *New York Times* February 7, 2008

risked data loss

Washington Post February 27, 2008

[83] **Government:** [Bush Administration Hides More Data, Shuts Down Website Tracking U.S. Economic Indicators](#)

The U.S. economy is faltering. Family debt is on the rise, benefits are disappearing, the deficit is skyrocketing, and the mortgage crisis has worsened. Conservatives have attempted to deflect attention from the crisis, by blaming the media's negative coverage and insisting the United States is not headed toward a recession, despite what economists are predicting.

The Bush administration's latest

Think Progress February 13, 2008

[85] **Torture:** [CIA says used waterboarding three times](#)

WASHINGTON, Feb 5 (Reuters) - The CIA on three occasions shortly after the Sept. 11 attacks used a widely condemned interrogation technique known as waterboarding, CIA Director Michael Hayden told Congress on Tuesday.

Reuters February 5, 2008

[87] **War:** [Bush fights move to rein in war contractors](#)

WASHINGTON - Lawmakers say they will push ahead with a presidential commission designed to root out waste and fraud in military contracts despite President Bush's concerns that it could usurp his authority.

MSNBC February 1, 2008

[89] **Environment:** [Bush opens 3m acres of Alaskan forest to logging](#)

The US government has announced plans to open more than 3m acres (about 5,000 square miles) of Alaskan wilderness to logging, mining and road building, angering environmental campaigners who say it will devastate the region. Supporters say the plan for the Tongass National Forest, a refuge for grizzly and black bears, wolves, eagles and wild salmon, will revive the state's timber industry.

Guardian January 29, 2008

[91] **Environment:** [Bush Administration Strips Protections from America's Largest Forest](#)

Juneau, AK (January 25, 2008) -- Today, the Bush administration took its third swipe in recent weeks at opening protected areas in America's national forests to logging before it leaves office. A Bush plan announced today puts a "for sale" sign on trees in vast swaths of the nation's largest national forest – the Tongass rainforest in Alaska.

NRDC January 25, 2008

[93] **Women's Rights:** [Are U.S. Policies Killing Women?](#)

Even as we commemorate the landmark 35th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* this year, U.S. reproductive-health policies are having an

[86] **Health:** [Bush cuts health and](#)
WASHINGTON—President Bush slashes mental health funding and spending on medical research, am documents obtained by The Assoc
Boston Globe February 1, 2008

[88] **Environment:** [24 Hours After White House Drops Ambitious Cl](#)

President Bush has long touted climate solution to global warming. In 20 States is "spending quite a bit of r come up with clean-coal technology the Union address, Bush said, "Let generate coal power while capturing
Think Progress January 31, 2008

[90] **Health:** [Vetoing History's R](#)

President Bush's threat to veto a l for the nation's American Indians
New York Times January 28, 2008

[92] **Health:** [Bush Threatens Veto](#)

The Bush administration threatened designed to improve health care o provisions involving pay and benefits
New York Times January 23, 2008

[94] **Government:** [Bush 'gutted' S](#)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 (UPI) -- official says the Bush administration initiatives by pushing ideology ov
UPI January 18, 2008

[96] **Environment:** [Bush Admini from Colorado's National Forests](#)

DENVER (December 26, 2007) – today its intentions to remove exist 4.4 million acres of roadless areas The Forest Service formally announced to establish a new rule for managing public was given 60 days to submit
NRDC December 26, 2007

[98] **International:** [Weakening P](#)

Pakistan's president, Pervez Musharraf grabs are aimed at stabilizing and authoritarian maneuvers only weakening political institutions and fuel more
New York Times December 22, 2008

inordinately negative effect outside of our borders. They're causing women to die or be maimed. Harsh words, but true.

AlterNet January 22, 2008

[95] **Government:** [The 'pocket veto' peril](#)

Pundits and pols who have been tracking President Bush's constitutional transgressions can add another to the list: his Dec. 28 "pocket veto" of the massive defense spending bill. Instead of issuing a regular veto, which allows Congress the opportunity to override if it can muster the votes, Bush stated that he needed to pocket veto the bill -- a power the Constitution says may only be used when "Congress by their Adjournment prevent [the bill's] Return." Bush argued that he was "prevented" from "returning" the bill to Congress because the House had adjourned.

Los Angeles Times January 8, 2008

[97] **War Crimes:** [Warnings Unheeded On Guards In Iraq](#)

The U.S. government disregarded numerous warnings over the past two years about the risks of using Blackwater Worldwide and other private security firms in Iraq, expanding their presence even after a series of shooting incidents showed that the firms were operating with little regulation or oversight, according to government officials, private security firms and documents.

Washington Post December 24, 2007

[99] **Torture:** [9/11 Panel Study Finds That C.I.A. Withheld Tapes](#)

WASHINGTON — A review of classified documents by former members of the Sept. 11 commission shows that the panel made repeated and detailed requests to the Central Intelligence Agency in 2003 and 2004 for documents and other information about the interrogation of operatives of Al Qaeda, and were told by a top C.I.A. official that the agency had "produced or made available for review" everything that

New York Times December 22, 2007

[101] **Environment:** [Arrogance and Warming](#)

The Bush administration's decision to deny California permission to regulate and reduce global warming emissions from cars and trucks is an indefensible act of executive arrogance that can only be explained as the product of ideological blindness and as a political payoff to the automobile industry.

New York Times December 21, 2007

[103] **Environment:** [Environmentalists: Bush Backtracks on Vow](#)

After years of saying U.S. involvement in a mandatory global greenhouse reduction plan is contingent upon participation by China and other developing nations, the Bush administration is now rejecting such proposals, according to environmental leaders observing Bali's climate change conference.

US News & World Report December 11, 2007

[105] **International:** [A Blow to Bush's Tehran Policy](#)

[100] **Liberty:** [FBI Prepares Vast](#)
CLARKSBURG, W. Va. -- The FBI effort to build the world's largest (physical characteristics, a project unprecedented abilities to identify and abroad.

Washington Post December 22, 2007

[102] **Energy:** [A Shameful Presic](#)

The Senate should ignore an incremental threat from the White House and energy bill that could come before represents a historic opportunity to foreign oil and to take steps in the its passage would send a message

New York Times December 13, 2007

[104] **Labor:** [Labor Dept. Accuse](#)

Political operatives in the Department reporting requirements to undermine "political misinformation campaign yesterday charges.

Washington Post December 11, 2007

[106] **Energy:** [White House threa](#)

WASHINGTON, Dec 3 (Reuters) threatened to veto legislation pending Representatives that would require decades in the country's automobile

AlterNet December 3, 2007

[108] **Budget:** [Bush vetoes bill to](#)

WASHINGTON - President Bush measure for health and education Democrats. He also signed a big budget.

New York Daily News November 2007

[110] **Corruption:** [Industries Paid](#)

The chief of the Consumer Product predecessor have taken dozens of appliance and children's furniture according to internal records obtained. Some of the trips were sponsored representing the makers of products

Washington Post November 2, 2007

[112] **Government:** [NASA refuse](#)

MOFFETT FIELD, Calif. - Anxious NASA is withholding results from of pilots that found safety problem interference occur far more frequently

President Bush got the world's attention this fall when he warned that a nuclear-armed Iran might lead to World War III. But his stark warning came at least a month or two after he had first been told about fresh indications that Iran had actually halted its nuclear weapons program.

Washington Post December 4, 2007

[107] **Government:** [You're Eating That?](#)

A few years ago Americans walked into the grocery store and plucked items from the shelves with a confidence that the world could only envy. Now, according to a survey for the Food Marketing Institute, only 66 percent of consumers in the United States are confident that the food they buy is safe, down from 82 percent last year. With news of killer spinach, tainted hamburger patties and imported seafood that can provide as many toxins as omega-3s, who can blame them?

New York Times November 26, 2007

[109] **Government:** [Playing Games With Toy Safety](#)

With the holiday season approaching, there is more bad news about the federal agency charged with protecting children from unsafe toys. Nancy Nord, acting chairwoman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, joined industry lobbyists in opposing a Senate bill intended to strengthen her enfeebled agency. That was followed by the revelation that Ms. Nord and her predecessor took free trips from the

New York Times November 4, 2007

[111] **Government:** [Strengthening of Consumer Agency Opposed by Its Boss](#)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29 — The top official for consumer product safety has asked Congress in recent days to reject legislation that would strengthen the agency that polices thousands of consumer goods, from toys to tools.

New York Times October 29, 2007

[113] **Energy:** [Bush's "Poor Kids First" Kept Sick and Freezing](#)
George W. Bush explained his recent veto of the bipartisan-supported Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act, because he says he wants to put "poor kids first."

The president's (and his supporters') logic here is that expanding funding for the popular State Child Health Insurance Plan would mean that more people than those living in rock-bottom poverty might get access to government-subsidized healthcare, and that would be a grievous wrong. He contends that only kids born into the most desperate poverty should get help outside of private, market-priced insurance--whether they can afford it or not.

Huffington Post October 22, 2007

[115] **Environment:** [Temporary Victory on Clean Air](#)

Last week's record-breaking consent decree requiring American

previously recognized.

MSNBC October 22, 2007

[114] **Justice:** [Empty Seats on the NEXT WEEK](#), the full U.S. Cour scheduled to hear al-Marri v. Wri, the rights of those captured in the detentions. Under normal circums reviews federal cases from Maryl; the Carolinas, would have a comp normal times.

Washington Post October 21, 2007

[116] **Environment:** [EPA Joins S Waiver](#)

Although the Environmental Prote settlement this week to force the l cleanup in U.S. history, the Bush agreement that it has no intention against the utility for the same kir the future.

Washington Post October 11, 2007

[118] **Security:** [Report: White Hc](#)

A small, privately run intelligence administration leak has ruined year exploit al Qaeda secrets on the Int

CBS News October 9, 2007

[120] **Government:** [Bridges to Sc](#)

You'd be hard-pressed to convince don't need to spend more on infra the Interstate 35 bridge in Minnea everywhere, from crumbling bridg exploding manhole covers and un

Yet Transportation Secretary Mar argument. S

Washington Post October 8, 2007

[122] **Government:** [Feds waited](#)

Bush Administration officials who food supply waited an 18 days to pounds of ground beef might be c

New York Daily News October 5,

[124] **Liberty:** [Stop the Raids](#)

Armed squads bursting into home and automatic weapons, terrorizin who lacks identity papers, even if It may sound like Baghdad, but it the latest among hundreds of com

Electric Power, the nation's largest utility, to pay \$4.6 billion to clean up its act represents a satisfying, if delayed victory for the Clinton administration and other plaintiffs who brought the suit eight years ago. More than anything, though, it is a victory for millions of people downwind of the company's plants who have been forced to breathe dirty air.

New York Times October 15, 2007

[117] **Human Rights:** [Carter says U.S. tortures prisoners](#)

WASHINGTON (CNN) -- The United States tortures prisoners in violation of international law, former President Carter said Wednesday. "I don't think it. I know it," Carter told CNN's Wolf Blitzer.

CNN October 10, 2007

[119] **International:** [The damage is done](#)

ATLANTA - Just imagine that Vice President Dick Cheney went on a visit to a foreign country - Great Britain, let's say - and that one of his Secret Service agents was shot several times and killed by a drunken bodyguard hired by the Brits. Let's say the British government quickly hushed up the crime and spirited the bodyguard out of the country, leaving him free to go about his life.

Baltimore Sun October 8, 2007

[121] **Human Rights:** [More Torture Memos](#)

PRESIDENT BUSH said Friday, as he has many times before, that "this government does not torture people." But presidential declarations can't change the facts. The record shows that Mr. Bush and a compliant Justice Department have repeatedly authorized the CIA to use interrogation methods that the rest of the world -- and every U.S. administration before this one -- have regarded as torture: techni

Washington Post October 6, 2007

[123] **Honesty:** [Bush's Veto Lies](#)

To say that George W. Bush spends money like a drunken sailor is to insult every gin-soaked patron of every dockside dive in every dubious port of call. If Bush gets his way, the cost of his wars in Iraq and Afghanistan will soon reach a mind-blowing \$600 billion.

Despite turning a budget surplus into a huge deficit, the man still hasn't met a tax cut he doesn't like. And when the Republicans were

Washington Post October 5, 2007

[125] **Health:** [Bush Vetoes Children's Health Insurance Bill](#)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3 — President Bush vetoed the children's health insurance bill today, as he had promised to do, setting the stage for more negotiations between the White House and Congress. Mr. Bush wielded his pen with no fanfare just before leaving for a visit to Lancaster, Pa. The veto was only the fourth of Mr. Bush's presidency.

New York Times October 3, 2007

federal agents have been invading
New York Times October 4, 2007

[126] **Environment:** [Bush's EPA](#)

The Environmental Protection Agency against polluters has dropped off administration, with the number of and total convictions all down by Justice Department and EPA data
Washington Post September 30, 2007

[128] **Budget:** [BUSH'S FISCAL](#)

WASHINGTON - Whatever happens President Bush will leave office with the fastest accumulations of government debt in the States.

During his time in office, federal government spending in Washington's equivalent of a credit card increased by more than 50 percent. The total amount will be paid by taxpayers.

Christian Science Monitor September 27, 2007

[130] **International:** [Forsaking the](#)

The Egyptian publisher Hisham Karam was asked to pick up the National Endowment for Democracy's prestigious annual Democracy Award. He jump-starting a free Egyptian press. He spent nearly an hour in the Oval Office. He spoke with feeling about his "free press" and how he will pursue it after he leaves office.

Washington Post September 24, 2007

[132] **Government:** [Department of](#)

The Bush administration seems in violation of its mandate to restore the primacy of the Federal Emergency Management Agency in dealing with government's dreadful performance. The 2005 Hurricane Orleans two years ago was the costliest natural disaster in the new and untested Department of Homeland Security. FEMA as the manager of disaster relief.
New York Times September 13, 2007

[134] **Security:** [Lagging on Home](#)

In response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the government began the most sweeping bureaucratic expansion in history. The result was the creation in 2002 of the Department of Homeland Security — a behemoth designed to protect against man-made and natural disasters.

Two years ago, Hurricane Katrina

[127] **Environment:** [White House Taking Unearned Credit for Emissions Cuts](#)

Seeking to counter international pressure to adopt binding limits on greenhouse gas emissions, the Bush administration has been touting the success of three mandatory programs to curb U.S. energy consumption: gas mileage standards for vehicles, efficiency standards for home appliances and state laws requiring utilities to increase their use of renewable energy sources.

But for most of the Bush pr
Washington Post September 26, 2007

[129] **Environment:** [U.S. Trying to Block Calif. on Emissions](#)

The Bush administration has conducted a concerted, behind-the-scenes lobbying campaign to try to generate opposition to California's request to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from cars and trucks, according to documents obtained by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

Washington Post September 25, 2007

[131] **Democracy:** [A 'Palpable Injustice'](#)

THE U.S. SENATE had a chance yesterday to make history. It chose instead to add another unconscionable chapter to that well-worn volume that could be titled "The Second-Class Status of the People of the District of Columbia." A few Republicans showed enough gumption to vote for principle and against party interest. Most Republicans, led by their leaders and egged on by President Bush -- who talks

Washington Post September 19, 2007

[133] **Government:** [Audit Cites Overpaid Medicare Insurers](#)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 — Private insurance companies participating in Medicare have been allowed to keep tens of millions of dollars that should have gone to consumers, and the Bush administration did not properly audit the companies or try to recover money paid in error, Congressional investigators say in a new report.

New York Times September 10, 2007

[135] **Terrorism:** [Fighting war on terror in wrong places](#)

ATLANTA - What about Afghanistan? What about Pakistan? Add this to the sins of the Bush White House: Its foolish misadventure in Iraq has diverted our politics and our military away from those places that gave aid and comfort to the jihadists who staged the Sept. 11 attacks.

Baltimore Sun September 10, 2007

[137] **Security:** [National Security Bubble](#)

THE GOAL OF the Bush administration after Sept. 11, 2001, was simple and clear: Protect the country from another devastating attack. But in its quest to counter unprecedented threats, the White House deliberately avoided seeking the advice of Congress -- and even that of some of its own top officials -- for fear of encountering opposition

New York Times September 10, 2007

[136] **Liberty:** [F.B.I. Data Mining](#)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8 — The FBI is conducting more terrorism investigations than it has ever before, relying on telecommunications company records and patterns of the associates of Americans under suspicion, according to newly obtained documents.

New York Times September 8, 2007

[138] **Health:** [Denying Children?](#)

The Bush administration reached a deal with New York yesterday when it denied New York's request to join a valuable health insurance program for low-income children. The administration, which has long shown disdain for government insurance programs, has excessively stringent requirements that would have guaranteed New York's denial.

New York Times September 8, 2007

[140] **Democracy:** [A Rigged Rep](#)

After the 2000 Florida election debacle, the Bush administration called the Election Assistance Commission to help restore democracy in this country. Two years ago, I approached me about doing a project on voter fraud and intimidation. I am looking for further research on the issues.

Because my approach to election reform was not accepted.
Washington Post August 30, 2007

[142] **Democracy:** [Squelching the](#)

The White House certainly has been criticized for its lack of preparation on the big thin Katrina. But it turns out that President Bush's ordinary Americans have been mistreated and controlled for the past five years through a combination of protest. Citizen volunteers are enrolling in the outside

New York Times August 25, 2007

[144] **Environment:** [Rule to Exp](#)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22 — The Bush administration's regulation on Friday that would require the removal of mountaintop removal. The technology of mountains and dumping the rule has caused legal and regulatory confusion.

New York Times August 23, 2007

[146] **Government:** [Federal No-I](#)

Under pressure from the White House, the federal government

to novel or aggressive tactics. This go-it-alone approach l
Washington Post September 8, 2007

[139] **Government:** [Safety Agency Faces Scrutiny Amid Changes](#)
WASHINGTON, Sept. 1 — In March 2005, the Consumer Product Safety Commission called together the nation's top safety experts to confront an alarming statistic: 44,000 children riding all terrain vehicles were injured the previous year, nearly 150 of them fatally.
New York Times September 1, 2007

[141] **Security:** [Air cargo end-run](#)
A MONTH AGO, it looked as if Congress had finally plugged one of the gaps in air travel security: the failure of officials to inspect the commercial cargo that passenger airplanes carry in their holds. Now the Transportation Security Administration is considering an interpretation of the new law to allow companies to ship cargo that they have certified as safe, without X-ray or physical inspection
Boston Globe August 25, 2007

[143] **Environment:** [Unfathomable: EPA Decides Oil Refinery Air Pollution is Clean Enough to Ignore](#)
WASHINGTON (August 23, 2007) – Flouting common sense as well as the law, the Environmental Protection Agency today announced a proposed rule that concludes that tens of thousands of tons of toxic air emissions from U.S. oil refineries are not risky enough to warrant any additional safeguards for the breathing public. If it stands, the decision will impose a significant cancer risk on nearly half a
NRDC August 23, 2007

[145] **Honesty:** [Bush Lies About Al-Qaeda Captures in Iraq](#)
Some distortions are so massive and so deliberate as to constitute outright lies. See if you can spot the dishonesty in this line in President Bush's speech to the Veterans of Foreign Wars' national convention today: *U.S. forces have killed or captured an average of more than 1,500 al Qaeda terrorists and other extremists every month since January.*
TPM August 22, 2007

[147] **Environment:** [Judge Orders Reports on Global Warming](#)
The Bush administration violated federal law by missing deadlines to produce a study on the impact of global warming, now as much as two years overdue, and must issue a summary by March, a federal judge ruled.
New York Times August 22, 2007

[149] **Health:** [New Bush Admin Rules Aim To Block Child Health Care Programs](#)
The Bush administration, continuing its fight to stop states from expanding the popular Children's Health Insurance Program, has adopted new standards that would make it much more difficult for New York, California and others to extend coverage to children in

long-delayed plan last year, official Security's counter-narcotics office common at federal agencies: They contract. And the firm they hired :
Washington Post August 22, 2007

[148] **Government:** [White House](#)
WASHINGTON — The Justice E records about missing White Hou disclosure, the latest effort by the boundaries of government secrecy
Huffington Post August 22, 2007

[150] **Health:** [Crack downs on le Administration](#)
WASHINGTON — The Bush adr undermined efforts to tighten rule isn't used in toys, bibs, jewelry an have fought efforts to better polic
McClatchy Newspapers August 2

[152] **Honesty:** [Gonzales' Top Lie](#)
The verdict is clear: Alberto Gonz general in recent history. "I don't Committee Chairman Patrick Lea Ranking member Sen. Arlen Spec "lack of credibility." "He tells the everything but the truth," said Ser Gonza
TPM August 17, 2007

[154] **Environment:** [Wolfowitz 't climate change'](#)
The Bush administration has cons World Bank to include global war considering whether to approve m infrastructure, according to docun watchdog yesterday.

On one occasion, the White Hous disgraced Paul Wolfowitz, person
Independent August 13, 2007

[156] **Honesty:** [Lying Again, Thi Program](#)
Has the United States ever had to often as George W. Bush? He rep in order to invade Iraq. Now he is hold him accountable?
Huffington Post August 9, 2007

[158] **Liberty:** [In Bush we trust -](#)

middle-income families.
Huffington Post August 21, 2007

[151] **Law:** [Commerce, Treasury funds helped boost GOP campaigns](#)

WASHINGTON — Top Commerce and Treasury Departments officials appeared with Republican candidates and doled out millions in federal money in battleground congressional districts and states after receiving White House political briefings detailing GOP election strategy.

McClatchy Newspapers August 17, 2007

[153] **Government:** [Searching for the Miners](#)

It is beyond belief that in this Information Age, when new technologies can eavesdrop on any conversation and track people around the globe, rescue teams have no way to communicate with the six miners trapped underground in the Crandall Canyon Mine in Utah. Instead they are drilling holes in the ground to where they guess the miners might be.

It needn't be so. For too long, the Bush administration
New York Times August 16, 2007

[155] **Human Rights:** [Deported Canadian Was No Threat, Report Shows](#)

OTTAWA, Aug. 9 — Canadian intelligence officials anticipated that the United States would ship Maher Arar, a Syrian-born Canadian who was detained in New York in 2002 on suspicion of terrorism, to a third country to be tortured, declassified information released on Thursday shows.

Mr. Arar was sent by American intelligence officials in October 2002 to Syria, where he was tortured and jailed for a
New York Times August 10, 2007

[157] **Health:** [HHS Hacks Plant Lies in Letters](#)

Four regional directors of the Department of Health and Human Services signed their names on copycat letters sent to editorial pages across the country, spreading misinformation about opposing children's health insurance proposals.

Huffington Post August 7, 2007

[159] **Middle East:** [The Mideast needs more guns?](#)

THE LAST THING the Middle East needs is a new round of arms sales, but that is what the Bush administration wants Congress to approve, the better to contain Iran's bid for dominance in the region. Under its current leadership, Tehran is a threat to regional stability. But that threat is best contained through diplomacy and a clear statement that, whatever happens in Iraq, US forces will not leave
Boston Globe August 5, 2007

[161] **Environment:** [The Owl and the Forest](#)

It doesn't require a subpoena of A or a brave whistle-blower to find the U.S. Constitution. It's in plain site: "Executive Order: Blocking I Threaten Stabilization Efforts in I

This far-reaching order of July 17 defiance of the Constitution, w
San Francisco Chronicle August :

[160] **Human Rights:** [Report: Ha Khalid Sheik Mohammed, the al Qaeda attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, was subjected to interrogation methods while he was in the world for more than three years, says the International Committee of the Red Cross. "It is a form of torture," according to a New York Times report.
Washington Post August 5, 2007](#)

[162] **Liberty:** [Senate passes Bush spying bill](#)
WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The Senate on Friday passed a bill with warnings of further attacks on the Friday that would allow President George W. Bush to authorize controversial domestic spying programs.
Reuters August 4, 2007

[164] **Honesty:** [Gonzales's Truthfulness](#)
When Alberto R. Gonzales was asked for confirmation hearing whether the attorney general would allow wiretapping of U.S. citizens, he dismissed the query as a "hypothetical question."

But when Sen. Russell Feingold (D-Vt.) asked whether the president could authorize actions that would violate criminal statutes, Gonzales declared: "It is not the president's job to authorize actions that would violate criminal statutes."
Washington Post July 30, 2007

[166] **Security:** [Losing sleep over Iraq](#)
AS THE U.S. Senate prepared for a vote to bring the troops home from Iraq, the case for withdrawal was coming from
San Francisco Chronicle July 18,

[168] **Government:** [F.D.A. Inspectors](#)
WASHINGTON, July 17 — It didn't take long to learn that the safety net for the Food and Drug Administration is full of holes. On Tuesday before a House subcommittee, inspectors found tainted products into this country. The FDA has not enough resources nor inspectors to
New York Times July 18, 2007

The spotted owl, once famously referred to by the first President Bush as "that little furry-feathery guy," was not exactly a popular little guy among angry timber workers in the Pacific Northwest. *New York Times* August 5, 2007

[163] **Government:** [When a Government Won't Own Up](#)
Rescue and cleanup workers, who put their lives on the line in our nation's darkest hour, weren't given information about environmental risks and are now paying the price with financial hardship, illness, and even death.

Hundreds of thousands of people living on the Gulf Coast survived a horrific natural disaster and a failed government response, only to be placed in trailers that FEMA knew were
The Nation August 2, 2007

[165] **Health:** [Bush Aide Blocked Report](#)
A surgeon general's report in 2006 that called on Americans to help tackle global health problems has been kept from the public by a Bush political appointee without any background or expertise in medicine or public health, chiefly because the report did not promote the administration's policy accomplishments, according to current and former public health officials.
Washington Post July 29, 2007

[167] **Politics:** [Drug czar deployed for GOP, papers show](#)
WASHINGTON — As President Bush fought to keep Congress in Republican hands last year, the White House political director enlisted the nation's drug czar to attend events with vulnerable GOP incumbents, documents made public on Tuesday disclosed.
Los Angeles Times July 18, 2007

[169] **War:** [Pentagon balked at pleas from officers in field for safer vehicles](#)
Pfc. Aaron Kincaid, 25, had been joking with buddies just before their Humvee rolled over the bomb. His wife, Rachel, later learned that the blast blew Kincaid, a father of two from outside Atlanta, through the Humvee's metal roof.

Army investigators who reviewed the Sept. 23 attack near Riyadh, Iraq, wrote in their report that only providence could have saved Kincaid from dying that day: "There was no way short of not going on that route at that time (that) this tragedy could have been diverted."
USA Today July 16, 2007

[171] **Health:** [Former Bush Surgeon General Says He Was Muzzled](#)
WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The first U.S. surgeon general appointed by President George W. Bush accused the administration on Tuesday of political interference and muzzling him on key issues like embryonic stem cell research.

[170] **Health:** [Bush Is Prepared to Insurance](#)

WASHINGTON, July 14 — The President Bush would veto a bipartisan Health Insurance Program, drafted by members of the Senate Finance C

The vow puts Mr. Bush at odds with Congress, with a substantial number with many governors of both parties.
New York Times July 15, 2007

[172] **Security:** [Job Vacancies At Preparedness](#)

The Bush administration has failed leadership posts at the Department "gaping hole" in the nation's preparedness other threat, according to a congressional report.
Washington Post July 9, 2007

[174] **Government:** [Cheney Defies](#)
Vice President Cheney's office has issued an executive order governing the handling of the past four years and recently tried to enforce those rules, according to a congressional committee yesterday.
Washington Post June 22, 2007

[176] **Science:** [Bush vetoes bill aimed at research](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Vetoing the bill, President Bush on Wednesday disagreed with him by signing an executive order toward what he termed "ethically challenged" research.
CNN June 20, 2007

[178] **Government:** [Another Surprise](#)

It apparently wasn't enough for the Department of Justice with political appointees now nominated one of the most powerful positions, von Spakovsky, to a powerful position on the Commission.
New York Times June 14, 2007

[180] **Government:** [A Questionable](#)

PRESIDENT BUSH has nominated the next surgeon general of the United States, a leading voice on health issues in the field. He will be looked to for unbiased information and advice tailored to the common good. The nominee, Holsinger titled "Pathophysiology

"Anything that doesn't fit into the political appointees' ideological, theological or political agenda is ignored, marginalized or simply buried," Dr. Richard Carmona, who serve
New York Times July 10, 2007

[173] **Environment:** [E.P.A. Scaled Back Rules on Wetlands](#)
WASHINGTON, July 5 — After a concerted lobbying effort by property developers, mine owners and farm groups, the Bush administration scaled back proposed guidelines for enforcing a key Supreme Court ruling governing protected wetlands and streams.
New York Times July 5, 2007

[175] **Government:** [Waxman questions legality of Cheney's secrecy](#)
Rep. Henry Waxman has caught on to something that the Tribune first reported in April of 2006: Vice President Dick Cheney exempts his office from a demand that executive agencies report each year on the volume of documents that they classify or declassify – something required by a presidential executive order his boss signed.
The Swamp June 21, 2007

[177] **Middle East:** [Takeover by Hamas Illustrates Failure of Bush's Mideast Vision](#)
Five years ago this month, President Bush stood in the Rose Garden and laid out a vision for the Middle East that included Israel and a state called Palestine living together in peace. "I call on the Palestinian people to elect new leaders, leaders not compromised by terror," the president declared.

The takeover this week of the Gaza Strip by the Hamas militant group dedicated to the elimination
Washington Post June 15, 2007

[179] **Liberty:** [FBI Finds It Frequently Overstepped in Collecting Data](#)
An internal FBI audit has found that the bureau potentially violated the law or agency rules more than 1,000 times while collecting data about domestic phone calls, e-mails and financial transactions in recent years, far more than was documented in a Justice Department report in March that ignited bipartisan congressional criticism.
Washington Post June 14, 2007

[181] **Government:** [FDA called 'cozy' with drugmakers](#)
While revising their drug-review policy last year, Food and Drug Administration officials met 112 times with industry representatives but only five times with consumer and patient groups, according to data out Monday from the House Appropriations Committee.
USA Today June 11, 2007

[183] **Liberty:** [European agency details alleged secret prison activity](#)
PARIS — The CIA held suspected Al Qaeda militants in secret prisons in Poland and Romania, enlisting top officials in those countries to create and conceal the facilities, a European

raised re
Washington Post June 14, 2007

[182] **International:** [Pakistan's D](#)
If Gen. Pervez Musharraf were th insists he is, he would not be so b outlets, arresting hundreds of opp parliamentary leaders and ministe insufficient loyalty to his arbitrary

But nobody takes General Mushar anym
New York Times June 11, 2007

[184] **Environment:** [President Sh Global Warming](#)
WASHINGTON (May 31, 2007) warming goal announced today by that the administration continues t businesses and a growing list of l are pressing for concrete legal lin according to the Natural Resource *NRDC* May 31, 2007

[186] **Human Rights:** [U.N. rights](#)
GENEVA - A U.N. investigator a of human rights violations in its f the use of military commissions t practices.
MSNBC May 26, 2007

[188] **Government:** [Appointed H](#)
Across six years, the Bush admini of conflict of interest by choosing regulatory posts — where they w on transportation, workplace and 1 other issues. The latest in this sub fox-in-the-henhouse statuette: Pre *New York Times* May 18, 2007

[190] **Environment:** [Bush Admin Denying Protection to Endangerec](#)
WASHINGTON— Today marks Department of the Interior's Fish any new U.S. species under the E on this same day, the House Natu important oversight hearings on ir Species Act by a recalcitrant Bush agency
Center for Biological Diversity M

[192] **Liberty:** [Spying on Americ](#)

intergovernmental agency alleged Friday.

Current and former intelligence officials in Europe and the United States told the Council of Europe that the interrogation facilities were hubs of a global anti-terrorism cam

Los Angeles Times June 9, 2007

[185] **Government:** [Forget Ethics, Remember Politics](#)

The Bush administration's never-ending push to turn federal agencies into favor-filled partisan clubhouses has just been confirmed in red-handed detail at the General Services Administration, the government's main housekeeping agency. Investigators found that Lurita Doan, the Bush appointee running the agency, violated the Hatch Act, which forbids federal workers from politicking on the job.

New York Times May 28, 2007

[187] **Environment:** [U.S. rejects German climate position - G8 draft](#)

LONDON, May 25 (Reuters) - The United States has rejected Germany's bid to get the Group of Eight to agree to tough cuts in climate warming carbon emissions, according to a draft of the communique to be presented to next month's meeting.

AlterNet May 25, 2007

[189] **Government:** [U.S. Attorneys, Reloaded](#)

As the United States attorney scandal grows, so does the number of prosecutors who seem to have been pushed out for partisan political reasons. Another highly suspicious case has emerged in the appointment of Bradley Schlozman, a controversial elections lawyer, to replace a respected United States attorney in Missouri. From the facts available, it looks like a main reason for installing Mr. Schlozman

New York Times May 10, 2007

[191] **Environment:** [Bush Appointee Could Endanger Public Health](#)

WASHINGTON (April 4, 2007) – A radical reactionary who believes in allowing arsenic in drinking water and that smog is actually beneficial because it can protect people from sunburn has been appointed by President Bush to the position of administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA). OIRA is little known to the public, but has enormous power to weaken, delay and eliminate

NRDC May 3, 2007

[193] **War:** [Bush Vetoes Troop Withdrawal Bill](#)

WASHINGTON -- President Bush vetoed legislation to pull U.S. troops out of Iraq Tuesday night in a historic showdown with Congress over whether the unpopular and costly war should end or escalate.

Washington Post May 1, 2007

[195] **Government:** [Crippling Government From Within](#)

The Bush administration has proved indefatigable at finding industry

For more than five years, President Bush has been spying on phone calls and e-mail without warrants. He rejected off-electronic eavesdropping law, and investigate his spying program.

Suddenly, Mr. Bush is in a hurry.

enact enormous, and enormously

New York Times May 2, 2007

[194] **Liberty:** [After the Lawyers](#)

It can be hard to tell whom the Bush administration is the enemy at the Guantanamo Bay detention camp. The lawyers. William Glaberson reports that the Justice Department had asked some of the last shreds of legal representation for the prisoners.

New York Times April 27, 2007

[196] **Government:** [Wrong Time](#)

REMEMBER the PowerPoint can identify the deputy political director Scott Jennings of the General Services Administration identified the GOP's top 20 House vulnerable Democratic senators at the GSA administrator, Lurita Doan

Washington Post April 25, 2007

[198] **Democracy:** [Administration restrict voter turnout](#)

WASHINGTON - For six years, the Bush administration's Justice Department political appointees have made a legal effort to restrict voter turnout that favor Republican political candidates

The administration intensified its battle for popularity and Republican support

McClatchy Newspapers April 19,

[200] **Health:** [White House threat](#)

WASHINGTON, April 17 (Reuters) - President Bush on Tuesday to veto a Senate bill that would force the government to negotiate prices for Medicare program.

AlterNet April 17, 2007

[202] **International:** [The Real Future](#)

There is at least one point on which Pelosi's visit to Damascus can agree with the speaker of the House, that should

foxes to upend the regulatory chicken coops. The result has been an undermining of restraints on everything from strip miners to long-haul truckers and corporate executives intent on consumer-unfriendly mergers.

New York Times April 27, 2007

[197] **Education:** [Testimony alleges mismanagement of federal reading program](#)

Federal advisors mismanaged President Bush's \$1 billion-a-year reading program and profited from close ties to the Bush administration, according to testimony released Thursday — in one case repeatedly rejecting one state's funding proposal until state officials dumped a successful reading test and bought one written by a top Bush advisor.

USA Today April 19, 2007

[199] **Disaster:** [Broken Promises to a Broken Gulf](#)

President Bush has reneged on his promises to Katrina's victims. Shamefully, the president has chosen the interests of bureaucracy over those of American towns on the brink of failure.

New York Times April 18, 2007

[201] **Science:** [Loosening the Stem Cell Bind](#)

The Senate easily approved a bill this week that would free embryonic stem cell research from the worst shackles imposed by the Bush administration. The House passed its version earlier. A substantial majority of Americans tell pollsters they support embryonic stem cell research. Yet one man, President Bush, and a minority of his party, the religious and social conservatives, are once again trying

New York Times April 13, 2007

[203] **Liberty:** [Fundamental rights](#)

AS PRESIDENT Bush purports to export democracy to Iraq and other nations, he continues to deny it at home. He gained the support this week of six Supreme Court justices, who refused to hear the appeals of 45 detainees at the Guantanamo prison in Cuba. Each of the 45 has been held prisoner for more than five years without a criminal charge, and without legal protections that have been treasured by

Boston Globe April 7, 2007

[205] **Government:** [New regulatory head favors hands-off approach](#)

WASHINGTON -- President Bush on Wednesday appointed as his top regulatory official a conservative academic who has written that markets do a better job of regulating than the government does and that it is more cost-effective for people who are sensitive to pollution to stay indoors on smoggy days than for the government to order polluters to clean up their emissions.

Los Angeles Times April 5, 2007

[207] **Democracy:** [Manipulating Justice to win elections](#)

the Bush administration has far more points than figuring out whether to stop the bloodletting in Iraq or revive it.

New York Times April 7, 2007

[204] **Environment:** [U.S., China Down](#)

Some sections of a grim scientific report on global warming on human, animal and plant life yesterday were softened at the insistence of the United States, participants in the report said.

Washington Post April 7, 2007

[206] **Government:** [Bush To Recuse Fox](#)

In a move that should disgust all Americans, the White House announced today that George W. Bush has recused Sam Fox, who gave \$50,000 to the White House for their 2004 smear of John Kerry, to be a member of the Belgium.

The nomination was withdrawn last week. The White House said that Bush that Fox, who was instrumental in the 2004 election.

Huffington Post April 4, 2007

[208] **Environment:** [Endangered](#)

Bush administration officials said they will propose changes to the way the Endangered Species Act is enforced, a move that critics say would weaken the Act. The move is a Republican majority in the House.

Los Angeles Times March 28, 2007

[210] **Government:** [Prosecutor Sues With Tobacco Case](#)

The leader of the Justice Department has filed a landmark lawsuit against tobacco companies, a move that administration political appointees say would weaken the government's ability to sue.

Washington Post March 22, 2007

[212] **Education:** [Playing School](#)

President George Bush traveled to France today. Coincidentally, I was there at the time. He just visits the French Quarter for lunch. He doesn't tell the full story by only stopping in the French Quarter. He doesn't charter schools in the city.

Tom Paine March 5, 2007

[214] **Liberty:** [Extend Legal Rights](#)

For more than 200 years, the courts have been the safeguard for our civil liberties. A Republican majority in the judicial branch's ability to con-

As we reported in Salon beginning more than a week ago, the Bush administration's partisan grip on the Department of Justice has reached well beyond the U.S. attorneys fired en masse last year. Over the past six years, the administration maneuvered to spread voter-fraud fears and recast the Civil Rights Division -- doing so in ways "that clearly were intended to influence the outcome of elections,"
Salon March 30, 2007

[209] **Liberty:** [FBI Provided Inaccurate Data for Surveillance Warrants](#)

FBI agents repeatedly provided inaccurate information to win secret court approval of surveillance warrants in terrorism and espionage cases, prompting officials to tighten controls on the way the bureau uses that powerful anti-terrorism tool, according to Justice Department and FBI officials.
Washington Post March 27, 2007

[211] **Environment:** [Bush-Cheney Administration Issues Polar Bear Gag Order](#)

ANCHORAGE, Alaska— Today the Center for Biological Diversity denounced a Bush administration directive restricting the ability of government scientists traveling abroad to discuss global warming, sea ice, and polar bears. The memo requires employees traveling in situations where these topics could arise to submit a statement of assurance that the employee understands "the administration's position"
Center for Biological Diversity March 8, 2007

[213] **Health:** [FDA Rules Override Warnings About Drug](#)

The government is on track to approve a new antibiotic to treat a pneumonia-like disease in cattle, despite warnings from health groups and a majority of the agency's own expert advisers that the decision will be dangerous for people.
Washington Post March 4, 2007

[215] **Government:** [White House Backed U.S. Attorney Firings, Officials Say](#)

The White House approved the firings of seven U.S. attorneys late last year after senior Justice Department officials identified the prosecutors they believed were not doing enough to carry out President Bush's policies on immigration, firearms and other issues, White House and Justice Department officials said yesterday.
Washington Post March 3, 2007

[217] **Law:** [Evidence against Muslim charity appears fabricated](#)

When the Bush administration shut down the nation's largest Muslim charity five years ago, officials of the Dallas-based foundation denied allegations it was linked to terrorists and insisted that a number of accusations were fabricated by the government. Now, attorneys for the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development say the government's own documents provide evidence of that claim.

through which people who have been held in government custody have provided an important corpus has provided an important
 However,
Washington Post March 4, 2007

[216] **Environment:** [NRDC Sues Highly Toxic Pesticides](#)

WASHINGTON (February 28, 2007) — The Environmental Protection Agency has failed to protect people from two highly toxic pesticides -- DDT and dieldrin -- found in common household products. In laboratory studies to cause severe harm, according to a lawsuit filed by the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) February 28, 2007

[218] **Health:** [Medicaid cuts would hurt facilities](#)

WASHINGTON — At a time when states are cutting healthcare coverage, the Bush administration plans to cut nearly \$4 billion in aid to states, leaving providers of last resort for the uninsured.
Los Angeles Times February 24, 2007

[220] **International:** [Misguided Mission](#)

Fifteen years after the cold war's end, the United States should know better. But the administration's plan to station parts of a missile defense system in Europe and Moscow's snarling reaction are a refresher course in diplomatic setbacks.
New York Times February 24, 2007

[222] **Government:** [U.S. Official Revamping No-Fly Program](#)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 — The U.S. is revamping its no-fly list to be complete until 2010, more than a year after the Department of Homeland Security announced the program Tuesday.
New York Times February 21, 2007

[224] **Liberty:** [Making Martial Law](#)

A disturbing recent phenomenon is the use of martial law. A strike to the heart of American democracy was declared dead of night. So it was with a pre-emptive enormous defense budget bill at the time that makes it easier for a president to declare martial law enforcement and declare martial law.
New York Times February 19, 2007

Los Angeles Times February 25, 2007

[219] **Government:** [Justice Department Fires 8th U.S. Attorney](#)
An eighth U.S. attorney announced her resignation yesterday, the latest in a wave of forced departures of federal prosecutors who have clashed with the Justice Department over the death penalty and other issues.

Washington Post February 24, 2007

[221] **Liberty:** [American Liberty at the Precipice](#)

In another low moment for American justice, a federal appeals court ruled on Tuesday that detainees held at the prison camp at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, do not have the right to be heard in court. The ruling relied on a shameful law that President Bush stamped through Congress last fall that gives dangerously short shrift to the Constitution.

New York Times February 22, 2007

[223] **Environment:** [States sue Bush administration over cement plant emissions](#)

ALBANY, N.Y. --Massachusetts and eight other states have sued the Bush administration for what officials claim is a failure to regulate mercury and other pollutants from cement plants.

Boston Globe February 20, 2007

[225] **Government:** [DOJ Denies Access to Eavesdropping Documents](#)

House Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers, D-Mich., blasted the Justice Department Monday for denying his committee access to information about President Bush's domestic eavesdropping program to catch terrorists.

"We are extremely disappointed," said Conyers, noting that his panel has jurisdiction over the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, a court that the Bush administration bypassed.

Cox February 16, 2007

[227] **Liberty:** [The Government Wants to Tap Your Internet Calls](#)

Over the past several months, the FCC and Justice Department have been working overtime, and fighting hard to tap not only your land line phone and cell phone, but to tap Internet calls, as well.

AlterNet February 14, 2007

[229] **International:** [U.S. Declines to Join Accord on Secret Detentions](#)

PARIS, Feb. 6 -- Representatives from 57 countries on Tuesday signed a long-negotiated treaty prohibiting governments from holding people in secret detention. The United States declined to endorse the document, saying its text did not meet U.S. expectations.

Washington Post February 7, 2007

[231] **Liberty:** [An Iron Curtain is Descending](#)

[226] **Justice:** [White House Is Re](#)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 — A U.S. attorney who was dismissed from his job last week was ousted after Harriet E. Miers, intervened on behalf of the man who was dismissed. Congressional aides briefed on the matter. *New York Times* February 16, 2007

[228] **Media:** [Bush Proposes Stee](#)
President Bush is reopening the fight over public television, unveiling a 2007 budget that would cut federal funding for public Broadcasting by nearly 25 percent. *TV Week* February 7, 2007

[230] **War:** [Bush to Request Billi](#)
President Bush will ask Congress for \$130 billion in defense spending, a trillion dollars in defense spending, \$100 billion to cover the cost of fighting the war on terror. *Washington Post* February 3, 2007

Democrats said the "gigantic spending shock" on Capitol Hill, where law was passed. *Washington Post* February 3, 2007

[232] **Honesty:** [Dick Cheney, Sec of 'Honesty'](#)

Dick Cheney worked in the White House and is expected to resign as Congress began impeaching him for his dishonest and disreputable actions.

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The Nation January 15, 2007

[234] **Environment:** [Environmen](#)
TUCSON, Ariz. --Homeland Security waived environmental rules Friday to allow a fence to be constructed along the border. The move circumvented a series of laws, from the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to the Environmental Policy Act, outrage. *Boston Globe* January 13, 2007

[236] **Liberty:** [A Gag on Free Sp](#)
The Bush administration is trampling well-established criminal law by using the American Civil Liberties Union document in its possession. The document is a gag on free speech.

"Why are you travelling so often to Canada?" the tough U.S. border guard barked. I was on Amtrak, going from New York to Montreal, as I'd done dozen of times before over several decades. This was my first experience (summer 2006) of the increasingly standard and intrusive "U.S. Exit Interviews" on trains crossing the border. I've been hassled on every train crossing since then, most recently Janua
CounterPunch January 30, 2007

[233] **Liberty:** [Military Expands Intelligence Role in U.S.](#)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 — The Pentagon has been using a little-known power to obtain banking and credit records of hundreds of Americans and others suspected of terrorism or espionage inside the United States, part of an aggressive expansion by the military into domestic intelligence gathering.
New York Times January 13, 2007

[235] **Health:** [Pediatricians try to rescue child health study](#)
CHICAGO — In private conversations across the country this holiday break, pediatricians are buttonholing their congressmen and making a heart-felt plea: Save the National Children's Study. This is the latest attempt to rescue the most important study of children's health and the environment in the United States.
Star-Tribune December 25, 2006

[237] **Environment:** [Muzzling Those Pesky Scientists](#)
The Environmental Protection Agency disclosed last week that it had revised — stood on their head is more like it — procedures it has used for 25 years to set standards for air pollutants like soot and lead. The administration said the change will streamline decision making. Perhaps it will. It will also have the further effect of decreasing the role of science in policy making while increasing th
New York Times December 11, 2006

[239] **Environment:** [EPA Relaxes Rules On Pesticides](#)
(AP) The Environmental Protection Agency announced Tuesday that pesticides can be applied over and near bodies of water without a permit under the federal Clean Water Act. The decision brought immediate criticism from an environmental watchdog group and from a senator involved in environmental issues. They said it would make it easier to pollute the nation's lakes and streams.
CBS News November 22, 2006

[241] **Honesty:** [Fantastic Job, Mr. President](#)
There is something refreshing about George Stephanopoulos. After George Bush announced that he was firing Don Rumsfeld, Stephanopoulos -- on the air at the time -- actually seemed shocked that just a week earlier the president had said he would do no such thing. Stephanopoulos not only suggested that the president had lied but that he was wrong to have done so. In Georgetown, where the ABC newsman
Washington Post November 14, 2006

very little has been made public a need to know what's in it to know prev
New York Times December 15, 2006

[238] **Health:** [Memo: Administra workers](#)
WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is trying to limit payouts to nuclear weapon and toxic material, according to an investigator and obtained by USA
USA Today December 5, 2006

[240] **Government:** [Bush Choice Criticized](#)
The Bush administration has approved planning programs at the Department who worked at a Christian pregnancy regards the distribution of contracts
Washington Post November 17, 2006

[242] **International:** [U.S. vetoes](#)
UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The Security Council draft resolution to Israeli military offensive in the Gaza pull out of the territory. U.S. Ambassador backed draft resolution was "biased motivated."
USA Today November 12, 2006

[244] **Human Rights:** [U.S. Fights](#)
WASHINGTON Nov 4, 2006 (AP) After spent years in a secret CIA prison a civilian attorney, the Bush administration reveal the agency's closely guarded
ABC News November 4, 2006

[246] **War:** [U.S. Is Said to Fail in](#)
The American military has not provided thousands of weapons intended for failed to provide spare parts, maintenance manuals for most of the weapons released Sunday has concluded.
New York Times October 30, 2006

[248] **Government:** [No Taxes Ur](#)
To avoid looking like Scrooge, the IRS lets up around the holidays in its

But this month, the indulgence been decorated. The Times's David Cay on Oct. 10, the I.R.S. commission

[243] **Government:** [Investigators Say Appropriations Panel Lost Appetite for Oversight](#)

Last month's mass firing of House Appropriations Committee investigators followed years of declining appetite for tough oversight and partisan squabbles that the investigators say often stalled their work.

Several members of the team, some of whom spoke on the condition that they not be identified by name, defend their record against committee spokesman John Scofield's charge that recent work was *CQ* November 4, 2006

[245] **Health:** [Conservative moral crusaders are 'impeding health goals'](#)

RELIGIOUS fundamentalists in the US and the Vatican are damaging attempts to reduce sexually transmitted diseases and improve reproductive health, according to a new study. Right-wing religious leaders and their political allies are hampering the work of experts treating people for diseases such as gonorrhoea and syphilis, the report says.

Times (UK) October 31, 2006

[247] **Environment:** [Bush Appointee Said to Reject Advice on Endangered Species](#)

A senior Bush political appointee at the Interior Department has rejected staff scientists' recommendations to protect imperiled animals and plants under the Endangered Species Act at least six times in the past three years, documents show.

In addition, staff complaints that their scientific findings were frequently overruled or disparaged at the behest of landowners or industry have led the agen

Washington Post October 30, 2006

[249] **Government:** [Weakening the Fight for Mine Safety](#)

Despite being twice rebuffed by the Senate, President Bush has named Richard Stickler, a stolid mining industry careerist, to run the mine safety agency whose serial ineptitude has been laid bare this year by the deaths of 42 mineworkers. Waiting until the Senate left town for the elections, Mr. Bush resorted to a recess appointment to place Mr. Stickler at the heart of enforcing new safety reform

New York Times October 26, 2006

[251] **Government:** [Bush defies Senate, appoints mine agency head](#)

WASHINGTON, Oct 19 (Reuters) - President George W. Bush appointed former energy executive Richard Stickler to head the federal mine safety agency on Thursday, even though the U.S. Senate rejected Stickler's nomination twice in two months.

AlterNet October 19, 2006

[253] **International:** [Bush Sets Defense As Space Priority](#)

President Bush has signed a new National Space Policy that rejects

delay tax enforcement in areas aff after the midterm elections and th *New York Times* October 28, 2006

[250] **War:** [U.S. Plan for New Ni](#)

The United States took another str stockpile of up to 2,200 deployed well into the 21st century, announ process to repair and replace facil developed and assembled and wh rapidly dismantled.

Washington Post October 20, 2006

[252] **Liberty:** [A Dangerous New](#)

Once President Bush signed the n administration officials and Republ no time giving Americans a taste unconstitutional act.

Within hours, Justice Department that they no longer had the author by attorneys on behalf of inmates *New York Times* October 19, 2006

[254] **Environment:** [Science Ign](#)

The Bush administration loves to science," by which it usually mea political agenda. But when some t along to threaten that agenda, the minimizes it. The latest example i Protection Agency's decision to r experts insid

New York Times October 14, 2006

[256] **International:** [Reported Te Landscape' for U.S. Officials](#)

North Korea's apparent nuclear te as a failure of the Bush administr policy. Since George W. Bush be restarted its nuclear reactor and ir plutonium, so it may now have en compared with one or two when I *Washington Post* October 9, 2006

[258] **Government:** [Big Govern](#)

The federal government keeps get oft-stated affinity for smaller gov Bush administration. According to number of federal civil servants o of employees working for govern organizations that receive govern *Washington Post* October 6, 2006

future arms-control agreements that might limit U.S. flexibility in space and asserts a right to deny access to space to anyone "hostile to U.S. interests."

Washington Post October 18, 2006

[255] **Church & State:** [Religious right wields clout](#)

For six decades, CARE has been a vital ally to the US government. It supplied the famed CARE packages to Europe's starving masses after World War II, and its work with the poor has been celebrated by US presidents. So the group was thrilled when it received a major contract from the Bush administration to fight AIDS in Africa and Asia.

But this time, instead of accolades came attacks. Religious c

Boston Globe October 9, 2006

[257] **Democracy:** [American Elections and the Grand Old Tradition of Disenfranchisement](#)

The House of Representatives struck a major blow against democracy last month. It passed a bill that would deny the vote to anyone who shows up at the polls without a government-issued photo ID. The bill's requirements are so onerous and inflexible that they could prevent millions of eligible voters without driver's licenses — who are disproportionately poor, minority or elderly — from casting a ballot.

New York Times October 7, 2006

[259] **Security:** [Blowing the Easy Ones](#)

THE BUSH administration has pushed aggressively for expanded surveillance powers, military commissions and rough interrogation techniques. When it comes to fighting the war on terrorism, just about anything goes. Except, that is, those routine steps with no civil liberties implications at all that might significantly interrupt terrorism -- such as, say, reading the mail of convicted terrorists hou

Washington Post October 6, 2006

[261] **Honesty:** [Bush the Nation-Builder](#)

One of the biggest promises made by George W. Bush as a candidate — no more nation-building — has turned out to be his biggest lie as president.

In the final weeks of the 2000 campaign, Bush slammed the Clinton administration for doing exactly what he's doing now, only worse.

He warned voters his opponent Al Gore would turn more U.S. soldiers into "nation-builders" and "peacekeepers." Bush pledge

Anti-War October 6, 2006

[263] **International:** [Embrace for a Strongman](#)

PRESIDENT BUSH once made the authoritarian president of Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbayev, a focus of his freedom agenda. He urged the ruler of the energy-rich Central Asian nation to allow more freedom for political parties and media and to hold a fair

[260] **Law:** [Bush cites authority to](#)
WASHINGTON -- President Bush executive authority to disobey a minimum qualifications for future Management Agency.

Boston Globe October 6, 2006

[262] **Government:** ['Anything Go](#)
THE INTERIOR Department's in: suffers from an "anything goes" e

"Simply stated, short of a crime, e of the Department of the Interior,' Devaney told a House Governmer "Ethics failures on the part of seni the form of appearan

Washington Post October 2, 2006

[264] **Government:** [Something's](#)

Federal agents are scurrying across "salad bowl" -- in search of the sc the spinach supply. They won't fir real culprit in this case is the U.S. agencies administer a patchwork (inadequate inspections and porous *Washington Post* September 24, 2

[266] **Environment:** [E.P.A. Chief Soot](#)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21 — The Agency's administrator on Thursc of his staff — and an unusual pub advisers — choosing instead to tig regulating the amount of lethal pa *New York Times* September 22, 20

[268] **Liberty:** [The Secret Room - Surveillance Game](#)

SAN FRANCISCO--Although it: to put restraints on the Bush admi the three "reform bills" now up fo picture of the massive domestic st government has up and running. I of-privacy lawsuits could expose wiretapping, the a *New America Media* September 1

[270] **Government:** [Interior's Int](#)

We knew that bad things would h many of his important environme and industry lobbyists who had sp

election for president. The effort failed utterly: Mr. Nazarbayev was awarded 91 percent of the vote last December in an election condemned by international observers. Two months later, a leading opponent was brutally murdered by members of the state security forces. In July, Mr. Nazarbayev ignored Western objections and approved a law tightening already-strict controls on the media. *Washington Post* September 29, 2006

[265] **Education:** [Audit: Bush reading program beset by favoritism, mismanagement](#)
WASHINGTON (AP) — A scorching internal review of the Bush administration's reading program says the Education Department ignored the law and ethical standards to steer money how it wanted.

The government audit is unsparing in its review of how Reading First, a billion-dollar program each year, that it says has been beset by conflicts of interest and willful mismanagement. It suggests the departme
USA Today September 22, 2006

[267] **Environment:** [EPA SOOT POLLUTION STANDARD THREATENS HEALTH OF TENS OF MILLIONS OF AMERICANS.](#)
WASHINGTON (September 20, 2006) -- The Environmental Protection Agency is expected to keep in place an inadequate standard for soot pollution, threatening the health of more than 75 million Americans, according to the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC).
NRDC September 20, 2006

[269] **Iraq:** [Best-Connected Were Sent to Rebuild Iraq](#)
After the fall of Saddam Hussein's government in April 2003, the opportunity to participate in the U.S.-led effort to reconstruct Iraq attracted all manner of Americans -- restless professionals, Arabic-speaking academics, development specialists and war-zone adventurers. But before they could go to Baghdad, they had to get past Jim O'Beirne's office in the Pentagon.

To pass muster with O'Beirne,
Washington Post September 16, 2006

[271] **Environment:** [EPA plans to close labs, drop scientists and reduce oversight](#)
WASHINGTON - The Environmental Protection Agency intends to close labs, cut its cadre of upper-level scientists and reduce regulatory oversight, according to an internal agency document.
McClatchy Newspapers September 15, 2006

[273] **Security:** [FEMA Overhaul Debate Stalls Funds for Interoperable Radios](#)
House Republicans are blocking an attempt to spend \$3.1 billion to help the nation's police and fire agencies communicate in

laws they were now being told to regulate they were now being told to regulate week in the course of some pointed *New York Times* September 16, 2006

[272] **Human Rights:** [A Defining Moment](#)
PRESIDENT BUSH rarely visits his painfully skewed priorities that trip yesterday to seek legislative people disappear into secret prisons from them by means he dare not

Of course, Mr. Bush didn't come to torture. Instead he ref
Washington Post September 15, 2006

[274] **Environment:** [EPA proposes to change how they calculate when equipment.](#)
WASHINGTON — The Bush administration proposed Friday to allow environmental rules Friday to allow to change how they calculate when equipment.

The oil refinery industry says the way for production of more oil an environmental groups say the proposed loopholes allow
USA Today September 8, 2006

[276] **Health:** [E.P.A. Whistle-Blower Accused of Covering Up Hazards of World Trade Center Dust](#)
A senior scientist at the Environmental Protection Agency accused the agency of relying on the hazards of World Trade Center dust

The scientist, who has been sharply criticized, claimed in a letter to members of the delegation this week that test reports on the alkalinity, or pH level, of the dust
New York Times August 25, 2006

[278] **Government:** [Cold War Miscalculation](#)
The Bush administration has begun releasing information that the government had a nuclear arsenal during the Cold War from the former Soviet Union: the numbers of nuclear weapons during the Cold War
Washington Post August 20, 2006

[280] **Government:** [Help Wanted](#)
There has been a lot of talk about conservatives who say that Senate Democrats Connecticut Democratic primary any message about the importance

emergencies as Congress debates a proposed overhaul of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
Washington Post September 14, 2006

[275] **Liberty:** [Military lawyers see limits on trial input](#)
WASHINGTON -- Despite assuring Congress that career military lawyers are helping design new trials for accused terrorists, the Bush administration has limited their input on their key request, that any tribunals must give detainees the right to see the evidence against them, officials said.
Boston Globe August 27, 2006

[277] **Liberty:** [At Guantanamo, Caught in a Legal Trap](#)
SARAJEVO, Bosnia -- On Jan. 18, 2002, six men suspected of plotting to attack the U.S. Embassy were seized here by U.S. troops and flown to Cuba, where they became some of the first arrivals at the Pentagon's new prison at Guantanamo Bay.

The seizure was ordered by senior U.S. officials in defiance of rulings by top courts in Bosnia that the men were entitled to their freedom and could not be deported.
Washington Post August 21, 2006

[279] **Government:** [Save the Endangered Whistle-Blower](#)
If ever government whistle-blowers needed protection from official retaliation it is now, in the secrecy-obsessed Bush administration. Federal employees daring to disclose fraud and abuse in their bureaucracies have been under virtual siege, isolated as pariahs and shipped off under gag orders to lesser jobs in far-off places.
New York Times August 19, 2006

[281] **Honesty:** [Bush's Primetime Lies Still Go Unchallenged](#)
The far greater offense is not President Bush's words being picked up by an unguarded microphone on July 17th at the G8 summit meeting in St. Petersburg and broadcast throughout the world. The deeper offense is the lack of mainstream media's response to his scripted words spoken directly into a microphone at a news conference in Chicago on July 7th before national and local reporters. Here he did not.
CounterPunch August 12, 2006

[283] **Honesty:** [Rumsfeld and the fine art of lying](#)
You could probably understand why Donald Rumsfeld initially refused to testify publicly before the Senate Armed Services Committee this week. Aside from the demands of his very busy schedule, the defense secretary probably had a hunch that he'd face some uncomfortable questions about the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. He did an about-face after his plans to snub the committee sparked an uproar on Capitol Hill.
Salon August 3, 2006

[285] **Law:** [Legal Group Faults Bush for Ignoring Parts of Bills](#)
WASHINGTON, July 23 — The American Bar Association said

reached the White House's judicial committee. The latest just by
New York Times August 15, 2006

[282] **Honesty:** [Deceit Beyond Belief](#)
It sure looks like American voters are getting a good example of the kind of thing they can expect from a president that was typically and patently deceitful. The effort to pass a minimum wage measure that would have been the biggest winners would have been the biggest losers in America. (Paid Subscription Required)
New York Times August 10, 2006

[284] **Trade:** [A Failure for Trade](#)
IN THE AFTERMATH of the terrorist attacks on the United States and its allies launch trade talks. The aim was to reduce trade with developing countries, with the hope of diminishing the appeal of terrorists who are often from unjust. Five years later, the struggle continues.
Washington Post July 26, 2006

[286] **International:** [Why Bush is Failing](#)
The Bush Administration today says it is not negotiating with Iran and North Korea. All that means is more negotiations. No other American administration rejected diplomacy. No other administration created so many dangerous world problems. Diplomacy, which requires patience and compromise.
Huffington Post July 19, 2006

[288] **Government:** [A Year Later](#)
One year after the Department of Homeland Security took over the level post for coordinating U.S. government response to attacks on the nation's critical technology infrastructure, the agency still has not identified a clear strategy.
Washington Post July 13, 2006

[290] **Health:** [Passports for Health](#)
UNDER A NEW federal law that will be required to produce proof of income to qualify for Medicaid. This may sound like a good idea, but providing government-paid health care to those who fraudulently claim eligibility. It is a good idea to have stringent rules that the Bush administration has failed to implement.
Washington Post July 1, 2006

[292] **Environment:** [Backlogged](#)

Sunday that President Bush was flouting the Constitution and undermining the rule of law by claiming the power to disregard selected provisions of bills that he signed.

New York Times July 24, 2006

[287] **Health:** [In First Veto, Bush Blocks Stem Cell Bill](#)

President Bush today used the first veto of his presidency to stop legislation that would have lifted restrictions on federally funded human embryonic stem cell research.

"This bill would support the taking of innocent human life in the hope of finding medical benefits for others," Bush, speaking at the White House, said after he followed through on his promise to veto the bill. "It crosses a moral line."

Washington Post July 19, 2006

[289] **International:** [Czech prez complains over U.S. visa regime](#)

PRAGUE, Czech Republic, July 11 (UPI) -- Czech President Vaclav Klaus told reporters that he was puzzled by Washington linking its visa regime to the number of troops foreign allies deploy to Iraq.

UPI July 12, 2006

[291] **War:** [Warnings on WMD 'Fabricator' Were Ignored, Ex-CIA Aide Says](#)

In late January 2003, as Secretary of State Colin Powell prepared to argue the Bush administration's case against Iraq at the United Nations, veteran CIA officer Tyler Drumheller sat down with a classified draft of Powell's speech to look for errors. He found a whopper: a claim about mobile biological labs built by Iraq for germ warfare.

Drumheller instantly recognized the source, an Iraqi defector suspected of being mentally unstable and a liar. The CIA officer took his pen, he recounted in an interview, and crossed out the whole paragraph.

Washington Post June 25, 2006

[293] **Immigration:** [Illegal Hiring Is Rarely Penalized](#)

The Bush administration, which is vowing to crack down on U.S. companies that hire illegal workers, virtually abandoned such employer sanctions before it began pushing to overhaul U.S. immigration laws last year, government statistics show.

Washington Post June 19, 2006

[295] **International:** [In Foreign Territory](#)

The Senate plans to begin consideration today of the defense authorization bill for the coming year. One particularly distressing section of the package would reauthorize the Pentagon to arm and train foreign militaries, something it was first authorized to do for 2006. Although the money involved represents only a \$200 million piece of the half-trillion-dollar Pentagon budget, it marks the continuation of a trend.

New York Times June 12, 2006

[keeps growing](#)

WASHINGTON -- As a candidate to eliminate a \$5 billion construction program under his watch, the amount of work has doubled, worsening an already bleak economic picture.

Boston Globe June 19, 2006

[294] **International:** [In 2003, U.S.](#)

Just after the lightning takeover of the company years ago, an unusual two-page document came out of the machine at the Near East bureau of the CIA. The proposal from Iran for a broad deal to end the fax suggested everything was possible: cooperation on nuclear programs, termination of Iranian support for terrorism.

Washington Post June 18, 2006

[296] **Liberty:** [Medical Privacy Law](#)

In the three years since Americans passed the law to protect private medical information, the EEOC has received thousands of complaints alleging discrimination. A single civil fine and has prosecuted several cases.

Washington Post June 5, 2006

[298] **Democracy:** [Cheney aide is](#)

WASHINGTON -- The office of the attorney general routinely reviews pieces of legislation before they reach the president's desk, searching for provisions that might infringe on presidential power, according to Justice Department officials.

The officials said Cheney's legal adviser, William Addington, is the Bush administration's most aggressive.

Boston Globe May 28, 2006

[300] **Honesty:** [The Administration](#)

The Bush Regime has killed tens of thousands of people in Afghanistan, mainly women and children. Unintended "collateral damage" of the war are nonetheless important to the tens of millions of friends.

An equally important case is the one about friends.

Lew Rockwell May 22, 2006

[302] **Government:** [Report: Bush](#)

WASHINGTON, April 30 (UPI) -- The president is aggressive about declaring his right to use force to infringe on his power as commander in chief.

The president allegedly has disobeyed the law since he took office, including misusing executive affirmative-action provisions, requiring a hearing about immigration services.

[297] **International:** [U.S. moves diplomat critical of Somali warlord aid](#)

NAIROBI (Reuters) - A top U.S. official handling Somalia has been transferred from his job after criticising payments to warlords that are said to be fuelling some of Mogadishu's worst-ever fighting, diplomats said on Tuesday.

Boston Globe May 30, 2006

[299] **Liberty:** [Freedom Of The Press: Damage control](#)

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales has come up with a new right; one he says cannot be trumped by the public's right to know. The Constitution's explicit right to a free press, Gonzales says, can't trump "the right that Americans would like to see, the ability of the federal government to go after criminal activity."

Seattle PI May 23, 2006

[301] **Liberty:** [Big Brother at NSA](#)

PRESIDENT BUSH has tried to justify the warrantless tapping of Americans' phone calls by saying that the government only listened to calls with Al Qaeda suspects overseas. Now it turns out that the government is collecting records on untold numbers of domestic calls, for no clear purpose other than to detect patterns. So far, none of the sources that described this practice to USA Today has said t

Boston Globe May 12, 2006

[303] **Government:** [In Leak Cases, New Pressure on Journalists](#)

Earlier administrations have fired and prosecuted government officials who provided classified information to the press. They have also tried to force reporters to identify their sources. But the Bush administration is exploring a more radical measure to protect information it says is vital to national security: the criminal prosecution of reporters under the espionage laws.

New York Times April 29, 2006

[305] **War:** [Bush won't rule out nuclear strike on Iran](#)

TEHRAN (Reuters) - President Bush refused on Tuesday to rule out nuclear strikes against Iran if diplomacy fails to curb the Islamic Republic's atomic ambitions. Iran, which says its nuclear program is purely peaceful, told world powers it would pursue atomic technology, whatever they decide at a meeting in Moscow later in the day.

Reuters April 18, 2006

[307] **Environment:** [Climate Researchers Feeling Heat From White House](#)

Scientists doing climate research for the federal government say the Bush administration has made it hard for them to speak forthrightly to the public about global warming. The result, the researchers say, is a danger that Americans are not getting the full story on how the climate is changing.

Washington Post April 5, 2006

UPI April 30, 2006

[304] **Government:** [Anointed, No](#)

George W. Bush's high-handed at Congress keeps getting worse, and Republicans to notice they are bei

The latest case in point is President the next two public trustees for Sc Normally, those positions require leaders from both parties had

New York Times April 24, 2006

[306] **Environment:** [Not a pretty](#)

WHAT PART of arsenic's threat t administration not understand?

Shortly after taking office, Preside suspended a Clinton administratic for arsenic -- a poison at high con lower ones -- in drinking water sy the rule.

Now the Environmental Pro

Boston Globe April 6, 2006

[308] **Security:** [GOPs rejects con](#)

WASHINGTON, March 31 (UPI) rejected a plan to secure cargo co

Republicans on the House Homel: Subcommittee rejected a proposal required all cargo containers head tamper-resistant seals and be scar

Daily report

UPI March 31, 2006

[310] **Education:** [Schools Cut Ba Math](#)

SACRAMENTO — Thousands o responding to the reading and ma No Child Left Behind, President I reducing class time spent on other proficiency students, eliminating i

New York Times March 25, 2006

[312] **Democracy:** [Blank checks.](#)

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN'S warni created "a republic, if you can kee The Boston Globe's report that Pr a signing statement to a bill, unde

Boston Globe March 25, 2006

[309] **Environment:** [Pentagon blocked move to make water safer](#)
The Pentagon stalled efforts to clean water supplies contaminated by a carcinogenic chemical despite evidence that it posed a significant health risk to millions of people, it was reported yesterday. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) investigated the solvent, trichloroethylene, which is extensively used on military bases, after significant quantities were found in water supplies. In its report
Guardian March 29, 2006

[311] **Environment:** [Selling the Forests](#)
It's rarely a good idea to sell off assets to pay normal operating expenses. It's an even worse idea when the assets are chunks of national forest. But that's exactly what the Bush administration wants to do.
New York Times March 25, 2006

[313] **Health:** [Illogical Cutbacks on Cancer](#)
When I was a kid I had the wildest crush on my Uncle Breeze's wife, Betty. She was beautiful and with all my heart I wanted to grow up and marry someone just like her.

I remember acutely the sadness I felt some years later when my mother told me that Aunt Betty was ill. She died not long after that. Cervical cancer.

This old memory was brought back to me by, of all things, a small but telling item in President Bush's mammoth budget proposal.
New York Times March 20, 2006

[315] **Government:** [Discovering What Happens Next](#)
The White House has a sorry history of withholding information that the public and Congress need to make informed policy judgments. A proposal in President Bush's new budget would take that damaging tendency one step further by eliminating a government survey that captures the real-world impact of welfare reform, Medicaid, child-support enforcement and many other policies and programs.
New York Times March 4, 2006

[317] **Liberty:** [DOD secretly continued intel program](#)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (UPI) -- A controversial counter-terrorism program has quietly continued despite being theoretically ended two years ago.

The Department of Defense's Total Awareness Information program was halted by lawmakers more than two years ago amid outcries from privacy advocates. However, it was stopped in name only and has quietly continued within the intelligence agency now fending off
UPI February 23, 2006

[319] **Education:** ['Leave No Child Behind'?](#)
President Bush can't seem to tell people enough times, in enough

[314] **Environment:** [A Dark Cloud](#)
Washington

HOW would you like to have law before the corporate scandal hit that what the Calvert Group did when toxic emission disclosures led to closing managing the rest of its operation

Now, President Bush and the Envoy to weaken the larg
New York Times March 10, 2006

[316] **Security:** [Bush Policies Are Governors Say](#)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 — Gov. that Bush administration policies of equipment and personnel needs tornadoes, forest fires and other e.
New York Times February 27, 2006

[318] **Human Rights:** [Report: U.S.](#)
NEW YORK — A draft United Nations Guantanamo Bay concludes that their rights to physical and mental constitutes torture.

It also urges the United States to and bring the captives to trial on U.S. Washington's justification for the
Los Angeles Times February 13, 2006

[320] **War:** [War Crimes and Con](#)
It's pretty easy to trace the war crimes and Guantanamo Bay back to the there. But George Bush is guilty of bad as torture may be. He is also Convention involving the protection
CounterPunch February 9, 2006

[322] **Government:** [State Department Experts](#)
WASHINGTON - State Department Bush have sidelined key career with less experienced political operations and Pentagon's distrust of international
Common Dreams February 8, 2006

[324] **Budget:** [Bush Seeks to Slash](#)
WASHINGTON - President George Bird and his ilk Monday as he pro

ways, about his self-proclaimed determination to "leave no child behind." The most recent occurrence came, predictably, during his State of the Union address, when he offered this bit of faux-wisdom, "If we ensure that America's children succeed in life, they will ensure that America succeeds in the world."

He then promptly cut Depa
The Nation February 9, 2006

[321] **Government:** [Censoring Truth](#)

The Bush administration long ago secured a special place in history for the audacity with which it manipulates science to suit its political ends. But it set a new standard of cynicism when it allowed NASA's leading authority on global warming to be mugged by a 24-year-old presidential appointee who, quite apart from having no training on that issue, had inflated his r?m?

New York Times February 9, 2006

[323] **Gay Rights:** [US legislators press Rice on UN vote against gays](#)

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) - The Bush administration's support for Iran's proposal to bar two gay rights groups from a voice at the United Nations sparked a demand from U.S. legislators on Tuesday that Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice repudiate the action.

Reuters February 7, 2006

[325] **Environment:** [Post-9/11 air quality cover-up continues: Democrats](#)

NEW YORK (Reuters) - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the White House continue to mislead the public about air quality in the Ground Zero area immediately after the September 11 attack and have not properly decontaminated the area, two congressional Democrats said on Friday.

Reuters February 3, 2006

[327] **Government:** [Gonzales Is Challenged on Wiretaps](#)

Sen. Russell Feingold (D-Wis.) charged yesterday that Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales misled the Senate during his confirmation hearing a year ago when he appeared to try to avoid answering a question about whether the president could authorize warrantless wiretapping of U.S. citizens.

Washington Post January 30, 2006

[329] **Environment:** [Climate Expert Says NASA Tried to Silence Him](#)

The top climate scientist at NASA says the Bush administration has tried to stop him from speaking out since he gave a lecture last month calling for prompt reductions in emissions of greenhouse gases linked to global warming.

New York Times January 28, 2006

[331] **Government:** [Secrecy as a Spoil of Victory](#)

broadcasting by more than \$150 n

In the president's 2007 budget req for Public Broadcasting will be cu million more in 2008. Those cuts at the Education and Commerce
Common Dreams February 7, 200

[326] **War:** [Iraq, Niger, And The](#)

Vice President Cheney and his the "Scooter" Libby were personally i no longer considered credible the had attempted to procure uranium according to government records former officials. The new CIA ass other senior

National Journal February 2, 200

[328] **International:** [Mixed U.S. Chaos](#)

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — As in August 2003, Brian Dean Curra the American ambassador in this

Haiti, Mr. Curran feared, was hea violent uncoupling of its once jub than a decade before. He had com that tenuous democracy

New York Times January 28, 2006

[330] **Democracy:** [Bush has back](#)

Did President Bush deliberately d justify the war in Iraq? I don't kno neither do you. But here's what w think we should be asking in the f biggest scandal of all.

Seattle PI January 25, 2006

[332] **International:** [The Gulf Be](#)

Washington AS the United States their next steps to contain the Irar poorly the Bush administration ha years in office, the administration opportunity to put relations with I Three examples stand out.

New York Times January 24, 2006

[334] **Government:** [Recess Game](#)

HISTORICALLY, PRESIDENT] make 17 job appointments during the ordinary. The Constitution gra all Vacancies that may happen du

Never mind the golf junkets and poolside seminars. One of the rawest displays of lobbyists' power in the Capitol occurred beyond the sight of the public last month, when Republican Congressional negotiators tweaked a budget-cutting bill in order to provide the health insurance industry with a \$22 billion windfall.

New York Times January 25, 2006

[333] **Democracy:** [The President Does Not Know Best](#)

OK, everyone who has studied the Unitary Executive Theory of the Presidency, raise your hand. Anyone? Anyone? If you are not raising your hand, you're not alone. As regular readers are aware, only recently has the world received notice that President Bush's "I can do anything I want" approach to governance has a name: the Unitary Executive Theory of the Presidency.

AlterNet January 19, 2006

[335] **Democracy:** [Conspiring Against the Voters](#)

President Bush has announced four nominees for the Federal Election Commission, moving to keep the policing of campaign abuses firmly in the hands of party wheel horses. The timing of the announcement - the president waited until the Senate had gone home - is likely to allow the nominees to avoid the full hearing and confirmation process needed to evaluate them properly.

New York Times December 31, 2005

[337] **Honesty:** [Big Lies](#)

Dec. 22, 2005 - Every holiday season, we on "The McLaughlin Group" hand out news awards. Some categories, like "Biggest Winner," are easy (My choice was Chief Justice John Roberts, with the oil companies as runner-up). Others are a struggle to fill, like who to insult with the "Overrated" award.

In compiling this year's list, I had the highest number of entries for the category, "Biggest Lie." I

Newsweek December 26, 2005

[339] **Liberty:** [Bush Lets U.S. Spy on Callers Without Courts](#)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 - Months after the Sept. 11 attacks, President Bush secretly authorized the National Security Agency to eavesdrop on Americans and others inside the United States to search for evidence of terrorist activity without the court-approved warrants ordinarily required for domestic spying, according to government officials.

New York Times December 16, 2005

[341] **International:** [Winking at genocide](#)

A RECENT letter to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice signed by 109 members of Congress from both parties castigated the Bush administration for "engaging in a policy of appeasement" toward the government of Sudan, which both Congress and former secretary of state Colin Powell have denounced as a perpetrator of genocide in the nation's Darfur region. The policy being carried out by Rice and

device was intended as an emergency confirmation rule, at a time when frequent breaks. But presidents of now, seized on this power as a way to make their choices for key jobs. Ronald Reagan's appointments, Bill Clinton made his announcements, President Bush has made his in five years.

Washington Post January 6, 2006

[336] **Environment:** [White House: GIVING ALL THE](#)

fuss about what Washington say off the record, it's not paid to some of the things they say about the subject of U.S. emissions of greenhouse gases and climate change.

Washington Post December 27, 2005

[338] **Honesty:** [Deceit over spyin duck president](#)

It is always a sad thing for the nation when it is telling less than the full truth.

In the late 1950s, a CIA U-2 spy plane flying at 50,000 feet was shot down over the Soviet Union by Eisenhower, believing that it was a "routine weather reconnaissance" mission. The world that it was a "routine weather reconnaissance" mistake." The Russians then produced a film of the plane. We were embarrassed before the world. It was a "routine weather reconnaissance" to grips with the reality that our people were not. *San Francisco Chronicle* December 19, 1958

[340] **Health:** [The Perplexing Paradox](#)

The Bush administration deserves credit for the plan to combat pandemic influenza. But the lengthy delay in getting it started. But the lengthy delay in getting it started. Department of Health and Human Services. For failure should a highly lethal flu pandemic hit the population in the next few years. *New York Times* November 19, 2005

[342] **Liberty:** [The FBI's Secret Search](#)

The FBI came calling in Windsor, Ontario. A document marked for delivery by the FBI from the tennis courts, two special agents gave George Christian the letter, and he never, what it said.

Under the shield and stars of the FBI, George Christian to surrender "all subscriber information." *Washington Post* November 5, 2005

her
Boston Globe November 8, 2005

[343] **Environment:** [THE CALIFORNIA WATER WARS WATER FLOWING TO FARMS, NOT FISH](#)

After 50 years of legal infighting, a victor has emerged in California's water wars -- agriculture.

A decade after environmentalists prevailed in getting more fresh water down the north state's rivers and estuaries to improve fisheries and wildlife habitat, farmers are again triumphant. Central Valley irrigation districts are signing federal contracts that assure their farms ample water for the next 25 to 50 years.
San Francisco Chronicle October 24, 2005

[345] **Environment:** [Environmental Studies Waived in Oil Push](#)
 WASHINGTON - In an aggressive push by the Bush administration to open more public land to oil and gas production, the Interior Department has quit conducting environmental reviews and seeking comments from local residents every time drilling companies propose new wells.

Field officials have been told to begin looking at issuing permits based on past studies of an entire project, even though some
Yahoo News October 18, 2005

[347] **International:** [Summit failure blamed on US](#)

The failure of last week's United Nations summit to deliver an agreement designed to prevent terrorists acquiring 'weapons of mass destruction' was sabotaged by the US, senior diplomats have told *The Observer*.

Officials involved in the negotiations have confirmed that the Bush administration's refusal to countenance any form of disarmament blocked attempts to push measures that would prevent regi
Guardian September 17, 2005

[349] **War:** [Pentagon Revises Nuclear Strike Plan](#)

The Pentagon has drafted a revised doctrine for the use of nuclear weapons that envisions commanders requesting presidential approval to use them to preempt an attack by a nation or a terrorist group using weapons of mass destruction. The draft also includes the option of using nuclear arms to destroy known enemy stockpiles of nuclear, biological or chemical weapons.
Washington Post September 10, 2005

[351] **Health:** [Declining health](#)

AT FIRST glance, the latest report by the US Census Bureau on national income and health insurance shows little change in the United States between 2003 and 2004. Just under the surface, however, the figures reveal an erosion of earnings and health insurance benefits among people with jobs. Government policies

[344] **Race & Class:** [Senate Nixes](#)
 WASHINGTON - For the second against putting more money into a families meet home heating costs.
Yahoo News October 20, 2005

[346] **International:** [Arrogance in](#)

One of the most tragically irrespo administration in the critical hour: its refusal to accept offers by the dispatch more than 1500 medical supplies to the devastated areas al
Common Dreams October 5, 2005

[348] **Health:** [F.D.A. Had Report](#)

Months before the Food and Drug alert in June about problems with the agency received a report from those units were short-circuiting,
New York Times show.

But the agency did not make that treats the information it receives i
New York Times September 12, 20

[350] **Health:** [Billions for Vaccin Bond Markets](#)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8 - Britain will announce an agreement on Fi the bond markets for an enormous the developing world. The World undertaking will save the lives of decade.
New York Times September 8, 200

[352] **Health:** [Bush accused of Ai](#)

A senior United Nations official h of "doing damage to Africa" by c which may jeopardise the success Uganda.

Stephen Lewis, the UN secretary HIV/Aids in Africa, said US cuts emphasis on promoting abstinence condom
Guardian August 29, 2005

[354] **Iraq:** [Iraq's Unsettling Cons](#)

The draft constitution given to Ira does little to advance the prospect Nor does it reflect well on the Bu politically motivated obsession wi

ought to mitigate the impact of these declines and seek to reverse them. The Bush admini
Boston Globe August 31, 2005

[353] **Government:** [Evading Responsibility, Again](#)

After four and a half years, we have come to expect the Bush administration to refuse to hold anyone of stature accountable for errors, misdeeds or even potential violations of the law. The bungling of the war in Iraq and the abuse of prisoners at military camps both come to mind. But the inspector general's report on the failures of the Central Intelligence Agency before the 9/11 attacks elevates
New York Times August 27, 2005

[355] **Environment:** [Protecting our coastal waters](#)

THE ENERGY BILL that was just signed by the president includes a provision that would open all of the waters of the United States Continental Shelf to oil and gas exploration. This means there could be oil and gas drilling on Georges Bank, vital fishing ground off the coast of Nantucket.
Boston Globe August 13, 2005

[357] **Government:** [Bush Appoints Bolton as U.N. Envoy, Bypassing Senate](#)

President Bush bypassed the Senate confirmation process today and appointed John R. Bolton as the new United States ambassador to the United Nations. The appointment, while Congress is in recess, ends a months-long standoff between the White House and Senate Democrats who deem Mr. Bolton unfit for the job and have been holding up his confirmation.
New York Times August 1, 2005

[359] **Nuclear Proliferation:** [Green Light for Bomb Builders](#)

The Bush administration is full of tough talk about opposing the spread of nuclear weapons. But it keeps undermining the world's most effective instrument for doing so: the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. In May, top administration officials stood aside as a crucial review conference meant to strengthen the treaty ended in a stalemate. Now Washington wants to allow India an end run around the tre
New York Times July 22, 2005

[361] **Church and State:** [Evangelicals Are a Growing Force in the Military Chaplain Corps](#)

COLORADO SPRINGS - There were personal testimonies about Jesus from the stage, a comedian quoting Scripture and a five-piece band performing contemporary Christian praise songs. Then hundreds of Air Force chaplains stood and sang, many with palms upturned, in a service with a distinctively evangelical tone.

It was the opening ceremony of a four-day Spiritual Fitness Conference at a Hilton hotel h

responsibility to promote inclusiv
of law.
New York Times August 23, 2005

[356] **War:** [Pentagon Poised to R Mines](#)

The United States, which has not since 1997, will make a decision i
production of a new antipersonnel
has requested a total of \$1.3 billic
activities for another new antipers
Munitions System, with a full pro
Human Rights Watch August 2, 2

[358] **Government:** [Senate GOP](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Senate F
National Rifle Association's top p
defense bill, setting up a vote on l
manufacturers and dealers from la
Completion of the defense bill, w
for a week, will now be delayed u
CNN July 27, 2005

[360] **Liberty:** [White House threa](#)

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The '
threatened to veto a massive Sena
year's defense programs if it move
treatment of detainees or sets up a
operations at Guantanamo Bay pri

The Bush administration, under fi
enemy combatants at Guantanamo
Reuters July 21, 2005

[362] **Women's Rights:** [On his fi the global gag rule to hinder fami](#)

When there's a war going on, it's
else. Many of us have been too bu
to think about something as seemi
freedom. However, from the first
Bush, DC '68, has quietly launch
reproductive freedom and sex edu
Yale Herald June 24, 2005

[364] **Guantanamo:** [US 'stalling](#)

Investigators from the United Nat
stalling over their repeated reques
Bay. The US is holding hundreds
Taleban and al-Qaeda at the deter
for over a year there had been no
the condition of detainees.
BBC June 23, 2005

New York Times July 11, 2005

[363] **Women's Rights:** [Rejecting Treaties is a Bush Convention](#)

The treaty is in very distinguished company. It has joined the ranks of those rejected by George W. Bush, a mark of distinction and in virtually every case, of high quality.

The most recent addition to the family of rejects has the menacing title of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, or CEDAW. This work was adopted in 1979 by the U.N. General Assembly
Common Dreams, June 24, 2005

[365] **Environment:** [GOP senator abandons bill to cut emissions](#)

WASHINGTON -- Attempts to require US industries to cut carbon dioxide emissions as a way to address global warming appear to be headed for defeat in the Senate after a key Republican withdrew his support amid White House lobbying to keep greenhouse gas control programs voluntary.

Boston Globe June 22, 2005

[367] **Environment:** [Bush eases land use for ranchers](#)

ASHLAND, ORE. – For 70 years, the federal government has regulated - or tried to, anyway - the cow herds that graze across millions of acres of public land in the West.

It's been a political struggle between preserving a rural way of life that epitomizes the nation's mythical pioneering history, supporting a slice of a regional economy that's dwindled in comparison to recreation and high-tech cor
CS Monitor June 21, 2005

[369] **Star Wars:** [Panel Faults Tactics in Rush to Install Antimissile System](#)

An outside panel chartered by the Pentagon has concluded that the rush to deploy a national antimissile system last year led to shortfalls in quality controls and engineering procedures that could have better assured the system would work, according to the panel's final report.

Bent on meeting President Bush's deadline to install the first elements of the system by the end of 2004, Pentagon offic
Washington Post June 10, 2005

[371] **Energy:** [Virtually Unprotected](#)

When the East Coast and Midwest were hit by a blackout in 2003, the first fear of many people was that terrorists had attacked the electricity grid. It turned out not to have been terrorism, but the fears were well founded. Experts have long warned that the nation's power, transportation and communications systems are vulnerable to "cyberattacks" that could devastate the economy and cause huge dam
New York Times June 2, 2005

[366] **Privacy:** [Social Security Or](#)

WASHINGTON, June 21 -The Sc relaxed its privacy restrictions and the request of the F.B.I. as part of Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, newly dis show.

The privacy policy typically bans information, which includes home
New York Times June 21, 2005

[368] **Corruption:** [Lawyers Foug Penalty](#)

WASHINGTON, June 15 - Senio overrode the objections of career tobacco racketeering trial and ord sought at the close of a nine-mont documents and interviews show. would be seen as politically motiv
New York Times June 15, 2005

[370] **Economy:** [The Bush Econo](#)

With all of the debate about taxes spending, it is hard to imagine any taking money from programs like assistance, increasing the tax burd Americans, sending the country ir proceeds to people who are so far what to
New York Times June 7, 2005

[372] **Class Warfare:** [Under New Food Stamps May Be Reduced](#)

WASHINGTON, May 7 - Elderly some of their food stamps if they prescription drug benefit, the Bus When Medicare begins covering c will spend less of their own mone more to spend on food, reducing t said.
New York Times May 7, 2005

[374] **Democracy:** [Cheney Backs](#)

WASHINGTON, April 22 - Vice White House into the judicial con he supported changing the Senate blocking judicial nominees and w breaking vote.

In addition on Friday, Senator Mi Republican whip, asserted that Re

[373] **Africa:** [Day 113 of the President's Silence](#)

Finally, finally, finally, President Bush is showing a little muscle on the issue of genocide in Darfur.

Is the muscle being used to stop the genocide of hundreds of thousands of villagers? No, tragically, it's to stop Congress from taking action.

Incredibly, the Bush administration is fighting to kill the Darfur Accountability Act, which would be the most forceful step the U.S. has taken so far

New York Times May 3, 2005

[375] **Civil Rights:** [Civil Rights Agency Cuts Budget by 9%](#)

The financially strapped U.S. Commission on Civil Rights voted yesterday to lay off employees, order a staff furlough and close two of six regional offices to save about \$800,000.

The decision to cut about 9 percent of the budget was followed by news that at least four auditing firms had declined to examine the commission's financial affairs because of the poor conditions of its records and beca

Washington Post April 9, 2005

[377] **Liberty:** [Panel Ignored Evidence on Detainee](#)

A military tribunal determined last fall that Murat Kurnaz, a German national seized in Pakistan in 2001, was a member of al Qaeda and an enemy combatant whom the government could detain indefinitely at the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The three military officers on the panel, whose identities are kept secret, said in papers filed in federal court that they reached their conclusion based largely on classified evidence that was too sensitive to release to the public.

Washington Post March 26, 2005

[379] **Environment:** [US tries to sink forests plan](#)

The US plans to wreck a British initiative to commit the G8 states to combatting illegal logging in the world's threatened rainforests, a leaked memorandum revealed last night.

The development secretary, Hilary Benn, wants G8 environment and development ministers meeting in Derby tomorrow and on Friday to insist that all timber bought by official bodies in rich nations comes from properly manage

Guardian March 16, 2005

[381] **Environment:** [Bush to Permit Trading of Credits to Limit Mercury](#)

WASHINGTON, March 13 - The Bush administration this week will propose the first federal controls on mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants. The new rule will abandon the Environmental

New York Times April 23, 2005

[376] **Women's Rights:** [Family P](#)

The Bush administration should stop blocking access to emergency contraception. There's no valid reason for the Administration's delay in making emergency contraception available for sales of Plan B, which can block ovulation. But, with apparent White House excuses, there are no reasons to hold off approval of no

Seattle PI April 8, 2005

[378] **International Relations:** [U Export](#)

In an effort to increase pressure on North Korea, the administration told its Asian allies that North Korea had exported nuclear material. Pyongyang had exported nuclear material, a significant new charge, the first al

helping to create a new nuclear warhead. But that is not what U.S. intelligence officials with detailed knowledge of the program, according to the intelligence, had reported. The material, which can be enriched to weapon grade uranium, was Pakistan, a key U.S. ally with which the U.S. has been helping to bring the material to Libya. The U.S. government officials said, that North Korea kept the material. *Washington Post* March 20, 2005

[380] **Environment:** [POWER PLANTS TO REQUIRE MERCURY CLEANUP REQUIREMENTS](#)

WASHINGTON (March 15, 2005) - The Environmental Protection Agency today issued a rule giving states the authority to control their mercury pollution. The rule, which is part of the Clean Air Act by failing to place limits on mercury pollutant that especially threatens children, will require into place a pollution trading scheme that will allow states to emit far more mercury for much less. *NRDC* March 15, 2005

[382] **International Relations:** [Bush Names Rice as Ambassador to It](#)

WASHINGTON, March 7 - President Bush today named Condoleezza Rice as Undersecretary of State John R. Bolton's replacement. In a history of skepticism toward the U.S. ambassador to the organization, Rice announced today

"The president and I have asked John Bolton to know how to get things done," Rice said. *New York Times* March 7, 2005

Protection Agency's original tilt toward a remedy favored by most environmental groups in favor of a system of tradable pollution allowances that is more congenial to industry.

New York Times March 14, 2005

[383] **Energy:** [Energy Manipulation: The evidence says crime](#)

We were scammed. A lot of people thought that was the case during the West Coast energy crisis.

Little by little, the evidence of energy market manipulation is piling into a mountain range big enough to run from the Mexican border to Canada. Now, even federal energy regulators seem to be taking the indications of massive economic crime seriously.

On Tuesday, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commis

Seattle PI March 7, 2005

[385] **Economy:** [Bankrupt Bankruptcy Bill](#)

With their strengthened majority, Senate Republicans have high hopes of finally legislating more stringent demands on harried credit-card consumers who seek relief through personal bankruptcy.

Proponents focus on tales of materialistic families of mall rats who max out their charge cards and fecklessly file for bankruptcy to start anew. The truth is far more complicated - particularly for low- and

New York Times March 3, 2005

[387] **Honesty:** [A lesson in dishonesty](#)

PRESIDENT BUSH'S latest, self-inflicted budget wound is more of a lesson in the dangers of partisanship than an example of the consequences of dishonesty.

To an extent, the White House is correct in its cynical remarks that the estimates of the real cost of the impending prescription drug benefit for retired people was low-balled at the time the system was enacted in 2003.

However, these remarks miss the most important point. The president had a choice that year, between a prescription drug benefit passed with the backing of leaders in both parties by a wide margin and one rammed down the throats of Republican lawmakers -- with the aid of cost estimates known by those who made them to be false -- and passed by the narrowest of margins.

Boston Globe February 13, 2005

[389] **Environment:** [EPA Inspector Finds Mercury Proposal Tainted](#)

The Environmental Protection Agency ignored scientific evidence and agency protocols in order to set limits on mercury pollution that would line up with the Bush administration's free-market approaches to power plant pollution, according to a report released yesterday by the agency's inspector general.

Staff at the EPA were instructed by administrators to set modest

[384] **Human Rights:** [Abuse in S](#)

THE ARMY has adopted more re abuse scandal and the continuing interrogating thousands of detainees senior officer recently briefed you systematic restructuring of training revamping of interrogation policies instructional program for soldiers the release this year of plans for new handling detainees at the Guantanamo of the reforms are so far scanty, and civilian Pentagon officials responsible been held accountable. Still, the army to be taking steps to prevent abuse in prison in the future.

Washington Post March 5, 2005

[386] **Environment:** [New rules to draw fire](#)

Living a half-mile downwind from Sharlene Merk, of Audubon, Iowa, hazardous, says Mrs. Merk, a longtime once raised hogs.

Ammonia and hydrogen sulfide from animal farms that supply America some housing close to 100,000 live quality and the impact on people, for example, have documented high human population.

CS Monitor February 14, 2005

[388] **Health:** [Bush Budget Calls](#)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 - Presidential spending for a wide range of public several to protect the nation again respond to medical emergencies, but

Faced with constraints on spending and the demands of the war in Iraq Friday that they had

New York Times February 4, 2005

[390] **Gay Rights:** [Safe harbor for](#)

SEE SPELLINGS run. So obvious education secretary. Allegedly applied gap and end what President Bush expectations, the first loud barks from directed toward failing schools, in teachers unions. Spellings bared his *Boston Globe* February 2, 2005

limits on mercury pollution,
Washington Post February 3, 2005

[391] **Environment:** [Let Them Eat Rocket Fuel](#)

The fact that there's a rocket fuel additive called perchlorate in your water is bad enough. What's worse is the fact that the Bush administration likely manipulated the National Academy of Sciences to designate a lax perchlorate standard. The National Resources Defense Council sued the White House, Defense Department and EPA to release documents relating to perchlorate contamination and the NAS.

Tom Paine January 27, 2005

[393] **Health:** [Set the bar higher](#)

If the Bush administration were serious about eliminating the threat of mad cow disease, it would postpone new imports of live Canadian cattle.

But even with two recent cases of diseased cattle in Canada, the administration has stuck to its plans for a March 7 reopening of the borders. As Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., suggested last week, U.S. ranchers and consumers ought to be able to count on the U.S. government to protect their interests.

Seattle PI January 17, 2005

[395] **Liberty:** [U.S. moral authority hurt by prison abuses, rights group says](#)

UNITED NATIONS -- Washington's moral authority in the war on terrorism has been undermined by the abuse of prisoners in Iraq and the secretive detention and coercive techniques used against prisoners elsewhere, Human Rights Watch said in a report yesterday.

The international monitor said human rights suffered a serious setback worldwide in 2004 as a result of the Abu Ghraib scandal and the

Globe and Mail January 14, 2005

[397] **Honesty:** [Bush Paints His Goals As 'Crises'](#)

President Bush had great success in his first term by defining crises that demanded decisive responses. Now, as he begins a second term, Bush is returning to the same tactic to accomplish three longtime conservative goals.

Warning of the need for urgent action on his Social Security plan, Bush says the "crisis is now" for a system even the most pessimistic observers say will take in more in taxes than it pays out in benefits well into the next decade.

Washington Post January 8, 2005

[399] **Economy:** [The president's budget ruse](#)

WHEN IT COMES to handling the national budget deficit, the Bush administration can't seem to separate fact from fiction.

[392] **Global Relations:** [Global p](#)
More than half of people surveyed believe the re-election of US President George W. Bush is more dangerous.

Only three countries - India, Poland and Russia - polled believed the world was now more dangerous.

The survey found that 47% now view the world as largely negative and such unfavorable views are largely unfavorable.
BBC January 18, 2005

[394] **Global Relations:** [Upcoming bullets](#)

Activists from the United States and other countries believe that their country has "gone to the limit" in its search of fresh inspiration for the people, and natural resources.

"With the re-election of George W. Bush, the world washed their hands of the U.S. and the world is now in a state of denial."
Mail & Guardian January 16, 2005

[396] **Environment:** [Drinking Water](#)
WASHINGTON - The debate about whether drinking water is getting more hazardous is getting more heated as a report claiming the widespread contamination of groundwater is thought.

A National Academy of Sciences report says that perchlorate, a toxic chemical used in rocket fuel, is safe for consumption at levels 20 times higher than set by the Environmental Protection Agency.
NRDC January 11, 2005

[398] **Women's Rights:** [Add Pregnancy Protocol for Treating Rape Survivors](#)

WASHINGTON -- A broad coalition of medical professionals, religious leaders and health and rights sent a letter today urging it to amend the first-ever national protocol for treating rape survivors to include information on how to handle pregnancy.

"The failure to include a specific protocol for treating pregnancy is a major oversight."
ACLU January 7, 2005

[400] **Education:** [Leave No Sales](#)

The fine print in President Bush's education plan is slowly dawning on the parents of children in the country as the war in Iraq drags on and the economy drags youngsters with uninformed parents.

This week it was reported that the White House is preparing a budget that will help it achieve its stated goal of cutting the federal deficit in half by 2009 -- by basing the numbers on imaginary predictions.

Rather than using last year's record \$413 billion budget
SF Chronicle January 6, 2005

[401] **Honesty:** [Bush Policy: If Intelligence Doesn't Fit, Bend It](#)
The function of intelligence should be to provide as accurate an assessment as possible of a given situation to guide the formulation of policy.

But the Bush administration doesn't see it that way; rather, it sees intelligence as something it can cite to justify a policy or an initiative it has already decided upon, as happened with Iraq. And if the facts must be twisted, misstated or even invented to justify that decision, fine. There is no commitment to truth.
Arab News January 2, 2005

[403] **Economy:** [In Plan to Reduce Deficit, White House Turns to Old Projections](#)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 - To show that President Bush can fulfill his campaign promise to cut the deficit in half by 2009, White House officials are preparing a budget that will assume a significant jump in revenues and omit the cost of major initiatives like overhauling Social Security.

To make Mr. Bush's goal easier to reach, administration officials have decided to measure their progress against a \$521 billion deficit they predicted last February rather than last year's actual shortfall of \$413 billion.
New York Times January 1, 2005

[405] **Global Relations:** [We Need a Real Iran Policy](#)
Has President Bush quietly concluded that the United States can live with a nuclear-armed Iran? If this seems preposterous, recall the president's words at his year-end news conference. Asked about U.S. policy toward Iran, he said: "We're relying upon others, because we've sanctioned ourselves out of influence with Iran . . . in other words, we don't have much leverage with the Iranians right now."
Washington Post December 30, 2004

[407] **Health:** [The National Institutes of Health: Public Servant or Private Marketer?](#)
For 15 million Americans, it is a daily ritual: gulping down a pill to reduce cholesterol.

They do it because their doctors tell them to. Their doctors, in turn, rely on recommendations from the National Institutes of Health and its scientists, such as Dr. H. Bryan Brewer Jr.

Brewer, as a leader at the NIH, was part of a team that gave the

itches replete with video war gear little noted part of the law that rec
New York Times January 4, 2005

[402] **Labor Relations:** [Labor Bc Workers](#)

The rulings of the National Labor one after another in recent months favor of employers.

The Republican-dominated board temporary workers to unionize an information from companies durin graduate students working as teac right to unionize at private univer greater flexibility to use a powerf workers - in labor disputes.
New York Times January 2, 2005

[404] **Environment:** [Ready, aim.](#)
Wild horses are a spirited part of thousands of the magnificent anim be on French dining tables.

Without public hearings, Congres key parts of more than 30 years o and burros. The slaughter is about
Seattle PI December 30, 2004

[406] **Attitude:** [Models for Mr. B FOR A SELF-STYLED compass.](#)
has been stingy with mercy. Last to people sentenced to probation i pardons brings Mr. Bush's first-te sentence commutations. This is di than any recent president has take
Washington Post December 28, 20

[408] **Environment:** [Paybacks to](#)
The Bush Administration's assault

Over the weekend the Administra international community to act de when representatives of nearly 200 two weeks to discuss the impleme

The historic treaty--now ratified t goes into effect February 16, and greenhouse gas emissions for indt Administration withdrew from Ky "observer" status in Argentina. Bu privately hoped to bring the US b.

nation new cholesterol guidelines that were expected to prompt millions more people to take the daily pill. He also has written favorably of a specific brand of cholesterol medication, Crestor, which recently proved controversial.

What doctors were not told for years is this: While making recommendations in the name of the NIH, Brewer was working for the companies that sell the drugs. Government and company records show that from 2001 to 2003, he accepted about \$114,000 in consulting fees from four companies making or developing cholesterol medications, including \$31,000 from the maker of Crestor.

Los Angeles Times December 22, 2004

[409] **Media:** [PBS Panders to Right With New Programming](#)

A new public television program called The Journal Editorial Report, featuring writers and editors from the arch-conservative Wall Street Journal editorial page, will debut tonight on public television stations around the country. The show joins Tucker Carlson: Unfiltered, hosted by conservative CNN pundit Tucker Carlson, and a planned program featuring conservative commentator Michael Medved as part of what many see as politically motivated decisions to bring more right-wing voices to public television.

FAIR December 11, 2004

[411] **Government:** [Why Can't the IRS Do It?](#)

AFTER YEARS of prodding by the Bush administration and a heap of campaign contributions from debt collection companies, Congress has given the Internal Revenue Service clearance to have private debt collectors go after delinquent taxpayers. The temptation is understandable, but it should have been resisted. The IRS -- if it had the resources -- could recover far more money for the Treasury by doing

Washington Post December 9, 2004

[413] **Environment:** [Interior Official and Federal Biologists Clash on Danger to Bird](#)

A JOLLA, Calif., Dec. 4 - The scientific opinions of a Bush administration appointee at the Interior Department with no background in wildlife biology were provided as part of the source material for the panel of Fish and Wildlife Service biologists and managers who recommended against giving the greater sage grouse protection under the endangered species act.

The appointee, Julie MacDonald
New York Times December 4, 2004

[415] **Health:** [Gutting the Global AIDS Fund](#)

Under pressure from the Bush Administration, House Republicans celebrated World AIDS Day a week early. How? By cutting funding for the internationally-supported Global Fund to Fight AIDS by \$200 million in the recently passed omnibus spending bill.

The Nation December 21, 2004

[410] **Honesty:** [Humvee makers c](#)
WASHINGTON -- The manufacturer of the Humvee, a military and the company that added to the military's fleet, is not running near production capacity. The Pentagon has requested, spokesmen

"If they call and say, 'You know, done,'" said Lee Woodward, a spokesman for the Indiana company that

Seattle PI December 11, 2004

[412] **Liberty:** [From Abu Ghraib](#)

The International Committee for the Red Cross (ICRC) has accused the Pentagon of prisoner abuse at Iraq before the horrific pictures appear. The ICRC is validating the ICRC's charges.

Instead of thanking the ICRC for its findings, the media lambasted the humanitarian findings in the wake of the prison

The Nation December 8, 2004

[414] **Global Relations:** [Docu](#)
[Plot in Venezuela](#)

BOGOTÁ, Colombia, Dec. 2 - The Colombian government is aware that dissident military officers in Venezuela were planning a coup in 2002, newly declassified intelligence shows. The disclosure came immediately after the overthrow of Hugo Chávez, a left-leaning populist, for whom the government was known for knowing about the threats.

New York Times December 3, 2004

[416] **Economy:** [The 9/11 Bubble](#)

The Washington Post had a story that the greatest hint to a sitting cabinet member was another job that has ever been provided by the senior administration official said he would stay as long as he wants, provided

Provided it is not very long!

New York Times December 2, 2004

[418] **Liberty:** [Passport Privacy F](#)

WASHINGTON -- The Bush administration has announced measures for new microchip-equipped passports. Advocates contended that such measures were needed to prevent government snooping or a terrorist attack. Department documents released Friday

Over the last two years the Bush Administration insisted that contributions to the Global Fund be frozen at \$200 million because other nations w
The Nation December 2, 2004

[417] **Liberty:** [Unions for Border Workers Criticize Rules on Disclosure](#)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29 - The Homeland Security Department is requiring employees to sign a nondisclosure agreement so restrictive that it might be unconstitutional, two unions for thousands of border workers said Monday.

The agreement, which was introduced in May, prohibits department employees from giving the public "sensitive but unclassified" information. It also says the government "may co
New York Times November 30, 2004

[419] **Environment:** [U.S. Again Seeking Delay in Protecting Ozone Layer](#)

The U.S. is foremost among 16 nations seeking an exemption from guidelines set in the 1987 Montreal Protocol for the phase-out of methyl bromide, a potent ozone-depleting chemical used for agricultural purposes.

The U.S. previously agreed to ban methyl bromide by next January. Instead it is expected to push for a multi-year exemption to the phase-out as the signatories to the Montreal Protocol gather in Prague this week.
Green Watch November 28, 2004

[421] **Global Relations:** [Watch Venezuela](#)

THIS WEEKEND President Bush visits Chile and Colombia, two nations that he will rightly celebrate for their capable democratic governments. But it is foolish to pretend, as does some of the administration's rhetoric, that democracy is thriving across Latin America. In fact, while the Bush administration has been ignoring the region over the past four years, political conditions have seriously dete
Washington Post November 20, 2004

[423] **Ethics:** [Revolution In Reverse](#)

Having picked up a handful of seats in this month's election, House Republicans seem to think they have a mandate to eradicate Congressional ethics standards.

On Tuesday, House Republicans unanimously elected Tom DeLay to serve another term as House majority leader, despite his unsavory record when it comes to abiding by accepted Congressional standards of conduct. He received two separate bipartisan rebukes from the normally timid ethics committee this fall.
New York Times November 19, 2004

The passports, scheduled to be iss
 read electronically from as far aw
Wired November 28, 2004

[420] **Attitude:** [Abuse Through I](#)

LAST WEEK, President Bush cor
 approach to mercy, granting six p
 served their sentences and rejoine
 aggressive in his exercise of presi
 when it comes to clemency. In his
 pardons and two commutations of
 fewe
Washington Post November 21, 2

[422] **Economy:** [Children Left Be](#)

DEFICIT SPENDING didn't both
 the issue was tax cuts. Congress h
 supposedly offset new costs when
 bill stuffed with special-interest p
 health care for poor children, diffi
 This week's lame-duck Congress
Washington Post November 19, 2

[424] **Government:** [Bush's Echo](#)

Colin Powell, who urged the pres:
 the consequences of invading Iraq
 And Condoleezza Rice, who blith
 the smoking gun to be a mushroo:
 take his place.

Competence has never been high
 George W. Bush administration. I
New York Times November 19, 20

[426] **Health:** [FDA Is Flexing Le](#)

In the past four years, the Food ar
 noticeably less aggressive approac
 harmful side effects, records show
 academics and consumer advocat
 focusing more on bolstering the p
 protecting public health.
Washington Post November 18, 2

[428] **Attitude:** [Bullies Ascenden](#)

Thanks to satellite television, eve
 bush are familiar with the bullying
 men. The swagger, the smirk, and
 logo enough for Islamist recruiter
 the same reasons, while in China,

Americans know that Bush's inter

[425] **Health:** [U.S. Knew Last Year of Flu Vaccine Plant's Woes](#)

The Food and Drug Administration found serious problems of bacterial contamination at an influenza vaccine plant in England in 2003, 16 months before British regulators effectively closed the site and impounded its flu shots because of fears they were tainted.

Those earlier problems were among many revelations in about 100 pages of documents released yesterday by a House committee looking into how the United States lost about half this winter's flu vaccine supply just as the season for giving the shots began.
Washington Post November 18, 2004

[427] **Environment:** [Due Process on Dams](#)

IT'S NO SECRET that the Bush administration wants to tilt environmental rules to favor business interests. But the Interior Department has recently taken that approach to a new level of brazenness. The issue involves environmental requirements imposed on hydropower companies when dams come up for license renewal -- in other words, what steps they must take to protect fish and other natural resources. Under Interior's proposed regulation, hydropower companies would have the exclusive right to appeal to the department's political appointees to try to change or loosen conditions imposed by more junior officials. Others affected by the license renewal -- states, Indian tribes, anglers, environmental groups -- could respond to the power company's arguments, but they wouldn't have any parallel right to this interim appeal.
Washington Post November 15, 2004

[429] **Government:** [Psst. President Bush Is Hard at Work Expanding Government Secrecy](#)

It is only inevitable, I suppose, that some big issues never make it onto the agenda of a presidential campaign, and other lesser issues, or total nonissues, somehow emerge instead. Electoral politics, as Americans are regularly being reminded these final hard-fought days before the election, is a brutal, messy business, not an antiseptic political science exercise.

That said, I hereby con
New York Times November 1, 2004

[431] **Health:** [Bush is idle in flu-shot fiasco](#)

THIS WINTER, about five times more people will die for lack of flu vaccine as died on 9/11. Flu kills tens of thousands of people each year. Without vaccine, some 15,000 elderly Americans will needlessly die.

The 9/11 disaster caused President Bush to turn our foreign policy and our Bill of Rights upside down. The flu disaster has barely gotten his attention. Both are the result of failed p
Boston Globe October 27, 2004

AlterNet November 1, 2004

[430] **Honesty:** [A Post-Bush Min](#)
BOSTON -- While we are still in my last few words on the "pre-Sept

By now that phrase has become a campaign. In every stump speech accuses John Kerry not only of be the world with a "pre-Sept. 11th r mind-set."
Washington Post October 30, 200

[432] **Social Programs:** [Balancin](#)

As we consider our vote for presid importance of policies that help p balancing work and family we me own health and help with the care jeopardizing your paycheck or job for one another in ways that are ta help care for children or an ailing our lives. And most of us will nee other times.
Seattle PI October 25, 2004

[434] **Social Programs:** [Skip the](#)

Never cry for a banker. The Bush wisdom with proposals to exempt promote home ownership among
Seattle PI October 22, 2004

[436] **Attitude:** ['One Guy in a Bu](#)

"I have no outside advice" in the told Bob Woodward in December Woodward revealed to Nicholas I New Yorker, Bush insisted that, " outside adviser of this Administra telling the truth. First of all, in the left the compound. Nor did anybo you talk about one guy in a bubbl
Washington Post October 20, 200

[438] **Government:** [A quest to di](#)

THE 27 AMENDMENTS that ha range from the mundane (regulati Bill of Rights -- the chief orname: Those passed in the wake of the C liberties of the recently enslaved a reconstruction and the modern civ never enacted were amendments t the more recent Equal Rights Am prohibition amendment -- promul

[433] **War:** [Slaughter and sloppiness](#)

The most foolhardy comment one can make about the mess in Iraq is that it can't get any worse. The weekend brought the massacre of 50 freshly minted Iraqi soldiers and news that nearly 400 tons of explosives had simply vanished from a former Iraq military installation.

These events -- one horrific, the other potentially catastrophic -- are more evidence of the Bush administration's gross miscalculations in a war that was unnecessary.

Seattle PI October 25, 2004

[435] **Democracy:** [The art of stealing elections](#)

THE REPUBLICANS are out to steal the 2004 election -- before, during, and after Election Day. Before Election Day, they are employing such dirty tricks as improper purges of voter rolls, use of dummy registration groups that tear up Democratic registrations, and the suppression of Democratic efforts to sign up voters, especially blacks and students.

On Election Day, Republicans will attempt to intimidate minority voters by having poll watchers threaten criminal prosecution if something is technically amiss with their ID, and they will again use technical mishaps to partisan advantage.

Boston Globe October 20, 2004

[437] **Democracy:** [Losing America's birthright, the George Bush way](#)

Once upon a time, not too long ago, the president of the United States declared that the war on terrorism was the most important issue in this year's presidential campaign.

Then every time his opponent brought up this most important of issues, George W. Bush cried foul, accusing John Kerry of hindering the war on terrorism. (America might be a democracy, but that doesn't mean the Democrat has a right to campaign.)

Village Voice October 19, 2004

[439] **Education:** [Our 'failing' schools](#)

THE ABSURDITY of the rigid requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind legislation became clear this week when 1,626 schools in California receiving federal funds to serve poor children were told they had failed to meet the requirements of the law for at least two years in a row and now face a range of penalties.

Under the terms of the 2-year-old federal law, every school must show "a

SF Chronicle October 16, 2004

[441] **Honesty:** [Bush's campaign of distortion](#)

IN THE FIRST presidential debate, George W. Bush asserted that he'll win reelection because he knows how to lead -- and but for an

and after a tumultuous decade on *Boston Globe* October 17, 2004

[440] **Environment:** [Environment Key Areas, Data Show](#)

WASHINGTON - In the second p said: "I'm a good steward of the l since I've been the president. Few the president."

Sen. John Kerry responded this w living in a world of reality with r going backwards." He vows to rev *Common Dreams* October 13, 200

[442] **Energy:** [The Battle of the I](#)

Of all the shortsighted policies of Dick Cheney, none have been wo conservation and a gasoline tax. I tax after 9/11, demand would hav would probably still be \$2 a gallo going to Saudi Arabia - where it e mad

New York Times October 7, 2004

[444] **War:** [Skewed Intelligence I](#)

In 2002, at a crucial juncture on tl the Bush administration gave a se which they asserted that Saddam] weapons program. In a speech to President Dick Cheney said Mr. F "fairly soon." President Bush, add month, said there was "little doubt nuclear arms.

New York Times October 2, 2004

[446] **War:** [Saying U.N. backed v](#)

WASHINGTON -- President Bus people with his repeated claim th on terrorism" but he should not tr the United Nations. They know be

Americans do, too. We don't have forgotten how the Bush administr weapons of mass destruction requ *Seattle PI* September 28, 2004

[448] **Liberty:** [Persecuted, in cha](#)

In jails and prisons across the Uni detained who have never been acc them like criminals, and the crimi them. They are held for months, s

absent prefix, the president might have been revealing his closing-stretch strategy. To wit: to mislead undecided voters as they make up their minds.

Boston Globe October 8, 2004

[443] **Liberty:** [Passport radio chips send too many signals](#)

PARIS Since the terrorist attacks of 2001, the Bush administration - specifically, the Department of Homeland Security - has wanted the world to agree on a standard for machine-readable passports. Countries whose citizens currently do not have visa requirements to enter the United States will have to issue passports that conform to the standard or risk losing their nonvisa status.

These future passports, currently being tested, will include an embedded computer chip. This chip will allow the passport to contain much more information than a simple machine-readable character font, and will allow passport officials to quickly and easily read that information. That is a reasonable requirement and a good idea for bringing passport technology into the 21st century.

IHT October 4, 2004

[445] **Government:** [No balance in branches of government](#)

The Founders of the American Republic in 1789 established three branches of government -- Congress, the presidency and the judiciary -- to uphold representative democracy in the new nation. After over more than 200 years, these great institutions of governance, housed in their magnificent buildings, bespeak permanence.

But deep within, these seemingly indestructible pillars of the Constitution

Seattle PI September 28, 2004

[447] **Democracy:** [The Bush Definition of Democracy](#)

Be it in Iraq or Afghanistan, the Bush administration has a track record of fixing elections to produce the winner it desires.

AlterNet September 28, 2004

[449] **Social Programs:** [Words, Actions at Odds on Children's Health Care](#)

In his convention address in New York, President Bush announced a new \$1 billion initiative to enroll "millions of poor children" in two popular government health programs. But next week, the Bush administration plans to return \$1.1 billion in unspent children's health funds to the U.S. Treasury, making his convention promise a financial wash at best.

The loss of \$1.1 billion in federal money

Washington Post September 25, 2004

[451] **War:** [Avoiding attacking suspected terrorist mastermind](#)

With Tuesday's attacks, Abu Musab Zarqawi, a Jordanian militant

the criminals, they do not know why they receive this treatment because the

IHT September 27, 2004

[450] **Democracy:** [Blocking the I](#)

To an immigrant, Arnold Schwarzenegger's Republican convention last month was more welcoming than the United States has been in that time, that's true.

But it wasn't true last week in Miami. The Department of Homeland Security attempted to shut down a registration operation from setting up a massive naturalization ceremony. The DHS complained that Mi Fan blocked the doors at the swearing-in. But last week, Judge Adalberto Jordan ruled that the right to free speech by the First Amendment, though limited, is not the group's tables could take up.

Washington Post September 22, 2004

[452] **Race and Class:** [Taxes for](#)

When President Bush talks about "fixing your wallet." The slogan, like "ownership society" is sufficiently vague to mean many things with few details that Mr. Bush has provided. The new tax-sheltered savings plan and new tax terms, "ownership society" reduction, if not the elimination, of taxes on dividends and capital gains and real estate. That, in turn, means a heavy burden onto wages and salary - or

New York Times September 15, 2004

[454] **Liberty:** [Racial Profiling In](#)

Good morning. I'm Curt Goering, a lawyer at Amnesty International USA. Today we released our first-ever report on racial profiling. It's the result of a yearlong investigation that includes interviews with nine Americans who have been victimized by racial profiling and federal agencies, under the guise of "terrorism." We expanded the use of this degrading practice.

Amnesty International September 22, 2004

[456] **Honesty:** [The Dishonesty T](#)

It's the dishonesty, stupid. The reason it isn't what George W. Bush did was his pattern of lies: his assertions that he obviously didn't, the White House released all of the relevant documents

with ties to al-Qaida, is now blamed for more than 700 terrorist killings in Iraq.

But NBC News has learned that long before the war the Bush administration had several chances to wipe out his terrorist operation and perhaps kill Zarqawi himself -- but never pulled the trigger. *MSNBC* September 22, 2004

[453] **Environment:** [Junking Science](#)

The Bush administration has from time to time found it convenient to distort science to serve political ends. The result is a purposeful confusion of scientific protocols in which "sound science" becomes whatever the administration says it is. In the short run, this is a tactic to override basic environmental protections in favor of industry. In the long run, it undermines the authority of science itself. *New York Times* September 14, 2004

[455] **Economy:** [The land of opportunity](#)

(CNN) -- President Bush and Sen. Kerry both campaigned in West Virginia over the long holiday weekend, taking advantage of Labor Day to talk about American workers.

Bush touted the state's lower than average unemployment rate, while Kerry cited the state's loss of 11,000 manufacturing jobs over the past three years. The president trumpeted the nearly 1.7 million new U.S. jobs added since the end of last summer, while his opponent reminded the crowd that many of those new jobs are paying less than the ones outsourced to cheap foreign labor markets, or lost altogether. *CNN* September 11, 2004

[457] **Democracy:** [Secret Service Not Coddling Hecklers](#)

COLMAR, Pa., Sept. 9 -- Secret Service agents are famous for their willingness to take a bullet for the president. Less famous is their willingness to take out a heckler for the president.

Officially, the Secret Service does not concern itself with unarmed, peaceful demonstrators who pose no danger to the commander in chief. But that policy was inoperative here Thursday when seven AIDS activists who heckled President Bush during a campaign appearance were shoved and pulled from the room -- some by their hair, one by her bra straps -- and then arrested for disorderly conduct and detained for an hour. *Washington Post* September 10, 2004

[459] **Government:** [Bush agenda in hands of religious right](#)

PHOENIX -- George W. Bush's strategists correctly assessed that Bush has everything to gain from fear itself.

The Republican Convention aimed to make America remember the horror of Sept. 11, 2001, and cling to a president who promises an iron hand against terrorism.

It's the same pattern of dishonesty *New York Times* September 10, 2004

[458] **Honesty:** [Army Says C.I.A.](#) WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 - Army Intelligence Agency's request, kept Ghraib prison and other detention them from Red Cross inspectors, 1 Thursday. The total is far more th

An Army inquiry completed last 1 *New York Times* September 9, 2004

[460] **Government:** [Investigators Repay Salary](#)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7 -- The E withheld data from Congress on tl and as a penalty, the former head A. Scully, must repay seven mont federal investigators said today. *New York Times* September 7, 2004

[462] **Attitude:** [Card says preside a parent](#)

NEW YORK -- White House Chi yesterday that President Bush viev child" in need of the sort of prote

Card's remark, criticized later by l as "condescending," came in a spe Maine and Massachusetts that wa: role as protector of the country. R theme repeatedly at the GOP con 2001, terrorist attacks and the war *Boston Globe* September 7, 2004

[464] **Attitude:** [Strong men who](#) IF NOTHING else, the Republica revive all those jokes about men a

"Why does it take a million sperr ask directions." "Why were the Je Moses wouldn't stop to ask direct

These were the jokes about boys v MapQuest in their DNA hard driv wheel -- of the car or the country were going. Or at least act as if th *Boston Globe* September 5, 2004

[466] **Social Programs:** [Life in B](#)

(Never mind that his use of that hand in Iraq was of questionable effectiveness against terrorism. The convention wasn't about thinking; it was about feeling -- Dick Cheney's scorn for "sensitivity" notwithstanding.)

Seattle PI September 8, 2004

[461] **Global Relations:** [A Copernican Foreign Policy](#)

We Americans are sometimes like the ancient Greek astronomer Ptolemy. That is, we see the United States as the fixed center of the universe, with other nations and events revolving around us. I think it's one of our endearing qualities, this ebullient national self-centeredness -- except when it leads to errors in geopolitical navigation.

President Bush gave a moving evocation of this American Ptolemaism in his acceptance speech last week. "Like generations before us, we have a calling from beyond the stars to stand for freedom," he said. Like his mentor Ronald Reagan, Bush conveyed his conviction that God has bestowed great blessings on the United States -- made it a "shining city on a hill" -- with corresponding responsibilities to lead the world.

Washington Post September 7, 2004

[463] **Economy:** [Bush trades away jobs](#)

In his speech to last week's Republican National Convention, President Bush devoted only a sentence fragment to the discussion of his administration's trade policies.

It was a wise move. This administration's unrelenting advocacy for a free trade model that rewards multinational corporations has done enormous damage to workers, communities and the environment in the United States and abroad.

Capital Times September 7, 2004

[465] **War:** [Win or lose, Bush erred in Iraq](#)

DURING the Republican convention we watched and read about a Republican Party that has drifted further to the right as it desperately tried to obscure the mistake its leaders made in Iraq.

The most evil act that a government can inflict upon its citizens is to force them to kill and be killed in an unjust war. It pushes everyone into a position of being either for or against the war.

The choice is to confront the truth and deal with its terrible implications or sink into a hypernationalistic denial.

Boston Globe September 4, 2004

[467] **Government:** [Moral Misstep](#)

It would seem safe to assume that people who have fired a bazooka at the United Nations headquarters in New York, served time in connection with the first state-sponsored act of terrorism in the

Of all the bone-headed, whacky, l George W. Bush tried to sell us ir something he and his handlers cal cool, "ownership." Everyone gets winner as the economy zooms. Al

Sure. Behind the hooray-for-free-game-plan to s

AlterNet September 4, 2004

[468] **War:** [Heads in the Sand](#)

When asked this week on CNN ho to remain in Iraq, Senator John M years. "That's not so bad," he said 50 years. We've been in West Ger

Reporters have come to expect ca this case he didn't disappoint. But mounting the podium at the Repul hammer home the message that G or two.

New York Times September 3, 200

[470] **Honesty:** [Grand Old Prevar](#)

NEW YORK -- On the very day t and said that the war on terrorism things happened: Suicide bombers Nepalese service workers (dishwa five Afghans were accidentally ki nine people were killed by a suici station, and five more American s Iraq. For worldwide terrorism, it v

Washington Post September 2, 20

[472] **Health:** [The Food Pyramid](#)

If your mother ever told you that dinner, she was right. The govern pay less attention to the sugar lobl nutrition guidelines next year. The evidence, much of it cited in a rep advisory committee on the new gu you consume, generally in the for fructose corn syrup, the less likely of nutritious food. The report also sugar, especially sugar-sweetened

New York Times September 1, 200

[474] **Economy:** [A GOP fleecing](#)

OF ALL the business tycoons ass convention this week, none will g than the personal finance crowd tl tens of millions of ordinary Amer

United States, or actively participated in secret groups that claimed responsibility for dozens of bombings in New York, New Jersey and Florida would raise many red flags when coming into this country.

Washington Post September 3, 2004

[469] **Honesty:** [President Bush photographed wearing Air Force award he never earned](#)

A closer examination of a photograph included in President George W. Bush's Air Force records, released by the White House earlier this year, shows then-Second Lieutenant Bush wearing an Air Force Outstanding Unit Award which he never earned. The photograph is also displayed on George H. W. Bush's Presidential library website.

Additionally, Lieutenant Bush would not have been authorized to wear the ribbon temporarily, the Air Force Personnel Center said in an email.

Blue Lemur September 3, 2004

[471] **Economy:** [Bush's ruinous economic plans](#)

WE WILL shortly hear from the president himself, but the outlines of his domestic program for a second term are already all too clear. Take five key areas of economic policy -- health, Social Security, energy, taxes, and the deficit.

All five have this in common: In each case the administration program doesn't really address the underlying problem. Rather, the purpose is either to help an i

Boston Globe September 1, 2004

[473] **Attitude:** [The Character Question](#)

People remember embarrassing phrases from the last Bush campaign: The promise to be "a uniter, not a divider," which presaged the most polarizing presidency of recent times; the promise to conduct a "humble" foreign policy. But if you read George W. Bush's convention speech of four years ago, it's amazing how honestly it heralds the hair-raising radicalism that followed. It's full of macho lines about bold action and seizing the moment and appointments with greatness. And the central rhetorical device in the first part of the speech is a refrain:

Washington Post August 30, 2004

[475] **Economy:** [Bringing family values to the workplace](#)

WORKING FAMILIES and employers beware. The political debate over family values is turning to the workplace. Last week the Bush administration implemented new rules governing who is eligible for overtime; his campaign is also set to unveil a "flextime" policy that would allow compensatory time off in lieu of paying overtime for hours worked beyond the standard 40-hour work week. Senator Kerry denou

Boston Globe August 30, 2004

other fees worthy of loan sharks. I mountain of debt that is increasing "recovery" marked by stagnant hc
Boston Globe August 30, 2004

[476] **Campaign:** [Bush Agenda I](#)

While aides say that Bush will pre agenda in his nomination speech, themselves questioning the presid cutting George Bush who seeks se research, a constitutional amendr is working to replace the IRS tax tax?

Or will he be someone else?

AlterNet August 30, 2004

[478] **Government:** [A Failure of](#)

ONLY A FEW years ago, it seem malfeasance by a presidential adn tampering with a minor administr a cabinet secretary might have un given to a former girlfriend -- cou from the other two branches of go prosecutor

Washington Post August 29, 2004

[480] **Liberty:** [The FBI's Pre-Em Demonstrators:](#)

[Chilling Political Speech](#)

The FBI, no longer content with v political events, is now preemptiv ("interviewing") possible demonst strategy in a memo.

To make matters worse, the Depa strategy in its own memo - sugges concerns are raised by the interro

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FindLaw August 28, 2004

[482] **Economy:** [Census Reports](#)

THURSDAY, Aug. 26 (HealthDa in the United States without healt year, the government reported Th the increase outpaced that for peo

A U.S. Census Bureau report four covered in 2003 than in 2002, but health in

[477] **Attitude:** [A lifetime of risk-taking shapes Bush's leadership](#)
 WASHINGTON -- When George W. Bush accepted the presidential nomination four years ago, he laced his speech with extraordinary clues about his governing style. "I do not need to take your pulse before I know my own mind," Bush told Americans. Mocking criticism that his platform was filled with "risky schemes," Bush told the story of a patriot who ignored warnings that he would lose his property if he signed the Declaration of Independence, saying, "Damn the consequences, give me the pen."
Boston Globe August 30, 2004

[479] **Honesty:** [Rumsfeld Denies Abuses Occurred at Interrogations](#)
 WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 - In his first comments on the two major investigative reports issued this week at the Pentagon, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld on Thursday mischaracterized one of their central findings about the American military's treatment of Iraqi prisoners by saying there was no evidence that prisoners had been abused during interrogations.

The reports, one by a panel Mr. Rum
New York Times August 28, 2004

[481] **Health:** [America's Failing Health](#)
 Working Americans have two great concerns: the growing difficulty of getting health insurance, and the continuing difficulty they have in finding jobs. These concerns may have a common cause: soaring insurance premiums.

In most advanced countries, the government provides everyone with health insurance. In America, however, the government offers insurance only if you're elderly (Medicare) or
New York Times August 27, 2004

[483] **Economy:** [Poverty in the U.S. climbs for third year](#)
 WASHINGTON The U.S. poverty rate and the number of Americans without health insurance rose last year, each for the third consecutive year, the Census Bureau reported Thursday. The figures, which the administration released a month earlier than usual, quickly became the focus of a partisan debate.

"Under George Bush's watch," said Senator John Kerry, referring to the new data, "America's fa
IHT August 26, 2004

[485] **War:** [US 'gave al-Qaeda a training ground'](#)
 The US-led invasion of Iraq was a mistake that has turned the country into a giant recruiting ground for terrorists, according to a former adviser to Bill Clinton.

Daniel Benjamin, a senior fellow at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, told a national security conference in Canberra yesterday that he believed the US had

Forbes August 26, 2004

[484] **Attitude:** [The Man Without](#)
 Almost a thousand American troc
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 war was a good idea. Sometimes c

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Intervention August 26, 2004

[486] **War:** [Rumsfeld's War Plan](#)
 Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's l
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A report by a blue-ribbon panel h
 establishment's role in creating an
 problems at Abu Ghraib prison sa
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Washington Post August 25, 2004

[488] **Government:** [Bush weds re](#)
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Seattle PI August 22, 2004

[490] **Global Relations:** [Bush's V](#)
 Harry Truman must be turning ov

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Washington Post August 18, 2004

[492] **Liberty:** [Setbacks on Press](#)
 A ruling last week ordering a rep
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wrongly led Australia into the war.

"As an American, I am deeply grateful for Australia's friendship and its support of the United States, but I fear our Government has led you wrong on this one," said Mr Benjamin, who was director of counter-terrorism in the National Security Council during the Clinton presidency.

The Age August 25, 2004

[487] **Health:** [Bush Health Care Plan Seems to Fall Short](#)

If the Republican-controlled Congress enacted President Bush's entire health care agenda, as many as 10 million people who lack health insurance would be covered at a cost of \$102 billion over the next decade, according to his campaign aides.

But when the Bush-Cheney team was asked to provide documentation, the hard data fell far short of the claims, a gap supported by several independent analyses.

Washington Post August 22, 2004

[489] **Global Relations:** [U.S. Struggles to Win Hearts, Minds in the Muslim World](#)

The Bush administration is facing growing criticism from both inside and outside its ranks that it has failed to move aggressively enough in the war of ideas against Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda and other Islamic extremist groups over the three years since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The Sept. 11 commission last month called for a vigorous strategy for promoting the image and democratic values of the United States around the world, and national security adviser Condoleezza Rice said yesterday that the administration is working hard on those efforts.

Washington Post August 20, 2004

[491] **Health:** [Elderly at risk: The drop in federal actions on nursing homes](#)

At a time when the American population is aging and families find it difficult to provide elder care, federal actions enforcing health and safety standards in nursing homes across the country dropped by 22 percent between 2000 and 2003.

Post-Gazette August 18, 2004

[493] **Government:** [Bush 'Faith-Based' Agenda Spreading In Federal Government, Report Finds](#)

A new study of the "faith-based" initiative raises troubling questions about the Bush administration's disregard for constitutional and civil rights protections, according to Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

The report issued today by the Roundtable on Religion and Social Welfare Policy lists the many executive actions President George W.

characterize as an ominous trend: fundamental protections for the gay that had been generally viewed as *New York Times* August 18, 2004

[494] **War:** [The Ultimate Stupidity](#)

I have been thinking for months that the forces in Iraq really wanted to peratchet up exponentially the degree throughout the Muslim world---the Ali Shrine in Najaf, or be drawn in damage it. This is the most important *Counterpunch* August 17, 2004

[496] **Environment:** [Appalachia Rule Change](#)

BECKLEY, W.Va. -- The coal industry's "mountaintop removal" -- but it a method that became popular in the 1980s. Miners target a green peak and then blast away layer after layer gone.

In just over a decade, coal miners dumped hundreds of peaks across a region of Kentucky and Tennessee. Thousands of acres of mountain streams. By 1999, concern triggered a backlash of lawsuits against the industry's growth to a trickle.

Washington Post August 17, 2004

[498] **Honesty:** [The Republican V](#)

First they attacked a U.S. Navy pilot who was imprisoned and tortured. Republican groups whispered he was of the United States because he had said he had a Black baby and was in office. The propaganda was sneaking undermining John McCain's credibility. Republican Party's presidential nominee Bush.

Intervention August 16, 2004

[500] **Liberty:** [Privacy vs. safety](#)

SHOULD THE federal government check the addresses of every airline passenger? This could be the reason the Administration proceeds with a system of dossiers on Americans who take a flight. Congress mandated that the Transportation Security Administration create a Computer Assisted Passenger

Bush has taken to fund a wide range of religion-based social services. The sweeping changes in federal policy, the report indicates, have come without congressional authorization.

AU August 17, 2004

[495] **Education:** [Nation's Charter Schools Lagging Behind, U.S. Test Scores Reveal](#)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 - The first national comparison of test scores among children in charter schools and regular public schools shows charter school students often doing worse than comparable students in regular public schools.

The findings, buried in mountains of data the Education Department released without public announcement, dealt a blow to supporters of the charter school movement, i

New York Times August 17, 2004

[497] **War:** [The Paper Trail](#)

This one you'll want to print and save for future reference. In the past year and half, America has witnessed firsthand what happens when politicians distort intelligence information or use it irresponsibly. In his push for war, President Bush manipulated facts, gave credence to false claims and knowingly advanced unproven information to the American public. Here, national security expert John Pra

Tom Paine August 16, 2004

[499] **Democracy:** [Suppress the Vote?](#)

The big story out of Florida over the weekend was the tragic devastation caused by Hurricane Charley. But there's another story from Florida that deserves our attention.

State police officers have gone into the homes of elderly black voters in Orlando and interrogated them as part of an odd "investigation" that has frightened many voters, intimidated elderly volunteers and thrown a chill ov

New York Times August 16, 2004

[501] **Liberty:** [F.B.I. Goes Knocking for Political Troublemakers](#)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 - The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been questioning political demonstrators across the country, and in rare cases even subpoenaing them, in an aggressive effort to forestall what officials say could be violent and disruptive protests at the Republican National Convention in New York.

F.B.I. officials are urging agents to canvass their communities for information about planned disruptions aimed at the convention and other coming political events, and they say they have developed a list of people who they think may have information about possible violence. They say the inquiries, which began last month before the Democratic convention in Boston, are focused solely on possible crimes, not on dissent, at major political events.

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Boston Globe August 16, 2004

[502] **Government:** [Volcanic Ab:](#)

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Washington Post August 15, 2004

[504] **Government:** [Bush Forces](#)

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Washington Post August 15, 2004

[506] **Government:** [Out of Spotli
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WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 - April
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New York Times August 14, 2004

[508] **Global Relations:** [Indispen](#)

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New York Times August 14, 2004

New York Times August 16, 2004

[503] **Health:** [Sickly tactics: A high price for the prescription drug plan](#)

The news that the Bush administration exonerated itself for lying to Congress about the true cost of the new Medicare prescription drug benefit is shocking. It sets a government standard that is undesirable in a democracy.

The inspector general of the Health and Human Services Department, and the Justice Department, found nothing illegal in the aggression with which the White House conned Congress about the price of the legislation it asked members to pass.

Post-Gazette August 15, 2004

[505] **War:** [Najaf assault turns allies against US](#)

Former US ally and president of the Iraqi Governing Council (IGC), Muhammad Bahr al-Ulum, has lost faith in the US-led occupation.

When the US wanted a Shia cleric to strengthen the credibility of the IGC, it turned to Bahr al-Ulum, whose family had lost many members for opposing Saddam Hussein.

But watching his hometown of Najaf come under US bombardment to crush Muqtada al-Sadr and

Al Jazeera August 14, 2004

[507] **War:** [The Nuclear Shadow](#)

If a 10-kiloton terrorist nuclear weapon explodes beside the New York Stock Exchange or the U.S. Capitol, or in Times Square, as many nuclear experts believe is likely in the next decade, then the next 9/11 commission will write a devastating critique of how we allowed that to happen.

As I wrote in my last column, there is a general conviction among many experts - though, in fairness, not all - that nuclear terrorism has a better-than-even chance of occurring in the next 10 years. Such an attack could kill 500,000 people.

New York Times August 14, 2004

[509] **Liberty:** [Ashcroft's Quiet Prisoner](#)

Miami -- David Joseph is a little guy, about 5-foot-5, maybe 115 pounds. He's 20 years old, looks younger, and has the sluggish demeanor and sad expression of one who is deeply depressed. He has nightmares and headaches. He spends his days dressed in the blue fatigues of detainees at the federal Krome Detention Center, washing dishes at mealtimes, staring listlessly at television images broadcast in a language he doesn't understand, and praying.

New York Times August 13, 2004

[511] **Economy:** [Painting the Economy Into a Corner](#)

President Bush reacted decisively to this month's shockingly bad

[510] **Liberty:** [Tyranny in the Na](#)

So it has come down to this: You Amendment right to assemble and from behind chain-link fences and audience you seek to address.

The largely ignored "free-speech" in Boston last month was an affront. The situation will be on

New York Times August 12, 2004

[512] **War:** [A catalogue of violati](#)

Human rights violations in Iraq at magnitude of the injustice dual state people. The history of modern Iraq World War II to the present day, in which structural and functional deviant human rights behaviour at

Al-Ahram August 12, 2004

[514] **War:** [Wounded Soldiers At](#)

Archie Staley sat on a silver stool Walter Reed Army Medical Center of Vince A. Przybyla Jr.

Staley is 20 years old, a U.S. Army an accent lush with the tones of the Carolina, where he grew up. Staley round exploded and blew him 15 of Baghdad on Easter Sunday. He crushed, burned and scarred by sh neck, cutting his carotid artery.

Washington Post August 11, 2004

[516] **War:** [Diplomacy sidelined](#)

The US charge sheet against Iran presaging destabilising confrontation election October surprise.

The Bush administration is piling nuclear weapons programme. It must resume building uranium centrifuges led dialogue and is proof of bad faith

Guardian August 10, 2004

[518] **Liberty:** [ABA denounces U](#)

ATLANTA -- The nation's largest condemned the U.S. government's called for an independent commis

Critics called the resolution overw

employment report - by quickly changing the topic to terror. The Federal Reserve chairman, Alan Greenspan, also focused elsewhere, namely on rising oil prices. Mr. Greenspan used inflationary energy costs as the rationale for raising interest rates a quarter point, despite the drastic slump in hiring and a recent slowdown in productivity growth.

New York Times August 12, 2004

[513] **Iraq:** [The withdrawal of foreign troops is the only solution](#)

Most legends contain a small grain of truth, but none is to be found in the fraudulent images being presented each day by the BBC (and the US networks). The print media is not much better. Official propaganda is constantly repeated in sentences such as: "On June 28 the United States and its coalition partners transferred sovereign control of Iraq to an interim government headed by prime minister Ayad Allawi. The transfer of sovereignty ended more than a year of American-led occupation".

Guardian August 12, 2004

[515] **War:** [The 9/11 unstated indictment](#)

As the price of bipartisan unanimity, the 9/11 Commission Report assiduously avoids apportioning blame to individuals, or naming names. But no one who has actually read the report can miss its searing indictment. The text of the report documents in devastating detail the failures of President Bush to defend Americans from the next terrorist attack.

While the report falls silent when it reaches the point of issuing an explicit indictment, the bill of particulars it presents stretches from A to Z. According to the commissioners (five Republicans and five Democrats) the Bush administration's so-called "War on Terrorism" has failed:

Seattle PI August 11, 2004

[517] **Global Relations:** [America's blind-eye to N-arms](#)

IN HIS forthcoming memoir on the India-Pakistan nuclear relationship, Strobe Talbott, a former US deputy secretary of state, recounts the surprise and alarm that swept the eighth floor of the State Department on May 11, 1998, when the first reports came in over CNN that India had tested a nuclear weapon.

One presumes the diplomats were reading the Indian press carefully. For example, I have in front of me two articles, dated April 8 and 15, 1998, from the influential Indian daily *The Statesman* maintainin that since the nationalists of the Bharatiya Janata Party had come to power, India was going nuclear quickly. The information was around for those who had eyes and ears. It was as if Washington didn't want to know.

Boston Globe August 10, 2004

[519] **Race and Class:** [Fairness drought: Black farmers still seek justice after win in court](#)

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The resolution call

Seattle PI August 10, 2004

[520] **Social Programs:** [Leaving](#)
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federal government pays the rest.

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Washington.

Boston Globe August 10, 2004

[522] **Race and Class:** [Mr. Keyes](#)
WHEN PRESIDENT Bush went l
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Washington Post August 9, 2004

[524] **War:** [Iran intent on being a](#)
The invasion of Iraq, which Presic
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gives every indication of building
nuclear weapons program. And w
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Toronto Star August 7, 2004

[526] **War:** [Washington's Gift to](#)
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the Bush administration is now pu
proposed new treaty aimed at exp
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New York Times August 6, 2004

[528] **Environment:** [What happer](#)
NEWHALEM -- With a wild, fier
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Earth that will never have proble

No federal agency should ever be in the position the U.S. Department of Agriculture is in now. Seven years ago, in a lawsuit filed by black farmers, the USDA was found to be rife with discrimination and was ordered to shape up and pay up. But five years after the landmark court settlement, the department has not issued payments to nearly 90 percent of the farmers who sought compensation.

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Post-Gazette August 10, 2004

[521] **Health:** [Now Bush wants to test every American for mental illness--including you! And guess who will create the tests?](#)

Next month, President Bush plans to unveil a broad new mental health plan called the "New Freedom Initiative." Never mind that it couldn't have less to do with freedom; if you're a thinking American, this initiative should scare the hell out of you.

The New Freedom Initiative proposes to screen every American, including you, for mental illness. To this end, the president established a New F
Intervention August 9, 2004

[523] **Environment:** [Friends in the White House Come to Coal's Aid](#)

WASHINGTON - In 1997, as a top executive of a Utah mining company, David Lauriski proposed a measure that could allow some operators to let coal-dust levels rise substantially in mines. The plan went nowhere in the government.

Last year, it found enthusiastic backing from one government official - Mr. Lauriski himself. Now head of the Mine Safety and Health Administration, he revived the proposal despite objections by union officials and health experts that it could put miners at greater risk of black-lung disease.
New York Times August 9, 2004

[525] **Liberty:** [130 Jurists Condemn White House Torture Memos](#)

Nearly 130 influential U.S. jurists, including twelve former federal judges and a former director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), have signed a statement denouncing Bush administration memoranda regarding the treatment of Iraqi and other detainees and accusing their authors of unprofessional conduct.

The statement, in the form of an open letter sent Wednesday to President George W. Bush, was signed by 130 prominent legal figures.
Anti-War August 7, 2004

[527] **Liberty:** [Terrorism suspect's suit tells of U.S. abuse](#)

Recently declassified documents in a Seattle federal court describe the extreme isolation of an alleged al-Qaida member at a U.S. military prison that experts say constitutes torture and war crimes.

Appearances deceive, however. H
managers do not have adequate m
repairs and dealing with such eme
Seattle PI August 6, 2004

[530] **Economy:** [Deficit rule No.](#)

WASHINGTON -- Bad economic recovery is faltering. The stock market is being squeezed between stagnant credit, and maxed-out credit cards

Deficits of all kinds are growing, projected at \$5 trillion (that's trillion) the next 10 years. The federal government is spending mainly for retirement and health care, up later in budget deficits as the trade deficit - the difference between what it imports - was \$46 billion in May. Figures are available. That's a rate of the obligations to foreigners in
CS Monitor August 5, 2004

[532] **War:** [US abuse could be worse](#)

Repeated abuses allegedly suffered by the hands of US interrogators and Guantanamo camp in Cuba could amount to worse yesterday.

The organisation, which maintains, took the unusual step of voicing its concerns in language after the former detainee.
Guardian August 5, 2004

[534] **Honesty:** [Old Data, New C](#)

The White House's failure to make an alert Sunday was based largely on 11 attacks is a case study in the difficulty of warnings for an administration with a difficult presidential campaign.

At one level, experts yesterday criticized the Security for narrow
Washington Post August 4, 2004

[536] **War:** [Mr. Bush's Wrong Sc](#)

At a time when Americans need strong leadership, President Bush offered tired nostril measures yesterday. He wanted to follow the recommendations of the 9/11 commission, the panel's most significant ideas, and confront the twin burdens he face

The documents, unsealed yesterday at the request of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer and others, include U.S. Navy lawyer Charles Swift's firsthand observation at the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, prison of the conditions of solitary confinement of his client, Salim Ahmed Hamdan, a 34-year-old Yemeni who acknowledges chauffeuring Osama bin Laden at his Afghan farm.

Seattle PI August 6, 2004

[529] **Environment:** [King Coal pillages beautiful land by ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR.](#)

In May 2002 I flew over the hills of West Virginia and Kentucky and saw a sight that would sicken most Americans.

The mining industry is dismantling the ancient mountains and pristine streams of Appalachia through a form of strip mining known as mountaintop removal.

Mining companies blow off hundreds of feet from the tops of mountains to reach the thin seams of coal beneath. Colossal machines dump the mountaintops into adjacent valleys, destroying forests and communities and burying free-flowing mountain streams.

Seattle PI August 6, 2004

[531] **Economy:** [A Record Deficit](#)

THE BUSH administration announced last week its revised figure for this year's budget deficit: \$445 billion. This, or so the spin goes, is good news, because the original forecast was even higher -- \$521 billion. But outside budget experts had warned that the forecast was inflated, which tarnishes any celebration of the new number. Not that the administration was deterred. "This improved budget outlook is the direct result of the strong economic growth the president's tax relief has fueled," crowed Office of Management and Budget Director Joshua B. Bolten.

Washington Post August 5, 2004

[533] **Environment:** [Bush backpedals on environment by ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR.](#)

During his presidential campaign, George W. Bush threw a bone to environmentalists. Global warming, he said in his second debate with Al Gore, "needs to be taken very seriously."

While Bush opposed the Kyoto Protocol, the international agreement to slow down global warming, he proclaimed that under his leadership, the United States would tackle the problem by strictly regulating carbon dioxide, the principal greenhouse gas.

Seattle PI August 4, 2004

[535] **War:** [\\$1.9 Billion of Iraq's Money Goes to U.S. Contractors](#)

Halliburton Co. and other U.S. contractors are being paid at least \$1.9 billion from Iraqi funds under an arrangement set by the U.S.-led occupation authority, according to a review of documents and interviews with government agencies, companies and auditors.

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New York Times August 3, 2004

[538] **Honesty:** [Can't Bush and B BAGHDAD](#), 2 August 2004 -- The about the weapons of mass destru between Saddam Hussein and Al- the other lies upon which we wen lies.

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Arab News August 2, 2004

[540] **War:** [Iraqi group claims ov](#)
An Iraqi political group says more killed between the start of the US October 2003.

The People's Kifah, or Struggle A in a statement that it carried out a civilian fatalities during Septembe

Its calculation was based on death

Al Jazeera August 1, 2004

[542] **Liberty:** [Trampling Aliens](#)
Americans are still learning the d were committed against those rou 9/11. The Justice Department insp in June and December 2003 detail due process, and, in some cases, p

Perhaps the best way to capture th 9/11 era is to consider a few case

FFF July 30, 2004

[544] **War:** [Why the US granted ' terrorists](#)

The US State Department official Marxist Iranian rebels - who once supported by Saddam Hussein - "t

But the same group, under Americ just accorded a new status by the under the Geneva Convention.

This strange twist, analysts say, u

CS Monitor July 29, 2004

[546] **Global Relations:** [Iraq Wa](#)
While the image of the United Sta

Most of the money is for two controversial deals that originally had been financed with money approved by the U.S. Congress, but late *Washington Post* August 4, 2004

[537] **Honesty:** [Deficit deception](#)

PRESIDENT BUSH is using White House budget projections to disguise the reality of dismal fiscal news. This year's deficit will be the largest ever, and his tax cuts are responsible for much of the red ink.

In releasing the figures last week, the Office of Management and Budget said the \$445 billion deficit expected for this year is \$100 billion less than the projection in February. But many *Boston Globe* August 3, 2004

[539] **Health:** [Blocking Medical Product Suits](#)

It is disheartening that the Bush administration has been intervening in court to block lawsuits filed by people seeking compensation from manufacturers for harm allegedly caused by drugs or medical devices. As described by Robert Pear in last Sunday's Times, the administration has argued in several cases that individual consumers have no right to sue for such injuries if the products have been ap *New York Times* August 1, 2004

[541] **Liberty:** [Why This Really Is "the Most Important Election of Our Lifetime"](#)

Veterans For Peace just concluded its 2004 National Convention, held in Boston at the same time as the Democratic Party's Convention. Attendees heard Daniel Ellsberg and Howard Zinn both warn of an escalating danger of fascist-like repression if we have another four years under the current administration.

I would like to commend to you Senator Robert Byrd's new book, *Losing America*. Byrd, y *Baltimore Chronicle* August 1, 2004

[543] **Health:** [Follow the money to fight AIDS in Africa](#)

By all appearances, the Bush administration is finally providing real money to fight AIDS in Africa. Sure, the \$15 billion "PEPFAR" program (President's Emergency Program For AIDS Relief) is under attack for buying expensive brand name drugs rather than cheap and equivalent generic drugs.

Moreover, President Bush is criticized for demanding that PEPFAR AIDS programs focus on abstinence and faithfulness in a context where such a focus might be ineffective. Nevertheless, the administration is credited by most critics as having provided an enormous amount of resources to fight AIDS, said to be more than double the sum of all other donor support worldwide in 2004. *Seattle PI* July 30, 2004

the Arab world, the Iraq war has a U.S. ties to another predominantly Washington's closest and most str Turkey, say experts just returned

Ties between Turkey and Israel ? themselves

Anti-War July 28, 2004

[548] **War:** [Those 16 Words Still](#)

We are now told that the controve January 28, 2003 State of the Union about alleged Iraqi efforts to proc Africa was "truthful" (William Sa Butler Committee report). Alas, it

An examination of the entire SOTI words illustrates a f

Counterpunch July 25, 2004

[550] **Government:** [In a Shift, Bu](#)

WASHINGTON, July 24 -- The F to court to block lawsuits by cons injured by prescription drugs and

The administration contends that c for such injuries if the products ha Drug Administration. In court pap acknowledges that th

July 25, 2004

[552] **Liberty:** [Abu Ghraib, Whit](#)

A week ago, John Warner, chairm Committee, said he was satisfied t Rumsfeld was keeping his promis investigate the atrocities of Abu C report by the Army's inspector ge team may be turning over stones,

The aut

New York Times July 24, 2004

[554] **Race and Class:** [The hidde](#)

SOCIAL CLASS is one of the mc politics. Like any explosive, it can landscape -- or blow up in the use

There are far more ordinary wage investors and corporate moguls, b better at using class solidarity to i

[545] **Health:** [Medical intervention / The drug-card fiasco shows the need for reform](#)

After a flurry of publicity on the inauguration of new drug cards that were supposed to bring down prices for Americans who lack coverage for medication prescribed by their doctors, the truth is emerging even for supporters such as AARP: The Bush drug plan, in its initial stages at least, is a scam.

Post-Gazette July 28, 2004

[547] **War:** [Bush's 9/11 Farce](#)

BOSTON -- Back before Jonas Salk developed his polio vaccine in 1952, summer could be a bad time for America's children. The fear of polio often kept them indoors, away from the beach or out of the pool. So it came as something of a surprise when the government somehow ran out of the vaccine and the secretary of health, education and welfare, Oveta Culp Hobby, uttered one of the great dumb remarks of American history: "No one could have foreseen the public demand for the vaccine."

Washington Post July 27, 2004

[549] **Liberty:** [A Secret Deportation Of Terror Suspects](#)

STOCKHOLM -- The airport police officer was about to close his small precinct station for the night, when two men wearing suits walked in. The visitors said the special Swedish security police had just arrested two suspected terrorists -- very dangerous men -- and needed a place to hold them until a plane could take them away.

The airport policeman recounted in an interview that he agreed

Washington Post July 25, 2004

[551] **Global Relations:** [Arabs: It's the Policy, Stupid](#)

If U.S. President George W. Bush thinks his "war on terror" is winning Arab hearts and minds, he should think about conducting it much differently than he has over the past two years...

Beginning with changing his policies.

That is the unavoidable conclusion of the latest two in a series of major surveys of public opinion in five Arab countries ? all U.S. allies in the "war on terror"

Anti-War July 25, 2004

[553] **Iraq:** [Accounting and Accountability](#)

Accountability is important. The nation will be ill served if officials who didn't do all they could to prevent a terrorist attack, or led the nation into an unnecessary war, manage to shift the blame to someone else.

But those weren't the only big mistakes of the last few years. Will anyone be held accountable for the mishandling of postwar Iraq?

Last month we learned that the United States, while it has spent vast

Americans like to view their country as a land of opportunity. Most consider themselves as individuals, not as members of a class. They think in terms of class and act on class interests.

Boston Globe July 21, 2004

[556] **War:** [Regime change in Iraq](#)

PRESIDENT George Bush has promised that in November he will make regime change

Bush named Iran as part of the Axis of Evil and Iraq almost three years ago. A condition of anonymity, said that he was not overt in changing Iran, but rather to prevent revolts in the country and hope to establish religious leadership.

Sunday Herald July 20, 2004

[558] **Attitude:** [Not-so-Curious Case](#)

President Bush claimed in an interview that he had read newspapers. His wife, Laura, said she was president was fudging and that, in an interview with the press.

In matters involving the Bush family, Laura's word. And we were inclined to believe the latest pronouncement about the behavior of the Bushes America's way as a result of occupation. *Capital Times* July 19, 2004

[560] **Iraq:** [U.S. Won't Turn Over](#)

UNITED NATIONS, July 15 -- The U.S. is withholding information from U.N. inspectors. More than \$1 billion in contracts and other companies in Iraq without a contract. An international auditing board said that the U.S. is withholding information.

Jean-Pierre Halbwachs, the U.N. Secretary-General's

Advisory and Monitoring Board

Washington Post July 16, 2004

[562] **Race and Class:** [Bush's No](#)

Just as George W. Bush is on track to become the first African American president since Hoover to fail to complete his entire term in office.

Mr. Bush and the leadership of the American Civil Liberties Union rights organization get along about as well as the McCoyes. The president was invited to Philadelphia this week, but he decided not to go. *New York Times* July 16, 2004

sums on the war in Iraq, has so far provided almost no aid. Of \$18.4 billion in reconstruction funds approved by Congress, only \$400 million has been disbursed.

New York Times July 23, 2004

[555] **War:** [Exactly How Has Bush's War Made Us Safer?](#)

President Bush claims that his war on Iraq has made Americans safer. His primary rationale is that by removing from power a foreign dictator who was supposedly bent on acquiring weapons of mass destruction, Americans are safer as a result. Unfortunately for the American people, however, Bush's reasoning is both false and fallacious.

FFF July 20, 2004

[557] **War:** [If Bush Has Plans For Another Preemptive War, He Should Forget It](#)

WASHINGTON -- If President Bush has any grand plan for another preemptive war, he had better forget it.

Bush has crash landed on the fallacy of the invasion of Iraq. It will take time for the self-described "war president" to make a recovery.

It brings to mind an old saying: "Some day they will give a war and nobody will come."

WLKY July 19, 2004

[559] **Women's Rights:** [Betraying Iraqi Women](#)

Despite the Bush administration's assurances to the contrary, conditions for women have worsened substantially as a result of the U.S. invasion of Iraq and its continuing aftermath. The contrast between the rhetoric and the reality is stunning. One year ago, in July 2003, Undersecretary of State Paula J. Dobriansky wrote, "Indeed, the commitment of the United States to the human rights of Iraq's w

Tom Paine July 18, 2004

[561] **Government:** [Failure Is Not an Option, It's Mandatory](#)

WASHINGTON

For three days this week the nation was transfixed by the spectacle of the United States Senate, in all its august majesty, doing precisely the opposite of statesmanlike deliberation. Instead, it was debating the Federal Marriage Amendment, which would not only have discriminated against a large group of citizens, but also was doomed to defeat from the get-go. Everyone knew this harebrained notion would never draw the two-thirds majority required for a constitutional amendment, and yet here were all these conservatives lining up to speak for it, wasting day after day with their meandering remarks about culture while more important business went unattended. What explains this folly?

New York Times July 16, 2004

[564] **War:** [Duped by the neo-co](#)

AMONG the various rationales th for invading Iraq 16 months ago, t American people was always the Hussein and al-Qa'ida. The Septe angry, frightened, and ready for ju

If Saddam was in league with the carried out the 9/11 at

The Australian July 15, 2004

[566] **Liberty:** [The CIA's Prisone](#)

FOR DECADES the United State whose enemies "disappear" -- van accounting for their whereabouts o families and sometimes, no ackno held. Now that same term is being Bush administration in the war on *Washington Post* July 15, 2004

[568] **Environment:** [A Wetland I](#)

ROCKPORT, Me. -- Now that Pr where should he be focusing his e re-elected, the choice is an easy o chadless ballots. It just so happen state is mired in an environmental four years ago of the federal Ever *New York Times* July 15, 2004

[570] **Democracy:** [Time's up in b](#)

Politics in Washington works in s the Senate Intelligence Committee investigation of the US invasion c dealt with the reasons for intellige governing that decision. That cong damned the Central Intelligence A invasion was carried out on false *Asia Times* July 15, 2004

[572] **Government:** [Advocates of Reconstruction](#)

WASHINGTON -- In the months led invasion of Iraq, they marche who advocated war.

As lobbyists, public relations cou senior federal officials, they warn destruction, praised exiled leader toppling Saddam Hussein was a n moral duty.

LA Times July 14, 2004

[563] **War:** [U.S. intelligence on Iraq: Cheney just won't let it go](#)
(KRT) - Late last week, yet another august body - this time the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence - issued yet another massive report again confirming that the U.S. intelligence establishment got just about everything wrong when it came to Saddam Hussein's nonexistent biological, chemical and nuclear weapons.

But buried deep in the Senate report - little noticed and even less remarked upon - is something important that the committee credits the intelligence community for getting right. And it puts the torch to whatever flimsy tissue of credibility the Bush administration had left: *News-Sentinal* July 15, 2004

[565] **War:** [The Latest Bush Doctrine](#)
Britain's report on the prewar intelligence assessment of the Iraqi threat is in and it reached basically the same conclusions as the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence: the intelligence was seriously flawed and Iraq had no usable weapons of mass destruction.

Prime Minister Tony Blair immediately accepted ?personal responsibility.?

President Bush has taken not one ounce of per
CBS July 15, 2004

[567] **War:** [Perception Gap in Iraq](#)
Iraq's newly empowered politicians have not stemmed the violence and instability in their country. But nearly three weeks of partial sovereignty may have helped the Bush administration's drive to reduce its political vulnerability on Iraq at home.

Reducing that vulnerability is now the White House's most urgent goal. What happened at the June 28 handover ceremony in Baghdad was not so much a transfer of sovereignty as it was a transfer of political responsibility -- from President Bush to a willing Prime Minister Ayad Allawi.
Washington Post July 15, 2004

[569] **Attitude:** [The 'don't blame me' president](#)
THE IDEA that an administration would conveniently direct the finger of blame at one of its agencies with respect to matters so important as war and peace is manifestly immoral.

When Harry Truman was faced with miscalculations regarding the Korean conflict, his attitude was: "The buck stops here." And when John Kennedy was faced with the Bay of Pigs fiasco, he took full and unqualified blame. These men lived with the aftermath of their mistakes and blamed them on no one else.
Boston Globe July 15, 2004

[571] **Economy:** [Red ink more severe in first three quarters, figures](#)

[574] **Democracy:** [Don't even thi](#)
OFFICIALS OF the Bush adminis what power they have -- or should elections in November in the ever disrupting the democratic process

The Bush people should drop the could curb the rights of American enemies.
SF Chronicle July 13, 2004

[576] **Global Relations:** [US scho](#)
London - American President Geo policy is damaging his country's s threatening the safety of American level United States scholars said c

About 200 American students - 30 Rhodes scholarship previously hel Clinton - wrote an open letter
IOL July 13, 2004

[578] **Honesty:** [Bush: Safely in D](#)
Back in the good ol' days of the C East Germany and was instantly b Washington. He wanted to know l Berlin was bleak and dismal wher was really that way. For years, I'v man. Now I think he's the preside

W
Washington Post July 13, 2004

[580] **Health:** [Experts in Sex Fiel Health and Research](#)
For years, Advocates for Youth, a devoted to adolescent sexual healt grants without much trouble. The federal reviews.

James Wagoner, the president of , reviews were prompted by concer Congress that his group was using programs that promoted sexual ab that was not the case, Mr. Wagon made their point.
New York Times July 12, 2004

[582] **Economy:** [Help wanted](#)
THE CHANCES are minuscule th Workforce Investment Act before

[show](#)

The government's deficit ballooned to \$326.6 billion in the first nine months of the 2004 budget year, according to a snapshot of U.S. balance sheets released Tuesday.

That's more than 20 percent larger than the \$269.7 billion shortfall for the corresponding period last year. For the current budget year which began Oct. 1, this spending has totaled \$1.73 trillion, 6.4 percent more than the
SF Chronicle July 15, 2004

[573] **Government:** [Onward G.O.P. Soldiers](#)

The Bush-Cheney campaign is buttonholing Christian churches nationwide to serve as virtual party precincts in the Republican drive to turn out voters in November. The campaign has sent congregation volunteers marching orders -- a schedule of 22 "duties," beginning with the submission of local church membership directories to party headquarters, the better to compare them with voter registration lists.
New York Times July 14, 2004

[575] **Honesty:** [George Bush's Crumbling Credibility](#)

The Bush administration's eroded credibility on matters relating to terrorism, intelligence, and national security was further diminished this past week by the US Senate Intelligence Committee's report on the "US Intelligence Community's Prewar Intelligence Assessments on Iraq."

The Senate report provided disturbing additional confirmation of the 9/11 Commission's conclusions last month about the dangers resulting from the distortions and deceptions of "cherry picked" intelligence. The *New York Times* reported that the 9/11 Commission is nearing a final report that will stand unanimously by the staff conclusions dismissing the White House theories of an al Qaeda-Iraq working relationship and any possible Iraqi involvement in 9/11.
Washington Dispatch July 13, 2004

[577] **Government:** [US in talks over biggest missile defence site in Europe](#)

The US administration is negotiating with Poland and the Czech Republic over its controversial missile defence programme, with a view to positioning the biggest missile defence site outside the US in central Europe.

Polish government officials confirmed to the *Guardian* that talks have been going on with Washington for eight months and made clear that Poland was keen to take part in the project.
Guardian July 13, 2004

[579] **War:** [The Erosion of the Rationales](#)

With a bipartisan Senate committee report exposing colossal blunders by the intelligence community in the run-up to the U.S.

leaving job training in political limbo.

Partisan jousting in the House and Senate has undermined the hopes of 8.2 million Americans who need education and training to compete in a global economy.
NULLBoston Globe July 12, 2004

[584] **Liberty:** [Pentagon vs. prisoners](#)

JUST A WEEK after the Supreme Court ruled against the administration by declaring that "it is the duty of the president" to deny rights to habeas corpus, the Department has cobbled together a new set of rules for detainees at Guantanamo. The Pentagon insists they meet basic due process standards.
Boston Globe July 9, 2004

[586] **Liberty:** [Journalists hit by new rules](#)

A crackdown by US authorities on press access to Guantanamo threatens to cause chaos for overseas reporters just five months before the presidential inauguration.

The new rules, which come into force on July 12, require reporters and news crews to obtain visas without leaving the country.
Guardian July 8, 2004

[588] **Government:** [Free Pass From Oversight](#)

In the past four years there has been a steady erosion of oversight approach to oversight.

During the Clinton administration, the CIA spent billions of dollars probing alleged White House cover-ups. The accusation too minor to explore, but the investigation too intrusive to make.

Republicans investigated whether the CIA had buried the plot.
Washington Post July 6, 2004

[590] **War:** [Ill-Serving Those Who Wait](#)

The Pentagon's decision to press for the return of troops back into service, mainly in Iraq and Afghanistan, is an example of President Bush's refusal to end the empty war. As with other stopgap measures, the planning of the invasion and occupation was done more from those who have already been in the field.
NY Times July 6, 2004

[592] **War:** [NOW with Bill Moyers](#)

BRANCACCIO: Welcome to NOVA. This is a special report about our troops wounded in Iraq. We'll visit an army base and then a military hospital.

invasion of Iraq, the political debate over whether the United States went to war on false pretenses took another turn for the worse for the Bush White House.

The White House spin on the report was to stress its conclusion that the CIA came to its unfounded claims about Iraqi weaponry without any obvious White House coercion.

Washington Post July 12, 2004

[581] **Iraq:** [The Real Enemy Staring Us in the Face](#)

Justin Hunt, a young man from Wildomar, Calif., about 75 miles east of Los Angeles, was determined to join the Marines. When recruiters pointed out that he was grossly overweight, he spent a year losing more than 150 pounds. Then he signed up and was promptly sent to Iraq, where he was killed last Tuesday in an explosion. He was 22.

Three American soldiers, not yet publicly identified, were killed yesterday in two separate attacks on military patrols north of Baghdad. On Saturday four marines were killed in a vehicle accident near Falluja. And five more American soldiers were killed Thursday in a mortar attack on a base in the Sunni-dominated city of Samarra.

New York Times July 12, 2004

[583] **Global Relations:** [Lost Chances in Iran](#)

Whoever wins this November's presidential election, the United States faces an urgent question that the Bush administration has not resolved: What is America's strategy for coping with the rising power of Iran?

Washington and Tehran have had extensive secret contacts since Sept. 11 -- premised on their shared goal of destroying al Qaeda and the Taliban in Afghanistan and Saddam Hussein in I

Washington Post July 9, 2004

[585] **War:** [PAKISTAN FOR BUSH. July Surprise?](#)

Late last month, President Bush lost his greatest advantage in his bid for reelection. A poll conducted by ABC News and The Washington Post discovered that challenger John Kerry was running even with the president on the critical question of whom voters trust to handle the war on terrorism. Largely as a result of the deteriorating occupation of Iraq, Bush lost what was, in April, a seemingly prohi

The New Republic July 8, 2004

[587] **War:** [Cold War ideology doesn't work](#)

Why was the U.S. occupation of Iraq such a disaster? Supporters of the invasion insist that all would have been well had it not been for poor planning and penny-pinching. But the real causes are more deep-seated. The Americans have failed because they are in thrall to a militant cold warrior ideology.

And as long as it retains its influence in the White House, the United States will stumble

trying to boost morale.

But a NOW investigation has fou public the whole story about how a daily basis.

PBS July 5, 2004

[594] **Global Relations:** [Fortress](#)

Fortress Bush, determined to cont Cheney/Rumsfeld-dominated poli theology (which now impels every the despair of State Department p on America's international credibi exercise long-term influence in w

Counterpunch July 4, 2004

[596] **Iraq:** [Iraq: A Failure Witho](#)

How are the wars in Iraq and Afg way to answer that question is to Arabia. Until about a year ago, Sa countries on earth. Crime was rare Americans, was secure almost any where the most important distinct between centers of order and cent center of order.

Anti-war July 3, 2004

[598] **War:** [CIA Felt Pressure to](#)

WASHINGTON -- In the wake o were ordered repeatedly to redo it that Al Qaeda had no operational CIA counter-terrorism official wh critical of the decision to go to wa

Agency analysts never altered the to

Common Dreams July 2, 2004

[600] **War:** [Decision Not to Expl Prior to 9/11 Tarnishes Hearings](#)

At the twelfth and final public ses hearings this week in the NTSB b disappointment was palpable amo deceased. A less-than distinguishe took turns praising the ingenuity and offered little hope that future stopping terror

Counterpunch July 2, 2004

[602] **Government:** [The dangers](#)

In an interview with Time magazi US Secretary of Defense Donald

Seattle PI July 7, 2004

[589] **Economy:** [Bye-Bye, Bush Boom](#)

When does optimism -- the Bush campaign's favorite word these days -- become an inability to face facts? On Friday, President Bush insisted that a seriously disappointing jobs report, which fell far short of the pre-announcement hype, was good news: "We're witnessing steady growth, steady growth. And that's important. We don't need boom-or-bust-type growth."

But Mr. Bush has already preside
NY Times July 6, 2004

[591] **Global Relations:** [Bush aims weapons of malnutrition at Cuba](#)

WASHINGTON -- The values of faith and family mean a lot to Ana Karim, a Cuban-American from Richmond, Va. and a Mennonite pastor. She has two very ill uncles living in Cuba. For the past decade, she has used a US license granted to Cuban-Americans to travel to Cuba and care for these elderly and infirm relatives.

On her last visit to Havana, she bought a gift of soap for them at a dollar store; a necessity they can no longer afford because of rising prices. She carried a suitcase with her, jammed with medicines for her uncles that are costly and scarce in Cuba.

CS Monitor July 5, 2004

[593] **Women's Rights:** [Expendable Women](#)

One of the uglier aspects of the Bush administration's assault on women's reproductive rights is its concerted undermining of the United Nations Population Fund based on the false accusation that it supports coerced abortions in China.

The fund supports programs in some 141 countries to advance poor women's reproductive health, reduce infant mortality, end the sexual trafficking of women and

NY Times July 5, 2004

[595] **Environment:** [Endangered Species Act's Protections Trimmed Back](#)

The Bush administration has succeeded in reshaping the Endangered Species Act in ways that have sharply limited the impact of the 30-year-old law aimed at protecting the nation's most vulnerable plants and animals, according to environmentalists and some independent analysts.

The Bush initiatives, which have ranged from recalculating the economic costs of protecting critical habitats to lim
Washington Post July 3, 2004

[597] **Government:** [Baptists Angry at Bush Campaign Tactics](#)

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) -- The Southern Baptist Convention, a conservative denomination closely aligned with President Bush, said

conversation he had with President days of his administration. "A lot conclude that the United States war averse," Rumsfeld told Time. "That whenever it occur

Asia Times July 2, 2004

[604] **War:** [Iraq is worse off than reports](#)

WASHINGTON - In a few key areas and overall security - the Iraq that residents Monday is worse off than according to calculations in a new released Tuesday.

Real Cities July 1, 2004

[606] **War:** [The Costs of Bush's](#)

The Bush Administration, in a stark anticipated insurgent attacks, yet Iraq's interim government two days do so on June 30th.

The premature hand-off--or what scam--means that the Bush Team' into high gear in the coming week Bremer had formally relinquished government, he added an Orwellian his national security advisor Cond said: "Let Freedom Reign!"

The Nation June 30, 2004

[608] **War:** [Who Lost Iraq?](#)

The formal occupation of Iraq car with a furtive ceremony, held two attacks, and a swift airborne exit if reality, the occupation will continue until a hostile Iraqi populace dem worth asking why things went so
New York Times June 29, 2004

[610] **War:** [The Neo-cons' Manu](#)

Stefan Halper, director of the Don Cambridge University, was a White Ford administrations and a deputy President Reagan. Jonathan Clark scholar and a former counselor in This article was extracted with the
Cato June 28, 2004

[612] **Global Relations:** [Iraq Occ](#)

The occupation of Iraq has increased cases discredited, the core tenets of

it was offended by the Bush-Cheney campaign's effort to use church rosters for campaign purposes.

"I'm appalled that the Bush-Cheney campaign would intrude on a local congregation in this way," said Richard Land, president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethical Concerns Committee.
AP July 3, 2004

[599] **War:** [Studies Reveal Holes in Port Security Safety Plans](#)
WASHINGTON - July 2 - As the deadline for U.S. ships and ports to be in compliance with international security standards arrives this week, a GAO report finds that the Bush administration is not only ill-prepared for this week's deadline, but is also ignoring Coast Guard estimates on the cost of port security. By allocating a fraction of what will be needed to protect America's port towards proper maintenance, the administration is ignoring the need for proper Guard estimates on the cost of port security. By allocating a fraction of what will be needed to protect America's port towards proper maintenance, the administration is ignoring the need for proper Guard estimates on the cost of port security.
Common Dreams July 2, 2004

[601] **Social Programs:** [Drug plan overlooks middle class](#)
I really regret that my husband and I were not in the hand-picked audience last month in Liberty to hear President Bush tout his new Medicare prescription discount card program.

As he spoke, I spent two hours on my computer at the suggested www.medicare.gov site comparing cards offered by at least 40 companies.
Kansas City Star July 2, 2004

[603] **War:** [Iraq won't be paying for itself](#)
U.S. officials announced with much fanfare in January that a new and improved Baghdad stock exchange would be up and running by the end of the month, signaling a turning point in Iraq's economic revitalization.

As of Tuesday, a day after those same officials handed sovereignty back to the Iraqis in a small, secret ceremony, the Baghdad bourse was still closed for business, a fitting symbol
SF Chronicle July 1, 2004

[605] **Government:** [Churchgoers Get Direction From Bush Campaign](#)
The Bush-Cheney reelection campaign has sent a detailed plan of action to religious volunteers across the country asking them to turn over church directories to the campaign, distribute issue guides in their churches and persuade their pastors to hold voter registration drives.

Campaign officials said the instructions are part of an accelerating effort to mobilize President Bush's base of religious voters.
Washington Post July 1, 2004

[607] **Torture:** [Making Torture Legal](#)
Reading through the memoranda written by Bush administration

according to a wide range of Republican and U.S. officials.

When the war began 15 months ago, it rested on four broad principles: The administration acted preemptively to prevent strikes on Iraq.
Washington Post June 28, 2004

[614] **War:** [Quick school fixes won't fix Iraq](#)
BAGHDAD -- The US government is spending \$70 million to fix Iraqi schools in a \$70 million effort to win goodwill from Iraqis.
Washington Post June 28, 2004

But many Iraqis, like Mustafa Ibrahim Jubari is the deputy principal of a school in Baghdad.
CS Monitor June 28, 2004

[616] **War:** [Memo lists acceptable interrogation methods](#)
WASHINGTON -- The Justice Department has approved interrogation methods that the CIA has used for years, according to a still-classified August 2003 memo. The spy agency pressed terrorism suspects during the Sept. 11 attacks.
Washington Post June 28, 2004

CIA officials had demanded special access to the Sept. 11 attacks.
USA Today June 27, 2004

[618] **Global Relations:** [Election in Iraq](#)
It is outrageous that the people of Iraq are told they can see their relatives live every three years. Not only that, they are told they can receive from over \$100 million with their exposure to visitors on the ground.

What's most outrageous, however, is that the CIA has been told to do so.
New York Times June 27, 2004

[620] **Global Relations:** [Dithering in Sudan](#)
ALONG THE SUDAN-CHAD border, the genocide in Darfur is finally, finally being addressed. At this rate, with continued inaction, we will not achieve the gravitas of the Laci P...
Washington Post June 26, 2004

Hats off to Colin Powell and Kofi Annan for the next few days to Darfur. But the world must act now.
New York Times June 26, 2004

[622] **Health:** [AIDS won't wait](#)
ENDING the AIDS scourge will take more than a few years.

lawyers on how prisoners of the "war on terror" can be treated is a strange experience. The memos read like the advice of a mob lawyer to a mafia don on how to skirt the law and stay out of prison. Avoiding prosecution is literally a theme of the memoranda. Americans who put physical pressure on captives can escape punishment if they can
NY Books June 29, 2004

[609] **Liberty:** [The Court v. Bush](#)

WASHINGTON -- A state of war is not a blank check for the president when it comes to the rights of the nation's citizens." With those words, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor confronted the claim of President Bush that the "war on terror" entitles him to act without any meaningful check by the courts. She and seven of her colleagues on the Supreme Court firmly rejected his presumption of omnipotence.
New York Times June 29, 2004

[611] **Liberty:** [In 3 Rulings, Supreme Court Affirms Detainees' Right to Use Courts](#)

WASHINGTON, June 28 -- The Supreme Court ruled today that people being held by the United States as enemy combatants can challenge their detention in American courts? the court's most important statement in decades on the balance between personal liberties and national security.

The justices declared their findings in three rulings, two of them involving American citizens and the other add
New York Times June 28, 2004

[613] **Social Programs:** [Feds must restore housing funding](#)

WITH MANY Americans still waiting for a recovering economy to produce jobs, this is an inopportune time to suddenly slash federal support for low-income housing. But the Bush administration seems bent on doing just that by launching an assault on Section 8, the nation's premier housing assistance program.
SF Chronicle June 28, 2004

[615] **War:** [Poor performance on Guantánamo](#)

Great that the attorney general has spoken up against the proposed sham trial system in Guantánamo Bay, and that Tony Blair is said to be campaigning for the release of the remaining British nationals (Report, June 26). But what about the British residents still languishing there?

Bisher al-Rawi, for example, was educated in this country, and lived here for over 20 years. His family fled he
Guardian June 28, 2004

[617] **War:** ['Failure to account' for Iraq cash](#)

Iraqi money cannot be accounted for by occupying forces responsible for the funds, according to two new reports. Discrepancies are

billions of dollars. But how common are these realities since he announced a five percent budget last year?

The record so far shows a religious and political pressure. But worldwide, the epidemic needs be
SF Chronicle June 26, 2004

[624] **Government:** [A Loss for C](#)

The case involving Dick Cheney's Supreme Court ruled on yesterday notably over Justice Antonin Scalia hearing it. But the legal issues, the involving the power of a federal judge to disclose the information necessary
New York Times June 25, 2004

[626] **Social Programs:** [Bush's cc](#)

WITH A Washington Post/ABC News rating for Iraq and the economy back to a straight month, President Bush retaken softened up voters in the 2000 election

In a speech this week at a Cincinnati event that specializes in prisoner re-entry and he talked anew about armies of
Boston Globe June 25, 2004

[628] **Government:** [The White H](#)

It was certainly good to finally see President Bush did not order the release of the presidential memo of Federal detainees humanely and refers to them as prisoners. Unfortunately, beyond that there's nothing in the documents, which only confirm that a culture of permissiveness regarding detainees ultimately led to the Abu Ghraib case
New York Times June 24, 2004

[630] **Global Relations:** [When Ir](#)

DUBLIN -- The Irish hold the rotating presidency of the European Union and President Bush is scheduled to visit Ireland this week to take part in a summit. On Friday, he'll fly into Shannon, an airport that was a military during the Iraq venture here. Substantial protests are planned, but
New York Times June 23, 2004

[632] **War:** [Afghan detainees routed by US troops](#)

highlighted in the handling of \$20bn (?11bn) generated from Iraq's oil and other sources since war ended last year.

BBC June 27, 2004

[619] **War:** [Bush questions patriotism of war critics](#)

The Bush administration is dismissing critics of its war designs, calling them political opportunists and questioning their patriotism.

Mother Jones June 26, 2004

[621] **Government:** [Buyouts and Sellouts](#)

A FEW WEEKS AGO a multibillion-dollar buyout for U.S. tobacco farmers was a critical piece of a delicate legislative package that included giving the Food and Drug Administration reasonable regulatory authority over tobacco products and did not cost the public a dime. House Republicans have managed to transform this worthy public policy into an expensive corporate handout, paid for out of the publ

Washington Post June 26, 2004

[623] **Environment:** [Judge Orders Explanation of Nature Policy](#)

RENO, Nev. (AP) -- A federal judge has ordered the Bush administration to explain what prevents it from listing rare species in four Western states as endangered or threatened. The ruling by Judge Ann Aiken in Portland, Ore., was hailed Friday by environmental groups as a victory in efforts to protect the Tahoe yellow cress plant, the southern Idaho ground squirrel and the sand dune lizard.

AP June 26, 2004

[625] **Government:** [Stem-cell research: Why Bush is wrong](#)

President Bush's overly cautious policy on stem-cell research shackles scientists and limits hope for many Americans. The United States has always been a leader in pushing the outer limits of scientific research. Science should trump ideology; Bush lets it be the other way around.

Seattle Times June 25, 2004

[627] **Government:** [Welcome to the Machine](#)

When presidents pick someone to fill a job in the government, it's typically a very public affair. The White House circulates press releases and background materials. Congress holds a hearing, where some members will pepper the nominee with questions and others will shower him or her with praise. If the person in question is controversial or up for an important position, they'll rate a profile or

Washington Monthly June 24, 2004

[629] **Economy:** [Bush's Tax Cuts Hurt Schools, Spur Local Tax Hikes](#)

June 23 (Bloomberg) -- Al Strazzullo, a retired regional manager for the U.S. General Accounting Office, got the good news first.

President George W. Bush's \$330 billion cut in personal income taxes put an extra \$177 in his 2003 government pension.

Detainees held in Afghanistan by routinely tortured and humiliated in the same way as those in Iraq, : Five detainees have died in custoc circumstances, and survivors have hoodings and sleep deprivation.

Guardian June 23, 2004

[634] **Honesty:** [Cheney-speak](#)

ONE DAY after the Sept. 11 Cor collaborative relationship" between President Cheney reasserted on C] relationship. It's been testified to. CNBC's Gloria Borger asked Che that the commission does not kno There are reams of material here. me to read all the pieces of it."

Boston Globe June 23, 2004

[636] **War:** ['No top terrorists at G](#)

Senior American intelligence and contradicted the Bush administrat detainee at Guantanamo Bay was

The administration has consistent Guantanamo - a legal black hole t States naval base on Cuban soil - worst o

Telegraph June 22, 2004

[638] **Women's Rights:** [Where at](#)

NOW THAT the Iraqi Governing transitional government taking its for its multiethnic, multiconfessio outsiders and Iraqi politicians are government along religious and et single largest group of Iraqi citize w

Boston Globe June 22, 2004

[640] **War:** [Emergency Law for I](#)

CAIRO, 22 June 2004 -- Iraq's int has appointed a ministerial panel subjected to curfews and bans on June 30 handover. If Iraqis wake instead of the promised and much democracy", the move will surely policies in the region l

Arab News June 21, 2004

[642] **War:** [Bush went to war in \] people](#)

In March, Strazzullo, 76, got the bad news. The gain was wiped out by a \$538 increase in property taxes on his three-bedroom, brick-veneer house.

Bloomberg June 23, 2004

[631] **War:** [Bush, Torture and American Values in Iraq](#)

During his invasion of Iraq, George W. Bush warned Iraqis about their treatment of American prisoners of war on 23 March 2003: "I expect them to be treated, the POWs, I expect to be treated humanely, just like we're treating the prisoners that we have captured humanely. If not, the people who mistreat the prisoners will be treated as war criminals."

Counterbias June 23, 2004

[633] **War:** [Losing battle? / Staying the course with NATO in Afghanistan](#)

It is a grim truth that, unless matters in Afghanistan turn around rapidly, it will become within the next few months an embarrassing defeat for the United States and for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Post-Gazette June 23, 2004

[635] **Global Relations:** [Bush's Pyongyang policy 'futile'](#)

The architect of the Clinton administration's policy towards North Korea has told the BBC the current US approach to Pyongyang is going nowhere.

Ambassador Robert Gallucci stressed the growing danger that North Korea might sell nuclear materials or even a bomb to a terrorist group.

Ambassador Gallucci also urged a fundamental rethink of US policy. *BBC* June 22, 2004

[637] **Government:** [Noonday in the Shade](#)

In April 2003, John Ashcroft's Justice Department disrupted what appears to have been a horrifying terrorist plot. In the small town of Noonday, Tex., F.B.I. agents discovered a weapons cache containing fully automatic machine guns, remote-controlled explosive devices disguised as briefcases, 60 pipe bombs and a chemical weapon -- a cyanide bomb -- big enough to kill everyone in a 30,000-square-foot building.

New York Times June 22, 2004

[639] **War:** [Amnesty slams Gulf rights record](#)

The US-led "War on Terror" has had a "profound and far-reaching impact" on human rights in the Gulf region, says an Amnesty International report. The organisation says Gulf states, along with the US, show a "disturbing disregard for the rule of law and fundamental human rights standards". It says a region whose rights record had been improving was now using the war as a cover for repression.

BBC June 22, 2004

According to a CBS News poll he is not willing to wait for that approval: "I don't want to wait until the U.N. has acted before we take military action against Iraq, even if it takes a few weeks in which the administration is in charge." *CBS News* June 21, 2004

[644] **Liberty:** [F.B.I. Scrutinizes](#)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 — The FBI has collected extensive information on the organization of antiwar demonstrations and has ordered enforcement officials to report any information to its counterterrorism squads, according to a confidential bureau memorandum. *NY Times* June 21, 2004

[646] **War:** [Torture Policy \(cont'd\)](#)

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE DOUG MUMS Dismissed on Thursday about editorial questions about the United States government has authorized, permitted, tolerated or condoned questions among U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan to ask about and could

Washington Post June 21, 2004

[648] **War:** [U.S. Said to Overstate](#)

GUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba, June 21 — For years, American officials have maintained that the steel-mesh cells of the military prison are the most dangerous terrorists -- "the worst of the worst." President Dick Cheney has called

The officials say information gleaned from the terrorist cells, thwarted planned attacks and intelligence about Al Qaeda. They say they pose justify holding them indefinitely. Administration officials have said. *New York Times* June 21, 2004

[650] **War:** [Iraq: The Greatest Evil](#)

BAGHDAD, 20 June 2004 ? An Iraqi man because he was close to the American Embassy Zone, the heavily protected area in Baghdad led Coalition Provisional Authority officials today he fell into conversation with a soldier of the gates. The soldier said he was speaking in Arabic. He added that security was tight since prostitutes were regular visitors. *Arab News* June 21, 2004

[652] **Honesty:** [Facts vs. fiction](#)

[641] **Global Relations:** [Report Faults U.S. Action on Nuclear Proliferation](#)

Within days of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, President Bush highlighted the menace posed by weapons of mass destruction, declaring: "We will not permit the world's most dangerous regimes and terrorists to threaten us with the world's most destructive weapons."

That promise led to designations, such as the "axis of evil" for Iraq, Iran and North Korea; to steps, such as the Proliferation Security Initiative, which allows the United States to search ships for weapons material; and to war with Iraq, based on the belief that Saddam Hussein's government was sitting on a stockpile of chemical and biological weapons and working toward an atomic bomb.
Washington Post June 21, 2004

[643] **War:** [White House 'distorted' Iraq threat](#)

Bush administration officials "systematically misrepresented" the threat from Iraq's weapons of mass destruction in the run-up to war, according to a new report to be published on Thursday by a respected Washington think-tank. These distortions, combined with intelligence failures, exaggerated the risks posed by a country that presented no immediate threat to the US, Middle East or global security
Financial Times June 21, 2004

[645] **Health:** [Malpractice Myths](#)

The power brokers obsessed with tort reform really have the jargon down. They travel the country with overheated stories about runaway juries and jackpot justice. The way they tell it, sinister lawyers and opportunistic plaintiffs are on the hunt, preying on virtuous corporations, hospitals and doctors in search of that big payout from the lawsuit lottery.

President Bush has been complainin
New York Times June 21, 2004

[647] **Health:** [Veggies with that? / Consumers get fried over batter dipping](#)

Only the absence of common sense would explain labeling batter-coated french fries a "fresh vegetable." But government and common sense are not always compatible. The U.S. Department of Agriculture now defines the popular fast food in that manner as part of a plan to benefit fruit and vegetable farmers. Given the way bureaucrats operate, don't be surprised if french fries wind up in the vegetable
Post-Gazette June 21, 2004

[649] **Women's Rights:** [U.S. Accused of Seeking to Isolate U.N. Population Unit](#)
WASHINGTON, June 20 - The Bush administration, which cut off

NOW THAT President Bush and themselves into a corner with stat that aren't credible, it's interesting

Bush has an entertaining habit of For example: "The reason I keep relationship between Iraq and Sad was a relationship between Iraq at *Boston Globe* June 21, 2004

[654] **War:** [Iraq Is a Hub for Terrorism](#)
BAGHDAD, Iraq -- A superpower nation. Guerrillas responded with grenades. A generation of warrior

New York Times June 21, 2004

[656] **Race and Class:** [Maybe We](#)
With all this talk about a draft, I t soldier, I'd throw my two cents w

Let me begin by saying that I'm a of reasons. Conscription makes fr property of the state. A draft also army, and having such an army ci politicians to use it.
Anti-War June 21, 2004

[658] **War:** [Clinton: I told Bush c subject](#)

BILL Clinton claims that he warn he took office that the biggest thre bin Laden and al-Qaeda, in a sens revealed for the first time yesterda
Scotsman June 21, 2004

[660] **War:** [War on what?](#)

The National Commission on Ter out for President George W. Bush Secretary of Defense Donald Run Pentagon, Secretary of State Colin department and the American pub relationship" between Iraq and al
Working for Change June 21, 200

[662] **War:** [Hiding the gulag](#)

AS THE PRISONER-abuse scanc s all too easy to forget that just la: three cases concerning the rights c at Guant?mo Bay, Cuba, and in U

its share of financing two years ago to the United Nations agency handling population control, is seeking to isolate the agency from groups that work with it in China and elsewhere, United Nations officials and diplomats say.

Pressed by opponents of abortion, the administration withdrew its support from a major international conference.
New York Times June 21, 2004

[651] **Honesty:** [The loss of credibility](#)

President Bush's credibility sank last week when the commission investigating the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks concluded there was no collaborative relationship between Iraq and al-Qaida.

Bush needs to take decisive action to repair his administration's credibility, and he should start by dismissing Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and replace him with a respected and trusted official.
FW Journal Gazette June 21, 2004

[653] **War:** [Mistakes Loom Large as Handover Nears](#)

BAGHDAD -- The American occupation of Iraq will formally end this month having failed to fulfill many of its goals and stated promises intended to transform the country into a stable democracy, according to a detailed examination drawing upon interviews with senior U.S. and Iraqi officials and internal documents of the occupation authority.
Washington Post June 21, 2004

[655] **Honesty:** [Bush Team Tries to Brazen It Out](#)

WASHINGTON -- "The reason I keep insisting that there was a relationship between Iraq and Saddam and al-Qaeda," U.S. President George W. Bush told reporters Thursday, is "because there was a relationship between Iraq and Al Qaeda."

This is what logicians call a tautology, or a "useless repetition," as the dictionary defines it, but it is also an indication of how the Bush administration is.
Anti-War June 21, 2004

[657] **War:** [Show Us the Proof](#)

When the commission studying the 9/11 terrorist attacks refuted the Bush administration's claims of a connection between Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden, we suggested that President Bush apologize for using these claims to help win Americans' support for the invasion of Iraq. We did not really expect that to happen. But we were surprised by the depth and ferocity of the administration's capacity.
New York Times June 21, 2004

[659] **Honesty:** [Blind to the Truth](#)

The Bush administration's reaction to the report of the bipartisan US commission investigating September 11, which has found no

coast. One issue at stake in these cases is whether President Bush specifically President Bush? shot.
Boston Phoenix June 21, 2004

[664] **Honesty:** [Cheney blames n](#)

WASHINGTON - Blaming what is blurring the distinction, Vice President Cheney's "overwhelming" evidence shows that the administration's Hussein and al-Qaida, the Bush administration's Saddam of helping with the Sept. 11 attacks, is unable to prove that there was a connection between the two.
the CNBC interview
MSNBC June 21, 2004

[666] **Liberty:** [Disappeared in Ira](#)

THE COARSENING of US policy is more than by the existence of "ghost detainees" and whereabouts are kept secret from the Red Cross. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld ordered the Army in Iraq to hold detainees in an unethical way. President Bush should take a full responsibility.
Boston Globe June 21, 2004

[668] **Economy:** [Republican Congress with retirement benefits](#)

The U.S. Congress adjourned last week with a host of faults in a pension system that has caused 401(k) losses for thousands of workers and high-profile corporate abuse cases.
now setting itself up to make the same mistake.
Economic Policy Institute June 21, 2004

[670] **War:** [Bush threatens North](#)

North Korea is yet another country in the line. According to the Centre Daily Times, the administration tagged Iraq, Iran and North Korea as threats to world order.
Centre Daily Time June 21, 2004

[672] **Environment:** [Bush administration from Klamath River -- where salmon](#)

The controversy in the Klamath River Basin. The Bureau of Reclamation this week announced a plan that will leave little for the region's protection.
died in the lower Klamath River.
salmon die-off ever recorded in the basin.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[674] **War:** [Bush's general insens](#)

When asked how many Iraqis had

evidence of a substantive relationship between Iraq and al-Qaida, is a classic case of none being so blind as those who will not see. "We stand by what was said publicly," said the White House spokesman, thus endorsing the stream of loose and contradictory claims made by *Common Dreams* June 21, 2004

[661] **Government:** [Banana Republicans and Weapons of Mass Deception](#)

We speak with PR Watch editors, John Stauber and Sheldon Stauber about their new book, *Banana Republicans: How the Right Wing is Turning America into a One-party State*. *Democracy Now* June 21, 2004

[663] **War:** ["In A World of S****"](#)

A remarkable briefing yesterday at the Middle East Institute by Ahmed S. Hashim, a Naval War College professor just returned from Iraq, painted in broad outlines the potentially catastrophic situation that the Bush administration faces in Iraq the next few months. With polls showing that just two percent of Iraqis view the United States as "liberators," Hashim's report was sobering indeed. *Makin Tom Paine* June 21, 2004

[665] **War:** [The dogs of war](#)

DOGS HAVE been such a hideous instrument of state terror that their use on Iraqi prisoners is cause alone for Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to resign.

Nazis used dogs for everything from intimidation to eating people alive. Bull Connor's dogs in Birmingham were an icon of the 1960s. South African police used dogs to enforce apartheid.

In 2002 Rumsfeld approved the use of dogs to *Boston Globe* June 21, 2004

[667] **Honesty:** [Kagan: "Obviously the administration intends to publicize all the weapons of mass destruction U.S. forces find -- and t](#)

No additional data.

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace June 21, 2004

[669] **War:** [US troops shoot up journalists' hotels and Al-Jazeera headquarters killing and injuring several](#)

TV station al-Jazeera says the US knew the location of its headquarters and the Palestine Hotel was well-known as the base for western TV and newspapers since the start of the war. The US admitted it had made "a grave mistake" bombing al-Jazeera and said it had opened fire on the Palestine Hotel after coming under attack from snipers. But that account has been dismissed as "absurd" by journalists

The Guardian June 21, 2004

[671] **Democracy:** [Preemptive, undeclared war is generating](#)

Tommy Franks said, "We don't do indifference hides the estimated 6 *Iraq Body Count* June 21, 2004

[676] **War:** [Bush after complete r](#)
Chaos in the Middle East is not their plan. In their view, invasion is not even primarily, about getting rid of weapons of mass destruction was an important benefit. Rather, invasion is only the first move in *Washington Monthly* June 21, 2004

[678] **Attitude:** [Bush exhibits "pe](#)
As Richard Helms, the CIA director said in 1981, "We were dealing with an ethnic problem which we never comprehended; it was our ignorance or innocence, not our misassess, not our incomprehension, and not our inaction which one way or another helped bring out, the nation" *The Nation* June 21, 2004

[680] **Environment:** [Interior Dep drilling by reducing corporate cost](#)
Interior Secretary Gale Norton's production is to make it cheaper for and deeper wells in the Gulf of Mexico making royalty payments to the government manages more than a billion which about \$10 billion in mineral revenue which *NRDC* June 21, 2004

[682] **War:** [Bush attempts illegal](#)
Executive Order 12333 signed in 1980 has been revoked, meaning that the use of force against Saddam Hussein by US military forces violated the Fourth Convention of The Hague international law. President George W. Bush attempted murder. The Fourth Convention of 1907, states that *Pravda* June 21, 2004

[684] **Environment:** [Bush admini protections for endangered wolve;](#)
Just when gray wolves are beginning to recover, Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed to make it easier to kill them. The plan is to downgrade the animals' protected status from "threatened," a shift that would leave their livestock.

[resistance among some rank-in-file soldiers](#)

military personnel who are not pacifists or conscientious objectors. Joined by military families and 12 members of the U.S. Congress, a group of U.S. service men and women recently challenged Presidential abuse of power.

Common Dreams June 21, 2004

[673] **Environment:** [Bush administration slightly raises SUV gas mileage requirements](#)

The good news is that fuel economy standards are about to go up for the first time since the mid- 1990s. The bad news is that sport utility vehicles (SUVs), light pick-up trucks, and vans will only have to meet slightly more stringent fuel-economy standards under a new rule issued by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[675] **Environment:** [Bush administration giving away federal water rights in national park](#)

The American public may own the national parks, but what about the water in the parks? In what amounts to a major policy shift and an unprecedented federal giveaway, the Bush administration has negotiated a secret deal to cede federal control over the waters in Colorado's Gunnison National Park to the state. The water will be sold to Colorado cities facing a drinking water shortage, leaving little

NRDC June 21, 2004

[677] **Honesty:** [Rumsfeld said that he knew where the weapons of mass destruction were](#)

"We know where they are. They're in the area around Tikrit and Baghdad and east, west, south and north somewhat."

US Department of Defense June 21, 2004

[679] **Environment:** [EPA backtracks on pledge to close loophole for California air polluters](#)

Less than a month after the Environmental Protection Agency publicly urged state officials in California to crack down on air pollution from farms, the agency is changing its tune. Instead of repealing a law exempting farms from air pollution monitoring permits, EPA now supports the industry's position that the tougher standards should apply only to "major" farm-based pollution sources.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[681] **Honesty:** [Rumsfeld claims coalition larger than in 1991 Gulf War](#)

Secretary Rumsfeld proclaimed the war coalition against Iraq was larger than the coalition that existed during the Gulf War in 1991.

Washington Post June 21, 2004

[683] **Environment:** [EPA cooks fish data to allow more pollution](#)

One fish, two fish, three fish, no fish: that's how many fish it took to persuade the Bush administration to lift health protection requirements in Georgia. Apparently, state officials -- under pressure

NRDC June 21, 2004

[686] **Environment:** [GAO slams chemical security](#)

On the brink of war and with the Orange, the Bush administration's action to reduce the risk of terrorism at chemical plants. The General Accounting Office, a nonpartisan investigative agency, says that chemical facilities remain highly vulnerable.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[688] **Environment:** [EPA withdraws rule](#)

With a Clinton-era revision of a rule on Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), the Environmental Protection Agency has withdrawn the rule, clearing the way for the agency to put more control in the hands of states. The program was meant to clean up "nonpoint" pollution.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[690] **Environment:** [EPA data on Clear Skies Act](#)

The EPA claimed that the Clear Skies Act would reduce sulfur dioxide and mercury pollution would be reduced. A regional office questioned the data, saying that Region 10 (Seattle) data is still from a senior EPA regional official.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[692] **Global Affairs:** [Bush to divide Europe](#)

Certainly, the transatlantic relationship is strained. If the administration's Iraq game plan intends to divide Europe and build a base for US forces in Eastern Europe as the base for US forces in East and Central Asia. If the game plan is a general American fallback toward Europe.

Common Dreams June 21, 2004

[694] **Government:** [Administrative action on tobacco companies](#)

Philip Morris has numerous long-term contracts with the administration. Karl Rove, a senior political consultant for the company, is a key player.

OCA June 21, 2004

[696] **Government:** [Bush sides with tobacco companies](#)

Mr. Bush has avoided making a decision on the tobacco suit. But referring to the case as a "pending lawsuit."

from industry --persuaded the Environmental Protection Agency last year to accept faulty data showing that fish in the Savannah River had an average level of methylmercury contamination that precis
NRDC June 21, 2004

[685] **Environment:** [EPA allows sludge dumping in Potomac River to continue for seven more years](#)

Under a new permit issued by the Environmental Protection Agency, the Army Corps of Engineers will face tough restrictions on dumping sludge in the Potomac River -- but not for another seven years. For years, the Corps has routinely dumped tons of sludge at various points along the river, including one spot over a spawning ground for an endangered fish.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[687] **Environment:** [EPA conflicted over Pentagon proposal to exempt the military from environmental laws](#)

Somebody must have missed a memo at the Environmental Protection Agency. Less than two weeks after EPA Administrator Christie Todd Whitman told a Senate committee that she knows of no incident in which environmental protections have ever hampered the military's ability to train, her agency's enforcement chief, J.P. Suarez, testified in support of legislation that would exempt the military from fed
NRDC June 21, 2004

[689] **Environment:** [EPA exempts oil and gas industry from water pollution rules](#)

In a rather slick deal for oil and gas drillers, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency exempted that industry from a new water regulation aimed at reducing polluted runoff.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[691] **Honesty:** [Bush claimed Iraq's WMDs threatened the US](#)

The Bush administration said that Iraq had the capability to deliver weapons of mass destruction, even as far as the United States.
efn June 21, 2004

[693] **Environment:** [Pentagon chiefs ordered to hunt for environmental exemptions](#)

On the heels of the Pentagon's effort to convince Congress to grant the Defense Department sweeping exemptions from the nation's environmental and public health laws, the Pentagon's No. 2 official ordered the chiefs of the Army, Navy and Air Force to provide examples to justify possible exemptions by President Bush in the name of national security. The secret memo by Deputy Defense Secretary Paul
NRDC June 21, 2004

[695] **Environment:** [Defense Department seeking exemptions from environmental laws](#)

The Bush administration is exploiting the impending war with Iraq to

we've had enough suits, adding, T [the Justice Department] have a c;
OCA June 21, 2004

[698] **Government:** [BUSH TIES companies contribute heavily to E](#)

Beyond the campaign, industry tit the most generous contributors to \$100,000 itself and another \$100,0 Foods. Along with a number of in entitled company executives to tw attended by President Bush and V before
OCA June 21, 2004

[700] **Education:** [Significant unfi](#)

The Unfunded Mandate of NCLB Hampshire School Administrators with the funding increases, the fec Hampshire schools only about \$80 the state \$575 a student to implen
National Association of Elementa

[702] **Economy:** [Tax code gives l factories overseas](#)

The current tax code gives billion companies that export factories, o in offshore tax shelters.
Economic Policy Institute June 21

[704] **Economy:** [Bush excludes w negotiations](#)

And [Bush's] relentless effort to e rights from negotiations on the pr the Americas and the current "Do Organization is creating competi shirk social protections.
Economic Policy Institute June 21

[706] **Democracy:** [Bush angry at will](#)

U.S. reaction to the weekend new rejected a proposal to accept the b war only confirmed what has long administration believes democrac; doesn't get in the way of war.
Common Dreams June 21, 2004

[708] **Environment:** [Bush admini mining dispute at request of indus](#)

Last fall the Bush administration l when, at the request of the Interio

open a new front in its ongoing campaign to weaken or roll back the nation's environmental and public health protections. The Pentagon has once again asked Congress to exempt the Department of Defense (DoD) from a wide range of laws, including the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compe
NRDC June 21, 2004

[697] **Social Programs:** [Medicare drug benefit is boon for drug companies](#)

Health care economists said the drug benefit President Bush proposed for Medicare yesterday would be a bonanza for the pharmaceutical and managed-care industries, both of which are huge donors to Republicans.

Washington Post June 21, 2004

[699] **Social Programs:** [What the administration really wants is to privatize Medicare](#)

This means that seniors would be herded into HMOs. The federal government's annual contribution would be capped. If you couldn't afford decent HMO coverage (if there is such a thing), too bad. This strategy neatly serves two conservative purposes. First, privatize everything possible. Second, cut federal social outlays, the better to finance tax cuts for upper brackets.

Common Dreams June 21, 2004

[701] **Economy:** [Bush's "strong dollar" rhetoric hurting small business](#)

The president's continued cheerleading for the "strong dollar" is pricing small domestic producers out of international markets while creating windfalls for companies that can move overseas to produce goods for sale in the United States.

Economic Policy Institute June 21, 2004

[703] **Environment:** [Judge orders federal protection for California fish](#)

In a blow to the Bush administration's prodevelopment stance, a federal district judge in California gave the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service one year to designate critical habitat for the Santa Ana sucker. The judge also barred the agency from issuing anymore permits for activity that would potentially harm the endangered fish.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[705] **Environment:** [National Park Service sends Yellowstone bison to slaughter](#)

The National Park Service sent nearly half of the bison herd at Yellowstone National Park to the slaughterhouse when some 231 animals were about to wander outside the park in search for food. Many of the bison had not yet crossed the boundary of Yellowstone when park rangers herded them into a holding pen.

NRDC June 21, 2004

Department intervened in a legal case that wants to develop a controversial processing plant on federal land near
NRDC June 21, 2004

[710] **War:** [Bush favors UN irrelevant](#)

Bush warned that the UN would be along with his war against Iraq, but them and therefore tried to make the plan; the far-right, which Bush UN.

Express News June 21, 2004

[712] **Democracy:** [For Bush, democracy](#)

In Bush-speak, democracy has become hegemony: nations run by puppet noises, like Afghanistan's U.S.-ins while following Washington's orders
Common Dreams June 21, 2004

[714] **Environment:** [Interior officials](#)
[Refuge](#)

Two top officials in the Interior Department vocal support for opening Alaska's to energy development. At a Feb. production on federal lands, Deputy Griles called oil exploration in the dismissed environmental concerns
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NRDC June 21, 2004

[716] **Environment:** [Department environmentally harmful road project](#)

The U.S. Department of Transportation up six new major transportation projects environmental damage. That brings and airport capacity expansion projects "streamlined" review process. Environmental agencies to face pressure from the the

NRDC June 21, 2004

[718] **Environment:** [U.S. EPA sends](#)
[protections](#)

The Environmental Protection Agency shield itself from litigation under "Section 7" consultation process if law serves as a "look before you leap" agencies to consult with the U.S. when their actions may have an effect
NRDC June 21, 2004

[707] **War:** [Bush hid the cost of war until after it began](#)

Bush and his administration refused to estimate the cost of the war when he was whipping up the fever, but now we see that the price for the Iraq invasion will be about \$100 billion. This is money that could have been spent on education, health care, housing, and highways. An expensive deception, indeed.

Cost of War June 21, 2004

[709] **Democracy:** [Huge protests are "irrelevant" to Bush](#)

When asked about his reaction to the hundreds of thousands of Americans who rallied on Feb. 15 to oppose a war, Bush brushed them off as irrelevant. To pay attention to the largest worldwide political event in recent history, he said, would be like governing by focus group.

Common Dreams June 21, 2004

[711] **Democracy:** [In trade, commerce trumps democracy](#)

The U.S. government employs a double standard by trading with one-party communist regimes in China and Vietnam, affirming that commerce may open the way for political freedoms, while shunning Cuba, said Rep. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., a leader of a new 40-member congressional bloc seeking an easing of tensions with Cuba.

Blackpool and Fylde Cuba Solidarity Campaign June 21, 2004

[713] **Environment:** [Bush administration rejects wilderness protection in Alaska's Tongass The Bush administration affirmed a recommenda](#)

May by the U.S. Forest Service, deciding not to provide wilderness protection to millions of acres of Alaska's Tongass National Forest. The decision by the administration is just the latest in a string of moves in the last six months that make forest policy more friendly to the timber industry and less friendly to wildlife and ecosystems.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[715] **Environment:** [Bush air pollution plan weakens current law, threatens public health](#)

The Bush administration's air pollution plan, misleadingly dubbed the "Clear Skies Initiative," was reintroduced in Congress. If enacted, the plan would weaken public health protections of the current Clean Air Act. It would delay and dilute cuts in power plants' sulfur, nitrogen and mercury pollution compared to timely enforcement of current law. By allowing industry to make fewer reductions in t

NRDC June 21, 2004

[717] **Environment:** [Bush administration flunking on salmon recovery](#)

The Bush administration has failed to ensure the survival of endangered salmon in the Pacific Northwest, according to Save Our Wild Salmon Coalition. The national group, which is comprised of regional environmental organizations, issued a report criticizing the administration for not implementing three-quarters of the Federal Salmon Recovery Plan adopted in 2000.

[720] **Government:** [Healthcare R - Drown Democracy In A Bath](#)

Indeed, in late February a "senior The New York Times with a mast avoidance of responsibility. Speak push users of Medicare and Medi corporations, this "official" said, " have worked, that have provided l

[722] **Democracy:** [Bush has little says he prefers a dictatorship](#)

Bush pushes for democracy abroa diminishes it at home. Critics beli democracy, only getting rid of ter wants to attack Iraq to install dem 2002-12-18: "If this were a dictat easier, just so long as I'm the dict

Common Dreams June 21, 2004

[724] **Environment:** [EPA delays](#)

The bad news is that emissions of plants and other industrial sources children, according to a report by Agency. The worse news is that tl public release of the report for nir 2002, the administration has prom and an EPA

NRDC June 21, 2004

[726] **Environment:** [BLM openir drilling](#)

Under a draft plan released by the some 200 oil and gas wells would Morrow Hills. Located in a corne encompassing 662,000 acres of w feature sand dunes, volcanic form array of endangered wildlife. Witl lands already

NRDC June 21, 2004

[728] **Liberty:** ["Sneak and Peek" have nothing to do with fighting t](#)

Finally, this new "sneak and peek normal criminal investigations; it terrorism or collecting foreign into

ACLU June 21, 2004

[730] **Liberty:** [The Patriot Act all genetic information](#)

The Patriot Act would allow for tl innocent Americans? genetic info

NRDC June 21, 2004

[719] **Environment:** [Bush administration using guise of security to expand corporate secrecy](#)

The Bush administration has drafted a new, sweeping antiterrorism bill, the "Domestic Security Enhancement Act of 2003," which has been roundly criticized by civil liberties advocates. The measure also features provisions that worry environmentalists. In particular, two sections would grant secrecy and immunity protection to corporations while doing nothing to require improved security or safety. O

NRDC June 21, 2004

[721] **Environment:** [Scientists debunk Bush's global warming plan](#)

Seventeen scientists can't be wrong. At least not when they're experts on a panel convened by the U.S. National Academy of Sciences (at the request of the Bush administration), and they issue a scathing report on the White House proposal for addressing climate change. According to the experts, President Bush has taken "a good first step" but the administration's strategic plan needs "major improve

NRDC June 21, 2004

[723] **Environment:** [White House ordered to reveal climate change documents](#)

The shroud of secrecy surrounding the Bush administration may soon disperse a bit now that a federal court has ordered the administration to turn over environmental policy documents or provide a legal explanation for withholding them. The decision stems from a lawsuit filed by a conservative Washington, D.C.-based think tank, the Competitive Enterprise Institute, after the Environmental Protection

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[725] **War:** [Bush provided poor intelligence to UN inspectors prior to Iraq war](#)

Either out of incompetence or to stymie their efforts, the Bush administration provided poor intelligence to UN inspectors prior to the war.

CBS News June 21, 2004

[727] **Liberty:** [Allowing the Attorney General to deport an immigrant to any country in the world](#)

even if there is no effective government in such a country.

ACLU June 21, 2004

[729] **Liberty:** [Justice Department refuses to identify enemy combatants](#)

The Justice Department's position on detainees is that if they are held incommunicado indefinitely without being charged with a crime, they need not be publicly identified.

Find Law June 21, 2004

[731] **Liberty:** [Bush refuses to reveal how the Patriot Act is being used](#)

without consent. (Sections 301-30
ACLU June 21, 2004

[732] **Liberty:** [Justice Department Amendment with FISA Court](#)

The eagerness of many in law enforcement requirements of the Fourth Amendment by the secret court that oversees the "FISA Court"). Making public one history, the court revealed that it had Administration to allow criminal j
ACLU June 21, 2004

[734] **Liberty:** [Patriot Act circum](#)

Under the Patriot Act, the FBI can or wiretap on American citizens to proving probable cause, as the Fourth requires.

ACLU June 21, 2004

[736] **Liberty:** [Patriot Act margin](#)

Under the Patriot Act pen register issued by a judge are no longer valid but can be made valid anywhere in "nationwide service" further margin because a judge cannot meaningfully or her order is being used.

ACLU June 21, 2004

[738] **Liberty:** [The Patriot Act applied transactional and content-oriented](#)

The problem is that it takes the way transactional data and applies them more than addresses. On an e-mail enforcement has interpreted the "transactional information accessible in addition to routing information, e-mail line, which is paid

ACLU June 21, 2004

[740] **Liberty:** [The Patriot Act targeted](#)

if they engage in conduct that "interferes with life" to "influence the policy of a coercion."

ACLU June 21, 2004

[742] **Social Programs:** [Bush unc](#)

In the guise of extending benefits to flexible, the Bush administration is effectively undermine both Medicare federal health care programs that j to the poor, respectively.

Attempts to find out how the new surveillance powers created by the Patriot Act were implemented during their first year were in vain. In June 2002 the House Judiciary Committee demanded that the Department of Justice answer questions about how it was using its new authority. The Bush/Ashcroft Justice Department essentially refused to describe how it was implementing the law; it left numerous subs

ACLU June 21, 2004

[733] **Liberty:** [Patriot Act fails to distinguish between content and transactional information](#)

Another exception to the normal requirement for probable cause in wiretap law is also expanded by the Patriot Act. Years ago, when the law governing telephone wiretaps was written, a distinction was created between two types of surveillance. The first allows surveillance of the content or meaning of a communication, and the second only allows monitoring of the transactional or addressing informati

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[735] **Liberty:** [Patriot Act unconstitutionally authorizes blank warrants](#)

In addition, this provision authorizes the equivalent of a blank warrant: the court issues the order, and the law enforcement agent fills in the places to be searched. That is a direct violation of the Fourth Amendment's explicit requirement that warrants be written "particularly describing the place to be searched."

ACLU June 21, 2004

[737] **Liberty:** [The Patriot Act gives the attorney general unprecedented new power to determine the fate of immigrants](#)

The attorney general can order detention based on a certification that he or she has "reasonable grounds to believe" a non-citizen endangers national security. Worse, if the foreigner does not have a country that will accept them, they can be detained indefinitely without trial.

ACLU June 21, 2004

[739] **Liberty:** [The Patriot Act allows unconstitutional search and seizure](#)

The Patriot Act, however, unconstitutionally amends the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure to allow the government to conduct searches without notifying the subjects, at least until long after the search has been executed. This means that the government can enter a house, apartment or office with a search warrant when the occupants are away, search through their property, take photographs, and in

ACLU June 21, 2004

[741] **Liberty:** [The Patriot Act opens the door to abuse](#)

The Patriot Act gives the Director of Central Intelligence the power to identify domestic intelligence requirements. That opens the door

WSWS June 21, 2004

[744] **Environment:** [EPA plans to](#)

The Bush administration plans to plants, pulp mills, auto factories, curb their toxic air pollution. The has drafted a set of new rules to e current requirements to reduce to maximum extent possible. The ne

NRDC June 21, 2004

[746] **Economy:** [Federal governn funds to states](#)

Despite \$7 billion in federal spenc the federal government has yet to pressed state and local governmer

Sept. 11, 2001.
Seattle Post Intelligencer June 21

[748] **Environment:** [Bush admini exemptions from international env](#)

Farmers cheered and environment administration announced plans to that is supposed to be banned by 2 to protect the ozone layer. The pe odorless gas used mostly by toma California and Florida to kill wor

NRDC June 21, 2004

[750] **Environment:** [GAO halts 1](#)

The White House won a major leg General Accounting Office (GAO force Vice President Cheney to pu industry involvement in the Bush task force. By deciding not to app administration for withholding do undermined

NRDC June 21, 2004

[752] **Attitude:** [Bush ignored NA](#)

Given this arrogant, we-know-it- then, for Bush and his subordinate who warned early last year (1), ar (2) about the disaster-in-the-maki crews unless certain procedures at NASA experts were ignored by B

The Crisis Papers June 21, 2004

[754] **Environment:** [Bush admini settlement for wealthy California:](#)

In a win for the Bush administrati million in federal funds to pay far

to the same abuses that took place in the 1970s and before, when the CIA engaged in widespread spying on protest groups and other Americans.

ACLU June 21, 2004

[743] **Environment:** [White House gets industry support for voluntary pollution cuts](#)

The Bush administration says it's serious about addressing the problem of climate change, and some businesses have pledged to help in that effort. At a press conference held in the Energy Department cafeteria, representatives from 13 different industries -- ranging from automakers to paper mills -- signed on to the administration's new voluntary initiative aimed at improving efficiency and curtaili

NRDC June 21, 2004

[745] **War:** [In most European countries, 80 - 90% of the people were against the Iraq war](#)

Most heads of state were against the war. Britain, Bush's only ally, was carried along on the back of a lie, just as Americans were.

BBC June 21, 2004

[747] **Environment:** [Bush official touts Western coal, weaker mining regulations](#)

The Bush administration remains committed to coal as the country seeks "energy independence," Deputy Interior Secretary Steven Griles reassured industry executives at the National Western Mining Conference in Denver. The future of coal, said Griles, is dependent on passage of the president's so-called Clear Skies plan, which would reduce three pollutants from coal-fired power plants -- nitrogen ox

NRDC June 21, 2004

[749] **Environment:** [Spotted owl denied federal protection despite additional logging threat](#)

For the sixth time in as many weeks, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service denied endangered status to an imperiled wildlife species. In the case of the California spotted owl, the agency claimed there is not enough evidence that the bird's habitat is threatened to merit protective listing under the federal Endangered Species Act -- even though the agency admits that a U.S. Forest Service draft plan

NRDC June 21, 2004

[751] **Attitude:** [Bush and Cheney try to stop 9/11 investigation](#)

You do remember that both Bush and Cheney quietly asked the then-leaders of the House and Senate, Gephardt and Daschle, not to investigate the pre-9/11 period for reasons of national security. Perhaps one of the things they'd like to keep hidden was the fact that they were warned by the outgoing Clinton Administration specifically about the enormous dangers posed by Osama bin Laden/Al Qaida, but,

The Crisis Papers June 21, 2004

salt following decades of intensive Attorneys for the Natural Resource block the settlement offered by th would funnel millions of dollars to

NRDC June 21, 2004

[756] **Economy:** [States to lose \\$4](#)

Thus, if these [tax cut] provisions lose \$23 billion between 2004 and accounts grow in cost over time, state revenue loss would rise to m subsequent five years from 2009 t

Center on Budget and Policy Prio

[758] **Environment:** [EPA failing and public health](#)

The Environmental Protection Ag a report blasting the EPA's Dallas oversight and enforcement of fede protections in Louisiana. Specific for not holding state environment; the goals and commitments set by

NRDC June 21, 2004

[760] **Environment:** [OMB pushes analysis](#)

If the White House gets its way, t could be worth less in the regulato of Management and Budget (OM) calculation for weighing the costs regulations. Behind the move is Jo of Information and Regulatory Af change the way they revie

NRDC June 21, 2004

[762] **Honesty:** [Bush claimed to r New York, then cut funding for tr](#)

Congresswoman Carolyn Malone,

[764] **Women's Rights:** [Bush wa the expense of maternal health](#)

Physician's treatment of pregnant the legal status accorded to the fe considered a "person" under the l; may be used to restrict the mother efforts to elevate the fetus's legal and policies designed to protect th

Center for Reproductive Rights Ju

[766] **War:** ["Shock and awe" is r](#)

They can call it "Shock And Awe

[753] **Honesty:** [Bush claims capture of key commander of Al Qaeda, but most still at large](#)

Bush, in his State of the Union Speech (SOTU) said: "To date we have arrested or otherwise dealt with many key commanders of Al Qaeda." Most are clearly still at large.
Buzz Flash June 21, 2004

[755] **Environment:** [White House fuel cell plan ignores today's oil insecurity](#)

In a speech on "energy independence," President Bush touted his plan to commit \$1.7 billion over five years on hydrogen fuel cell technology. The money would pay for research for the so-called FreedomCar project and a hydrogen fuel initiative -- to explore making the technology work in automobiles. However, Bush's promise of hydrogen-powered fuel cell vehicles in the future fails to address the en
NRDC June 21, 2004

[757] **Economy:** [Bush tax cuts play a significant role in turning surplus to deficit](#)

[The 2001] Bush tax cut combined with a weakening economy and the Sept. 11 attacks to eliminate the surplus and create a \$157.8 billion deficit.
Slate June 21, 2004

[759] **Honesty:** [White House removes poor job forecast from web site](#)

A Council of Economic Advisors' forecast showing that the Bush stimulus plan would only create 170,000 jobs per year and would be a job killer after 2007 was removed from its website.
Our Future June 21, 2004

[761] **Race and Class:** [Bush reluctant to condemn racist Republican](#)

Bush was reluctant to condemn Trent Lott's flattering and thinly disguised racist remarks about Strom Thurmond's career. Strom was a leading segregationist most of his long life.
News & Letters June 21, 2004

[763] **Social Programs:** [HUD budget fails to address serious housing problems](#)

The Bush Administration's proposed FY2004 budget for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) fails to address the nation's most serious housing problems; threatens existing housing resources; and radically restructures the housing choice voucher program, the nation's most successful housing assistance program.
National Low-Income Housing Coalition June 21, 2004

[765] **Environment:** [GAO faults EPA oversight on factory farms](#)

Despite the Environmental Protection Agency's new regulations governing factory farm pollution, the agency hasn't done enough to make sure states that carry out the program are doing enough to

Pentagon's own admission - we've of thing, and it is "terrorism."
The Plaid Adder, June 21, 2004

[768] **Honesty:** [Bush claimed to t away the store in the form of a \\$3](#)

That was followed by even more c
Citizens for Tax Justice June 21, 2

[770] **Environment:** [Bush admini mountaintop removal mining](#)

A federal appeals court overturned administration's practice of granting mountaintop removal violated the removal is an increasingly commo Kentucky and other parts of Appa use dynamite to blow off huge sla debr
NRDC June 21, 2004

[772] **Honesty:** [Bush touts Soviet its funding](#)

In his State of the Union speech, I with other governments to secure Soviet Union, and to strengthen g production and shipment of missi mass destruction."

The Truth: The Bush Administrati strengthen international treaties pr
Common Dreams June 21, 2004

[774] **Environment:** [In Bush's St speak louder than words](#)

In his annual State of the Union a administration's plans to protect o reduce America's dangerous depe strategists called it a smart move, dismal image on environmental is chief political advisor, Karl Rove.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[776] **Economy:** [Bush tax cuts in](#)

One of Bush's proposed tax cuts v \$75,000 the amount small busines lawyers and financial advisers -- c for business purposes.
Tom Dispatch June 21, 2004

[778] **Honesty:** [Bush mischaracte Michigan](#)

Bush claimed, falsely, that the Af

enforce it, according to a new report by the General Accounting Office (GAO). In order for the EPA's rule governing Concentrated Animal Feedlot Operations (CAFOs) to be effective, the agency must conduct bet
 NRDC June 21, 2004

[767] **Environment:** [Bush administration seeks waiver on ozone-destroying pesticide](#)

The Bush administration is planning to seek scores of exemptions for industries that want to keep using a highly toxic and ozone-depleting week killer -- methyl bromide -- that is to be phased out by 2005 under an international treaty to protect the ozone layer. Methyl bromide is used to sterilize soils used for tomato, strawberry, pepper, cucumber and other vegetable crops. Methyl bromide is the
 NRDC June 21, 2004

[769] **Environment:** [BLM putting grazing restrictions out to pasture](#)

The Bush administration intends to roll back Clinton-era restrictions on cattle grazing on public lands. Speaking at a National Cattlemen's Beef Association meeting in Nashville, Bureau of Land Management director Kathleen Clarke unveiled the administration's proposed changes, which include: requiring the agency to factor "local culture and economy" into grazing studies on the public's land; "stre
 NRDC June 21, 2004

[771] **Environment:** [Polluting industries getting off easier under Bush administration](#)

Since the Bush administration took office two years ago, all aspects of environmental enforcement have taken a beating. Officials at the Environmental Protection Agency, however, are quick to point out that it has forced companies to spend more on pollution cleanup in the last two years (roughly \$8.4 million) than during the final three years of the Clinton administration (nearly \$7 million). What
 NRDC June 21, 2004

[773] **Environment:** [Sierra Nevada forest protections under fire by Bush administration](#)

If the Bush administration gets its way, many old-growth trees previously off-limits to loggers in the 11 national forests in California's Sierra Nevada mountain range could soon be on the chopping block. The administration's draft proposal, leaked to environmentalists, would reduce the amount of protected forest canopy from 50 percent to 40 percent, and allow logging of large trees -- up to 30 in
 NRDC June 21, 2004

[775] **Environment:** [Interior Department may privatize National Park Service](#)

As part of the Bush administration's broad attempt to privatize as many as 850,000 federal jobs, 70 percent of National Park Service jobs -- ranging from biologists to maintenance workers -- could be taken over by private workers.

University of Michigan was a quc
The Affirmative Action and Divers

[780] **Women's Rights:** [The Bush contraceptive funding for federal](#)

Funding for Contraceptive Covera
 FY 2002 budget, President Bush e
 coverage in the Federal Employee
 The House restored funding for th
 coverage in his FY 2003 budget.
 its introduction in 1998.)
 Rep. Jan Schakowsky June 21, 20

[782] **Race and Class:** [Bush oppo it benefits him\)](#)

They may not have had an explici
 Bush clearly got in because of aff
 for the son and grandson of alumi
 of a politically influential family.
 fancy prep school. These forms of
 CNN June 21, 2004

[784] **Environment:** [EPA stickin](#)

The Bush administration erred on
 when the Environmental Protectic
 guidelines for addressing water pc
 (perc), the main ingredient in rock
 NRDC June 21, 2004

[786] **Environment:** [Federal stud on Western energy development](#)

Contrary to the Bush administrati
 laws are not hindering oil and gas
 example, Vice President Cheney's
 April 2001, said that "40 percent
 federal lands in the Rocky Mount
 limits." But a new federal study fo
 NRDC June 21, 2004

[788] **Environment:** [Environmen development agency](#)

In what can best be described as a
 International Development elimin
 from its policy bureau, weakened
 Environmental Coordinator, and l
 environmental coordinators.
 NRDC June 21, 2004

[790] **Environment:** [Bush admini wildlife](#)

The Interior and Commerce Depa
 evaluating the "net benefit" of prc

NRDC June 21, 2004

[777] **Environment:** [California's giant trees threatened by Bush forest plans](#)

The largest trees on the planet, giant sequoias live more than 3,000 years and grow in just 75 groves on the western slopes of California's Sierra Nevada mountain range. Wildlife that frequent the groves and nearby forestlands include some of the rarest and most imperiled creatures in California, among them the elusive Pacific fisher, the California spotted owl, and the California condor. To save

NRDC June 21, 2004

[779] **Global Affairs:** [Bush's bellicose rhetoric puts US at odds with allies](#)

The increasingly bellicose White House rhetoric puts the Bush administration sharply at odds with many of its European allies.

Common Dreams June 21, 2004

[781] **Environment:** [Ignoring health risks, EPA chooses not to ban dangerous weed killer](#)

In its latest assessment of atrazine, the Environmental Protection Agency announced that drinking water that is 12 times more contaminated with the herbicide than allowed by law does not pose a health problem. Although more than 75 million pounds of atrazine are applied annually, and more than 1 million Americans drink water from systems that have exceeded EPA's drinking water standard, the agency

NRDC June 21, 2004

[783] **Women's Rights:** [Bush administration fights abortion rights in developing nations to appease anti-choice constituents](#)

Restricting the right to abortion in developing nations is a major foreign policy initiative of the Bush administration; it appeases anti-choice constituents without offending more moderate conservatives.

Women's e-News June 21, 2004

[785] **Environment:** [Pentagon again taking aim at environmental laws](#)

With Republicans in control of both houses of Congress, the Department of Defense is once again seeking legislation exempting the military from key environmental laws. Last year, Congress rejected all but one of the nine proposed exemptions. The Pentagon's prospects look better this time around, especially since the new chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, Sen. James Inhofe

NRDC June 21, 2004

[787] **Economy:** [Tax cuts go to the rich, who distort democracy through lavish political gifts](#)

Find the Urban-Brookings charts published in the Jan. 7 New York Times showing who gets how much of this tax cut. You can barely see the lines that measure the relief until you get above the 99th

percentile of public lands. The underlying goal "thinning," or logging projects, su of endangered species. The Bush term adverse effects of logging sh

NRDC June 21, 2004

[792] **Environment:** [EPA seeking off the hook](#)

Environmental Protection Agency congressional aides to discuss a le enforcement of the Clean Air Act

NRDC June 21, 2004

[794] **Race and Class:** [Culture w economic policies](#)

Class warfare around cultural issu grubby details about how certain rather small group of Americans wealthiest Americans.

Washington Post June 21, 2004

[796] **Race and Class:** [Republican class warfare is not ce](#)

Republican class warfare is not ce daily, Republicans attack privileg Hollywood elite, the intellectual e

Washington Post June 21, 2004

[798] **Environment:** [Bush admini protection](#)

In a bid to open up more Western administration may seek to remov endangered species list later this y experts contend that federal agenc show that bear population are rec officials deny.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[800] **Environment:** [EPA to exer runoff pollution rules](#)

The Environmental Protection Ag gas industry from new regulations construction sites. The EPA's pha issued during the Clinton adminis between one and five acres to obt Elimination System (NPDES) per effect

NRDC June 21, 2004

[802] **Honesty:** [Bush claims earli](#)

In his December 28th radio addre began before he took office. But t the end of 2000. The recession be

percentile. . . . The problem is that the rich are screwing up our democracy. Less than 0.1 percent of the U.S. population gave 83 percent of all itemized campaign contributions for the 2002 elections, ac

Common Dreams June 21, 2004

[789] **Race and Class:** [Bush opposes Affirmative Action program and U of Michigan](#)

The Bush administration joined the law suit against the affirmative action program at the University of Michigan. The Supreme Court eventually ruled in favor of the school.

CBS News June 21, 2004

[791] **Liberty:** [Administration denies rights to "enemy combatants"](#)

In the administration's view, a citizen held as an enemy combatant can be detained without charges or judicial review and has no right to bail or a lawyer.

Common Dreams June 21, 2004

[793] **Environment:** [Despite scientific concerns, Interior Department approves power plant near Yellowstone](#)

President Bush has said that environmental decisions should be based on "sound science," but that criteria remains vague and, apparently, only selectively used. How else to explain the administration's decision to approve a 780-megawatt coal-fired power plant on federal land outside of Billings, Montana? In greenlighting the proposal, Craig Manson, assistant secretary of the Interior Department fo

NRDC June 21, 2004

[795] **Race and Class:** [Bush pits the poor against trial lawyers in health care speech](#)

The president, for example, loves to bash the rich if they got that way by being trial lawyers. Arguing for limits on medical malpractice awards in a North Carolina speech last July, Bush told the story of Jill and Chet Barnes of Las Vegas. Jill is a student teacher, Bush said, and her husband is a fireman. Because Nevada had such high malpractice insurance rates, Jill, who was eight weeks pregnant

Washington Post June 21, 2004

[797] **Environment:** [Bush administration paves way for new roads in parks, wilderness](#)

In a move that could spur development on millions of acres in America's national parks and wilderness areas, the Bureau of Land Management issued a new rule to make it easier for state and local governments to claim ownership of rights-of-ways along roads, trails, paths and rivers on federal lands.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[799] **Environment:** [Bush administration blamed for Klamath River fish kill](#)

An investigation by the California Department of Fish and Game

Bush administration.

Slate June 21, 2004

[804] **Environment:** [Bush admini for cleaning up dirty waters](#)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Clinton administration rule that in efforts to clean up some 20,000 of waterways -- a designation that ap rivers and shorelines and 5 million

NRDC June 21, 2004

[806] **Environment:** [OMB, with: environmental "hit list" preferred](#)

Under the Bush administration, th new power to undermine existing new ones indefinitely. Last year tl and the think tanks they fund to d dozens of environmental and publ which were weakened. Corporatic process

NRDC June 21, 2004

[808] **Environment:** [Government lawbreaking companies](#)

During the 2000 budget year, the than \$855 million worth of contra at least one federal law in the three General Accounting Office. GAO companies winning contracts of \$ violating federal labor, employe

NRDC June 21, 2004

[810] **Economy:** [Bush late in exte](#)

"For the 750,000 or more unempl be terminated on December 28, the although it comes painfully late," director of the Center on Budget & President weighed in while Congr jobless workers almost certainly v duri

The Center on Budget and Policy

[812] **Environment:** [GAO suit ag rejected](#)

A federal judge dismissed a laws Accounting Office (GAO) seeking Cheney's energy task force. The r Bush administration and a signific oversight of White House activitie

NRDC June 21, 2004

concluded that the Bush administration's controversial decision to divert water from the Klamath River for irrigation resulted in last fall's massive die-off of salmon. State biologists also noted a "substantial risk" of more kills if the government continues to divert water from the river, which straddles the California-Oregon border.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[801] **Environment:** [New EPA air rules for ocean vessels too weak](#)

Eight months after proposing changes to existing voluntary air emissions standards for new engines on sea going vessels, the Environmental Protection Agency issued its final rule. But it will do little to reduce pollution from oil tankers, cruise ships and cargo freighters, critics charge.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[803] **Environment:** [Bush wetlands proposal will lead to loss and degradation](#)

The new Bush plan to ensure the goal of "no net loss" of the nation's wetlands -- set by the first President Bush in 1989 -- emphasizes the ecological quality of the wetlands replaced over quantity. In other words, the administration's approach will focus on how and where developers must create new wetlands to compensate for those destroyed by highways, subdivisions or other construction projects
NRDC June 21, 2004

[805] **Environment:** [Lawsuit forces BLM forced to complete environmental review](#)

In response to a lawsuit by four environmental organizations, a federal court late last Friday blocked the Interior Department from allowing oil exploration in thousands of acres of public wildlands on the eastern boundary of Utah's Arches National Park. The Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) now will have to complete a proper environmental review before authorizing energy compa
NRDC June 21, 2004

[807] **Environment:** [White House discounts human life in cost-benefit analysis](#)

The White House Office of Management and Budget has sparked a scientific and ethical debate with its position that, when it comes to evaluating proposed federal regulations, some human lives warrant less protection than others.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[809] **Environment:** [EPA factory-farm rule favors polluters](#)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced a final rule on controlling factory farm pollution that will allow agribusinesses to continue to foul the nation's waterways with animal waste.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[811] **Environment:** [White House proposes minor increase in automobile fuel economy](#)

[814] **Social Programs:** [Bush wa](#)
Notwithstanding the topsy-turvy s tech companies, and the notorious thousands of current and former e retirement savings, the President r goal of privatizing Social Security
AFL-CIO June 21, 2004

[816] **Attitude:** [Bush and Rumsfe WMD evidence](#)

This has not stopped our national are our ticket to security. But for little evidence offered as there has Hussein is a threat to Americans c al-Qaeda. "We don't need no stink oozes from President Bush and D
The Future of Freedom Foundatio

[818] **Economy:** [Bush administra remain so](#)

With one hand the administration obligations, with the other it will c hidden funds to remain so.
St. Petersburg Times June 21, 2004

[820] **Environment:** [Bush admini offshore drilling case](#)

A federal appeals court dealt a blc to allow new oil drilling off Calif upheld a lower court ruling that th undeveloped oil leases off the cen agreed with the state of California had sued the federal government l
NRDC June 21, 2004

[822] **Economy:** [Once fully effec to wealthiest 1%](#)

According to Citizens for Tax Jus fully effective, 52 percent of the c 1 percent. And even if by some m they are not made permanent after cuts already going to the richest 1 each taxpayer in that rarified cate;
Petersburg Times June 21, 2004

[824] **Environment:** [Bush admini at expense of fish in Northwest fo](#)

In its latest push to rewrite the 19 Northwest timber harvests, the Bu stripping away a requirement that certain impacts on threatened fish sales.

Reaching for a fig leaf in the growing debate over America's foreign oil dependence, the Bush administration today announced a paltry measure that would boost SUV and light-truck fuel-economy standards by just 1.5 mpg over the next five years. The mileage requirement for other passenger cars will remain at 27.5 miles per gallon, the standard set more than a decade ago.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[813] **Attitude:** [Bush squanders 9/11 sympathy with arrogant behavior](#)

After the 9/11 attacks, the United States enjoyed an enormous wellspring of sympathy from people around the world. Bush has squandered this support by projecting an unfortunately all-too-typically arrogant attitude toward the world.

Seattle Post Intelligencer June 21, 2004

[815] **Education:** [NCLB includes mandated access for military recruiters](#)

A little-known provision of President Bush's education reform act turns every high school into a military recruiting station. Under the act, high schools are required to provide military recruiters with students' names, addresses and telephone numbers. You have to wonder what that could possibly have to do with improving the education of students. Can you kids spell "cannon fodder"?

Common Dreams June 21, 2004

[817] **Attitude:** [Bush's promise of "humble" foreign policy becomes preemptive war](#)

Dangerous days lie ahead, thanks to Mr. Bush and his new strategic doctrine of global preventive war. Things were supposed to be different. Does anyone remember that day ages ago when then-candidate Bush promised a "humble" foreign policy? I guess to Orwell's "War is Peace" and "Freedom is Slavery" we may now add Bush's "Arrogance is Humility."

The Future of Freedom Foundation June 21, 2004

[819] **Environment:** [Bush administration fosters policy of delay on global warming](#)

Ignoring a decade of peer-reviewed global warming science, the Bush administration has called for at least five more years of study before taking any substantial action to stem the problem -- delay that will make it harder and more expensive to solve the problem.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[821] **Economy:** [US loses \\$70 billion annually to offshore companies](#)

We should also thank the Republicans in the House for protecting the interests of all those turncoat companies that have relocated to Bermuda or Barbados with little more than a post office box, to avoid U.S. taxes. The maneuver costs our treasury \$70-billion annually. St.

Petersburg Times June 21, 2004

NRDC June 21, 2004

[826] **Environment:** [Bush admini drilling](#)

The National Park Service gave the longest stretch of undeveloped bar With no public announcement, the allow BNP Petroleum Corp. to dri Padre Island National Seashore, a southern coast of Texas. The gove

NRDC June 21, 2004

[828] **Environment:** [Bush admini ivory trade](#)

At an international conference on U.S. representative shocked other would allow for a renewed comm the next three years.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[830] **Environment:** [Interior plan for grazing](#)

By year's end, the Bush administr proposals that would reverse fede benefit ranchers at the expense of top official in the Interior Depart: 300 government lawyers as Interic previously served as a lobbyist fo

NRDC June 21, 2004

[832] **Environment:** [Bush officia to coal plant near Mammoth Cave](#)

Critics cried foul when the Interio finding that air pollution from a p western Kentucky would significa Mammoth Cave National Park. D NRDC confirm that Interior's reve administration officials intervenec

NRDC June 21, 2004

[834] **Environment:** [BLM grants project in Utah](#)

For the fifth time under the Bush Management has given the green request to conduct seismic explor: project, BLM avoided public scru over Veteran's Day weekend of W project, which encompasses about which is

NRDC June 21, 2004

[836] **Environment:** [Bush admini](#)

[823] **Environment:** [Forest Service rewriting rules to increase logging, remove wildlife safeguards](#)

The day before Thanksgiving, the Bush administration issued a real turkey of a policy proposal which essentially puts 192 million acres of public lands on the chopping block. The administration proposed a significant change in long-standing federal rules concerning the way the U.S. Forest Service manages the nation's 155 national forests. The proposed rules would give local forest supervisors more

NRDC June 21, 2004

[825] **Social Programs:** [Bush pushes more religious involvement in social programs](#)

Wading deeper into the church-and-state debate, Bush wants to further his program to help religious groups win government contracts to administer social programs such as soup kitchens and rehabilitation programs for drug addicts and alcoholics.

Washington Post June 21, 2004

[827] **Environment:** [EPA proposes weakening of Clean Air Act](#)

Emboldened by the recent Congressional election results, the Bush administration announced that it is moving forward with plans to relax air pollution regulations and enact other changes that will make it easier for older power plants, factories and oil refineries to pollute more. The plan involves having the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency weaken a key Clean Air Act provision, called "New Source Review."

NRDC June 21, 2004

[829] **Liberty:** [The Patriot Act places a gag order on librarians](#)

American Booksellers Association June 21, 2004

[831] **Environment:** [Bush administration reverses snowmobile ban for national parks](#)

The Bush administration has reversed a ban on snowmobiles in Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks that was to take effect next year. Instead, the administration proposed a new policy that, beginning next March, would allow 1,100 snowmobiles in Yellowstone per day, a 35 percent more than the average of 815 snowmobiles that visit the park daily in winter.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[833] **Attitude:** [Bush's "bullying drumbeat"](#)

Angered by what she views as the Bush administration's bullying drumbeat, Thomas referred early and often to her own hatred of war, quoting from poets and politicians to bear down on President Bush and his colleagues.

Helen Thomas, speech June 21, 2004

[835] **Environment:** [Federal courts overturn habitat protections, per Bush request](#)

Endangered species have experienced several setbacks of late, as

[on manatee protection](#)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service sued the Bush administration to prevent the government from liability when employees accidentally killed or injured in collisions with boats in other mishaps. The proposal, with public hearings over the next month, would allow more lawsuits.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[838] **War:** [Bush kills suspected terrorists, raising questions of legality](#)

The United States took a bold step last week when a CIA-operated unmanned aircraft in the Yemeni desert, killing two al-Qaeda fighters. However, the killings also raised questions about the underpinning for such tactics -- are they the right to use them anywhere in the world?

MSNBC News June 21, 2004

[840] **Environment:** [Bush official reverses river policy](#)

An economist with the U.S. Geological Survey administration of withholding government funds from buying out farms in the Klamath River watershed. The water in the river would benefit thousands of people already provides more economic value than the land. Officials acknowledged the three river projects were blocked due to the administration's policy.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[842] **Environment:** [EPA halts funding for cleanups](#)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has cut funding at seven high-priority toxic waste sites due to shortfalls in the Superfund program. EPA's inspector general. The agency has approved these sites, but will not allocate the funds for the cleanups even though regional officials have requested the money.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[844] **Environment:** [EPA approves pollution-trading program](#)

In an effort to bypass federal air pollution regulations, the Environmental Protection Agency has approved a Louisiana oil and chemical company's plan to trade carcinogenic and other hazardous emissions of the less dangerous pollutants. The plan is based on internal documents released by the company.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[846] **Environment:** [Bush administration reverses coal mining study](#)

federal judges have sided with the Bush administration and developers by throwing out critical habitat designations throughout the West. Last week a judge approved a "settlement" between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the government to lift restrictions for activities within the protected range of the arroyo toad and fairy sh

NRDC June 21, 2004

[837] **Environment:** [EPA no longer making polluters pay](#)

Under the Bush administration, polluters have paid 64 percent less in fines for breaking environmental laws than they did in the final two years of the Clinton administration, according to federal records compiled by a former top environmental enforcement official. Sylvia Lowrance, acting assistant administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency until her resignation in August of this ye

NRDC June 21, 2004

[839] **Environment:** [Bush's global warming plan nothing but window dressing](#)

After Bush rejected the Kyoto Protocol on the grounds that it was too expensive for the US, he came out with an alternate ' plan ' for his nation. Unfortunately the 'plan' is window dressing for doing nothing.

Sierra Club of Canada June 21, 2004

[841] **Gay Rights:** [Bush wants to privatize half of federal work force, allowing anti-gay discrimination](#)

Late last week, President Bush announced his intentions to potentially privatize half of the federal work force. This move, which does not require congressional approval, would nullify, for privatized federal workers, a 1998 Executive Order signed by President Clinton that outlaws anti-gay discrimination in the federal work place. While the plan would give private companies the opportunity to bid

Out In San Diego June 21, 2004

[843] **Environment:** [Bush administration doles out political treats on Halloween](#)

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) announced a list of infrastructure construction projects -- one airport and six highways -- around the country that will receive expedited environmental review under President Bush's executive order last month "streamlining" rules under the National Environmental Policy Act review process. The projects are located in California, Indiana, Minnesota, New H

NRDC June 21, 2004

[845] **Environment:** [Interior Department joining fight for Nevada cat litter mine](#)

Interior Department joining fight for Nevada cat litter mine. The Bush administration is taking the side of industry in what amounts to a cat fight over a controversial mine in Nevada. At the request of the Interior Department, the Justice Department is considering filing a "friend-of-the-court" brief in U.S. District Court supporting a proposed mine project on federal land a few miles from downto

Bush administration limiting scop the wake of massive flooding in V federal Office of Surface Mining investigation of a possible link to Bush administration is backing av complaints from state officials. TI inspector

NRDC June 21, 2004

[848] **Government:** [Bush keeps r](#)

At the beginning of November 20 Reagan administration were to be Order that effectively denies the p presidential documents by giving veto power over any public releas

OMB Watch June 21, 2004

[850] **Government:** [Bush abuses](#)

Asserting executive privilege. in I congressional subpoena, President to withhold giving information to Committee regarding documents 1 Janet Reno's decision not to appoi possible campaign finance misdeed

OMB Watch June 21, 2004

[852] **Government:** [Memo urges](#)

In October 2001, Attorney Genera guidance memo to agencies on im Information Act. The memo instr withhold information whenever p reversal of past policy, which stre

OMB Watch June 21, 2004

[854] **Environment:** [Former EPA to enforcement of clean air rules](#)

The Bush administration's plans to pollution regulations have halted crackdown on polluters, according Protection Agency employee. Syl employee who resigned her positi enforcement and compliance in Ju incentive t

NRDC June 21, 2004

[856] **Global Affairs:** [Bush refus](#)

Nearly five years after the cerem treaty to ban land mines, these de the earth continue to bear bloody limbs, broken lives, shattered fam refuses to join 129 other nations tl Once again, our government's ung

NRDC June 21, 2004

[847] **Environment:** [Whistleblower says Bush administration pressure forced inadequate salmon protection](#)

Last month's massive salmon kill in the Klamath River may have happened because the Bush administration pressured the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to violate the Endangered Species Act (ESA). According to NMFS biologist Michael Kelly, who is now seeking whistleblower protection, his agency's scientific recommendations were twice rejected under political pressure so that the U.S. Bureau

NRDC June 21, 2004

[849] **Government:** [GAO sues executive branch to overcome secrecy](#)

For the first time, the General Accounting Office an arm of Congress is suing the executive branch, because it cannot get the basic facts about who participated in what meetings.

OMB Watch June 21, 2004

[851] **Government:** [DOD proposal would have criminalized publication of unclassified documents A](#)

March 2002 Department of Defense proposal that has been withdrawn would have created the possibility for criminal sanctions to be brought against individuals publishing unclassified research.

OMB Watch June 21, 2004

[853] **Government:** [Bush closed immigration hearings and files of special interest](#)

Beginning in September 2001, the Bush administration closed all immigration hearings and files of special interest,; which means that family members and the media no longer know when or if a hearing is being held.

OMB Watch June 21, 2004

[855] **War:** [Experts argued that Saddam would only use WMDs if attacked](#)

Although Bush claimed we were going to war against Iraq so Hussein wouldn't use his WMDs, most analysts thought they would only be used if Hussein was attacked.

Common Dreams June 21, 2004

[857] **Environment:** [Bush administration sides with auto industry against lower emissions](#)

The federal government's long history of support for California's efforts to fight air pollution has come to an end, as the Bush administration filed a friend-of-the-court brief siding with Daimler-Chrysler and General Motors in a lawsuit seeking to overturn the state's zero-emission vehicle rule.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[859] **Environment:** [EPA memo improperly encourages employees](#)

Common Dreams June 21, 2004

[858] **Environment:** [Justice Dept](#)

The Justice Department has violated the vulnerability of the nation's climate according to a report by the General Accounting Office. *NRDC* June 21, 2004

[860] **Environment:** [Bush stacks industry experts](#)

Democratic members of Congress are pushing for revamping a government health advisory committee. According to the lawmakers, the committee is made up of scientists with expertise on the health effects of lead poisoning for service on a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advisory committee. In their place, they want to place scientists with deeper expertise.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[862] **Environment:** [Judge conside Secretary Norton over manatees](#)

The Bush administration is appealing a court decision that requires the Fish and Wildlife Service to protect sanctuaries and refuges for manatees. The judge maintains that the Interior Department must implement a settlement agreement with environmentalists, industry and the public. *NRDC* June 21, 2004

[864] **Environment:** [Bush admini rights](#)

Signaling a major shift in federal policy, the administration appears ready to give Western states access to natural resources traditionally reserved for federal control.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[866] **Environment:** [Forest Service logging proposals](#)

With President Bush's controversial logging plan stalled in Congress, the U.S. Forest Service is moving forward with the administration's plan to "thin" some logging projects in national parks. The plan includes regulations that could slow the process. *NRDC* June 21, 2004

[868] **Environment:** [Bush replaci industry views](#)

The Bush administration, unhappy with the results of advisory committees that guide federal restructuring at the Department of Energy, has replaced a few weeks, some committees that

[to support Bush](#)

The National Treasury Employees Union complained to EPA Administrator Christine Whitman about a memo sent to all EPA employees last month encouraging them to "express support for the President and his program" when off-duty. The union warned that such wording -- contained in a memo outlining the "do's and don't's" of election-year policies for federal employees -- violates civil service protection

NRDC June 21, 2004

[861] **Environment:** [EPA admits clean water takes back seat to war on terrorism](#)

Don't you know there's a war on? That is why the Environmental Protection Agency is no longer making it a priority to clean up the nation's rivers, streams and lakes, according to the agency's chief enforcer of the Clean Water Act. Testifying before a Senate environmental committee, G. Tracy Mehan III, EPA's assistant administrator for water, said efforts to combat terrorism and help the economy

NRDC June 21, 2004

[863] **Environment:** [White House blocking conservation funding for farms](#)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's ability to fully implement conservation programs is being hampered by the Bush administration. This summer Congress approved funding to help farmers enroll land in voluntary conservation programs -- the Conservation Reserve Program, Wetland Reserve Program, and Farmland Protection Program. But the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) denied USDA's

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[865] **Environment:** [New EPA water quality report shows U.S. waters are getting dirtier](#)

In response to a Freedom of Information Act Request filed by NRDC and American Rivers, EPA today released its biannual report of U.S. water quality conditions, and the news is not good. This year's report shows that U.S. waterways are becoming increasingly polluted. From 1998 to 2000, the percentage of polluted rivers rose from 35 percent to 39 percent, the percentage of polluted estuaries jumped

NRDC June 21, 2004

[867] **Government:** [Bush administration unresponsive to FOIA requests Growing delays in responding to FOIA requests. At the end of](#)

September 2002, the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, announced that the number of freedom of information requests within the executive branch agencies have either held even or declined, but the backlog has increased. In its review of implementation of the Electronic Freedom of Information Act Amendments of 1996, GAO found that agency backlogs of pending requests are su

odds with the president's views his membership in others has been re
NRDC June 21, 2004

[870] **Environment:** [U.S. EPA m standards](#)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is behind in fulfilling its statutory requirements for some 176 air toxics, according to a new report. The agency's Clean Air Act through a two-phase rulemaking process. Toxic air pollutants such as benzene, mercury and lead are the most significant

NRDC June 21, 2004

[872] **Environment:** [EPA omits global pollution report](#)

Top officials at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, without White House approval, deleted a chapter from the agency's annual report on air pollution. The report, titled "National Air Quality: 2001 Status Report," shows a 10 percent reduction in most emissions, but it also notes that air pollution is mostly responsible for global warming

NRDC June 21, 2004

[874] **Government:** [Republicans woo voters](#)

Republicans are using the prospect of a new administration's faith-based initiatives to attract voters in tight congressional races this fall. The strategy is being used in several key races, including in the House of Representatives

Washington Post June 21, 2004

[876] **Environment:** [Army Corps Missouri River plan](#)

The Army Corps of Engineers is planning to issue a new "master manual" for the Missouri River, but it is leaving endangered wildlife unprotected. The Corps is planning to continue unchanged. As a result, it is forcing the agency to change the way it manages the river to prevent species from going extinct

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[878] **Environment:** [Federal office to endangered list](#)

The National Marine Fisheries Service is planning to add several species to its list of endangered species. The agency is planning to add several species to its list of endangered species

NRDC June 21, 2004

[880] **Environment:** [U.S. EPA air laws](#)

OMB Watch June 21, 2004

[869] **Environment:** [Bush orders agencies to streamline environmental review of transportation projects](#)

In a major victory for the nation's road lobby, President Bush signed an executive order directing the Department of Transportation and other federal agencies to speed up the approvals process for federally-backed projects, such as highway construction or airport projects. The president's order calls for "streamlining" environmental review and limiting public participation in planning and permitting.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[871] **Government:** [Providing energy industry exemptions.](#)

In September 2002, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), issued a draft rule that would restrict access to previously public information that is now deemed potentially useful to a person planning an attack on production, generation, transportation, transmission or distribution of energy. This Critical Energy Infrastructure Information; (CEII) would suddenly be made exempt from FOIA and

OMB Watch June 21, 2004

[873] **Environment:** [BLM's plans for California desert favor commerce over conservation](#)

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management recently released a long-awaited draft management proposal for a 5.5 million acre portion of the California's Sonoran Desert that favors vehicle recreation at the expense of wildlife, according to environmentalists.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[875] **Environment:** [EPA backs off issuing strong antipollution standards for off-road vehicles.](#)

Bad luck prevailed on Friday the 13th as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency finally issued new standards for off-road vehicle emissions and engine regulations. Bowing to White House and industry pressure, the EPA not only failed to issue stronger standards to control pollution from these vehicles but actually weakened the rule it proposed more than a year ago.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[877] **Environment:** [Norton rules out citizen's panel for Trans-Alaska Pipeline](#)

Interior Secretary Gale Norton rejected the need for establishing a citizens' panel to oversee the trans-Alaska oil pipeline. State and federal regulators are holding hearings on the renewal of the pipeline rights-of-way across public lands, as oil companies seek to extend their use for another 30 years beyond the January 2004 expiration. Environmentalists want a citizens group to oversee pipeline

NRDC June 21, 2004

[879] **Environment:** [White House seeks unprecedented exemption from public disclosure rules](#)

Under the Bush administration, the Protection Agency personnel assigned to the lowest level on records obtained through the Freedom of Information Act.

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[882] **Environment:** [U.S. undercuts World Summit](#)

Just two days into the U.N. summit in Saudi Arabia and other nations in use of clean, renewable energy technologies.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[884] **Environment:** [Bush administration plan](#)

Interior Secretary Norton quietly overturned a court ruling involving a critical court-supported water plan. The state-federal plan to restore the San Francisco Bay-Delta's reliability for California.

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[886] **Environment:** [Bush administration at World Summit](#)

The good news is the White House strategies for the upcoming World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa. The U.S. delegation, led by Secretary of State Powell, views the summit as a platform to rebut environmental policies and his failures.

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[888] **Environment:** [Bush administration California coastal protection](#)

A proposal to designate one of the Southern California's coast as a national monument is being scuttled by the Bush administration.
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[890] **Environment:** [EPA cedes I](#)

In a strange and unprecedented move, the Environmental Protection Agency ceded control of the clear-cutting of the Coeur d'Alene Basin to state, local, and tribal officials.
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[892] **Environment:** [White House](#)

Coming soon to an ocean near you: increased commercial fishing, oil and gas drilling, and other harmful maneuvers. These and other harmful actions if the Bush administration succeeds.

In a case involving public access to information about Vice President Cheney's secret energy task force, the Bush administration is seeking broad immunity from disclosure laws. Administration attorneys filed a brief in federal district court hoping to block citizen groups from obtaining information about sensitive energy policy documents. They are arguing, for the first time ever, that virtually a

NRDC June 21, 2004

[881] **Environment:** [Bush's new wildfire expert no friend of forests](#)
This just in: The man chosen to direct the Bush administration's efforts to reduce wildfire danger on public lands doubts the existence of ecosystems and thinks the extinction of the nation's threatened and endangered species might not be a bad idea.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[883] **Environment:** [White House Utah drilling plans under fire from local businesses](#)
A coalition of small businesses sent a letter to President Bush opposing his administration's plans to allow oil drilling on public lands in southern Utah. They are worried that drilling and related activities will mar the landscape that is "the bedrock for drawing significant revenue to our local businesses." They pointed out that oil produced in the state generates \$1 billion annually, while tou

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[885] **Environment:** [Bush administration weakens whale protections that hindered oil and gas industry](#)
Concern about the environmental dangers of seismic testing -- which relies on intense blasts of sound to map potential mineral reserves -- prompted government officials in the Gulf of Mexico to develop new regulations to protect Marine mammals. But an industry lobbyist persuaded the Mineral Management Service (MMS) to weaken some of the protections.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[887] **Environment:** [Interior Department allows more air pollution at national park](#)
The Interior Department reversed a National Park Service finding that air pollution from a proposed coal-fired power plant in western Kentucky would significantly hamper visibility at nearby Mammoth Cave National Park. In an August 22 letter to the state of Kentucky, Interior Assistant Secretary Craig Manson rejected the conclusions of career Park Service officials after meeting with Peabody Energ

NRDC June 21, 2004

[889] **Environment:** [Bush calls for increased logging in the name of fire prevention](#)
President Bush has a simple solution for preventing forest fires: Cut down the trees. His new forest management plan essentially would do just that by rewriting environmental rules to allow timber companies to increase commercial logging in national forests.

NRDC June 21, 2004

provisions as they apply to vast tr

NRDC June 21, 2004

[894] **Environment:** [EPA fails to](#)
The Environmental Protection Ag a legal deadline for reassessing th by the Food Quality Protection Ac EPA to complete safety reviews c tolerances (individual uses of pest by this date.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[896] **Environment:** [EPA rolls b cleanup program](#)
This year marks the 30-year anniv the U.S. Environmental Protection rule to cripple the Act's primary p more than 20,000 polluted rivers,

NRDC June 21, 2004

[898] **Environment:** [Bush admini coal holdings in Utah](#)
Interior Department officials agre federal land -- containing valuabl for 108,000 acres of scenic land o deal, which BLM land appraisers million giveaway by U.S. taxpaye by U.S. Rep. Chris Cannon (R-Ut Committee tabled t

NRDC June 21, 2004

[900] **Economy:** [S&P 500 shows presidency since Herbert Hoover](#)
George W. Bush is shattering rec office for a U.S. president as mea & Poor's 500. In his first year-and presided over a 36.9 percent decli drop of Herbert Hoover, the presie Depression.

Consortium News June 21, 2004

[902] **Environment:** [Bush's revis restoration goals](#)
Seven months after environmenta administration's draft plan for rest calling it a thinly veiled effort to : Corps of Engineers issued new pr ease those concerns and further fl restoration blueprint Congress ena

NRDC June 21, 2004

[904] **Environment:** [Bush cleanu](#)

[891] **Environment:** [Bush skipping U.N. Earth Summit](#)

A decade ago the first President Bush attended a world summit on the environment in Rio de Janeiro, where he agreed to tackle problems in forestry, biodiversity and climate change. Unlike his father, President George W. Bush will not attend the U.N. World Summit on Sustainable Development, to be held later this month in Johannesburg, South Africa. Instead, Secretary of State Colin Powell will lead
NRDC June 21, 2004

[893] **Energy:** [Energy plan heavily influenced by oil and gas industry](#)

Even though the government heavily censored the documents before supplying them to NRDC, they reveal that Bush administration officials sought extensive advice from utility companies and the oil, gas, coal and nuclear energy industries, and incorporated their recommendations, often word for word, into the energy plan.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[895] **Environment:** [Bush administration allows energy development in national monument](#)

For the first time ever, energy development activities will be permitted outside already-leased areas at a national monument, courtesy of the Bush administration. The Bureau of Land Management has decided that companies can expand oil and gas exploration beyond the boundaries of their existing leases at Canyons of the Ancients National Monument in Colorado.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[897] **Environment:** [Bush uses national security to gain corporate secrecy and immunity](#)

At the behest of industry, the Bush administration is using the guise of homeland security to squelch the public's right to know about corporate practices that threaten its health and safety. Both houses of Congress are working furiously to pass massive homeland security legislation before the one-year anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks. But buried deep within the House version of
NRDC June 21, 2004

[899] **Environment:** [Fish and Wildlife Service reneges on manatee protection plan](#)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service wants a federal judge to delay or revoke the settlement that requires the agency to designate manatee protection areas in Florida. The request comes approximately one week after the judge chastised federal officials for violating a court-approved agreement to provide more safe havens from boaters for the endangered sea cows.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[901] **Liberty:** [Bush wants a national ID system, which would allow tracking citizens movements about the country](#)

[nuclear waste](#)

The Bush administration's strategy weapons sites may result in waste Department plans to spend \$1.1 b program next year. But in an effort considering relaxed requirements off-site, according to a General A
NRDC June 21, 2004

[906] **Environment:** [EPA's science questioned](#)

A report by an independent panel Environmental Protection Agency safety in determining that a group children's health. The EPA, promptly brought by NRDC in 2000, review organophosphorus pesticides in food EPA Scientific
NRDC June 21, 2004

[908] **Race and Class:** [Bush appoints key civil rights positions](#)

Julian Bond was especially harsh appointed racially hostile, conservative rights positions, including the vote of Justice.
Houston Chronicle June 21, 2004

[910] **Democracy:** [Bush places up](#)

With a straight face, Bush asked existing leaders, create a functioning powers, write a constitution, and state in world history, and certain occupation, has ever done this in independence, none of the Arab states Accord
Counter Punch June 21, 2004

[912] **Environment:** [EPA may allow formerly banned toxic pesticide](#)

The U.S. Environmental Protection rice growers to spread one of the known. Carbofuran has been responsible thousands of birds, including bald dangerous that the manufacturer visited the mid-1990s. It has not been all
NRDC June 21, 2004

[914] **Environment:** [Bush administration for California frog](#)

Mark Twain's once celebrated frog days, thanks to the Bush administration

CNET June 21, 2004

[903] **Environment:** [Bush administration opposes renewable energy requirement](#)

The Bush administration has joined several utilities in opposing a provision of the Senate energy bill that would require power companies to produce 10 percent of their energy from renewable sources by 2020. The Senate bill includes a renewable electricity standard that requires major electric companies to increase sales of electricity from wind, solar and other renewable sources from 2 percent to

NRDC June 21, 2004

[905] **Environment:** [White House backs delay in river changes](#)

Despite the government's own findings that higher water levels would benefit wildlife, the White House is quietly backing a 5-year delay in boosting spring levels of the Missouri River.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[907] **Environment:** [Bush administration forced to protect endangered whipsnake](#)

A federal judge has thwarted another attempt by the Bush administration to remove critical-habitat protection for species listed under the federal Endangered Species Act. In the latest in a series of legal challenges by the construction and timber industries against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service over federal habitat protections, the judge ruled against California developers by upholding the fed

NRDC June 21, 2004

[909] **Attitude:** [Bush threatens and bullies Europe over ICC](#)

After months of threats and bullying, the Bush administration has apparently backed down in its confrontation with Western Europe over the newly formed International Criminal Court (ICC).

World Socialist Web Site June 21, 2004

[911] **Race and Class:** [Bush's Justice Department whittled 11,000 election complaints after the 2000 election to five potential lawsuits](#)

USA Today June 21, 2004

[913] **Democracy:** [Bush concentrates executive power by establishing military tribunals](#)

Bush issued of an Executive Order on November 13th, establishing a system of military tribunals to try accused terrorists. The degree to which the Order concentrates power in the hands of the Executive is breathtaking.

Center for Constitutional Rights June 21, 2004

[915] **Liberty:** [PATRIOT Act gives excessive power to executive branch](#)

The Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate

federal judge ruled that federal of for more than a half-million acres two endangered species in souther Wildlife Service rescinded its des NRDC June 21, 2004

[916] **Environment:** [Bush slashin](#)

The inspector general of the U.S. reported to Congress that the Busl deep funding cuts for the federal slow or halt the cleanup process a These sites are among the most co and pose some level of health and comm

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[918] **Environment:** [EPA stymie radiation standards](#)

In testimony before the U.S. Sena Protection Agency's independent o pressured to stop his investigation Yucca Mountain project a year ag NRDC June 21, 2004

[920] **Women's Rights:** [House Pa](#)

The GOP-controlled House on 20 would outlaw partial birth abortio necessary to save the woman's lif by a vote of 274-151. Critics char unconstitutional. The Supreme Cc birth abortion law in June 2000, p exceptions

Policy Almanac June 21, 2004

[922] **Environment:** [EPA rolls b plants](#)

In a major victory for the utility it has proposed changes to federal a the Clean Air Act. More than a ye review" of the Clean Air Act, the Agency will relax federal "new sc approximately 17,000 of the coun NRDC June 21, 2004

[924] **Environment:** [Missouri Ri](#)

In another setback for river protec of Engineers is postponing indefir River's flows in order to save end. The Corps made this decision des U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service tha is the only way to protect two sho NRDC June 21, 2004

Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT Act) gives excessive power to the executive branch to determine who is an enemy combatant.

Rense June 21, 2004

[917] **Environment:** [Bush administration blames wildfires on environmentalists](#)

In a new low, the Bush administration is suggesting a link between forest protection efforts and the scourge of wildfires currently raging across the country. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced plans to study whether legal actions and petitions by environmentalists contributed to Forest Service delays in wildfire prevention projects, thereby contributing to the catastrophic wildfire

NRDC June 21, 2004

[919] **Environment:** [EPA backs off mandatory plan to clean up stormwater pollution](#)

At the behest of the White House, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has abandoned its plan to force construction companies to reduce stormwater runoff caused by development, the leading source of coastal water pollution in the United States.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[921] **Environment:** [Bush administration backtracks on land preservation](#)

Two years after the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recommended that a 3,800-acre pristine peninsula in Virginia called the Crow's Nest be designated as a national wildlife refuge, the Bush administration has determined that it lacks the number of rare and endangered species necessary for federal protection.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[923] **Environment:** [Judge rejects Corps request to lift ban on mining pollution](#)

"Despite the administration's efforts to rewrite pollution rules to benefit the mining industry, Judge Haden stood by his decision," said Daniel Rosenberg, an attorney in NRDC's clean water program. "His ruling is the only thing preventing the Corps from turning our many of our nation's waterways into landfills for coal companies."

NRDC June 21, 2004

[925] **Environment:** [Bush and Whitman distance themselves from EPA global warming report](#)

Shortly after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued a new report on global warming that represented a stunning policy shift for the Bush administration, President Bush and EPA Administrator Christie Todd Whitman began backtracking from the agency's findings. The report, sent quietly last week to the United Nations, concluded that greenhouse gas emissions produced by human activities were

NRDC June 21, 2004

[926] **Education:** [Education Sec](#)

"Claims that inexperienced college formally trained teachers are insu members of the teaching professio professionalize teaching, the Secr it by promoting teaching as volun *Bob Chase, National Education A*

[928] **Environment:** [BLM officia charges](#)

As the battle over coal-bed metha Wyoming's Powder River Basin h Bureau of Land Management hav ties to industry.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[930] **Environment:** [EPA signs o pesticides](#)

The Environmental Protection Ag safety of pesticides, just hours aft Washington rebuffed the pesticide release of the information. In a st of 30 organophosphates, the EPA unacceptable threat to human heal *NRDC* June 21, 2004

[932] **Environment:** [On offshore give Californians the same relief i](#)

Interior Secretary Gale Norton rej Davis' request that it buy back off last month. Norton contended that Florida opposes coastal drilling ar cited two pending lawsuits filed b drilling rights that preclude the ad *NRDC* June 21, 2004

[934] **War:** [Bush's preemptive wa](#)

The Bush administration's preempt the right to overthrow any govern to the US, goes against internatio Charter, which prohibits one coun under imminent threat of invasion *The Guardian*, June 21, 2004

[936] **Labor Relations:** [Bush sele](#)

Bush administration publishes uni fails to publish reports required b consultants.

Labor Research Association June

[938] **Environment:** [Bush admini](#)

[927] **Environment:** [U.S. signs off on endangered salmon harvest](#)
 U.S. delegates to an international treaty on wild Atlantic salmon agreed to allow a foreign commercial harvest of fish from one of the nation's last surviving critically endangered salmon runs. At a meeting of the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Association, the delegates adopted -- with U.S. approval -- a plan under which Greenland could harvest up to 55 tons of salmon in waters off the northe
NRDC June 21, 2004

[929] **Environment:** [Bush administration pushes oil drilling in Alaska reserve](#)
 Defeated in its attempt to allow oil drilling in the Arctic Refuge, the Bush administration has set its sights on an even larger tract of pristine wilderness in Alaska -- the 23-million-acre National Petroleum Reserve. The reserve, a large federally owned area on Alaska's North Slope immediately west of the sprawling Prudhoe Bay oil field, is an ecologically rich wild area that provides essential
NRDC June 21, 2004

[931] **Environment:** [Bush administration refuses to crack down on diesel pollution](#)
 The Bush administration intends to regulate pollution from diesel-powered off-road equipment for the first time, but only through industry-favored actions rather than a federal crackdown. In an unusual collaboration, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the White House Office of Management and Budget will draft a final rule to be released next year that emphasizes voluntary incentives for
NRDC June 21, 2004

[933] **Democracy:** [Bush's democracy based on money -- Fidel Castro](#)
 For Mr. W, democracy only exists where money solves everything and where those who can afford a \$25,000-a-plate dinner an insult to the billions of people living in the poor, hungry and underdeveloped world are the ones called to solve the problems of society and the world --.
Fidel Castro China Daily June 21, 2004

[935] **Social Programs:** [Bush bars escape route for poor, abused women](#)
 Two-parent families look good for children because two incomes mean less poverty. Raising the minimum wage to a livable wage would do more than any of Bush's gifts to his capitalist friends to raise women and their children out of poverty. What Bush and his marriage-happy (except if that marriage is between those of the same sex) extremist friends ignore is the growing body of science that shows t
News & Letters June 21, 2004

[937] **Attitude:** [US's bullying attitude abroad may have "disastrous consequences"](#)

[companies off the hook for protec](#)
 The Bush administration backed c the construction industry to spend environmental protection. The U.S. Agency had planned to require co permanent steps, such as building pollution from dirt and other runo
 Office of Management
NRDC June 21, 2004

[940] **Environment:** [Bush-Putin Nuclear Arms Treaty](#)
 President Bush and Russian Presid nuclear arms treaty that will reduc deployed on ballistic missiles and agreement, each side will reduce i nuclear warheads to no more than White House has been busy hailir step away f
NRDC June 21, 2004

[942] **Environment:** [Bush admini Oregon national forest](#)
 The Bush administration canceled claims in roughly 1.2-million acre Oregon's Siskiyou National Fores moratorium, which was set to exp to prospectors.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[944] **Environment:** [Forest Servic wilderness in Alaska's Tongass](#)
 The 17-million-acre Tongass Nati which contains nearly 30 percent temperate rain forest, is under fire response to a federal court order l Forest Service to consider designa Tongass as permanent wilderness
NRDC June 21, 2004

[946] **Environment:** [EPA propos](#)
 The U.S. Environmental Protectio an alternative to reducing their dis waterways: paying someone else t
NRDC June 21, 2004

[948] **Environment:** [Bush budget resources spending](#)
 According to a report issued by N Land is Our Land: Saving Americ administration's budget for Fiscal discretionary funding for the envi

Now, having said that, we must point out that the institutions in this country -- the Constitution, the courts, the legislative bodies, civil liberties, the Bill of Rights, the press, etc. -- are in as much danger as they've ever been in. And the U.S.'s bullying attitude abroad may well lead to disastrous consequences for America down the line.
Counter Punch June 21, 2004

[939] **Environment:** [Army Corps of Engineers' flip-flops on project reviews further damage its credibility](#)

Less than a week after announcing that it had completed an unprecedented, in-depth review of 171 projects, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers changed course yet again by reopening reviews on more than 50 projects while dropping some projects from its list altogether and adding others. "The Corps appears to be floundering in a sea of mismanagement," said NRDC attorney Daniel Rosenberg.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[941] **Environment:** [Bush administration rolls back air conditioner energy efficiency standards](#)

Just days after celebrating the first anniversary of the release of its national energy policy, the Bush administration weakened a major efficiency standard for air conditioners. The Department of Energy (DOE) announced a new that effectively overturns the so-called SEER 13 standard, which required a 30 percent increase in efficiency, in favor of a lower standard of SEER 12. Under the new standard
NRDC June 21, 2004

[943] **Environment:** [Bush signs disastrous farm bill](#)

Despite President Bush's supposed devotion to free markets and his pledge to wean farmers off of government funding, he signed a farm bill that is expected to cost \$190 billion over 10 years -- or \$83 billion more than the cost of continuing current programs. The bill boosts conservation spending, but that increase remains low in the context of overall spending -- \$9 billion of the bill's \$45 billion
NRDC June 21, 2004

[945] **Environment:** [Bush administration agency secretly fights mine reforms](#)

The federal Office of Surface Mining wants to halt proposed reforms that would have ensured that coal companies plan post-mining development before they obtain mountaintop removal permits, according to government records released by the Charleston Gazette. The records show that OSM also is pushing for a federal study to propose lifting restrictions on the size of valley fill waste piles.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[947] **Environment:** [Bush administration blocks testimony of key energy official Government attorneys filed a motion in federal district](#)

May 15 deposition of the administration energy task force's executive director, Andrew Lundquist. NRDC issued a subpoena to Lundquist

plays shell games with some of the wildlife programs, compromising resources.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[950] **War:** [Bush says "You're wignoring subtle foreign policy Cat foreig](#)

September: "You're either with us or against us when it comes to America's long-term interests in the Middle East. To judge from a growing number of reports, the administration has managed to be both "with us . . . and against us" in the Middle East. Does this leave the Bush administration in a bind?
Petersburg Times June 21, 2004

[952] **Environment:** [EPA charges Yucca Mountain nuclear dump or](#)

Environmental groups and the state of Nevada filed a lawsuit with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to force the agency to enforce its standards for protecting groundwater around the proposed Yucca Mountain nuclear waste dump. Environmental groups demonstrated the illegality of the EPA's decision. The U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington D.C. will require the EPA to enforce the standards.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[954] **Environment:** [EPA to let new waterways](#)

The Bush administration has revealed a new rule that flatly prohibited depositing solid wastes into the nation's waterways.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[956] **Environment:** [Bush administration blocks drilling in the Rockies](#)

Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is off-limits to drilling for now, but federal agencies are encouraged and facilitated to drill for oil and gas in the states. In testimony before Congress, the Interior Department Director Kathleen Clarke said that oil and gas reserves on federal lands should be increased by more than 50 percent.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[958] **Attitude:** [Arrogance of power thinking and dissent](#)

They are clear that Washington's : global war is leading to assaults on dissent.

American Friends Service Commi

on April 30 to depose him and force the Energy Department to finally release records of who consulted with him to formulate the Bush energy policy.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[949] **Environment:** [Salmon protection temporarily rescinded](#)

The White House won a victory over endangered species protection when a federal judge accepted a settlement between developers and the Bush administration that removes critical habitat protection for 19 groups of Pacific salmon while federal officials reconsider the economic impacts of saving the fish from extinction.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[951] **Environment:** [Corps of Engineers' plan threatens to pollute Florida Everglades](#)

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has begun building large storage facilities to hold hundreds of millions of gallons of polluted stormwater on the borders of Everglades National Park. Although construction is already underway, hydrologic modeling and other necessary environmental analyses have yet to be completed. The project, which threatens to flood and pollute the park, is an improper use of th

NRDC June 21, 2004

[953] **Environment:** [White House rejected more stringent EPA air-pollution proposal before issuing so-called Clear Skies plan](#)

President Bush's controversial "Clear Skies" proposal to reduce air pollution -- weak as it is -- is less stringent than an alternative advocated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. According to administration documents obtained by the New York Times, the EPA's proposal would have reduced air pollution further and faster than the proposal the president eventually chose.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[955] **Environment:** [NRDC issues subpoena to former head of White House energy task force](#)

Yesterday, NRDC (Natural Resources Defense Council) issued a subpoena to the director of Vice President Cheney's energy task force. The group wants to depose Andrew Lundquist and force the Energy Department to finally hand over records of who consulted with him to formulate the Bush energy policy. "As the administration's top official on the task force, Andrew Lundquist ran the show for Vice Presi

Common Dreams June 21, 2004

[957] **Environment:** [EPA watchdog resigns in protest over Bush policies](#)

In an embarrassing development on Earth Day, the government official charged with representing public concerns against the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency resigned, citing mistreatment by the Bush administration.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[960] **Environment:** [Bush admini scientist](#)

Carrying baggage for ExxonMobi Bush administration representative on Climate Change (IPCC) succeed from the science panel's chairman government backing, officials met elected Dr. Rajendra Pachauri of I years.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[962] **Energy:** ["Science Falls Vic Refuge Debate](#)

The Washington Post on 7 April 2 U.S. Geological Survey study was particularly sensitive to oil explor Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), the ag up report suggesting that the most consideration should have no imp *American Institute of Biological S*

[964] **Attitude:** [Bush seeks globa arsenals](#)

Stephen Hadley, one of Condolez that, not unlike the elder Bush's N Administration seeks a whole new based ultimately on its nuclear an *American Friends Service Commi*

[966] **Environment:** [Alaska oil d despite Bush claims](#)

Despite the Bush administration's have little impact on the environn confirms that opening Alaska's Ar development could significantly h *NRDC* June 21, 2004

[968] **Environment:** [White Hous steps back, on chemical treaty](#)

"By reneging on the promise to fu posed by the persistence of a wid White House is failing to fulfill th said Gina Solomon, director of NI *NRDC* June 21, 2004

[970] **Environment:** [White Hous funding](#)

The Bush administration officially Environmental Protection Agency \$10 million a year to students pur environmental science, policy and *NRDC* June 21, 2004

[959] **Environment:** [Bush clean air plan would boost coal use](#)
Under the Bush administration's "Clear Skies" multi-pollutant reduction plan, the amount of coal burned by electric power companies will increase by 7.3 percent, according to an analysis by the Environmental Protection Agency. The president's initiative, proposed in February, would cause a 79-million-ton increase in coal use between now and 2020.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[961] **Environment:** [Administration's plan allows overfishing in New England](#)
Despite data indicating that 12 of 18 New England fish stocks are severely depleted, the Bush administration will allow overfishing to continue indefinitely. New England fish populations are down 70 percent from historic levels, while fishing has increased 300 percent. But an agreement put forth by the National Marine Fisheries Service threatens the fishery's sustainability by failing to impose 1
NRDC June 21, 2004

[963] **Environment:** [Forest Service wants to circumvent environmental laws](#)
A draft report by the U.S. Forest Service reveals that the agency intends to speed up land management projects by streamlining rules protecting the environment and endangered species, as well as limit court challenges to its decisions.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[965] **Environment:** [Corps approves Everglades mining](#)
The Army Corps of Engineers, the federal agency in charge of the government's plan to restore the Florida Everglades, will actually allow miners to destroy 5,409 acres of this national treasure in the next decade -- more than doubling the number of open-pit limestone mines in the protected wetlands.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[967] **Environment:** [Bush administration scales back habitat protection for endangered butterfly](#)
The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reduced nearly 130,000 acres of critical habitat for the endangered Quino checkerspot butterfly. Instead, the agency set aside 172,000 acres in southern California -- 40 percent less protected land than the agency proposed in February 2001.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[969] **Environment:** [Bush administration promotes coal-bed methane development](#)
Citing rising energy demands and the need to increase energy production, the Bush administration is touting natural gas development on public lands. Assistant Interior Secretary Rebecca Watson spoke at a conference in Colorado about the Bureau of Land Management's plans to increase gas supplies through coal-bed

[972] **Environment:** [Pentagon se laws](#)
The Defense Department, citing n legislation that would exempt the federal laws that protect water qu species and wildlife habitat.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[974] **Labor Relations:** [Bush atte](#)
With an eye on his own 2004 reel courting a handful of unions wher bill. But his attempt to divide the February when Labor Secretary E many at the AFL-CIO's executive *Labor Research Association* June

[976] **Environment:** [BLM plans 1](#)
The Bush administration put oil ar can expect speedier drilling appro deposits, reduced royalty payment restrictions.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[978] **Environment:** [White Hous print dirty energy plan](#)
The Bush administration used mo clean energy budgets to pay the c friendly national energy plan. Acc obtained by NRDC, the Energy D solar, renewable energy and energ 10,000 copies of the White House
NRDC June 21, 2004

[980] **Environment:** [Gas drilling Seashore.](#)
The National Park Service issued Corp. to drill for natural gas withi 69-mile stretch of the barrier islar Already a 156-foot drilling derrick depending on how successful the : follow.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[982] **Social Programs:** [150,000 imposed time limits](#)
The Bush plan does not lift the five benefits imposed in 1996. One stu Campaign for Jobs and Income St have already had their benefits re a result of the five-year limit.
WSWS June 21, 2004

methane development in the Rocky Mountain region. "Conserving energy through efficient
NRDC June 21, 2004

[971] **Environment:** [BLM proposal could doom California dunes](#)
 The Bureau of Land Management may lift restrictions on off-road vehicle usage on 49,000 acres of currently protected dunes in California. The Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area, about 150 miles east of San Diego, is home to rare desert plants and threatened and endangered species.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[973] **Environment:** [Energy Department papers show industry is the real author of administration's energy policy](#)
 Despite being heavily censored, the thousands of Department of Energy documents released under court order this week confirm the intimate, secretive relationship between huge, politically connected corporations and the White House energy task force.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[975] **Labor Relations:** [Bush budget cuts labor spending, ignores growing number of unemployed](#)
 Meanwhile, Bush's budget for fiscal year 2004 calls for cuts in labor spending and fails to address the growing ranks of the long-term unemployed.
Labor Research Association June 21, 2004

[977] **Environment:** [Endangered species habitat under attack The Bush administration, facing other lawsuits by real estate developers, i](#)
 Marine Fisheries Service, two agencies responsible for enforcing the ESA, want the courts to rescind millions of acres of protected habitat for nearly two dozen endangered species throughout the country.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[979] **Environment:** [EPA will weaken federal clean air rules](#)
 As expected, the Bush administration has decided to weaken existing clean air laws for coal-fired power plants and refineries. The Environmental Protection Agency has formally announced that it will soon make formal rule changes aimed at discouraging new government lawsuits against polluters in favor of incentives for voluntary reductions in toxic emissions.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[981] **Social Programs:** [Bush denies legal protection for welfare recipients](#)
 The Bush proposal also contains a specific provision aimed at denying welfare recipients legal protection accorded most workers. Bush's bill states that welfare payments are not considered wages for recipients who are working in workfare programs; that is, working for their welfare checks.
WSWS June 21, 2004

[984] **Social Programs:** [Bush allocates money to welfare](#)

In a nod to his right-wing support million program to encourage single mothers, he calls the problem of non-maternally caused violence and childhood poverty, a children—not by low wages, poor
WSWS June 21, 2004

[986] **Social Programs:** [Bush makes welfare recipients working low-wage jobs](#)
 Bush rejected several proposals to stop the clock; for recipients who low wages still receive some welfare
WSWS June 21, 2004

[988] **Social Programs:** [Bush rejects welfare](#)
 Administration officials initially skeptical of community service, including task helping out in offices, would not lift the Standards Act, which sets the national minimum wage hour. It's intended to give them some understanding of work, said a Bush administration official.
WSWS June 21, 2004

[990] **Social Programs:** [Poor income](#)
 For those who have found jobs, living standards are, in many cases, worse than when they were unemployed. According to a study conducted by the Urban Institute, 60 percent of those who were forced off welfare worked less than an hour, and most work less than 20 hours a week.
WSWS June 21, 2004

[992] **Social Programs:** [Welfare recipients must work 40 hours](#)
 Teenage mothers will be required to work 40 hours a week unless they stay in school. However, the bill provides for programs or facilities to handle those who cannot work.
WSWS June 21, 2004

[994] **Social Programs:** [Work requirements for welfare recipients](#)
 At the heart of the [Bush Welfare Reform] bill is an increase in work requirements already in place. The bill would raise the percentage of welfare recipients required to work from 50 percent to 70 percent and increase the number of hours from 20 to 40 hours a week.
WSWS June 21, 2004

[997] **Environment:** [Bush administration scraps plans for new wildlife refuge](#)

The Bush administration is rolling back a four-year planning effort to establish a wildlife refuge near Columbus, Ohio. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service withdrew its proposal to create Little Darby National Wildlife Refuge. Instead the agency will work with residents to develop a conservation plan to protect endangered species and prevent pollution and suburban sprawl from spoiling Little Darby
said Greg Wetstone, NRDC's director of advocacy NRDC June 21, 2004

[999] **Government:** [Bush uses fear to manipulate the public](#)

While it may not quite the audacity of Wag the Dog, Bush and his administration have clearly used fear to manipulate the public.
The Village Voice June 21, 2004

[1001] **Environment:** [The Bush administration's secret plan for strengthening U.S. nuclear forces](#)

Behind the administration's rhetorical mask of post Cold War restraint lie expansive plans to revitalize U.S. nuclear forces, and all the elements that support them, within a so-called "New Triad" of capabilities that combine nuclear and conventional offensive strikes with missile defenses and nuclear weapons infrastructure.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[1003] **Environment:** [White House global warming plan cooks the books](#)

President Bush announced a global warming plan that would do nothing to address the problem. In fact, the plan uses a brazen accounting trick to mask the fact that -- even if his voluntary emissions targets are actually achieved -- heat-trapping carbon dioxide pollution would keep increasing at almost exactly the same rate it has for the past 10 years. Based on the president's own projections, emissions will continue to rise.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[1005] **Environment:** [National Forest in Missouri opened to drilling](#)

In another victory for the forces of extraction, the U.S. Forest Service approved lead mining exploration in Missouri's Mark Twain National Forest. The Doe Run Company plans to drill up to 232 holes in the tree-covered hills and winding streams of the Ozarks.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[1007] **Economy:** [Bush chooses "star wars" funding over education](#)

I strongly support America's war against terrorism. But as a teacher, I believe we also have to "do the math." When we're all being asked to sacrifice, when we've gone beyond trimming the fat to slicing the bone by laying off almost 200 teachers in just one school district alone, should the Pentagon really budget \$8.3 billion, for example, on an elaborate and unproven Star Wars system that can nei
Common Dreams June 21, 2004

Washington and, as expected, the salmon. The Corps opposed breaching the dams intact could lead to the loss of the River's salmon and steelhead runs
NRDC June 21, 2004

[1008] **Environment:** [BLM rule on recordable disclaimer of interest](#)

The Bureau of Land Management states in claiming ownership of rights in federal lands. Under the rule, states would be all "recordable disclaimer of interest" to cede federal jurisdiction over special-use lands.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[1010] **Environment:** [Bush administration cleanup from polluters to taxpayers](#)

The federal trust fund used to clean up the worst waste sites is facing a cash crunch. The shift cleanup costs to citizens rather than taxpayers.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[1012] **Government:** [Faith group](#)

Some critics charge that faith-based organizations are less accountable as partners in government programs.
Public Justice Report June 21, 2004

[1014] **Environment:** [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service silenced on Arctic Refuge](#)

According to news reports, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has instructed employees not to discuss the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in the public affairs office. Agency officials say it's a precautionary gag order, but simply a precautionary measure to protect lawmakers, interest groups and media.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[1016] **Environment:** [Drill first, then regulate: threatens wild lands](#)

With very little public debate or oversight, the Bush administration has turned over huge amounts of federal land to the oil industry, particularly in the West -- to the extent that the Bureau of Land Management shows a 51 percent increase in the number of leases for oil and gas lands by 51 percent -- from 2.6 million acres last year.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[1018] **Women's Rights:** [Muzzling women's rights](#)

IN THE 2000 campaign, George W. Bush took a moderate stance on social issues. But in 2001, he betrayed that position and attached antiabortion conditions to federal funding.

[1009] **Environment:** [EPA official admits that Bush clean air plan is weak](#)

The Environmental Protection Agency's top air official, Jeffrey Holmstead, acknowledged to state regulators that President Bush's recently announced plan to cut utility emissions won't help the Northeast meet federal ozone standards.

NRDC June 21, 2004

[1011] **Environment:** [Top EPA official resigns in protest of Bush's pro-polluter policies](#)

The Bush administration's internal battle over federal clean air policy took a dramatic turn, as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's senior officials resigned to protest White House efforts to weaken tough emissions standards for power plants. Eric Schaeffer, head of EPA's Office of Regulatory Enforcement, accused the Energy Department and the White House of catering to the power industry

NRDC June 21, 2004

[1013] **Environment:** [Whitman remarks undermine government's Clean Air Act lawsuits](#)

EPA Administrator Christine Todd Whitman dropped a bombshell at a Senate hearing when she suggested it would be unwise for power companies facing air pollution lawsuits to settle with the government before a federal appeals court rules on a pending case involving a major violator, the Tennessee Valley Authority. During her testimony before the Senate Government Affairs Committee, Whitman seemed to

NRDC June 21, 2004

[1015] **Environment:** [BLM Idaho director forced to resign](#)

The director of the Bureau of Land Management's office in Idaho resigned, rather than accept an involuntary transfer to a new assignment in New York. In January, Interior Deputy Secretary Steven Griles, a former industry lobbyist, officially notified Martha Hahn of her removal. The notice directed her to assume a previously non-existent post as executive director of New York Harbor operations for

NRDC June 21, 2004

[1017] **War:** [No link / The 9-11 commission staff's disagreement with Bush](#)

The resumed hearings and preliminary staff reports of the September 11 commission are producing some shocking, hitherto not public, information regarding the 2001 attacks.

The information is also undercutting a key theme and repeated message of President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney -- that there was cooperation between al-Qaida, which carried out the Sept. 11 attacks, and

Post-Gazette June 21, 2004

conditions laid down that family money must not perform abortion about them

Washington Post June 21, 2004

[1020] **War:** [Torture Policy](#)

SLOWLY, AND IN spite of system administration, it is becoming clear at Abu Ghraib prison tortured Iraq infamous photographs. President [shamefully cling to the myth that their own. Yet over the past month what the guards d

Washington Post June 21, 2004

[1022] **War:** [Nation Builders and](#)

WASHINGTON -- From the abuse mutilation of American civilians to moments of the Iraqi occupation by contractors "outsourced" by the Pentagon Congressional oversight, the Pentagon companies that now have as many military functions as

New York Times June 21, 2004

[1024] **Government:** [Travesty of](#)

No question: John Ashcroft is the For this column, let's just focus on against terror. Before 9/11 he was terrorist threat. He didn't even mention 2001 memo outlining strategic priorities When the 9/11 commission asked

New York Times June 21, 2004

[1026] **Government:** [White House Approved Halliburton Contract in](#)

In the fall of 2002, in the preparation Pentagon sought and received the administration officials, including before hiring the Halliburton Corporation restoring Iraq's oil facilities, Pentagon Congressional investigators.

New York Times June 21, 2004

[1028] **War:** [The consent of the king](#)

JUST WHEN it seemed they might skein of blunders in Iraq, President pressure from the preeminent Shi'ite sabotaged the interim Iraqi constitution America's democratic gift to Iraq

Boston Globe June 21, 2004

[1019] **Environment:** [Bush likes forest industry, but not the trees](#)
The president's fondness for the timber industry is well documented. Even his forest fire prevention bill -- the so-called Healthy Forests Initiative -- is tilted toward timber industry interests. But now the Bush administration is poised to issue its radical rewrite of the National Forest Management Act regulations, which have protected our national forests, including the Olympic and Wenatchee fo
Seattle PI June 21, 2004

[1021] **Global Affairs:** [Back to the future: new US-Russia arms race](#)
MOSCOW -- When the US earmarked billions of dollars for a new national missile defense and broke ground in Alaska, Washington emphasized that it would be "no threat to Russia." Then, with the inevitability of a cold-war counterpunch, President Vladimir Putin saw fit to reassure Russians that America's shield could be defeated, with a silver bullet successfully tested in February. "No country in th
CS Monitor June 21, 2004

[1023] **Democracy:** [Bush's Vatican strategy](#)
BUMPER stickers saying "Bishops for Bush" may soon be coming. It seems that the president who admits few faults and confesses no shame but invokes God in policy decisions to a grating degree for many Americans pandered to the pope in his recent trip to the Vatican. The National Catholic Reporter, an independent newspaper, published an article that said Bush asked Vatican officials to help him in
Boston Globe June 21, 2004

[1025] **Government:** [The White House Hangs Up](#)
The Bush administration is abandoning the landmark 1996 Telecommunications Act, which spawned a new era of competition in telephone service. That is the net effect of its refusal to appeal to the Supreme Court a federal court decision striking down rules that gave local phone companies access to the Baby Bells' networks. Even more disturbing, the administration pressured the Federal Communications
New York Times June 21, 2004

[1027] **War:** [Errors Are Seen in Early Attacks on Iraqi Leaders](#)
WASHINGTON, June 12 -- The United States launched many more failed airstrikes on a far broader array of senior Iraqi leaders during the early days of the war last year than has previously been acknowledged, and some caused significant civilian casualties, according to senior military and intelligence officials. Only a few of the 50 airstrikes have been described in public. All were unsuccessful, a
New York Times June 21, 2004

[1029] **Honesty:** [U.S. Wrongly Reported Drop in World Terrorism in 2003](#)
WASHINGTON, June 10 - The State Department acknowledged

[1030] **Environment:** [Study Ran as Weakest of 3](#)
WASHINGTON, June 9 - A research administration commissioned to a from coal-fired power plants com legislative proposals and conclude that the administration's plan was
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1032] **Honesty:** [American fib fac](#)
THE WHITE House's Iraq fib fac ballyhooing claims that the new " supposedly just installed in Baghc "totally independent." We would l George Bush. But this latest claim deficient people who concocted Ir U.S. wit
Toronto Sun June 21, 2004

[1034] **War:** [Bunker mentality](#)
AT A TIME when the United Sta possible to rid the world of nuclea for the Bush administration to pus arms. The justification for nuclear Union's conventional and nuclear collapse. The administration will c
Boston Globe June 21, 2004

[1036] **War:** [US 'not bound by to](#)
A Pentagon report last year argue was not bound by laws banning th Wall Street Journal. The documer under presidential orders could no report was written by military and Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. It ca
BBC June 21, 2004

[1038] **Global Affairs:** [Bush's ga impact on what people pay](#)
Although analysis of what goes ir - and thus, the price of gas at the anyone a headache, there are two current situation. The first is that t Saudi Arabia and Venezuela and t large contributor to the climb in p
Post-Gazette June 21, 2004

[1040] **Race and Class:** [Bush tak](#)
For George W. Bush, "Bob Jones phrase that could saddle him with University is a Christian school in conservative tract in the state's no

Thursday that it was wrong in reporting that terrorism declined worldwide last year, a finding the Bush administration had pointed to as evidence of its success in countering terror. Instead, the number of incidents and the toll in victims increased sharply, the department said. Statements by senior administration officials claiming success

New York Times June 21, 2004

[1031] **Government:** [The Day the Constitution Died](#)
AUSTIN, Texas --When, in the future, you find yourself wondering, "Whatever happened to the Constitution?" you will want to go back and look at June 8, 2004. That was the day the attorney general of the United States -- a.k.a. "the nation's top law enforcement officer" -- refused to provide the Senate Judiciary Committee with his department's memos concerning torture.
Alternet June 21, 2004

[1033] **Liberty:** [Legalizing Torture](#)
THE BUSH administration assures the country, and the world, that it is complying with U.S. and international laws banning torture and maltreatment of prisoners. But, breaking with a practice of openness that had lasted for decades, it has classified as secret and refused to disclose the techniques of interrogation it is using on foreign detainees at U.S. prisons at Guantanamo Bay and in Afghanistan
Washington Post June 21, 2004

[1035] **War:** [The Wrong Proliferation Message](#)
As the world's strongest nuclear and conventional power, America should want to freeze weapons development and halt nuclear proliferation. Yet the Bush administration's proposed military budget moves in a different and more dangerous direction by seeking a sharp increase in the funds for research on two new kinds of nuclear bombs. The Senate should halt this reckless folly by voting next week for
New York Times June 21, 2004

[1037] **Government:** [As governor, Bush proclaims Jesus Day, claiming all religions revere Jesus](#)
Governor Bush proclaimed June 10 as Jesus Day.
PBS June 21, 2004

[1039] **Government:** [Bush calls off regulators after company contributes to reelection](#)
Texas Governor George W. Bush's regulators backed off tough controls of a dietary supplement after lobbyists friendly to Bush were hired by a leading manufacturer and contributed to his 1998 gubernatorial re-election campaign.
Time June 21, 2004

[1041] **Gay Rights:** [Bush opposed to hiring an openly gay person in his Administration](#)
Bush claimed to be tolerant of gays, but he's on the record as being

university lost its tax-exempt status this day, it bans interracial dating
Detroit News June 21, 2004

[1042] **Education:** [Bush's Education contracts for schools](#)
Rod Paige, George W. Bush's new Education Department, has been praised as a reformer with a reformist rigor to the job of superintendent. But under his tenure, the Houston Chronicle reports one of the cheesier recent trends is the use of exclusive contracts with soft-drink manufacturers for sugar.
Organic Consumer June 21, 2004

[1044] **Global Affairs:** [Bush impedes reproductive rights](#)
On January 22, 2001, on his first day in office, President George W. Bush re-imposed the Clinton administration's policy of the Agency for International Development. This policy restricts foreign non-governmental organizations that receive federal funds.
Center for Reproductive Rights June 21, 2004

[1046] **Education:** [Accountability in schools](#)
Accountability was not high on the minds of Texas legislators when they approved a form of educational deregulation by a 1995 law, charter schools are exempt from many state regulatory groups or individuals the opportunity.
Houston Chronicle June 21, 2004

[1048] **Government:** [There's no better care than secular providers](#)
Many supporters of Bush's proposal that religious institutions are better, and far more cost-effective providers. However, little empirical evidence. Few studies have examined whether religious groups are more successful than secular groups in providing services. Results, and it is unwise to launch a campaign.
Americans United for Separation

[1050] **Government:** [Bush's plan to regulate religion](#)
Americans United for Separation

[1052] **Government:** [Bush's faith-based initiative](#)
Americans United for Separation

adamantly opposed to hiring an openly gay person in his Administration. And Dick Cheney was forced to back off on his support for recognition of gay and lesbian relationships. Bush got positively gleeful over sending the three men who dragged James Byrd on the back of a truck to the death chamber, when only two are going (the oth
On The Issues June 21, 2004

[1043] **Government:** [Senior Advisor and Assistant to President, Karl Rove](#)

A close friend of George II since the '60s. Worked on his campaigns for Congress in '78, Governor in '94, and '98. According to a George II biography, his campaign dirty tricks include sending out false invitations to political events, falsifying documents on opponents' stationery, and using false names.
AlterNet June 21, 2004

[1045] **Women's Rights:** [Bush Reveals Opposition to Mifepristone](#)

At an Iowa news conference, Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush stated that if the FDA approved mifepristone, he "would not be inclined to accept that ruling by the FDA. That's abortion." He then reiterated that abortion should be illegal with the exception of rape, incest and saving the live of the mother when questioned about his stance on abortion.
Feminist Majority Foundation, June 21, 2004

[1047] **Race and Class:** [Administration proposes closing AIDS and race-relations offices, then denies it](#)

White House officials said Wednesday that President Bush would leave largely intact the AIDS and race-relations offices he inherited from the Clinton administration--a seeming reversal after Bush's chief of staff earlier said they would be closed. White House spokesman Ari Fleischer and other senior officials, moving to quell a public relations squall, portrayed Chief of Staff Andrew H. Card Jr. a
AEGIS June 21, 2004

[1049] **Government:** [Some religions will be favored over others](#)

While on the campaign trail, Bush promised that he would "not discriminate for or against Methodist or Mormons or Muslims or good people with no faith at all." Then he announced he would not allow funding of the Nation of Islam, because, as he sees it, the group "preaches hate."
Americans United for Separation of Church and State June 21, 2004

[1051] **Government:** [Federally funded employment discrimination is unfair](#)

Americans United for Separation of Church and State June 21, 2004

[1053] **Government:** [Bush's plan pits faith groups against each other](#)
 Since the founding of the nation, all religious groups have stood

Americans United for Separation

[1054] **Government:** [Both liberal about Bush's plan](#)

Controversies surrounding Bush's vs. right" argument. Americans U education, religious and civil liber faith-based plan. The coalition inc NAACP, the Leadership Conferer Civil Liberties Union, the Nationa
Americans United for Separation

[1056] **Education:** [NCLB degrad](#)

Numerous studies confirm that he [mandated by NCLB] degrades th whatever does not contribute direc scores, including critical thinking, education, the arts, physical educ high-stakes testing increases illite
Center for Education Research, A 2004

[1058] **Women's Rights:** [Bush cl Women's Initiatives and Outreach](#)

John F.
Kennedy School of Government, I

[1060] **Government:** [Ashcroft we Tobacco](#)

Determined to scuttle a federal law publicly acknowledging as much, has signaled that the Justice Depa fear that it might lose at trial.
ASH June 21, 2004

[1062] **Social Programs:** [Bush pr discrimination](#)

The American Civil Liberties Uni latest revision of President George The ACLU called the changes in t behest of skeptical Republicans, e and religious autonomy in Americ the Administration has actually m
ACLU June 21, 2004

[1064] **Women's Rights:** [White I Special Session on Children](#)

Joining Sudan, Libya and the Vat delete language requiring that wo access to affordable, quality repro document for the UN Special Ses

equal in the eyes of the law. With a separation between church and state, government has been neutral on religious issues and no specific faith tradition received favoritism or support. The Bush plan, however, calls for competition between religious groups. For the first time in American history, religious groups will be asked, indeed, to support the Bush plan.

Americans United for Separation of Church and State June 21, 2004

[1055] **Education:** [NCLB uses questionable standards](#)

It is also important to recall what standardized reading tests actually measure: the ability to scan quickly the texts of a set of unconnected paragraphs and, for each passage, to pick the correct answers to questions from a set of four or five alternatives. As useful as this skill may sometimes be, it has little to do with reading as you or I know it, whether we do it for a practical purpose, for example, to pass a test.

Center for Education Research, Analysis, and Innovation June 21, 2004

[1057] **Women's Rights:** [Administration Restricts Medicaid Coverage of RU-486](#)

On 2001-03-30 the Bush administration notified state Medicaid directors that Medicaid funds could not be used to cover RU-486, the so-called abortion pill, except in cases involving rape, incest, or when the life of the mother is in danger. The new policy applies to RU-486 the standards of the 1976 Hyde Amendment, which restricts the use of federal money for abortions.

Policy Almanac June 21, 2004

[1059] **War:** [Bush continues the Reaganesque folly of the missile defense shield](#)

The program will siphon off billions for a system no one really expects to work.

Washington Post June 21, 2004

[1061] **Government:** [Charitable Choice violates church-state separation](#)

The Rev. Eliezer Valentin Castanon, of the church's General Board of Church and Society, outlined the denomination's position during a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing June 6. Castanon said the church cannot support the charitable choice provisions of the Bush plan because they violate church-state separation, subsidize religious discrimination and threaten the independence of churches.

News.Com June 21, 2004

[1063] **Government:** [Bush blocks arms control proposal to satisfy NRA](#)

The US president, George Bush, is about to spark a transatlantic row over a UN conference which opens today aiming to reduce the 500m Kalashnikovs and other small arms contributing to worldwide carnage. Mr Bush has ordered the US delegation to the New York conference to block the main proposals because he fears inflaming the US gun lobby led by the National Rifle Association, one of the most powerful

maintains this position despite the fact that it is a proven way to reduce maternal mortality.

Center for Reproductive Rights June 21, 2004

[1066] **Attitude:** [Bush fails to see the need to change](#)

President Bush did an excellent job of leading the country through the perpetrators of the September 11 attacks. But he forgot that all our lives are interconnected on this planet, that we need a new way of thinking, and that humanity comes first.

Mario deSantis June 21, 2004

[1068] **Democracy:** [FCC Chair proposes to limit](#)

After nine months in office, Powell has implemented a corporate-friendly agenda that includes the promotion of mergers in the media industries.

The Guardian June 21, 2004

[1070] **Environment:** [Forest Service announces](#)

The Forest Service announced "in order to reduce roadless area protections for roadless areas in the National Forest. The new directive requires that smaller, undeveloped areas not be protected. These areas are not to be protected from road-building. The changes also affect the

NRDC June 21, 2004

[1072] **Education:** [NCLB punishes](#)

The heart of Bush's [No Child Left Behind] act is the mandated annual testing of all schools in reading and math. If schools fail to meet the standards, it threatens to reduce government aid to schools.

Common Dreams June 21, 2004

[1074] **Honesty:** [Bush claimed that he supported his opponent in Texas.](#)

Enron chief Ken Lay's own words undercut President Bush's assertion that he inherited the energy executive's support for Gov. Ann Richards.

Bush, seeking to distance himself from the Enron company, said earlier this week that he had not supported Lay against Bush in the 1994 gubernatorial election.

But i

Houston Chronicle June 21, 2004

The Guardian June 21, 2004

[1065] **Global Affairs:** [US backs out of UN racism conference](#)
The American Civil Liberties Union joined other leading civil and human rights organizations in condemning the Bush Administration's decision to back out of the United Nations' World Conference Against Racism currently being held in Durban, South Africa.
ACLU June 21, 2004

[1067] **Democracy:** [FCC appointee result of nepotism, not qualifications](#)
Bush's appointee to head the FCC is the son of Colin Powell. A more experienced, less-partisan person would have better protected the public airwaves, which are essential to a functioning democracy.
The Guardian June 21, 2004

[1069] **Environment:** [Bush opposes mining law reforms, in spite of EPA pollution data](#)
The Bush administration maintains its strong opposition to mining law reforms that would improve environmental safeguards against widespread resource degradation. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that 40 percent of Western watersheds have been polluted by mining. A half-million abandoned or closed mines dot the landscape nationally, with cleanup costs estimated in the tens of billions
NRDC June 21, 2004

[1071] **Environment:** [Bush administration bends rules for favored coal company](#)
Bush administration officials granted a Kentucky coal company a regulatory reprieve to continue mining without a federally required reclamation bond. Bonds are used to make sure that mining companies fix environmental damage caused by coal removal. Addington Enterprises, one of the nation's largest coal companies, lacks adequate insurance to cover the cost of reclaiming disturbed areas -- a violation
NRDC June 21, 2004

[1073] **Economy:** [Bush offers tax cuts as a solution to every problem](#)
"They have one unchanging, unyielding solution they offer for every problem: tax cuts that go disproportionately to the most affluent." This, too, mirrors majority opinion; 54 percent last summer said the tax cut would mainly benefit the wealthy.
Tom Daschle ABC News June 21, 2004

[1075] **Environment:** [Bush administration plans to get ready to resume nuclear weapons testing](#)
The Bush administration indicated that the United States needs to be ready to resume nuclear weapons testing. The just completed but still classified Nuclear Posture Review calls for speeding up preparations at the government's Nevada test site just in case. President Bush has

[1076] **Environment:** [Bush administration advertised](#)
As part of its recently completed [redacted] Pentagon plans to reduce the number of U.S. nuclear warheads from 6,000 to 1,700-2,200 by 2012. These reductions were announced by Presidents Clinton and Yeltsin in March 1997.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[1078] **Environment:** [Norton with proposal to relax wetlands rules](#)
Interior Secretary Gale Norton suggests to her agency that was highly critical of wetlands and streams. In October, she proposed relaxing a series of wetland rules. Fish and Wildlife Service drafted rules that are scientifically and environmentally sound.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[1080] **Environment:** [Corps relaxes permit rules House approves](#)
The Bush administration pulled a policy. After insisting on Earth Day that "we will continue to take responsible actions to preserve these vital natural resources for generations of Americans," the White House approved a controversial plan by the Army Corps of Engineers to relax nationwide permit rules that
NRDC June 21, 2004

[1082] **Environment:** [BLM backs drilling](#)
The Bureau of Land Management approved a plan for a coal company to drill eight natural gas wells on the eastern end of the Upper Missouri River Basin Monument in Montana. President Bush signed along the 149-mile stretch of the monument. The remote and largely undeveloped area contains a unique ecosystem.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[1084] **Environment:** [Forest Service decision](#)
The U.S. Forest Service filed an appeal of a ruling that halted salvage logging of timber in Montana's Bitterroot National Forest. The agency asked the federal judge who made the ruling to allow about 5,000 acres in order to prevent erosion from washing into rivers and streams in the area.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[1086] **Environment:** [New NRDC report](#)

said since taking office that he would maintain a moratorium on underground nuclear testing imposed by his father in 1992,
NRDC June 21, 2004

[1077] **Environment:** [Environmental enforcement suffers under Bush](#)
[Environmental enforcement has declined steeply during the first year o](#)

October 1). The fall-off in EPA referrals was more significant in several of the agency's principal anti-pollution priority areas: Toxic Substance Control Act (down 80%); Clean Air Act (down 54%); and Clean Water Act (down 53%).

NRDC June 21, 2004

[1079] **Social Programs:** [Bush opposes Affirmative Action at U Michigan](#)

President Bush's decision urging the Supreme Court to rule against the University of Michigan's affirmative action program is the latest evidence that his administration's policies on civil rights and equal opportunity bear no relation to its rhetoric.

People for the American Way June 21, 2004

[1081] **Environment:** [Bush administration changes science on polar bear impacts to suit Arctic drilling](#)

"Out with the old 'good' science, in with the new 'bad' science," said Chuck Clusen, NRDC's program director for national parks and Alaska. "The Bush administration seems intent on doing whatever it takes to let the oil industry get its sticky fingers on one of America's greatest national treasures."

NRDC June 21, 2004

[1083] **Women's Rights:** [On the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, Bush declared National Sanctity of Life day](#)

President Bush drew unexpected attention to today's 29th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, at a time when abortion advocates are struggling to gain momentum in defending a woman's right to terminate her pregnancy.

In choosing to observe a "National Sanctity of Life Day," the president called attention to the fact that public complacency is the biggest threat to women's reproductive rights, abortion ri

National Organization For Women, June 21, 2004

[1085] **Environment:** [Bush administration refusing to release energy task force records](#)

For the first time, President Bush stated support for Vice President Cheney's refusal to release information about industry representatives who met with Cheney's secretive energy task force. After months of discussion between administration officials on the task force and energy lobbyists, the administration released its national energy plan last May. The plan read like a "wish list" for big energ

NRDC June 21, 2004

[rollback of environmental protecti](#)

A handful of Bush administration carrying out a coordinated attack according to a new NRDC report. the spectrum of the nation's most including those protecting our air, lands. The report also finds that th
NRDC June 21, 2004

[1088] **War:** [Bush has been trying failures preceding the WTC attack](#)

Although the president and vice p were worried a wide-reaching ing government's war on terrorism, pr the White House feared a broader culpability. "We will take a look a thousand federal agents -- where used

CNN June 21, 2004

[1090] **Environment:** [EPA initial plan](#)

According to news reports, a men Protection Agency blasted the Bu plan as "problematic," "overly sin facts" -- less than a month before to the nation. Commenting on wh plan, the three-page memo -- sign associate adminis

NRDC June 21, 2004

[1092] **Energy:** [New "freedom ca](#)

One of the most visible changes to energy efficiencies the replaceme Generation of Vehicles (PNGV) p program. Both programs lack any advanced technology vehicles on the change in name, the administr specific goa

NRDC June 21, 2004

[1094] **Environment:** [Forest Serv salvage logging plan](#)

The U.S. Forest Service agreed to old growth forest and sensitive fis logging project in the Bitterroot N the terms of a legal settlement wit agency will be allowed to log less summer forest fires of 2000; in ex
NRDC June 21, 2004

[1096] **Environment:** [Park Servic](#)

[1087] **Environment:** [Agency pushes oil exploration near Utah park](#)
The U.S. Bureau of Land Management wants to allow oil exploration on the Dome Plateau, a scenic 36-square-mile area near Arches National Park in southern Utah's Redrock Canyon Country. The project involves crisscrossing the landscape with nearly 50 miles of cable and heavy-duty trucks to conduct seismic testing.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[1089] **Environment:** [Bush budget cuts student research](#)
President Bush's fiscal year 2003 federal budget proposes eliminating the Environmental Protection Agency's funding for graduate student research in the environmental sciences. The EPA Star grant program, as it's formally called, provides doctoral students with three years of funding to research topics ranging from biodiversity and global warming to effective biological control agents for agricult
NRDC June 21, 2004

[1091] **Environment:** [President Bush unveils slash and burn budget for 2003](#)
President Bush's budget for fiscal year 2003 proposes billions of dollars in taxpayer subsidies to energy companies, threaten the environment and public health, and weaken the nation's energy security. His new budget would slash overall spending for environmental and natural resources departments by \$1 billion, or 3.4 percent, in fiscal year 2003 -- from \$29.3 billion to \$28.3 billion.
NRDC June 21, 2004

[1093] **Environment:** [Bush slashes environmental education spending](#)
The 2003 White House budget labels environmental education "ineffective" and re-allocates this funding to math and science programs. This shift comes at a time when environmental education is enjoying popular support nationwide. A 12-state consortium recently prepared a study called "Closing the Gap," which gave rave reviews to environmental education. And a 2001 Roper/Starch poll confirmed that 9
NRDC June 21, 2004

[1095] **Global Affairs:** [Bush threatens UN with irrelevance](#)
President Bush said Sunday the United Nations was facing a "moment of truth" over the Iraq issue and the world body had to decide if it would remain relevant.
News Max June 21, 2004

[1097] **Global Affairs:** [George Bush and the abuse of power](#)
The United States has on more than one occasion inappropriately intervened in Australian politics. President George Bush's verbal attack late last week on the Australian Opposition Leader should not have taken place. The argument between Prime Minister John Howard and Opposition Leader Mark Latham as to how long Australian forces should stay in Iraq is an argument between the two Australians. It i

[Georgia wilderness](#)
Environmental groups filed a law Service after the agency authorize Georgia's Cumberland Island Wil prohibits the use of motorized vehicles such as emergencies. The to limits on commercial use of wilde
NRDC June 21, 2004

[1098] **Race and Class:** [White House](#)
According to the Bush administration few years - which the White House permanent - will ultimately pay for will stimulate the economy, in turn sources to pay off the country's balance a report issued this week by an in
Guardian June 21, 2004

[1100] **Social Programs:** [Fiscal S](#)
President Bush appears to be plan cutter without discussing what fees make up for the lost revenue. The Voters have the right to see the w downside. Chances are they won't been out crowing about spending programs,
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1102] **Social Programs:** [And sla](#)
PRESIDENT Bush loves to say that president speaks, he better speak certainty. And when he does speak about a recent memo, there are more Americans if he is reelected. Last reported that it had obtained a Ma directs officials of dom
Boston Globe June 21, 2004

[1104] **Government:** [Bush Camp](#)
WASHINGTON (AP) -- President re-election travel more heavily than maximum political mileage from taxpayers. While Democratic rival bank account to charter a plane to travels at no cost to his campaign "official" travel ra
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1106] **Honesty:** [To Tell the Truth](#)
Some news organizations, including currently engaged in self-criticism They are asking, as they should, v

The Age (AU) June 21, 2004

[1099] **Environment:** [Shortcut on Nuclear Waste](#)

The Senate may consider today whether to allow the Energy Department to reclassify certain nuclear wastes at a weapons plant in South Carolina so they can be disposed of faster and cheaper than if the department complied with current law. Although many senators may be tempted to skim over this issue as a matter of parochial concern to South Carolina, they need to consider this matter carefully les

NY Times June 21, 2004

[1101] **Honesty:** [Bush's false advertising](#)

MANY HAVE dubbed the Bush administration "data averse," in the sense that its powerful ideology blinds it to the facts. The Bush political wing also appears hostile to facts that don't fit its prevailing ideology, to wit: reelecting the president. Bush campaign advertisements in battleground states have so distorted John Kerry's record that the voters soon won't be able to know what to believe. It

Boston Globe June 21, 2004

[1103] **Global Affairs:** [Bush's Cruel New Rules on Cuba](#)

Divert resources from antiterrorism investigations, mandate burdensome government paperwork and forbid families from helping -- or even seeing -- their relatives. That's the new U.S. policy toward Cuba. As if four decades of a failed embargo were not enough, the White House just made matters breathtakingly worse. To demonstrate its disdain for Fidel Castro to Florida's hard-line exiles, the White

Counterpunch June 21, 2004

[1105] **War:** [A Hollow Sovereignty for Iraq](#)

President Bush said yesterday that he would transfer "complete and full sovereignty" to an interim Iraqi government in barely a month. But nothing even close to that is likely to happen. Recent developments suggest that this "sovereignty" will have little substance and that the president still has no coherent plan to create the security and political trust required to negotiate a constitution and

NY Times June 21, 2004

[1107] **Liberty:** [The Homicide Cases](#)

PRESIDENT BUSH'S persistence in describing the abuse of foreign prisoners as an isolated problem at one Iraqi prison is blatantly at odds with the facts seeping out from his administration. These include mounting reports of crimes at detention facilities across Iraq and Afghanistan and evidence that detention policies the president approved helped set the stage for torture and homicide. Yes, homic

Washington Post June 21, 2004

[1109] **War:** [A Real Nuclear Danger](#)

While the Bush administration has been distracted by the invasion

dire threat received prominent, un evidence was either ignored or pl and it's not just The Times. Many *NY Times* June 21, 2004

[1108] **Health:** [Bush's health care](#)

IF THE MESS in Iraq and the high out other election year issues, hea Premium costs keep increasing, or shifted onto consumers, and the n time high. President Bush, speaki community health center, promise Americans obtain af

Boston Globe June 21, 2004

[1110] **Honesty:** [Hyping Iraq's `te](#)

Stumbling in Iraq, U.S. President for all it was worth this week to sl voters. He crammed more than 20 9/11 and terror into a half-hour sp College. And he stoked fears about murderers, fanatics, extremists, cr

Toronto Star June 21, 2004

[1112] **War:** [U.S. war policy 'gra](#)

LONDON, England--One of the i war has criticized the U.S.-led oc error." Richard Perle, until recentl Defence Secretary Donald Rumsf war Iraq as a failure. "I would be allowed the liberation (of Iraq) to thin

The Star June 21, 2004

[1114] **Health:** [U.S. Accused of V](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) -- New go limited use of pesticides and anti provoked a backlash from farmers: they devalue the federal organic la

NY Times June 21, 2004

[1116] **War:** [Iraq war's costs spir](#)

The price of the bloodier-than-pre is nearing twice that of the 1991 C consequences are complex and fa predictions by an Australian econ current conflict would top \$US17. appeared closer to the likely cost r unup to

The Age June 21, 2004

[1118] **War:** [Pentagon's postwar j](#)

and occupation of Iraq, it has neglected the far more urgent threat to American security from dangerous nuclear materials that must be safeguarded before they can fall into the hands of terrorists. That is the inescapable conclusion to be drawn from a new report that documents the slow pace of protecting potential nuclear bomb mater
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1111] **Liberty:** [Survey Finds U.S. Agencies Engaged in 'Data Mining'](#)

WASHINGTON, May 26 - A survey of federal agencies has found more than 120 programs that collect and analyze large amounts of personal data on individuals to predict their behavior. The survey, to be issued Thursday by the General Accounting Office, an investigative arm of Congress, found that the practice, known as data mining, was ubiquitous.
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1113] **Honesty:** [Five Points of Reality That Bush Overlooked](#)

Dear Mr. President: Your speech Monday night carried stirring visions of the change you want to bring to Iraq and the Middle East. What it lacked was more important: a clear recognition of the ever-widening gap between those uplifting visions and the explosive conditions produced in Iraq by what has become a self-defeating U.S. occupation policy. Your words lacked the minimal dose of honesty a leader
Washington Post June 21, 2004

[1115] **Global Affairs:** [Why Not Palestinian Elections?](#)

Last week an Arab government publicly embraced the idea of democratic elections and asked the United States for its help in holding them -- and the Bush administration, which says Middle Eastern democracy is its top priority, ducked. That's because the idea came from the Palestinian Authority, where a free vote would probably demonstrate that another tenet of Bush policy, the "irrelevance" of Yass
Washington Post June 21, 2004

[1117] **Government:** [Reveal the Rules](#)

THE BUSH administration is doing its best to keep secret the policies it has developed for handling foreign prisoners and to stifle congressional examination of the issue. Rules for the interrogation of detainees used to be published in widely available Army manuals. But the Bush administration has classified the procedures it has approved for the Guantanamo Bay prison, Afghanistan and Iraq --
Washington Post June 21, 2004

[1119] **Global Affairs:** [Brits support America by calling for ouster of Bush](#)

Tony Blair tells us that we should do everything we can to support America. And I agree. I think we should repudiate those who inflict harm on Americans, we should shun those who bring America itself

NEW YORK -- Pentagon mismanages abuses in Abu Ghraib and confusion Chalabi's aspiration to political pattern. Pentagon officials shelved reconstruction of Iraq - yet had not the advice of Iraqis, except Mr. C obscured
CS Monitor June 21, 2004

[1120] **Liberty:** [Justice Memos E Rights](#)

WASHINGTON, May 20 -- A series of memorandums written in late 2000 were crucial in building a legal framework to avoid complying with international prisoners, lawyers and former officials memorandums, several of which
C. Yoo, a Unive
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1122] **Education:** [Rhetoric for k](#)

IT WAS EASY to get the mistake anniversary of the Brown v. Board Supreme Court to outlaw segregation Capitol Hill, even to Republicans candidate for president, John Kerry the case, to say: "We honor the legal value of inc
Boston Globe June 21, 2004

[1124] **Health:** [USDA Allowed C](#)

The Agriculture Department allowed resume imports of ground and other last September, just weeks after it importing those products because in Canadian cattle. In the next six pounds of Canadian processed beef under a series of
Washington Post June 21, 2004

[1126] **Race and Class:** [Hinderin](#)

PRESIDENT BUSH has seized on major contributor to economic recovery "Homeownership in America is at applause recently in Ardmore, Pa. that, isn't it?" Well, yes, it is. The good news on homeownership. The
Boston Globe June 21, 2004

[1128] **Health:** [Opposition to Cor](#)

The Bush administration's enlightened, alas, been matched in AIDS prevention

into disrepute and we should denounce those who threaten the freedom and democracy that are synonymous with being American. That is why Tony's recent announcement that he wishes to stand shoulder to s
Guardian June 21, 2004

[1121] **War:** [Outsourcing Torture and the Problems of 'Quality Control'](#)

In October 2001 a Yemeni student by the name of Jamil Qasim Saeed Mohammed, who was suspected of involvement in the bombing of the USS Cole, was captured and turned over to the United States by Pakistan. U.S. authorities then flew him to Jordan for interrogation. Other "high-value" prisoners in our "Global War on Terrorism" have been shipped off to Egypt, Morocco, and Syria at the request of the U
Anti-War June 21, 2004

[1123] **Government:** [Ruling Says White House's Medicare Videos Were Illegal WASHINGTON.](#)

May 19 - The General Accounting Office, an investigative arm of Congress, said on Wednesday that the Bush administration had violated federal law by producing and disseminating television news segments that portray the new Medicare law as a boon to the elderly. The agency said the videos were a form of "covert propaganda" because the government was not identified as the source of the materials, br
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1125] **War:** [U.S. Tries to Get Off the Hook on War Crimes](#)

New York, 2004-05-20 -- The United States is insisting that its troops be exempt from international war crimes prosecutions while serving in any U.N. force in Iraq, despite U.S. abuse of prisoners there, Human Rights Watch said today. Without prior notice to members of the U.N. Security Council, the United States yesterday demanded an immediate vote to renew contentious Security Council Resolution
HRW June 21, 2004

[1127] **War:** [Power and vainglory](#)

Misguided from the start, the war in Iraq is spiralling out of control. Any legitimacy the occupying forces may ever have possessed has been destroyed, and there are signs that Iraqi insurgents are coming together to mount a movement of resistance that could render the country ungovernable. With even more damning images likely to find their way into the public realm in the near future, the United
Independent (UK) June 21, 2004

[1129] **Social Programs:** [White House Trumpets Programs It Tried to Cut](#)

WASHINGTON, May 18 -- Like many of its predecessors, the Bush White House has used the machinery of government to promote the re-election of the president by awarding federal grants to

religious right, the administration third of the nation's international for abstinence programs starting in alone are insufficient. The admini
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1130] **Race and Class:** [Voucher Solution for Failing Schools](#)

President Bush is praising the Sup upholding a Cleveland voucher pr challenge. He echoes the argumer proclaimed that the ruling was "ju landmark 1954 Brown v. Board of providing equal opportunity to Legal Defense
NAACP June 21, 2004

[1132] **Government:** [Pioneers Fil](#)

GREENSBORO, Ga. -- Joined by Cheney and a host of celebrities, l gathered at the Ritz-Carlton Lodg not for a fundraiser but for a celel as an "appreciation weekend," and Of the 246 fundraisers identified l
Washington Post June 21, 2004

[1134] **War:** [Why America Is No](#)

Favorable poll ratings in the singl most Arab countries worry me. G throughout the Middle East and a also concerns me. Growing anger U.S. public diplomacy campaign i concern, however, is that many of of the U
Independent Institute June 21, 2004

[1136] **Honesty:** [Protecting the S](#)

THE BUSH administration still se public about the policies that cont prisoners in Iraq. Yesterday's smo A. Cambone, undersecretary of de Cambone assured the Senate Arm administration's policy had always Geneva Conventi
Washington Post June 21, 2004

[1138] **Government:** [Medicare C](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) -- A few w named Medco to be one of the fir company executive helped throw president that was headlined by H Secretary Tommy Thompson. WA

strategically important states. But in a twist this election season, many administration officials are taking credit for spreading largess through programs that President Bush tried to eliminate or to cut sharply.

NY Times June 21, 2004

[1131] **War:** [Faulty Terror Report Card](#)

Are we winning the war on terrorism? Although keeping score is difficult, the State Department's annual report on international terrorism, released last month, provides the best government data to answer this question. The short answer is "No," but that's not the spin the administration is putting on it.

Washington Post June 21, 2004

[1133] **War:** [Unbending bush](#)

BECAUSE HIS policies are so badly off track, President Bush's repeated assurances that he will soldier on through hard times sound more like folly than fortitude. "We will stay the course," he has said time and again. After Nicholas Berg was killed in Iraq, Bush repeated his resolve: "We will complete our mission. We will complete our task." Perseverance is an admirable quality in a national leader

Boston Globe June 21, 2004

[1135] **Economy:** [PASSING DOWN THE DEFICIT: FEDERAL POLICIES CONTRIBUTE TO STATE FISCAL CRISIS](#)

The state fiscal crisis has been deep and prolonged. States have struggled to close deficits that have totaled approximately \$190 billion over the past three years. And, as states debate and enact budgets for fiscal year 2005 (which, in most states, begins on 2004-07-1), they are facing deficits of roughly another \$40 billion for that year. Federal policies, which have reduced state revenues and increased

CBPP June 21, 2004

[1137] **War:** [U.S.: Systemic Abuse of Afghan Prisoners](#)

London, 2004-05-13 - Mistreatment of prisoners by U.S. military and intelligence personnel in Afghanistan is a systemic problem and not limited to a few isolated cases, Human Rights Watch said today. Afghans have been telling us for well over a year about mistreatment in U.S. custody. We warned U.S. officials repeatedly about these problems in 2003 and 2004. It's time now for the United States to

HRW June 21, 2004

[1139] **Social Programs:** [Killing Off Housing for the Poor](#)

The Bush administration's tax cuts for the well-to-do have taken a heavy toll on the nation's most important social programs for the poor and working class. Prominent casualties include child care assistance for working mothers and federal aid for needy college students. The latest victim appears to be Section 8, the government's main housing program for the poor. The program provides rent

NY Times June 21, 2004

after the Bush administration named Medicare drug card providers,

NY Times June 21, 2004

[1140] **War:** [A failure of leadership](#)

Around the halls of the Pentagon, emerged for the enlisted soldiers : Abu Ghraib prison scandal: the size of the damage done to the U.S. military the horrifying photographs of U.S. the notorious prison is incalculable

Army Times June 21, 2004

[1142] **Women's Rights:** [Wrong](#)

Women deserve easy access to emergency Food and Drug Administration has prevented pregnancies and reduced Bush administration talks about so In refusing to allow emergency counter, the FDA rejected the over own science

Seattle PI June 21, 2004

[1144] **Education:** [US education](#)

IN 2002, President Bush said the Board of Education decision outlined a right decision." He said we "can't Americans and one for whites." L secretary, Rod Paige, said in a speech Kennedy School of Government: and it is wrong

Boston Globe Boston Globe June

[1146] **War:** [Torture, Incorporate](#)

The whole package of abuse in Afghanistan is soothingly denounced by US general an "aberration." Hence we have just he is "deeply offended" but certain though we have been attacked by US occupation truly commanded discredit our

Counterpunch June 21, 2004

[1148] **War:** [Bush's Torturous Legacy](#)

George Bush is shocked, shocked U.S. forces on Iraqi prisoners of war basic human rights but of the Geneva Prisoners of War of which the United but a founding writer. So shocked CBS not to show the pictures of the

Counterpunch June 21, 2004

[1141] **War:** [Red Cross: Iraq abuse widespread, routine](#)

GENEVA -- Up to 90 percent of Iraqi detainees were arrested "by mistake," according to coalition intelligence officers cited in a Red Cross report disclosed Monday. It also says U.S. officers mistreated inmates at the notorious Abu Ghraib prison by keeping them naked in dark, empty cells. Abuse of Iraqi prisoners by American soldiers was widespread and routine, the report finds - contrary to President Bush's claims. *Seattle PI* June 21, 2004

[1143] **Health:** [More Mad Cow Mischief](#)

The federal Department of Agriculture is making it hard for anyone to feel confident that the nation is adequately protected against mad cow disease. At a time when the department should be bending over backward to reassure consumers, it keeps taking actions that suggest more concern with protecting the financial interests of the beef industry than with protecting public health. *NY Times* June 21, 2004

[1145] **War:** [Iraqi newspaper editor-in-chief quits, saying U.S. suffocates a free press](#)

BAGHDAD -- The head of a U.S.-funded Iraqi newspaper quit and said yesterday he was taking almost his entire staff with him because of American interference in the publication. On a front-page editorial of the al Sabah newspaper, editor-in-chief Ismail Zayer said he and his staff were "celebrating the end of a nightmare we have suffered from for months ... We want independence. They (the Americans) are suffocating us." *Star-Ledger* June 21, 2004

[1147] **Environment:** [Fish and Wildlife Service accused of using flawed data to downgrade panther protection](#)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is putting developers' needs ahead of the survival of the Florida panther, according to a federal biologist. Andrew Eller, Jr., a 17-year agency employee, has filed a complaint asserting that the Fish and Wildlife Service is knowingly using flawed science to support the conclusion that the dwindling panther population -- protected under the Endangered Species Act -- is doing better than it is. *NRDC* June 21, 2004

[1149] **War:** [The privatised occupation](#)

In earlier days, they were simply called mercenaries, and they were usually linked with some distant war in the bush. Recruitment was secret, on the rim of legality. Today, these warriors for sale present themselves as modern, advertising on websites as "Global Elite Troops" or "consultants" for "international strategic security", performing "risk management" or "aggressive security". *International Herald Tribune* June 21, 2004

[1151] **War:** [Bush ignores the horrors of his war](#)

In the spiraling descent into hell in Iraq over the past several weeks, one disgraceful fact has gone virtually unnoticed. Hours after

[1150] **Environment:** [Wild salmon Bush](#)

Delivering an early lesson on the importance of taking care of the environment, President Bush took yours truly and a buddy up the mountain to Mount Baker one fall day to watch the salmon stream. They explained a few facts about the salmon that took on a higher fat content because they had to swim up a silty stream. *Seattle PI* June 21, 2004

[1152] **War:** [Death to those who](#)

BAGHDAD -- Even under Saddam's rule, there were only four people who dared to sign a petition for a more democratic form of government. Now they speak out. But like other university students, they are increasingly afraid that saying what they think is a political crime. *CS Monitor* June 21, 2004

[1154] **War:** [U.S. War Crimes: TV](#)

On April 29, CBS television's "60 Minutes" showed graphic images of Iraqi prisoners humiliated by US troops at the Abu Ghraib prison. The photographs, which show American soldiers smiling, laughing or giving thumbs up to the prisoners, expose the sadistic and degrading treatment of American forces and prisoners. *Tehran Times* June 21, 2004

[1156] **War:** [The President's Test Lacking](#)

It would have been a pleasure to tell President Bush on his openness in agreeing to an independent commission on the 9/11 attacks. Unfortunately, Mr. Bush conditioned the commission that range from the questionable to the absurd. *NY Times* June 21, 2004

[1158] **War:** [U.N.'s Blix: War was](#)

Hans Blix, the former chief United Nations weapons inspector, castigated the Bush administration for saying its zeal to go to war despite the lack of weapons of mass destruction made it necessary. "It is a disgrace for previous centuries." Blix said President Bush willfully disregarded mounting evidence of the lack of weapons. *Seattle PI* June 21, 2004

[1160] **Government:** [A Vision of](#)

There's a deep mystery surrounding the Iraq war, but it's not about what happened in Iraq. It's about how industry executives dictated the course of the war.

pictures of the ghastly scene showing the burned corpses of four American civilians had been telecast around the world, President Bush, according to The New York Times on April 2, "swept into a huge ballroom in one of Washington's most affluent neighborhoods" on ye
Seattle PI June 21, 2004

[1153] **War:** [Troops Without Armor in Iraq](#)

It's hard to imagine what the Pentagon was thinking when it told the American Army and Marine replacement divisions bound for Iraq earlier this year to leave their tanks and other heavily armored vehicles behind. American military planners seem to have ignored evidence that armed resistance to the occupation was far from suppressed. As a result, they failed to anticipate the kinds of ambushes and
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1155] **Global Affairs:** [U.S. undermines non-nuclear treaty](#)

Many security experts believe the likelihood that nuclear weapons might be used is higher now than it was during the Cold War, primarily because of the proliferation of nuclear weapons and nuclear materials around the world. What has the United States done to prevent proliferation and what more should it do now?
Seattle PI June 21, 2004

[1157] **Environment:** [Interior Dept. limiting "critical habitat" protection](#)

The Bush administration, calling the federal process for ensuring the recovery of imperiled wildlife "broken," has proposed new limits on designating "critical habitat" under the Endangered Species Act. The "guidance" instructs U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service field offices not to set aside critical habitat for threatened or endangered wildlife if other conservation steps are already in place. In ad
NRDC June 21, 2004

[1159] **Environment:** [Environmentalists Rap Bush on Development](#)

NAPLES, Fla. (AP) -- At the same time President Bush is declaring his commitment to conservation, environmentalists say his administration is approving development proposals that endanger sensitive areas such as southwest Florida's Rookery Bay, where the president traveled last week to defend his record.
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1161] **Environment:** [Environmentalists Rap Bush on Development](#)

NAPLES, Fla. (AP) -- At the same time President Bush is declaring his commitment to conservation, environmentalists say his administration is approving development proposals that endanger sensitive areas such as southwest Florida's Rookery Bay, where the president traveled last week to defend his record. Environmental groups oppose the proposed Winding Cypress development, saying its 2,300 homes a

The county that encompasses Naples bears the family name NY Tim

interests. The real mystery is why engaged in a three-year fight, whi today, to hide the details of a stor, kno
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1162] **Economy:** [New Report Q Bush Tax Cuts](#)

A new study of three years of Ad Center on Budget and Policy Prio distributional, and long-term ecor
CBPP June 21, 2004

[1164] **Global Affairs:** [U.S. Allie](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Across t diplomacy is breaking down.Ame United Nations are frayed. The A support for Israel on West Bank s stabilizing Iraq have found few ta and the Dominican Republic are l standing with Presid
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1166] **Government:** [Science Gro Harm Research](#)

WASHINGTON, April 22 -- The group said Thursday that the Bush for the next five years could cut r federal agencies that engage in it.
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1168] **Liberty:** [Iraq: U.S. Treatn Secrecy](#)

(Baghdad, 2004-04-22)--The Uni clear or consistent information on civilians detained in Iraq, Human
HRW June 21, 2004

[1170] **Liberty:** [Detainees' rights](#)

IN IRAQ, according to President for democracy. His press conferer to this as the currently prevailing positioned a massive army 6,200 i be far better if the benefits of der Yet this week Bush sent his lawy
Boston Globe June 21, 2004

[1172] **Government:** [An I.R.S. P](#)

As the deadline for filing tax retu the Internal Revenue Service incl sentence promoting the administr "America has a choice: It can con

June 21, 2004

[1163] **War:** [Flawed theological position on the war](#)

As president, George W. Bush commands the armed forces of the United States. His title in this function is commander in chief. As a Christian, Mr. Bush says he takes his faith in Jesus seriously. However, the office of president does not confer any special status to believers. In other words, Mr. Bush is not "theologian in chief" -- although it appears that that may not be entirely clear to him.
Mobile Register June 21, 2004

[1165] **Government:** [For God's sake](#)

Evangelical lobbyists used to talk about access to previous Republican administrations. Today, they can say with confidence: "Who needs access when we are already on the inside?" The influence of the Christian right on the Bush White House is self-evident. As well as George Bush, cabinet members Condoleezza Rice, John Ashcroft and Don Evans all consider themselves to be born again. This administration
Guardian June 21, 2004

[1167] **Government:** [U.S. Contractor Fired for Military Coffin Photo](#)

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - A U.S. contractor and her husband have been fired after her photograph of 20 flag-draped coffins of U.S. soldiers going home from Iraq was published in violation of military rules.
Wired June 21, 2004

[1169] **War:** [What Went Wrong? Bush Team Botches War Planning](#)

On April 11 of last year, just after U.S. forces took Baghdad, I warned that the Bush administration had a "pattern of conquest followed by malign neglect," and that the same was likely to happen in Iraq. I'm sorry to say those worries proved justified. It's now widely accepted that the administration "failed dismally to prepare for the security and nation-building missions in Iraq," to quote Anthony
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1171] **Global Affairs:** [Bush's dramatic shift in Mideast](#)

WASHINGTON -- If President Bush wants to give land away, there is always his 1,600-acre ranch at Crawford, Texas. But he has no right to endorse the Israeli claim to the captured or settled property on the West Bank that belongs to the Palestinians.
Seattle PI June 21, 2004

[1173] **Democracy:** [Bush is melding the war in Iraq with the war to win tax relief on stock dividends.](#)

It is a shameless exploitation of a military victory with the goal of intimidating Republican holdouts on Capitol Hill. Just as Bush crushed Democrats in last year's congressional elections with appeals to patriotism, he is now turning the big guns on his own party.
MSNBC June 21, 2004

create new jobs as the president's taxes on American families and small
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1174] **Economy:** [The GOP is pro Republicans as Francophiles](#)

April 18 - More than 60 percent of are not needed, yet President Bush test of party loyalty and patriotism
MSNBC June 21, 2004

[1176] **Government:** [Bush rejects God](#)

"Did Mr. Bush ask his father for a asked the president about this. An and then he got defensive about it something that really struck me. I wrong father to appeal to for advice appeal to in terms of strength." At
CBS News June 21, 2004

[1178] **Global Affairs:** [World set world order, says Blair aide](#)

George Bush has had a "devastating development and set the world back Jonathon Porritt, the prime minister today. Writing in Guardian Society of the Sustainable Development Council exaggerate the damage done to the "new world
Guardian June 21, 2004

[1180] **Honesty:** [Snares and Delu](#)

In his Saturday radio address, George insurgents as a "small faction." My scene described a rebellion with v amazing? A year after the occupation his inner circle seem more divorced should have cured the Bush team invasion
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1182] **Health:** [U.S. Won't Let Cow The Department of Agriculture Kansas](#)

December tested positive for mad that the ban is costing it \$40,000 a employees.
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1184] **Government:** [Bush on vac](#)
This is Bush's 33rd visit to his rare

[1175] **Honesty:** [The president as illusionist](#)

FOR A MAN often clumsy with words, George W. Bush proved himself a master of misdirection during his Tuesday night press conference. His poll numbers sinking under the weight of war, the president implied that Iraq was somehow linked to Sept. 11 without ever actually asserting that. Similarly, without quite saying as much, Bush also left the distinct impression that the threat from Saddam had been

Boston Globe June 21, 2004

[1177] **War:** [The offense in Bush's 9/11 defense](#)

WASHINGTON -- When terrorists plan to strike America, should they call in advance and make reservations? If not - if they aren't specific about time and place - should President Bush and the rest of the federal government be held blameless for failing to stop them? That's been the view of the White House for the past 2-1/2 years, although public pressure may be changing that complacency. We all kn

CS Monitor June 21, 2004

[1179] **Honesty:** [Bush, aides distort terrorism memo](#)

President Bush and his national security adviser are arguing that "up" is "down." They say the dire warnings they received about al-Qaida before the Sept. 11 attacks were not warnings at all. This is obvious nonsense. The administration's claims became even more ridiculous with the release last weekend of the top-secret memo -- the President's Daily Brief that Bush received at his Texas ranch on A

Kansas City Star June 21, 2004

[1181] **Environment:** [DOE pulling a fast one at Hanford](#)

For the Bush administration's Department of Energy, power makes for arrogance in the handling of nuclear waste issues. If the administration can push around workers, communities and the states, it most certainly will. Rather than accept a federal court ruling, the administration is trying to force a change in the law by withholding nuclear cleanup funds. If Congress, Washington and other states fa

Seattle PI June 21, 2004

[1183] **War:** [Critics Say Rush to War in Iraq Hurt U.S.](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The deadly insurgency in Iraq is a direct result of tactical missteps by the United States during the rush to war a year ago and in the months afterward, some critics say. President Bush could have spared himself major headaches if he had heeded the advice of experts who urged him to assemble a larger force, including Muslim soldiers from Turkey and others countries, to take int

NY Times June 21, 2004

[1185] **Government:** [Critics condemn Bush campaign's use of resources](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Department of the Treasury analyzes

has spent all or part of 233 days o office, according to a tally by CB Camp David and his five visits to spent all or part of 500 days in off more than 40 percent of his presid *Washington Post* June 21, 2004

[1186] **Economy:** [Bush's job-train](#)

"A dagger pointed at the jugular c economist and free trade advocate described the effect of technologic world economy on America's wor just last Monday to an audience in training enough people to fill the speech, the

Seattle PI June 21, 2004

[1188] **Environment:** [Energy De](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The Ene withhold \$350 million that was to most dangerous radioactive waste First, it says, Congress and state c already rejected in court. The issu against the Bush administration -- million

NY Times June 21, 2004

[1190] **Women's Rights:** [Reprod](#)

At a bill-signing ceremony at the courtrooms across the country, the women's basic reproductive and p new stage last week. In Washingt signed the Unborn Victims of Vic administration's anti-choice agend enforcement. Like numerous

NY Times June 21, 2004

[1192] **Economy:** [Snow: Outsour](#)

CINCINNATI (AP) -- Treasury S outsourcing of American jobs, a h campaign, can help make the ecoi Snow said. "It's one aspect of trad about the fact that trade makes the outsource a lot of activities and ge cost," Snow sai

NY Times June 21, 2004

[1194] **Social Programs:** [Senate Welfare Recipients](#)

WASHINGTON, March 30 -- In the Senate voted today to increase provide child care to welfare recip

John Kerry's tax proposals, and the numbers quickly find their way to the Republican National Committee. The Department of Health and Human Services spends millions on ads promoting President George W. Bush's prescription drug plan. The House Resources Committee posts a diatribe against Kerry's "absurd" energy ideas on its Web site. With fr
Columbia Daily Tribune June 21, 2004

[1187] **War:** [The Other War: Afghanistan](#)

A report commissioned by the Pentagon on the invasion of Afghanistan was turned away after it concluded there was a wide gap between how the White House represented the war and what was actually taking place. We speak with the New Yorker's Pulitzer prize-winning journalist Seymour Hersh who says, "It's a great trifecta for this administration. In three-and-a-half years of office, we have destroyed
Democracy Now June 21, 2004

[1189] **Environment:** [The Mercury Scandal](#)

If you want a single example that captures why so many people no longer believe in the good intentions of the Bush administration, look at the case of mercury pollution. Mercury can damage the nervous system, especially in fetuses and infants -- which is why the Food and Drug Administration warns pregnant women and nursing mothers against consuming types of fish, like albacore tuna, that often con
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1191] **Economy:** [Bush's Goal of Affordable, High-Speed Internet Access for All Americans Contradicts Administration Policies](#)

(Washington, D.C.) -- President Bush's much-publicized goal of providing affordable high-speed Internet access to all Americans by ensuring "plenty of choice" in broadband service contradicts Administration policies that actually have strengthened cable and phone monopolies which have led to higher prices and less choice in broadband, Consumers Union and Consumer Federation of America said today i
Consumers Union June 21, 2004

[1193] **Environment:** [Bush Mining Regulatory Change Is Denounced](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Tales of floods and flattened peaks and of homes swept away or devalued in central Appalachia were laid out Tuesday by opponents to the Bush administration's plan to ease a buffer-zone regulation protecting streams from coal mining operations.
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1195] **War:** [G.I.'s Padlock Baghdad Paper Accused of Lies](#)

BAGHDAD, Iraq, March 28 -- American soldiers shut down a popular Baghdad newspaper on Sunday and tightened chains across the doors after the occupation authorities accused it of printing lies

stricter work requirements under s favored by President Bush and Co 20, expressed broad bipartisan sup of
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1196] **Attitude:** [Bush jokes about laughing matter](#)

President George Bush sparked a making what many judged a taste failure to find weapons of mass de the joke at a black-tie event for ra Washington on Wednesday night. described as the White House elec admin
Guardian June 21, 2004

[1198] **Honesty:** [U.S. Videos, for](#)

WASHINGTON, March 14 -- Fed television segments in which the l pose as journalists praising the be which would be offered to help el their prescription medicines. The television news programs. Several
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1200] **Economy:** [Bush Economic](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Democr: stumbles by President Bush's ecor the administration doesn't have a flood of U.S. manufacturing job l Thursday when the administration manufacturing issues withdrew fr attacked his
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1202] **Environment:** [Report Fau](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The Env incorrectly claimed to have met it percent of the nation's drinking w based standards from 1999 to 200 says. "The agency reported meeti drinking water quality even thoug data u
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1204] **Environment:** [Drop in Bu](#)

WASHINGTON, March 8 -- Citir administration has proposed new program at a much slower rate the practice criticized by state enviro the true demand for cleanup in the

that incited violence. Thousands of outraged Iraqis protested the closing as an act of American hypocrisy, laying bare the hostility many feel toward the United States a year after the invasion that toppled S

NY Times June 21, 2004

[1197] **War:** [Ex - Adviser: Iraq Considered After 9 / 11](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The Bush administration considered bombing Iraq in retaliation almost immediately after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks against New York and Washington, according to a new first-person account by a former senior counterterrorism adviser inside the White House. Richard Clarke, the president's counterterrorism coordinator at the time of the attacks, said Defense Secretary Donal

NY Times June 21, 2004

[1199] **Liberty:** [Privacy Protecting Programs Killed](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Two cutting-edge computer projects designed to preserve the privacy of Americans were quietly killed while Congress was restricting Pentagon data-gathering research in a widely publicized effort to protect innocent citizens from futuristic anti-terrorism tools. As a result, the government is quietly pressing ahead with research into high-powered computer data-mining technology w

NY Times June 21, 2004

[1201] **Economy:** [Critics Tackle \\$10B Request for Missiles](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Democratic senators Thursday criticized the administration's budget request for the missile defense program, questioning anew whether the system will ever work. Supporters urged continued funding for the program still in development. Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., called the request for \$10.2 billion "truly staggering" -- the largest single-year funding request for any weapon system

NY Times June 21, 2004

[1203] **Honesty:** [Exaggerations chip away at credibility of White House](#)

George Tenet's Senate testimony this week made the CIA director look like a one-man clean-up crew hurrying after Vice President Dick Cheney with a broom. Why, just last Monday night Tenet discovered that Cheney, supposedly the wise man of the administration on matters of national security, had been incorrectly opining about Iraq once again. Cheney had overstated evidence of links between Iraq and

Kansas City Star June 21, 2004

[1205] **Global Affairs:** [Ill advised on Korea](#)

PRESIDENT BUSH, misled by Vice President Cheney and other hard-liners, instructed the US delegation at the recent six-nation Beijing talks on North Korea's nuclear program to say he was losing patience with the diplomatic effort to persuade Pyongyang to

Environmental Protection Agency under the Super

NY Times June 21, 2004

[1206] **Government:** [No way to s](#)
BY SHIELDING the financial rec
House commission investigating U
Bush further fuels the public skep
probe in the first place. The com
and why faulty intelligence was g
emptive military attack on Iraq.
SF Chronicle June 21, 2004

[1208] **Honesty:** [Doubts Cast on](#)

WASHINGTON - The Bush adm
Saddam Hussein had ties to al-Qæ
central arguments for a pre-empti
based on even less solid intelligen
that Iraq had hidden stocks of che
Nearly a year after U.S. and Briti
has

Common Dreams June 21, 2004

[1210] **Government:** [Bush Repla](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Presiden
members of a panel that advises h
stem cell research, drawing critici
group with ideologically friendly
cell biologist at the University Ca
president of the American Society
May

NY Times June 21, 2004

[1212] **Government:** [Cheney's ur](#)

DICK CHENEY is the most powe
Indeed, there is a fair amount of c
not Bush, is the real power at the
figurehead. The true role of the sh
an issue in the election, and it des
New Yorker by Jane Mayer lays c
Cheney,

Boston Globe June 21, 2004

[1214] **Government:** [U.S. Scienti](#)
[Food Imports](#)

A senior scientist at the Departme
experts have been pressured by to
Americans to eat before their safe
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1216] **War:** [C.I.A. Admits It Dic](#)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 -- The C

dismantle its nuclear capability. This was a serious blunder.
Boston Globe June 21, 2004

[1207] **Environment:** [How Industry Won the Battle of Pollution Control at E.P.A.](#)

Just six weeks into the Bush administration, Haley Barbour, a former Republican party chairman who was a lobbyist for electric power companies, sent a memorandum to Vice President Dick Cheney laying down a challenge. "The question is whether environmental policy still prevails over energy policy with Bush-Cheney, as it did with Clinton-Gore," Mr. Barbour wrote, and called for measures to show that
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1209] **Government:** [Secrecy sullies Bush presidency](#)

Some recent events showed how President Bush's silence amid many pressing questions has only caused suspicion about his administration to grow. An extreme case is the lawsuit Ellen Mariani filed under the 1970 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act against President Bush and other White House officials. Mariani's retired husband, Neil Mariani, died Sept. 11, 2001, on United Airlines Fl
Kansas City Star June 21, 2004

[1211] **Gay Rights:** [Putting Bias in the Constitution](#)

With his re-election campaign barely started and his conservative base already demanding tribute, President Bush proposes to radically rewrite the Constitution. The amendment he announced support for yesterday could not only keep gay couples from marrying, as he maintains, but could also threaten the basic legal protections gay Americans have won in recent years. It would inject meanspiritedness a
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1213] **Health:** [U.S. Scientist Tells of Pressure to Lift Bans on Food Imports](#)

A senior scientist at the Department of Agriculture says its scientific experts have been pressured by top officials to approve products for Americans to eat before their safety can be confirmed. In particular, the scientist said, approval to resume importing Canadian beef was given last August before a study confirming that it was safe. Canadian beef was banned after mad cow disease was found the
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1215] **Government:** [Uses and Abuses of Science](#)

Although the Bush administration is hardly the first to politicize science, no administration in recent memory has so shamelessly distorted scientific findings for policy reasons or suppressed them when they conflict with political goals. This is the nub of an indictment delivered last week by more than 60 prominent scientists, including 20 Nobel laureates. Their statement was accompanied by a rep

acknowledged that it did not provide information about 21 of the 105 suspected intelligence before the war as the illicit weapons. The acknowledgment by Carl Levin, Democrat of Michigan, before the
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1218] **Social Programs:** [Squeeze on Destructive fine print is showing](#)

Destructive fine print is showing that President Bush has designed for hundreds of thousands of poor and child care and housing assistance spending cuts take effect. In trying to be a fiscal disciplinarian, the president
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1220] **Women's Rights:** [Invasive in seeking medical records](#)

Americans have accepted with relief government encroachments on the privacy presented as necessary to improve health care, however, has nothing to do with Attorney General John Ashcroft's Bush administration's religious rig
Post Gazette June 21, 2004

[1222] **Economy:** [Bush Threatens](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) -- States will have to pay over the next six years to build roads and public transit under a Senate-passed bill that is extravagant in an age of record deficits. Thursday to approve the \$318 billion bill with a winning margin that would be enough to end
AP June 21, 2004

[1224] **Global Affairs:** [Pakistan](#)

In American usage, the problem is not that a nation which puts a high priority on preventing violence, including terrorism in all its declared mission of the United States is to prevent the spread of weapons of mass destruction regimes that sponsor them. His de
Sydney Morning Herald June 21,

[1226] **Economy:** [Bush report: Se](#)

WASHINGTON -- The movement of jobs from white-collar work to other countries is a transformation that will enrich the country but causes short-term pain and dislocation yesterday. The embrace of foreign investment is a trend that has contributed to U.S.

NY Times June 21, 2004

[1217] **Honesty:** [Scientists Accuse White House of Distorting Facts](#)
The Bush administration has deliberately and systematically distorted scientific fact in the service of policy goals on the environment, health, biomedical research and nuclear weaponry at home and abroad, a group of about 60 influential scientists, including 20 Nobel laureates, said in a statement issued today. The sweeping charges were later discussed in a conference call with some of the scientists.
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1219] **Women's Rights:** [Betraying Afghan women](#)
THE BUSH administration should not be encouraging the Afghan president, Hamid Karzai, to court what he and US officials have been calling moderate Taliban elements. With an Afghan presidential election scheduled for June, it may be tempting to try splitting some Taliban figures away from the main body of the fundamentalist movement. Part of the calculation behind such a move by Karzai may be to so
Boston Globe June 21, 2004

[1221] **Liberty:** [Justice Department demands patient records in search of illegal abortions](#)
Privacy in Peril: In an attempt to bolster its defense of the unconstitutional Partial Birth Abortion Act of 2003, the Bush administration has gone beyond its campaign to destroy women's reproductive rights and has attacked the privacy rights of all Americans. This assault is being conducted through subpoenas the Justice Department has issued demanding that at least six hospitals in New York City,
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1223] **Education:** [Bush Pushes Abstinence - Only Education](#)
WASHINGTON (AP) -- The Bush administration is proposing to double spending on sexual abstinence programs that bar any discussion of birth control or condoms to prevent pregnancy or AIDS despite a lack of evidence that such programs work. A study by researchers at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on declining birth and pregnancy rates among teenagers concludes that prevention
John Santelli, the lead author of the study, which has not been June 21, 2004

[1225] **Economy:** [Homeland Security Spending Under Fire](#)
WASHINGTON (AP) -- The Bush administration's proposed \$6 billion increase on homeland defense spending is a shell game undermined by cuts to other law enforcement programs, four Democratic senators charged Wednesday. The four said that it's disingenuous to tout increases in homeland security spending while at the same time trying to cut programs like the Community Oriented Policing Services, or COPES,
AP June 21, 2004

become an
Seattle Times June 21, 2004

[1228] **Labor Relations:** [Bush re U.S.](#)
WASHINGTON -- The movement of white-collar work to other countries is a transformation that will enrich the economy but also causes short-term pain and dislocation, says a report yesterday. The embrace of foreign investment is a trend that has contributed to U.S. economic growth, but it has become an
Seattle Times June 21, 2004

[1230] **Environment:** [Nuclear safety](#)
WORKERS in a nuclear weapons plant are protesting that safety standards are set and enforced by the government, they won't have that assurance if they are left with a draft regulation that would be in the hands of the contractors who operate the plant's research labs. Under the Bush plan,
Boston Globe June 21, 2004

[1232] **Liberty:** [Feds Win Right to](#)
DES MOINES, Iowa - In what may be the most significant in decades, a federal judge has ordered the government to release records about a gathering of anti-war protesters.
Common Dreams June 21, 2004

[1234] **War:** [Bush, Aides Ignored](#)
In its fall 2002 campaign to win re-election, President Bush and his aides made several caveats and qualifiers included in the intelligence report on Hussein's weapons that CIA Director George Tenet said Thursday. In fact, they made some of the most sweeping assertions about unconventional weapons.
National Intelligence
Washington Post June 21, 2004

[1236] **War:** [Misspending Militar](#)
"The strong defense everybody was putting into the wrong way were at all serious about fiscal responsibility. Congress and the Defense Department both have cut out corners of military operations, cut out corners of the things the military needs in the field."
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1238] **Global Affairs:** [Annan Warns](#)
DAVOS, Switzerland (AP) -- U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan warned the United States and other nations against a narrow focus on fighting terrorism

[1227] **Economy:** [Mr. Bush's Revisionism](#)

Just as he did on Iraq and national security, President Bush laid the economic foundation for his re-election campaign during a television interview broadcast Sunday. In a preview of how his campaign will respond to complaints about the huge deficit and overall job losses, Mr. Bush defended his tax cuts as ways to stimulate the economy, blamed Congress for not getting spending under control and ma
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1229] **Economy:** [Senators Deride Domestic Security Cuts](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) -- President Bush's new budget would not devote enough money to domestic security, senators said Monday, noting big cuts in funds for firefighters, police and others who would respond to a terrorist attack. "A stunning 30 percent cut ... for first responders is the latest alarming evidence of shortchanging the homeland side of the war against terrorism," Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Co
AP June 21, 2004

[1231] **Liberty:** [School forum leads to subpoenas](#)

In addition to the subpoena of Drake University, subpoenas were served this past week on four of the activists who attended a Nov. 15 forum at the school, ordering them to appear before a grand jury Tuesday, the protesters said.
Common Dreams June 21, 2004

[1233] **Honesty:** [Get Me Rewrite!](#)

Right now America is going through an Orwellian moment. On both the foreign policy and the fiscal fronts, the Bush administration is trying to rewrite history, to explain away its current embarrassments. Let's start with the case of the missing W.M.D. Do you remember when the C.I.A. was reviled by hawks because its analysts were reluctant to present a sufficiently alarming picture of the Iraqi thr
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1235] **Economy:** [Misspending Military Dollars](#)

"The strong defense everybody wants will not come from throwing ever larger sums into the wrong weapons."If the Bush administration were at all serious about fiscal responsibility, it would have sent Congress a Defense Department budget that reflected the real costs of military operations, cut out cold-war-era programs and focused on the things the military needs in the 21st century. Regrettably,
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1237] **War:** [Sham commission / The nation deserves a real probe of intelligence](#)

"What Mr. Bush proposes is not just inadequate, it is duplicitous in its careful political calculation."America's intelligence function needs to be looked at closely, given its grave failures with respect to bothSept. 11 and the Iraq war. What makes President Bush's response to this, the naming of an investigative commission, so appalling is

threaten human rights. Addressing U.N. chief said international terror and "has the potential to exacerbate
AP June 21, 2004

[1240] **Economy:** [State of the Un](#)

When the president delivers his S listen respectfully and respond po things worth applauding. Last nig mentioned job retraining, immigr help newly released prisoners re-e to split the difference -- to decry t
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1242] **Environment:** [A sacrifice](#)

SCIENTISTS have long warned t changes in habitats that many pla able to survive the heat. Now, 19 severe the impact will be if curre 15 to 37 percent of the 1,103 spec beyond the point of no return. The
Boston Globe June 21, 2004

[1244] **Global Affairs:** [Spain's Pl](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Presiden emperor, and many Europeans fin Spanish Prime Minister Jose Mari being a Republican, of being an e really a bad mix," Aznar said in a Washington Post. "To be political digest the mix that
AP June 21, 2004

[1246] **Health:** [Sick State Budget](#)

While headlines continue to tell u states across the U.S. are pulling t health coverage for low-income A million children. Even as the Busl bizarre quest for ever more tax cu balance their budgets, are cutting
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1248] **Environment:** [Global war](#)

Climate change is a far greater th terrorism, the government's chief David King said the US had failec emissions. And without immediat and debilitating diseases such as r around the world. US President G
BBC June 21, 2004

[1250] **Economy:** [Soaring trade d](#)

the fact that it is pure political tactics -- not adequate
Post Gazette June 21, 2004

[1239] **Women's Rights:** [Bush steps up attack on women's rights](#)
 No one expects George W. Bush to protect a woman's right to choose -- he's been explicitly anti-choice since 1994. One might think, however, he could at least commit to supporting the kind of sexual health information and contraceptive access that reduces the need for abortion. The administration and anti-choice hard-liners in Congress actively are attacking family planning and medically accurate
Seattle PI June 21, 2004

[1241] **Social Programs:** [An Assault on Housing Vouchers](#)
 The Bush administration, which created a record budget deficit partly through tax cuts for the rich, is threatening to make up some of the difference by cutting desperately needed programs aimed at the poor. One candidate for the chopping block is Section 8, the federal rent-subsidy program whose main purpose is preventing low-income families from becoming homeless. The Section 8 voucher program is
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1243] **Social Programs:** [Heartless](#)
 Marriage Plans The Bush administration's idea of spending \$1.5 billion promoting marriage is one of those rather expensive but basically symbolic gestures that presidents like to make in election years. Mr. Bush's advisers may also hope that it will divert social conservatives from pressing for a constitutional amendment banning gay marriages. But as meaningless sops to powerful voting blocs go,
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1245] **Economy:** [Weak labor market results in second consecutive year of job loss](#)
 According to today's report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the nation's payrolls expanded by only 1,000 jobs last month, a marked deceleration from recent gains over the past five months. Unemployment fell from 5.9% in November to 5.7% in December, but this drop was wholly due to a contraction in the labor force, which declined by 309,000. That left the labor force participation rate at 66%,
Economic Policy Institute June 21, 2004

[1247] **Environment:** [EPA Chief: Superfund Short on Funds](#)
 WASHINGTON (AP) -- Cleanup work at 11 of the worst toxic dumps in the country hasn't started because the Superfund program doesn't have enough money, the Environmental Protection Agency's inspector general said Thursday. The \$3 billion program has a shortfall of nearly \$175 million, according to the report. "When funding is not sufficient, construction cannot begin; cleanups are performed in less
NY Times June 21, 2004

[financial markets](#)
 A trade deficit must be financed by borrowing from other countries. The United States was borrowing more than it was producing last year, but carrying that deficit at a high rate indefinitely. Worse yet, the deficit last year as a share of GDP. Some go as far as to say that such high levels of foreign borrowing are a threat to the Treasury
Economic Policy Institute June 21, 2004

[1252] **Economy:** [Bush Readies Final Budget](#)
 WASHINGTON (AP) -- Conservative critics say that Bush makes final decisions about the budget years into an administration on which the deficit has mushroomed by 23.7 percent, the highest in history. Bush has emphasized repeatedly that the federal expenditures have grown to a record level in the budget year that
AP June 21, 2004

[1254] **Liberty:** [White House Seeks to Clarify Executive Order](#)
 WASHINGTON (AP) -- In an executive order, the administration asked the Supreme Court to review arguments secret in a case involving the treatment after the Sept. 11 terror attacks. Justice Bellahouel wants the high court to review the order, which acted improperly by secretly jailing detainees without his court
AP June 21, 2004

[1256] **Liberty:** [Law gives FBI to monitor e-mails](#)
 President Bush has signed into law a law that gives the civil liberties needlessly. The objective of the Intelligence Authorization Act allows the government authority to obtain an individual's e-mail without the person knowing about it and without a warrant. The government needs good tools to fight terrorism.
Kansas City Star June 21, 2004

[1258] **Global Affairs:** [A Wound That Will Not Heal](#)
 These are difficult times for the United States. The administration's taste for unilateral preventive war pose a profound challenge to the principle of collective security and the continued relevance. Since the day of 9/11, the administration has been chipping away at the multilateral system of international law that has defined America since its birth
NY Times June 21, 2004

[1260] **War:** [Bush doctrine strain](#)
 The year 2003 was a year defined by the Bush doctrine

[1249] **Economy:** [I.M.F. Report Says U.S. Deficits Threaten World Economy](#)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 -- With its rising budget deficit and ballooning trade imbalance, the United States is running up a foreign debt of such record-breaking proportions that it threatens the financial stability of the global economy, according to a report made public today by the International Monetary Fund. In nearly 60 pages of carefully worded analysis, the report sounded a loud alarm about the s

NY Times June 21, 2004

[1251] **Liberty:** [Bush Grabs New Power for FBI](#)

While the nation was distracted last month by images of Saddam Hussein's spider hole and dental exam, President George W. Bush quietly signed into law a new bill that gives the FBI increased surveillance powers and dramatically expands the reach of the USA Patriot Act. The Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 grants the FBI unprecedented power to obtain records from financial instit

Wired June 21, 2004

[1253] **Labor Relations:** [Labor Dept. Offers Tips on Avoiding OT Pay](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) -- A proposed Labor Department rule suggests ways employers can avoid paying overtime to some of the 1.3 million low-income workers who would become eligible this year. The department's advice comes even as it touts the \$895 million in increased wages that it says those workers would be guaranteed from the reforms. Among the options for employers: cut workers' hourly wages and add

AP June 21, 2004

[1255] **Global Affairs:** [Torture by proxy: How immigration threw a traveler to the wolves](#)

On Sept. 26, 2002, U.S. immigration officials seized a Syrian-born Canadian at Kennedy International Airport, because his name had come up on an international watch list for possible terrorists. What happened next is chilling. Maher Arar was about to change planes on his way home to Canada after visiting his wife's family in Tunisia when he was pulled aside for questioning. He was not a terrorist.

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war of the year (that honour would both those wars may now be ended (that prize certainly goes to Nepal oldest (probably Colombia, though ceasefires over the years). It was : outcome w

Toronto Star June 21, 2004

[1262] **Social Programs:** [Hungry](#)

The economy may be generally recovering but Americans haven't yet felt the good week by the United States Conference on unemployment and a lack of affordable number of requests for emergency news tracks with the findings of a *CS Monitor* June 21, 2004

[1264] **War:** [Remember 'Weapon They Are a Non-issue](#)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 -- In the war in Iraq, few issues have been as contentious as whether Saddam Hussein possessed arsenals. Administration repeatedly said, or programs that might one day consist of Mr. Hussein in American custody White House

NY Times June 21, 2004

[1266] **Environment:** [DOE changing weakening protection](#)

After dismissing as "fatally flawed" a report critical of his agency's permanent nuclear waste storage site, Secretary Spencer Abraham changed the game being whether the proposed site's recent issuance of the site suitability Yu

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[1268] **War:** [Rights Group Faults](#)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 -- The United States has prevented hundreds of civilians in Iraq by eliminating the use of c

