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### Bill Maher On The Election

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Tonight is the season finale of "Real Time With Bill Maher" on HBO at 11 p.m. It's one of the sharpest shows around, kind of like a Sunday morning news show with attitude and a lot more cursing. And Maher grills his guests with the kind of pointed questions that Ted Koppel used to specialize in.

Here's Maher's take on what the Dems should do:

"The Democrats need to do what the Republicans did this time. Energize their base. I really don't think there are more Jesus-loving crazy people in this country than sane people. I just think that those people vote more. When it comes time to getting out the vote with your base, they're more energized because they're hearing the message they really want to hear. Whereas the Democrat is trying to have it both ways. He's trying to get his people and he's also trying to get enough of those kind of people. And those kind of people are never going to come over. They're always going to vote for the Bush." -- Bill Maher

Maher's guests tonight will include Noam Chomsky (whom I assume didn't vote for Bush) and conservative blogger Andrew Sullivan who will undoubtedly say that now the election is over we need to "support" our President. Which means what exactly, look the other way when he behaves incompetently or lies? How does one support a President with a reverse-Midas touch? Especially when his screwups mean young men and women are dying every day? I agree philosophically but just don't know how it would work realistically -- do you let Bush nominate any Supreme Court justice? Do you let him keep spending us into a fiscal crisis? Do you not keep asking questions about ammo dumps in Iraq and how many there are and how many are being guarded as of this moment?



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