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Dick Cheney Speaks!

by Michael in New York on [9/19/2005 11:15:00 AM](#)

I have to comment on [a link provided by Joe in DC](#). Ever since Katrina struck, we've been flabbergasted that the MSM hasn't asked the most obvious, basic questions: why did Bush stay on vacation till Wednesday, why did Rice GO on vacation Tuesday and finally come back Thursday (only out of embarrassment) and how could Cheney conceivably stay on vacation through Saturday morning, some FIVE DAYS after the worst natural disaster in our nation's history devastated three states? Do they regret staying on vacation? What exactly were they doing on vacation (shopping for shoes, buying a mansion, etc.) while the floodwaters were rising and people were dying? Well, according to an opinion columnist at [US News & World Report](#), [one reporter \(they don't even say who\) finally had the cajones to ask Cheney](#).

When asked by a reporter why he did not return from his vacation earlier than last Thursday, three days after the hurricane hit, **the vice president replied: "I came back four days early."**

Unbelievable. I don't think Thursday is even remotely accurate. We didn't even see Cheney till Sat. morning at a photo op. With the internet buzzing that Cheney might be ill (what other possible explanation could there have been for his staying on vacation, we thought) and with the relief effort in disarray, they kept his return a secret for two days? Are we to believe he flew back Thursday and hid from view? They didn't want America to see them getting back to work?

And why do I have to find this out buried in an opinion column in US News & World Report? Why wasn't this stunningly callous and out-of-touch comment repeated in every major newspaper in the country? Why isn't this STILL front page news, with on-the-record comments from Cheney and his staff as to exactly what he was doing on those (three or) five days? When did he close the deal on that multi-million dollar mansion? Did he go fly fishing? And does he regret his decision? Am I crazy or do these let-them-eat-cake comments deserve widespread condemnation?



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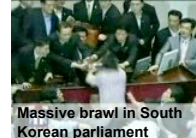
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