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### More Fun News From "Freedom" March

by Michael in New York on [9/12/2005 09:16:00 PM](#)

John and Joe and Chris in Paris have torn apart the Pentagon war rally for the farce that it clearly was -- but why should that stop me from pitching in?

John and Joe highlighted the pathetic turnout. Chris in Paris detailed the way only pre-registered people could attend, posters were banned, everyone was urged to wear the same government-distributed t-shirt, the walk path was fenced in, etc. Here's [one more lovely anecdote from the Washington Post](#):

One protester [of the march], Rik Silverman, 27, of Arlington said he was holding a sign that said, "Shame on You" when **a marcher leaned over the railing and punched him in the stomach**. A U.S. Park Police officer wrote a report but no arrests were made.

Ah, yes. Nothing quite says "freedom" like punching out people who happen to disagree with you. Let me add that I can't remember the last time there was a march onto the Mall where no one took a photo from up high to get a good look at the size of the crowd. Every photo I've seen is a street-level shot of people walking that gives you no idea whether the overall crowd is a few hundred or half a million. So why is the media hiding the fact that this was a massive flop?

If anyone finds a link online to a photo of the rally from above that shows how small the crowd is, put a link in the commentary section.



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