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Religious Right's Social Security Blackmail Part II

by Michael in New York on 1/25/2005 09:27:00 PM

I want to echo a point in our thread about the Religious Right's blackmailing of Bush. As you know, they **threatened to withhold support for Social Security reform** unless Bush heartily backed the anti-gay, anti-marriage amendment.

Now think about that: if they truly believed Social Security was in a crisis (it's not) and that Bush's ill-defined plan was going to protect the elderly from falling into poverty, going hungry and homeless, etc. how could they possibly threaten NOT to back it? How could any Christian reject a plan they believed in that would feed old people simply for cynical political purposes?

On the other hand, if they thought Social Security was fine, how could they in good conscience tamper with it to advance a political agenda and risk plunging old people into hunger and despair? If they could get prayer back in the schools (or basic science out), would they really be willing to accept Bush doubling the number of senior citizens living below the poverty line?

Where or where are the activist religious groups on the left that can criticize these shameful cynical tactics with moral authority? They might just convince people that in politics God DOES take sides -- He's on the side of the weak and the hungry and the helpless and He always has been.



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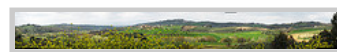
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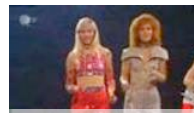
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