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The Questions A Shocked America Is Asking Its President

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CORRECTION FROM JOHN: The Independent is wrong. It wasn't until Wednesday that Bush surveyed the damage from Air Force One. He didn't return to DC or give his speech until Wednesday afternoon.

Our message is getting out to the MSM. Even overseas they are beginning to focus on the incredible callousness of Bush and Co. The **Independent runs down the facts**. Here's just the first question:

Why has it taken George Bush five days to get to New Orleans?

President Bush was on holiday in Texas when Katrina struck. **He then spent Monday on a pre-arranged political fundraising tour of California and Arizona, which he did not cancel or curtail.** On Tuesday he surveyed the hurricane damage - but only from the flight deck of Air Force One, prompting criticism that he was too detached from the suffering on the ground. He didn't give a speech until Tuesday afternoon - 36 hours after the storm first hit - and didn't embark on a proper tour of the region until yesterday. Key advisers have come under fire for similar levels of detachment. **As the full magnitude of the disaster unfolded, the Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice, was seen buying shoes in New York, and Dick Cheney remained on holiday.**



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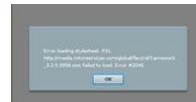
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