



SUNDAY, JUNE 05, 2005

### Very Lame Ducks?

by Michael in New York on [6/05/2005 05:32:00 PM](#)

The debacle over Iraq -- misleading the public, using fear to keep a populace in check, using terror alerts for political purposes when no threat was in sight -- seemed to have no effect. Bush and Blair and other major political figures were returned to office.

But now their power seems to be crumbling before our eyes. Right after Blair's party was reelected (in a historic third term that was also at historically low levels), many were calling for his head. Step down, they said. Blair caved in to reality, but managed to convince everyone he should stay on till the UK voted on the EU constitution in mid 2006. Now that the referendum is dead, his own party members are braying again for Blair to step down. What exactly is he waiting for, they ask? Expect him gone by the end of the year.

As for Bush, his every major initiative -- dismantling Social Security, dumbing down science and research into battling disease, pushing through radical judges who can't gain reasonable support from moderates in both parties, not to mention "stabilizing" Iraq and Afghanistan -- has been an utter disaster. Now he's holding press conferences insisting that he is NOT a lame duck, as sure a sign of lame-duckiness as there is.

So are Bush and Blair ones for the history books or do they still have some fight left in 'em?



DISQUS COMMENT 3

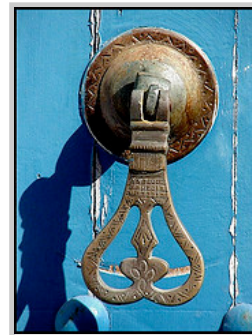
#### Add New Comment

You are commenting as a **Guest**. You may select one to log into:



- Logged in as
- Logout from DISQUS

JOHN'S PHOTOS



### HOT OFF THE WIRE

- Daily Kos**  
Open Thread and Diary Rescue - \*Today, srkp23 (pulling a double shift), ybruti, taylormattd, ItsJessMe and vcmvo2 combed through hundreds of diaries to find this powerful list. Today's...  
*2 minutes ago*
- Eschaton**  
Overnight - Folk On. Newish.  
*19 minutes ago*
- HuffPost Politics**  
Michael Likosky: Ed Rendell: Hardest Working Man in Infrastructure - At this year's National Governors Association (NGA) meeting, Governor Ed Rendell's tenure as Chair fittingly came to a close with a plenary session on infras...  
*21 minutes ago*
- Crooks and Liars**  
Open Thread - Open Thread below...  
*48 minutes ago*
- Firedoglake**  
Late Night: Livin' the Dolce Vita with The Lovernator - Who's got time to govern? Certainly not Mark Sanford.  
*1 hour ago*

Show All

AMERICABLOG TV

Next 6



Despite insurance premiums doubling over the past decade, Republicans want to see health care reform fail. For the GOPers, health care is politics. They just



Traditional media has to debunk the birthers



One small step...



The right-wing media, the voices of the GOP, in



REM - Orange Crush

I collect with vodpod

[see all 322 videos >](#)

[Visit our AMERICAblog TV site.](#)

GAY POLITICS



Visit our new gay politics section, [AMERICAblog Gay](#).

FEEDS



Blog RSS



1,482 readers



AMERICAblog TV RSS



Twitter RSS

Twitter Feed



Mobile Version



Google

Get the blog by email:

Subscribe me!

Top Ad

[Advertise in this spot.](#)

HEALTH CARE REFORM

**The Treatment**

Obama Has a Grown-Up Talk With America (Gulp)  
31 minutes ago

**Ezra Klein**

Tab Dump  
4 hours ago

**Wonk Room**

Sen. Byron Dorgan: The 'Trade' In Cap-And-Trade 'Makes No Sense To Me'

SEARCH

AMERICAblog
  Web

**Search**

SEND US TIPS & COMMENTS

americablog@starpower.net

BLOG ARCHIVE

**Blog Archive**

SITES WE LIKE

- [Air America Radio](#)
- [Alan Colmes' blog](#)
- [Ari Melber \(The Nation\)](#)
- [Ben Smith](#)
- [BicycleMark's blog & podcast](#)
- [Bilerico](#)
- [BradBlog](#)
- [Bring It On](#)
- [Carrie Fisher](#)
- [Crooks and Liars](#)
- [DailyKos](#)
- [Dan Savage's "Slog"](#)
- [Daou Report](#)
- [Democratic Underground](#)
- [Eschaton](#)
- [Ezra Klein](#)
- [Fire Dog Lake](#)
- [FiveThirtyEight.com](#)
- [Freeway Blogger](#)
- [The Gavel \(Speaker Pelosi's blog\)](#)
- [Good As You](#)
- [Glenn Greenwald](#)
- [Holy Bullies and Headless Monsters](#)
- [Huffington Post](#)
- [Hullabaloo \(Digby\)](#)
- [Jack and Jill Politics](#)
- [Jed Report](#)
- [Jesus' General](#)
- [Kenneth in the 212](#)
- [Margaret and Helen](#)
- [Matthew Gross](#)
- [Media Matters](#)
- [Mike Signorile's "The Gist"](#)
- [Mudflats](#)
- [MyDD](#)
- [Open Left](#)
- [Plum Line](#)
- [Political Punch \(Jake Tapper\)](#)
- [Political Wire](#)
- [Politics 1](#)
- [Pop Surfing](#)
- [Progressive Blog Digest](#)
- [Queers United](#)
- [RawStory](#)
- [Rex Wockner](#)
- [Rude Pundit](#)
- [Smirking Chimp](#)
- [Talk Left](#)
- [Tapped](#)
- [Taylor Marsh](#)
- [Think Progress](#)
- [TowleRoad](#)
- [VetVoice.com](#)
- [Washington Note](#)
- [WayneBesen.com](#)
- [Wonkette](#)
- [Worth Repeating](#)



NEWS LINKS

- [US](#)
- [Washington Post](#)

PLEASE SUPPORT AMERICABLOG

One-time donation

\$

**Donate**

---

Recurring monthly donation

\$

**Donate**

Donations are not tax-deductible.

LABELS

Select a label

LAST 100 VISITORS

Recent Visitors

[Click to Get](#) FEEDJIT

ABOUT AMERICABLOG

**Why AMERICAblog?**

Because a great nation deserves the truth.

**What issues do you cover?**

US politics overall with a particular focus on the Obama Administration, the radical right, and civil rights.

**Who are you?**

**John Aravosis**  
Editor  
Washington, DC

**Joe Sudbay**  
Deputy Editor  
Washington, DC

**Chris Ryan**  
Associate Editor  
Paris, France

**Robert Arena**  
Contributing Editor  
Baltimore, Maryland

**Jacki Schechner**  
Contributing Editor  
Washington, DC

