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## Why Does Bush Hate Democracy?

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George Bush has a pattern of coddling corrupt monarchies and military dictatorships like Saudi Arabia and Pakistan. Then he turns around and punishes democracies that don't do exactly what he wants every single time. The latest example: Germany.

A number of nations believe the Security Council should be expanded from 15 to 25, with four new permanent members. Others think there should also be room for two African countries, including possibly Egypt. Does Bush object to including Egypt, a corrupt dictatorship that has strangled that nation's growth and encouraged the growth of extremism in the Middle East? Nope. He saves his firepower for Germany.

Germany has banded together with India, Japan and Brasil to jointly push for a seat on the Security Council. They promise not to even ask for the right to a veto for 15 years. Since Bush always insists that democracy is the key to a safe and stable future, you'd think he would jump at the chance to give these four stable democracies more influence and prestige. But no. Germany objected to Bush invading Iraq and its leader even campaigned on anti-US sentiment. So [Bush is blocking Germany's bid](#) and damn the consequences of international security. Germany didn't play ball so they must be punished.

More proof? [Bush is coddling the cruel government of Uzbekistan](#) even as it opens fire on its own citizens. Six senators are suggesting to Bush, gee, do we really want to get into bed with such a sleazy government? It certainly proves the lie that Bush wants to spread democracy. Really? By garnering a long-term deal for a military base in a corrupt country that abuses human rights on a grand scale?

More proof Bush hates democracy? He's stunned that the OAS (the Organization of American States) [laughed off Bush's suggestion that he "monitor" the growth of democracy in the Americas](#). Gee, maybe it has something to do with the fact that Bush supported a military coup in Venezuela because he didn't get along with the democratically elected leader.

Why does Bush hate democracy?








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