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**You Disagree With Bush? Congratulations! You're A Traitor!**

by Michael in New York on 9/24/2004 02:53:00 AM

The Washington Post does a good rundown of the **despicable Republican smears** calling John Kerry a traitor and providing aid and comfort to the enemy because he dares to question Bush's strategy in Iraq. You don't need to be told that in America it is every citizen's right and indeed duty to ask hard questions of our leaders when they take us to war.

But the Democrats need to kick back. Are John McCain, Orrin Hatch and Richard Lugar traitors or providing aid and comfort to the enemy? They too have asked hard questions. Ask Bush if they're traitors for disagreeing or just suggesting that things aren't going swimmingly. If he says no, ask why he doesn't apologize to Kerry and all Americans who disagree. If he tries to say there's a difference, ask what besides party affiliation. Ask Bush if the American citizens who marched in New York City during the Republican convention are traitors. Ask Bush if Canada is a traitor. Ask Bush who ISN'T a traitor other than his lackeys.

By the way, the otherwise decent article ends with a ridiculous coda.

"Whatever the merits, the charges that terrorists prefer Democrats have been echoed by independent commentators and journalists. CNN analyst Bill Schneider, asked about Hastert's remarks, agreed that al Qaeda "would very much like to defeat President Bush."

Really? Independent folk all agree that the terrorists would like to see a Democrat elected to the White House? And exactly how was that poll conducted? You think the average American is hard to reach due to caller id -- well, imagine trying to catch Bin Laden on his cell. And what an absurd statement -- as if there's some consensus among independent observers that the terrorists would prefer Kerry. That's a rather outrageous comment to make. I've seen numerous independent folk who've suggested that Bin Laden would prefer to see Bush reelected -- Bush is Public Enemy Number One in the Islamic world and therefore a great recruiting tool. Another President wouldn't engender the same hatred, would have a fresh start with our traditional allies and might actually be willing to make adjustments to a failed strategy. Why is the Washington Post stating as fact that Bin Laden wants Kerry elected?



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