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MEDIA BIAS

Over the last couple of weeks, a lot has happened regarding Iraq. But two things stand out.

First, there was the abuse of prisoners at Abu Ghraib prison. Some aberrant soldiers got out of line... and now they're having to face our justice system, and pay the price for their illegal behavior. That's how Americans handle wrong-doing. That's what makes us strong.

The other incident that stands out was the brutal slaying of American businessman Nicholas Berg by al-Qaeda terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, apparently in retaliation for the Abu Ghraib abuses. Al-Zarqawi was filmed tortuously decapitating Berg while his fellow goons shouted "God is great!"

Which of these occurrences do you find more despicable? If you're a typical patriotic American, you were angry at the abuses by a few wayward soldiers and glad they're being brought to justice; but you were OUTRAGED at Berg's beheading by brutal Muslim extremists, something that's typical of the enemy we're facing.

But if you're a partisan Democrat or a member of the liberal mainstream media (but we repeat ourselves), just the opposite is true, at least if you go by the statements of these Democrats and the coverage of the media.

While Sen. Ted Kennedy's claims that "Saddam's torture chambers reopened under new management -- U.S. management" got broad coverage, liberal news networks and newspapers gave only passing coverage to Berg's horrible murder.

Why? Because Berg's murder only proves that we really ARE at war with terrorists, and that doesn't do anything to hurt President Bush. The prison abuses, on the other hand, can be harped on by liberals looking for an excuse -- ANY excuse -- to body-slam the President and his team on the war on terror.

As Senator Zell Miller, a Democrat, put it:

"Why is it that there's more indignation over a photo of a prisoner with underwear on his head than over the video of a young American with no head at all?"
Ed.

Berg's grisly murder was news for maybe a day. The prison abuses are STILL at the top of the page of the New York Times and the Washington Post, and STILL the lead story for Dan Rather and Peter Jennings. From <http://www.ConservativeAlerts.com/>

Comment: THIS IS AN OUTRAGE. We must all be aware of the bias in the evening news and the daily papers. You should be taking a good Christian Newspaper or subscribing to an un-biased news service on the web. We have to look for the TRUTH. The local VP is one of the biased papers so look to the Richmond Times Dispatch, www.timesdispatch.com for a balanced view. Ed.

UN Atrocities

If you object to what's going on in those Abu Ghraib pictures – the sexual humiliation of prisoners and their conscription as a vast army of extras in their guards' porno fantasies – then you might want to think twice about handing over Iraq to the UN.

In Eritrea, the government recently accused the UN mission of, among other offences, pedophilia. In Cambodia, UN troops fueled an explosion of child prostitutes and AIDS. Amnesty International reports that the UN mission in Kosovo has presided over a massive expansion of the sex trade, with girls as young as 11 being lured from Moldova and Bulgaria to service international peacekeepers.

In Bosnia, where the sex-slave trade barely existed before the UN showed up in 1995, there are now hundreds of brothels with underage girls living as captives. The 2002 Save the Children report on the UN's cover-up of the sex-for-food scandal in West Africa provides grim details of peacekeepers' demanding sexual favors from children as young as four in exchange for biscuits and cake powder. "What is particularly shocking and appalling is that those people who ought to be there protecting the local population have actually become perpetrators," said Steve Crawshaw, the director of Human Rights Watch.

By now you're maybe thinking, "Hmm. I must have been on holiday the week the papers ran all those stories about 'The Shaming of the UN.'"

By MARK STEYN senior contributing editor for Hollinger Inc.

Comment: We need to get out of the United Nations and get the United Nations out of New York City. Write to Congressman Schrock and urge him to de-fund the UN and all communist nations. Without our multi-Billion dollar foreign aid, many of these Communist/Socialist countries would find new leaders. Ed.

Father/Daughter Steak and Egg Breakfast

Our speaker this year was Elder Chuck Laird. I must say he was outstanding. Chuck had participated in the raising of three daughters, all absent from home now, one is far away in Australia as an exchange student. In preparation for the talk Chuck called all three daughters and asked them to give him, no preparation now, the top ten things they enjoyed about growing up. What did they remember?

He told us of two trips over the years to Disney World in Florida for a week family vacation which was lots of fun and expensive. But the girls did not mention them in the top ten items. What they remembered was the little things, the one on one time with Dad. Some of the neat things Chuck did with his girls, not in any order were:

Date night. Once a month he would take each girl out on a "date." They would go to a movie or dinner, each girl had their Dad for the whole evening. He found out that they even kept track if he missed a month, and he had to make it up. The Date Night came late and was primarily with the youngest daughter.

Thunderstorms. He would put the garage door up and they would watch the lightning and thunder storms together. Sometimes they would get chairs and sit and watch the light show.

Biking together. A family tradition was to go biking around the neighborhood after the evening meal. By the way they always had at least one meal together as a family.

Boating trips together. One trip in particular where Chuck and one daughter anchored out and slept over night in the boat was one that Chuck thought terrible, being eaten up by mosquitoes, hot with no A/C and rocking all night. Well this was a big highlight for the daughter. (Go figure!)

Chuck also led us in a practice family devotional. All in all, it was a great breakfast and time with fathers and daughters. He also told us that the most important thing he would recommend, it was too late for us to do now. Pick a wonderful wife. Editor.

THE CLASH OF CIVILIZATIONS AND THE GREAT CALIPHATE

by Larry Abraham, January 29, 2004

Here is just two paragraphs quoted from a long article. The whole article is a quick summary of the history of Islam. It is worth reading. If you have an email I'll be glad to send it to you. Ed.

...We are in the battle of our lives, a battle which will go on for many years possibly even generations. If we fail to understand what we are facing or falter in the challenge of "knowing our enemy" the results will be catastrophic. Imagine a world where al Qae da regimes control 75% of the world's oil, have at their disposal nuclear weapons, legions of willing suicide soldiers, and our national survival is dependent on the good graces of Kofi Annan and the United Nations.

There is one final footnote which may be the scariest of all. Either none of the Democrats currently leading the drive to their party's nomination are aware of the facts of the Great Caliphate and Third Jihad or they do know and they don't care so long as their power lust is satisfied. But, I can guarantee you one thing for sure: some of their most ardent supporters are aware of this and will do anything they can to bring it about.

Moral Degradation of America

[Vision America](#) founder Dr. Rick Scarborough says despite the fact that a majority of Americans are opposed

to homosexual marriage and want to see a Federal Marriage Amendment, activist judges -- like the four on the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court whose ruling brought on the crisis in that state -- continue to force their will on the people. He says that is why believers need to take action.

"Christians need to be praying for God's mercy -- and then getting off their knees and writing their congressmen, calling everybody that they have any influence over, and rallying believers to reverse this ungodly decision," Scarborough says. "This is not a cultural shift; this is a straight-out assault by four judges who are trying to shape the morality of a whole nation."

Scarborough says the nation has turned a "dark corner" with the legalization of same-sex unions, but that Christians still have an opportunity to turn the tide.

"Gays have quietly, methodically, and persistently pressed this issue until they found willing ears and itching audience in our courts," he says. "Now, with the same persistence for righteousness and for God's law and truth, Christians are going to have to press the issue from the other side."

The sacred institution of marriage, he says, must be placed beyond the reach of an "arrogant, activist judiciary."

Dr. Scarborough is coming to the area soon.

Comment: On a talk show today on channel 5, the Family Net, Dr. Matt Daniels of the Alliance for Marriage gave these statistics ---80% of Republicans favor FMA, 63% of Independents, and 56% of the Democrats. Clearly the voters prefer FMA over what we have now. So you must act to tell your elected what you believe. I have read that only about 20% of the Senators in Washington will vote for the FMA. Our own Senators are split I think, Warner against and Allen may be for it. We need to give our elected officials backbone by writing/calling and faxing them often to express our views. Times' a wasting!!! Ed.

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"The most important consequence of marriage is, that the husband and the wife become in law only one person... Upon this principle of union, almost all the other legal consequences of marriage depend." --James Wilson in the Federalist

TEXAS HUMOR

As the President is getting off the helicopter in front of the White House, he has a baby pig under each arm.

The Marine guard snaps to attention, salutes, and says: "Nice pigs, sir."

The President replies: "These are not pigs. These are authentic Texan Razorback hogs. I got one for VP Cheney, and I got one for Defense Secretary Rumsfeld."

The Marine again snaps to attention, salutes, and replies, "Nice trade, sir."