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Subject: Litmus test for liberals

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The senate gave President Bush the authorization to use military force if he needed it, and he invaded Iraq against the wishes of many senators including Kerry.

I offer a metaphor: My daughter says she needs a cell phone in case of emergencies. I authorize it, I agree to pay for it. Later I get a phone bill showing she has made 300 local calls to her friends. What happened? Am I a "Flip-Flop" if I criticize her misuse of the authority I granted her? Is it my fault for trusting her with the phone, or is it her fault for misusing that trust? Can I not say that, given the chance to do it all over again, I would still give her the cell phone, but I wouldn't approve of the way she uses it?

To criticize Kerry for giving the president all the tools is ridiculous, the criticism lays in the way the president USES those tools, and President Bush has clearly misused the power he has been given. The war was a mistake, and the apologies have not been forthcoming.

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