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Subject: Re: Fraud In Iraq? Impossible.

Posted by [msgtpain](#) on Mon, 26 Jun 2006 01:24:48 GMT

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MadDave wrote on Sun, 25 June 2006 20:18 Well, msgtpain, if over a Billion dollars isn't where it's supposed to be and Congress lets it slide, what does that tell you? 1: They stole it or 2: They don't care about the money. Either way, the money was stolen and to prevent that from recurring the Congress should have investigated. Now, how about not looking over every one of superflyngengi's words for something you can manipulate, and if you're gonna talk about an educated argument try not to be such a jerk.

It doesn't tell me anything.. The only thing that I can glean from this entire conversation is that you can read a statement and then (whether intentionally or through ignorance) make an assumption which is completely unsupported by the very text you presented us with.

In that whole original post, no where is there anything that even implies "stolen money" or "missing money"; those are simply your interpretations to try and support your completely fictitious opinion.

1. Halliburton allegedly overcharged \$61 million for gas. That is outrageous, and if they did it intentionally to line their own pockets, shame on them and I hope they are found guilty. However, this was halliburton, Not Congress, and not even Dick Cheney, even though liberal sympathizers would really like to persuade us it was.

2. \$1.8 billion of Halliburton's charges to the government, about 40 percent of the total, had not been adequately documented. Did you read that? Care to read it again? had not been adequately documented. Last year, I struggled to find about \$15 thousand dollars in paper invoices for my own business, and I only did about 1.2 million in gross revenue. I knew how I had expensed the funds, it was all in QuickBooks, but my accountant wanted a paper trail. No where in that paragraph did it even imply that the money was improperly disbursed, or that it had been stolen (as you all are trying to claim), the auditing firm simply didn't think that there was adequate documentation for the funds. Now, you can assume all you want, but this is why it's such a shallow, bullshit stance to be trying to push on us as proof of "corruption". It's simply your own opinion, without even a fraction of the facts or knowledge you would actually need to make an educated opinion on the matter.

3. the Bush administration diverted \$700 million in funds from the war in Afghanistan, among other places, to prepare for the Iraq invasion. So the fuck what? We divert more than that every year from Social Security... Money is money. I can think of a thousand other ways that I'm pissed on a daily basis in regards to how the fucks in Washington spend my money. This isn't proof of corruption, or stealing, etc.

4. The problem: For one thing, it is a crime to lie to Congress, although Bush backers claim the president did not knowingly make false assertions. Wow, finally Democrats agree that this is not something we should look over with a blind eye. Funny that they don't think that about Clinton's little "lie" to congress. I'm not a die-hard Bush fanatic.. In fact, I would say that I probably agree with his 29% approval rating right now. If he did indeed lie to the American people about Iraq, then I hope he burns in hell. But again, that's only my opinion of what should happen if he outright lied.

It is my opinion that he strongly believed in what he was doing, based on the information he had, and just made one huge, fucking, enormous mistake. But that just makes him dumb, not a corrupt bastard who is stealing from the American people.

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