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Subject: Re: Obama News

Posted by [Ryan3k](#) on Fri, 28 Nov 2008 20:19:08 GMT

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Cabal8616 wrote on Fri, 28 November 2008 07:49 Here goes ryan3k, being an arrogant cock again.

Nah, you just thought you were being a clever little prick with the following gem:

Quote:LOL GEORGE BUSH SUX LOLOLOLOL oh but hey you should respect Obama y'know he's our president, don't be mean!

I'm sure you thought you exposed my "hypocrisy" or something. In a world where people's feelings get hurt online, my response must be arrogance. The bottom line is, you misinterpreted my post, and I called you out on it. Let me reiterate: Bush lost my support due to his incompetence; therefore, if Obama proves to be incompetent, he will not have my support, either. In the meantime, I am reserving my judgment.

Quote:We haven't been attacked on the home front again since 9/11. Isn't it ironic that Bush has had the highest approval ratings of any president- highest when we are attacked, lowest while he keeps us safe. He's doing something right.

But are you attributing the safety on the home front to the notion that we are "fighting them 'over there' so we don't have to fight them 'over here'?" Or to domestic initiatives? Because the former has been responsible for 4,000+ troop deaths.

If it weren't for Bush, Rumsfeld, and Wolfowitz' gross mishandling of the Iraq War at the outset, our soldiers would be home, by now. One of their biggest mistakes was their disbandment of the Iraqi Army after the invasion. What did all of these freshly unemployed, angry, young men decide to do with their time? They took up arms. Another mistake was not sending enough troops in the beginning, with everyone in the administration predicting the war would be a "slam dunk." This meant we didn't have enough troops to stop the mass looting that occurred after the invasion. The ensuing lawlessness and lack of order allowed the insurgency to take root and recruit followers.

All this, my friend, is incompetence and poor judgment. We wouldn't have needed a troop surge had it not been for these mistakes. Focusing on the success of the troop surge often leads one to ignore the mistakes that led to its strategic viability in the first place.

Anyway, on the subject of public opinion - during times of conflict and war, the President invariably gets a public opinion boost known as the "rally 'round the flag" effect. It doesn't mean the President is necessarily doing anything right. In general, public opinion is best taken with a grain of salt, if not ignored entirely (at least when it comes to foreign policy issues).

This isn't some obscure study; I can tell you that Dick Cheney certainly subscribes to it, given that he replied "So?" in a recent interview to the question, "Why should we stay in Iraq if public opinion is in favor of immediately ending the war?"

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