

# Black Ribbon: Truth

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George W. Bush is incompetent and should be removed from office.  
Dick Cheney is incompetent and should be removed from office.  
Donald Rumsfeld is incompetent and should be removed from office.  
Condoleezza Rice is incompetent and should be removed from office.  
Alberto Gonzales is incompetent and should be removed from office.  
Michael Chertoff is incompetent and should be removed from office.

The Republican Party is corrupt and disgraceful.

The Republican Party is the party of polite bigotry.

The Republican Party is lead by white men whose bigotry and belligerent nationalism is disseminated through the polite delivery of think tank-designed code words to alienate, badger, categorize, and divide the American people.

Racism is alive and well, living comfortably in the Republican Party.

Ignorance has been born again in the Republican Party and aggressively spreading.

The Republican Party's goal is destruction of the modern social accomplishments of inclusion, equality, tolerance, and enlightened progressive thinking.

The Republican Party platform is fear and polite bigotry.

*The Heritage Foundation* is the repository for Republican plans of bigoted social engineering.

*Fox News* is the propaganda wing of the Republican Party.

There were no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

Iraq and Saddam Hussein were no threat to the United States of America.

Saddam Hussein and Iraq had no involvement in the attacks of September 11, 2001.

Military security contractors are mercenaries hired by, and paid for by the American government to by-pass democratic political processes and principles.

Military security contractors, supported by the United States government, are hiring former soldiers of Third World armies as cheap mercenaries for service in Iraq.

The Department of Homeland Security maintains a cache of mercenaries.

The war on terror is an ideological war that cannot be won.

The broadcast news media and many American newspapers, including the *New York Times* and *The Washington Post*, supported George W. Bush and the Iraq War.

The broadcast news media and many American newspapers, including the *New York Times* and *The Washington Post*, did not question and did not provide equal coverage or equal number of experts who had information in opposition to the Iraq War.

The broadcast news media and many American newspapers, including the *New York Times* and *The Washington Post*, distributed disinformation and propaganda to the public on behalf of the government.

The multi-national corporation, General Electric, which owns and operates NBC News, has multiple contracts and interests in Iraq.

The multi-national corporation, General Electric, which owns and operates NBC News, had a direct role in writing United States tax laws that benefited the corporation and its shareholders.

American capitalism has become a corrupt financial system controlled by multi-national corporations that only benefits the very wealthiest people.

American news media is operated by and only represents the interest of multi-national corporations and shareholders.

The poor are poorer and more numerous in America.

The rich are richer in America.

The business news media only present the positive voices, concerns, and interests of executives, shareholders, and Wall Street analysts.

The business news media rely solely on Wall Street analyst and Republican organizations for economic measurements.

Wall Street analysts only represent the interests of executives and shareholders.

Wall Street analysts do not represent the interests of employees.

The business news media do not present the voices, concerns, or interests of employees, unions, the unemployed, temporary employed, working poor, skilled and unskilled workers.

The business news media do not provide coverage on topics such as erosion of employee benefits, reduction in employee pay, lack of employee retraining and education, lack of job training organizations, and /or job resource information.

American business, multi-national corporations, and the corrupt political system are bankrupting America for their own self-interest.

The American people have been lied to by President George W. Bush, members of his administration, members of Congress, and the broadcast and print news media.

When corrupt politics and government function like a Third World government, supported by multi-national corporations, and a news media that caters to it, the society itself will become a Third World society. Hence, New Orleans in August/September 2005.

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