
Subject: Cost of The War on Terrorism

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Mon, 23 Jan 2006 15:25:40 GMT

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Theve ratcheted up the total projection of the cost of Iraq to over one trillion dollars. The BW is bancrupting the country trying to get better oil prices for his cronies and his good buddy Abromoff. It is so bad; that he is getting hard resistance from real Republicans to the drain of money and resources going to the oil war. They cut out college aid from the budget to finance the oil company war in Iraq. So much for our kids. How much money do the rich need???

Subject: In the absence of Mr. Vinyl...

Posted by [Damir](#) on Mon, 23 Jan 2006 19:26:05 GMT

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...I must adress you to some important facts...

Subject: Re: In the absence of Mr. Vinyl...

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Mon, 23 Jan 2006 20:55:30 GMT

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Damir; you have been exposed to the ravages of uncontrolled power where you live. We here are naive in the understanding of how unbridled power corrupts and how the only thing seperating us from the bad guys is not the President; it's a free and open press. Thanks for taking on this task; Mr. Vynil has disappointed me since he disappeared after Tom Delay was indicted and now looks like he may be prosecuted. Those hard core reactionary neo-cons hate like poison to be proved wrong.

Subject: Re: Cost of The War on Terrorism

Posted by [elektraticg](#) on Tue, 24 Jan 2006 13:05:54 GMT

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MB,Ah, the old "no blood for oil" meme. Good to hear it again. If our concern had been oil, we would simply have continued to acquiesce in the corrupt UN Oil-for-Food program, which amounted to a multi-billion-dollar bribe to Saddam to keep the spigots turned on full volume.

Subject: Re: Cost of The War on Terrorism
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Tue, 24 Jan 2006 13:36:37 GMT
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Yeah but that was a shared experience; we want it all.

Subject: Re: In the absence of Mr. Vinyl...
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Tue, 24 Jan 2006 14:24:13 GMT
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I would suggest that the press is more compromised even than politics. It has less checks and balances, basically nochecks and balances. Since the media has the means to express itself and make its own spin, it spoon feeds people with "facts" in a self-serving manner. Its job is solely to make itself look reliable and to make profits. The "free press" is incredibly deceptive and devious and I don't trust anything I see on TV or in newspapers. Not a word.

Subject: Re: In the absence of Mr. Vinyl...
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Tue, 24 Jan 2006 14:59:49 GMT
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Wayne; I hope your still here. There are no perfect institutions in life; but the mainstream press is a valuable and neccessary tool for the citizens of a free country. The news organisations have vast resources including libraries/factcheckers/reporters on the scene/ contacts; I say this: You must get information somewhere. At no time in my 53 years of reading and watching have I found that people's personal experiences were any more reliable than the news. In fact whenever I needed to do something predicated upon what I might have read in some newspaper; it turned out to be accurate. Does the news put spin on what they report? That is human nature to report what you see and when you report something you report what you find interesting. But newspapers have editors who answer to the reading public who in turn buy the products advertised in the paper. If the public refuses to buy into what that paper prints on a consistent basis then that paper loses money and consequently folds. You as the reading public have a responsibility to seek out the most reliable news source and also to seek alternative sources as a check and balance. If you look into the past and see how many corrupt politicians/environmental disasters/dangerous conditions et al stories that the news has printed that resulted in a safer/better/more influence free government/ world, then you must in all honesty acknowledge that the news organisation perform a valuable and absolutely neccessary function in our society. So what would you do to find out whats happening in the world; read some blogger? He is more accurate with his little corner of the world than a vast news organisation that answers to the entire public? I know they are not perfect; but I trust the serious news organisation much more than I trust the CEO's and the Politicians and the Generals. The good reporters are basically honest and decent guys trying to do a good job. Now I know people will laugh at my so-called naivete' and simplistic view of the world; nothing can

be further from the truth. But one thing I do see; all the folks who denigrate the news organisations tend not to be the serious readers. Nice to see you chime in here; makes it more like a family.

Subject: Re: In the absence of Mr. Vinyl...

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Tue, 24 Jan 2006 18:56:26 GMT

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I agree. But I think that politics and press are both rotten in America. The best of America resides elsewhere, if you ask me. I'll only listen to personal, first-hand experience. Anything else is hearsay or worse. Both politicians and press are selling something, and where there is that, there is a motive for bias. I have absolutely no trust in either organization, except for a few selected individuals that I know personally.

Subject: "The good reporters are basically honest and decent guys trying to do a good job. "

Posted by [Damir](#) on Tue, 24 Jan 2006 19:15:30 GMT

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Hey, MB - I can say from experience here that many, probably most of the reporters are just cheap politician whores. Some of them are undoubtedly spies/agents-provocateurs/mercenaries. They all write in a way that someone who pays them wants; only some of the best journalists expressed their independent/objective opinion - rare beasts...without much impact.

Subject: Re: In the absence of Mr. Vinyl...

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Tue, 24 Jan 2006 19:20:11 GMT

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O'Kay well we agree to disagree. But I ask you to remember the old Lawyers saying, "The most unreliable witness is an eyewitness." Just ask the folks at an accident site what happened and see what you get. The only question I would have is how can you judge who to place your vote for unless you know the candidate personally?

Subject: Re: "The good reporters are basically honest and decent guys trying to do a good job. "

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Tue, 24 Jan 2006 19:24:39 GMT

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Thats what happens in a totalitarian society; they go after the press first. I wonder why they would do that unless they were afraid of people finding out the truth? Those reporters must really be scary for the government to want to reign them in so badly. But hey; I don't know any real reporters personally; and I don't even know any of you all personally! Except in pictures and how do I know they are really you?

Subject: Re: "The good reporters are basically honest and decent guys trying to do a good job. "

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Tue, 24 Jan 2006 19:43:05 GMT

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That's what has happened here too. Media pushes what brings in viewers, readers and/or advertisers. What incentive do they have to educate? That doesn't pay the bills. And you can't really legislate ethics. Laws are there to mark some coarse boundaries, but if you put too strict guidelines on the press, then you're controlling them. So the media are folks that are really unmonitored, and their ethics are pretty much determined by what they can get away with.

Subject: Re: In the absence of Mr. Vinyl...

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Tue, 24 Jan 2006 19:45:04 GMT

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My general thought is, "If you don't know the issues, please don't vote." It only skews the outcome by placing random votes from people that pick based on gibberish.

Subject: "Except in pictures and how do I know they are really you?"

Posted by [Damir](#) on Tue, 24 Jan 2006 20:24:54 GMT

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Hey, that's me - honestly... And a "good reporter" can make at least five different stories about that picture...and five different moral attitudes...

<http://audioroundtable.com/Dungeon/messages/827.html>

Subject: Re: In the absence of Mr. Vinyl...
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Tue, 24 Jan 2006 21:37:20 GMT
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Bit of a can of worms there no? The duty of every citizen is to vote; thats what we fought the revolution for. Voting is not an option it's an obligation. We demand things from our leaders and in return they demand we be responsible citizens and vote.

Subject: Re: "The good reporters are basically honest and decent guys trying to do a good job. "
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Tue, 24 Jan 2006 21:42:00 GMT
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I would never think to give up my vote. It's my job as a citizen. And whats the big mystery anyway; we see everyday the results of our vote and what issues are addressed. This philosophy of anarchism is nihilist in the extreme.

Subject: Re: In the absence of Mr. Vinyl...
Posted by [Damir](#) on Wed, 25 Jan 2006 11:56:15 GMT
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If your only choices are Devil or his brother (and that`s pretty much what`s happening here) - then the only way is to ignore their games entirely...

Subject: Re: In the absence of Mr. Vinyl...
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Wed, 25 Jan 2006 12:45:59 GMT
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Then your a victim. Or a pawn.

Subject: Re: In the absence of Mr. Vinyl...
Posted by [Damir](#) on Wed, 25 Jan 2006 13:07:33 GMT
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No. That`s a way of fight against. Many historical forces (including socialism) failed `cos of the people didn`t like the leaders, the state, ideology, laws. There`s a large propaganda here for entering in EU... but politicians are in a little "panic" because there`s no way that 2/3 of the citizens would vote on referendum, and more then 50% of them would vote "yes". I have no doubt that they will change the Constitution or fix the referendum. But those "solutions" would be contraproductive on the long run. Deja vu.

Subject: Re: In the absence of Mr. Vinyl...
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Wed, 25 Jan 2006 14:02:04 GMT
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Damir; why do they resist inclusion in the EU?

Subject: Mr Vinyl still lurks and on occasion my even respond....
Posted by [Mr Vinyl](#) on Wed, 25 Jan 2006 14:24:00 GMT
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But there is no use in responding when accusations are false and not based on facts or truth. For example, following are the false accusations you make in just your short four sentence post above. 1) I never said Tom Delay was innocent or guilty. 2) I have not "disappeared" since Tom Delay was indicted. 3) I am not a hard core reactionary neo-con that hates to be proven wrong. You wrote four sentences with three errors. This is actually pretty good for a liberal. When you want to actually debate something that has merit "maybe" I'll respond. I won't hold my breath.

Subject: Re: In the absence of Mr. Vinyl...
Posted by [Damir](#) on Wed, 25 Jan 2006 14:41:49 GMT
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Well, we were part of multinational states (Austria-Hungary, Yugoslavia) and didn`t have our own national state for about 900 years. Now we have it, but some want foreign government again. Many probably because of economic/political crises and incompetence of our government. They think that strangers will somehow fix it. Deja vu.

Subject: Re: Mr Vinyl still lurks and on occasion my even respond....

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Wed, 25 Jan 2006 15:43:25 GMT

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You said "I'll be back when Tom Delay is proven Innocent." Is that wrong?Thats how you left it.

Subject: Re: In the absence of Mr. Vinyl...

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Wed, 25 Jan 2006 15:47:48 GMT

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Is that how they percieve the inclusion in the European Union; as foreign government? How do the people want to have relationships with western Europe?I am asking; I don't know what they think.

Subject: Yes, that's wrong...

Posted by [Mr Vinyl](#) on Wed, 25 Jan 2006 16:36:18 GMT

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I said: So goodbye my liberal friends. I'll reserve the right to post "should" Libby and Delay be found innocent but other than that it's been fun.Funny how you changed the word "should" to the word proven "proven".And of course you know as well as I that I stopped posting on this site because it's impossible to teach a liberal the truth. They don't want to hear or see the facts. It had absolutely nothing to do with Tom Delay. If you would care to read my reasons again see the link below

<http://www.audioroundtable.com/Dungeon/messages/1963.html>

Subject: Re: Yes, that's wrong...

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Wed, 25 Jan 2006 16:50:27 GMT

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Teach a liberal the truth.Really.You have the truth locked up I see. Why would you need to wait to see if they are found innocent in order to provide posts? What if they are guilty; then you have nothing to say?Sounds like a confirmation of my point. Proven wrong...no post.

Subject: Re: In the absence of Mr. Vinyl...

Posted by [Damir](#) on Wed, 25 Jan 2006 17:20:14 GMT

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Well, the opinions are splitted about 50:50..."Eurosceptics" think that this multinational state isn't good solution for our country/people. Both sides have good arguments, but my opinion is that we were in the common states with big countries before - it didn't work (at least for us). And why we need to "turn off" our independency after only a few years, and many fell for that through the centuries? Relations with "Western Europe" - my opinion that best relations are through fair and (on an equal footing) trade and tourism.

Subject: Re: In the absence of Mr. Vinyl...

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Wed, 25 Jan 2006 19:12:26 GMT

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Thanks much my friend for a thoughtfull response. Informative. I don't know how far you can take these types of discussions safely. But understand this is fascinating stuff at least to me. How do you feel?

Subject: Re: In the absence of Mr. Vinyl...

Posted by [Damir](#) on Wed, 25 Jan 2006 20:08:37 GMT

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Well, it's no problem to talk about EU or anything, only (probably) concrete local politicians affairs/criminal isn't too wise to discuss in public. Big money is in the game, and many people involved in dirty privatisation, illegal mines exploatations, various constructing jobs (corruption), banks credits, dispense of taxes and debts, money from various state fonds, etc.

Subject: Re: In the absence of Mr. Vinyl...

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Wed, 25 Jan 2006 20:20:24 GMT

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Hell; you can say that about here. We just had 15 miners die as a result of the administrations refusal to police the mine operators and fulfill the regulations of the MSHA. So whats different?

Subject: Re: In the absence of Mr. Vinyl...
Posted by [Damir](#) on Wed, 25 Jan 2006 20:48:34 GMT
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Different is when you have a little help from your politicians friends then you can exploit the mine illegally for 15 years, make a big company through "privatisation" (basically "buying" the company without money), not paying the taxes, workers and other companies, ruined two banks (inside operation), ruined local district (all the money from its accounts for some "works"), ignore the law and the court. And, if everything failed - then overturn your debts to the state. Many politicians/people are in this (local, actual these days) game - from local politicians to the prime minister. Just the unpaid tax is \$10 millions, (other debts probably more then \$50 millions), the government "forgives" the half (?!)...but nothing will be payed, for sure. This is a "public secret" here, it is now partly in the newspapers...see why isn't too wise to discuss it?

Subject: Re: In the absence of Mr. Vinyl...
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Wed, 25 Jan 2006 21:26:44 GMT
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Yep. Capeeshi.

Subject: Re: Well; At Least You Admitt Delay Was A Crook
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Wed, 25 Jan 2006 22:47:36 GMT
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Got that much out of you.

Subject: Re: In the absence of Mr. Vinyl...
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Fri, 27 Jan 2006 16:48:20 GMT
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The situation is very similar in Russia and Ukraine. Mostly good people, but mostly bad politics. You know, kind of like America. But we do have Hollywood here. They help make our media look squeaky clean and beautiful.
