

Representative Capito,

Your response is an insult to my intelligence. Your catch phrases, "Iraqi democracy, commanders in the field, micro-manage a war from Washington" could have just as easily been delivered by Rush Limbaugh, himself.

This administration cares nothing for democracy. They support it when it suits them, but abhor it when it doesn't (i.e. Palestine, Venezuela, the wishes of the people of the United States).

This administration cares nothing for the wishes of the commanders in the field, except when they fall in line with the Bush agenda. I hope you are not so unaware that you are unfamiliar with the myriad of dissenters in the military and the administration who lost their jobs over their opposition to the inept policies formulated by Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld, Wolfowitz, et al.

Someone in Washington needs to manage this war. God knows, for the past six years it has been conducted in the most incompetent way imaginable with less than no oversight from a Congress that worked less days than any Congress has in decades. And now, your President and his neo-con supporters are pulling all the stops to bait Iran into a confrontation so they can start yet another war in the Middle East, but this time one that will pull in China, Russia, and every Shiite country on the planet fighting against us and whomever is foolish enough to stand with us. I wonder if you were as disappointed as the rest of the Right Wing that the capture of the British sailors did not result in an armed conflict.

Why was this emergency bill even needed? Was the President so surprised that he was going to need more money for HIS war that he didn't have the foresight to include the costs in his budget? And, since it is an "emergency" bill and not just a troop funding bill, why do you think it improper to include other emergency needs within it? Why do you speak so disparagingly of needed aid to farmers trying to recover from the effects of natural disasters?

You say you want our troops to come home, but I don't know how true that is. It is obvious to anyone with any sense of discernment that the neo-cons do not want our troops to come home. As evinced by the building in Baghdad of the largest and most fortified embassy complex in the world, they want a permanent presence in Iraq in order to maintain control over the oil fields and to press their influence in the region.

When I see young Capitos, Moores, Bushes and Cheneys lining up to enlist to "bring Democracy to the Middle East," I might almost begin to believe in your sincerity. Until then, I will remain convinced that the money and the power are all that matter to this opportunistic administration, with their flippant acceptance of hundreds of thousands of deaths and mutilations to advance their selfish goals. These hypocrites are dripping with evil, and from what I can see, you are supporting them every step of the way.

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