Letters on US politics

21 March 2001

Dear Mr. Walsh:

Thank you for such a painstakingly brilliant article. [“US networks, Congress whitewash media role in 2000 election”] Thank you for asking all the right questions. Everybody knows what happened—even the people that wanted this outcome know how it happened. They'll never admit it publicly, but they know. I think it's important to press on about this because I feel there will come a time when Bush ... himself will need to be impeached and all the evidence we can get that says he never won the election will help to restore some semblance of sanity and justice.

Thank you,

BD

14 March 2001

Gentlemen and Ladies,

I have been subscribed to your site now nearly two months ... and I must commend you on your ability to sift out the facts concerning world affairs and reporting them as the facts they are without muddying your reports, a nasty habit the American press seems to have adopted with rabid glee since the destruction of democracy occurred in our last “election”. The Republican Party seems to have adopted the tactics employed by the deranged individuals who rose to power in Germany during the 1930s! It is extremely frightening to me, more for the sake of my grandchildren, that action was not taken by the members of the Democrat Party. We should have taken to the streets and not have tolerated the out and out theft of our democracy which occurred during this coup d'etat! I strongly feel that something terrible lurks just over the horizon ... not only for the United States but the entire world! “It's how the world ends ... it's how the world ends ... not with a bang, but with a whimper”!

Thank you for your time and keep up the excellent—and accurate—work.

RGL

6 March 2001

This is an extension of your article about bankruptcy, the gathering together of private debt, and nationalizing it. [“US Senate passes bankruptcy ‘reform': ‘The best bill money can buy'”] The way we're told, *someone* has to pay the loan sharks and the investors for their bad or lucrative investments—e.g., Mexico Peso Crisis and Savings and Loans crises. I, the American taxpayer, am overwhelmed, but why? Because everyone's debt lands on us, including the “Saving and Loans,” which was only bad and risky investment.

It kills me that the taxpayers, when third world debts or our own are rewritten, land on me and the people of those countries. It gives Bush and his ilk their days in the sun. Somebody else's bad investment, I hold like leprosy. Playing the market is speculation, and people forget that speculation is just that, risky. But no one seems to wants to take a risk these days. Everyone wants a sure deal and that's what our bubble is built on. Taxpayers that sit down and assure the players that their risks are assured are being doubly used, doubly stupid. It's time to stop paying the game. Risk is risk, and if you've got the money to play the game, go for it, but not at my expense.

KP

17 March 2001

Thank you for telling it like it is about Bill S-420. Your articles are always very interesting and informative. Cannot get the real news here, so always enjoy your web site for the facts. I've already e-mailed Hillary Clinton about her “not caring for the common people vote”.

AN

17 March 2001

Dear *World Socialist Web Site* editor:

I commend Patrick Martin on his perceptive analysis of the Bush administration. [“Why the rush to get US Vice President Cheney back on the job?”]

Only the last paragraph is incorrect. Unfortunately,

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the Bush administration is enthusiastically pushing through its horrendous program of social reaction and militarism. There is little evidence that this administration feels fragile or thinks it has “little leeway.” The GOP will ram through every nightmare measure they can.

Thank you very much for your publication.

SN

8 March 2001

This article is one of the most biased articles I have ever read. [“US Congress eliminates new workplace safety standards”] It is so blatantly anti-Republican it is disgraceful. Some people just have to make everything political. Use some common sense! I'm sure everyone agrees that employers should be concerned for the employees who are legitimately being put in danger because of their job duties. But you have to be reasonable.

Personally, I have never worked at a job that required lifting or any type of physical activity that might injure my back. But because of the normal, everyday activities involved in just living, I have developed arthritis in my back. There's not a day that goes by that I don't have lower back pain, and certainly sitting at my desk puts pressure on my spine. It cannot be helped. That is not my employer's problem.

Everyone can complain of some ailment. You just cannot expect your workplace to take the complete load of responsibility. We should have just and fair laws that require accountability, but that do not encourage people to abuse their employers.

BM

9 March 2001

You do a great service to report this anti-worker position prevalent in America. Most people I talk to don't care, and wouldn't care unless it were to affect them immediately. There isn't a general awareness about this stuff and no worker activism. In fact, if you do talk about these things people look at you like you're crazy.

RR

9 March 2001

Something is very wrong in this country when someone like Ken Starr has so much power to destroy people's lives, such as Julie Hiatt Steele (because she did not tell him what he wanted to hear). I thought that Nazism ended after World War II. The worst part of this whole episode—Ken Starr walked away clean and got a better job. He spent at least $50 million. Do you realize how many young disabled children could have benefited if the $50 million was spent on their medical care? This is the injustice of justice. This is intolerable.

NL

See Also:

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