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ANYBODY BUT BUSH

So say the Democrats.

So say the Liberals.

So say the Secularists.

So say all who are Anti-Republican, and Conservative.

Politics 2004 is deeply personal. There is anger, even rage everywhere. America it seems has never been more polarized. But politics goes well beyond the issues, and it zeros in on the personalities, the people, the persona of the politician it seems more than ever before. It is astounding to me how many people despise George W. Bush. Recently in a chat with a passionate Democrat, a woman friend of mine said:

“I hate Bush with a passion!”

I suggest there are three main reasons why people hate Bush. First and foremost are all feelings Anti-Christian. You can perhaps extend Anti-Christian feelings to all feelings Anti-Religious including all faiths whatever they may be. There is a rising, fast growing often militant secularism rampant in America today. Those part of this aggressive movement have no tolerance for anything religious, especially Christian. The antipathy for things Christian is particularly strong because Christianity and Christian values have been so deeply entwined, such an integral part of the social and political fabric of America since the beginning. Religions like Judaism, Islam, Hindu and the like are on the periphery. Christianity and all that it means is at the core. For secularists to triumph, all things Christian must be excised. So, there comes the movement to remove God from the pledge of allegiance and in fact everywhere, including and especially the courts, God and the Bible as starting points for witnesses in court, the Ten Commandments from courthouses and the like. All things religious and especially Christian must be removed from public and political life. Secularists will not rest until that happens. Bush is a Conservative, supposedly born again Christian, fundamental in his beliefs. That for those who hate is totally unacceptable. Kerry on the other hand is Catholic-Lite. He can be counted upon not to let his religious beliefs get in the way.

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A second reason is what one pundit called THE AMERICA FIRST doctrine believed in and implemented by George W. Bush. In terms of foreign policy, Bush says America will act in accordance with its own best interests and highest ideals, the international community notwithstanding. We will not cotton to France, or Germany, or even the United Nations if they differ from what we believe is right. We gathered allies to fight the war together in Iraq including Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Spain and others who believed that war in Iraq was imperative, right. The rest of the international community was aghast and became from that day forward Bush haters. Our very own American Bush haters would have us yield to the international community, including and especially the United Nations and seek the approval of all such countries before we would ever act in any unilateral fashion in the world at large. Bush they regard as a jingoist, the mad gun-slinging cowboy from Texas. The war in Iraq, as Ted Kennedy said, was stupid. Bush the Conservative would do as he pleases as Commander In Chief, no matter what. Our military, say these international Bush haters, should be subject to, even under the command of the United Nations or some such other body. We should not have the right to do what we think is right unless they think it is right.

A third reason which motivates Bush haters is the struggle for values. The most volatile issue of the day is SAME SEX MARRIAGE. The larger field is the general and increasing homosexual agenda including marriage, adoption, education, religion, benefits and rights, and much more. Bush, they say, is against all such and must be replaced because he and all like him are intolerant, unsophisticated, even ignorant. The old line, antiquated views and beliefs of Bush and all like him must be overturned so that a new social order with different values can be introduced.

There are of course more differences, reasons and issues, some of them in their own rights significant. Any individual who holds one or all of these three points of view will vote against Bush, and probably all things Republican. Those who believe like and endorse the actions of Bush will of course vote for him. There are some ten weeks before the election. You can count on the vitriol increasing, even becoming feverish as November 2 looms. If you have religious beliefs and you believe that religion should and must play a continuing role in the formation and stabilization of society, you will vote for Bush. If you believe that America should protect its own interests first and champion what it believes to be right without catering to any other nation or group of nations, you will vote for Bush. If you believe that America should hold fast to its time-honored value system and the values which have made this nation great through the years, then you will vote for Bush. If not, you will vote for Kerry. What a fascinating election we will have in November. The choices to be made for issues and politicians are the most important in the history of this great country. My hope and my prayer is that anyone and everyone who cares for America will vote so that we can have a clear mandate as to who we are, what we believe, and how we should live.

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