Subject: OT: Political IQ Test

Posted by SuperFlyingEngi on Fri, 05 Mar 2004 03:20:13 GMT

View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

hydra1945Bush didn't lose those jobs; Clinton did. Bush created thousands of jobs; Clinton didn't.

Just so you know, Clinton created about 23 million net jobs in his two terms. And right after Bush becomes president, the economy starts going in to a funk. What do you do? Blame Clinton! AHHH! AHHH! Bush created thousands of jobs? Weeee... Except so far he's lost nearly 3 million net jobs.

hydra1945Tax cuts do not raise the deficit.

Yes they do. The government gets less money. The government takes out more loans from other places. The deficit goes up. Simple as that. And again, Bush's tax cuts look so bad that the money the government doesn't get any more because of his cuts is still in his 2004 budget.

hydra1945No, as in how they want to raise tax rates to outrageous numbers.

Like what? Repealing Bush's short-sighted tax cuts isn't an outrageous raise.

CrimsonBasically, Bush is the closest thing we have to this. If taxes are reduced, and the reduction is made permanent, then Congress will be forced to cut budgets on other less successful and unsuccessful programs to make up for the loss of funds.

Or, like Bush is doing now, they could just loosen environmental regulations and gut agencies that enforce regulations. Why? Because big people for companies that want to mess with the environment like to accidentally give Bush money so he can make those nasty regulations go away. Right now, the Republican controlled government has brought in LOBBYISTS!!!! to re-write environmental regulations, claiming that they are the "experts".

hydra1945Unborn fetuses are humans too, you know.

In that case, why don't human egg cells count as humans as well? Then, killing a woman would be something like 40,000 counts of murder.

haremanGET A LIFE DO SOMETHING INSTEAD OF TALKING ABOUT

No. Now, go away.

CrimsonHere's a little proof that CNN is Democratically-biased.

Mainstream media is negative. That's just how they work. And you can't say FOX is democratically biased. For one, Rupert Murdoch, a crazy billionaire conservative owns FOX news, which he uses for his own highly evil agenda. Second, the news director is Roger Ailes, another INSANE conservative.

CrimsonHe's obviously unfit for a discussion between intelluctuals and Democrats.

Oh, come now. I know pimp boy whatever is being stupid, but don't go accusing democrats of being not smart.

WHY BUSH IS BAD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT:

First, the deputy secretary of the interior right now is J. Steven Griles. Griles has opened public lands to gas, oil, and mining interests, all while receiving money from his former employees in the gas, oil, and mining industries. His appointment has been a particular boon to a sector of the col mining industry that is not afraid to think big: the sector that removes mountaintops. When you remove the top of a mountain, you get easy access to the resources inside. But, the mountaintop doesn't just vanish. Normally, it goes to a nearby valley. Griles was an executive at United Company, where he oversaw the Dal-Tex mine in West Virginia, which had one of the largest mountaintop removals since Krakatoa. When miners detonate the ridges, they fill in valleys and bury streams with trees, rocks, and 13 species of birds, as well as sending boulders flying in to houses along with creating asthma-causing debris. And then, United Company sets up coal-mining machines that run 24 hours a day right next to homes. For a while, environmental acts like the Clean Water act have made it illegal to dump mountaintops in streams. But now, the Bush administration has re-written the act to allow mining waste to be dumped right into waterways.

Lets look at some other people who probably shouldn't be where they are right now under the Bush administration:

Mark Rey:

Position: Undersecretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment

Currently in charge of: Forests

Previously lobbied for polluters of: Forests.

Bennet W. Raley:

Position: Interior Assistant Secretary for Water and Science

Currently in charge of: Water

Previously lobbied for polluters of: Water

Rebecca Watson:

Position: Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management

Currently in charge of: Land that contains minerals

Previously lobbied for polluters of: Land that contains minerals

Carmen Toohey:

Position: Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior for Alaska

Currently in charge of: Alaska

Previously lobbied for polluters of: Alaska

Patricia Lynn Scarlett:

Position: Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management, and Budget

Currently in charge of: Government regulations Previously lobbied for poluters of: Everything

Get the drift?

Lets look at pig production:

20 years ago, the hogs in this county were raised by family farmers. Today, three companies produce 60 percent of all the hogs in America. They produce these hogs in factory farms called CAFOs: Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations. These places generate a lot of, erhm, poop. One hog produces ten times as much feces as a human being. One CAFOs is home to about 850,000 hogs. That's as much sewage as New York. New York has 14 water treatment plants, whereas CAFOs have none. In order to dispose of hog waste, family farmers used it as fertilizer to grow more crops. However, New York's sewage is a little too much to grow anything on. So CAFOs operators take over vaste tracts of land which they turn into feces lagoons. Line a huge area with plastic, and dump untreated feces into it. That's gotta smell, right? Well, pilots can smell a CAFOs from a height of 3 thousand feet. And once a CAFOs is started up, real estate [homes] in the area drop dramatically in the area of prices. Drink a glass of orange juice near a CAFOs and it tastes like sewage. The stink gets even worse from the practice of spraying some of the hog feces in to the air and on to lush bermuda grass. While CAFOs operators say this is good for the grass, the grass becomes so toxic that anything that eats it dies. Most of this sprayed feces seeps into groundwater, those sort of places. In 1995, a spill from one of these CAFOs killed a billion fish in the Neuse river in North Carolina. Every year since, dead fish wash up on the shores by the tens of millions. These fish are falling prey to pfiesteria piscida, a recently unknown dinoflagellate that is deadly to fish, because it kills them in very nasty ways that I won't go in to here. Also, fishermen and bridge keepers get unsightly sores from this organism, so they have to wear long pants when they go on a date, although it would be pretty hard to get a date because of lethargy, headaches, and cognitive impairment so sever you can't remember your name or dial a phone number. All of these are caused by pfiesteria piscida. Big company hog farms have put the small farmer out of business. Twenty years ago there were 27,500 small hog farmers in North Carolina. Today there are none. However, these factory farms have ratcheted down the cost of meat for consumers. As long as you don't factor in the feces. Bobby Kennedy jr., President of the Waterkeeper Alliance, says if the waste were disposed of legally, CAFOs couldn't keep up with small farmers.

Bobby Kennedy, Jr.They cannot produce hogs, or pork chops, or bacon more efficiently than a family farm without breaking the law. They aren't about the free market, because they can't compete without committing criminal acts every single day. Their whole system is built on being able to disable or capture government agencies. They're not in favor of responsibility, or democracy, or private property. It's just about privatizing the air, water, all the things that the public's supposed to own. They are trying to take them away from us, privatize them, and liquidate them for cash. That's the only coherent philosophy they have. That's it.

Just so you know, the Clinton administration did do stuff about this. Towards the end of his administration, the EPA issued stringent new CAFO regulations regarding waste disposal and

took up suits against several offenders.

Then comes Bush.

His appointees gutted the regulations. Eric Schaeffer, head of enforcement for the EPA, resigned in disgust when told to drop the agencie's cases against offending conglomerates. The administration cut a deal giving immunity to factory farm air polluters, and Republican allies in Congress defeated a proposal by Paul Wellstone to bar hog producers from also owning slaughterhouses.

hareman, please take your negativity somewhere else. You too, pimp boy joe/jorge the man. I'm all for ending cursing in this thread. Just seems kind of silly to me.