

Hitler; Bush BinLaden; Bush Hussein; Bush Taliban. There are probably hundreds of other combinations that bring forth information not reported by America's mainstream news media. Link the name Bush to World Com; Enron Mahfouz; Arbusto; Harken; Gulf Stream Realty; Tri-lateral Investment, even Quadaffi, Khomeini, or Noriega.

If after reading the available information you still choose to support a pre-emptive war, at least you can never plead ignorance for following your appointed leader. The German people didn't have that luxury!

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"CNN's policy is to not report information that puts operational security at risk."

Mark Post
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THE QUESTION

I wonder as I watch coverage of the unrelenting terror and carnage being inflicted upon the people of Baghdad, if everyone who voted for Nader in 2000 still believes that there is no difference between the two mainstream candidates. Just wondering.

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ELECTIONS AFFECTED

If a Severe-Red Terror-Alert is announced, what would the effect be on the ability to conduct local and federal elections? In the days after Sept. 11, 2001, the junta issued several national-security directives declaring an official state-of-emergency and granting itself extraordinary and extra-judicial executive authority to do anything it wants. This includes the inherently illegitimate power to commit each and any investigation or operation in secret, to deny that any such civil, police, or paramilitary operations exist, to forbid anyone from divulging any knowledge of any operation under threat of secret incarceration, as well as operating without any oversight at all — congressional, journalistic or otherwise.

These self-appointed tyrannical mechanisms and the national state of emergency have not been rescinded, much less acknowledged. The publicly known crimes of the current U.S. regime are egregious enough, but it is certain that the covert horrors being perpetrated are persistent and legion. Blitzkrieg inevitably engenders

DON'T MENTION IT

So, the war has begun. My Japanese partner and I go online to see what's happening. She reads first from the *Asahi Shinbun*, in Japanese, that following a series of cruise missile attacks and bomb droppings by the Americans, Baghdad's main hospital has been flooded with injured civilians seeking attention. She reads that the reporter's contact at the hospital had to hang up because he was too busy with the steady flow of incoming patients. My turn, I log on to first BBC, then CNN. I read that Bush dropped 2-ton bombs in an attempt to kill "five key members of the Iraqi regime." I look at sample photos of the bombs. I wonder how big the explosion from a 2-ton bomb must be, and how we can possibly declare with a straight face that these are the weapons of choice to kill five old men. I look for mention of the hospitals, of the civilians — nothing. Why this might be is clarified for me by a disclaimer at the foot of CNN's lead story:

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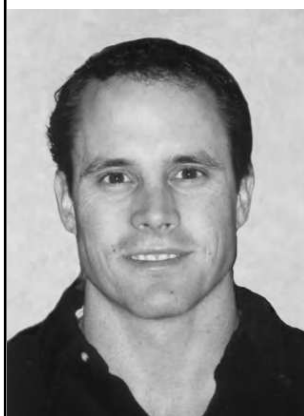
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