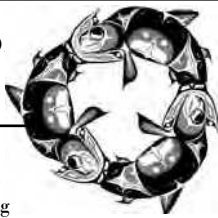


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

for you. The use of scare tactics and name calling to coax people into voting for your candidate is not the way to go.

So tell me again why I should vote for your man Kerry and *please* don't tell me "because he's not Bush."

*Mike McGlone
Eugene*

EVERY VOTE COUNTS

I'm from Florida where in 2000 George W. Bush "won" against Al Gore by around 500 votes. Some 90,000 Floridians voted for Ralph Nader. Even if just 1 percent of these Nader votes had gone for Gore, we wouldn't have W. and Cheney in the White House making war against all but the wealthiest Americans, innocent Iraqis, U.S. military veterans, public health, civil rights, AMTRAK, endangered species, wildlife, national forests, national parks, etc.

Four years ago, Nader was telling voters: "Bush & Gore — Tweedle Dum & Tweedle Dee; there's no difference so vote for me. Vote your conscience, vote your dreams." In this world, in order to be relevant, persons of conscience should consider the likely consequences of their actions and inactions.

Those who knew W.'s record in Texas aren't surprised his presidency has turned out to be a disaster. As Molly Ivins puts it in *Bushwhacked*, her new book about W.'s mean-spirited, stupid, and crooked dealings, "If more people had read *Shrub*, my first Bush book, they wouldn't have to read this one."

For the good of the country, Nader should do like Dennis Kucinich, and ask his supporters to vote for Kerry-Edwards. Ralph Nader is not going to be elected president of the U.S. Either W. or Kerry will be. Every vote counts one way or the other.

*Richard Hiers
Eugene*

NO TIME LEFT

Ten years ago our nation stood by and watched as genocide claimed the lives of 800,000 in Rwanda. Once more we promised, "Never again." Now we are seeing the start of another genocide, this time in the Darfur region of Sudan. President Bush has been unwilling to call it genocide, and

rather than taking the strong actions needed to stop it, he is proposing a round of sanctions against those responsible.

Time is running out for the people of Darfur. They are trapped in starvation camps controlled by their captors. President Bush needs to call this genocide and lead a multinational effort to stop it, including the use of the military if necessary. If he fails to do that, a million more may die.

*Julie Mathey
Eugene*

YOU'RE FIRED!

All citizens who fear for the future of our country and the world must register and vote this November. Bush and his neo-cons must be fired before they do irreparable damage to our country. Bush has endangered and weakened this country in more ways than 250 words can convey. He is a walking contradiction.

He's a "uniter-not-a-divider" who has united the world in its disdain for America, and divided us into conservatives and liberals, haves and have-nots. He is a self-proclaimed pro-life president who governed Texas through a shameful number of executions. Pro-life, yet he is responsible for the deaths of nearly 1,000 American soldiers and countless Iraqi families for his preemptive, unjustified war. Pro-life, yet does nothing to stem the slaughter in the Sudan.

Bush favors states' rights when it comes to logging, mining, ranching and oil drilling, but favors amending our Constitution to allow the federal government to prevent states from legislating marriage laws that he and his fundamentalist Christian base find objectionable.

Polls indicate voters are evenly split between Bush and Kerry, but the polls don't consider the untapped segment of the nation that could vote but don't exercise that right. You who will be turning 18 before this election, or who are homeless, or who may face a military draft next year, or anyone eligible to vote who has never voted before, *please* register and vote. Encourage others to vote. Then we will be able to tell Bush and his cronies "you're fired" this November.

*Cynthia Armento
Veneta*

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