

BACK TO CRAWFORD

Letter-writers Ron Unger and Mark Rabinowitz (7/15) address the Nader candidacy from different directions. We admit that we strongly supported him in 2000, but this time around our motto is, "Vote for Nader and re-elect Bush."

The Kerry-Edwards ticket may not be perfect, but it's the best and most electable ticket to send George W. Bush *back* to Crawford, Texas, where he and his accomplices can do less harm to our country, our lives and planet Earth. That's Job #1. Period.

*John Saemann
Eugene*

BACK-DOOR DRAFT

After watching the Kerry acceptance speech last week I am very concerned. Kerry said he would enlist 40,000 new troops and stop the "back-door draft." How is he going to do that? Does he plan to re-institute the, "Front door draft?" This has me so concerned that unless Kerry says in public he will not re-institute the draft I will not vote for him.

As of this moment I am campaigning for Kerry because Bush and his cronies are so awful. But I am concerned that a Democrat may be able to get away with bring back the draft more easily than Bush. I want to be able to vote for Kerry but this is a "make or break" issue for me. I urge everyone who is concerned about this issue to e-mail and/or send letters to: The Democratic National Committee, P.O. Box 96585, Washington D.C., 20077-7242, and tell them to tell Kerry to publicly state he will not bring back the military draft or you will not vote for him.

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WE LET IT HAPPEN

How can anyone compare what these two men did during Vietnam? Both came from backgrounds allowing a free choice so to speak. Both graduated from college and came from good homes. Kerry went to war and Bush went to fly fighters. One finished his

duty with honor and the other went AWOL. Kerry has been reluctant to talk about his military days while Bush, and his handlers, do what they can to hide his record and distort Kerry's.

We need a better and more honest approach to coverage of this election. From electronic voting machines to biased media, mix in a little short-term memory with a lazy and distracted populace and government corruption. What do you get? What we got and probably deserved, G.W. Bush and his neocoon retreats. Half of us did not vote in 2000. If this happens again, well I guess we deserve it. Demand the truth from media and government.

*Michael Cozad
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MONUMENTAL BLUNDER

The Bush war in Iraq is a blunder of monumental proportions. Iraq's heralded "weapons of mass destruction" have been revealed to be nothing more than a figment of Bush's imagination. And Iraq's ties to Al-Qaeda, tenuous at best, in all probability never existed.

Yet we continue to hemorrhage vast sums of money into Iraq, even as the unconscionable Bush budget deficit balloons to an all time record. And the heart-rending procession of military caskets from Iraq goes on unabated, while Jihad crazed Islamic fundamentalists continue their ghastly carnage of beheadings and suicide bombings.

Without a doubt we should continue our war on violent terrorism. But the unprovoked Bush war in Iraq is the wrong war at the wrong place at the wrong time. Let's end this insanity. Vote for The Johns in November.

*Martin Matson
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