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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ANTIDOTE TO DESPAIR

Stay outraged and engage the right-wing fundamentalists by disengaging yourself and your family from the Bush economy over the next four years and beyond. Get to know the individual corporations and companies who financially supported the right-wing ruling class and their agenda, educate others about them, and boycott them.

Engage in a North American dream of self sufficiency and true freedom from material and debt slavery. Help those who have similar desires of disempowering the right-wing fundamentalists. Offer them discounts on labor or shelter or work trades. Give them a living wage job. Support local progressive businesses and agriculture, not transnational corporations which are knowingly perpetrating the biological holocaust. Search out ways to avoid federal taxes.

It seems to me if you just accept what has just happened and go about living the typical American lifestyle that you are not just being apathetic and letting them get away with crimes against humanity (the Iraqi people, etc.) and all life – you are actually supporting them. In effect, becoming complicit in their “evil” grand scheme.

The fascists and corporate capitalists are counting on us, those who voted for regime change and oppose their agenda, to simply lie down like helpless lemmings and regress into being average Americans, i.e. slaves to their right-wing corporate agenda of death and domination.

Is it patriotic to let our country be ruled by fundamentalism and fascism? Is it patriotic to resist the economic system that props it up? The “holiday” are a great time to start exercising your economic power. Expand this and pass it on, if you dare.

Shannon Wilson
Eugene

GET INFORMED

I believe that information is the key to revolution. Every American needs to read *Crossing the Rubicon* by Michael Ruppert.

Get informed. Organize. Unite. The time is now.

Tiersa Turner
Eugene

A BAD DREAM

I believe in rights for all people, all living things, but most Oregonians and Americans don't agree with me, so let me try to persuade you. Would you consider locking your dog in a cage for the rest of his life? No, that would be horribly cruel. Shame on me for asking such a question. So, what do you do for the ones who share my belief? Sell us free-range

chickens. Of course! Because we don't believe that chickens should be imprisoned either. We want them to have freedom, and we are stupid enough to pay double for it.

Now, if some wacko put a proposition on the ballot stating *all animals have to be locked in cages*, would you vote for it? Of course you wouldn't. You love your doggie, so you vote to ensure his freedom at the risk of setting the other animals, including chickens, free.

Thankfully, that proposition wasn't real. Farmers can continue to raise free-range chickens and it doesn't bother you. It doesn't affect you. You don't have to buy them if you don't want to. It was all just a bad dream — but wait, it was real.

It was on the ballot, but it wasn't about animals. It was about people and you voted to take away the freedom of gay couples. Why? They're not proposing to you. Honoring their marriage wouldn't affect you. It may not yet be time for Americans to support all living things, but it is time to support all people.

Jacob Werblow
Eugene

ANOTHER RIGGED VOTE

I am writing this one week after election day. With the help of Tom Tomorrow, Greg Palast, black writers and other sources it is not hard to analyze the “results.” If Republican operatives had not selectively thrown out or refused to count many minority votes, discouraged voting with long waits and, most important, rigged paperless machines to turn many Kerry votes into Bush votes, Kerry would have won.

Analysis further reveals that all three elections (2000, 2002 and 2004) were rigged. We were thrice robbed. Democracy has been blind-sided by the Bushies, many of whom are electoral criminals. If all states had established Oregon's clean vote-by-mail system, Gore would have won *huge* in 2000, Democrats would have won more House/Senate seats in all three elections and Kerry would have won *huge* in 2004.

Massive investigations would reveal the guilty persons, all of whom should be impeached/prosecuted/jailed. Probably won't happen because big biz loves their bought power (both Bush and Kerry) and bought anti-peace killing machines. Bush's misplaced faith in fundamentalist drivel and Kerry's misplaced faith in the validity of the vote counting will cause all of us great pain in the next four years, for the powerful have failed the people.

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