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**Letter To The Editor**

**Questions Bush's Agenda**

Dear Mr. Bush:

You haven't been in office for more than a month. I'm writing to you, not as a Democrat or Republican, just as a concerned citizen. Pardon me for being candid, but you're already doing some things that make me question your agenda for my country.

You dance at a black church and donate big dollars to the congregation to show you're all for the black community, then you select an Attorney General known for endorsing a segregationist magazine and fighting desegregation of schools in St. Louis.

You say you want fairness for all people and want the country to unite, but you're pushing for laws that give practitioners of Christianity political strength in our schools and social services agencies. My agency doesn't practice that religion, so does that mean we're going to get shortchanged from funds in the future?

Now don't get me wrong, I'm not against any form of religion, but giving one political power to decide how others live is dangerous. Check your history. You've already made it clear you intend to fight any right-to-die initiatives, even though Oregon voters have twice passed it through legal legislation because the Oregonian quoted you as saying, "It's not the Christian thing to do."

Then you claim you're for peace and start beefing our military up, even through we're the most powerful army in the world already. You're already looking at ways to kick Saddam out of

power in Iraq. And to top it, you want us to spend another zillion dollars on a nuclear defense system, regardless of the cost to working class folks. Yeah, that sounds about as peaceable as a Doberman.

I wonder how you can say you're concerned for all human life, then cut funding to third world countries that helped them fight AIDS and overpopulation. That's like a death sentence to those agencies that serve India, Africa, etc. Take a look at a woman in Sudan; so malnourished she can't even produce milk for her infant. Or the welfare mothers right here in America's ghettos. If you think they should be forced to have more kids, than I've got an idea: you and your friends can help feed and raise them.

Big oil doesn't own you? How come they were your biggest campaign contributor and what's up with you already pressing for dredging Alaska for oil? Please, Mr. President, we're not that stupid.

About your tax-cut proposal. It's nice the working man gets a hand up, but the people making over \$900,000 a year get the most. So pardon me if I don't really jump for joy, because the working minorities in this country deserve help a little more than your rich friends do.

Hopefully I'm wrong. Maybe you'll even prove me so. But since I predicted the outcome of the Florida recount long before it ended on a hunch, I'm not betting on it. Neither should the rest of us.

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