

# Strangers In The White House

by Suzy Coffee

Yesterday I saw Dick Cheney on Free Speech TV. Growling and snarling, he was spitting out new threats about bombing Iran. He said where peace hasn't worked, military action will. Cheney has recently been doing a lot of this bully-talk around town, and I know in my bones a military strike is imminent.

This new campaign against Iran is like a nightmarish replay of the war in Iraq. *Big Guns* Cheney goes out into the public and sets the stage for war by falsely claiming again and again the enemy has actual or potential WMD. Then corporate media whip up a fearful public into a mob-like frenzy for attack. Today, fifty two percent of Americans believe we should bomb Iran because of an implied nuclear threat.

When they do apply the inevitable overwhelming force against Iran, Bush and Cheney are certain to deploy liberal amounts of depleted uranium, as they have always done in the Middle East.

I have seen pictures of Iraqi children; shockingly, grotesquely impaired from this fiendishly evil instrument of war. Deformed angels; these newborn paradoxically mirror the monsterish souls of the men who would use such a weapon against them. In the end, the innocent malformed children succumb, while the real monsters live. The use of depleted uranium in war is a crime America routinely commits against humanity without oversight, regulation or punishment.

Added to our nation's shame, in the name of fighting terror these men will use torture when they capture their enemies in Iran. While Michael Mukasey is trying to decide if water boarding is actually torture or not, the CIA will be doing it to its enemies. And because of this continued American example, Americans themselves will be tortured, and this inhumane practice will increase as an overt act of war across the planet. Through Mukasey's confirmation as Attorney General, the entire United States Senate will be complicit in the future use of torture, and guilty

of war crimes.

No one can predict the end result of a military strike against Iran, but my gut tells me it will be catastrophic for everyone, everywhere, except for the war profiteers that are picking the fights. I believe that Cheney and Bush are crazed enough with power (nuclear power) to want to "bring on" World War III, and are blinded enough by arrogance to think they can win.

Under their leadership, America is a runaway train heading for disaster. I feel helpless to impede the crash course they have embarked upon, taking us with them. Except for a brave and outspoken few, there is no help from Congress. These days democrats and republicans are cut from identical cloth.

Who really are these treasonous strangers in the White House, who in America's name, and in the name of freedom and democracy are aggressively hastening the nation and world into ever greater and dangerous military conflicts?

Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld, every author of the Project For a New American Century, all of them despise democracy, and oppose and destroy it whenever they can, especially in America today. These men have no regard for the Constitution or for the Rule of Law. Like Mushariff in Pakistan, they are suspending the Constitution and moving toward a fascist military state. Today Blackwater USA is increasingly bringing its armies of killer brutes into the homeland to "secure" the American people.

The men who are leading America today, who have invaded the nation and corrupted the government to their own use, the men who have drained the wealth of the country to finance their corporate conflicts, they are not patriots. Bush and Cheney are not fighting for freedom and justice, they are not fighting for America, or to protect its citizens. They have utter contempt for the working classes that support them. Have these men asked Americans if they want to use depleted uranium in warfare, or use torture? Have they consulted the people about hiring and deploying expensive, ruthless, unsupervised private armies, or about America's ongoing nuclear proliferation? Have they asked if we want to rectify global warming? Our government leaders are *businessmen* who rule for their own private interests. Their true nation is profit. War makes them rich and wealth makes them powerful.

Because of 911, which these same government

leaders I suspect helped accomplish, and because of their subsequent so called War on Terror, and ensuing War on Democracy in the name of *fighting* that terror, I could be named a terrorist myself for uttering this dissident speech.

It's a hard thing to realize the American government has sunken so deep into corruption that it is no longer capable of correcting itself. I would feel utterly hopeless if not for the power I have to claim and use my right to free speech by publishing the truth about who our government leaders really are, and what they are really doing.

Though the nation is dying to hear it, corporate media will never tell you this:

George W. Bush, Dick Cheney and Donald Rumsfeld are international war criminals and should be held accountable for the crimes against humanity they have committed in Afghanistan and in Iraq.

In their blasphemous War On Terror, these men have transformed America into the planet's biggest, most feared and hated terrorist nation, all the more dangerous because of the country's obscene collection of nuclear weapons, which they commandeer. The strangers in the White House today are brutal, heartless, uncivilized killers dressed in silks suits and gold chains, and riding in armored limousines. This cult of corporate elite disgrace the name of America, and profane the principles of freedom, justice and democracy on which the nation was founded.

Before the attacks of 911, before the War on Terror, before the Patriot Act, before Homeland Security, Americans were endowed with inalienable rights, meaning they *cannot be taken away*. To speak a loud and dissenting voice against a government gone rotten, to speak truth to power, this is our right and our duty.

The people themselves are the only ones that can save America now.



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"...we ... choke on your blue, white and scarlet hypocrisy."

Buffy Sainte-Marie

## Bush Speak



"See, free nations are peaceful nations. Free nations don't attack each other. Free nations don't develop weapons of mass destruction."

George W. Bush, October 3, 2003

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## Universe Ho!

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I bet if there's life  
out there  
it doesn't want us to find it.

It's hiding from  
empire hunger  
colonization  
plunder.