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October 20, 2003, 12:47 p.m.
Norquist and Keene Join Baldwin and Neas
Right joins left to denounce the Patriot Act.

At a hotel in the suburbs of Washington Sunday, conservative leaders Grover Norquist and David Keene joined forces with some of the most bitter and determined foes of the Bush White House to denounce the administration's main law-enforcement tool in the war on terrorism, the Patriot Act.

Norquist, head of Americans for Tax Reform, and Keene, of the American Conservative Union, joined actor Alec Baldwin and People for the American Way president Ralph Neas as part of a conference called "Grassroots America Defends the Bill of Rights."

The conference featured seminars designed to teach activists how to oppose the act more effectively by mounting petition drives, media campaigns, and efforts to counter what organizers called Attorney General John Ashcroft's "campaign of half-truths, misleading statements, and outright lies." Several of the discussion sessions included representatives from far-left groups, as well as from Islamic organizations that have drawn criticism for allegedly endorsing or, at least failing to condemn, terrorism. Among those participating were representatives of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, the National Coalition to Protect Political Freedom (the organization once headed by Sami al-Arian, the Florida professor facing terrorism-related charges), the Muslim Public Affairs Council, the Muslim American Society (its representative, Mahdi Bray, played a prominent role in International ANSWER's antiwar protests in Washington), and the National Lawyers' Guild, and others.

Much of the support for the conference came from the American Civil Liberties Union, which has conducted a long campaign against the Patriot Act. The panel on which Baldwin, Neas, Norquist, and Keene appeared was sponsored by People for the American Way. Attendees were given a copy of the group's new report, "Two Years After 9/11: Ashcroft's Assault on the Constitution <a href="http://www.pfaw.org/pfaw/dfiles/file 232.pdf">http://www.pfaw.org/pfaw/dfiles/file 232.pdf</a>."

Baldwin, who moderated the discussion, has been one of the entertainment industry's most vocal critics of President Bush. For his part, Neas has taken a leading role in the campaign to block several of the president's judicial nominees.

At times, the panel discussion had the air of a love fest as the audience, which appeared to be dominated by anti-Bush activists, applauded Norquist's and Keene's criticisms of the act and the legislators who approved it. At times, both Norquist and Keene raised legitimate questions about the act, but neither man challenged what appeared to be substantial mischaracterizations of the act's provisions coming from the other side.

For example, on more than one occasion, panelists on the left repeated charges that the act allows federal law enforcement to seize personal records without judicial supervision and without having to report to Congress.

"What we're afraid of is any executive branch acting unilaterally, acting arbitrarily and capriciously, acting by executive fiat," Neas said. "We're trying to make sure that the checks and balances work, that the executive branch has to answer to Congress...They should be acting pursuant to congressional authorization and congressional oversight, and for sure, maybe the most important thing, is the courts have got to have the ability to act in an oversight capacity and review what the executive branch does. It is totally, totally unacceptable to circumvent the judicial branch and write them out of the equation."

The crowd burst into applause, and Baldwin turned to Norquist for comment.

"Ditto, " Norquist said.

The crowd applauded even more, and Baldwin looked at both sides of the table, smiled, and said, "Can't you feel the love?"

Section 215 of the Patriot Act allows federal agents to view medical, business, library, and other records only after receiving the permission of a court. In addition, the act requires the Justice Department to report regularly and in significant detail to Congress, informing lawmakers of each use of that provision of the act.

After another panelist praised opponents who would not be "cowed" and "silenced" by Ashcroft, Keene, said, "I'm tempted to just say ditto, as Grover did."

But Keene continued, exhorting the crowd: "Remember, though, that the opposition, our opposition on these questions, wants to tag everybody here as enemies of security. Don't let that happen. We've got an action item, it's the right time, you go home and do what you need to do, and you can win."

In an interview, Keene defended his appearance. "I don't make common cause with them," he said of the groups at the conference, "but if they happen to agree with me, that's fine. There were also Libertarian Party people there. None of the Islamists came up to me, because I've been described as an enemy of Islam on their web sites....The fact of the matter is, we are concerned about certain aspects of the way the government is asking us to trade liberty for security, and I'll state that wherever I am."

Norquist was not available for comment Monday morning.

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President Asks for Expanded Patriot Act; Authority Sought To Fight Terror Dana Milbank Washington Post Staff Writer

President Bush, in a speech marking today's anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, called on Congress yesterday to "untie the hands of our law enforcement officials" by expanding the government's ability to probe and detain terrorism suspects. Hailing the passage of the 2001 USA Patriot Act, which expanded federal police powers, Bush said those changes did not go far enough. He called for empowering authorities in terrorist investigations to issue subpoenas without going to grand juries, to hold suspects without bail and to pursue the death penalty in more cases.

"Under current federal law, there are unreasonable obstacles to investigating and prosecuting terrorism, obstacles that don't exist when law enforcement officials are going after embezzlers or drug traffickers," Bush said at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va. "For the sake of the American people, Congress should change the law and give law enforcement officials the same tools they have to fight terror that they have to fight other crime."

In endorsing an extension of the Patriot Act, Bush plunged into a contentious issue on the eve of the Sept. 11 remembrance, which Bush has proclaimed "Patriots Day." By endorsing an expansion of police powers, the president put himself at odds with a number of Republican lawmakers who have joined Democrats in an effort to scale back part of the original Patriot Act.

Opponents said Bush, in launching the offensive, was seeking to blunt an effort to repeal the increased authority the administration won shortly after the 2001 attacks. "It's clear the administration, now on the defensive, is trying to use offense as a defensive strategy," said Anthony Romero, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union. "The public is saying they ve gone too far. Now you have the president and the attorney general asking for additional power."

It was the first time Bush had advocated provisions beyond the Patriot Act, his aides said. In February, a draft of legislation being prepared by the administration proposed sweeping powers, including the ability to revoke citizenship of terrorism suspects, forbid the release of information about terrorism detainees, and set up a DNA database of people associated with terrorist groups. The House Judiciary Chairman, F. James Sensenbrenner Jr. (R-

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Wis.), has said he told Attorney General John D. Ashcroft then that it would be "extremely counterproductive" to pursue such "Patriot 2" legislation.

Sensenbrenner was neutral on Bush's proposal yesterday. "The committee will give these proposals careful consideration, as it does any legislation the administration is advocating, " said his spokesman, Jeff Lungren.

Rep. John Conyers Jr. (Mich.), the ranking Democrat on the committee, said both parties would reject the ideas. "I am confident we will continue to say no until Ashcroft explains why he has abused the power he already has."

Bush aides said the proposals Bush backed yesterday, parts of which had already been floating about Capitol Hill, were modest. Bush did not back a provision, suggested earlier by Ashcroft, to expand the authority to pursue those offering "material support" to suspected terrorist cells. But White House spokesman Scott McClellan would not rule out the possibility that Bush would back further provisions in piecemeal fashion. "The president is always looking at ways . . . that we can better secure the homeland and make America safer, and that's what this is about," he said.

Ashcroft has been touring the country to build support for the original Patriot Act, and the Justice Department has been fighting an amendment passed this summer by the House that would cut off funding for so-called sneak-and-peek warrants in terrorism cases, one of the Patriot Act's provisions. Congress must consider whether to renew several provisions of the law that expire in 2005.

Justice officials yesterday drew attention to a CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll finding that only 22 percent of Americans thought the administration had gone "too far" in restricting civil liberties. Still, two-thirds said the government should not take anti-terrorism steps if those steps violate civil liberties.

Specifically, Bush called yesterday for allowing "administrative subpoenas," which would allow prosecutors to demand sensitive documents in terrorism cases without court approval. Bush also sought power to deny bail to suspects without proving that they are dangerous. He also proposed extending the death penalty to acts of sabotage that result in death.

"The House and the Senate have a responsibility to act quickly on these matters," Bush said. "Untie the hands of our law enforcement officials so they can fight and win the war against terror."

Georgetown University law professor David Cole, an opponent of extending the Patriot Act, said the three items "aren't the worst parts of Patriot 2." But he said that the bail provision would allow the government to hold people

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suspected of "wholly nonviolent activity," and that the use of administrative subpoenas, though common in civil cases, rejects the "basic idea that criminal investigations ought to proceed by virtue of a grand jury."

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### STOP THE CHEAP SHOTS AT THE PATRIOT ACT

#### By PETER KING & ED KOCH

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December 5, 2003 -- THE brutal attacks of 9/11 brought home to the American people what should have been clear to our nation's leaders years before that fateful day: We are at war with Osama bin Laden, al Qaeda and their radical Islamic

terrorist allies throughout the world and within our borders.

It is a war that threatens our national survival. Yet, listening to an increasingly shrill chorus of political voices, Americans could almost conclude that the real threat to our country comes not from bin Laden and al Qaeda but John Ashcroft and the Patriot Act.

Wesley Clark says the Patriot Act "essentially suspended habeas corpus." Howard Dean calls the law "shameful" and "unconstitutional." Dick Gephardt pledges to fire Aschroft in his "first five minutes as president." John Kerry assures his audiences, "There will be no John Ashcroft trampling on the Bill of Rights" in a Kerry administration.

All this for a law that two years ago passed both houses overwhelmingly, with only one dissenting vote in the Senate.

For the most part, the Democratic presidential aspirants have not gone beyond applause-gathering oneliners. But former Vice President AI Gore recently delivered a detailed speech extremely critical of the Patriot Act and the motives of the Bush administration itself.

Gore accused the president and his attorney general of "constant violations of civil liberties," "putting our country in grave and unnecessary danger" and "using the war against terrorism for partisan advantage." His attacks centered on three parts of the Patriot Act: Sec. 214, which allows federal agents to delay giving suspects notice after a search has been carried out; Sec. 215, which allows searches of medical, business and library records of suspected terrorists; and Sec. 218, which allows surveillance of cell phones and Internet communications.

Before addressing these specifics, let's put Gore's case in its proper perspective by citing Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), who recently said she hadn't found a "single abuse of the Patriot Act" - and when she asked the ACLU for any instance of abuse, was told, "they had none." Similarly, Sen. Joe Biden (D-Del.) said criticism of the Patriot Act "is both misinformed and overblown" and the Justice Department has "done a pretty good job in terms of implementing" the law.

Now for the details.

- \* The delayed notification in Sec. 213 was already the law in cases involving organized crime, narcotics and pornography. It makes common sense because it would be absurd to inform a suspected mobster or a terrorist during the course of an investigation that a listening device had been installed in his home or office.
- \* Sec. 215 the much-feared "assault against librarians" has not been used even once. Nonetheless, we strongly believe this is a weapon that must remain in the prosecutor's arsenal. There could well be cases, for instance, when it would be critical to learn whether a suspected terrorist is reading books on explosives or the structural design of office buildings, landmark sites, bridges or tunnels. It should also be noted that library records were instrumental in tracking down such murderers as the Zodiac killer and the Unabomber.

\* Sec. 218 merely gives federal agents authority to conduct surveillance of cell phones and the Internet to the same extent they can surveil rotary phones. It would be foolhardy to let terrorists use the technology of modern telecommunications without fear of being detected.

The bottom line is that the criticisms by Gore and the other critics are shameful and irresponsible. Of course we gave our government added power in the aftermath of 9/11. These powers are essential to confront a new and deadly threat.

We are also well aware that all police powers are susceptible to abuse. That risk exists, however, every time we give a law-enforcement office a loaded weapon. It is the job of the Legislatures and the courts to guard against such abuses. Responsible criticism is essential to safeguarding our citizens against governmental abuse.

It is in that spirit of responsible criticism that we raise our own concern - on President Bush's claimed right (which is not a part of the Patriot Act) to declare American citizens "enemy combatants" and effectively take them out of the legal system by detaining them indefinitely without judicial review. This practice is too susceptible to well-intentioned error - let alone abuse - without built-in judicial safeguards. Similarly, whether or not an individual is entitled to proceed in a court action, any person being detained should have the right to consult with an attorney.

Having raised these concerns, we commend President Bush and Attorney General Ashcroft for the superb job they have done over the past two years. Our liberties have been protected and our country has not been attacked. Unlike their critics, George W. Bush and John Ashcroft have had to face the hard choices and make the hard decisions. And they have made them well.

Rep. Peter King (R-Seaford), is a member of the House Homeland Security Committee. Ed Koch was New York City mayor, 1978-1989.

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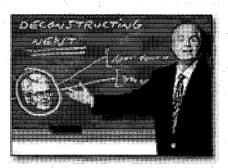
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#### **Deconstructing Newt**

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Newt Gingrich appeared on Meet the Press yesterday talking about his interview with Newsweek magazine in which he said the administration has gone off a cliff when it comes to Iraq. Tim Russert asked Newt what he meant by that, and you can hear his answer in the audio link below.

#### Listen to Rush...

(...talk about the nuances of Newt and how he interprets his issue zigzags)
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His argument isn't with Bush, but rather the Democrats. I don't think we're trying to establish an American system in Iraq. I think we're doing exactly what Newt wants. It's the Democrats that want us to get foreign governments involved there and the UN. In fact, some Democrats are calling for more troops, like Mrs. Clinton, while at the same time saying, "I'm afraid Bush is going to cut and run." Then you have John F. Kerry out there talking on both sides of his mouth.

In eight months we have done more to bring political and economic liberties to Iraq in centuries, if not ever, and historically we have suffered fewer casualties than in any major war of this kind. Poll after poll will show the vast majority of the Iraqi people are thrilled to be liberated and support our military presence there. Humanitarian disasters have been averted. If you think about it the U.S. has made enormous progress in eight short months in radically changing the situation and the environment in Iraq. For all this talk about UN and coalitions, all it means is including France and Germany. And screw them! Or, as John Kerry would say, F them! France and Germany are not key to stability anywhere. We've done all of what we've done with the help of a handful of allies, especially the Brits. What we ought to be doing is celebrating this enormous accomplishment. We haven't gone over any cliff and we're not bogged down in a quagmire.

All right now, Newt. Let's retrace this just to put it all in context. First thing Newt does, well, not the first thing, but in recent months, Newt, very critical of the Bush state department, particularly as it relates to Israel and dealing with the United Nations as well, but primarily Israel. And then later came out in favor of this omnibus Medicare entitlement, and in an interview last Wednesday in the National Tennessean, well, it was published yesterday, but in a conference call last Wednesday, he said, "Rush Limbaugh has done as much as any person to put us on the wrong side of this issue. He got bad



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information early on." And then over the weekend, Newt sounded very critical of the way the president is handling the war in Iraq and spoke very glowingly and respectfully of Hillary as a politician. And so a lot of people, I'm surprised it took us an hour and a half to get this first call, and I was waiting for a call to talk about this, because it's an interesting time line, if you look at the zigzagging of issues, and you can look at the issues, but more importantly is to look at the zigzag on them. And what you see with the untrained eye, the trained eye, whatever, what somebody that doesn't know but is just observing would in a political analysis would conclude is that Newt may be trying to establish some sort of unpredictability or independence on various issues. Well, what's Newt going to say about this? In the old days everybody thought they knew what Newt was going to say, it would be what the media would say quote, unquote, the hard right view. Well, Newt is sort of casting that theory aside and now he's creating a situation where he is unpredictable about this. Now, that will have some benefit to Newt in any number of ways, particularly inside the Beltway.

If you look at it issue by issue, there were a lot of people that were cheering Newt about his criticism of the state department, and particularly Colin Powell, and it got kind of personal. Powell's deputy, Richard Armitage, called Newt a wimp and said we're not going to...didn't call Newt a wimp, Newt called the state department a bunch of wimps and then Armitage responded with some sort of personal attack on Gingrich and Powell on TV said yeah, that's our wimp state department, how about that? So there was some bad blood there. Here comes the Medicare thing and you would think based on the Contract with America and based on balanced budgets and all this that Newt would oppose this biggest and first entitlement in 40 years, but there he was, making the case for it.

And I should tell you, folks, and this was within the first ten days that I came back, both he and Tom DeLay called me during the program and asked to go on the program to talk about it, and I refused the offers that they made for themselves to be guests, just because - talk about it before the program and find out, fine - but I just made the decision on the fly, no. I mean, I know what I think about this, and I need to be told what I think about it, and now comes the sidling up to Hillary and the criticism of the president on Iraq. Let's take that, since it's the most recent thing.

One of the things that Newt has said about Iraq is that America can't win in Iraq, only Iraqis can. Now, I'm going to tell you this. I think Newt is being genuine here. A lot of people think that all this is fabricated. There are going to be some cynics who think that Newt is doing this to set up money-earning potential, set up independence inside the Beltway so he's not automatically typecast as a conservative so that he'll be guested on TV shows, invited to appear, quoted accurately, basically the old inside the Beltway straw, that if you are conservative and become a little liberal they love you there.

A lot of cynics are going to have that view. I actually think he means what he says here about Iraq. I just find it odd, to tell you the truth, because you can't downplay America's role in victory there. I mean to sit there and say that America can't win in Iraq, only the Iraqis can, well that isn't true. I mean I know his point. He's talking about ultimately, and nobody disagrees with that, ultimately this is going to be the Iraqis' country. We're not taking it over, and we're not colonizing it, but there's no way the Iraqis could have overthrown Saddam on their own. So I don't understand this. I mean, I think he means it and he's a very smart guy, you have to understand this, too. And so we're doing all we can over there to build up the Iraqi police, the Iraqi Army, the Iraqi infrastructure. We're putting more megawatts of power out in Iraq every day than were being put out prior to the war. Every Iraqi court is up and functioning. There's something like 1500 Iraqi schools which have been rehabilitated and are open and we're even working on helping the Iraqis establish their political system. Now, it's obvious, therefore, the administration wants to put Iraqis front and center to the degree right now that that's responsible and then move to the background. There's no question that that's always been the aim here. We don't want an America Iraq; we want a pro-American Iraq,

country, Iragi government there, and that's what we are attempting to set up.

So a question comes down to, you know, how to do it, and timing. What are the conditions on the ground allow. I mean, it would be irresponsible to pull out of there now. We've made too much progress, we're not ready to turn it over. And I don't know that Newt's in a better position to know when we should turn it over to people than the people we have on the ground over there. You can't wave a magic wand and expect in a matter of months the Iraqis to govern themselves, after three and a half decades of suffering under a brutal dictator. It just doesn't happen this fast. Look how long we occupied German. How many times I've made this point, how long we occupied Japan, how long it took us to get those cultures and societies oriented toward freedom. They'd been oppressed for years and years and years. We didn't just go win and war and leave and leave it up to them, there was too much at stake. Same thing here. And now get on this bandwagon here, it seems a little bit premature. I think that the president is vastly better suited for decision making on these matters, and that's why he's the president; he's able to make adjustments which he has, by the way. We've accelerated the handover to the Iraqis. That's moving along much faster.

It's the same old thing. You just don't hear it reported. How many of you knew, for example, that we are putting out more megawatts of power in Iraq now than we were prior to the war? How many of you knew that all 400 courts are up and running? How many of you knew that 1500 schools have been rehabbed, are up and running? That stuff is just not being reported as part of the normal ebb and flow of news that comes out of Iraq. All we get are the latest body counts of American soldiers. And we hear the news that these attacks and these insurgents are going to continue, that's what we hear, oh, no, it's going to hell in a hand basket. A lot of progress is being made that just isn't being reported. People that go over there and see it come back and say so but they just don't seem to be able to cut through the noise of the mainstream press as well as the bad news, which is the definition of news, by the way, you know, news is not oriented to what's going well. We never hear about all the jet airliners that land safely every day. We only hear about the one that doesn't when it doesn't.

Now, in his Newsweek interview - this was in addition to Meet the Press - in his Newsweek interview, Newt said we were putting - this is a quote — "far too much emphasis on a military solution and slighting the political element." And, see, when I read that, I said, wait a minute, that sounds a little bit like John Kerry, or sounds like Howard Dean or any of the Democrats running for president. Whoa, what is this, too much emphasis on the military solution? Newt then said, "The real key here is not how many enemy do I kill, the real key is how many allies do I grow." Now, just hang on, Mr. Snerdley. Program observer is losing composure in there, wanted to characterize this in a popular street language popularized by John F. Kerry. I'm the going to refrain. Just hear me out on this. It speaks for itself, doesn't it? Who does this sound like? The real key here is not how many enemy do I kill, the real key is how many allies do I grow; who does it sound like? Turn it over to the UN, turn it over to the international authorities, we've got to get allies.

Okay, how do you get allies? Are we going to get allies by bumping out of there? Are we going to get allies by saying, 'oh, okay, you don't like us there? Fine, we're outta there, it's your country.' Is that how we're going to get allies? I hasten to tell you, my friends, in my humble opinion, the real key is how many of the enemy we do kill. That's what war is. I hate to remind you, but the purpose of war is to kill people and break things and most people that win wars, you count bodies, and whoever's got the most loses. And that, to me, is the key. How many of the enemy we kill, and in fact, if we kill enough of the enemy, that's where we're going to find more allies. When we show strength, when we show resolve, when we follow through on our commitments, when we take out terrorists. We're not killing innocent Iragis. We're not killing innocent women and children. We're dealing with insurgents and terrorists and Al-Qaeda members and who knows who else. The more of those people we kill the better, it's either them or us. You know, we supposed to sit down and just let them kill us wantonly? I don't think so. And the more strength and resolve we show, then I think that's where allies are going to come to play. As I mentioned all these countries, Turkey and the UN, all these countries out there talking about peace. What's happening to them, they're being attacked every day, they're getting their rear ends kicked, they're making themselves sitting ducks.

Well, if we are victorious and continue to act with resolve people are going to want to be part of us, they're going to want to be part of our action, they're going to want to be protected by us, I think that's the best way to go about attracting and finding more allies. It seems weird to me to be saying that we're putting far too much emphasis on military matters, we're still engaged in the aftermath of a war. We're still in a war, and I don't see how you can put too much emphasis on military matters when you're still at war. It just sounds odd. Our soldiers are being murdered by brutal members of the former regime. Does Newt think we're going to stop that by turning over prematurely the government to Iraqis, and then going out and trying

to get more allies? I don't know in what sense we're relying too much on the military as Newt says and the Iraqis themselves have repeatedly made it clear that they are relying on us, more specifically or military by the way, to help to see through this time. And so I just think that some of this stuff is I say again, I think he's sincere but some of it sounds a little odd to me, and it just strikes me as I don't want to say calculated. I'll leave others to say that, because I don't know. I really don't know. All I know is that some of it I agree with, and some of it I disagree with, and I disagree with this and I disagree with the Medicare stuff.

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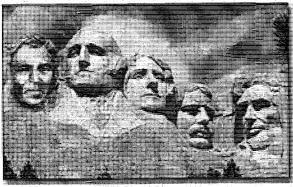
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## No President Has Weathered Such Economic Assaults Successfully December 8, 2003

There are leftists out there running for president or allied to those who are, that gleefully paint President Bush as "the only president to lose jobs since Herbert Hoover." All they can do is paint a negative picture, because they have no positive vision to offer the nation. But I would ask them how their favorite candidate or former president would have descending unemployment, rising stock markets and the strongest economy in 20 years if he or she were in power.

George Bush is the only president in history to inherit a recession, a market crash and market scandals, plus the worst attack ever on our homeland. Despite all of this, 94% to 95% of the American people remained employed - and there have been no further attacks on America. With all that, if we'd had 90% employed he'd deserve consideration for Mount Rushmore. Heck, President Bush deserves to be on the cover of Forbes magazine for this! Our president, who is also unique among his predecessor in having an MBA, deserves the Nobel Prize in Economics for what his tax cuts have done to empower the American people.



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The government didn't do anything to start this recovery. The government just got out of the way, and the people refused to do what the Democrats wanted by not participating in the recession. The American people refused to give up. The American people refused to keep taking unemployment - which the Democrats want to extend from the three-quarters of a year they're already at - and sit on their Clymers to keep the issue alive for the 2004 election. I had a caller from Chicago ring me up

and push this negativism, citing figures about job loss, etc.

Folks, you have to use your mind when you hear numbers. It's oh so easy to embrace negativism and sit in your bed saying, "I can't do anything." But if you think for a minute, you know that there's no way we can be down 2.3 million jobs since Bush took office. The unemployment figure does not match the percentage. If we're down 2.3 million jobs, we would have an unemployment rate of 10%. Don't fall for the Democrat Party's seductive negativism. They're simply trying to convince you there's no hope, for their own petty, personal reasons.

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Dear Ms. Spelling:

You will find attached a Letter to the Editor that the Council of the Great City Schools sent to the New York Times and an op-ed that we've submitted to the Houston Chronicle regarding today's front-page Times story headlined "Gains in Houston Schools: How Real Are They?"

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To the Editor:

Your story on "Gains in Houston Schools: How Real Are They?" attempted to discredit the district's progress by incorrectly comparing two tests, the Texas-mandated assessment and the voluntary Stanford exam--tests as different as apples and cord wood.

If the purpose of the article was to undercut *No Child Left Behind*, then it should have taken on NCLB. If the purpose was to say that high school gains are slow, then it could have gone anywhere in the country. And if the purpose was to undercut the Administration, it should have had the brass to do it directly. Instead, the article only raises questions about journalistic objectivity.

The truth is that the Houston schools have improved. If they hadn't, the district never would have garnered your headline, "New York and Houston Lead Urban School Districts in Study," of the National Assessment of Educational Progress results released last July.

Michael Casserly Executive Director Council of the Great City Schools Washington, Dec. 3, 2003

# The Houston School Story: Getting It Straight By Michael Casserly, Executive Director Council of the Great City Schools

The Houston public schools are rapidly becoming the most dissected and foughtover piece of educational territory in the nation. And the fight is important because it speaks to the reforms that other major city school systems are borrowing from Houston; the nature of the "Texas Miracle;" the foundation on which *No Child Left Behind* was built; and the underlying credibility of the Bush Administration.

But the *New York Times* hasn't done the public any favors in its recent story on Houston's academic performance. The implication is that Houston's improvements were illusory. The public might like to know, however, that the *Times* didn't get the story right.

First, the *Times* conducted an independent analysis of the district's state and local test scores, an admirable undertaking. The analysis tries to make something of the fact that Houston's progress on the Stanford Achievement Test--9<sup>th</sup> Edition (SAT-9) is slower than its progress on the TAAS. These two tests are as different as apples and cord wood. They both measure reading and math, but are built to do different things. The TAAS was tailored to measure student performance on the state's instructional standards and curriculum. The SAT-9 is a broader survey of reading and math skills. The first tells parents how their children do on what Texas says is important; the second tells parents how their children do compared to other children across the country. Houston's instructional program is pegged to the first, not the second.

Second, the Houston schools administer the SAT-9 voluntarily to see how the district stacks up against its counterparts nationwide. Texas doesn't hold anyone accountable for the results, however. The Los Angeles schools, which the *Times* used to compare Houston, also take the SAT-9—but California required it and used the scores to hold people responsible statewide under *No Child Left Behind*. In other words, the SAT-9 counted as part of the state accountability system for Los Angeles, but it didn't count in the same way for Houston, where TAAS was used instead.

Third, if one wanted to assess HISD's progress, it would have used a number of measures, not just one. Likewise, when one wants to know how the economy is doing, one doesn't look at just the Standards & Poors. One uses the Dow, the NASDC, the Russell 500, inventory levels, unemployment rates, and the like. The same is true when looking at schools. One should look at a variety of measures, not just the one that bolsters one's arguments, something the nation's paper of record should have known.

The truth is that the Houston schools have made important gains in student achievement and narrowed racially-identifiable achievement gaps, particularly in the elementary grades. An analysis done by MDRC, a respected New York City-based research firm, showed that Houston's reading and math scores improved on both the

TAAS and the SAT-9 between 1998 and 2001. The improvements held up no matter how one looked at the scores.

Had the district not improved, it wouldn't have generated the *New York Times* headline, "New York and Houston Lead Urban School Districts in Study," when the results of the National Assessment of Educational Progress came out in July. The results on the nation's report card—the toughest test in the land—showed that African American students, for instance, were reading better in Houston than they were anywhere else in the nation. That isn't illusory.

If the purpose of the article was to undercut *No Child Left Behind*, then it should have taken on NCLB. If the purpose was to say that high school gains are slow, then it could have gone anywhere in the country. And if the purpose was to undercut the Administration, it should have had the brass to do it directly. Instead, the article does little but to raise questions about journalistic objectivity.

The Houston schools would be the first to say that they still have a lot of work to do to bring their students to the level that everyone wants. That is true of every major city school system in the nation.

But, the fact of the matter is that Houston was no "miracle." It was hard work. And it was real.

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December, 8 2003

The Honorable Judd Gregg 125 North Main Street Concord, NH 03301

Dear Senator Gregg,

I would like to request your assistance in inviting a Senior Bush Administration official to Nashua in January of the coming year. The venue for their visit would be as the honored keynote speaker at the Annual Dinner meeting of the Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce on January 22, 2004.

The Chamber's Annual Dinner is the region's pre-eminent business event with attendance annually topping 600 local business leaders. The region's business leaders and invited public would benefit greatly from the opportunity to meet one of our nations top public policy makers. Our nation's ongoing war against international terrorism continues to be a key issue for many in the Nashua area and a visit from someone as engaged in that effort as Vice President Cheney, Secretary of State Powell, Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld, Secretary of Homeland Security Ridge, National Security Advisor Rice or Director Mueller would be greatly appreciated.

Our Annual Dinner has hosted dignitaries of national status including President Gerald Ford, Vice Presidents George H. Bush and Al Gore, House Speaker New Gingrich, current White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card as well as Secretary of Education Rod Paige in the fall of 2001. We look forward to continuing to provide our membership with the opportunity to listen and learn from top public policy makers in our country.

Thank you for your efforts on our behalf as we try to schedule a keynote speaker for our upcoming Annual Dinner.

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Sincerely,

Christopher K. Hodgdon President December 8, 2003

Mr. Brad Blakeman Presidential Scheduler White House Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Blakeman,

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The Chamber feels that our members and the public would welcome the opportunity to hear from you first hand and would appreciate a response as soon as possible so that planning can begin quickly.

Sincerely,

Christopher K. Hodgdon President

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To: Mart Schlypp

From: Strategic Initiatives Lac ( Row

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Appropriate Action

Direct Response

Prepare Response For My Signature

Per Our Conversation

Let's Discuss

Per Your Request

Please Return

Deadline

Other

Comments:

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