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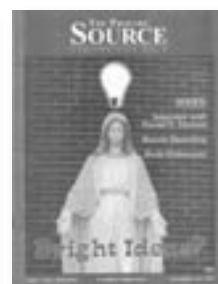
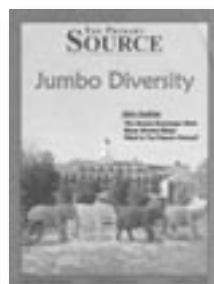
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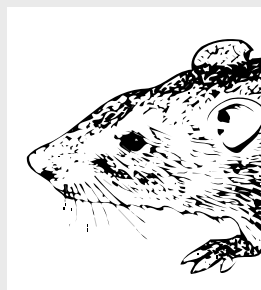
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Civil Rights and Wrongs

Liberals have surreptitiously claimed ownership of the black rights movement since its inception. By brainwashing American schoolchildren with revisionist history, liberals hoped to own something so undeniably good that conservatives would be unable to question their motives in the future—and they were successful. Because the end of segregation occurred only a few years before the hippy culture explosion of the Sixties, textbooks always portray black freedom directly adjacent to obnoxious flower children. Modern conservatives, by their silence on the issue, seemingly accept this ridiculous association between leftists and truly progressive leaders. Consequently, liberals often reference the black rights movement to validate their suspicious agenda.

In the Sixties, wealthy white women equated their frivolous quest for “sexual liberation” with the real hardships of blacks under segregation. Today, gays and lesbians suggest that they are the next leaders of the civil rights movement—once again drawing a parallel to people like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. or Rosa Parks. The hate levied against gays and lesbians, though tragic in itself, cannot be compared to the inescapable torment suffered by blacks under segregation—even as young children. Gays, unlike blacks, are not even universally recognizable as a group with common culture and heritage. Liberal leaders should be ashamed for using the black civil rights movement as a comparison.

One of the worst examples of this lies with a recent statement made by PETA. The extremist animal rights group claimed blacks should have “a natural empathy” with farm chickens because both groups were “oppressed.” Only liberals could trivialize human slavery in such a manner. If PETA had existed during the Civil War era, its association with the anti-slavery

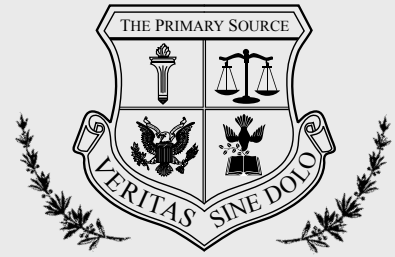
movement might have made Lincoln reconsider his position.

In truth, neither conservatives nor liberals own the black rights movement. It was a revolution of an oppressed people, not of a political party. There was no hidden agenda advanced by Dr. King, who only wanted racial harmony.

In this issue, the SOURCE explores the new face of the civil rights movement through satire and reason. However, in light of the recent University scandal, the SOURCE is also presenting special coverage of Tufts’ outrageous sex displays. The events have been driven by feminists who claim they are part of a new “civil rights movement.” In the past two weeks, the usual tasteless Valentine’s Day presentations have been drawn out for an unprecedented period of time.

Beyond the *Vagina Monologues*, University directors and administrators have gone out of their way to promote activities that most parents and students would be ashamed of. ResLife had no obligation to endorse (or even allow) a sex shop to bring wares into a freshman dorm, but they did. Besides presenting a potential lawsuit risk (see p.10), ResLife has many more important things to be doing; like accommodating students in their search for off-campus housing.

The SOURCE will not be filing a Bias Report regarding these offensive acts and will not seek to silence students. Instead, the magazine will use all of its assets to combat liberal bias with free speech.

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To the Editor:

I am writing today about an article in your last issue titled "AIDS: Who's Getting the Aid?" by Andrew Sinatra. This letter, however, is not aimed at criticizing Mr. Sinatra's views on AIDS, or even the AIDS Benefit Concert sponsored by LCS which he critiques. In fact, I feel that everyone should be allowed to express their own views without criticism from others. The problem I had with his article was that his criticism of our concert, and our charity, was based mainly on nonfactual information. Mr. Sinatra spent the second half of his article discussing the recent AIDS Benefit Concert which I helped to organize as the head of LCS's Sex Talk, along with my co-head and the co-head of LCS's AIDS Outreach. He criticized us mainly about the charity we donated our proceeds to, the Center for Social Policy. What Mr. Sinatra failed to mention in the article was that the money is going to the specific HIV/AIDS Department of the Center for Social Policy, which he would have known had he attended the concert or taken the time to talk to one of us. I am including the following quote from an e-mail written to us by our speaker, Julia Tripp, in which she describes the Center for Social Policy and its function in the community. "There is no organization that is more deserving than the Center for Social Policy, a non-profit research center at UMass Boston, that struggles to fund the inclusion of individuals who have experienced poverty, homelessness, drug addiction, mental health issues, as well as HIV/AIDS in our work in meaningful and effective ways. Any donation, dollar for dollar will go directly to individuals who are experiencing poverty and/or have HIV/AIDS." Mr. Sinatra specifically had the following to say about our fundraising efforts at the concert. "It is questionable whether the \$1,100 earned at the benefit will directly improve the life of anybody suffering with AIDS." If he had bothered to question either me or the other co-coordinators of the concert, he would have learned that every single dollar of the \$1,110.75 raised, is going to

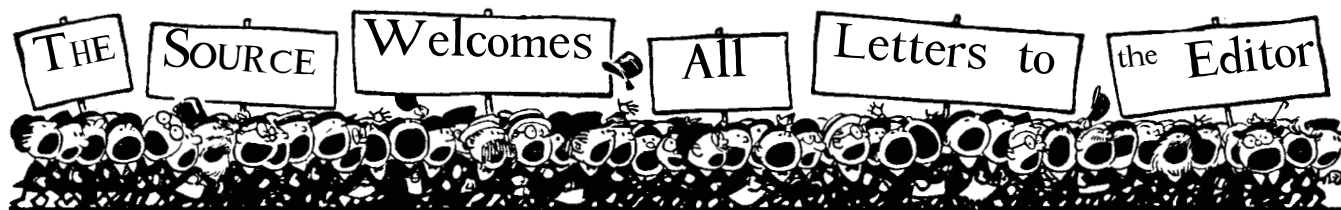
directly help people living with HIV/AIDS. This is the one main requirement we had before we donated the money to the Center for Social Policy. We would not blindly donate over \$1,100 dollars without knowing how it was going to be used, and making sure that we supported that use. If Mr. Sinatra had based his article off of more than the review of the concert in *The Daily*, he might have known all this. Instead we were criticized and reprimanded for something we did not do. Mr. Sinatra further criticized us for not telling "students exactly where their donations are going and exactly what kind of help their donations will be used for." This information was announced a few times at the concert to the people who were actually donating the money. If the AIDS epidemic is so important to Mr. Sinatra, I find it hard to believe that he was not willing to pay a small suggested donation of \$4.00 to help out those people living with AIDS that he is so worried about, and perhaps get some real research for his article. Mr. Sinatra, next time you feel the need to criticize an organization which is trying to help the larger Boston community, I suggest that you at least criticize them about something that they actually did instead of simply pointing fingers.

—Allison Patrick

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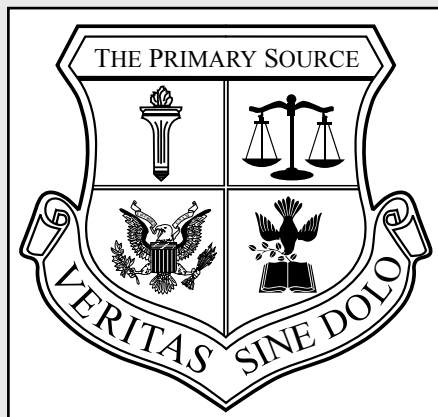
"SEOUL FOOD" (02/12/04)? Low blow, but I guess we deserve it. Thanks for continuing the White Man's Burden and teaching us Koreans that it's truly uncivilized to eat dog. Clearly, the meat of champions is human flesh (let's ask our cannibal friends in Germany). Guess those Europeans do have some use of all those dead Jewish bodies, after all. Danke!

—Anny Kim



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Spiking the TCU Budget

This spring, Lecture Series is proud to bring director Spike Lee from L.A. to the Hill for a costly hour-long lecture. With, as the *Daily* quotes, a nearly \$30,000 fee, Lecture Series found itself potentially in debt and had to look to other means to cover the bill. By raising ticket prices from \$7 to \$10 and requesting over \$2,500 in buffer funding from the already tight-budgeted TCU treasury, Lecture Series co-chair Dina Vaynerman congratulated herself on keeping the price down, “because we feel that you already paid your student activities fee.”

Perhaps Vaynerman believes that the money in the TCU treasury appeared from thin air, but the truth is, the buffer funding requests come from the student activity fee. Not that this is an unacceptable way for the money to be spent, but the fact that this program will not be open to all Tufts students is quite unfair. Instead of raising the price for the few students who will have the opportunity to attend, Lecture Series requested—and received—an exorbitant amount of money, all of which has already come from the pockets of each undergraduate. In short, everyone gets to pay so that a mere 585 students can see Spike Lee talk for cheap.

The fact that only 585 seats of the 620 available in Cohen are open to Tufts students is also questionable. Are these seats reserved for faculty? This would be highly unfair to oust students for faculty, since the faculty does not fund the event. If the seats are not for the faculty, Lecture Series still needs to explain why these seats are not being sold to students.

Lecture Series was extremely shortsighted in their planning by holding the lecture in the fairly small Cohen auditorium. Especially in the absence of this year's Fares Lecture, Gantcher is certainly a far better and generally available venue for holding this lecture. Gantcher's space can seat nearly 3,000 students, about five times as many people than

Cohen could at a mere capacity of 620. If Lecture Series actually sold these seats to students, the group would then require significantly less buffer funding taken from the student activity fee.

Perhaps it's still not too late to book Gantcher, sending a good sum of money back to the treasury while at the same time appealing over 2,400 more students by giving them their money's worth.

Sheriff Cousins, Republican of Color

At a talk this past week titled “Drugs, Crime, and the Death Penalty in Massachusetts,” Essex County Sheriff, Frank Cousins Jr. brought his views on law enforcement and politics to campus. Sheriff Cousins, a Republican, voiced some refreshing, common-sense ideas that are viable options for solving a variety of Massachusetts problems. Still, portions of his speech clearly identified him as a New England Republican, comfortable only with that all-too-familiar brand of “conservatism-lite.”

As a former state representative and chairman of the Massachusetts Black Legislative Caucus, Cousins had some valuable insights to offer on a variety of legislative issues, including the gay marriage debate. To explain the split within the state Democratic Party on gay marriage, Sheriff Cousins cited the lack of true party balance in Massachusetts. Simply stated, being elected as a Democrat is so much easier that in many cases even quasi-conservative candidates register and run for office as Democrats instead of Republicans.

The Sheriff echoed traditional conservative concerns when he elaborated on some of the components of collective bargaining agreements within law enforcement. Stating that such issues take up probably 90% of his time, he shocked many when he offered the example that a police chief has only a limited ability to send police officers where they are needed because their contracts specify only a certain number of areas in which they are required—and will—work.

On the issue of gun control, Sheriff Cousins offered only a mild rebuke to Massachusetts' stringent gun laws. His primary complaint revolved around many police officers permanently losing their ability to carry firearms due to the excessively retroactive violations provisions of the 1998 gun control laws. Importantly, Cousins also added, “Massachusetts gun laws have done very, very little to reduce violent crime.”

According to Cousins, the overwhelming majority of those incarcerated in the correctional facilities he oversees are drug offenders. The Sheriff believes the best way to deal with such individuals is rehabilitation and, following release, reintegration into society. He voiced his strong support for President Bush's “Pris-



oner Re-Entry Initiative,” a program to ease the difficulties inmates face as they are released back into society.

Students in the audience brought up issues ranging from racial profiling, of which he acknowledged the existence and condemned, to the extent of the University’s jurisdiction over student misbehavior, on which he appeared to hold no strong preconceived opinions.

Public officials in Massachusetts do not often think independently and pursue common sense, yet the Sheriff clearly does, instead of pandering to party interests. Though his Republican values fall short of what many traditional conservatives would hope for, it is encouraging to see that Massachusetts can indeed produce clear-thinking, dedicated public servants.

Tufts Repubs Become Stars Overnight

In the face of campus lunacy, the Tufts Republicans issued their own “bias response” by blowing the cover off of the University’s recent sexscapes. Led by Phil Tsipman and Nicholas Boyd, the students successfully drew attention to the embarrassing sequence of sex-themed festivals when on February 19 Tsipman sent a press release to major media outlets. New England Cable News and FOX were among several news agencies to air the story.

The Republicans are no strangers to campus activism. Last year, members of the Republicans were instrumental in exposing the weaknesses of the culture rep system. When campus conservatives saw their chances for equality squashed with a campus referendum, the hypocritical nature of the constitution became quite clear; a minority group such as conservatives could not, under that system, hope to gain equal representation.

Rapid growth in Republicans’ membership in the past year is a true testament to the changing nature of the campus political climate, and to a greater extent, the hard work of the group’s leaders. Group membership increased by a remarkable

50% in 2003, up to 25 devoted members, with many more loosely involved.

In the near future, the group will be hosting Viet Dinh, the author of the Patriot Act. Controversy surrounding the legislation will surely draw more attention to the already well-known Republicans.

Osama bin Taunting

In early February, the United States and Mexican soccer teams competed in a qualifying game for the 2004 Athens Olympics. Amidst a competitive atmosphere of play, Mexicans fans, their team already defeating the US national team 4-0, ridiculed their opponents with jeers of “Osama, Osama.” Despite rival teams’ longstanding tradition of rallying gibes, the “Osama” cheer should not be taken lightly. Rather, it should be viewed in the context of recent socio-political events, with an eye to President George W. Bush’s recent political propositions.

This incident of unsportsmanlike conduct should not go overlooked as a group of overzealous fans acting impulsively. Deep-rooted anti-American sentiments surfaced at the game despite Bush’s recent proposal to grant legal worker status to illegal aliens. The biggest beneficiary of this program will be Mexico, a country whose economy is significantly enhanced by remittances sent home from Mexican nationals working in the US.

In 2003, Mexicans sent an estimated \$13.3 billion dollars home to their native country. The fans who probably have directly or indirectly benefited from this remittance decided to show their token of appreciation by chanting “Osama.” Some may argue that it is unfair to stigmatize an entire group by the action of a few individuals, but issues of national security should be treated with gravity. The porous Mexican borders have long been problematic in regulating who enters the US.

Those who lament President Bush’s proposal and believe amnesty is a more progressive alternative than labor rights

are a threat to national security. Such a move entails a laborious and highly questionable process of background checks for over one million foreign workers. As a result, President Bush alienated a base of his staunchest supports by proposing the most sweeping immigration reforms since 1986 Immigration Reform Act.

The ignominious wrath of the Mexican crowd punctuated a new low in sportsmanship. It is repugnant for a crowd to use the name of individual responsible for terminating the lives of over 3000 people in order to deride a rival sports team. Not even the Red Sox faithful would resort to such tactics when displaying their discontent towards the reviled New York Yankees. Mexican fans should be more thoughtful about their irreverence to a nation that is integral to their livelihood.



Comedy is allied to Justice.
—Aristophanes

PS Outkast fans like to “shake it like a Polaroid picture,” but the instant camera maker is warning consumers that taking the advice of the hip-hop stars could ruin your snapshots. According to Polaroid, “If you shake it too vigorously you could distort the image. A casual shake typically doesn’t affect it.” Outkast’s Andre 3000 responded by saying that he would be open to a casual shake “if it’s with the right lady.”

PS A Singapore judge reduced the sentence of a policeman charged with receiving oral sex after his case provoked a storm of protest, but he told the court that such a sex act did not conform to Asian values. “In the Asian culture, certain offences are still not talked about though in some cultures you can go sucking away, and some important people had gotten away with it,” said Chief Justice Yong Pung How. The Chief Justice added, “It does not depend on what the meaning of ‘is’ is.”

PS A prominent Israeli rabbi has proposed hanging bags of pig fat in buses to deter Muslim suicide bombers who may want to avoid contact with an “unclean” animal. The ultra-Orthodox rabbi has ruled that special dispensation can be given for placing bags of lard in buses, malls, and other public places. Rabbi Fisher has already gotten a special dispensation for his wife. “I rub bacon all over her to keep the Arab boys away.”

PS People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals wants an Oklahoma town renamed from Slaughterville, in honor of its founder, to Veggieville, in honor of their diet. PETA is also urging Catskill, NY, to change its name to Catskiss.

PS Madrid police said they had arrested a 34-year-old man wanted for six robbery investigations around Spain after he blew his cover by making a crank call to a television crime program about an unrelated murder case. Police caught up with the man, who had previously been arrested 44 times for robbery. He will now go to prison for life under Madrid’s “45 strikes and you’re out” law.

PS An elderly Irishwoman shared a room with her sister’s corpse for up to a year and sometimes slept with it in the same bed. “I have tried to remember when Agnes died but I just can’t remember,” Mary Ellen said in a statement read out at the inquest. “I remember getting Christmas cards at Christmas 2002 but I cannot remember if Agnes was dead at the time.” Eww.

PS Two judges delayed taking any action Tuesday to shut down San Francisco’s same-sex wedding spree, citing court procedures. It all came down to a semicolon, the judge said. “I am not trying to be petty here, but it is a big deal ... That semicolon is a big deal,” said San Francisco Superior Court Judge James Warren. The author of the proposal replied, “At least he understands that it matters what thing goes where.”

PS Mobsters ripped off users of telephone sex lines and dating services to the tune of \$200 million in what US officials said was a new method by organized crime families to make money illegally. Experts are saying this is the biggest financial scam against sex-crazed nerds since the invention of massively multiplayer online RPG’s.

PS Brazil began handing out a record 10 million contraceptives to stop the spread of AIDS during Carnivale when casual sex rises. When reached for comment by New England Cable News, Tufts Republicans president Phil Tsipman said that he was surprised by the presence of “taste-tested lubricants.”

PS Jewish settlers have crowned their first beauty queen, a raven-haired girl of 15, in the hope of softening their militant image. Natali Mizrahi was chosen from 20 finalists on the weekend in a packed gymnasium in Ariel, a large enclave of 17,000 people in the occupied West Bank. “I’m not a settler who carries a gun,” said the wide-eyed Mizrahi, disappointing the publishers of “Chicks with Guns Quarterly” and the guys in TRA.

PS An Italian woman who had her breasts enlarged with the biggest silicone implants available is being hunted by police after she skipped out on the \$9,500 plastic surgery bill. Police say they have few leads but are still hoping to get a search warrant.

PS Top Ten captions for the picture below:

10. Bathroom break?
9. “Elect me the most high supreme ruler of the universe!”
8. Al Gore thinks he looks like Tony Blair from this angle.
7. “I have the power to destroy a presidential campaign with a single endorsement; bow before me.”
6. “I swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and... oops, wrong hand.”
5. “This is the happiest day of my life.”
4. “Who invented the Internet? This man.”
3. “All your base are belong to me.”
2. “Take me to your leader.”
1. Al Gore tells the Star Trek convention, “Live long, and...Lockbox.”



The Idle Tower

stories of liberal foolishness from around academia

SCHOLARS OF A DIFFERENT COLOR

BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND

Jason Mattera, president of the Roger Williams University College Republicans, endured a national media backlash when his organization created the Students of Non-Color Scholarship. The award, for which only white students are eligible, was intended to send a clearly anti-affirmative action message to the University. Mattera was angered when he noticed that RWU compiled lists of scholarships for which minority students could apply but failed to devote the same effort to assisting whites. The Republicans presented the first scholarship following a lecture given by a black radio talk-show host and critic of affirmative action. As attendees arrived, members

of the Multicultural Student Union distributed fliers encouraging people to protest the scholarship. Mattera hopes to use the \$2,000 worth of pledges received by the organization to set up an endowment that will allow annual awarding of the scholarship. "It's raised a lot of rancor on campus," said June Speakman, a professor of political science and the advisor of Mattera's group. "But it's also raised the level of political activism and debate, something I've been begging for."

H-BOMB DROPPED ON HARVARD

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Fourteen of the 16 members of Harvard's Committee on College Life recently approved a new student publication. The topic?

Pornography. *H-Bomb*, which will feature nude pictures of Harvard undergraduates and articles about sexual issues, is modeled after Vassar's aptly named erotic magazine, *Squirm*. The new publication was proposed by sophomore Katharina Baldegg and junior Camilla Hrdy. Assistant Dean of the College Paul J. McLoughlin, also a member of the CCL, noted that the magazine will not necessarily receive university funding. (But if they did, perhaps Hrdy could buy a vowel.) To avoid liability issues, H-bombers will not be allowed to pose in Harvard buildings. Baldegg and Hrdy plan to publish H-Bomb bi-annually, distributing their first issue during May commencement. Mom and Dad will be so proud.

(*The Idle Tower* continued on page 21)

From the Elephant's Mouth

During Sex on the Hill, Director of Student Activities **Jodie Nealley posed as a white skinned vagina**. Where's the diversity in that? Look for updates on the OSA website for appearances of Jodie Nealley the pregnant uterus, Jodie Nealley the circumcised foreskin, and Jodie Nealley the **eunich**... TuffLife: **FOX 25** refers to Tufts Republicans president **Phil Tsipman** in a caption as the president of "**Tuff's Republicans**." The **Tufts Public Relations** officers present at the taping must have been too busy adding names of students to their **blacklist**...

Conservative students filmed **RAs playing with sex toys** in Houston Hall. They were even showing them how to use **plastic-wrap underwear** for disease-laden sexual partners. When the RAs saw the camera, they demanded the tape be erased. They should have submitted it to **Barely Legal**... Or maybe **President Bacow** could have played it next time the **Trustees** visit... **Yolanda King** told RAs not to attend the University forum on the alcohol policy. Apparently, she needed more "**actors**"...

Students have called **TEMS** for alcohol emergencies more this year than all of last year. Apparently, drinking has increased by more than a **fifth**...

Tufts is increasing cost of attendance to **\$39,999** for next year. There's **nothing funny** about that... Somerville wants more of your money too. According to the *Daily*, Mayor **Joe Curtatone** and other local officials are hoping Tufts will contribute more to the surrounding communities. ("Tufts and **Curtatone** [*sic*] discuss town-gown relations," 2/12/04) Curtatone outlined what he expects from Tufts, including **spelling his name right**...

Tufts Students for Dean had a meeting to watch their candidate blow it in Wisconsin. At their next meeting, students will watch as Dean grows a beard, gains weight, and goes on tour with the **Dean Scream Machine**...

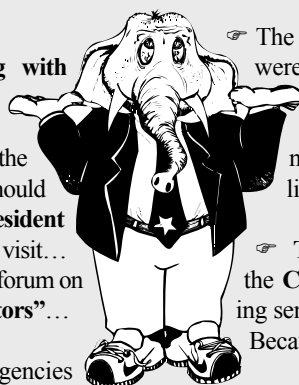
Students read a speech by Malcolm X entitled "**The Ballot or the Bullet**." The event turned ugly though, when the **TRA** and **ELBO** attempted to solve the dispute...

The **Math Club** held elections last week. The vote counts were high, but most likely **imaginary numbers**... New campus publication **L33T** (Leet, for those who don't speak Nerd), will educate students about technology issues. Sounds worthwhile, but the name's a little **L4M3**...

The **Bacows** made their first push for donations from the **Class of 2004**. Although they didn't resort to attracting seniors with booze, all events were standing room only. Because there were **no chairs**...

Rachel Golden Luck writes in a *Daily Viewpoint*, "If penguins had weddings, I bet they could even be married." And if they were gay, they would do it in Massachusetts—the first state to legalize **inter-special homosexual** marriage... She continues, "They had no trouble adopting a child and have the comfort of a loving relationship that is probably not shunned by other members of the penguin community at the Central Park Zoo." **THE ELEPHANT is speechless**...

THE ELEPHANT never forgets.



Just the f@#’s, ma’am.*

Shame on the Hill

by Nicole Brusco

Following Valentine’s Day, Tufts VOX, The Office of Residential Life and Learning, and the Women’s Center sponsored two weeks of gratuitous feminist events, which have brought national media attention to Walnut Hill.

On February 11 “Sex on the Hill” was held in the campus center during the open block. The event featured booths entitled “Vagina and Penis Portraits”, “Flavored Lube Taste-Testing”, “Lubricated, Stud-ded and Ribbed, Oh My!”, and “Where

do you like to be touched, kissed”, which featured posters of a naked male and female on which students taped paper in the shape of lips.

On February 19, ResLife sponsored “Sex and Candy”, a sex toy “party” in freshman dorm Houston Hall, where RA’s and their residents viewed, touched and demonstrated a wide array of sexual devices. *The Vagina Monologues* and *Vulvapalooza*, both sponsored by the Women’s Center, took place February 20-21. *Vulvapalooza* featured “Pin the Clit on the Vulva” and an obvious administrative presence. The monologues themselves contained the expected moaning and obscenity screaming; only this year’s production included a comparison of men burning their wives with acid to the war in Iraq.

Through events like these, feminists seek to remove the notion of romance and commitment from sexuality and encourage it for the sake of pleasure only. This attitude is disrespectful and demeaning to women. Proponents of events like “Sex on the Hill” and *The Vagina Monologues* trivialize women’s bodies with graphic images and promote

aggressive sexual behavior. They send the message that women do not care about the number or gender of their sexual partners, are open to risky sexual behaviors, and do not desire committed relationships.

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These feminists cannot deny the existence of their political and social agenda because it is clearly evident in the *Monologues*—their primary method of disseminating pornographic, anti-male, anti-war, anti-straight propaganda, which condones the crimes of statutory rape and the intoxication of a minor.

The recent thrust of feminism on campus caught the attention of the local and national media when, on February 19, the Tufts Republicans broke the story to the Associated Press. Displays like this have been happening for years at Tufts, but even tolerant communities can stomach only so much depraved and socially destructive behavior. The aggregation of two weeks of highly sexualized events moved Tufts students and the local media to bring to light these activities, which are now bringing shame and ridicule to Tufts.

President Bacow has been surprisingly silent, and has not yet sent a campus-wide email, in contrast to his reaction after the 2002 Naked Quad Run. Bacow should be concerned with the public image of Tufts. Already, parents of prospective and current students have expressed their abhorrence of the events and discomfort in sending their children to the University. The statements

issued by the University in response to the recent media coverage have not gone beyond stating that they support students’ right to free speech—failing to account for their endorsement of these activities.

In addition to damage control, Tufts must be concerned about its risk assessment abilities, or lack thereof. Clearly, the legal ramifications of the ResLife-sponsored sex toy party were not considered before giving it University endorsement. In order to enter a sex shop in Massachusetts one must be at least 18 years old, yet no one at the “party” took actions to make sure minors were not in attendance.

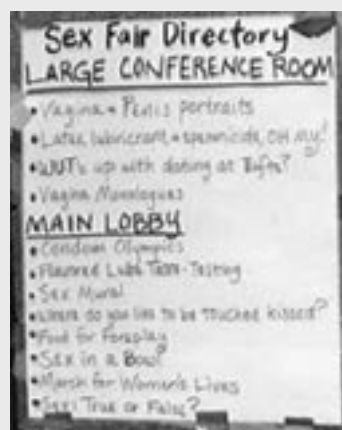
If conservatives were to say something viewed as offensive to this vocal minority, it would no doubt be a “bias incident” with campus-wide forums. When a washing machine is called “gay” there is an outcry against this act of “bias”, but when vulgar comments are written on campus sidewalks and sexual devices are brought into a freshman dorm, it is considered good for our community.

Students would not be able to bring a Christian or conservative vendor into a dorm to conduct a “party” and sell products, nor would students be able to plaster the campus with images of aborted babies. The double standard against conservatives at Tufts needs to be a concern of Tufts community members who purport to favor “open dialogue” and intellectual and political diversity.

In the end, the SOURCE’s goal is not the end of free speech on campus, but rather a return to dignity and accountability for one’s actions. Conservatives at Tufts know more than anyone the consequences of censorship, but are also troubled over the societal repercussions of depraved sexual attitudes.

These events and the media coverage of them is a major embarrassment to Tufts, which has been portrayed to the entire nation as a university where a small

minority of students can spread vulgarity across the campus with official sponsorship. The administration refuses to endorse anything supported by conservatives, but dildos, sex fairs, and vagina chalkings are apparently in line with their vision. The University must withdraw its endorsement from these disgraceful activities and restore the dignity of



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TUFTS UNIVERSITY



- 2/4: Own Your Miniskirt**
(Tufts Feminist Alliance event... and the mildest of the bunch!)
- 2/17: Tufts Sex Fair** ☒ UNIVERSITY SPONSORED
(Condom olympics, lubricant taste-testing, officials pose as genitalia.)
- 2/19: Sex and Candy** ☒ UNIVERSITY SPONSORED
(Freshmen get introduced to the “joys of toys.”)
- 2/20: Vulvapalooza** ☒ UNIVERSITY SPONSORED
(Celebrate vaginas with crafts and cookies.)
- 2/20: The Vagina Monologues** ☒ UNIVERSITY SPONSORED
(No more “good rapes,” but stay for gay sex with drunk minors.)
- 2/27: Vulvapalooza** ☒ UNIVERSITY SPONSORED
(In case you didn’t get your fair share of vagina cookies yesterday.)
- 2/27: The Vagina Monologues** ☒ UNIVERSITY SPONSORED
(Because one performance just wasn’t outrageous enough.)
- 2/24: Me and My Breasts** ☒ UNIVERSITY SPONSORED
(Finally, you can “laugh, share, talk, and hear” about breasts.)



No, you weren’t the only one shocked by the relentless and inappropriate barrage of sex-related events sponsored by the University in the last couple weeks. The Tufts Republicans brought the outrage to a national level when they sent out a press release that caught the attention of a number of news organizations, including:



Office of Student Activities Director
Jodie Neally Gets Ready to Pose as
Female Genitalia



Dean of Students
Bruce Reitman attends
Vulpapalooza

It’s as official as it’s ever going to get. Tufts University is obsessed with sex and won’t rest until every last vestige of moderation has been obliterated on this campus. Audaciously purported to merely encourage “safe sex,” one need look no further than nude full size drawings begging visitors to mark “where they like to be touched” to see what’s really going on. Taking a bold stand against this blatantly irresponsible and destructive behavior on the part of the University were the Tufts Republicans, who promptly sent out a press release protesting the crude, explicit nature of these University-sponsored events.

- ▶ FOX 25
- ▶ WorldNetDaily
- ▶ NewsMax
- ▶ NECN
- ▶ Medford Transcript
- ▶ FOX News Channel
- ▶ Citizen USA
- ▶ Free Republic

PRICELESS MUG SHOTS



James Brown



Nick Nolte

RACE HARM

CAUGHT WITH HOOKERS



Eddie Murphy



Hugh Grant

BREAKING RACIAL BARRIERS



Black Michael

ANNOYING TELEVISION AD PERSONALITIES



7UP Guy



Carrot Top

MISTREAT THEIR



Ike Turner

SIAL MONY

FAMOUS CLINTONS WHO HAVE SMOKED POT



George Clinton



Bill Clinton

CARRIERS



White Michael

ACCUSED OF IMPROPER ACTIVITIES WITH MINORS



R Kelly



Roman Polanski

BOMBHELL WIVES



Tommy Lee

UNHEALTHY APPETITES



Mike Tyson



Jeffrey Dahmer

Think Limp Bizkit is a soggy crumpet? 50 Cent is spare change for the homeless? Eminem is a candy-coated chocolate? Having trouble telling your Ludaeris from your Mystikal? Fear not my friend, in this month of interracial edification, the SOURCE presents:

RAP LYRICS FOR WHITE FOLKS

Chingy – Right Thurr

I LIKE THE WAY YOU DO THAT RIGHT THURR
SWITCH YOUR HIPS WHEN YOU'RE WALKIN', LET DOWN YOU'RE HURR

I LIKE THE WAY YOU DO THAT RIGHT THURR
LICK YOUR LIPS WHEN YOU'RE TALKIN', THAT MAKE ME STARE

*I take pleasure in watching the sensual movements of your body as you walk,
Especially when you let your hair down.
I enjoy watching you moisten your lips with your tongue while speaking to me
Making it difficult for me to look away from you*

Murphy Lee - What Da Hook Gon Be?

BUT YO! WHAT DA HOOK GON BE? (UH OHH!)

SEE I DON'T NEED NO FUCKING HOOK ON THIS BEAT

ALL I NEED IS THE TRACK IN THE BACKGROUND, MY HEADPHONES LOUD,
KEEP THE DRINK GOING ROUND AND INMA RIP IT.

*I say! What will be the draw for this particular song?(Dear me!)
Pay heed, I do not require a petty lure on my chorus
Simply provide me with a melody and ample volume in my earpiece,
Whilst beverages are in rotation and I will skillfully produce a composition*

Ludacris – Stand Up!

PASS THE BOTTLES, THE HEAT IS ON

WE IN THE HUFFLE ALL SMOKING THAT CHEECH & CHONG

WHAT'S WRONG? THE CLUB AND MOON IS FULL

AND I'M LOOKIN' FOR A THICK YOUNG LADY TO PULL

Bartender, pass me and my fellow compatriots some bottles of alcohol .

Meanwhile, we'll be smoking marijuana with a plethora of women.

Oh?! There's a full moon out, so it's time to get wild!

I'm searching for a female with an abnormally large, curvy bottom.

Ludacris ft. Sandy Coffee – Splash Waterfalls

EX'S AIN'T ACTIN' RIGHT, AND YOU SO GLAD TO FIGHT

DINNER'S BY CANDLELIGHT - SAY IT (MAKE LOVE TO ME)

SHE GOT A NICOA WHIPPED, DOWN TO YA FINGERTIPS

TRYIN' THAT FREAKY SHIT - WHAT? (F*%!, MEEEE!)

My fair maiden, you enjoy having arguments with your ex

He returns to your good graces and buys you romantic nutrition

The night ends by engaging in fulfilling sexual intercourse

This young vixen has total control over her mate, even down to his fingers.

Oh?! She wants to engage in deviant sexual activity.

Kelis - Milkshake

MY MILKSHAKE BRINGS ALL THE BOYS TO THE YARD

AND THEY'RE LIKE, IT'S BETTER THAN YOURS

DAMN RIGHT IT'S BETTER THAN YOURS

I COULD TEACH YOU BUT I HAVE TO CHARGE

The quality of my frappe causes many a young man to come running.

In fact, they find it to be quite superior to yours.

*To teach you would cost a pretty penny as I do not run a non-profit
organization as per US tax code 501(c)(3).*

Fabulous - Into You

SWEET THING, JUST TO THINK OF YOU DIPPING

WOULD HAVE ME WITH THE BLUE SO HARD

YOU WOULD THINK I WAS CRIPPIN

Gentlelady, the mere prospect of you wading

Would leave me with sexual encumbrance so intense

Many would believe I was incapacitated.

50 Cent - Magic Stick

I GOT THE MAGIC STICK

I KNOW IF I CAN HIT ONCE, I CAN HIT TWICE

I HIT THE BADDEST CHICKS

SHORTY DON'T BELIEVE ME, THEN COME WITH ME TONIGHT

AND I'LL SHOW YOU MAAAGIC

(WHAT?! WHAT?! MAAAGIC

I GOT THE MAGIC STICK

I have a special member indeed!

*From the moment you engage in intercourse with me, you will forever
be addicted to my special appendage.*

I copulate with the most attractive women in the world.

What, you don't believe me? Let me take you out for the evening.

You will see for yourself how amazing is the potency of my phallus.

Yes, I have a special member indeed.

50 Cent – In Da Club

YOU CAN FIND ME IN THE CLUB, BOTTLE FULL OF BUB

LOOK MAMI I GOT THE X IF YOU INTO TAKING DRUGS

I'M INTO HAVING SEX, I AIN'T INTO MAKING LOVE

SO COME GIVE ME A HUG IF YOU INTO GETTING RUBBED

If you need to find me, I will most likely be at the local ballroom

With a bottle of 1985 Bollinger in my hand.

Hark, my young maiden! I have some ecstasy if you'd prefer.

I enjoy casual sexual relations with no expectation of commitment.

So if you fancy being sexually groped, then come embrace me.

G-Unit - Stunt 101

I'LL TEACH YOU HOW TO STUNT

MY NECK STAY BLINDING, MY RIMS STAY CLEANING,

I'M SHINING MAN (G-UNIT)

*Draw your attention to the ornaments about my neck and the clean
sparkle on my motorcar tires, for I shall educate you on how to
properly emblazon yourself.*

Eminem - Lose yourself

LOOK, IF YOU HAD ONE SHOT, OR ONE OPPORTUNITY

TO SEIZE EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED—ONE MOMENT

WOULD YOU CAPTURE IT OR JUST LET IT SLIP?

Look, if you had one shot, or one opportunity

To seize everything you ever wanted—One moment

Would you capture it or just let it slip?

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"You spend so much time barking up the civil-rights tree, you don't even know there's a human-rights tree on the same floor." —Malcolm X

Justice for All

by Steve Bleiberg

On February 19, Tufts sponsored a reading of Malcolm X's 1964 speech, "The Ballot or the Bullet" in Goddard Chapel. According to *The Tufts Daily*, the speech, read by Michael Lange, was "modernized" by referring to current Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney as a "Dixie governor." This simple-minded attempt to put Governor Romney in the same category as the 1960s-era Democratic politicians targeted by the original speech shows the failure of the mainstream civil rights movement to progress and adapt to the reality of our changing society.

In "The Ballot or the Bullet," Malcolm X argued for black nationalism. He broke this idea into two main elements: the economic philosophy and the social philosophy. He described these two philosophies as follows:

"So the economic philosophy of black nationalism means in every church, in every civic organization, in every fraternal order, it's time now for our people to become conscious of the importance of controlling the economy of our community. If we own the stores, if we operate the businesses, if we try and establish some industry in our own community, then we're developing to the position where we are creating employment for our own kind... The social philosophy of black nationalism only means that we have to get together and remove the evils, the vices, alcoholism, drug addiction, and other evils that are destroying the moral fiber of our community."

While the speech did blame others for problems in the black community, it also recognized that solutions could not be imposed by a top-down governmental decree. Malcolm X recognized that community-based

private institutions could be far more effective than any government program in improving people's lives. "The Ballot or the Bullet" introduces an unusual definition of segregation. "A segregated school system produces children who, when they graduate, graduate with

crippled minds. But this does not mean that a school is segregated because it's all black. A segregated school means a school that is controlled by people who have no real interest in it whatsoever." Malcolm

X's opposition to segregation should not be confused with support for integration. Although Malcolm X had espoused the Nation of Islam's view of white people as "white Devils," by 1964, Malcolm X had severed his ties with the Nation of Islam and changed his view of race relations. From this speech it appears that Malcolm X, still very distrustful of whites, opposed efforts to achieve racial integration mainly because he believed it was impossible and that such efforts were doomed to failure. Instead of integration or segregation, he advocated separation of the races.

Today's civil rights leaders like Jesse Jackson and NAACP president Kweisi Mfume don't seem to understand that it's not 1964 anymore. They wonder why there are still segregated schools filled with struggling students in urban areas and why so many of the problems mentioned in "The Ballot or the Bullet" have not been solved. They don't realize that they are actually standing in the way of the progress of the very people they claim to speak for. The NAACP is a pro-

ponent of Big Government solutions and opposes school vouchers. Children are trapped in failing schools and their self-proclaimed leaders refuse to help them if they have to give up their ideology of centralized control and hostility to the free market in order to do it. The Democratic Party, which holds a virtual monopoly on the black vote, is dominated by a socialistic aversion to private property. High taxes hurt small businesses. Tariffs keep prices artificially high. Democrats oppose Social Security privatization, which would allow everyone to achieve an equity stake in something. The Democratic Party is beholden to unions and puts union demands above the need for educational reform.

So, what can be done to ensure that black Americans will have every opportunity to live the American Dream? Many already are. The black middle class in the US has grown tremendously since the 1960s. Still, the plight of the urban community is very much with us. There's hope. Some community leaders are working to bring opportunity to urban areas. In Queens, Rev. Floyd Flake of the Allen African Methodist Episcopal Church has brought together a group of corporate directors, corporate operations executives, commercial bankers, educators, and social service providers to establish a leadership model for community-based faith organizations. Flake has taken his church a long way. Flake and his congregants operate eight non-profit corporations, including a private school, a senior citizens center, and hundreds of housing units. Another church enterprise, Allen AME Transportation Corporation, runs a fleet of six buses and several smaller vehicles for charter excursions. Yet another church

venture has transformed a set of small, abandoned storefronts into a mini-mall. Rev. Flake's church and its related enterprises constitute the largest private employer in southeast Queens. Flake advocates school vouchers and preaches the importance of working hard and investing.

Everyone should have the opportunity to live the American Dream. Social

justice means protecting the rights of the people, including property rights. When the black community is freed from the evils of socialism and benefits from the free market, America will be one step closer to providing justice for all its citizens. ■



Malcolm X

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African-Americans and African immigrants lead different lives.

The Gods Must Be Crazy

by Robert Chirwa

There is that misguided perception that African-Americans (i.e. blacks born in America) and Africans (i.e. black immigrants from the motherland) share a lot in common and have very similar goals. Their differing views of the United States creates a cultural and social divide between the two groups. Factors such as cultural differences, skin tone, linguistics, and the way they choose to present themselves to "white America" contribute to the incongruity. This is evident on some college campuses where groups of first or second generation Africans

often band together and are more likely to engage in activities celebrating African culture.

An important factor arises from the impression that the newcomers are negating or detracting from the historic struggle for racial equality. African immigrants do not allow the issues of bias that affect African-Americans to hinder their progress. This is inherent in the socio-political environments of African countries. The end of colonialism by European nations saw the emergence of black majority governments in Africa. This created a climate where race was not a dominant factor in determining their upward mobility and prospective roles in society. Africans were able to see the empowerment of people of their own race.

Instead of racism, tribal and religious-based prejudices contributed to an oppressive sociopolitical environment in Africa. Fear of hegemony by members of another tribe or religious groups led to turmoil in various governments. The acts of genocide that occurred in Rwanda evidenced the grave consequences

of tribalism. Religious tensions in Nigeria and Sudan played a key role in marginalizing segments of the native population and in provoking violent clashes.

African immigrants to the United States are less likely than African-Americans to

have a sense of living in an oppressive society because they are able to enjoy fundamental rights that were often unprotected in their native countries. They are exposed to people who publicly voice criticism of the government and participate in demonstrations.

Comedians and talk show hosts openly mock and severely criticize prominent politicians on television and radio, and there is no fear of retaliation or oppressive action by the government. Dissent in African nations is often met with lengthy periods of imprisonment without a trial. It is not an uncommon occurrence for foes of the ruling government to disappear, be tortured, or be murdered. Africans seldom have the opportunity to publicly decry the oppression in their own homelands.

Africans view the United States as a place where they have a better chance to succeed than in their native countries. They feel that the American dream is accessible to them despite their race and are often extremely productive workers. The newcomers' indifference towards situations

that may be construed as racist creates resentment in the black community. These actions are seen as irreverence toward the decades of civil rights struggles. Africans may not have had ancestors who were hosed during protests, received death threats for attempting to register black voters, or were lynched, but Africans did have to mount their own struggles to gain self-determination from European colonial powers.

Kwanzaa is an illustration of the cultural differences between the groups. Kwanzaa has become a major part of the holiday season alongside Christmas and Chanukah. Kwanzaa originated during the Sixties' black empowerment movement which placed an emphasis on Afrocentrism. African-Americans celebrate the holiday while Africans are simply bemused by it. Africans have traditional celebrations associated with various occasions but none possess the significance of the major Christian and Muslim holidays.

The resentment towards Africans is strongest in poor neighborhoods where they may initially settle. Poor African-Americans with families who have lived in the US for generations often resent the success of the newcomers. Africans generally possess the characteristics of immigrant groups, such as a willingness to work extremely hard and an emphasis on education. They are also willing to take the jobs that are deemed undesirable by most US citizens. African-Americans despise the use of African immigrants as

an example of a group that came to America with little money and moved up the socio-economic ladder through hard work.

The incongruity between the two groups will be exacerbated by the incessant arrival of Africans, who appear to be the most recent group of immigrants trying to succeed in the United States. Members of the African-American community have long felt alienated from the concept of



Straight outta Africa.

the American dream. African immigrants and their descendants may change this as they become integrated into the American society. Whether Africans choose acculturation or assimilation will impact future relations between the groups. ■

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With Dean out, it's down to Kerry and Edwards.

Super-Duper Tuesday

by J. Slavich

Although second in total number of accumulated delegates, Howard Dean dropped out of the race for the presidency after finishing a distant third in Wisconsin's primary. Dean did not win a single primary. All of Dean's hype and fundraising before primary season did not translate into real votes in the primaries. Even after staking the rest of his candidacy on a win in Wisconsin, he only managed to win 18% of the vote. Even the Democrats were unprepared for Dean's ranting about the sorry state of the nation and his now infamous scream.

With Howard Dean's departure last week, the race for the Democratic nomination has been narrowed down to four men (actually two). Senators John Kerry and John Edwards are now the two front-runners pursuing the nomination. While both Dennis Kucinich and Al Sharpton have not yet dropped out, neither has finished in the top two positions in any caucus or primary.

John Kerry, the frontrunner since the Iowa Caucus, probably faces his last serious challenge this Tuesday, March 2. On what is commonly called Super Tuesday, candidates have the potential to pocket 1,151 delegates—over half of the delegates needed to gain the nomination. The delegates will be drawn from primaries and caucuses held in California, Connecticut, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New York, Hawaii, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Most importantly, this Tuesday gives Edwards a last chance to catch up to John Kerry.

Kerry, who has currently won over 600 delegates, has only lost two pri-

maries thus far. Edwards, after Dean's dropout, is now the closest contender with just over 100 delegates and one primary win. His last chance to present a solid challenge to Kerry will be this Tuesday and his best bet will be securing a win in a major state like California or New York, which would significantly increase his number of delegates.

This Tuesday may also be where Dean's dropout could have the most impact. Now that Dean is out of the race, the question remains as to who will benefit from his support base. Dean is rumored to favor John Edwards over Kerry. Dean's public backing could infuse much life and strength into Edwards campaign as he tries to overcome Kerry. Support from Dean would not only help Edwards obtain votes, but could also positively impact fundraising efforts.

I n d e e d , money will be a major issue in the upcoming primaries. With his lack of funds, Edwards may have a hard time matching Kerry in splashing his name across a large swath of states without money for TV advertising. If Edwards fails to catch Kerry

this Tuesday, Kerry will probably be challenging Bush in November of 2004.

So, what implications does Super Tuesday have for the Republican Party?

First, we will be hearing campaign coverage of the Democrats for the next week. This nonstop media blitz, which started in February, will continue until only one candidate has emerged as the winner. Hopefully, this Tuesday someone will come out the clear leader and stop the constant parade of pictures of campaign stops on CNN and FOX News.

Second, if Kerry wins, Republicans can be assured that the media will continue to cool down, while both Democrats and Republicans get ready to battle it out over the summer and the fall. Also, the fundraising battle between Democrats and Republicans will be in full force. With recent polls showing a possibly close election, those with the most money may gain the edge at winning over the most voters. Fortunately for the Republican Party, Bush's fundraising campaign has been one of the most successful in history.

Third, if Edwards wins one of the major states, Republicans and the country can be assured of a longer fight for the nomination. This may prove to be the scenario most appealing to the Republican Party. Although it will lead to continued media coverage of Democrats, a longer fight for the nomination means more money spent and more divisiveness. A nomination process that leaves Democrats frustrated at each other and with less money to operate a national campaign gives Republicans a bigger advantage and more of a head

start at campaigning on the national stage.

S u p e r Tuesday will ultimately take the nation one step closer to the showdown in November. Democrats have already indicated that they are not ready for an angry, tantrum-prone

president. They now will have to choose between a long-term northeastern politician and an enthusiastic southern senator.

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With Dean out of the picture, Edwards and Kerry vie for the Democratic presidential nomination.

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ABC political team enters a bias guilty plea on behalf of employer.

Oops...ABC Admits Bias

by Nicholas Boyd

Some say the greatest trick the devil ever pulled was convincing the world that he doesn't exist. The media may successfully embody many of the devil's characteristics, but convincing us that their left wing bias is nonexistent needs practice. This was perfectly evident last week, as some ABC political reporters ingeniously circumvented traditional internal security mechanisms by offering a staggering online admission of guilt on the part of their employer and the industry in general.

According to the Monday edition of the online ABC News column "The Note," the Washington press corps have a "near-universal shared sense that liberal political positions on social issues like gun control, homosexuality, abortion, and religion are the default." It goes on: the press "does not accept the proposition that the Bush tax cuts helped the economy by stimulating summer spending," it "does not accept President Bush's justifications for the Iraq war—in any of its WMD, imminent threat, or evil-doer formulations," and they hold a belief "that more taxes on corporations and the wealthy are good ways to cut the deficit and raise money for social spending." Considering that this comes from a respected network news organization, not from a conspiratorial right-wing website, it ought not take long for the gravity of these statements to sink in. Yet, for some, it does. In fact, if you were to question the existence of a liberal media bias today, the odds are that no threshold of evidence would ever convince you otherwise. ABC News anchor Peter Jennings stated defiantly last year, "I don't think anybody who looks carefully at

us thinks that we are a left-wing or a right-wing organization."

The drive to expose journalists' inability to filter out their left-leaning personal views

from reporting is important. Despite the self-evident prevalence of left-wing bias in the media, defenders of the status quo revert to glossy, incompatible analogies, selective half-truths taken out of context,

and abrasive personal attacks—proven leftist tactics. "Look at FOX News and talk radio," they audaciously quip as they assert that a still-maturing cable news channel and a handful of one-man shows on an obsolete, tired medium are adequate counterweights to a raging liberal news colossus that consists of every broadcast network, virtually every major newspaper, PBS, NPR, and most local and regional publications.

This suggestion is ridiculous in its own right, but closer analysis further tips the scale toward liberalism. Conservatives have established a small but thriving variety of outlets to promote their views. Unlike Peter Jennings, a "neutral" journalist praising Saddam Hussein for his investment in the arts on *World News Tonight*, on-air conservatives never claim they are disseminating "fair and balanced" information. Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, and Bill O'Reilly host news analysis and talk shows. They know it, and their audiences know it. FOX News makes a clear distinction between news and opinion segments, while viewers of the "big three" networks' evening newscasts are most likely un-

aware the news they receive is injected with a heavy dose of opinion.

Some radicals actually point to flag graphics, military analysts, and on-air explanations and demonstrations of US military technology, alleging, of all things, a *conservative media bias*! Only in the minds of the most die-hard leftists, one would hope, is the American media obligated to check its patriotism in a time of war. The necessity of war should be questioned by the media where and when appropriate, but paying equal respect to an authoritarian, genocidal, and imperialistic adversary government is hardly the right way for journalists to give Americans a comprehensive understanding of the issue at hand. The debate over whether to go to war, like all other issues affecting Americans, should be framed within the sphere of what is in the best interest for America.

Fortunately, there is an active resistance to the liberal media onslaught. Conservatives rightfully complain about bias regularly, but organizations like the Media Research Center expose liberal bias daily. Bernard Goldberg, a former employee of CBS News, told all in his best-selling book *Bias*. Far from an organized Democratic conspiracy, he opined, the media establishment is so entrenched in a liberal environment and so indoctrinated with political correctness, they slant to the left and pick supporting stories almost unwittingly. For these reasons bias is usually hidden and most frequently made apparent when comparing reporters' selective outrage and learning about the stories they decided *not* to cover. Even so, the Media Research Center has no trouble filling a daily "CyberAlert" with instances of journalists and news organizations straying far from their virtuous professed mission of objectively informing Americans.

Occurrences like the ABC Internet column are rare indeed, and pinning our hopes on the media fixing themselves is a lost cause.

The mainstream media is losing viewers and readers fast. Americans are finding and turning to alternative news sources like FOX News, and, especially, the Internet, where free market forces allow the popularity of conservatism to support an immense, vibrant community of alternative news websites like *The Drudge Report*. By the time they have taken their places

on the bottom rung of the news ratings ladder, the major networks will probably still not know what hit them.

Unlike Peter Jennings, a "neutral" journalist praising Saddam Hussein for his investment in the arts on *World News Tonight*, on-air conservatives never claim they are disseminating "fair and balanced" information.



Peter misses Saddam.

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Mad Max spreads the Gospel.

The Passion of Christ

by Andrew Sinatra

Mel Gibson's recent movie *The Passion of the Christ*, which focuses on the final 12 hours of Jesus' life, has been the source of controversy since the summer of 2003. Members of the Jewish community have protested the film's depiction of Jews. In the movie, leading members of the Jewish community urge the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, to put Jesus Christ to death because of the social unrest caused by his claims of being the prophesized Messiah. This role of Jewish leaders in the execution of Christ has often been

cited as justification for anti-Semitic behavior. Many fear that broadcasting this event to the masses will rekindle harsh feelings towards the Jewish community.

Concern about Gibson's movie is not without merit. Gibson does give a one-sided and somewhat historically inaccurate portrayal of the events that led to the death of Jesus Christ. In the movie, a faction of leading Jewish priests asks Pontius Pilate to put Christ to death because he poses a threat to public order. Pilate is shown as a fair and impartial ruler, who feels pressured by these religious leaders to execute a man he believes is innocent. In reality, this was not the case. While the Jewish priests in Judea did have some leverage, the country was still under the rule of the Roman Empire. As governor of the region, Pilate crucified numerous Jews, whose beliefs he felt were a threat to

the Roman Empire's rule. Many historians have documented him as being stubborn and cruel. Likely, Jewish priests wanted to have Christ executed before the strong commotion he spurred among the public brought the ire of the Roman state to the whole Jewish community. Historically

speaking, Jesus was executed by a strict Roman governor—who killed several other insurgents in a similar manner—under the advice of a frightened religious order. Gibson based his movie on the events listed in the Gospels of the New Testament, not impartial historical

records. Many will agree that passages in the New Testament were written well after the events they describe, and were often intended to place Judaism in a bad light so as to win converts to the then-fledgling Christian faith. By staying true to the New Testament, the film inevitably shows the Jews as the leading component in the death of Christ. The film is accurate in the sense that it closely mirrors the events as recorded by Christian scripture. Objections to the film are really objections to the teachings of Christianity as they are laid down in the New Testament.

Since Gibson funded the film's \$25 million budget out of his own pocket, he

can rightly portray the events any way he sees fit. In fact, this was the main reason he personally financed the film. Had a major Hollywood production studio sponsored the film, the controversy during the last eight months would surely have led to abundant censoring to quell the objections of a vocal minority. Gibson is exercising his freedom of religion by staying true to his personal convictions. By publicly expressing his religious beliefs, Gibson is no different than the evangelists who promote their religious views on television or on city blocks. What scares many about Gibson's method is that he is employing two types of power: the popularity and mass appeal of movies and his own personal stardom. These two qualities have the potential to persuade audiences toward Gibson's personal view. Many critics, both Jewish and Christian, have also said that the movie—accuracy aside—is very moving and well produced. Advance ticket sales alone are enough to consider *The Passion of the Christ* a financial success. The imagery and cinematography have been said to evoke powerful emotions from audiences.

Members of the Jewish community who have protested this film are causing more harm than good for their cause. Protests against the film only entice moviegoers and create a bigger buzz around the film, as is the case when any kind of controversy arises. Many of the film's detractors are also merely showing their distaste for the views of another religion. In this case, the problem is between the Jewish and Christian communities, and protests

against the film only serve to reignite old conflicts between these two religious groups. Instead of actively opposing the film, Jewish leaders should work with Christian leaders to highlight the good points of the movie while also shedding light on some of the misrepresentations that this film contains. By doing this, the Jewish community would not be viewed as trying to defame Christian doctrine but rather as

trying to educate all people about the actual events around this sensitive moment in theological history.

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A Tufts scientist is cruel to be kind.

Dirty Rats

by Talia Alexander

Conflict erupted recently at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine (TUVSM), when several students enrolled in the Master of Animals and Public Policy program discovered that five dogs were involved in a terminal study. The study tested the relative speed at which fixators, or external supports for fractured legs, help bones heal. Dr. Randy Boudrieau first broke both hind legs of all five dogs, and as they healed, tested the bone density and other measures of bone healing. He then euthanized the dogs, extracted their bones, and tested their tensile strength.

The master's degree students were upset because they felt the research did not require euthanasia. They also objected to the use of laboratory dogs when many dogs, already suffering from fractures, are brought to the Tufts clinic. Additionally, the students felt betrayed by Tufts' reputation as thrifty in its use of live animals for research. Said Diana Goodrich, one of the master's degree students, "[we] would have been okay with the experiment if it had been looking into a terminal illness; we would have acted differently." She said that although she does not inherently op-

pose the terminal use of animals to study diseases, this particular experiment did not require sacrificing the animals.

Animal research has been invaluable to medical science, both human and veterinary. Procedures as mundane as implanting a pacemaker or receiving an ultrasound, or as complex as an organ transplant or devising a safe vaccine would be impossible without tests in animal models.

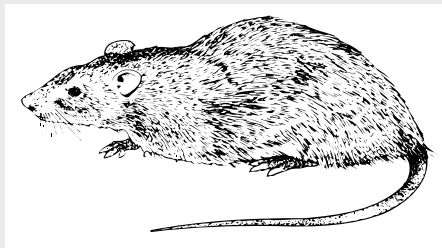
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Much of our current knowledge about genetics, drugs, neurology, and surgery can be traced to animal models.

Ingrid Newkirk, president of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), envisions a world without animal research. PETA is notorious for its stance against animal research. A fine poster child for her organization, Newkirk was quoted in *USA Today* saying that "even if animal research resulted in a cure for AIDS, we'd be against it." One hopes she will never need an aspirin or she will find herself reaping the benefits of animal research.

Newkirk must value her life and the lives of others less than that of a laboratory research rat. She may think herself compassionate and noble for being so protective of animals, but she is her own best argument for sacrificing a rat in deference to a human being. Rats, like all animals, are motivated solely by the need to procreate. Humans uniquely act for reasons besides genetic

transfer. People feel compassion, sympathy, and a sense of moral obligation beyond the capabilities of any other animal. Our nature drives us to seek cures to ailments from which we have



**PETA would like to see one of these
experiment on you.**

watched others suffer. No rat has ever attempted to cure his own cold, never mind someone else's.

The Tufts experiment sparked a huge ripple in the press and several agitated letters to the editor, but not one of those authors would refuse a life-saving surgery because it was first tried on a mouse. And none of them should. Both those who conduct the research and those who object to it demonstrate their inherent right to benefit from it by their ability to engage in such a high level of discourse.

A Dream Deferred ***The Second Betrayal of Black Freedom in America***

by Shelby Steele
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 \$14.00, paperback

In his most recent book, *A Dream Deferred: The Second Betrayal of Black Freedom in America*, Shelby Steele argues that the bulk of social reform since the Civil Rights Movement in the name of black equality was motivated more by white aspiration for moral redemption than by the desire to substantially improve black life in America. Steele, a fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution, focuses on the study of race relations, multiculturalism, and affirmative action and is a strong voice for black conservatives.

Unlike many racial scholars, Steele refuses to accept black oppression as a complete explanation for their struggle to achieve equality. He notes that the danger of the victimization doctrine promoted by liberals is that it leads subscribers to believe that all suffering is the result of oppression and that relief can only come from good-hearted assistance from outside the group. The doctrine is so strong that it forces white liberals into a corner; they can speak out in favor of engineered equality, but not for "merit, excellence, hard work, delayed gratification, individual achievement, personal responsibility... principles without which," according to Steele, "blacks can never achieve true equality." Unwilling to accept the victimization of his race as a complete explanation for their failure to achieve at a level commensurate with whites, black conservatives are often condemned for inhibiting black progress and for betraying their own race.

Liberals view black victimization as a pernicious structure that dates back to antebellum America and has become ingrained in American society. During the 1950s and 60s, liberals successfully portrayed oppression as a structural component of racial interaction in the United States, imposing on the nation a strong social morality which helped to make the Civil Rights Movement

possible. Structuralists blame white flight for the concentration of blacks in violent, low-income areas and college admission boards for the consistent exclusion of black students from university entering classes. The danger of the structural approach to racial social science, Steele warns, is the interventionist political activism that follows. White America has constructed a "culture of preference" for blacks, instituting affirmative action, multicultural initiatives, and welfare. These benefits are handed out to the black community simply on the basis of their skin color.

The appeal of structural interventionism, Steele explains, is the idea that racial reform can be achieved through a mechanism that is automatically virtuous and socially pervasive. Steele adds that self-congratulatory structural activists think of themselves as "sophisticated and progressive" because they are able to put individual instances of oppression aside to focus on creating large-scale societal mechanisms that create good stuff like "diversity in the workplace," "multicultural atmospheres," or "opportunity structures."

The frightening result of the victimization principle is that black fate becomes contingent on white will to lift up the oppressed as a means to moral redemption, which often sets blacks even further back. When black schoolchildren in Oakland, California, performed poorly, society did not respond by raising academic expectations for the struggling students or enforcing stricter teaching standards to improve the quality of their education. Instead, liberal activists excused the failure with the explanation that these students speak a special black language called ebonics that needs to be embraced and understood. Liberals asked the federal government for funding to instruct teachers in this alterna-

tive language so they could be "sensitive to the racial self-esteem" of these students. Rather than help these students master the English language, the liberal intervention plan only further encouraged these students' use of improper speech.

In addition to explaining why structural liberalism fails to give blacks true opportunities for equality, *A Dream Deferred* is a subtle meditation on the plight of black conservatives. When he opined that victimization did more to stifle black advancement than promote it, Steele was attacked by his racial community for abandoning his people. "To be called a black conservative is, in fact, to be one," Steele writes, "or at least to pay the price for being one." Rather than allow one of their brightest thinkers to proclaim black capability to improve their own plight and attain a higher level of achievement, the liberal black community sought to stifle Steele, who threatened to unmask the black identity as a helpless victim. "Short of terrorism," writes a disheartened Steele, "shame is the best instrument of repression."

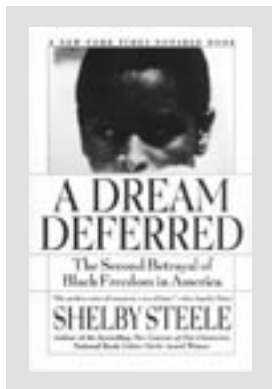
—Tara Heumann

(*The Idle Tower*; continued from page 9)

VAGINA WARRIOR PRINCESSES

EUGENE, OREGON

During this year's performance of the *Vagina Monologues* at the University of Oregon, ten women stood with duct tape covering their mouths and "Vagina Warriors" printed on the back of their white shirts. The tees read, "Warning: Hostile Vagina," "Not all vaginas are skinny, white + straight" and "My c*nt is not represented here." Nicole Barrett, an Oregon alumna, distributed flyers to audience members at the performance. She was outraged by the lack of diversity in the show's cast. Women of "a variety of skin colors, body sizes, abilities and gender expressions" were not well represented, she said. Student Melissa Ballard was originally cast in the show, but the directors asked her to leave due to hostile behavior. Following her dismissal, Ballard complained that plus-size and lesbian women were not included in the show's production. Senior Natalie Mays, the show's assistant director, said few women of color auditioned for the show and added that it is not always possible to determine a woman's ethnicity or sexual orientation from her appearance. "I'm not just going to put someone in my show because of the way they look," Mays said.



Abusing executive power from the Bay Area to the Bay State.

The Rule of Law

by Jordana Starr

From coast to coast, America's elected leaders are vowing to break their state's laws and defy the courts in order to promote their own views on gay marriage. In San Francisco, Mayor Gavin Newsom has issued nearly 3,000 marriage licenses to gay couples, in direct violation of state law. Closer to home, Governor Mitt Romney has hinted that come May, he will try to block the issuing of marriage licenses to gay couples until voters can have their say, despite the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court's ruling.

Like Alabama Governor George Wallace who, in 1963, ignored a Federal judge's order and blocked the entrance to the University of Alabama's Foster Auditorium, preventing two black students from enrolling, Newsom's disregard of state law and Romney's intentions to defy the Court bring shame to the office they hold. The oath of any political office requires upholding the law, including those laws that may not coincide with the official's personal beliefs. An executive leader may not pick and choose the laws and decisions he chooses to uphold—he is constitutionally bound to execute every one that has passed legislative scrutiny.

In the United States government, the legislature makes the laws, the judiciary interprets them, and the executive carries them out. In theory, each branch is designed to check and balance the other two branches of government. In reality, because only the executive branch has police power, there is no way for a court or a legislature to enforce its decisions without the cooperation of the executive

in command. If members of the executive branch refused to follow statutes and court rulings they disagreed with, our government would dissolve its authority, sending the country into a state of total anarchy.

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gay marriage laws and court decisions have been solely state issues as opposed to federal ones, the President has no jurisdiction to send in troops to enforce state law. Even if he did, it would be difficult to say whether President Bush would appropriately direct both Newsom and Romney to obey the law, or whether he would allow his morals to dictate how Newsom and Romney should apply the law. Though one would hope that the President would hold the sanctity of the oath of office above his personal opinions on the issue, one would also have hoped that the Mayor of San Francisco and the Governor of Massachusetts would not violate their oaths of office.

The one power that still remains over the heads of Mayor Newsom and Governor Romney is their constituents' ability to vote them out of office. But so long as enough voters either agree with their leader's political

agenda or simply lack the desire to demand accountability, Newsom can continue to defy California law and Romney can refuse to abide by the court order requiring the state to distribute marriage licenses to gay couples by May. It's a sad state of affairs when it becomes so easy for elected officials to blatantly ignore laws they disagree with.

Governor Romney claims that his reasoning behind blocking the issuing of marriage licenses to gays is "to minimize disruption and confusion in the commonwealth." Romney has expressed his desire to allow for Massachusetts citizens to vote on a constitutional amendment before permitting same-sex marriage. In order to put it on the ballot, the state legislators must first approve the amendment by a simple majority, and approve it again a year later before it could go to the general population. The earliest that voters could decide on a referendum would not be until November 2006. If Romney had his way, the Court decision would remain in limbo for over two years.

To Romney's dismay, Massachusetts legislators defeated both a constitutional amendment defining marriage as a heterosexual union but permitting for same-sex civil unions, and one which would ban same-sex unions altogether. Right now, it seems as though the Massachusetts legislature is content with leaving in place the Court's decision allowing a marriage to be a union between a man and a woman, two women, or two men. Meanwhile, the city of San Francisco is in the process of suing the state

on the grounds that the law defining marriage as a heterosexual union is itself in violation of the state constitution.

Romney and Newsom need to step back and allow their governments to function without



Have you seen our leashes?

the interference of an oath-breaking executive. Newsom need not break the law for the California courts to strike it down, just as Mitt Romney need not block marriage licenses if Massachusetts voters revert them to civil unions. Only then, through lawful procedure, not the whim of one executive, can marriage be defined. ■

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In a *Daily Viewpoint* ("What you can really learn from penguins," 2/12/04), Rachel Golden Luck argued that two gay penguins, Silo and Roy, can teach humans a thing or two about "natural" behavior:

"It's hard for me to understand how people can see homosexuality as anything but a natural occurrence after taking a good look at Silo and Roy. True, they are penguins and not human beings, but homosexuality has been observed in many animal species. I just don't see how we could look at the penguins and think, 'Oh, how cute,' and then look at two gay men or women and say, 'That is wrong.' We're all believed by many to be G-d's creatures, and we're all alive. Why shouldn't we have the same basic sexual instincts?"

THE PRIMARY SOURCE has uncovered a confidential *Tufts Daily* memo showing future plans for a Golden Luck weekly column:




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RACHEL GOLDEN LUCK | THINGS I LEARNED ON MY TRIP TO THE ZOO

Topic	Fact	Conclusion
<i>Sexual Cannibalism</i>	A female preying mantis can kill a male during copulation and still get pregnant. In fact, if she kills the male before copulation, his decapitated body will continue mating longer and more vigorously. Talk about sexual empowerment!	Laci Peterson should have killed Scott long before she was declared missing. For example, while they were having sex.
<i>I'll Have the Kid's Meal</i>	Guppies will eat their babies if there is nowhere for the young to hide, or if they are not placed in a separate tank.	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p>Clarice Starling should have married Hannibal Lecter, and had his children... with a side of fava beans and a nice Chianti.</p> </div> </div>
<i>Love Stinks</i>	Billy goats urinate on themselves to smell more attractive to females.	Bob Dole should have never used Depends. With the urine and Viagra, he would have won all the female votes. Not even Monica would have voted for Bill Clinton.
<i>Mile High Club</i>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p>Bats and ravens have sex in flight. Although it seems more complicated, there's nothing more exciting.</p> </div> </div>	Perhaps there is something more to that myth about Daedalus and Icarus. (see picture)
<i>She Wears the Pants</i>	Male sea horses give birth to hundreds of babies at a time. If seahorses could marry, own property and had jobs, then the women would go to work and the men would stay home with the babies. But they wouldn't want to break the glass ceiling or walls, especially if they're in an aquarium.	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p>Arnold Schwarzenegger should resign from office and bear Maria Shriver's babies.</p> </div> </div>

NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE

By renaming Valentine's Day, the V-Day movement claims to be standing for Victory, Valentine, and Vagina. However, it seems more likely that the V stands for Vulgar, Victimization, and Violence.

—Rachel Hoff (LA '04)

A war-time President who didn't go to war versus a candidate who did—other things being equal—neutralizes President Bush's advantage.

—Professor Richard Eichenberg

We do not need to divide America over who served and how.

—John Kerry, Feb. 27, 1992

[Kerry] has done very little in the way of law-making. The Associated Press did a study and could only find eight bills that he had sponsored that became law, and most of them were very trivial. He's not found his interest or his niche.

—Professor Jeffrey Berry

It is precisely because education is the road to equality and citizenship, that it has been made more elusive for Negroes than many other rights. The walling off of Negroes from equal education is part of the historical design to submerge him in second class status. Therefore, as Negroes have struggled to be free they have had to fight for the opportunity for a decent education.

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

The welfare state is not really about the welfare of the masses. It is about the egos of the elites.

—Thomas Sowell

The said Constitution shall never be construed to authorize Congress to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms.

—Sam Adams

When a white person kills a black person, we all go out in the street to protest. But our children are being educationally killed every day in public schools and nobody says a thing.

—Floyd Flake

The spread of evil is the symptom of a vacuum. Whenever evil wins, it is only by default: by the moral failure of those who evade the fact that there can be no compromise on basic principles.

—Ayn Rand

Al Gore has said that if his child was in a failing Washington, D.C. public school he would be in favor of vouchers as well. But these people would never ever send their children into public education, but they are going to tell my friends in the central ward of Newark that their children have to go there.

—Cory Booker

Never give in—never, never, never, never, in nothing great or small, large or petty, never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense. Never yield to force; never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy.

—Winston Churchill

Contrary to the professional grievance mongers, no black person on the planet has more control over their economic, political and cultural destiny than the black American of the 21st century.

—Niger Innis

I have confidence in the wisdom of parents to make the best choices for their children's education. It's government's job to provide the options. In D.C., as is the case in cities across the country, we have some great public schools and we have some schools that are clearly failing. No child should be forced to stay in a failing school.

—D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams

I come here today not in anger or to anger... not to defend my views but to assert my right to think for myself... I reserve the right not to have my views assigned to me as if I was an intellectual slave.

—Justice Clarence Thomas

Everybody has asked the question... 'What shall we do with the Negro?' I have had but one answer from the beginning. Do nothing with us! Your doing with us has already played the mischief with us. Do nothing with us!

—Frederick Douglass

It seems to me that if I say a whole system must be upset for me to win, I am saying that I cannot sit in the game, and that safer rules must be made to give me a chance. I repudiate that. If others are in there, deal me a hand and let me see what I can make of it.

—Zora Neale Hurston

We Americans understand freedom; we have earned it, we have lived for it, and we have died for it. This nation and its people are freedom's models in a searching world. We can be freedom's missionaries in a doubting world."

—Barry Goldwater

In seeking to make America better, we have neglected what has made her great.

—Elizabeth Dole

There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.

—Colin Powell

To lay with one hand the power of government on the property of the citizen, and with the other to bestow it on favored individuals... is none the less robbery because it is... called taxation.

—United States Supreme Court (1874)

The probability that we may fail in the struggle ought not to deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just.

—Abraham Lincoln

It doesn't mean anything, kinda like "shama-lama-ding-dong," or "give peace a chance."

—Homer Simpson

We will bring the terrorists to justice; or we will bring justice to the terrorists. Either way, justice will be served.

—George W. Bush

Public servants say, always with the best of intentions, "What greater service we could render if only we had a little more money and a little more power." But the truth is that outside of its legitimate function, government does nothing as well or as economically as the private sector.

—Ronald Reagan

You can't get rid of poverty by giving people money.

—P.J. O'Rourke

President Bush says frivolous lawsuits have never helped anyone. Yeah, tell that to my new house in Georgetown.

—John Edwards