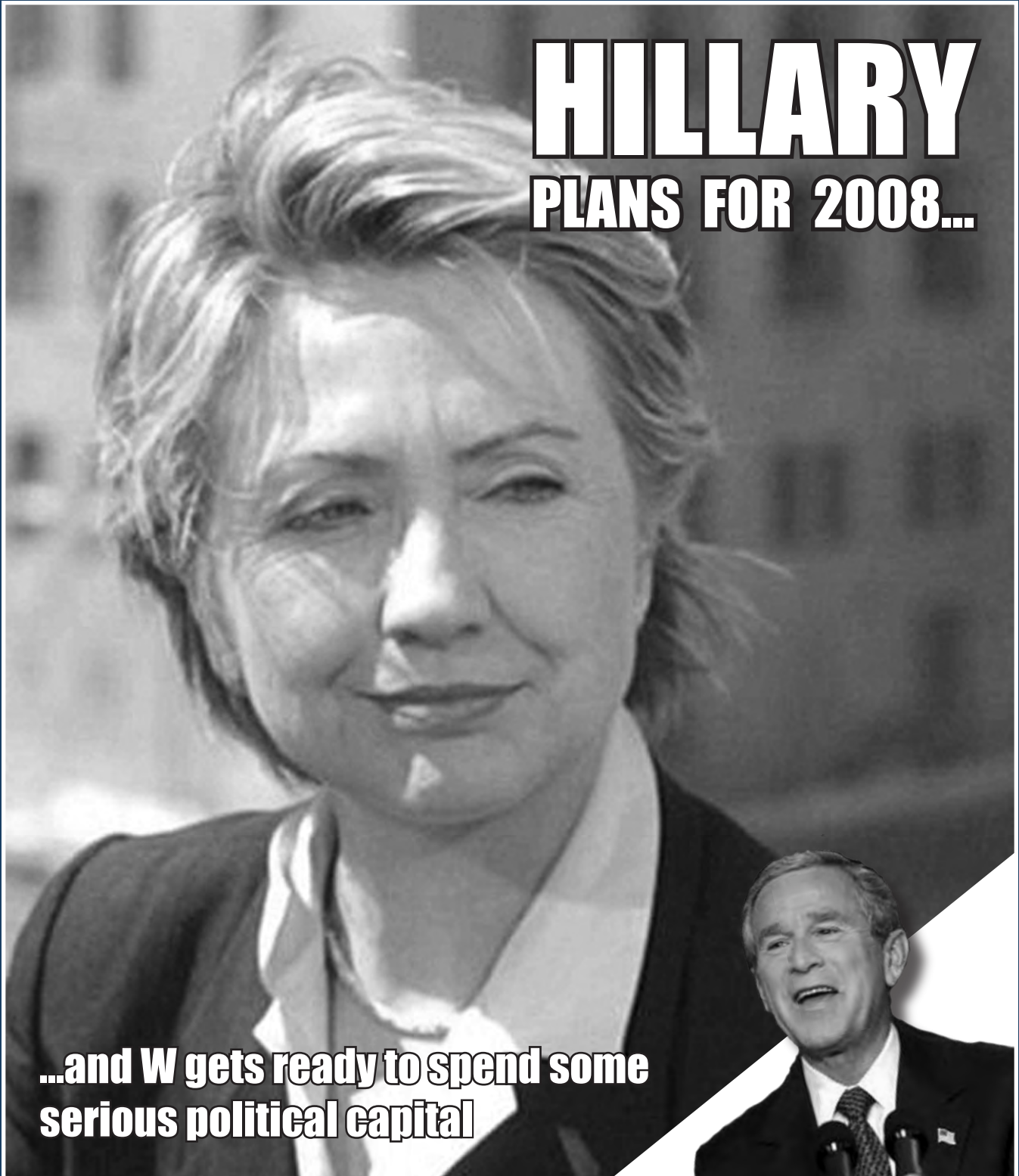


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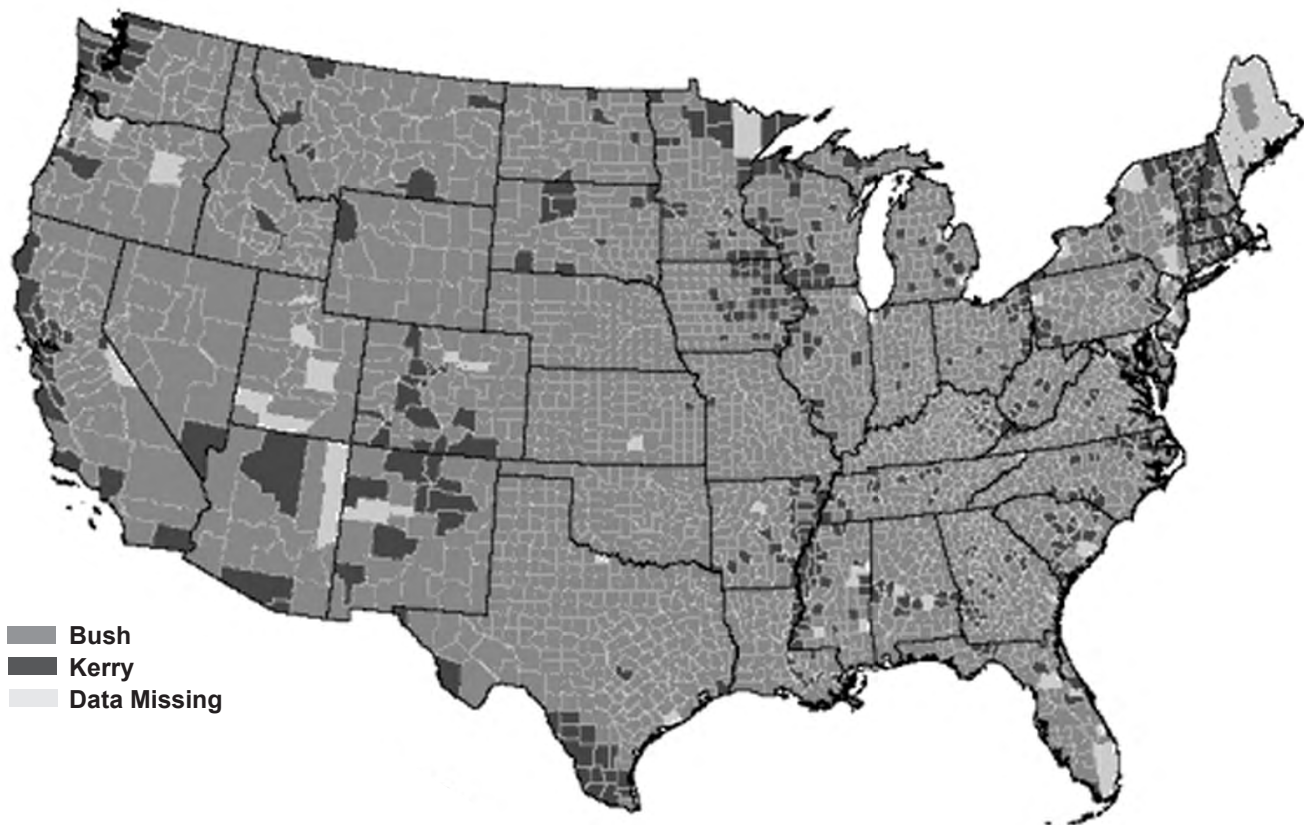
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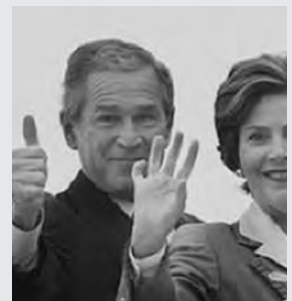
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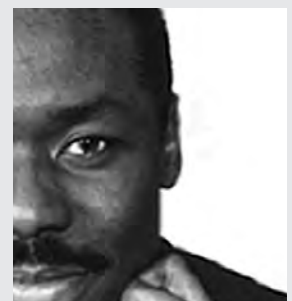
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All Your Base are Belong to Us

Before leftists can finish mourning their election loss, they will first go through denial. It is abundantly clear to most liberals that Republicans swept the House, Senate, gubernatorial, and presidential elections, but the broader implications still haven't hit home. They have not yet realized that this election seriously challenged both the Left's role in American politics and its fundamental understanding of the country's priorities. They still think it was all just a big misunderstanding, the system is broken, the rules weren't fair, and anyone who voted for a Republican is either ill-informed or just plain stupid. THE PRIMARY SOURCE disagrees.

Kerry lost by several million votes and it was not a result of minority disenfranchisement. Nor can the fundamental system of American democracy be blamed. Nevertheless, the Electoral College has now become the focus of attention for many at Tufts who argue it works against urban socialist parties—because socialism is not what the majority of Americans want. Democracy is really amazing like that.

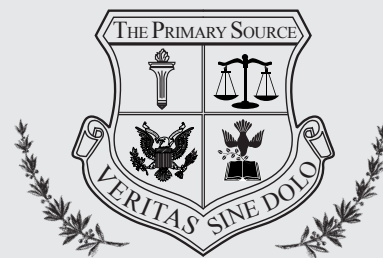
Denial will eventually give way to some form of bargaining. Democrats can expect either a split in their party or a wholesale restructuring of their movement in the next two years—that is, unless they want to see Republicans with a filibuster-proof majority. Maybe the Left will finally attract Americans when it realizes there is no place for socialism in America, though that is unlikely.

Conservatives tolerated liberal nonsense from peers, professors, and administrators at this University throughout the election season. Now it is time for Tufts to eat a nice big piece of humble pie and apologize to the side that will be governing America for the foreseeable future. Liberals at Tufts like to imagine the members of THE PRIMARY SOURCE sitting at a roundtable with Dick Cheney and Donald Rumsfeld, placing bets on which Arab country has more oil, when in reality, much of conservatives' time at Tufts is instead spent hiding their views from friends,

writing things in which they don't believe in order to spare their grades, or wiping away spit left by dirty leftists who walk by their chalkings. Contrast this with the leftist "underground," which, despite a majority of Americans opposing its radical agenda, enjoys the acceptance and support of its like-minded professors and peers.

To the intolerant, snobby elitists who have made Tufts unbearable for conservatives: it's time to end your Marxist, feminist, America-hating, intellectually barren control of academia. Maybe this is a good time for you to move to Montreal, link up with an al-Qaeda cell, and form a support group for Bush haters, but America is going to be very uncomfortable for you as the Bush administration promotes capitalism and restores world order. Just remember, the students on whom you spit, the peers at whom you curse and call names may very well be working in the ranks of government in the near future, making decisions about your life. If there's any hope for forgiveness, the Tufts community should consider changing its attitude toward the campus Right—the likely leaders of America's future.

Inviting Hillary Clinton will surely increase Tufts' profile and call attention to the campus. Her appearance is even more significant for Democrats who must now reflect on their party and reconsider its leadership. Will the power-hungry senator from New York be the new face of the party? The SOURCE doesn't like the prospect of a Hillary candidacy, but in the words of two-term President George W. Bush: "Bring it on."

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To the Editor:

I'm a Kerry supporter, but I often read the SOURCE. Sometimes I'm impressed with the writing and arguments that are made by SOURCE writers. But I must say I was deeply disappointed with your "election issue." I understand the job of the SOURCE is to express an opinion, but the boxes where you described each candidate's "positions" on the issues were done in a supremely juvenile and inaccurate manner.

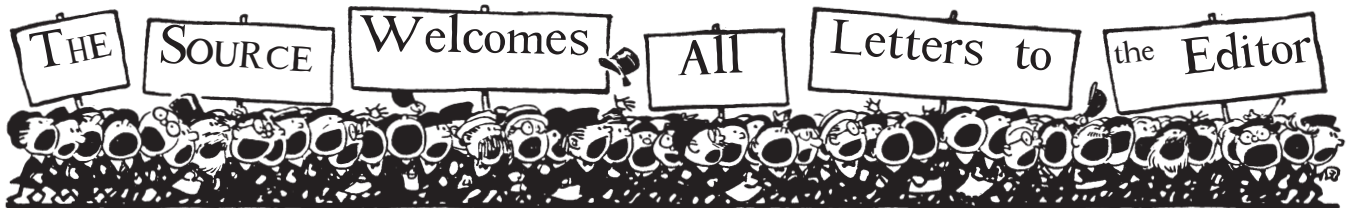
Not only is the reasoning flawed in many of these situations, but in some examples the SOURCE is not being factual about the positions of Senator Kerry. Discussing North Korean policy, the SOURCE says Kerry wants to "discontinue vital multilateral negotiations with North Korea's neighbors; resume previously failed direct negotiations with North Korea's dictator." This statement is totally inaccurate on a number of levels. First of all, Kerry does not want to discontinue multinational negotiations. Just because he wants to hold direct negotiations does not mean he wants to end multilateral ones as well. In fact, contrary to President Bush's assertions, China, a key player in these negotiations, has encouraged the US to hold direct negotiations with North Korea. If the direct negotiations failed so miserably with North Korea, why did North Korea develop more nuclear weapons under Bush's watch?

Regarding the War on Terror, the SOURCE says Kerry would make "concessions to France." What exactly would those concessions be? There has been no evidence whatsoever that indicates this is true. For George Bush's position on the deficit, you say he "plans to continue pro-growth policies that will increase revenues." How about mentioning that Bush has created the largest deficit in the

history of the country, all while pursuing his wonderful "pro-growth" policies? Meanwhile, you say Kerry proposes \$2 trillion in new spending, without mentioning that Bush proposes exactly the same amount as well. Why not state factually where each candidate stands on the issues, rather than misleading readers. If your candidate is as wonderful as you say he is, people will look at both sides and choose him.

On the issue of jobs, you mention nothing of the fact that the President is the first since Herbert Hoover to have a net loss of jobs in his administration. Instead you make it sound like he has a glowing record on the subject. On prescription drugs, you say Bush "lowered costs in recently passed Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit and extended Medicaid eligibility." Wrong again, that bill has turned out to be a disaster and the cost of prescription drugs have gone up. The price of Medicare premiums have increased more than anytime in history and five million fewer Americans have health insurance under the Bush administration. On the issue of religion you say John Kerry is "not allowed to receive communion." This is an outrageous lie. A few select priests have claimed they will not give John Kerry communion, many, many others have said that they will. There are other numerous inaccuracies. On these issues and so many others, the SOURCE is either incredibly ignorant, or incredibly dishonest; I'm not sure which is worse. Either way, you should be ashamed of yourselves.

—Mike DeBartolo, LA '06.



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—Aristophanes

PS A six-year-old girl brought more than \$1,000 worth of crack to school, and her mother claimed the child must have got it while trick-or-treating. Neighborhood resident and retired NFL superstar Lawrence Taylor refused to comment on the issue.

PS Part of a highway in the Finger Lakes region was closed for five hours after a tanker truck crashed, spilling 45,000 pounds of slippery liquid chocolate that quickly hardened. In addition to beginning a massive clean-up campaign, environmental activists are giving insulin shots to hundreds of now-diabetic seals.

PS Cupcakes became contraband at Meadowside Elementary School, after Principal Robert Davis banned all celebratory sweets. Consequently, the school cafeteria was forced to discontinue its sale of edible underwear and flavored condoms.

PS The student group that organizes the annual campus homecoming festival at the University of Washington has decided that gender should not play a role in the honor. The new campus ‘royals’ will be introduced, replacing the king and queen. Of course, the school’s resident eunuch is a slam-dunk for this one.

PS Four young children of an Amish family were injured after a car crashed into their family’s horse-drawn buggy. Ralph Nader’s seat belt campaign has not yet reached the Pennsylvania Dutch, but John Kerry’s SUV sure has.

PS The number of US citizens visiting Canada’s main immigration Web site has shot up six-fold as Americans flirt with the idea of abandoning their homeland after President George W. Bush’s election win this week. In a fitting development, the Canadian web page has become slower than maple syrup in the winter.

PS In a congratulatory letter addressed, “Dear George,” French President Jacques Chirac said he hoped Bush’s second term “will be the occasion for strengthening the French-American friendship.” Grasping at straws, or crawling back...you decide.

PS Monkeys lurking at an ancient Hindu temple in India’s northeast have attacked at least 300 children over three weeks. Police are beginning to round up the monkeys using an anti-gang loitering ordinance, but concerns about civil liberty violations posed by Tufts’ “Project REPEAL” have slowed progress.

PS Top Ten captions for the picture below:

10. Presidential race loser John Kerry performs his best impression of a howler monkey.
9. John Kerry demonstrates to his supporters the vital importance of zipping one’s fly carefully.
8. Kerry is attempting to hide from evangelicals by closing his eyes and yelling “If I can’t see you, you can’t see me!”
7. In a ferocious display of physical dominance, John Kerry gnashes his teeth at reporters.
6. John shows us how to enjoy the Kyoto protocol’s fresh air.
5. A face only a mother could love...
4. Rock the Vote!
3. Former presidential hopeful John Kerry demonstrates his fly-catching aptitude.
2. If you were married to Theresa Heinz, you would look like this too.
1. In a touching moment during his presidential campaign, John Kerry publicly expressed his devotion to his running mate by performing his version of Whitney Houston’s “I Will Always Love You.”

PS Jessica Durham, 23, pleaded not guilty to letting her 18-month-old daughter smoke marijuana because the girl wasn’t eating or sleeping enough. Apparently, the daughter was just supposed to hold her mom’s roach, but then bogarted the whole thing.



PS Workers at Bluebird Recycling found the crushed body of a homeless man between layers of compacted cardboard. Authorities said the man might have climbed into a recycling bin to keep warm. The man’s emergency shelter in the area was filled—apparently so was the garbage.

PS Former President Bush responded to political attacks on his son by declaring: “If Barbara gets her hands on John Kerry, he might get another Purple Heart.” To prove his point, he brandished several bite marks and whip-inflicted wounds courtesy of his soul mate.

PS Two lesbian couples filed a federal lawsuit that challenges a new Oklahoma constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage as

well as a related federal law. Oklahoman senators are likely to respond by appointing Jesus Christ to the federal circuit court.

PS The number of new jobs soared to 337,000 in October, the strongest in seven months, helped by a surge in construction

as hurricane-racked areas in the Southeast were rebuilt. In an attempt to garner support for his party, Al Gore quickly laid claim to inventing hurricanes.

PS Astronaut Leroy Chiao cast his vote in the US election from 225 miles above the Earth. He is rumored to have voted for Kerry, as he has spent so much time away from reality in recent weeks.

PS President Bush's victory, the approval of every anti-gay marriage amendment on statewide ballots, and an emphasis on "moral values" among voters showed the power of churchgoing Americans in this election and threw the nation's religious divide into stark relief. Tufts professors' plan to turn the majority of Americans into Cherokee idol-worshippers has met an untimely end.

PS Newly confirmed Fire Chief Michael Lonergan promised to make racial diversity and hiring practices his most pressing goal, thus surpassing the former number one—saving people from burning buildings.

PS Yasser Arafat is in a coma and is "between life and death," though he is not brain dead, his spokeswoman said Friday. Doc-

tors still gave no diagnosis, but said the 75-year-old Palestinian leader was in stable condition and "has not gotten worse." Luckily, however, the French medical system really sucks, so they can't keep Yasser alive long.

PS Top Ten ways Tufts is adjusting to "Do it in the Dark":

10. Enough glow-in-the-dark condoms to provide light for homework
9. Squinting reeeeeeeally hard
8. Ugly womyn no longer marginalized
7. Rearranging roommates' furniture
6. Turning lights on in other people's dorms
5. Leaving the plunger in
4. Blind people haven't noticed
3. Deaf people are on strike
2. Doing it in the daytime
1. Doing "it"

PS In Taiwan, a violent food fight broke out in the Parliament over a proposal to include an item in the arms budget on the legislative agenda. The controversy could have been avoided if only the translator had not incorrectly translated "Chinese missiles" as "Chinese noodles."

From the Elephant's Mouth

☞ *Big Mac on Campus:* **Morgan Spurlock** came to campus after **Tufts Lecture Series** screened the film *SuperSize Me* and invited its star. Since his month with McDonald's, Spurlock has dined exclusively on corporate fat cats. Would you like some tort with that?

☞ *Gambling Man:* Tufts Dean and Political Science professor **Jim Glaser** channeled the spirit of Election Day future to declare Kerry the winner early on November 2nd. He called it early to avoid making the mistake he made last election when proclaiming Gore the victor. Maybe the Poli-Sci department had better go for **best of five?**

☞ *Canadian exodus:* Tufts students look for career prospects in **Canada**; home of professional hockey and socialism... well at least socialism. Apparently, the Canadian government will only grant political asylum for certain people, including draft dodgers. Where's **Charlie Rangel** when you need him?

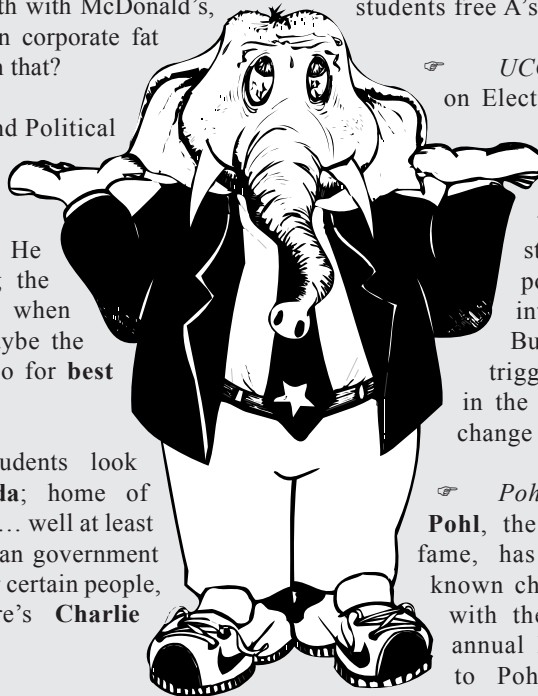
☞ *What now?* The Tufts community gathered in Lane Hall to reflect on the election and what the twisted future will hold for traitors to the **Bush dynasty**. Tufts professors assured the students that moving to Canada was unnecessary because there is a

strong community of like-minded people at Tufts. After all, can't the liberal professors just give **Bush-hating** students free A's?

☞ *UCCP Screwed:* **Tufts Votes** was active on Election Day driving its van to and from the polls. Its members even used a bullhorn to assure students, "Don't worry, your registration form is in the mail..." With the election over, the students were expected to abandon their poll-pushing in favor of Democratic internship opportunities. Unfortunately, Bush's **slash and burn** policies have triggered unprecedented unemployment in the Democratic political sector. Want to change parties?

☞ *Pohl's Pet Protests Part Deux:* **Matt Pohl**, the esteemed TCU senator of activist fame, has targeted Tufts' oldest and best-known charitable organization for destruction with the help of **Dean Reitman**. The tri-annual **LCS Blood Drive** has fillen victim to Pohl's devastatingly effective temper tantrum because it won't break FDA rules on blood screening. Shouldn't Pohl boycott **homophobic transfusions** in the meantime?

☞ THE ELEPHANT never forgets.



Forget Travelgate and Filegate...it's Fares-gate.

"I Need This for Me"

by Nicole Brusco

Tufts has been buzzing about Hillary Clinton recently. Not only because of her speech at this year's Fares lecture, but also because of her anticipated 2008 presidential bid. Hillary Rodham is a name that strikes fear into the hearts of conservatives everywhere. It seems as though everything she touches somehow ends in scandal or socialism. Yet the most frightening thing about Madame Hillary is that American women would give their first and second born to see her get elected.

Hillary is an insincere political opportunist who does what is politically expedient to amass power. She frightens conservatives because she has already spent eight years in the White House—years during which she was a very active, politically engaged, and power hungry first lady. Hillary is not looking to become president in order to make significant or needed changes. As a senator, she is already in a position that affords her real power; she already has the ability to work toward real changes in policy, yet she has not utilized it.

Hillary has enough scandals under her belt to automatically qualify for Democratic presidential nomination. She stands by her man—when it looks good on TV. If she were truly a moral and upstanding person she would not have become an accomplice in the cover-up of her husband's numerous infidelities and dishonesty—just to keep Bill as a campaign tool for her own ambitions. Hillary had as much to do with the Monica Lewinsky scandal as Bill did, yet liberals fail to see her as anything but an innocent victim.

Miss Brusco is a junior majoring in International Relations.

The only thing more difficult to find than Hillary's New York Senate qualifications is her authority and knowledge of the Middle East.

Then there's Whitewater, a get-rich-quick scheme involving shady Arkansas realty deals and a now long-gone Vince Foster. Hillary followed up with Travelgate, in which she fired the White House travel office to appoint her pals and abuse the system. The icing on the cake was Filegate, in which 900 confidential FBI files on prominent Republicans were requested by the Clinton White House, which then lost them for months. Later they resurfaced in the residential quarters. Conservatives see through the masterful Clinton cover-ups, and it baffles them that Democrats either can't, or won't.

Hillary's book, *It Takes a Village*, reveals a lot about this woman's agenda. The novel documents how a scientist gathered a group of 100 newborns together and cared for them during their childhood, attempting to raise their IQs. This experiment, a favorite of Hillary's, asserts that the government can raise children better than their own parents, and has been used to validate bigger, more intrusive government.

When President Clinton was in the White House, Hillary drafted and proposed the most destructive and ineffective healthcare plan ever brought to Congress. The \$150 billion plan would have forced every American to participate in collectives, each of which would have had a budget and an administrator responsible for making decisions on necessary procedures and treatments. The collective administrator would be given an incentive to deny members healthcare; any money saved from healthcare expenses in the budget would go to the administrator

at the end of each fiscal cycle. The bill would also have made it illegal to get a doctor outside of the system, classifying it as bribery and making it legally punishable. Thankfully, Congress recognized the socialist undercurrents of this plan. At best, it was economically shoddy, at worst, life-threatening.

The biggest question that must be asked in the case of a Hillary candidacy is whether she possesses any of the qualifications for the job. She is a lawyer who never tried a case and a former First Lady who failed to get her maniacal healthcare bill passed. Since then she has been a junior senator of New York, a state she never lived or worked in prior to her candidacy. In considering her run for the United States Senate, Hillary simply chose the state with the most political clout and highest odds of success. It was obvious during her debates with Rick Lazio, her relatively unknown Republican challenger, that she knew little of life north of Westchester County.

The only thing more difficult to find than Hillary's New York Senate qualifications is her authority and knowledge of the Middle East. Bill tried to negotiate Israeli-Palestinian peace, but Hillary had no role in policy decisions or negotiations, and therefore knows only what Bill told her over dinner (if they even have family dinners). Hillary's only claim to fame for anything related to the Middle East is that she angered Jews by calling for a Palestinian state at a photo-op with Arafat's wife. Her desire to pander to even terrorist financiers shows how far she will go to win a popularity contest. ■



Hillary is utterly distraught that Kerry lost the election.

Should we let a single activist play with people's lives?

Blood Drive Under Attack

by Alex McCabe

The Tufts Blood Drive, sponsored by the Leonard Carmichael Society (LCS) with help from the American Red Cross, occurs three times a year and collects blood to be used in hospitals. This event, which most people would agree is praiseworthy and worthwhile, has been met with a dubious, yet surprisingly effective attack. In the Spring of 2004, senior Matt Pohl filed a claim with the administration against LCS saying that the blood drives, by excluding sexually active homosexual men from donating blood, violate the University's nondiscrimination policy.

Although one would be led to believe otherwise by Pohl's protests, the restriction on sexually active homosexual males is enforced by the FDA and cannot be changed by LCS or the Red Cross. The FDA has the power to shut down any and all blood drives that do not follow these regulations. Furthermore, the reason that sexually active homosexual men are banned from giving blood is due to the well-documented fact that HIV/AIDS rates in sexually active homosexual men is significantly higher than among those who have not engaged in such activities. In fact, 46 percent of all AIDS cases ever reported in the United States came about through sexual activity between males, according to the Center for Disease Control. The restriction extends to prostitutes, users of intravenous drugs, those who have been diagnosed HIV-positive, and those who have HIV symptoms. The National Institute of Health estimates that regardless of prudent restrictions, HIV is spread to about 100 people a year. Contribution by high

risk groups would simply cause more cases, kill more people, and cause a loss of confidence in our nation's blood supply. The restriction has rational, medical, and well thought-out reasoning behind it and prevents HIV from spreading and people from dying.

Last week, LCS's co-presidents were called in for a meeting with the Dean of Students, Bruce Reitman, to address the complaint. Upon entering the meeting, the LCS co-presidents were confronted

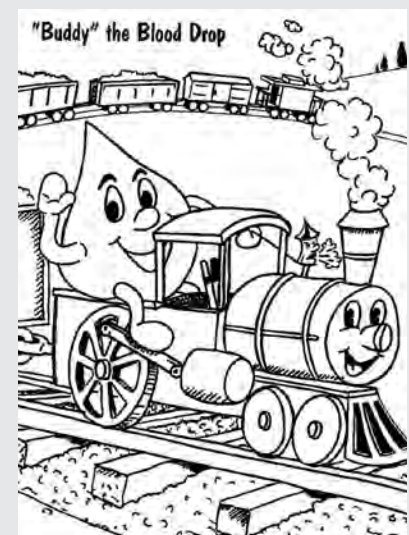
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by Matt Pohl (of whose presence they were not forewarned). They were then presented on the spot with a proposal for their approval, meant to stop the issue from reaching University judiciaries. The "compromise" called for LCS to collect blood

only in off-campus locations (instead of their present venues in Hogdon and Carmichael Halls) or Blood Mobiles, since the streets are not technically University facilities. The LCS group was also told that they could not spend student activity fee money on advertising, and that LCS had to hold a forum on the issue of discrimination of sexually active homosexual males in blood drives. LCS calculated that taking these actions would cut their blood intake in half, to 90 pints instead of 180, which, with three lives saved per pint, would leave 270 people per blood drive and 810 per school year that they could have saved without the blood transfusions they need. They are further worried about the national precedent that this action might set, one that might establish a precedent that will be used by other activists to shut down programs in other universities across the nation. Although LCS, a non-political organization, wished to keep this issue from a TCUJ hearing,

they took a bold stand and refused to sign a compromise that would put political correctness above saving lives. When this issue of THE PRIMARY SOURCE went to print, another compromise allowing LCS to use campus buildings and fund posters was being discussed with the stipulation that LCS would not endorse the FDA regulations on blood drives, and that they would hold a forum on the issue of discrimination in blood drives.

The way this controversy has been handled presents a concern for the Tufts community. The LCS is for some reason required to change their policies because a single student, unbacked by any Tufts Organization, opposes a national regulation on Blood Drives and is unreasonably attacking an organization whose only crime is trying to save people's lives. Such an attack should have been dealt with through a ruling of the TCUJ, and should not be receiving the inexplicable special treatment by the Dean of Students that it is getting. This treatment is blatantly inconsistent with what most complaints filed with the University go through. Complaints usually involve negotiations, discussions, and hearings by the TCUJ and CSL, not a private meeting where a career-aspiring, gay-rights activist, aided by the Dean of Students, bullies a respected charitable organization over an issue that even the TTLGBC doesn't support. The idea that one person's objections can stop something as benevolent as a blood drive is simply absurd. ■



Buddy is the little blood drop who could... discriminate.

Mr. McCabe is a freshman who has not yet declared a major.

Tufts Votes

In a previous issue, *THE PRIMARY SOURCE* questioned whether Tufts Votes should have targeted uninformed and otherwise unmotivated students to vote (for Kerry). Now *THE PRIMARY SOURCE* wonders whether it was sufficiently competent to do even that.

Several students who had trusted their voter registration to Tufts Votes were surprised to discover that their forms hadn't been delivered to the voting bureaus in time for them to vote in the November 2 elections. In what has been attributed to a lack of organization and communication, some of the RA's and organizers simply procrastinated in sending registrations until the deadline had passed. In a few cases, the students who were not able to vote because of this error weren't even aware of it.

But the mistakes did not stop there. In some cases, Tufts Votes failed to verify whether students were required to register in Medford or Somerville, incorrectly mailing registrations to the wrong polling station. "I spent days on the phone with the Medford people trying to confirm my registration until we finally figured out that I was supposed to be in Somerville," said freshman Alexandra Barker; "The woman said that it was a common problem that the Tufts people always send it to the wrong place... it was frustrating."

Tufts Votes' lack of research and preparation was even evident on Election Day itself. Barker reports that her driver was "very surprised" to find out that students were required to present proof of their residence in Somerville, especially after some of the Tufts Votes organizers had said something to the effect that they didn't even think Somerville would check IDs.

People may be tempted to explain away the ineptitude of Tufts Votes and voting drives in general by pointing to their "good intentions." The problem with this "it's the thought that counts" philosophy is that people's political voices are at stake, and no amount of good intentions will compensate for a person's inability to vote. *THE PRIMARY SOURCE* expects a minimum of competence from people who take others' votes into their hands. Tufts Votes, in taking on this responsibility, had an obligation to do the research and meet the deadlines. On the other hand, people who let Tufts Votes direct their voting should realize that trusting one's voter registration to an unreliable group of student activists is like trusting one's taxes to a mass of government bureaucrats. It's just begging for inefficiency and incompetence.

Of course, all this raises the larger issue of whether or not Tufts Votes' intentions were honorable to begin with. The purpose of a vote is to direct public policy. Tufts Votes, however, wanted everyone to vote regardless of their political awareness and education, if for no other reason than for voters to feel good about themselves. Furthermore, their claims of non-partisanship were undermined by the fact that Tufts Votes was run by liberals and targeted at a liberal-

dominated school. In the end, it's hard to believe that the Tufts Votes organizers had any goal other than to rally people behind their candidate. It's okay for Tufts to inform and help voters who take their own initiative in voting. Instead, they stepped beyond the boundaries non-partisanship and what's more, they failed in their most basic objective.

ECO Seeks to Raise Tuition Costs

Tufts Environmental Consciousness Outreach (ECO) wants to "institutionalize clean energy at Tufts," an effort that would have Tufts purchase about 20 percent of its yearly energy from wind power, and would ask for only 25 percent of the student body's vote to enact. This switchover to "clean energy" would involve adding a \$20 "clean energy" fee to every student's bursar bill. It is astonishing to see that ECO only needs 25 percent of votes, nowhere near a majority, in order to pass this referendum. Although the idea of making a positive difference for the environment is a worthy one, it is unfair to even consider passing such an act without the majority of students' approval.

Luckily, it is very probable that this devious effort to seize students' money will be in vain. The student senate may approve of ECO's plans, but ultimately, it is very unlikely that the Board of Trustees, which has the final authority over additional fees charged to the student body, would acquiesce. Typically, student tuition fees increase annually somewhere in the range of 4 percent, and the additional activities fee increases correspondingly. However, if ECO were to add an extra \$20 to the student activity fee, this would result in a 14 percent increase in that fee,

a trend one would hope to not see continued on a yearly basis. Activities fees are meant only to fund student activities on campus, not other questionable purposes.

If an effort to make the transition to wind power had to be implemented by Tufts, it would be much more democratic to have a system, such as a positive check-off provision on bills, in which students or parents could decide for themselves whether they wanted to contribute to the effort or not. Underhanded efforts have been attempted and abandoned before. Groups like PIRG (Public Interest Research Group) have used the reverse-check system, in which a fee was automatically added to students' bills unless students made the conscious effort to check the box stating that they did not want to waste their money. Interestingly, much of the money collected by PIRG was also used to support lawmakers, meaning that students were paying for other undefined expenses. This shifty model has already been declared illegal on college campuses.

There is already an effort being made toward incorporating solar energy at Tufts. The new Sophia Gordon Hall will use solar panels for, among other things, heating water. If ECO wants to consider making this additional, costly, questionable energy change to the Tufts campus, it is essential that they either first obtain the majority of students' approval, or, even better, make it completely optional for each and every student.





Fake Questions, Actual Answers.

THE PRIMARY SOURCE would love the opportunity to interview Senator Hillary Clinton. However, now that she and Bill successfully killed John Kerry's candidacy, she is understandably preoccupied with preparing for her 2008 Presidential bid.

The SOURCE wants to make sure some of the Senator's most enlightening statements are conveyed to the Tufts student body, and thus presents this interview.

The questions are made up, but all of Hillary's quotes are real. If she scares you as much as she does us, join THE PRIMARY SOURCE for our weekly Tuesday meeting at 9 PM in the campus center.

PRIMARY SOURCE: *Mrs. Clinton, welcome to Tufts. Would you mind characterizing what you see as the pivotal issue facing the Tufts community?*

Hillary Clinton: "What we have to do... is to find a way to celebrate our diversity and debate our differences without fracturing our communities."

PS: *We've heard that before, from administrators. Yet conservative individuals remain in fear of being assaulted and discriminated at Tufts.*

HC: "We must stop thinking of the individual and start thinking about what is best for society."

PS: *You are here to talk about the Middle East. Clearly achieving peace in this volatile region is a complicated issue. For example, how do you propose we negotiate with the Palestinians when we can't even be sure of their true intentions?*

HC: "By looking into their eyes and seeing whether they look into yours, and seeing what kind of teeth they have."

PS: *Okay...On a different note, speculation is running rampant that you will seek the Democratic party nomination for president in 2008. Do you intend to?*

HC: "I'm having a great time being the President—I mean Senator—from New York."

PS: *That sounds like a no. Why won't you run for President in 2008?*

HC: "The American people are tired of liars and people who pretend to be something they're not."

PS: *Indeed, your integrity has been called into question repeatedly. Do you even have any integrity?*

HC: "I just put it in a little box. That's how I deal with it. I put it in a box in my mind and I just don't think about it."

PS: *So then you won't talk about Whitewater, Filegate, Travelgate, and Vince Foster?*

HC: "[Oh, I see, THE PRIMARY SOURCE] is a part of this vast right-wing conspiracy that has been conspiring against my husband since the day he announced for President."

PS: *Seriously, how do you defend yourself against these scandals?*

HC: "I'm not going to have some reporters pawing through our papers. We are the President."

PRIMARY SOURCE: *Not anymore.*

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2004



American era of global conquest already well underway.



America votes in favor of conservative revolution and eternal world domination.

2005



2006

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 Social Security Administration

Pay to the Order of Senior/Retiree

Amount More than before...

For Social Security

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Social Security administration auction to highest non-bid bidder: Halliburton



Northeast states merged, losing Senate and Electoral College representation.

2007



Guantanamo doors open to liberals, Systematic internment begins.



Michael Moore hanged for treason. Executioner: Ann Coulter.

2008



Wheelchair Grannies no longer targeted by airport security screeners.



Roe v. Wade overturned retroactively. Millions of babies awake to avenge their deaths.



Gays forced to marry straight.



France bombed.

Bush wins big! Liberals, prepare for...

THE NEW CONSERVATIVE WORLD ORDER

Hillary is droning on and you feel like falling asleep. Here to rescue your good manners is the SOURCE's...

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WORD SEARCH

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“What Jill said to her companion before climbing a hill to fetch a pail of water.”

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Word Search Answers: fikfiki, hama, mecca, oil, kurds, infidel, mujahidin, burka, osama, ayatollah, arafat, koran, hadj, sand, shiite, fatafe, allah, ramadan, axisofevil, sunni
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Red Sox Rioting

The ecstatic joy shared by Red Sox fans following the Game 7 win over the Yankees became a somber hush in the aftermath of the Kenmore riots. For one Emerson student, the rioting cost this young woman her life. As the Red Sox rejoiced over scoring their first ticket to the World Series since 1986, the friends and family of Victoria Snelgrove mourned their tragic loss.

Sox fans lucky enough to obtain tickets to Games 1 and 2 of the World Series encountered a duality expected more from inner city race riots and war protests than at a baseball game. As they made their way toward Fenway park, ticketholders passed armies of Boston police in full riot gear facing groups of people holding signs protesting police brutality and armed law enforcement.

Although it is still unclear what exactly transpired that led to the shooting of pepper spray projectiles into a crowd of mostly college students, it is certainly fair to sit back and question the current state of law enforcement. In an age of terrorism and uncertainty, police do need to be on higher alert. Increased vigilance, however, should not come at the price of public safety. In our over-zealousness to prevent terror-related crime, we need to reconsider the appropriateness and cost of training non-military public servants to shoot indiscriminately.

The problem, however, does not rest entirely on the shoulders of law enforcement. Whether the shot that killed Snelgrove was a horrible accident or a misjudged order, much of the blame can be pinned on out-of-control Red Sox fans, or more specifically, irresponsible Northeastern and BU students. Although the Boston police officers culpable for her death are certainly not exonerated from blame for their actions, their presence would not even have been required at the scene if it weren't for the notoriety of college students' abominable behavior. These students, many of whom conveniently become Red Sox fans for the duration of four years, have in the past destroyed property, turned over cars, and set dangerous fires. There is certainly precedent for having law enforcement on the scene.

This year, downtown Boston students' behavior hardly improved. The SOURCE witnessed one young man climb a maintenance staircase behind the Green Monster, throw his shirt into the crowd below, run away from the security officer who appeared on the landing, and fall backwards over the railing onto the cement sidewalk of Lansdowne Street. Rowdy fans threw garbage cans at the Kenmore Square McDonald's sign and set fires in garbage bags. This behavior, luckily exhibited by the minority of those present, grossly undermined the good spirit of the Red Sox victory.

The police were completely unprepared for the onslaught of rowdy fans, as exhibited by the lack of officers present on Lansdowne and Yawkey Way, and a disorganized chain of command witnessed as one SOURCE writer tried to report the injured Green Monster scaler. Eventually, police moved the crowd to make way for EMS personnel. The Red Sox win rightfully led to massive celebration throughout the streets of Boston. Nothing should have put a damper on the festivities. Sadly, for Victoria Snelgrove, there will be no next year.



Tufts “Non-partisan” Programming

The election has come and gone, and about 83 percent of this campus is in tears. The sun dawned November 3 on a Tufts community wondering how it is so out of tune with the rest of the United States. “I thought everyone hated Bush except those backwards hicks,” they were thinking. As ridiculous as that is, it is not really a surprise, because this campus is “blissfully” isolated from conservative viewpoints.

In the weeks leading up to the 2004 election, Tufts and its student groups brought no fewer than ten liberal speakers to campus, in an effort to sway their vote. These names included Carl Sciortino, recently elected representative of the 34th Middlesex District and ultra-leftist activist (TuftsLife advertised Sciortino as being a representative before he had even been elected); Jack Corrigan, a Kerry adviser; and Ken Roth, a man who outwardly denounced George W. Bush on his human rights record. The Tufts Republicans tried to counter this wall-to-wall liberal onslaught by holding a forum regarding issues of homosexuality.

The effectiveness of this program was questionable, however, as only two groups showed up en masse to watch: the Republicans themselves and the gay community which attended solely to voice its indignity and clearly did not listen to the speakers. The event was immediately called “controversial,” not because it was creating a major stir, but merely because it was composed of conservative speakers. Sciortino’s speech on clean elections and public funding, something that is debated by many credible and intelligent people, was not branded “controversial” or “divisive.” Apparently, only conservatives can be edgy and offensive. In all meaningful ways, Tufts students have only been exposed to the ideas of the Left.

For a university that prides itself on developing students’ intellects, Tufts has done an abominable job of actually fostering this development. Liberals are invited to campus nearly every day, and the timing of these speeches makes them even more atrocious. If Tufts endorses student voting, it is morally obligated also to promote educated, informed voting. This does not come from hearing only liberal speakers; neither side has a monopoly on truth or knowledge. This biased political programming must immediately be denounced as a dishonest attempt to influence students. It is not problematic because it is liberal; it is problematic because it is not balanced by any other viewpoint. Although students here may wish conservatives would disappear, the fact remains that George W. Bush won the greatest number of popular votes in history and maintained a four million vote lead over John Kerry. Tufts is certainly not representative of the country. If anything, students here are under-informed, too one-sided, and intellectually incapable of understanding conservative viewpoints. The University must take a stand and provide more prominent conservative voices, and not denigrate the few that do come as being controversial. The sooner college students learn to deal with conservatives, the easier it will be for them to make the jump from this bubble to the real world, where Republicans currently control every branch of government.

Values win the day.

Kudos, America

by Gena Gorlin

On this momentous Election Day, November 2, 2004, America proved that despite bitter political division, its fighting spirit still lives strong. Polls show this election was not about health-care or taxes or abortion or even Iraq; on all these issues, Americans were evenly and hopelessly divided. This election was about basic convictions. It was a test of whether Americans still believe in the existence of true, objective values, including the value of living in a free nation that proudly and unapologetically defends itself. The election, both on the state and federal level, showed that, overwhelmingly, they do.

A look at statistics reveals that moral values were the decisive factor in this election. President Bush was the first president in 16 years to win more than 50% of the popular vote, with the highest percentage of eligible voters taking part since 1968. Although voters were evenly divided on the issues of Iraq and the economy (Gallup, October 29-31, 2004), they came out to support Bush on the deeper issue of moral conviction. With the War on Terror looming large as one of the dominant election issues, voters elected the candidate who takes a stand, versus the candidate who declares with polished eloquence and gusto whatever he thinks the electorate will want to hear at the moment.

Interestingly, the Democrats who relied on the young college students' vote suffered a disappointing blow; despite active rallying by Rock the Vote, far fewer than the projected 80% of student voters actually showed up at the polls. Apparently, despite their zealous liberal activism on college campuses, students

did not stake enough of a personal concern in the election's outcome as to actually vote in it.

Meanwhile, some find it ominous that Midwestern evangelical or "born-again" Christians showed up to the polls in unprecedented numbers (sig-

nificantly higher than in the 2000 election) to support President Bush, that church attendance was a major statistical factor in this election, and that

11 out of 11 states passed resolutions to define marriage as between a man and a woman—drawing support even from many Democrats. But what everyone can agree on, Republicans, Democrats, and Independents alike, is that these statistics reveal a clear pattern: Bush supporters turn to him because he represents the existence of moral values.

Another noteworthy trend in this election was the divide between rural and suburban America, which overwhelmingly supported Bush, and the heavily "intellectual" urban strongholds and college towns, which went predominantly to Kerry. Few students at Tufts can deny that life on campus is at best a simulation of life in the "real world;" students and intellectuals spend a great majority of their time writing, reading, arguing, and partying in luxury, while the American white and blue-collar workers alike go about supporting the foundation from which all those luxuries ascend. While Tufts students and faculty cried over Bush's anti-intellectualism and his "foolhardy" rush to act, America elected him; for unlike the "intellectuals," America

knows that action is more important than hollow, bombastic words.

The working Americans who elected Bush make decisions about their own security and the security of their children every day; they do not rely on large coalitions of neighbors and enemies alike to "legitimize" their decisions for them. They use their best judgment to decide what policies will keep them safe from harm. Thus, though they may not agree with his every particular policy, they elected President Bush—who loves America sincerely and believes in its right to unilateral action. Kerry, for all his smooth talk, does not know what he believes. No spirited American would elect a man who throws out his and other soldiers' ribbons and war medals and then declares with feigned pride, several decades later, that he will fend for America's best interest, citing his participation in said war as evidence. It is no wonder, then, that on the issue of the War on Terrorism, polls show that Americans came out strongly in favor of Bush. Whether or not they agree with his strategy to date, they recognize that Bush is prepared to fight in defense of America. Kerry's plan, to the extent that anyone could discern it, was to drown America in a stagnant swamp of "negotiations."

Whether religious or secular, Democrat or Republican, the majority of Americans still share something in common: they still believe, despite the "intellectuals'" efforts to convince them of the contrary, that conclusions can be reached with or without global consensus, that there is a real distinction between "good guys" and "bad guys," and that our lives depend on recognizing that difference. ■

Bush supporters turn to him because he represents the existence of moral values.

Miss Gorlin is a freshman who has not yet declared a major.



The Dream Team.

Already, a new slate of candidates.

Always Election Season

by Matthew Gardner-Schuster

Another election has passed us by and once again, the lunatic Left has failed in its pathetic attempts to corrupt the heart and soul of America. Democrats must begin a long, arduous period of soul-searching as they contemplate why their elitist, condescending agenda did not appeal to middle America. Why did the demagogic, class-warfare rhetoric once again fall flat on its face? How did an appeasing, pacifist foreign policy fail to ring true in the hearts of Americans? Whatever the answers to these important questions, Democrats and Republicans alike cannot afford to dwell on them for too long, lest they neglect planning for their 2008 slate of candidates.

The obvious name that comes to mind is Hillary Clinton, wife of the 42nd President and current first term New York senator. Not to be dismissed as yet another harmless Northeastern liberal, the former first lady would actually prove to be a worthy and tough opponent for any Republican challenger. Clinton is using her Senate seat as a stepping-stone to the Presidency and has been careful to position herself as a centrist in all her Senate votes and statements. Last fall, she even traveled to Iraq to visit the troops, although she couldn't resist expressing her doubt in the resiliency of the armed forces. Clinton's status as a female is also bound to excite not only radical feminists, but also housewives all across America.

Another big name that seems poised to make headlines in the near future is Senate newcomer Barak "Osama" Obama,

who has been elevated to near celebrity status by his party. Apparently shocked to find a charming, articulate black man, Democrats have seized the opportunity to thrust the newly crowned media darling into the national spotlight.

On the Republican side, a number of contenders hope to receive the baton from President Bush when his second term expires. Rudy Giuliani, former mayor of New York City, is the early favorite, thanks in great part to the national stature he earned in the wake of September 11th. He has moved considerably to the right

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in the past year and was an active surrogate to Bush in the President's re-election campaign. Giuliani also deserves credit for single-handedly transforming New York City from a prostitute and drug-ridden city into a world-class tourist destination. Some liberals are already questioning the former mayor's ability to deal with national security issues because he hasn't served in any national office, perhaps a good indicator of the threat they regard Giuliani to their own chances.

Current National Security Advisor Condi Rice would make an extremely appealing candidate, as she would attract both minorities and women in large numbers. Although Rice has expressed more interest in running the NFL than in running for national office, she became quite vocal in her defense of the Bush administration's foreign policy in recent months. A Hillary/Condi matchup would be one for the ages.

Also, expect Chuck Hagel and Bill Frist to join the fray. Hagel, a long term Nebraska Senator and current

Senate intelligence committee member, has been in the public spotlight in recent months for his vocal criticism of Bush's Iraq policy. Hagel has, in effect, become the new John McCain and darling of the Left—though that didn't get McCain very far in 2000. Frist, on the other hand, has been a staunch Bush ally in the Senate. The fact that he is a doctor can help him campaign on a compassionate platform, but Frist's legislative track record may stymie his efforts. His strongest accomplishment is the recent Medicare bill, but he failed to round up support for other measures, including the President's energy bill and the constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage.

The prospect of a Bush dynasty was dealt a blow when Jeb recently went on the record disavowing any interest in following in his father and brother's footsteps. Mitt Romney, too, is said to have ruled out a run for President in 2008. The Governor will also be unlikely to run in 2008 as the "Schwarzenegger Amendment" will not be passed anytime soon.

Whatever candidate the Republicans put forward, the liberal elites will have to come to terms with the fact that they do not share the values of the majority of Americans. Although Democrats would like to pin the blame for their defeat on Karl Rove, it was Kerry's deceiving attacks and Bush's resolute leadership that ultimately decided the election. In the end, the American people chose to re-elect their President because they trusted and believed in his vision for a better world. Democrats may have George Soros, and Republicans have Karl Rove, but Americans have a brain of their own. ■



The Presidentinator in 2008?

Mr. Gardner-Schuster is a freshman who has not yet declared a major.

It's time to put an end to the homosexuality hoop-lah.

Do You Diggs It?

by Anthony Giragosian

For quite some time, Tufts University has been promoting gay, lesbian, and transgender rights and pride. A new point of view was heard when Dr. John Diggs visited Tufts and lectured about the dangers of homosexuality with respect to physical, psychiatric, and public health.

Dr. Diggs, an internist from South Hadley, MA, is a graduate of the Buffalo School of Medicine and Haverford College. Diggs treats people with cases of

HIV and sexually transmitted diseases and has written the widely quoted paper "Health Risks of Gay Sex." In addition, his medical training has corresponded with the recognition of the AIDS epidemic in the 1980s. His expertise in this area has led him to become an international consultant and speaker. He has also participated in a debate with the president of the American Medical Association on *The O'Reilly Factor*.

Dr. Diggs delivered a thorough and well-constructed argument about the health risks of homosexual sex. He was able to do so without being drawn into emotional arguments from audience members who continuously questioned his claims and research. Every claim he made was backed with concrete evidence, including statistics and research materials.

Diggs questioned the idea of one identifying him or herself as a member of a gender different from the one he was born with, by saying the idea is not physically possible or logical. For instance, if one is considered to be transgendered, he or she is literally a man trapped in a woman's body or a woman trapped inside of a man's body. How on earth can this be so? There are only two sexes: male and fe-

male. From the day one is born, he or she keeps his x and y chromosomes forever, regardless of the removal or alteration of sexual parts of the body.

Diggs also questioned whether sexual orientation is innate. According to Diggs, "we only have heterosexual people who

The health risks of homosexual activity are understated, and to a large degree, hidden.

have homosexual problems." Although the media has claimed that there is a "gay gene" in existence that makes a person a homosexual, this is false. Researchers who have investigated this subject claim that no "gay gene" exists, therefore, there is no way

that gay, lesbian, and transgender feelings can even be traced to genetic origin. It is not a question of *who* they are, but a question of what they *do* that is of major concern.

Should homosexuality be a type of lifestyle that people choose to live? Diggs says absolutely not. The health risks of homosexuality are extremely high and the physical consequences that come about as a result of homosexual practice are devastating. Unfortunately, many people are unaware of such consequences or do not take them seriously at all. Dr. Diggs says that "the health risks of homosexual activity are understated and, to a large degree, hidden. There is premature teaching that this is an in-born, innate, and unchangeable disposition. More correctly, it is an activity and not a state of being. If people had any understanding of the risks, they would

actively discourage their children from considering this lifestyle." According to Dr. Diggs' research, two homosexual men participating in intercourse is the most efficient way to spread STDs, HIV, and AIDS. Diggs went into great detail in describing why gay sex is an effective physiological way to spread disease. Diggs' research shows that rare diseases, such as typhoid, and ones that researchers have never heard about, unexpectedly become common among sexually active homosexuals.

Diggs strongly denounced the ten percent myth, which states that ten percent of the populace is homosexual and, therefore, homosexuality is safe to practice. According to Diggs, not only is this a fabricated number, but homosexuality still puts people at risk for contracting various diseases. Homosexuals who have intercourse believe that condoms are the best protection against HIV and STDs; however, there is no concrete proof that condoms are safe against HIV. In addition to all of the physical effects homosexuality has on people, studies show there are much higher rates of anxiety, physical abuse, substance abuse, attempted suicide, and severe depression in society among homosexuals.

Finally, one major reason why homosexuality should be avoided by society is the negative effect it has on public health. Diggs claims that HIV is looked upon as a political issue rather than a public health issue. For instance, by a law, a doctor cannot alert someone if his or her spouse has HIV. As a result, numerous pregnant women end up having AIDS and, furthermore, their children contract HIV as well.

The dangers of homosexuality are definitely present in society today. In order to terminate all of the drastic effects that occur as a result of such a practice before they become more severe in society, homosexuality needs to come to an end. Homosexuals should not be denied rights in society. They should be aware, however, of the dangerous consequences that arise as a result of their sexual activities and stop exhibiting unsafe sexual behavior. ■



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The LGBT Center issues a free speech gag order.

Stop the Presses!

by Jordana Starr

I am not gay. I do not have a special house or faculty member to go to when I face “acts of bias” against what I perceive to be discrimination based on my sexual identity. LGBT students, however, do. Any LGBT student, upon seeing the word “gay” written on her whiteboard, can go to the LGBT Center and cry on Dona Yarbrough’s shoulder about the injustices of humanity. Then, she can check her email and “hang out” on the second floor of the cheery Bolles House.

Straight students do not have this luxury of a University-sanctioned support staff at their disposal. Theoretically, this should not be an issue, for the LGBT Center advertises itself as being open to the entire Tufts community. Yet its director, Dona Yarbrough, ensures the exclusiveness of the center to LGBT students and stipulates “allies” by proclaiming the right to turn away any student, at any time, at her own discretion. To Yarbrough, the ultimate threat to the Center is not anti-gay hostility, but rather, the sunshine of the press.

Certain group sessions held at the Center are reasonably private—students who share their personal experiences rightfully assume that other students will respect their wishes of confidentiality. A meeting to discuss politics or academic changes, however, is fair game for campus dialogue, whether verbal, or through the printed press. Any student can become involved with on-campus media by joining WMFO, writing for a magazine, or submitting a *Daily Viewpoint* or Letter to the Editor in the *Daily*, *THE PRIMARY SOURCE*, *The Radix*, or *The Observer*. All Tufts students are potential reporters.

Two weeks ago, the LGBT Center attempted to hold a meeting to discuss implementing a queer curriculum at Tufts. “What is Queer Studies? Why doesn’t Tufts have

it? How does it relate to other departments?” the TuftsLife ad read. “Come to the first meeting ever of the Queer Curriculum [sic] Transformation and find out about this new project.” So, I did.

Upon arriving at the LGBT Center, I sat down in the common room with one other student to wait for other people to show. Making small talk, the young man asked me if I was looking to pursue Queer Studies. I explained that I’m just interested in the discussion about curriculum transformation. After all, I’m an active member of the Tufts community. He then left the room, and minutes later returned with Dona Yarbrough, who asked me to step into her office. I complied, and she shut the door.

Yarbrough didn’t beat around the bush. “Are you a reporter?” she demanded to know. She then told me that this meeting was not open to the press. I had no obligation to answer her question—all Tufts students have the same right to be there, and are not required to identify themselves unless there is a question as to whether or not they are indeed Tufts students (the insignia on my sweatshirt and Tufts Tomorrow tote bag already gave that one away). I could have very well wished to remain anonymous, for any reason.

Yarbrough then informed me that if I was a reporter, then I must leave the Center. The ensuing five minutes involved a circular debate in which I noted that anyone could write a *Daily Viewpoint* and thus become a reporter about any issue, and that the nature of this meeting was about changes to the academic curriculum, not personal, private issues. Yarbrough informed me that she was closing the meeting to “reporters” and insisted that

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it? How does it relate to other departments?” the TuftsLife ad read. “Come to the first meeting ever of the Queer Curriculum [sic] Transformation and find out about this new project.” So, I did.

although the TuftsLife ad made no indication about privacy issues, as director of the LGBT Center she could arbitrarily keep “the press” out. Throughout this discussion, Yarbrough repeatedly asked me to leave the premises, refusing to address my concerns of having being singled out as a “reporter.”

It only takes a brief Google search of my name to figure out my association with *THE PRIMARY SOURCE*, which, no doubt, had taken place moments before Yarbrough cornered me in her office. Chances are, Yarbrough does not habitually call every student she encounters into her private office to accuse them of being “the media.” Likewise, Yarbrough certainly hasn’t blacklisted *Daily* writer Patrick Gordon, who not only consistently reports on the LGBT Center’s activities, but coincidentally happens to be an LGBT activist.

Whether or not Yarbrough was afraid of seeing the LGBT Center mentioned in *THE PRIMARY SOURCE* (whoops, too late!), or she didn’t want anyone to discuss the Queer Curriculum Transformation in print, the LGBT Center director fails to realize that she does not have jurisdiction over what students write or talk about. A student may not be kicked out of *any* University building on grounds that he or she could conceivably write about a public on-campus event. If that were the case, then this rule would have to be applied universally, and no student could ever attend any event, since every student has the option of being published in the wide variety of available campus media.

THE PRIMARY SOURCE has fought long and hard to ensure freedom of speech on this campus. Yarbrough’s little stunt only further goes to show why our presence on this campus is so important. People have attempted to silence this magazine before, and it has backfired on every administrator and student who has. The very existence of this article proves that.

Notably, as the only student to trek out to the LGBT Center to discuss the Queer Curriculum Transformation, I had no intention of writing about a meeting that didn’t take place. I would have found another topic to write about, as I often do when there is no story to be found after attending an event. Ironically, Yarbrough, in her quest to keep LGBT news out of the campus spotlight, succeeded in claiming notoriety in *THE PRIMARY SOURCE*. ■



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Debate No Longer

The Presidential debate that took place in the Cabot Auditorium last week was not unlike the real Presidential debates between the former candidates George W. Bush and John Kerry. With the exception of the participants involved, the Tufts debate was practically identical in terms of style, questions, and responses. The addition of a socialist representative added some excitement to the otherwise uneventful debate. Each representative took turns, under an allotted period of time, to answer the questions posed and respond to the critical comments thrown at them from their opponents.

The questions naturally revolved around the current issues of importance: the war in Iraq, the Patriot Act, gay marriage, health care, stem cell research and the like dominated.

Each representative's response bore a striking resemblance to what his or her candidate would have and did say in their own responses during the recent televised debates. Unfortunately, the Tufts debate did not succeed in uncovering any new details of the candidates' respective platforms. Its main accomplishment was giving the students involved in the debate a chance to show off their knowledge and familiarity with their respective-candidates' views.

A question about the Patriot Act prompted Democrat Jonathan Parnes to explain that he in fact supports the act, but wants certain changes made to it. On gay marriage/civil unions, Parnes was unsure of whether to push for full marriage rights or just civil unions.

Mr. Brown is a freshman who has not yet declared a major.

The Democratic representative also used the familiar John Kerry campaign phrase, "an America for all Americans" when describing his party's proposal for equal treatment of gays and immigrants. When asked about his feelings toward Senator Kerry's infamous "flip-flopping" techniques and his poor record in the Senate, he offered a number of legislative proposals that the Senator had pushed for. These included amendments to reduce the national deficit and campaigns to try to close loopholes allegedly used by large corporations to dodge taxes.

The debate was made more interesting by the addition of a Socialist Party representative who argued in favor of Ralph Nader. Daniel DiMaggio argued strongly against both the opinions of the Republican and Democratic parties in a series of rants that promoted peace and pollution reduction. The Socialist representative voiced his support for a change in the electoral process, claiming that both the conservative and liberal candidates were intimidating people from voting for Ralph Nader, and that he felt his party was being shut out by the larger and more popular materialistic parties. All of his responses carried the familiar themes of giving "power to the people," ending the war in Iraq, and protecting the environment by means of conservation and "clean energy" programs. He offered no ways to accomplish this, but assured the audience that "the technology is out there." When asked about raising tuition fees in congruence with economic inflation, his only response was that everybody ought to have an equal right to an education provided by

the government. To this end, he insists that war spending be cut and diverted toward educational purposes.

The Republican representative was on the defensive, with most of the questions eliciting responses from her opponents that evolved into spiteful criticisms of President Bush's policies thus far. Kristen Casazza shot down questions suggesting changes in current policy. Seeing no need to alter the President's policy on foreign oil dependency, for example, she made the point that even the idea of using solar energy requires oil, so our dependence would remain unchanged. Casazza backed the current Electoral College system, explaining that any change would require a constitutional amendment and unfairly reduce the influence of smaller states. Casazza pointed to the September 11 attacks in justifying the American prosecution of the War on Terror—a war forced upon the country, not one adopted by choice, she reminded audience members. Casazza painted it as a battle of good versus evil, and a battle in which America was protecting the prosperity of the world.

The views expressed were generic and easily recognizable to those following the candidates' positions. No new information was divulged, except that Kristen Casazza, Jonathan Parnes, and Daniel DiMaggio are all either highly opinionated or very savvy when it comes to memorizing their respective candidate platforms. ■



Tufts Alum and ABC reporter Anthony Everett moderated the debate.

Professors mixed ideology and reality at the ExCollege Election Night Extravaganza, and things went very wrong.

Extravagant Bias

by Doug Kingman

The Election Night Extravaganza, hosted by the Experimental College, surely ended in a disappointing manner for the almost exclusively liberal crowd. However, it provided a telling example of how personal political persuasion of faculty often results in an inaccurate evaluation of the facts. The “nonpartisan” extravaganza gave Tufts students the opportunity to watch the excitement of the presidential returns in an interactive setting, complete with multiple projectors streaming the results from the major news networks, internet sites, and other key sources. A panel was set up to allow several Tufts professors to lend their political science expertise and students of varying political opinions to provide their reactions to developments.

Each panel seat was designed to offer a unique perspective about how the election night was progressing. The students representing the Democratic and Republican parties each provided energy for their candidate’s bid while professors were present to provide scientific explanations and analysis. However, it was soon apparent that political scientists such as Professor Glaser were projecting optimism for John Kerry rather than making scientific predictions based on sound data. The election results showed that there was going to be some contention over three key states in the east—Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Florida. Nonetheless, with his enthusiasm and hope, political science professor Glaser did something extraordinary: he decided to call the election for John Kerry early in the evening. He did so somewhat tentatively, but only because, according to him, he didn’t want to see a repeat of the 2000 election during which his prediction

turned out to be inaccurate. Nonetheless, his call amounted to a vote of confidence for the Kerry camp. He had a diverse array of resources at his disposal that included his own expertise, exit polls, vote tallies, trends, and commentators from a host of news networks. Yet he chose to selectively interpret the data, neglecting precinct tallies and voter

turnout trends that showed good news for the Republicans, in favor of sticking to exit poll data—the only indicator that showed Kerry well on his way to the White House. Commentators across the board recognized that Re-

publicans seemed to be coming to the polls in numbers much greater than predicted by exit polls, leading to discussions by network anchors of what ramifications this would have for the candidates. But Professor Glaser instead chose to downplay data he didn’t like by asserting that the exit polls couldn’t be flawed and that it was simply a last ditch effort of Republican-leaning analysts to try to convince viewers that Bush still had a chance. This manipulative interpretation of data to suit the whims of particular professors led to students being misinformed.

What is most troubling is that this type of incident in which faculty sympathize with a political position in an inappropriate setting occurs often at Tufts. It is effectively a lens through which all data is filtered before reaching students. Unfortunately, this is the way of life at Tufts. Nationally, there is rightfully great distrust for PACs and other groups that conduct studies with the intent of achieving a particular outcome. Yet, in academia as well as here at Tufts, selective analysis goes unchecked. There is no doubt that scientific principles apply to the study of politics; the problem arises when, in the name of science, lines are blurred with partisanship.

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The question of how deeply this problem is rooted is an important one for Tufts, where many faculty members align themselves with a particular political persuasion. The teaching in class that is molded to suit professors’ beliefs is a frightening and undesirable trend. Professors are happy to claim their data compilations indicate the defeat of a sitting president; the downfall of the economy; or the ineffectiveness of the war in Iraq. The former claim was decisively proven wrong, something to be considered in arguments for the latter. Interpretation of data always includes an element of judgment and extrapolation, but the professors need to take precautions to prevent ideology from driving the conclusions they draw. Students must learn to think and reason for themselves, but will not do so until they are allowed to fairly explore different sides of issues.

Certainly, the election had a disappointing outcome for many Tufts students, but it was astonishing to see the degree of surprise at the result. Many students could not comprehend that the Bush victory was even possible, intellectually boxed by the partisan culture that exists on campus. The Election Night Extravaganza showed once again how optimism and hope can influence the way individuals portray events. It highlights the broader problem of ideological bias that exists here at Tufts. Now is the time to take action to correct this problem. Instead of writing off the rest of the country as stupid and the election results as a fluke, it would serve the Tufts community well to consider the diversity and forcefulness of views that are held in this great country. It is time to strengthen the academic community of Tufts by ending the partisanship in education. ■



Dean Glaser thought Kerry had the election in the bag.

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FahrenHYPE 9/11

Unraveling the Truth About Fahrenheit 9/11 & Michael Moore

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“If you give me enough scenes of Michael Moore, I can make him look like a Right-wing anorexic,” Ron Silver, actor in the hit television show *The West Wing*, boldly claimed in the recently released movie *FahrenHYPE 9/11*. Silver, featured extensively in the film, despises Michael Moore’s antagonizing methods that are intended to lead the American public into believing the President led the country into an unnecessary war. Silver’s point about Moore is that, if given enough willing sources, it is possible to make anything appear plausible, although this does not amount to a documentary. A documentary’s purpose is to present facts, not loosely concocted distortions, to provoke an audience to form educated opinions. To this end, *FahrenHYPE 9/11*, an actual documentary, methodically points out the most significant fallacies of Michael Moore’s *Fahrenheit 9/11*, so that Moore’s fans, and Americans in general, might have a chance of learning the truth.

In disproving Moore’s many claims, *FahrenHYPE 9/11*’s credibility is supported by the many notable individuals from varying backgrounds appearing in it. Dick Morris, a veteran political consultant whose advisees have included former President Bill Clinton and former Senate majority leader Trent Lott, narrates the film. The documentary features *National Review* editor David Kopel, author of an extensive online list of *Fahrenheit 9/11* inaccuracies; lifelong Democrat Senator Zell Miller; conservative columnist Ann Coulter; former Democratic New York City Mayor Ed Koch; and Sergeant Peter Damon, who, bereaved of both of his arms from combat, reveals himself as an unwilling and angry accomplice to Michael Moore and his movie. This group’s political views may span a wide spectrum, but they share the belief that what Michael Moore presented in *Fahrenheit 9/11* was an atrocious, shameful lie.

FahrenHYPE 9/11 was hurriedly released to be available to the public prior to the 2004 presidential election, to offset some of the political consequences of Moore’s movie. Yet, this film remains relevant even after the election. As the dust settles in the wake of the now-concluded battle between President Bush and Senator Kerry, many maintain their distrust of the President. These fears are put to rest in *FahrenHYPE 9/11*. A positive view of America is presented by a group of people without reason or motivation to brainwash. There is no “America is perfect” cliché—on the contrary, its faults are acknowledged, as are some of the President’s. *FahrenHYPE 9/11* simply obliterates the lies perpetuated by Moore—that President Bush is a manipulative, thieving, war-mongering criminal.

Moore’s depressing depiction of America in *Fahrenheit 9/11* motivates Ron Silver to remark that “Moore is un-American; he isn’t British; he must be French.” Moore claims to support America’s troops, but has no qualms about misrepresenting their feelings. Typical of this is the case of Sergeant Peter Damon, who, in Moore’s movie, describes an “awful feeling” about the war. Only in *FahrenHYPE 9/11* does he have the opportunity to strike back at Moore and clarify that he was describing the sensation of phantom pains, not his overall war experience. He was shocked by the manipulation of his interview, because he had not responded with bitterness over the loss his arms. Instead, he gave this affirmation: “I love my country. I think it’s the greatest country in the world.”

In *Fahrenheit 9/11*, Michael Moore put forth his twisted opinions as facts, getting most of them wrong in the process. These “facts” are successfully pointed out and rebutted in *FahrenHYPE 9/11*. Every American should make the effort to see it, if not as a doctrine of truth, then certainly as a much needed counter-balance to Moore’s skewed vision of reality.

—Alison Hoover



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Seeking Political Asylum in Canada

Oh, Canada, land of racial and political purity.

Liberals who can't stomach the thought of remaining citizens of George W. Bush's America should consider seeking refugee status and emigrating to Canada, a nation full of America-hating leftists, big government programs, rampant political correctness where FOX News is banned.

1 DETERMINE YOUR ELIGIBILITY: IF...

- ✓ ...you're a liberal and, like, can't believe people would vote for Bush...
- ✓ ...you fear for your right to kill babies and marry your own gender...
- ✓ ...you have experienced consequences when you have said stupid things...

THEN...

- ➔ ...say you fear persecution for your political opinions.
- ➔ ...say you are affected by massive violations of your human rights.
- ➔ ...say you are being deprived the right of freedom of expression.

2 FIND A CANADIAN SPONSOR:

To be accepted as a refugee in Canada, you must find a sponsor. There are a variety of ways to go about this:

- 📞 **Contact Canadians** using <http://findaperson.canada411.ca>
- 😊 **Marry a Canadian** using <http://www.marryanamerican.ca>
- 📄 **Get help** at <http://www.freedomion.ca>

Have your sponsor complete the application form located at <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/pdf/kits/forms/IMM5439E.PDF>

3 GET APPROVED N' GET OUTTA HERE:

Canada will take anybody they can get. Even pot-smoking liberal American college kids. In fact, these are Canada's favorite immigrants! You're bound to get approved. But move fast, before you get a letter from Dubya announcing you've been drafted into his Army of Hate.

OR IF ALL ELSE FAILS:

Peace and Justice Studies majors listen up: Canada has no border security to speak of! Just get in your Toyota Prius, head North, and cross that artificial divider of humanity.

NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE

We're such a highly educated country, and yet we're the most conservative country in the Western industrialized world.

—Sociology Professor Susan Ostrander

Vote for George W. Bush or don't vote.

—Kristen Casazza

There is a premature teaching that this [homosexuality] is an inborn, innate, and unchangeable disposition. More correctly, it is an activity and not a state of being.

—Dr. John Diggs

Liberals are trying to privatize religion. Believe what you want, but don't talk to us about this. This is like China. This is where we're heading.

—Brian Camenker, Article 8 Alliance

Gays, thanks to the ballot measures passed on Tuesday, cannot get married in eleven new states. Thank God. Just think of all those wedding gifts we won't have to buy now.

—Michael Moore

I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is to try to please everyone.

—Bill Cosby

America has spoken, and I'm humbled by the trust and the confidence of my fellow citizens.

—George W. Bush

In an American election, there are no losers.

—John Kerry

He who allows oppression, shares the crime.

—Erasmus Darwin

I asked President Clinton if there's anything you have in common with George W. Bush. He thought for a moment and he said, "In eight days and 12 hours, we will both be former presidents."

—Senator John Kerry

How Can 59,054,087 Voters Be So DUMB?

—UK Daily Mirror

I'm not going to have some reporters pawing through our papers. We are the President.

—Hillary Rodham Clinton

Politics are a labyrinth without a clue.

—John Adams

Glory is fleeting, but obscurity is forever.

—Napoleon Bonaparte

It is not enough to succeed. Others must fail.

—Gore Vidal

I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have.

—Thomas Jefferson

We're working hard, it's hard work.

—George W. Bush

A hero is someone who understands the responsibility that comes with his freedom.

—Bob Dylan

To know what is right and not to do it is the worst cowardice.

—Confucius

I think I go into a monastery.

—George Soros, on a Bush victory

Well done is better than well said.

—Benjamin Franklin

Heavens, no! It could get subpoenaed. I can't write anything.

—Hillary Rodham Clinton

Prosperity is a great teacher; adversity a greater.

—William Hazlitt

It is not only for what we do that we are held responsible, but also for what we do not do.

—Molière

It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.

—Aristotle

A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both.

—Dwight D. Eisenhower

I guess John Kerry went into the primary without a plan to win the election.

—Ann Coulter

Too often we enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought.

—John F. Kennedy

You can't escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.

—Abraham Lincoln

If a government were put in charge of the Sahara Desert, within five years, they'd have a shortage of sand.

—Milton Friedman

Mercy to the guilty is cruelty to the innocent.

—Adam Smith

Do you hear that knocking? President Bush's re-election is at the door.

—Dan Rather

The Red Sox have broken their curse after 86 years. That means the only one not winning after 86 years is Ralph Nader.

—Jay Leno

The function of socialism is to raise suffering to a higher level.

—Norman Mailer

Exactly what does Hillary Clinton stand for, besides massive government entitlements? I don't know, and you probably don't either.

—Bill O'Reilly

They say the world has become too complex for simple answers. They are wrong.

—Ronald Reagan

Europe knows that their great experiment in building peace, unity, and prosperity cannot survive as a privileged enclave surrounded on its outskirts by breeding grounds of hatred and fanaticism.

—Dick Cheney

Anything the government gives you is just another link in the chain that destroys your liberty.

—Alan Keyes

Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime.

—Adlai Stevenson