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THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY SHORTAGE OF DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES THIS YEAR. THEY'VE BEEN RUNNING ALL OVER THE COUNTRY TELLING YOU WHY THEY SHOULD BE PRESIDENT. NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT, I TRIED THAT A COUPLE OF TIMES MYSELF.

BUT WHAT IS TOTALLY WRONG IS THEIR MESSAGE.

OH, THEY'RE ALL PEDDLING THEIR BIG IDEAS AND BIG NEW PROGRAMS, AND EVEN BIGGER PLANS FOR YOUR TAX DOLLARS; BUT ONE THEME IS COMMON TO ALL OF THEM: THE DEMOCRATS ARE AT IT AGAIN, TELLING ANYONE WHO WILL LISTEN HOW BAD AMERICA IS.

DEMOCRATS CAN'T STAND REPUBLICAN SUCCESS

IT'S THE SAME OLD LIBERAL WHINING AMERICA TUNED OUT IN 1980, 1984, AND 1988. AND WE MIGHT AS WELL TELL THE LIBERALS THE BAD NEWS RIGHT UP FRONT: AMERICANS WILL TUNE IT OUT AGAIN IN 1992.

LET'S FACE IT, THE LIBERALS JUST CAN'T STAND IT THAT RONALD REAGAN WAS RIGHT; THAT GEORGE BUSH WAS RIGHT; AND THAT AMERICA IS RIGHT -- STRONG AND FREE, THE ONLY SUPER POWER LEFT ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

REPUBLICAN RESOLVE AND DETERMINATION

OF COURSE, THE DEMOCRATS AND THEIR LIBERAL MEDIA ALLIES WON'T EVER TELL YOU THIS, BUT YOU KNOW, AND I KNOW, AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE KNOW, THAT THE MAJOR REASON COMMUNISM COLLAPSED WAS BECAUSE TWO REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTS HAD THE RESOLVE, THE DETERMINATION AND THE GUTS TO REBUILD OUR DEFENSE, PROMOTE FREEDOM, AND TO GO EYEBALL-TO-EYEBALL WITH COMMUNIST AGGRESSION, EVEN WITH A DEMOCRAT-CONTROLLED CONGRESS FIGHTING THEM ALMOST EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

WHETHER IT WAS CENTRAL AMERICA, ANGOLA, EASTERN EUROPE OR THE SOVIET UNION, RONALD REAGAN AND GEORGE BUSH -- BACKED BY LOYAL REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS -- NEVER BLINKED WHEN THE GOING GOT TOUGH. JUST ASK SADDAM HUSSEIN. OR MANUEL NORIEGA.

FRUSTRATED & JEALOUS DEMOCRATS

FRANKLY, I'M GETTING A LITTLE TIRED OF HEARING FRUSTRATED AND JEALOUS DEMOCRATS CHEAPSHOTTING OUR PRESIDENT EVERY CHANCE THEY GET -- THEY'RE DRAGGING OUT THIS BOGUS CHARGE THAT GEORGE BUSH "CARES MORE ABOUT FOREIGNERS THAN AMERICANS".

NO ONE IN IOWA, OR KANSAS, OR ANYWHERE ELSE, IS GOING TO BUY THAT FAT SLICE OF BALONEY.

BUT THIS TOUGH SELL WON'T STOP ALL THOSE FRUSTRATED AND JEALOUS DEMOCRATS FROM PUSHING THEIR STRATEGY TO EMBARRASS PRESIDENT BUSH.

BUT LET'S LOOK AT THE RECORD: WHEN PRESIDENT BUSH SAID HE WOULD SIGN A RESPONSIBLE UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS BILL THAT PAID FOR ITSELF, THE DEMOCRATS SAID IT WAS NOT ENOUGH, AND BLAMED THE PRESIDENT FOR INSENSITIVITY, REFUSING TO BUDGE FROM THEIR ALL-OR-NOTHING POSITION.

AND ONLY THIS WEEK, AS PRESIDENT BUSH TRIUMPHANTLY HOSTED THE HISTORIC MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE, THE DEMOCRATS APPARENTLY WOKE UP TO THE FACT THAT THEIR PARTISAN SCHEME WASN'T WORKING. THEY COULDN'T EMBARRASS THE PRESIDENT ANY LONGER BY PLAYING POLITICS WITH THE LIVES OF UNEMPLOYED AMERICANS AND CLINGING TO A PLAN TO JACK UP THE DEFICIT BY SIX BILLION DOLLARS. THEY WERE FINALLY FORCED TO ACCEPT WHAT WE'VE BEEN TELLING THEM ALL ALONG -- YOU HAVE TO PAY FOR IT.

AND WHEN PRESIDENT BUSH WENT THE EXTRA MILE TO CRAFT A COMMONSENSE CIVIL RIGHTS COMPROMISE, THE DEMOCRATS NOT ONLY TOOK THE CREDIT, THEY SAID THE DEVIL, OR DAVID DUKE, I'M NOT SURE WHICH, MADE HIM DO IT.

DEMOCRATS' GOLDEN PARACHUTE FOR SOVIET PILOTS

AND TO SHOW YOU HOW CHEAP THE DEMOCRATS' CHARGES ARE -- JUST 48 HOURS AGO, IN WASHINGTON, A JOINT HOUSE-SENATE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE VOTED TO DEVOTE A BILLION DOLLARS TO RETRAIN MILITARY PERSONNEL -- NOT AMERICAN SOLDIERS AND PILOTS, BUT SOVIET SOLDIERS AND PILOTS: A "GOLDEN PARACHUTE" FOR COMMUNIST AIRMEN.

THINK ABOUT THAT FOR A MINUTE -- ONE BILLION DOLLARS IN NEW AID TO THE SOVIETS FROM OUR DEFENSE BUDGET.

(MORE)

THE SPENDING PROPOSAL CAME FROM LES ASPIN, A DEMOCRAT. IT WAS STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY SAM NUNN, A DEMOCRAT. IT WAS ACCEPTED BY A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE DOMINATED BY DEMOCRATS.

SO I ASK YOU: WHO'S GIVING AWAY THE STORE, GEORGE BUSH, OR DEMOCRATIC LEADERS IN CONGRESS?

THE LIBERALS' FOREIGN AID ADDICTION

ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO, WE VOTED IN THE SENATE ON A FOREIGN AID BILL TO SPEND \$25 BILLION -- THAT'S WITH A "B" -- BILLION, OVER TWO YEARS ON FOREIGN AID. 88% OF THE DEMOCRATS IN THE SENATE VOTED FOR THE BILL. 74% OF THE REPUBLICANS VOTED AGAINST IT.

SO WHO'S GIVING AWAY THE STORE...GEORGE BUSH, OR THE LIBERALS IN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY?

BACK IN MAY OF THIS YEAR, THE SENATE VOTED ON A MAJOR NEW FOREIGN AID PROPOSAL FOR LATIN AMERICA. A BILL INTRODUCED BY DEMOCRAT SENATOR TERRY SANFORD. A REPUBLICAN SENATOR OFFERED AN AMENDMENT TO PUT SOME CONTROLS ON THE PROJECTS IN THE BILL, SO THAT THE MONEY WOULDN'T BE WASTED ON BIG, STATE-RUN PROJECTS. 96% OF THE DEMOCRATS VOTED AGAINST THE AMENDMENT.

WHO'S GIVING AWAY THE STORE, GEORGE BUSH OR THE BIG GOVERNMENT - BIG SPENDER LIBERALS WHO DOMINATE THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN CONGRESS?

NOW THE ISSUE HERE IS NOT -- FOREIGN AID IS BAD, AND ANY ONE WHO SUPPORTS ANY FOREIGN AID IS WRONG.

THE POINT IS: WHO ARE THESE DEMOCRATS, WHO NEVER MET A SPENDING PROGRAM THEY DIDN'T LIKE -- DOMESTIC OR FOREIGN -- TO POINT THE FINGER AT GEORGE BUSH?

MAKING THE TOUGH CALLS

WELL, THESE ARE THE SAME DEMOCRATS WHO VOTED AGAINST OPERATION DESERT STORM, BUT WHO COULDN'T WAIT TO MUSCLE THEIR WAY TO THE FRONT OF THE LINE TO WELCOME OUR BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN HOME. THESE ARE THE SAME DEMOCRATS WHOSE ONLY ANSWER TO THE INVASION OF KUWAIT WAS, AT BEST, ECONOMIC SANCTIONS TO GIVE SADDAM MORE TIME, MORE WIGGLE ROOM, AND MORE MIXED SIGNALS FROM THE FREE WORLD.

BUT THEN, AFTER OUR SPECTACULAR VICTORY IN THE GULF, ONE LIBERAL MEMBER OF CONGRESS SUMMED-UP THE FEELINGS OF FRUSTRATED AND JEALOUS DEMOCRATS WHEN HE SAID: "IF I HAD KNOWN THE GROUND WAR WOULD HAVE LASTED ONLY 100 HOURS, I WOULD HAVE VOTED FOR IT".

SEE, THEY DON'T GET IT. THEY NEVER DO. THEY REALIZE THAT YOU DON'T GET A SECOND CHANCE WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN. YOU'VE GOT TO MAKE THE TOUGH CALLS. TAKE THE HEAT. DO THE RIGHT THING.

AS THE LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD, GEORGE BUSH UNDERSTANDS THIS FACT-OF-LIFE. IN MY VIEW, 1992 IS ALL ABOUT LEADERSHIP -- WHO HAS IT, AND WHO DOESN'T. AND WHEN IT COMES TO COMPARING GEORGE BUSH TO THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS, IT'S A MISMATCH.

GEORGE BUSH DOESN'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR A POLL TO KNOW WHEN IT'S TIME TO ACT; WHEN IT'S TIME TO LEAD -- THAT'S WHY SADDAM HUSSEIN IS OUT OF KUWAIT; THAT'S WHY MANUEL NORIEGA IS BEHIND BARS; THAT'S WHY ARABS AND JEWS ARE SITTING ACROSS FROM EACH OTHER TALKING PEACE; THAT'S WHY WE HAVE A CIVIL RIGHTS BILL PROTECTING WOMEN AND MINORITIES; THAT'S WHY WE HAVE A LANDMARK LAW TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THE DISABLED; THAT'S WHY WE HAVE AN HISTORIC CLEAN AIR ACT; AND THAT'S WHY WE HAVE ANOTHER CONSERVATIVE JUSTICE ON THE SUPREME COURT.

YET ALL THE DEMOCRATS CAN DO IS CLAIM THE PRESIDENT HAS NO DOMESTIC AGENDA. IN OTHER WORDS, GEORGE BUSH DOESN'T AGREE WITH THEIR DOMESTIC AGENDA.

THE LIBERAL MEDIA WILL NEVER TELL YOU THIS, BUT PERHAPS THE DEMOCRATS' STRATEGY OF HAMMERING PRESIDENT BUSH ON THE DOMESTIC FRONT IS REALLY JUST A COVER-UP FOR THE DEMOCRATS' OWN GLARING WEAKNESSES ON DEFENSE AND FOREIGN POLICY.

DEMOCRATS STILL DON'T GET IT

BUT THE DEMOCRATS STILL DON'T GET IT. THEY THINK AMERICANS DON'T CARE ANYMORE ABOUT DESERT STORM, OR OUR TROOPS, OR OUR HIGH-TECH ARSENAL THAT CRUSHED SADDAM HUSSEIN. NOW THAT THE PARADES AND SPEECHES ARE OVER, THE "WELCOME HOME" DEMOCRATS FIGURE THEY HAVE GOTTEN ALL THE POLITICAL COVER THEY NEED -- IT'S TIME FOR A FULL SCALE ASSAULT ON OUR NATIONAL DEFENSE TO PAY FOR THEIR BIG-SPENDING PROGRAMS.

WELL, THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE THE FACTS RIGHT.

THE WORLD IS CHANGING, AND WE DO HAVE TO CHANGE WITH IT. HAPPILY, THAT DOES MEAN A SMALLER DEFENSE BUDGET, AND A SMALLER MILITARY FORCE. IT DOES MEAN SOME SHIFTS IN STRATEGY AND WEAPONRY.

BUT IT DOESN'T MEAN A MINDLESS, "SLASH-AND-BURN" RAID ON THE ARMED FORCES WHICH ARE STILL CHARGED WITH KEEPING US SECURE AND FREE.

IT DOESN'T MEAN JUNKING OUR HIGH TECH WEAPONS, AND OUR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEWER AND BETTER WEAPONS. IF DESERT STORM TAUGHT US ANYTHING, IT IS THAT MODERN TECHNOLOGY CAN NOT ONLY WIN WARS; IT CAN SAVE AMERICAN LIVES.

IF WE HAVE TO GO TO WAR AGAIN, SOMEWHERE, SOMETIME -- AND NO ONE CAN PROMISE WE WON'T IN A WORLD WHERE THE LIKES OF SADDAM, AND QADDAFI, AND THE IRANIAN HATEMONGERS ARE STILL RUNNING AROUND -- IF WE HAVE TO GO TO WAR AGAIN, I DON'T WANT ONE KANSAN, OR ONE IOWAN, OR ONE AMERICAN TO LOSE HIS OR HER LIFE NEEDLESSLY; TO GIVE UP THEIR LIFE, BECAUSE OF SOME RECKLESS, LIBERAL ASSAULT ON OUR DEFENSE BUDGET.

WE DON'T SPEND THIS MONEY FOR FUN, OR TO MAKE JOBS. WE SPEND THIS MONEY TO DEFEND OUR COUNTRY, AND TO SAVE AMERICAN LIVES. AND WE CAN'T EVER FORGET THAT.

BUT WE CAN, AND SHOULD CUT OUR MILITARY BUDGET AND FORCE, AND WE ARE DOING IT...RESPONSIBLY.

BUSH LEADS SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE DEFENSE REDUCTION

OF COURSE, YOU WOULDN'T KNOW IT FROM THE LIBERAL MEDIA, OR THE DEMOCRAT PROPAGANDA MACHINE -- AND SOMETIMES IT'S HARD TO TELL THOSE TWO APART -- BUT GEORGE BUSH DOES HAVE A SOUND, FAR REACHING PLAN TO DOWN-SIZE OUR MILITARY, AND TO REORIENT IT IN MISSION AND CAPABILITY TO FACE THE REAL CHALLENGES OF THE 1990'S AND THE 21ST CENTURY.

REAL SPENDING ON DEFENSE HAS DECLINED EVERY YEAR SINCE 1985.

IF PRESIDENT BUSH'S PROPOSALS ARE ACCEPTED BY CONGRESS, REAL SPENDING WILL HAVE DROPPED MORE THAN A THIRD BETWEEN 1985 AND 1996.

AND, BY THE WAY, UNDER EXISTING LAW AND THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSALS, DOMESTIC SPENDING WILL GO WAY UP DURING THAT SAME PERIOD: MANDATORY DOMESTIC SPENDING BY 28%, AND DISCRETIONARY DOMESTIC SPENDING BY 11%, IN REAL DOLLARS.

DURING THAT DECADE, NEARLY A MILLION MEN AND WOMEN WILL HAVE BEEN TAKEN OFF THE PENTAGON'S EMPLOYMENT ROLLS.

IN THE PAST TWO YEARS ALONE, THE PENTAGON HAS RECOMMENDED TERMINATING 100 WEAPONS PROGRAM.

WITH PRESIDENT BUSH'S LEADERSHIP, WE ARE CHANGING -- CHANGING DRAMATICALLY -- TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF THE NEW WORLD ORDER. BUT CHANGING RESPONSIBLY, AND SENSIBLY, AND IN A MANNER TO INSURE THAT AMERICA WILL REMAIN SECURE AND FREE.

CLEAR CHOICE

SO THESE ARE THE SOME OF THE CLEAR, AND FRANKLY, DANGEROUS CHOICES AMERICA WILL BE FACING COME ELECTION DAY 1992, NOW ONLY ONE YEAR AWAY.

ALREADY, THE WHINING FROM THE FRUSTRATED AND JEALOUS DEMOCRATS IS WEARING THIN. BUT THEY'LL KEEP TRYING TO RAID THE TAXPAYERS' POCKETS, SAVAGE THE DEFENSE BUDGET AND JACK-UP THE FEDERAL DEFICIT JUST LIKE ITS FRIDAY AFTERNOON AT THE HOUSE BANK, WHERE CHECKS BOUNCE BUT WHERE NO ONE IS HELD ACCOUNTABLE.

I SAY IT'S TIME FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO HOLD THE DEMOCRATS ACCOUNTABLE. AND IT'S TIME TO START TELLING THEM RIGHT HERE IN IOWA.

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