

TABOO OPINIONS #56

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6-25-05 RE: REPUBLIC

In Taboo Opinions #55, I made a big fat hooroar about how the word 'republic' has disappeared from public discourse. No politician will utter the word, said I, and no news media will use the word short of historical necessity.

And school teachers, I assay, will not willingly use the word.

But school kids periodically say the word as they pledge allegiance. Thus: **I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands...**

But, assert I, 99% of the kids who recite the word don't know what it means, and 100% of them if they think about it at all believe 'republic' is an archaic word and means the same as 'democracy.'

Nevertheless, I'm sure all politicians and progressives would like to edit the pledge to get rid of 'republic'. And then go on to edit the Constitution. But they don't yet have the guts.

President Bush's birthday is coming up, and the Republican party is organizing a national birthday party and multi-million signer birthday card.

They even invited me to "sign" the card (and contribute money to the party). But I e-mailed them back: **Are you kidding? The man is a mass murderer.**

But I doubt they'll take me off their e-mail list. But I'm probably now on an FBI list.

The interim head of the Iraq government is in Washington, DC, 'conferring' with Bush and his controllers, getting his latest marching orders and deadlines and threats and bribes, but methinks the insurgency will end up growing stronger this summer as the U.S. military is forced, by lack of sufficient replacements, to draw down the numbers of our soldiers in Iraq.

And there is a time pressure involved despite Bush's absurd

claim that he will keep our army of occupation in Iraq for years if necessary until the Iraqi military and police are strong enough, trained enough and motivated enough and equipped enough to defeat the insurgency themselves.

You cannot defeat a man who is willing to die to kill you. And that is what we face in Iraq.

As long as the Iraqi government is seen as our puppet, the insurgency will thrive.

What will happen if the “sovereign” Iraqi government caves in to the insurgency and tells us to get out?

Bush has less than a year to keep his present promises and get our army out of Iraq, else a U.S. insurgency among elected Republicans, terrified of voter retaliation, forces him to act or possibly face utter disgrace and shame.

Oops, sorry. Bush has no shame.

But I’m fascinated with the possibility that the Republican party, in order to save itself, might impeach their own president and (come to think) vice president.

Faced with that prospect, Bush & Cheney might start a war with North Korea. But that’s a long (nuclear) shot.

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