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BUSH ANSWERS IRAQ CRITICS

On Veterans Day, President Bush launched a counter-offensive on critics of his war policy - in Congress and the media. Like a brave soldier under fire, the often senseless assaults of his political foes have brought out the best in our wartime president.

In recent weeks, Senators like Minority Leader Harry Reid and Edward Kennedy have renewed charges that the president lied to get us into the war and sacrificed thousands of American lives because he's too stubborn to admit his mistake.

They are wrong on both counts. The same poisonous ideology disguised as a religion that murdered 3,000 Americans on September 11, 2001, that sparked two weeks of riots across France, that resulted in the recent deadly bombing in Amman, Jordan, is killing American soldiers who are trying to bring human rights and democracy to the people of Iraq.

If America precipitously pulls out of Iraq, that nation will devolve into fundamentalist tyranny. Where will we run to? Look at how well a policy of

appeasement has worked in Europe. France has been a strident critic of the president's Iraq policy. Its reward is Muslim youth battling French police in riot gear - and the nation plunged into its worst internal crisis since the student riots of the '60s.

Most of President Bush's congressional critics voted for the war to liberate Iraq. Now they accuse him of hoodwinking the nation to get us into the war. Are they themselves so easily deceived? Rather, being good politicians, they were hedging their bets. Bush is a statesman who puts the interests of the nation and humanity ahead of political considerations.

Stay the course, Mr. President. Wars are never popular, even when they're necessary. Even Abraham Lincoln was subjected to vicious attacks for his conduct of the Civil War. Listen to the voice of your conscience not your critics. Heed your heart, not your approval ratings.

TELEVISION MORE SEX-SATURATED THAN EVER

According to the Latest survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation, the sexual content of television just keeps getting worse. "The television landscape is blanketed with stories about sex," says Kaiser Foundation Vice President Vicky Rideout.

That's an understatement. According to the survey, 70% of all television shows now have some sexual content, compared with 64% of shows in 2002 and 56% in 1998. The number of sex scenes per hour of programming has gone from 3.2 in 1998 to 5.0 today. When characters in TV shows are shown having sex, 15% of the time they've just met (more than double the causal sex depicted in 2002 - 7%).

The net effect is sexualizing the young - making the divorce between sex and marriage, and sex and morality, permanent. It promotes the illusion that, "everyone is doing it," and that not to give in to our urges is unnatural.

Politicians keep warning and waiting - waiting for the networks to begin behaving responsibly. But they will never put the society's interests and the welfare of our children ahead of profits.

The few efforts to rein-in the medium are invariably slapped down by some federal judge who believes that the First Amendment makes the invocation of God in a public setting unconstitutional, while it simultaneously protects the display of sex anywhere and at any time. Preachers of the Gospel must join us in demanding the protection of our children.

It's time to once again begin regulating a medium out-of-control - where Ozzie and Harriet have morphed into Temptation Island, in the blink of an eye.

IN MASSACHUSETTS, MAN MARRIES DOG?

When Massachusetts' high court mandated homosexual "marriage" more than 2 years ago, Sen. Rick Santorum was widely ridiculed when he predicted that it could lead to pedophilia and bestiality.

Now, four members of the Massachusetts legislature have introduced a bill to drastically lower the penalties for bestiality, among other unnatural acts.

Currently, intercourse with animals is punished by up to 20 years in prison in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. If the bill ("An Act Relative to Archaic Crimes") is enacted into law, a liberal judge could sentence the offender to as little as 2 ½ years of jail time - or a \$5,000 fine.

Those who recoil at this must understand that when one perversion is first tolerated, then sanctified, it's harder to logically oppose others. Aren't laws against bestiality "morality legislation," to which liberals say they're opposed? Of Course, Leviticus forbids sex with animals - but it also condemns those who "lie with mankind as they would with womankind."

Bible-based morality is like a dike holding back the waters of a raging flood.

When one brick is removed, the entire structure is weakened and in danger of collapsing completely.

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