

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2005

Bush and Blair: Lying About Iraq (Again)

by Michael in New York on 6/12/2005 12:13:00 AM

In their recent joint press conference, Bush and Blair gave rehearsed answers to not-so-probing questions about the Downing Street Memo. (The Memo made clear that top officials in the Blair government knew Bush wanted to invade Iraq and was going to fix the evidence any way he had to in order to justify it.)

Rather bizarrely, both Bush and Blair made the same weak response: oh, no, the memo can't be right because we wnet to the UN AFTER it was written. Well, duh, you can hardly plan something in advance and then cynically go through the motions without, you know, planning something in advance. Going to the UN didn't uncercut the memo; in fact, it supported the truth of the memo, because as we now know the US went there with evidence that was flimsy at best (the British paper trail to back up a claim Hussein was buying nuclear material and the tubes that Colin Powell insisted were good for one thing only -- helping to build a bomb). In fact, the British paper trail was forged and 99.9% of the experts in the US and around the world who checked out the tubes before the US went public said they were absolutely NOT for that purpose.

So what gives? Why say that going to the UN proved the Downing Street Memo was wrong? Because repeating a lie over and over again is all you can do sometimes and pretty darn effective. And what were their other options?

Here's MORE PROOF Bush was lying: the Times of London has obtained more details showing that in 2002 Bush was going to invade Iraq and that ministers needed to come up with something, anything, to provide legal backing. Their plan? Why, go to the UN and get an ultimatum and hope Hussein unilaterally defied it.

It's taken the MSM six weeks to pay attention to the Downing Street Memo. (In fact, according to Salon, during the next 19 daily briefings after that memo came to light, only 2 out of nearly 1000 questions were about it.) It better not make that same mistake again.











JOHN'S PHOTOS







Maily Kos

Open Thread and Diary Rescue - *Today, srkp23 (pulling a double shift), ybruti, taylormattd, ItsJessMe and vcmvo2 combed through hundreds of diaries to find this powerful list. Today's... 16 minutes ago

Eschaton

Overnight - Folk On. Newish. 33 minutes ago

H HuffPost Politics

Michael Likosky: Ed Rendell: Hardest Working Man in Infrastructure - At this year's National Governors Association (NGA) meeting, Governor Ed Rendell's tenure as Chair fittingly came to a close with a plenary session on infras... 35 minutes ago

Crooks and Liars

Open Thread - Open Thread below... 1 hour ago

Firedoglake

Late Night: Livin' the Dolce Vita with The Lovernator - Who's got time to govern? Certainly not Mark Sanford. 1 hour ago

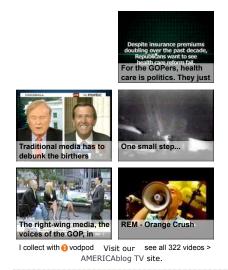
Show All

AMERICABLOG TV



Next 6

1 of 5 7/23/09 12:41 AM



2 of 5 7/23/09 12:41 AM



Top Ad Advertise in this spot. HEALTH CARE REFORM The Treatment Obama Has a Grown-Up Talk With America (Gulp) 45 minutes ago Ezra Klein Tab Dump 5 hours ago Wonk Room Sen. Byron Dorgan: The 'Trade' In Cap-And-Trade 'Makes No Sense To Me'

3 of 5 7/23/09 12:41 AM



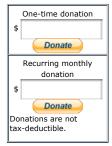
SITES WE LIKE Air America Radio Alan Colmes' blog Ari Melber (The Nation) Ben Smith BicycleMark's blog & podcast Bilerico BradBlog Bring It On Carrie Fisher Crooks and Liars DailyKos Dan Savage's "Slog" Daou Report Democratic Underground Eschaton Ezra Klein Fire Dog Lake FiveThirtyEight.com Freeway Blogger The Gavel (Speaker Pelosi's blog) Good As You Glenn Greenwald Holy Bullies and Headless Monsters Huffington Post Hullabaloo (Digby) Jack and Jill Politics Jed Report Jesus' General Kenneth in the 212 Margaret and Helen Matthew Gross Media Matters Mike Signorile's "The Gist" Mudflats MyDD Open Left Plum Line Political Punch (Jake Tapper) Political Wire Politics 1 Pop Surfing Progressive Blog Digest Queers United RawStory Rex Wockner Rude Pundit Smirking Chimp Talk Left Tapped Taylor Marsh Think Progress TowleRoad VetVoice.com Washington Note WayneBesen.com Wonkette Worth Repeating



NEWS LINKS

US Wachington Boot

PLEASE SUPPORT AMERICABLOG



LABELS



What issues do you cover?

US politics overall with a particular focus on the Obama Administration, the radical right, and civil rights.

Who are you?

John Aravosis Editor Washington, DC

Joe Sudbay Deputy Editor Washington, DC

Chris Ryan Associate Editor Paris, France

Robert Arena Contributing Editor Baltimore, Maryland

Jacki Schechner Contributing Editor Washington, DC

4 of 5 7/23/09 12:41 AM © 2009 - John Aravosis | Design maintenance by Jason Rosenbaum

Send me your tips: americablog@starpower.net

5 of 5 7/23/09 12:41 AM