

## The right way: When the truth gets in the way, ignore it

By JOHN WIBLE

The liberals are coming, the liberals are coming! Hide your children!

Stay indoors! Hillary is coming, Obama is coming, Patrick Murphy is coming. Lock your doors!

The country's condition today, foreign and domestic, is the result of six years of Republican control of the White House, Senate, House and Supreme Court, and leaves me to wonder what the Republican candidates will run on in '08. Stay the course? When Bush comes on TV and speaks about Iraq or the economy I half expect to see Ethel Merman in full Broadway regalia dancing across the stage in the background singing "Everything's coming up roses ..."

Truth used to win out. The Pentagon Papers, Nixon's White House tapes, Iran Contra, Monica's blue dress — all came out ... and the public would see and accept what was real. Now, lies are shown as lies and people ignore the truth.

We have an administration, obsessed with secrecy, that was going to bring honor and integrity back to the White House. It now is accused by the nonpartisan Center for Public Integrity of lying to the public 935 times (documented and dated) in order to get us into Iraq. And, yet, the Bush sycophants rationalize and defend the lies. When a man who is honestly mistaken hears the truth, he will either quit being mistaken or cease to be honest.

The surge is working! On Jan. 23, Gen. Petraeus in an NBC interview said: "I need another six months to determine whether we've reached a turning point." Of course, this is what was said by Iraq war supporters six months ago, and six months before that, and six months before that.

As usual, we find the forces of right wing extremists sending the usual tripe to the newspaper, ignoring the bull in the china shop, the Bush gang, and attacking Hillary, Obama and Patrick Murphy.

I thank God for little favors; the restrictions by on the number of times one can write, and the length of letters and opinions, or the reading public might be subjected to the Chinese water torture with time-worn, anti-Clinton tirades, and the newest rant against Patrick Murphy, saying "no veterans support Murphy." It took me five seconds to find a group of veterans that supports Murphy — [VoteVets.org](#).

But extreme right wingers everywhere enjoy believing in things they know are not true. It spares them the ordeal of thinking for themselves and taking responsibility for what they know, which explains the success of conservative talk radio.

The Dittoheads always instill in my imagination the following scenario:

Stardate 5345.6. I see the bridge of the Starship Enterprise and the following conversation taking place:

Spock: "Jim, the Klingons are attacking."

Kirk: "Yes, Clinton sold them Earth's defense plans."

Spock: "But, Jim, Clinton hasn't been around for over three thousand years."

Kirk: "Spock, don't bother me with details. We must find a way to overcome our newly designed Photon Torpedoes, the ones Hillary Clinton stole and sold to the evil Klingon Empire; her relatives, no doubt."

Spock: "I agree, Jim, the health care plan she designed was just a ploy to get inside the government so she could do her espionage."

Kirk: "Don't forget Gore. He invented the Internet so the Clintons could e-mail all of their dirty work to the Klingons, Gore's in-laws, no doubt."

Spock: "Well, Jim, if it weren't for the twenty-first century's leading historians and political scientists, Rush Limbaugh and Sean Hannity, and all of the good Americans who continue to write letters to the editor informing us, we never would have known how evil the Clintons were."

Kirk: "Spock, exactly! Now, Scotty, full power; we need warp nine!"

Scotty: "I can nah help ya, lad, Patrick Murphy just stole the dilithium crystals!" Liberals are coming, the liberals are coming! Hide your children!

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