
Subject: :/ What a dumbass.

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CrimsonAnd that's worse than the Democrats finding a couple 9/11 widows to read talking cards about Bush using 9/11 imagery in his ads? I think not.

When did that ever happen?

CrimsonSo 18 felony counts and up to 3 years in prison for some of the principles... and it wasn't a scandal? Just because they weren't able to pin anything on "Teflon" Clinton, doesn't mean it wasn't a scandal.

14 felony counts. Remember that this whole investigation started as Republicans believing Clinton was guilty and then tried to prove it. So Republicans are circulating all these stupid rumors about a huge Clinton scandal in which the Clintons actually LOST 50,000 dollars, and so Clinton calls for an independent investigation. Even after the independent head of this investigation is changed to Kenneth Starr, a radical Clinton hater, they still can't find anything on Clinton. The biggest American political investigation ever exonerated Clinton. In essence, it was a 40 million dollar Republican campaign ad. Want a real scandal?

Haliburton.

CrimsonINVENTING something and championing the funding for something are QUITE different things! If I invent a robot that cleans your house, and some rich guy gives me \$10 million to improve it and market it and produce it, that doesn't mean the rich dude can claim he invented it. It's really two completely different things, inventing and funding, and Gore had no rights to make the "invented" claim.

Summary: Gore championed a program and took credit for it. It's what politicians do. Would you call Gore a pathological liar for it? Like Republicans did during the 2000 election? Here are some actual mistruths from Bush:

1)During the 2000 election campaign, Bush claimed that, during the Vietnam conflict, "My first impulse and first inclination was to support the country". His first impulse seems, in fact, to have been to avoid both the draft and active duty. George W Bush was, at best, a bit free with the truth.
2)Bush said no one to his knowledge helped him get into the National Guard. In fact, according to testimony by Texas Speaker of the House Ben Barnes, Houston businessman (and Bush family

James Rose. Rose got Bush into the Guard ahead of 500 other applicants (most far more qualified than Dubya). George W Bush lied.

3)Bush claims to have "some recollection" of turning up for the drills required of Guardsmen during his last year of duty. In fact, there is no record that he showed up at all - and testimony from his commanding officer that he never saw Bush once during that period. George W Bush lied - and deserted.

4)Early last year, Bush told Bob Kiss, Speaker of the West Virginia House of Delegates, that he

had "been to war". In fact, he has never been to war - he's just trying to send tens of thousands of other people to war. George W Bush lied.

5) Bush has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing in his sale of Harken stock preceding their disclosure of more than \$23 million in losses, which caused the stock to fall 20 percent. In fact, on June 11, 1990, Bush attended a meeting on Harken's plan to sell off two subsidiaries to avert bankruptcy. The Haynes and Boone law firm advised Harken officers and directors on June 15,

would be considered illegal trading. On June 22, 1990, Bush sold 212,140 shares (originally purchased 40% below face value) to a still-unidentified buyer (rather than on the open market) for four dollars per share. They are now worth two cents apiece. George W Bush lied, cheated, and broke the law.

6) For years, Bush claimed that he sent the reports of that stock sale and three others in on time

fact, we still don't know why he missed the deadlines by up to eight months, but we do know that, regarding having sent the reports in on time, George W Bush lied.

7) Bush has repeatedly avoided answering questions about his cocaine abuse and possible addiction. He has never outright denied it, but has consistently refused to acknowledge his abuse. Three independent sources now report that Bush was arrested in 1972 for cocaine possession and taken to Harris County Jail, but avoided jail or formal charges through an informal diversion plan involving community service with Project PULL, an inner city Houston program for troubled youths. Another witness admits to having sold Bush cocaine. George W Bush has refused to be honest or truthful.

bipartisan efforts as Governor of Texas. In fact, Bush vehemently opposed the expansion of CHIP and, after losing the legislative battle (which did, indeed, have bipartisan support - just not Dubya's), he claimed credit for the CHIP expansion and his success in working with Democrats during the 2000 election campaign. George W Bush lied.

9) Bush cited as his most significant environmental accomplishment as Governor the setting of new rules for grand-fathered industrial plants, previously exempt from Texas clean air laws. In fact, those plants were asked only to voluntarily comply with the clean air rules with no penalties

industries might have written for themselves (and as it turned out, they had). George W Bush lied.

10) During the October 11, 2000, debate, Bush stated that the Clinton-Gore administration "took 40 million acres of land out of circulation without consulting local officials," an example of their administration "just unilaterally acting without any input." In fact, according to the Sierra Club, "the Forest Service conducted 600 public meetings about the proposal nationwide and more than one million Americans urged the administration to strengthen the proposal. There was ample opportunity for local officials and others to comment on the proposal." George W Bush lied.

11) On his own record in Texas, Bush also claimed that "our water is cleaner now". In fact, the discharge of industrial toxic pollution into surface waters in Texas increased from 23.2 million pounds in 1995 to 25.2 million pounds in 1998, the last year with data available. George W Bush lied.

12) As Danya has pointed out, Bush contends that he doesn't need focus groups or polls to tell him what to think. "We've got too much polling and focus groups going on in Washington today," Bush said. "We need decisions made on sound principles." In fact, his campaign spent roughly \$1

report by NBC News. Indeed, Bush changed his campaign slogan from "Compassionate

Conservative" (another egregious lie) to "Real Plans for Real People" because of poll analysis. Mike Allen describes Bush as "preoccupied by public perceptions of the war, looking at polling data from Rove, even after pretending to have no interest." George W Bush lied.

13) In the first presidential debate, Bush claimed that the Gore campaign had "out-spent me". In fact, Bush had raised and spent more than twice as much money in the election at that stage as Gore had raised and spent. George W Bush lied.

14) During the final presidential debate, Al Gore accused Bush of opposing a patients' bill of rights. "Actually, Mr. Vice President, it's not true," Mr. Bush replied. "I do support a national patients' bill of rights. As a matter of fact, I brought Republicans and Democrats together to do just that in the state of Texas, to get a patients' bill of rights through." He added that Texas was "one of the first states that said you can sue an HMO for denying you proper coverage." In fact, in 1995 Bush vetoed the first version of the patients' rights bill that the Legislature sent him and two years later he let the section of the bill granting the right to sue go into effect without his signature. George W Bush lied.

15) While on the campaign trail, Bush promised that "as soon as I take office I will begin the process of moving the US ambassador to the city Israel has chosen as its capital." In fact, six months after taking office, signed a memorandum delaying the congressionally mandated relocation of the U.S. embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. George W Bush lied.

16) Last May, Bush claimed to have read a 268-page report by the Environmental Protection Agency on global warming. In fact, as Ari Fleischer later had to point out, he did not read the report. George W Bush lied.

In his infamous "trifecta" joke, Bush claimed repeatedly that he stated during the 2000 campaign that he would keep the budget balanced except in event of war, recession, or national emergency. In fact, he never made such a statement: Bush contended that he would balance the budget without qualification. Some guy by the name of Gore, however, did use those three items as examples of what could force the government back into deficit spending. George W Bush lied about his statement, plagiarized from Gore, and broke his promise about balancing the budget.

17) When the SCI scandal broke in Texas, Bush swore in a July, 1999 affidavit, that he "had no conversations with [SCI] officials, agents, or representatives concerning the investigation or any dispute arising from it." In fact, according to SCI's boss, Robert Waltrip, and his lawyer, Johnnie B. Rogers, they visited Bush in the Governor's office and discussed the investigation. Bush and Joe Allbaugh later admitted that this was the case. George W Bush lied under oath.

18) Regarding stem cell research, Bush stated that his Great Compromise was "way beyond politics... it will lead at once to breakthrough therapies and cures... and do so without crossing a fundamental moral line." In fact, his decision was completely about politics; it will slow the progress to breakthrough therapies and cures; and it did force the pro-life movement he ostensibly endorses to cross a fundamental moral line. George W Bush lied and lied and lied.

19) Regarding Enron, Bush contended, in effect, "I did not have corporate relations with that man, Kenneth Lay." He claimed that he only "got to know" Mr. Lay in 1994. In fact, according to the Chicago Tribune, "President Bush had business ties with Enron and its predecessor companies, and first met Kenneth Lay, its chairman, sometime in the late 1980s... Previously, the president had not mentioned his business dealings with Enron and had said that he got to know Lay after he was elected governor of Texas in 1994. On Tuesday, White House communications director Dan Bartlett told the Tribune that Bush's relationship with Lay probably started when Bush was in Washington in 1987 and 1988, working on his father's presidential campaign. It could have started earlier, he said. George W Bush lied.

Bush also claimed that Kenny Boy "was a supporter" of Governor Ann Richards. While Richards simply laughs this off ("It was so silly. Why didn't he just say Ken Lay was a strong supporter and

gave him a half-million dollars and is a good friend, and he's really sorry Ken's in these terrible circumstances?"), Mr. Lay, in fact, told Frontline last year that he "did support Mr. Bush over Ms. Richards" in their Texas race. George W Bush lied.

20) Bush claims to be "very supportive" of the Nunn-Lugar program and, according to Condi Rice, "The funding was not cut.. All the way back in the campaign, the president talked about perhaps even increasing funding for programs of this kind." In fact, the administration's budget request cut the Department of Energy part of the Nunn-Lugar program from \$872 million to \$774 million and the Department of Defense portion by another \$40 million; the "materials protection and accounting" program was cut \$35 million; the program to subsidize research facilities another \$10 million. If Condoleezza Rice can be believed, George W Bush lied.

21) A few months into his presidency, Bush wrote to the Senator Chuck Hagel, arguing that carbon dioxide was not a pollutant and was not considered as such by the Clean Air Act. In fact, carbon dioxide is specifically mentioned in two passages in the Clean Air Act. George W Bush lied.

22) According to the Bush-Cheney "National Energy Policy", "no more than 2,000 acres will be disturbed" by the development of Area 1002 of ANWR. In fact, the Bush-Cheney plan would render over 1,000 square miles of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge useless for anything other than drilling and support activities. Bush-Cheney lied.

Now for that Washington Times article:

For one, the Washington Times is obviously conservatively biased. Just look at the ads in the margins.

Now, this article is complaining that Kerry won't release details about what foreign people he met with, when his aides said they wouldn't release details for fear of dis-trust between the Bush administration and certain countries.

Crimson But on a more specific level, I find it VERY disturbing that Kerry is being caught red handed in lie after lie! But you won't find THAT on CNN!

Like what? What lies? Maybe you won't find them on CNN because they are completely unsubstantiated. Not everything makes it in to the mainstream media.

Remember, the Drudge report is the big time rumor site. Matt Drudge takes a chance and normally has all the rumors up on his site before anyone else. It's not the most reliable news source I've ever seen.

Crimson And one more thing, did you expect the Republicans to say "Oh yeah, well, that's true, we are a bunch of crooked liars." NO! Republicans are public officials too, and as a result, they are defending themselves and telling everyone that it's not true. DUH, this is common sense, you know.

But Kerry doesn't owe them an apology, because of the atrocious things that they have said. And here all of you people go saying Kerry is super-stupid without paying any attention at all.
