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Posted by [Blazer](#) on Tue, 01 Apr 2003 20:27:02 GMT
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Posted by [KIRBY098](#) on Tue, 01 Apr 2003 20:38:06 GMT
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Subject: Re: Geraldo got owned.
Posted by [spotelmo](#) on Wed, 02 Apr 2003 06:01:17 GMT
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i was watching him when he did that and saying to my wife "he's not supposed to be doing that"
i guess i was right.
he always has been the type who acts like the rules don't apply to him.

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Posted by [K9Trooper](#) on Wed, 02 Apr 2003 06:15:54 GMT
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I would like to risk my job and say, I hope Arnett gets shot! This dumb fuck is trying to sabotage the Colliation efforts to end the war with the least civilian casualties.

And Geraldo, *shakes head* hasn't been the same since he made a fool of himself looking for Al Capone's Vault. He IS a US citizen that disclosed sensitive material. To me that is treason, or at the very least reckless endangerment! He should go to jail.

How about Peter Jennings. Could a reporter be more cynical? Listen to him. If the US government comments or gives a press release, it is always "Allegedly" or "Claims". If Iraq makes a statement; Jennings reports it as a fact.

Example: When the war started, we had a helicopter crash in Kuwait. Jennings would only say "The US CLAIMS (He did stress the word) the helicopter crashed. Iraq tried to say they shot down the helicopter. Jennings reported; "Iraq HAS (He did stress this word) shot down a US helicopter. This is another reporter that is a danger to the troops. When a reporter takes it upon himself or herself to make unconfirmed claims as fact, they are a threat to both sides. Any credibility the anti-war effort has can be damaged if they rely on Jennings. The pro-liberation group suffers because it misleads the public away from the truth.

Remove ALL reporters' from the troops. This includes the US Army Press Pool. The civilian population doesn't trust the USAPP, and rightfully so. I don't trust the civilian press. The press is a distraction for the troops. In the back of the troops minds are 2 things when the press is with them in combat.

1. Protect the reporter
2. "I'm going to be on TV".

Two very dangerous thoughts for a combat soldier. I have to end this post now. I will post more later.

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Posted by [spotelmo](#) on Wed, 02 Apr 2003 06:23:08 GMT

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i understand why we want reporters with the troops and i agree with it. we've all seen the propaganda in the arab world accusing us of killing civilians and war crimes. having the reporters with our troops gives constant evidence that sadaam's propaganda is untrue. sadaam can say all he wants (assuming he's still alive :rolleyes:) but when it comes down to it... a picture is worth a thousand words.

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Posted by [K9Trooper](#) on Wed, 02 Apr 2003 06:31:18 GMT

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3 reporters or cameramen have been killed since the start of the war.

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Posted by [spotelmo](#) on Wed, 02 Apr 2003 06:31:29 GMT

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most of what i've seen from embedded troops has been very supportive of the troops. i think for the most part they are doing a very good job with a few exceptions. btw the reporters are right up their with the soldiers on the front. there were a few fox reporters who were slightly injured the other day when a mortar hit right near them.

so far, the fox reporters (except geraldo) are the ones i like the best simply because of their personality.

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Posted by [JeffLee67](#) on Wed, 02 Apr 2003 09:02:59 GMT

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You know, having been in Desert Storm myself, thank God I didn't have a reporter in my unit. I really dislike reporters and avoided them like the plague. The ones that did come around only wanted to ask us questions that they figured would garner them the most ratings. I got tired of hearing "don't you think this war is just about oil?". That comment by reporters really ticked me off. I spent several days with some of the Kuwaiti tankers around New Years and I can tell you, I wasn't fighting for oil, it was to help oust the Iraqi army from a country they attacked without provocation.

While I'll admit that I kinda like seeing some of the coverage on the war, I do believe that some of the reporters are drawing their own conclusions without waiting for the other side of the story. For instance, when they first reported that a unit shot and killed a bunch of women and children in a van that didn't stop at a checkpoint, all the reports were about it being a tragedy and an embarrassment to the US because the warning shot fired may have come too late. I thought to myself that their had to be more to the story than a bunch of over-zealous soldiers shooting at anything that came close to their checkpoint, sure enough we've recently found out that these Iraqi's were ordered to do this by the Iraqi regime.

I see no honor in what the Iraqi military is doing by using innocent women, children, and men to shield them from harm. When I was in Desert Storm I never shot any civilians, friendlies, or anyone who surrendered. It just goes to show you that this regime cannot be trusted and must be removed from power.

Sorry for getting off on a rant, now back to the original point. Peter Arnett has every right to his opinion, but he crossed the line when he put it on Iraqi TV for the whole world to see. This is called "giving aid and comfort to the enemy". And is a treasonous act. As for Geraldo, yes he made a big mistake by drawing a map (albeit a crude one in the sand) and giving a position away.

I used to watch CNN, but have recently switched to Fox News because they seem to be more fair and balanced.

In summation: CNN, MSNBC, NBC, ABC, CBS = BAD
Fox News Channel = GOOD

In a sea of liberal media, thank God there's at least one channel for a right-wing conservative like me.

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Posted by [KIRBY098](#) on Wed, 02 Apr 2003 11:26:21 GMT
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LOL, Jeff.

I remember when they used to come on the ship. The sailors avoided them except for the new guys who wanted to be famous. The rest of us knew better, and knew the captain was watching. All they ever did was take pictures of planes taking off. I don't care who you are, that gets old after plane number 3 leaves the deck. The reporter also couldn't do live feed, he had to have it checked for sensitive material like what Geraldo said before transmission. The big question they kept asking us was, " Do you feel the war in Bosnia / Herzegovina / Kosovo / Iraq is just?"

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Posted by [K9Trooper](#) on Thu, 03 Apr 2003 11:52:50 GMT

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I avoided the press. I was asked once for a comment on the first war. I told the reporter to "Get the fuck out of my face"! They went to my CO, he told them "Obviously, he didn't want to talk to you".
