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Republicans face strong challenge from Media

Washington is the only town in the world where sound travels faster than light.

--Wade Hampton McCree, Jr.

Dear Friends:

Word is that Dennis Hastert is out, Nancy Pelosi is in. Pelosi plans to refurbish the Speaker's office when she assumes his duties in January. She has tabled plans to initiate impeachment proceedings against the President but will attempt to override his heartless veto of the Embryonic Stem Cell bill—first thing. Pelosi and the new Democrat majority will also fight to maintain a woman's right to an abortion. In foreign policy, the new leadership team will make nice with Islamic freedom fighters so that our soldiers can come home and America will be viewed favorably in the courts of world opinion. Happy days are here again. The skies above are clear again!

Media outlets from ABC World News to Zogby International are very close to predicting a Democrat rout on Election Day, November 7. Republicans complain that the daily barrage of negative stories disparaging the President is not about predicting a Democratic takeover. It's all about promoting it! While the GOP expresses confidence that its positions, both foreign and domestic, resonate with the average voter, party officials are clearly worried about collateral damage inflicted by the press.

According to the press, Americans are weary of the war in Iraq, they don't believe President Bush is committed to protecting our borders, and they are disgusted by lobbying and sex scandals in the halls of Congress—especially at the hands of “family values” Republicans. To back this up, a new *Washington Post-ABC News* poll (10/24) indicates that independent voters plan to vote for Democrats over Republicans by a margin of 2-to-1. When the question is limited to the war, that margin increases 76% to 21% favoring Democrats.¹

Calling it The End of a Revolution, *TIME Magazine* (10/16) says, “Sex, lies and power games are just the latest symptoms of a Republican Party that has strayed from its ideals.” A Seattle Times editorial (10/24) opines, “President Bush's six-year effort to create an enduring Republican majority based on a right-leaning coalition is on the verge of collapse. The way he tried to create it could have the unintended consequence of opening the way for an alternative majority.”

Newsweek beams, “**Backed into a corner, George W. Bush gets louder and more deeply West Texas:**” The article continues, “...I am told, there is little mention of—let alone game-planning for—the very real possibility that Democratic insurgents will win the House, and perhaps Senate...But the new poll suggests—from the leanings of bellwether voting blocs...that a possible Republican loss could turn into a rout.”²

GOP officials wince at the daily floggings from the Networks, wire services and editorials, insisting much of the “news” is crafted to drive opinion polls. They point out that graphic depictions of battlefield casualties followed by internet surveys to find out how viewers feel about the killing of young soldiers and innocent civilians, will obviously evoke a predetermined response that “war is bad.”

In TV Land, it is a given that the war in Iraq is George Bush's war. Therefore, if the public is tired of the war, it must follow that voters are also tired of George Bush and his political party. Gallup says so. Rasmussen says so. And so do other commissioned national pollsters. It must be so.

The press suggests that a gubernatorial and congressional house-cleaning akin to 1994 that will return Democrats to power, is likely, if not certain. According to the press, this will occur even in so-called "red states" like Virginia and Tennessee if many turned-off evangelical voters that favored Republicans in 2000, 2002 and 2004, decide not to vote.

So pervasive are news stories predicting a Democrat romp, even anonymous sources close to the President suggest as many as 12 to 20 Republican seats in the House could be handed over to Democrats on Election Day. Only two top Bush administration officials are on record debunking such talk—Karl Rove, the President's political advisor and the President himself. Neither expects to lose control of Congress—end of discussion!

AND YOUR POINT IS?

The point is that our office has received calls from several reliable voters wondering if there is any point in voting this time around. Evidently, the daily character assaults against the President, his cabinet, and the scores of godly leaders at all levels of government are having their intended effect—to dishearten good people and discourage them from taking action.

Make no mistake. This election battle does indeed involve the CHURCH. It is time for the CHURCH to cry out to the LORD. If we really believe that prayer changes things, then we must pray. We must put on the full armor of GOD and expect Him to do mighty things for us if we do not flinch or turn from the contest.

Having done all to stand, we must also VOTE. Here are some thoughts from Dr. James Dobson:³

"IF YOU CAN, FIND A POLITICIAN...

1. who understands the institution of the family and will work to preserve it.
2. who cares about children and will work to protect them from those who would hurt them and teach them immorality and expose them to filth.
3. who understands that we are at war with those who seek to destroy us utterly, and is determined to defend us from them.
4. who wants to eliminate waste in the federal government and let the people keep more of their own money to invest and spend on their own families.
5. who believes liberal judges are undermining this country and need to be reined in.
6. who has read the U. S. Constitution and is determined to protect and defend it.
7. who lives by a strong moral code and is committed to the God of the universe—and from my perspective—Jesus Christ, His only-begotten son."

To that, we add our hearty AMEN!

Sincerely,



Rick Forcier
Executive Director

P.S. Nonpartisan **VOTER GUIDES** are available on our web site for all congressional and legislative races. Churches are urged to download and print copies for all voting-age members.

¹ Poll: Independents Back Dems by 2-to-1, *NewsMax*, 10/24/06

² Backed into a corner, 10/30/06, www.msn.com/id/15366425/site/newsweek/

³ *Family News from Dr. James Dobson*, October 2006