

# Republican Oversight

2006. Acrylic on canvas, 30 x 48"

The Republicans are destroying America. They are destroying life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness in America. This destruction has been achieved through a pattern of deception and distraction, vague commitments, sleight of hand, and flat out neglect of the nation.

For instance, they hold hearings, but witnesses are not under oath. They pontificate instead of asking questions and demanding answers. When they do ask a question, there is no follow-through on the answers. Then they state, "We'll look into it," and never do.

If that doesn't work, they will support an investigation. Then they will be against the investigation.

They begin investigations, then stop investigations. They call witnesses to testify, then allow those witnesses to walk out during hearings.

They obstruct investigations, create bogus investigations, and create commissions that never meet.

At first they support immigration, then they attack immigration.

They support same-sex unions, then they're against those unions.

They denounce religious intolerance, then support religious fundamentalists.

First they support a law, then they turn against that same law. They denounce a President who breaks the law, then they want to change the law so the President won't break the law.

They righteously preach about a nation of laws, then ignore a President who breaks those very laws.

At first they're against domestic spying, then they support more domestic spying.

They deny extremism, then confirm some of the most reactionary and extreme political appointees in modern times.

First they support cheaper prescription drugs, then they're against it.

They support women's rights, then they want to deny women rights.

They preach international law, then deny authority of international law.

They're against torture at the same time they support torture.

They talk about democratic elections, then denounce the results, and the winners of the those elections (unless it's the winner they want).

They want people to vote, then deny people the right to vote.

They claim to have the power of oversight, then look the other way or blind themselves to the facts.

They blither on about fiscal responsibility, then create record deficits.

They give themselves a raise, but won't raise the minimum wage.

They talk about compromise, then never compromise.

They speak about bi-partisanship, then turn partisan.

They claim, "I didn't say that," when they did.

Old deadlines become new deadlines, become future deadlines, which become postponed deadlines.

Reports are turned into phases, which get broken into parts, subparts, sub-subparts that are turned into segments of the parts of the phases of the reports. That then gets a new deadline, which is classified.

Republicans preach “American interests,” which means *corporate interests*, to support their own *self-interests*, to get re-elected and continue living off of the tax-payers’ money. They call that “public service”.

These Republicans have spent their careers free-loading off of the public’s money, while at the same time, giving away the public’s money to the corporations, and the very wealthiest people in the world, who sponsor them. That too they call “public service.”

Republicans’ ideal “public service” is selling off American jobs and giving away tax breaks to corporations who move American jobs overseas for cheap labor and record profits.

Their “public service” is granting power and control to major corporations and the very wealthiest individuals in the world, whether, American, Saudi Arabian, Chinese, British, Israeli or any other nationality that will supply the Republicans with campaign money and wealth.

The free-loader Republicans’ idea of “public service” is unemployment for Americans.

Republican “public service” is extreme nationalism. Their ideal public servants are rogue, and incompetent, militarists like George Bush, Donald Rumsfeld, Dick Cheney, and Condoleezza Rice - creating wars to destabilize legitimate governments for corporate domination of natural resources and cheap labor.

What does not fall under the Republican definition of “public service” is affordable healthcare for Americans, affordable housing, job security, quality education, or living wages for the American people.

The Republicans, through their free-loading “public service”, are selling-off and destroying America. They are the corrupt public servants for the corrupt corporate enterprise known as the Bush Administration.