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Artist's Comments Banned from Huffington Post

Editorial Paintings and artist Martin Ostrye have been banned from posting comments on Arianna Huffington's Huffington Post.

In an odd series of events, Mr. Ostrye learned that he had been banned from posting comments to blogs written on the Huffington Post.

It began on August 20, when Mr. Ostrye was going to post a comment to Huffington's *Russert Watch*. After writing a short comment, he clicked "Post" and it returned with an error message that read: "You are not allowed to post comments."

At first Mr. Ostrye thought it was a technical error, so he tried again and received the same message. A third attempt got the same response.

What was so odd was the fact that Mr. Ostrye had posted comments numerous other times on the Huffington Post: June 6, July 2, July 27 and August 10. (Attachments 1-4)

The August 10 posting was at 9:59 p.m. and responded to Ms. Huffington's blog about Donald Rumsfeld. Mr. Ostrye wrote, "For more on Rumsfeld and war see "Unsound Mind" Gallery 1 at www.editorialpaintings.com." (Attachment 4)

On Wednesday, August 10, editorialpaintings.com received 7 hits. The following day, Thursday, August 11, there were 42 hits, which is a lot being that the website may get one hit a day, on a good day. On Friday, August 12, the website received 11 hits, and on Sunday, August 14, 4 hits (Attachment 5).

Then on Saturday, August 20, Mr. Ostrye went to post a comment on the Huffington Post, and received the message, "You are not allowed to post comments." (Attachment 8)

In response, Mr. Ostrye sent a message to the Huffington Post technical support explaining that he was having trouble posting a comment. He left his e-mail address for them to respond, but they never did. (Attachment 9)

On Sunday, August 21, Mr. Ostrye attempted to post another comment, in response to a Gary Hart blog (Attachment 10), and received the “not allowed” message again (Attachment 11). He then sent an e-mail to the Huffington Post information e-mail address and asked if there was a reason why he was not allowed to post comments, but received no response (Attachment 12). On August 23, Mr. Ostrye attempted to comment on David Sirota’s blog, “Only One Thing Left to Conclude: The Media Want the War,” and again was not allowed to post a comment. (Attachment 13)

What happened between the night of August 10 and August 20? Was Arianna Huffington and the Huffington Post somehow pressured or intimidated by someone to ban the artist, Martin Ostrye, from making comments on the Huffington Post? Was there something on editorialpaintings.com that someone did not like or approve of, so much so, that they pressured or intimidated Ms. Huffington into banning comments by Mr. Ostrye? Was it someone among the 64 hits editorialpaintings.com received between August 10 and August 14?

You may view the evidence yourself on the Artist page, Press Release No. 5, at www.editorialpaintings.com.

For more information, contact Martin Ostrye at mostrye@editorialpaintings.com.

Attachment 1

Crossfire, and many others because they never get to the bottom of anything. One side makes allegat the other dodges and throws their own mud, over and over. "Little" Russ was just following the script, asking his questions, not listening to the answer, and moving on the next mute question.

Little Russ brought up some good questions and I would have appreciated a full length discussion of ei and every topic. How about calling Melman out and daring him to answer the questions? Little Russ co have had Pat Tillman's mom on the phone or something. I would have loved to hear from Senator Dan Why not ask Melman to go on the record and say WHO has discredited the Downing Street Memo?

Posted by: Dime-Bag_Darryl on June 06, 2005 at 01:57PM

Maybe it is the horrible sells of "Big Russ and Me" that has Tim Russert fast becoming a media "E-Z Pa GOP gets a free ride because they have shares in many of the companies that control the media.

Posted by: The Oklatexan on June 06, 2005 at 02:09PM

Thank you Ariana! I witnessed the same nonsense when I watched the show yesterday. Tim Russert d even deserve a paycheck since he really didn't even show up for work yesterday.

I was screaming at the Television!

Posted by: Sheri on June 06, 2005 at 02:22PM

It's about time someone with a high profile went after Meet the Press. Russert is a joke. See www.editorialpaintings.com - Gallery 1, "If It's Sunday..."

Posted by: Martin Ostrye on June 06, 2005 at 02:34PM

RE E-Z pass to Ken Mehlman. What the hell is wrong with the bright news people acting like morons tt days? Why is Tim Russert only able to ask questions if he can read them off a recipe card? Why did he up at all? Why not just turn the camera loose on Ken Mehlman for 30 minutes and say " whatever corr into your mind , we don't care at all". I was dumbfounded watching that show. Along with the follow u questions not asked by T.R. , I would have asked, "if as you say the president feels that what is good enough for the members of congress, [ie private accounts] , is good enough for the hard working peop America , then when can we expect him to start offering to those same hard working people , the nice health insurance package congress already enjoys?" Oh that liberal media is just so out of control !!.

Posted by: gerard Hooke on June 06, 2005 at 02:38PM

When Tim Russert started talking about gay marriage and the Log Cabin Republicans, I believe I saw t Mehlman squirm a bit. For a minute, I thought he was going to be outed right there on national TV. Ce optimistic! (even though, as a gay taxpayer, I hate the thought of being in a club that would have sorr like him as a member...) My favorite moment of the Mehlman interview, though, was when he said th Hilary Clinton voted against protecting Lacey Peterson! I hooted out loud. I couldn't believe my ears. I as if Mr. Mehlman forgot for a moment that he wasn't on FOX news. It was at that point that Tim Russ should have asked him if he still beat his boyfriend, or inferred that he was a pig fornicator. Doesn't or absurd allegation deserve another? Instead, Russert let it pass. It's a sad day when an otherwise respi journalist would let a lying toady disseminate that kind of propaganda unchecked, in a forum as seemi

Posted by: phyllis fischer at July 27, 2005 08:15 AM

Ready to crumble?

Posted by: Ken Mehlman at July 27, 2005 08:50 AM

What I just don't understand is why Hillary Clinton, Evan Bayh and Mark Warner are still in the Democratic Party. Why don't they just become Republicans and leave the Democrats alone. The Democrats don't need them. So why let them drag the party down? If they want the acceptance of Republicans, then they should become one. Same goes for Dianne Feinstein - look at her record, she might as well be a Republican.

The Democratic Leadership Council is still living in past glory days and hasn't changed, even after the disastrous string of election losses. The problem is that people like Clinton, Bayh, Warner and the DLC don't know how to be an opposition, let alone lead one. They so want to be accepted by the "in-crowd" (corporate sponsors) that they don't know how to stand and oppose. They hurt the Democratic Party, they don't help it.

Posted by: Martin Ostrye at July 27, 2005 11:34 AM

Dems are little different from Reps ...hell Clinton was Rep lite at best. Folks need to realize that the 2 party system is falling us since a vast majority in Washington are all getting fat at the same corporate trough

Posted by: Chris at July 27, 2005 11:35 AM

Hillary may triangulate her way out of the nomination. Like the Republicans, the early Democratic primaries are dominated by the extremist core of the party. The activists (Kos, DU, and Moveon.org) are going to influence results. Hillary will have to get key Democratic leaders to unite behind her before she will have a chance to get the Dem nomination. I think there are several who will challenge her if she doesn't lock up all the leading Dems BEFORE the primaries.

Posted by: reallygone at July 27, 2005 11:37 AM

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Posted by: Clem on August 10, 2005 at 09:04PM

You hit it on the nose Arianna. They sickos in the administration use sex as a weapon of blackmail. For that 100,000 or more Iraqi people are dead. Forget that 1800 or more US soldiers are dead. Forget th economy is in the crapper.

All I can hope for is the Bush's God puts him to good use in the hereafter....as my toilet.

Posted by: Phil M. on August 10, 2005 at 09:05PM

So, where are Jenna and Barbara enlisting?

Posted by: nlacey on August 10, 2005 at 09:25PM

The Treason Stats, A Public Service July 25/05

Google Keyword(s) Count
rovegate 33,100
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The Treason Stats, A Public Service Aug. 10/05

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treasongate 73,200
karl rove traitor 104,000
karl rove treason 141,000
karl rove leak 543,000
impeach bush 636,000

How long, O Lord, how long?

Posted by: Fast Eddy on August 10, 2005 at 09:40PM

For more on Rumsfeld and war see "Unsound Mind" Gallery 1 at www.editorialpaintings.com

Posted by: Martin Ostrye on August 10, 2005 at 09:59PM

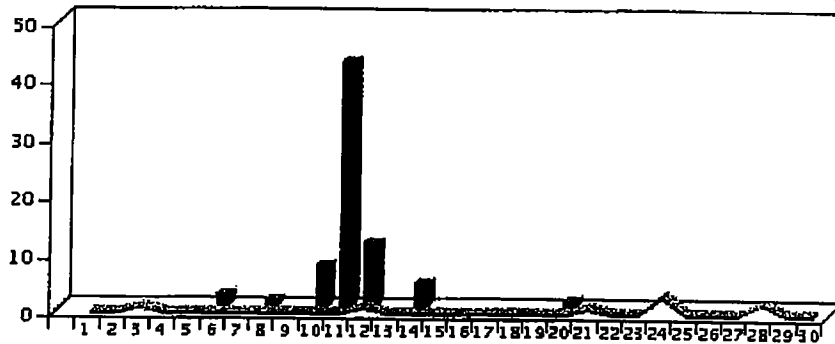
"Having an extramarital affair can be deemed adultery and a violation of the Uniform Code of Military

Attachment 5



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Totals: ■ This Month: 68

■ Last Month: 9

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Russert Watch Preview: Back, Rested, and Ready to Come Clean? (14 comments)

08.19.06

Update: Turns out that our man Tim is going to be taking another week off, with the ever-chipper Dav Gregory sitting in. So here is my updated preview of this week's *Meet the Press*:

After turning the no-tough-question-left-unasked chores over to Andrea Mitchell last week, Tim Russert will have David Gregory filling in for him this Sunday. Let's hope he uses the extra time off for a little soul-searching, and will take the opportunity upon his return to finally come clean about his still-unexplained involvement in Plamegate.

Now, I don't mean to gnaw on a bone (actually, I do mean to gnaw on a bone -- isn't that what blogging is all about?) but I still think Russert owes it to his viewers to put himself in the *Meet the Press* hot seat. Or, if not, then at least yell "bullshit!" on the air, get himself suspended, and go into hiding. But as long as Russert continues to remain visible, he needs to fess up about the mystery everyone in Washington is talking about. If Scooter Libby did in fact tell Pat Fitzgerald that he first learned of Valerie Plame's identity from Russert, and Russert continues to stand by his August 2004 claim that "he did not know Ms. Plame's name or that she was a CIA operative and that he did not provide that information to Mr. Libby", the inescapable question is: Is one of them lying or can both of these things be true? Could Russert have just told Libby that "Joe Wilson's CIA agent wife" was the one who suggested her hubby be sent to Niger? In that case, as Tom Maguire puts it: "No name, no 'operative' -- and no comment from NBC".

So, come on, Tim: Did you or did you not -- in any fashion -- discuss Plame with Libby? And if you had that info, who had given it to you? Two simple questions. Won't take up too much air time. In the meantime, we'll tune in to this week's show... which actually looks like a good one, with Sen. Russ Feingold coming on to discuss his bold decision to be the first U.S. Senator to offer a specific target date -- Dec. 31, 2006 -- for all U.S. troops to be withdrawn from Iraq, followed by Trent Lott talking about Iraq and the harsh words he has for Bill Frist and others in his new book. Gregory will also discuss Iraq with two former advisors of the Coalition Provisional Authority -- Larry Diamond and Dan Senor -- who see the White House's handling of the war very, very differently.

So, after providing us with some answers, here are a few of the questions I'd like to hear Gregory ask his guests:

Attachment 7

"Sen. Feingold, you've said that you decided to propose the Dec. 2006 deadline after holding 15 town hall meetings this month and being met with a wave of public disenchantment with the war in Iraq... y many of your fellow Democrats -- including a number who might, like yourself, be considering a run for the White House in 2008 -- continue to side with the president's contention that setting a deadline would make it easier for the insurgents to wait us out. Are these other Democrats out of touch with the concerns of the American people? Have they been spending too much time inside the Beltway -- or on Martha's Vineyard?"

"Sen. Lott, in a speech this week you said that when it came to Bosnia and Kosovo, you often asked President Clinton, 'What's the exit strategy? Why are we doing all the heavy lifting? Why do we have to always be on the point of the spear?' And you suggested that you should be asking President Bush the same set of questions. So why haven't you?"

"A follow-up: In that same speech, you expressed the hope that the president will begin developing an exit strategy and said that 'within the next six to nine months' we're going to reach a point where we basically put the fate of Iraq in the hands of the Iraqi people, saying to them you can 'govern yourself or you can go on killing each other like you have for 2,000 years'. Six to nine months? Are your GOP colleagues beginning to fear that Iraq is going to be a losing issue for your party in 2006?"

For Diamond or Senor: "Can either of you tell us where that missing \$9 billion the Coalition Provisional Authority can't account for might have gone? As you know, there are American soldiers who could use armor for their vehicles and American vets who could use the benefits."

Over to you now, Russert Watchers... post your questions in the comments section.

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Posted Comments:

Hi Arianna- you were great on craig the other nite.....is he going to blog or not....you must continue to harass him until he does it....your pretty good at that.....anyway Craig is the most talented man alive

Posted by: carli on August 19, 2005 at 08:36PM

Open questions to all guests:

1. Knowing what we know now, flight schools, terrorists on terror watch lists roaming freely, pre 9-11 chatter, Ashcroft's order to not discuss Al Qaeda anymore with him, Able Danger, PDB's, warning after warning being systematically shut down, do you believe that 9-11 was a complete surprise?
2. Knowing what we know now, no WMD's found, no connection to Al Qaeda, Downing Street memos, you believe that the invasion of Iraq was illegal, and if so, do you believe that the actions of this administration qualify as High Crimes and Misdemeanors here, and War Crimes in the Hague?

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Moral Authority (27 comments)

08.18.20

In the late 1980s the most respected leaders in the world -- Nelson Mandela, Vaclav Havel, Lech Walesa (and earlier Martin Luther King) -- all had one thing in common. They had spent time in jail. More important, they had spent time in jail for their beliefs, beliefs that threatened the power structures of their countries. It seems strange that many Americans idolize protesters in other countries and ridicule them at home.

Equally strange is the tendency of conservatives to revere the protesters of early times -- Tom Paine, the Bostonians who painted themselves like Indians and threw tea in Boston harbor, even the abolitionist John Brown -- and vilify those who protest today. Someone once said that conservatives are the worshippers of dead radicals.

Nevertheless, there is a rich history of protest in America, by laborers, by women, by war opponents, environmentalists, by African Americans, and in almost every case the protests changed American ideas and policies for the better. Protesters make us think, that is those inclined to think. They stir things up; they rock the boat, they challenge the status quo and the conventional wisdom. They force us to look at reality often in painful ways. Protesters sometimes get themselves thrown in jail.

It is a great wonder that war opponents, including increasing numbers of Democratic "leaders," are so silent. Some of the most visible simply believe the invasion of Iraq, which they endorsed, has been mismanaged, that more troops (not fewer) are needed! Even today, they seem untroubled by the false statements and manipulated intelligence of the administration. The most difficult political statement in the English language is: I made a mistake.

Speaking only for myself, I will find it very difficult to support any Democratic "leader" who remains silent at this critical moment but who wants to be president in 2008. There are defining moments in political careers and in national life where true character is revealed, where moral authority is achieved or forfeited. Recall Dante's well-known warning that a special place is reserved in hell for those who, in times of moral crisis, preserve their neutrality.

There are those who earn their moral authority the hard way, by going to jail or, like Cindy Sheehan, by sacrificing a loved one. Such people do not merely earn an audience with the president.

Such people deserve an accounting.

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