

Kucinich: 5 Dem Candidates Promoted WMD Claims

Democratic Presidential Candidate Dennis Kucinich today said that based on the public record five of his fellow candidates promoted the idea that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction. Contributing to the political climate and enabling shameless entry into an illegal war, and resulting unnecessary deaths

"The implications of this are enormous," Kucinich said. "They were either misled or looked the other way"while President Bush was using the alleged presence of weapons of mass destruction as a reason to go to war against Iraq. Either way, these candidates have seriously undermined their ability to win in the general election when President Bush is obviously running for reelection based on his Iraq policies.

"Senators Kerry, Lieberman and Edwards, Dr. Dean, and General Clark, all claimed that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, and, therefore, contributed to the political climate which falsely justified a war." In September of 2002, before five of my fellow candidates joined the President in claiming that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, I repeatedly and insistently made the point that **no** proof of that claim existed and as such that there was no basis to go to war. Six months later, even Dr. Dean was still claiming that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction. "

The Institute for Public Accuracy has compiled the following quotes, [listed in chronological order]:

[Sept. 12, 2002] Rep. DENNIS KUCINICH: **"Since 1998 no credible intelligence has been brought forward which suggests that Iraq is manufacturing weapons of mass destruction . . ."** [See: <<http://www.house.gov/kucinich/press/pr-020912-avoidwar.htm>>, <http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/oh10_kucinich/030604WMDingres.htm>]

[Oct. 9, 2002] Sen. JOHN KERRY: **"Why is Saddam Hussein attempting to develop nuclear weapons when most nations don't even try? & According to intelligence, Iraq has chemical and biological weapons . . . Iraq is developing unmanned aerial vehicles capable of delivering chemical and biological warfare agents . . ."** [See: <<http://www.commondreams.org/views03/0826-03.htm>>] <http://www.johnkerry.com/pressroom/speeches/spc_2002_1009.html>]

[Oct. 10, 2002] Sen. JOHN EDWARDS: **"We know that he [Hussein] has chemical and biological weapons."** [See: <http://www.senate.gov/~edwards/statements/20021010_iraq.htm>]

Kucinich, who led the effort in the House of Representatives in challenging the Bush Administration's march toward war attempted **repeatedly to warn America** that there was no basis to go to war:

On Sep. 3, 2002, on The News Hour with Jim Lehrer, Dennis Kucinich said, "I don't think there's any justification to go to war with Iraq. There's no evidence that they have weapons of mass destruction. There's no . . . there's nothing that says that they have the ability to deliver such weapons, if they did have them. There's been no stated intention on their part to harm the United States. "

On Sep. 4, 2002, on Buchanan and Press, Buchanan asked "Congressman Kucinich, does not the President have a clear, factual point here? Saddam Hussein is developing these weapons of mass destruction, he agreed to get rid of them, he has not gotten rid of them. Kucinich replied: "Well, frankly we haven't seen evidence or proof of that, and furthermore we haven't seen evidence or proof that he has the ability to deliver such weapons if he has them, and finally, whether or not he has the intent. I think that what we need to be doing is to review this passion for war, that drumbeat for war, that's coming out of the White House, and to slow down and to let calmer heads prevail and to pursue diplomacy.... "

On Sep. 7, 2002, Dennis Kucinich gave a speech in Baraboo, Wisconsin, called "Architects of New Worlds," in which he said "There's no evidence Iraq has weapons of mass destruction, or the ability to deliver such weapons if it had them or the intention to do so. There is no reason for war against Iraq. Stop the drumbeat. Stop the war talk. Pull back from the abyss of unilateral action and preemptive strikes. " See: <http://www.house.gov/kucinich/press/sp-020907-newworlds.htm>

Here is a quote from the "Opposition" ? candidate -who wants to debate Bush?" In the clearest presentation to date, the President laid out a strong, comprehensive and compelling argument why Iraq's WMD programs are a threat to the United States and the international community."-John Forbes Kerry-

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Edwards, John	10,985	4,396	65%	3%
Kucinich, Dennis	2,141	179	11%	65%
Sharpton, Al	209	78	64%	9%

Kucinich's campaign is a breath of fresh air, holistically Spirited and elevated the National discussion, dialogue. Witness the other candidates gravitating to the ground he has "staked out" on a number of issues. Kerry thinks it is now popular enough to say "rejoin" the world community, Dean, in one debate said we will leave the troops there a couple years, in following debate has moved down to "as soon as possible". Edwards is one by one lifting planks right from the Kucinich platform, unlike Dennis the others mostly give the same speech simplistically over and over, well Edwards must have read Prayer for America, because the America has 2 governments, one lobbyists, corporations what's left is for the people---this comes right out of an early chapter of Kucinich's best-selling book from an understanding Dennis experienced as mayor trying to pass fair legislation while dealing with the shadow, hidden government of just one major American city, Dennis also phrases it a couple of ways to exemplify and clarify. Dr. Dean has also stolen his slogan, have you seen the hope not fear signs? Evidently they are realizing his crystal-clear crystal ball assessment of the political landscape, especially into spring and summer is proving to be right-on, while they depend on inside political marketers and bought off media's orchestrated reality control.

What I like about Kucinich is his common-sense, unbridled optimism and the most important trait for Presidents in the 21st century- INTEGRITY, with an emphasis on GRIT ! integrity is evidenced from his remarks in an interview about sitting in on democratic meetings and seeing what goes on, he said they make all their decisions based on polls ?? "It's Sick", he said. I have a message for these wayward writers who are taking turns, in a deliberate, orchestrated smear campaign to impugn a modern-day prophet and refuse to recognize, and hence INSULT, the burgeoning grassroots movement arising from the awakened masses. HERE is The Message---this beautiful movement can only be delayed, Never stopped because it has Founding Father energy and LightWorkers and healers who Love this Land and the principles of Liberty, Equality and Unity and are working very hard to co-create a New Covenant to give to posterity ! We are alive, real and in tune with the higher cause of our existence.

Kucinich is the only one with consistent, clear, articulated plans and People First in the 21st Policies. He is the only who will garner support necessary to imperatively reign-in the frankenstein monstrosity-which is the indefensible Defense Budget. He is the only one who Did Not further the WMD claims and lies, which promoted a political climate conducive and enabling an "aggressive" war. He has the only solution, Peace Plan to bring our fellow Americans home from a Worsening Quagmire.

He is even magnanimous when pointing out differences with Kerry, calmly saying in his radio ad, surely John must remember Vietnam and the draft. 40,000 more John ? Who is telling you to do this ? Surely no one has asked us the people, or the troops, their families, **its time for Sunshine government, this ideological agenda, behind the curtain rule is not serving the public's interests, lets feed not bleed.** He has legislation to replace the Patriot Act-- called the Ben Franklin act, our right to privacy can be peeping tommed, while the authorities claim for themselves total secrecy ? This act should be immediately rescinded simply because no one read it before they passed it, how often in history has this happened? He is concerned about jobs and workers, on February 17th, 2003 he declared his candidacy giving a speech entitled The Workers White House. NAFTA, GATT and the WTO are beasts negotiated by soulless Lobbyists, Corporations and one-world Predatory Capitalists pirates to sell out and sell short the Human Race into a kind of Global Slave plantation, and now attempting to traumatize and condition us into a Prison Planet. Aren't People a national treasure ?, a sacred resource ? We should move up on the list of valuable resources, replacing gold, oil, coal, capital etc. We can shell out tax dollars for roads, rails, infrastructure but can't clothe, feed the hungry and homeless and heal the sick.
It is a simple choice--money for death and destruction ? OR money for health and construction ?
money to help the kids ? OR money for contracts with NO bids ?