

Cindy Sheehan's question

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PRESIDENT BUSH

Sacrificing lives to win an election

There is a truthful but tragically painful answer to Cindy Sheehan's question for President Bush: Why did my son die in Iraq? The answer: He died to keep George W. Bush in power in 2004. All other explanations or rationalizations for the Iraq war are delusional, transparently false, or have proven to be fraudulent. This one cannot be admitted publicly, especially by George W. Bush and his courtiers.

Bush has stated repeatedly that he is a "War President." He swaggers around in a flight suit after being landed on an aircraft carrier that is carefully positioned to avoid showing San Diego in the background and then declares "Mission Accomplished." He is full of *machismos* such as "Bring 'em on" that belie his own history and reveal his deadly adolescent fantasies.

In 1972, under Richard Nixon, we had the "Committee to Re-Elect the President." In 2003, we started The War To Re-Elect The President. It worked.

Americans don't want to believe that they are being led by an ignorant man who is so cynical, corrupt, and callous that he would start a war and sacrifice thousands of young Americans to consolidate his power, but they are. That is the unbearable answer to Cindy Sheehan's question.

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