

# Rogue Nation: Time to change the course of U.S. history

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*It is time for the American people to take back their nation from irresponsible and lackluster special interest-motivated elected officials. Impeaching top members of the Bush administration may be in order.*

The majority of Americans should be unhappy with our nation's growth and evolution-or, if you believe it-intelligent design.

It doesn't matter if you're Republican, Democrat or Independent. It's of no importance if you're middle class or poor, religious or atheist. As Bob Dylan sang during the 1960's, "You don't need a weatherman to tell which way the wind blows."

On the national, state and local levels, generations of Americans will have to struggle to change the last decade of harm generated by wealthy special interests and the elected officials they have placed in their pockets.

Most Americans, individuals and families, are hurting-big time!

For just a few people to achieve vast wealth and power, generations of our children have been placed on a *back-burner*. They and their grandchildren will continue to pay the price for our folly, which was to permit leaders to squelch or circumvent constitutional laws to gain more profits. The American people have been deceived. Here is a list of some of the ways:

- Starting a needless invasion and war with Iraq
- Sending our children on missions in Iraq and Afghanistan, which were ill-conceived and absurdly planned with no victory in sight
- Cutting taxes for the rich, while spending more than \$3 trillion on war costs
- Determining many U.S. policies and actions behind "closed doors"
- Providing false and/or misleading information and intelligence to the American people
- Eliminating urgently needed social programs for children and poorer citizens
- Doing little to prevent the diminishing quality of public education
- Permitting increased health care costs despite curbing "frivolous" medical lawsuits
- Permitting astronomical costs of fuel — gas, oil, electric
- Permitting increasing costs of tuition for higher education
- Outsourcing millions of American jobs and services without providing new opportunities for American workers
- Lying to the people of New Orleans and not providing needed emergency

- financing and services during the Katrina fiasco in a timely manner
- Selling off American public lands and ports for special interest gains
- Permitting only special interests to bid (or not even have to bid) on lucrative service contracts
- Permitting the “sale” of American government to the highest special-interest contributors
- Privatizing Medicare programs recklessly and irresponsibly for special-interest gains
- Pushing to privatize Social Security for special-interest gains
- Increasing voter fraud cases and countenancing lack of voting machine integrity (with these machines manufactured by special-interest campaign contributors)
- Cutting financing for public education during the past decade and diverting those tax dollars to other interests
- Permitting our infrastructures to decay and become unsafe
- Promoting irrational and unneeded toll road plans to generate more profits for special interests
- Freezing gas taxes, which build and maintain roads, and/or diverting gas taxes to other special-interest needs
- Providing loose or no enforcement of immigration laws and policies
- Permitting illegal U.S. government spying and wiretapping on private citizens.

The list goes on. These are criminal and/or reckless irresponsible actions perpetrated by U.S. elected officials against the American people. There’s a Connecticut “cowboy” in the White House who needs to be “*lassoed and reined-in.*” The Bush administration has failed the American people, families and children. It has done so unabashed and without a conscience.

It is time for the American people to take back their nation from irresponsible and lackluster special interest-motivated elected officials. Impeaching top members of the Bush administration *may* be in order.

It is time to create stronger campaign finance laws with enforcement capabilities that tell billion-dollar corporations they no longer can purchase “*the best government money can buy.*”

America has become a rogue nation and is distrusted by the world and many of its own citizens.

The Bush administration and future leaders cannot be permitted to continue to operate as some sort of religious zealots and blatant imperialists. The U.S. must be managed as the nation of, by and-foremost-*for* American citizens.

*Where, oh where, has America gone?*

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