

LIARS, KATRINA, PORK AND TAXES

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The events surrounding hurricane Katrina has once again brought the pundits and race baiters out from underneath their rocks. I have discussed all the lies and other adjunct nonsense that has surrounded this media orgy on the radio show over the past month and have had enough. One of the producers of my radio show made the excellent point that disasters are tremendous opportunities for the networks to put their *girlymen* anchors in t-shirts and jeans in an effort to toughen their image. I had thought the media learned their lesson last year with Dan Rather and the fake memos. Boy, was I wrong. When the mainstream press consistently reports on unsubstantiated rumors, such as... New Orleans residents have resorted to cannibalism, 50,000 dead, the levees were blown up, the response was slow because of race (etc.) the media has officially jumped the shark. They have become nothing more than works of fiction that should be packaged and sold next to *CSI* and *Law and Order*.

Americans have responded to the devastation like clockwork by opening up our wallets with unparalleled generosity. Now congress wants to open our wallets as well... 250 billion times. The Gulf States need to be rebuilt, but by cutting a check for that dollar amount is as dumb as it gets. Raising taxes to pay for it is even dumber. Congress just passed two of the most pork-laden bills ever in the highway bill and energy bill. The \$286 billion highway bill has over 6000 pork barrel projects for items such as museums and bike paths. Has anyone heard of a single politician, Republican or Democrat offered to cut their entitlement? Nope. However, our fearless spenders in Washington are more than happy taking more of our money.

A quote to think about...

You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot help the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by encouraging class hatred. You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich. You cannot build character and courage by taking away a man's initiative and independence. You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.

Abraham Lincoln

A study in contrasts.

