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# Quarterly Update

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## Thank you, Internet

In mid-January, a story broke about a Department of Justice subpoena seeking general information from the largest Internet search engines. Only Google courageously refused. The Internet is under attack. Years from now, we may look back to today and remember the "golden age" of the Internet, when information was relatively free and less restricted by the government.

I get the majority of my political news from Internet sites. Occasionally, today's headline stories first circulated on the Internet months or years before. Many of the articles and quotes I pass along in my newsletter are available from Internet sources. Those who receive my newsletter by e-mail can use the electronic links to directly access the entire article, speech or website.

The coming attack on the Internet may be similar to the politicization of the FCC and NPR. Using "morality" and "values" as a front, corporate conglomerates will seek to gain further media and communications control while diminishing dissent. Here's a link to a good article on the threat to the Internet: <http://www.common-dreams.org/headlines06/0121-02.htm>

This issue of my newsletter will be composed primarily of quotes. I'm a quote geek; I hoard them like I did baseball cards as a boy. Some of the quotes below are from a wonderful website I recently discovered. Check out: <http://www.antiwar.com/>

*Death has a tendency to encourage a depressing view of war.* —Donald Rumsfeld

*It is only those who have neither fired a shot nor heard the shrieks and groans of the wounded who cry aloud for blood... War is hell.*  
—General William Tecumseh Sherman

*Our country is now geared to an arms economy bred in an artificially induced psychosis of war hysteria and an incessant propaganda of fear.*  
—General Douglas MacArthur

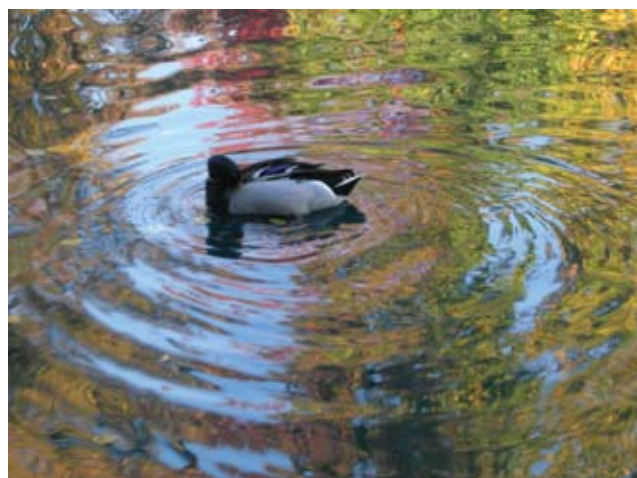
*When A annoys or injures B on the pretense of saving or improving X, A is a scoundrel.* — H. L. Mencken

*No one would be foolish enough to choose war over peace—in peace sons bury their fathers, but in war fathers bury their sons.* — Croesus of Lydia

*None of my photos are double-exposures or are "Photo Shopped." Some are cropped or hung sideways or upside down.*

*My photos and artwork is on display in Studio 2 behind Michelangelo's Restaurant (1725 I Street) on Second Saturdays. Please stop by and visit if you are out on the town.*

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# LYING AND SPYING

*President Bush has admitted he secretly ordered the National Security Agency to eavesdrop on Americans without ever seeking court approval. Famed constitutional attorney Martin Garbus and former intelligence officer, Christopher Pyle both say it is an impeachable offense.*

--DEMOCRACY NOW! Daily Email Digest (December 19, 2005) <http://www.democracynow.org>

Once again the compliant media allows George W. Bush and his neo-cons to change the conversation. The president implies that not everyone wants to stop terrorism from happening. That's ridiculous. The issue isn't about the spying--it's about the Bush administration being so paranoid and secretive it doesn't even want judges or members of Congressional Intelligence committees to know who they are spying on. The president, with his chronically inappropriate smirk and condescending tone of voice, once again displays his blatant disrespect for the rule of law and the United States Constitution.

*"The fact that we're discussing this subject is helping the enemy."*

--President G.W. Bush's response to revelations that his administration authorized domestic spying on Americans, without first obtaining court orders.

Each president (with his hand on The Bible) recites the following oath, in accordance with Article II, Section I of the U.S. Constitution:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

**Amendment IV of the U.S. Constitution** (Ratified 12/15/1791)

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

The National Lawyers Guild (NLG) announced today that it condemns the domestic electronic surveillance program revealed recently by President Bush as a violation of the Fourth Amendment. NLG President Michael Avery declared, "The Fourth Amendment requires a warrant from a court before the government can engage in electronic surveillance of private conversations, whether by telephone or otherwise. For the president to authorize electronic surveillance without a court order is an outrageous violation of a clear constitutional provision.

In 1978, however, Congress passed the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, which created a secret court composed of federal judges to which the government could apply to get warrants to conduct electronic surveillance. The Act applies when foreign governments or foreign agents are believed to threaten the national security of the United States.

--excerpts from *THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD PRESS RELEASE*, December 19, 2005

*When good does evil to fight evil, it becomes — in T.S. Eliot's words — indistinguishable from the evil it is fighting.*

— by Andrew Greeley, "War Blurs Lines Between Good, Evil" *CHICAGO SUN TIMES*, November 11, 2005

*In times of universal deceit, telling the truth will be a revolutionary act.*

—George Orwell

*Only a free and unrestrained press can effectively expose deception in government. And paramount among the responsibilities of a free press is the duty to prevent any part of the government from deceiving the people and sending them off to distant lands to die of foreign fevers and foreign shot and shell.*

—Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black, in the 1971 Pentagon papers case

*The life of the nation is secure only while the nation is honest, truthful, and virtuous.*

—Frederick Douglass

In the darkest days of the winter of 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill were meeting in Washington to develop their war plans and prepare their nations for the difficult days ahead.

Both leaders believed that their people deserved the truth. "There is no worse mistake in public leadership than to hold out false hopes soon to be swept away," Churchill wrote, "... the people can face peril or misfortune with fortitude and buoyancy, but they bitterly resent being deceived or finding that those responsible for their affairs are themselves dwelling in a fool's paradise."

-- Leon Panetta, "We Can Handle the Truth," *THE SACRAMENTO BEE*, July 10, 2005.

For a point-by-point rebuttal of Bush's justification for unauthorized domestic spying, refer to the following article:

<http://political.moveon.org/ruleoflaw/facts.html>

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# DISSENT AND PATRIOTISM

*Patriotism means to stand by the country. It does not mean to stand by the president or any other public official.*

—Theodore Roosevelt

*We must not confuse dissent with disloyalty. We will not walk in fear one of another. We will not be driven by fear into an age of unreason. We are not descended from fearful men, not from men who feared to write, to speak, to associate and to defend causes that were for the moment unpopular. We cannot defend freedom abroad by deserting it at home.*

—Edward R. Murrow, March 9, 1954 broadcast on his "See it Now" program, challenging the red-baiting tactics of Senator Joseph McCarthy.

*Dissent is the sincerest form of patriotism.*

—Thomas Jefferson

*The recent death of Gene McCarthy reminded me of a lesson I spent a long, long time unlearning, so now I have to re-learn it. It's about political courage and heroes, and when a country is desperate for leadership. There are times when regular politics will not do, and this is one of those times. There are times a country is so tired of bull that only the truth can provide relief.*

"I will not support Hillary Clinton for president" by Molly Ivins, January 20, 2006.

<http://www.freepress.org/columns/display/1/2006/1304>>

## WORST QUOTE OF 2005

*And if al-Qaida comes in here and blows you up, we're not going to do anything about it. We're going to say, look, every other place in America is off limits to you, except San Francisco. You want to blow up the Coit Tower? Go ahead.*

-- MSNBC Cable News Network quoting Bill O'Reilly comments on his Fox News TV show

How could anybody on TV not get fired for saying this? He must work for Fox News.

*No matter how cynical you get, it's almost impossible to keep up.*

— Lily Tomlin quoted by Jim Hightower.

*Other than telling us how to live, think, marry, pray, vote, invest, educate our children and, now, die, I think the Republicans have done a fine job of getting government out of our personal lives.*

—letter to PORTLAND OREGONIAN

*I get up every morning determined both to change the world and to have one hell of a good time. Sometimes this makes planning the day difficult.*

--E.B. White (quoted in THE SUN, September 2005)



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Answer: Dwight "Ike" Eisenhower served as the 34th President of the United States as well as being the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in Europe during World War II.

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Digital Photo: Tree Reflection in Parking Lot with Colorful Leaves

# Oil, Geopolitics, and the Coming War with Iran

by Michael T. Klare Monday, April 11, 2005 by TomDispatch.com

As the United States gears up for an attack on Iran, one thing is certain: the Bush administration will never mention oil as a reason for going to war. As in the case of Iraq, weapons of mass destruction (WMD) will be cited as the principal justification for an American assault.

According to the most recent tally by *Oil and Gas Journal*, Iran houses the second-largest pool of untapped petroleum in the world, an estimated 125.8 billion barrels. Only Saudi Arabia, with an estimated 260 billion barrels, possesses more; Iraq, the third in line, has an estimated 115 billion barrels. With this much oil -- about one-tenth of the world's estimated total supply -- Iran is certain to play a key role in the global energy equation, no matter what else occurs.

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<http://www.commondreams.org/views05/0411-21.htm>

## Which American President said all of the following?

(answer at the bottom of page 3)

Should any political party attempt to abolish Social Security, Unemployment Insurance, and eliminate labor laws and farm programs, you would not hear of that party again in our political history. There is a tiny splinter group, of course, that believes you can do these things. Among them are [a] few other Texas oil millionaires, and an occasional politician or business man from other areas. Their number is negligible and they are stupid.

Every gun that is made, every warship that is launched, every rocket fired signifies in the final sense a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and not clothed.

I like to believe that people in the long run are going to do more to promote peace than our governments. Indeed, I think that people want peace so much that one of these days governments had better get out of the way and let them have it.

In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist.

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