

Bin Laden, a vicious Islamic fanatic, planned an attack on iconic American targets (in NYC and Washington DC) in which 3000 of the infidels (mostly Jews, Christians and Market worshippers) died. Millions of Muslims applauded his act. We were appalled and regarded the terrorists as barbarians.

George W. Bush, a court appointed president and a vicious born again "Christian" zealot, listened to his PNAC Neo-Con advisors and planned an invasion and occupation of an entire large Arab country, the public justification for which was based on a series of persistently and insistently repeated lies. In addition to the devastation of the country, this has resulted in an increase of deaths in Iraq, from the statistical norm (the mortality rate was already high) over an 18 month period, of 100,000. The president could have been impeached for such behavior (we have recently attempted impeachment proceedings over a President's lying about rather less consequential matters), could have been tried as a war criminal, as we plan for Saddam Hussein, and as we would like to be able to do in the case of Osama bin Laden. Instead, we have reelected him with the most votes in US history. Does this mean that the American public is equal to the Taliban and all those cheering millions of Islamic zealots?, or given the ratio of casualties at about 30 to 1, are we that much worse? And who, at this moment, is the world's number one terrorist? Who has the greatest cache of WMD and a willingness to use them on any perceived enemy? Who is shredding the Bill of Rights? Who has decided that when things get difficult (in a struggle between 270 million Americans and a few thousand fundamentalist terrorists) that torture is OK, and the Geneva Conventions no longer are relevant? Who has transformed a few thousand Islamic fanatics into a riled up hateful mob of one billion potential terrorists ready to overthrow the US friendly governments in the majority of Islamic countries?

It's suggested that we rally round the President, support our troops, wave the flag, and sing "America the Beautiful". Personally, I am happy to be out of the USA. I still hope to see my country recover somehow, return to decency, and rediscover the values that once made it a great country, however unlikely that appears at the moment.