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Bush Takes a Beating

By [Joe Strupp](#), [Editor & Publisher](#). Posted [May 1, 2006](#).

Stephen Colbert held nothing back from his hilarious and scathing critique of the president. Bush was not amused.

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A blistering comedy "tribute" to President Bush by Comedy Central's faux talk-show host Stephen Colbert at the White House Correspondent Dinner Saturday night left George and Laura Bush unsmiling at its close.

Earlier, the president had delivered his talk to the 2,700 attendees, including many celebrities and top officials, with the help of a Bush impersonator.

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Colbert, who spoke in the guise of his talk-show character, who ostensibly supports the president strongly, urged Bush to ignore his low approval ratings, saying they were based on reality, "and reality has a well-known liberal bias."

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He attacked those in the press who claim that the shake-up at the White House was merely rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic. "This administration is soaring, not sinking," he said. "If anything, they are rearranging the deck chairs on the Hindenburg."

Colbert told Bush he could end the problem of protests by retired generals by refusing to let them retire. He compared Bush to Rocky Balboa in the "Rocky" movies, always getting punched in the face -- "and Apollo Creed is everything else in the world."

Turning to the war, he declared, "I believe that the government that governs best is a government that governs least, and by these standards we have set up a fabulous government in Iraq."

He noted former Ambassador Joseph Wilson in the crowd, just three tables away from Karl Rove, and that he had brought "Valerie Plame." Then, worried that he had named her, he corrected himself, as Bush aides might do, "Uh, I mean he brought Joseph Wilson's wife." He might have "dodged the bullet," he said, as prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald wasn't there.

Colbert also made biting cracks about missing WMDs, "photo ops" on aircraft carriers and at hurricane disasters, melting glaciers and Vice President Cheney shooting people in the face. He advised the crowd, "if anybody needs anything at their tables, speak slowly and clearly into your table numbers and somebody from the N.S.A. will be right over with a cocktail."

Observing that Bush sticks to his principles, he said, "When the president decides something on Monday, he still believes it on Wednesday -- no matter what happened Tuesday."

Also lampooning the press, Colbert complained that he was "surrounded by the liberal media who are destroying this country, except for Fox News. Fox believes in presenting both sides of the story -- the president's side and the vice president's side." In another slap at the news channel, he said: "I give people the truth unfiltered by rational argument. I call it the No Fact Zone. Fox News, I own the copyright on that term."

He also reflected on the alleged good old days for the president, when the media was still swallowing the WMD story.

Addressing the reporters, he said, "Let's review the rules. Here's how it works. The president makes decisions, he's the decider. The press secretary announces those decisions, and you people of the press

type those decisions down. Make, announce, type. Put them through a spell check and go home. Get to know your family again. Make love to your wife. Write that novel you got kicking around in your head. You know, the one about the intrepid Washington reporter with the courage to stand up to the administration. You know -- fiction."

He claimed that the Secret Service name for Bush's new press secretary is "Snow Job."

Colbert closed his routine with a video fantasy where he gets to be White House press secretary, complete with a special "Gannon" button on his podium. By the end, he had to run from Helen Thomas and her questions about why the United States really invaded Iraq and killed all those people.

As Colbert walked from the podium, when it was over, the president and first lady gave him quick nods, unsmiling. The president shook his hand and tapped his elbow, and left immediately.

Those seated near Bush told *E&P*'s Joe Strupp, who was elsewhere in the room, that Bush had quickly turned from an amused guest to an obviously offended target as Colbert's comments brought up his low approval ratings and problems in Iraq.

Several veterans of past dinners, who requested anonymity, said the presentation was more directed at attacking the president than in the past. Several said previous hosts, like Jay Leno, equally slammed both the White House and the press corps.

"This was anti-Bush," said one attendee. "Usually they go back and forth between us and him." Another noted that Bush quickly turned unhappy. "You could see he stopped smiling about halfway through Colbert," he reported.

After the gathering, Snow, while nursing a Heineken outside the *Chicago Tribune* reception, declined to comment on Colbert. "I'm not doing entertainment reviews," he said. "I thought the president was great, though."

Strupp, in the crowd during the Colbert routine, had observed that quite a few sitting near him looked a little uncomfortable at times, perhaps feeling the material was a little too biting -- or too much speaking "truthiness" (Colbert's made-up word) to power.

Asked by *E&P* after it was over if he thought he'd been too harsh, Colbert said, "Not at all." Was he trying to make a point politically or just get laughs? "Just for laughs," he said. He said he did not pull any material for being too strong, just for time reasons. (He later said the president told him "good job" when he walked off.)

Helen Thomas told Strupp her segment with Colbert was "just for fun."

In its report on the affair, *USA Today* asserted that some in the crowd cracked up over Colbert, but

others were "bewildered." Wolf Blitzer of CNN said he thought Colbert was funny and "a little on the edge."

Earlier, the president had addressed the crowd with a Bush impersonator alongside, with the faux-Bush speaking precisely and the real Bush deliberately mispronouncing words, such as the inevitable "nuclear." At the close, Bush called the imposter "a fine talent. In fact, he did all my debates with Sen. Kerry." The routine went over well with the crowd -- better than did Colbert's, in fact.

Among attendees at the black tie event: Morgan Fairchild, quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, Justice Antonin Scalia, George Clooney and Jeff "Skunk" Baxter of the Doobie Brothers -- in a kilt.

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Colbert ROCKS!

Posted by: Againstthewindwalking on May 1, 2006 9:05 AM [\[Report this comment\]](#)

How wonderous indeed it is to see Bush getting a small slice of that pie of woe he so richly deserves! How fine it is to see it delivered by a comedian playing a pundit! Here lately all we get are pundits that come off like comedians! Fox News can't even prop Bush's sagging ass up any more and it's about time he figured it out!

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Who could pity the poor president?

Posted by: LeonDion on May 1, 2006 10:13 AM [[Report this comment](#)]

There have been several times when I've had one of those moments, when one feels so embarrassed and ashamed for a poor hapless soul out in public making a fool of himself. George Bush speaking before the survivors of the Normandy invasion. Bush speaking in China. Bush speaking ... well, just about anywhere!

While feeling sorry for the man is forgivable, accepting his mendacity is not. Especially when hundreds of thousands have died, and many more destroyed, because of it.

America has a long way to go in growing up and accepting its responsibilities. The coming energy crisis and economic crash is certain. Bush's contribution to America's inability to face reality and respond maturely and intelligently to the challenges facing it, is certain as well.

For pandering to the least common denominator, enabling America to plant its collective head in the sand, and killing thousands of 'ferrinners' for their resources, this "fuck you Mr. President", goes forth with pride and gusto.

Thanks, Steven Colbert, for sticking it to the poor bastard.

<http://www.thankyoustephencolbert.org>

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» [he's laughing all the way to the bank](#) Posted by: jimsenter

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and in other news....

Posted by: madbard on May 1, 2006 10:17 AM [[Report this comment](#)]

Steven Colbert was arrested as an al-Qaida operative and Osama bin Laden's 2nd in command. This makes him the 293rd 2nd in command taken into custody this week.

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» [that was genuinely funny. madbard](#) Posted by: plantland

Art as Truthiness

Posted by: migunz on May 1, 2006 10:21 AM [[Report this comment](#)]

Is it just me or does this remind anyone of Joel Grey's "The Master of Ceremonies" in the movie "Cabaret"?

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» [RE: Art as Truthiness](#) Posted by: ssegallmd

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Colbert Made my Day.

Posted by: decembrist on May 1, 2006 11:21 AM [[Report this comment](#)]

Something's wrong when a president that has an approval rating in the low 30s receives criticism directly only when somebody slips through his screened townhall meetings (which has happened, what, once?) or when a brilliant comedian stands up and throws a hundred hilarious knives his way.

Just like Tom Englehardt's essay today on this same site, hundreds of thousands of protesters and they all know perfectly well they can't make a dent in Bush's insulated and demented world. No reason not to march, however.

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The real fool is US

Posted by: JaJa0812 on May 1, 2006 11:40 AM [[Report this comment](#)]

As a bad as it may sound, it's true. I personally did not vote for Bush, I voted for Kerry. But we as AMERICANS elected (well i think he stole the elections twice, others may disagree though) this nutcase and we should have known better. The real people we should be laughing at are those who voted him b/c they could not see past the propaganda & lies of the Bush Administration, while the rest of the world could.

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Some slight comfort for Bush & Co.

Posted by: Mutternich on May 1, 2006 12:44 PM [[Report this comment](#)]

Stephen didn't quite take the gloves all the way off. He didn't mention a few little things like secret prisons, extraordinary rendition, and torture.

Anyway, good show as far as it went. Payback for the one a couple of years ago that had Bush

looking under tables and saying, "Those weapons of mass destruction must be in here somewhere."

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» [RE: Some slight comfort for Bush & Co.](#) Posted by: Prophit

» [secret prisons](#) Posted by: kww355

» [RE: secret prisons](#) Posted by: ZPaul

Colbert just raised the same old bogus PseudoLeft issues

Posted by: cry0fan on May 1, 2006 1:10 PM [[Report this comment](#)]

I read a transcript of Colbert's little speech. And it sickens me to see the American "netroots" Left so excited about this nonsense. Where did Colbert talk about progressive taxation? About universal healthcare? About mass immigration driving down wages? About longterm unemployment payments? About welfare for all adults who need it? About making sure every working American gets 6 weeks vacation a year? About raising the minimum wage to \$10?

THESE ARE THE TRUE LEFT ISSUES! Not the red state vs blue state issues Colbert addressed!

Build a leftist focus on bread and butter populist economics issues, otherwise there is no true left, only a pseudoLeft.

The pseudoLeft echo chamber is clearly controlled by the Overclass Yuppies who do not need to worry about such mundane matters.

These people are traitors to the Left, in my opinion....

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» [RE: Colbert just raised the same old bogus PseudoLeft issues](#) Posted by: Florence

» [relax...](#) Posted by: alterhead

» [wrong! It is politics! \(was RE: relax...\)](#) Posted by: cry0fan

» [RE: wrong! It is politics! \(was RE: relax...\)](#) Posted by: codingguy

» [RE: wrong! It is politics! \(was RE: relax...\)](#) Posted by: jontv

» ["*****"](#) Posted by: decembrist

» [dude chill out.](#) Posted by: may261989

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» [relax a little](#) Posted by: insomniou

the funny thing is...

Posted by: Ghoulman on May 1, 2006 2:40 PM [[Report this comment](#)]

... Colbert's "roasting" of the President, a veritable comedy milestone, didn't make the news... the twit with the bad impressions of Bush did.

Ah, the press - committed to missing the story everyday.

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Thank You Stephen Colbert, Thank You!

Posted by: Mary Eman on May 1, 2006 3:16 PM [[Report this comment](#)]

I watched the whole show on Saturday, from start to finish. Stephen Colbert was the best. And, yes, George and Laura looked peeved (to say the very least!).

I continue to believe that "The Colbert Report" and "The Daily Show" are the best political satire on

television today.

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» [The complete showing is on Youtube](#) Posted by: acidrain69

Made My Day

Posted by: Sandra on May 1, 2006 6:21 PM [[Report this comment](#)]

It was a wonderful experience to see all of these media people and celebrities (not to mention Shrub and Laura) react to Colbert's presentation. They came to be seen and to laugh at polite roasting and got fastballs of truth thrown at them. Colbert is a master of satire and he's so damned funny. I'm still laughing today.

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Thin Skinned

Posted by: Tom Degan on May 2, 2006 2:58 AM [[Report this comment](#)]

Awww, poor George! The thin-skinned little bastard can dish it out but he can't take it! Frankly, I thought Colbert's routine (or at least the excerpts that I heard) was sort of week. Not that he didn't make alot of good points - he certainly did - it's just that for someone like me, who grew up literally studying the work of Lenny Bruce and Mort Sahl, it was lacking in genuine humor. When you've been raised on Van Gogh, color-by-numbers doesn't really cut the mustard, ya know what I mean?

My mild criticism aside, it was interesting to watch George and Laura's reaction to Colbert's bit. Are they THAT delusional that they are not aware of the fact that history's judgement on Bush and his entire administration will make Colbert's verbal bloodbath look like a pin prick by comparison? Can these people possibly be that stupid? Of course they can.

What absolutely fascinated me was the performnace the First Fool did with his look alike. No, I didn't find that very funny either. "Sickening" is the word I'm looking for. What I always admired about Jack Kennedy (we Irish always refer to the late president as "Jack") was his self-depricating humor. He could poke fun at himself with an ease that was not only admirable but reassuring. He had the capacity pointing out the mild quirks in his personalty that bought him down to earth and made him refreshingly human. But that evil twin act that Bush did the other night emphasized his arrogance and stupidity! My question is this: Did George, perchance, run this bit by his closest advisors or his press office? And if he did, do you think that they might be so intimidated by the little SOB's famous temper that they were too frightened to tell him, "Not a good idea, George"! Call it a hunch but I think that I might be on to something here.

Nothing that happened in Washington the other night will be recorded as a notable event in the history of American Humor. Colbert's performance had me pining for Robert Benchley (Can you just imagine Benchley doing one of his "after dinner speaker" sketches with Dubya in his cross hairs?).

And as for George W. Bush, he had me nostalgic for JFK - Big time!

Pray for peace.

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I thought he stunk & I hate Bush

Posted by: justaperson on May 2, 2006 3:27 AM [[Report this comment](#)]

All his jokes were duds. There was simply nothing funny about his quips. Only the Helen routine seemed amusing. The guy looked tense and out of touch with the audience. I love humor and would have loved to see good old George squirm, but the truth alone is not funny. As an entertainer, I'd have to give him four thumbs down. What a bore! Wjat a disappointment! The Bush double on the other hand was absolutely hysterical and right on the mark.

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b*lls

Posted by: Truffulaut on May 2, 2006 3:34 AM [[Report this comment](#)]

Colbert's are the size of Asia. It is sad that journalists have not been able to report any news. It was equally sad to see Jay Leno Monday night talk abt "the double" and completely ignore Stephen Colbert.

And in spite of the dangers of excessive partisanship, I am very worried that all the dissatisfaction with the person occupying Our White House will not translate into counted votes for Democrats. Currently, the only way to defeat Republicans is to vote for Democrats and have your vote counted.

We can quibble over ideological purity, and there's always room for disagreement among people, which is why we were provided with a system chock full of checks and balances. They are pointless if we don't use them.

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I'M GLAD DUMBYA CAN LAUGH WHILE SOLDIERS ARE DYING

Posted by: kc10ken on May 2, 2006 5:20 AM [[Report this comment](#)]

Nothing like a few laughs to take your mind off 100,000 unnecessary deaths that you've caused.

As a combat Vet, I am appalled that dumbya can laugh and make jokes while my fellow soldiers are fighting and dying in his QUAGMIRE in Iraq.

Maybe they should have held this event at Walter Reed, you know, one of the over 50 VA medical centers that dumbya has slated for closing in his budget cuts at a time when we Vets and returning wounded soldiers from Iraq need them the most. Maybe we can invite all 17,500 PERMANENTLY disabled Veterans from dumbya's QUAGMIRE in Iraq to watch dumbya laugh and joke about not finding WMD's.

Funny.....only I'm not laughing.

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Colbert's true fun

Posted by: rsaxto on May 2, 2006 5:24 AM [[Report this comment](#)]

Colbert's true fun was right on target for those Republicans sorely vexed by their clumsy leaders and for all the rest of us who realize that we sorely need new leadership and an ever more sore Bush/Cheney.

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The Daily Show with Jon Stewart and the Corbert Report Are Must See Viewing

Posted by: jimidee on May 2, 2006 6:05 AM [[Report this comment](#)]

These two shows on Comedy Central are the most informative news shows on TV...under the guise of faux news. In reality, they give us the authentic news on the hard edge, in a tongue in cheek manner. This is so refreshing in these days of feeding the public corporate mush of "real news". Plus, these guys are damned funny. I Tivo every new episode of both shows.

"Must see TV" is an overused phrase regarding the networks drivel of reality shows and infotainment, but is apropos with these shows.

Jimidan

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Keep laughing but get to work

Posted by: signsong@earthlink.com on May 2, 2006 6:27 AM [[Report this comment](#)]

I turned my TV off a few years ago, when the last things worth watching on PBS, like Bill Moyers, went away. This won't be enough to make me go back to that world of 57-channels-and -nothing-on, but I appreciate the ability to tune in via computer.

I appreciate Colbert and Stewart , and Garrison Keillor, because they are beginning to give us back our ability to laugh amid the malaise that seems to have swallowed up the energy of what's left of the Left. He was right on the mark, but he also needs to, in his own backwards way, give it to those of us on the Left who have wasted too much time wondering which flavor of Latte we would like at the drive- through gourmet coffe place, while we are on our way to the Protest Rally in our Volvo. We aren't going to get anywhere by simply stopping at the point of , dare I use the term, Bush Bashing. We need a plan to save the country, and it's certainly not going to be Hillary Clinton.

People like Colbert are this era's version of Bob Dylan and Joan Baez, the comedian of the generation instead of the Poet of The People. Colbert's giving us some good energy. Now we need to get a plan, or else we're just as bad as Bush.

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[» RE: Yes, Clear Channell & the Neocon Corporate complex shut the culture down but Colbert came thru](#)

Posted by: doinaheckuvajob

The Blinding Belief

Posted by: Riverside on May 2, 2006 6:30 AM [[Report this comment](#)]

What is both confounding and frustrating is that President Bush and his wife Laura Bush believe that the actions and policies the President is supporting are for the good of everyone. This is not conceit this is the effects of their faith. Now, there is nothing wrong with their faith and their wish to

exercise it. Where the crisis occurs is that faith without reality and conscious concern for we the people harms rather than helps. They are not seeing the harm or are ignoring it, or are considering it the whisperings of unbelievers. Regardless, they are essentially blind to the reality surrounding them and are usually hurt and insulted when it hits them in the face.

None of the above excuses the way in which President Bush has ignored we the people, our constitution, and the rule of law in the exercise of his faith. History is chock full of many others who were blinded in the same way, and they all come crashing down in the end, but the process is both painful and harmful for countless lives throughout planet Earth.

Is God displeased? Read the Bible and history to get that answer.

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I feel Sorry for:

Posted by: williameon on May 2, 2006 6:40 AM [[Report this comment](#)]

I feel Sorry for:

By William Eon 5-2-6

I feel Sorry for:

The 2400+ Soldiers murdered in Iraq!

&

Their families destroyed!

For a LIE!

I feel Sorry for:

The Tens of Thousands of Innocent Iraqi Civilians

Murdered for Oil!!
&
Never mentioned on:
Bechtel, Halliburton's,
Carlyle's and Exxon's:
Bottom line!

I feel Sorry for:
The People whose lives were destroyed in New Orleans!
In a modern 21st Century!
Corporate:
Trail of Tears!

I feel Sorry for:
This Country!
Whose ignorant, uneducated, masses;
Deserve everything that:
They will get?
Exactly!
Nothing!

Just more pain and destruction!

For going along with this Madman!
For selling their souls!
For a handful of:
Faux Promises
of:
Cheap Oil!

Is it cheap enough yet?
\$75 a barrel?
Paid in your children's:
BLOOD?

When The Shrub
King George II
Stole office:
It was \$13 a Barrel!

Broken Promises!
From a Fauxtian Ruler!
He is:
A TRAITOR.

The Halliburton President!

A ruthless
Corporate
Shill!

A
Alien resident!
Resides in
The Black House!

Ruling:
The
Corporate Stupid State!
Bizarro AmeriKKKa!

Poor little Baby
Shrub!
Who
Kills
At the drop of a hat!

Needs a break!
He goes on vacation.

Then Bombs
His own Country
Into
Submission
He
Then
Threatens
The World:
With
Nuclear Holocaust!

It's my way
Or
The Highway

By the time Bush is done:
We'll be writing with hammers and chisels

Victims of:
A Corporate

Renewal Policy.

6-6-6

Is just around the corner

The June Surprise?

The Dragon

Rears his

Ugly Head!

Nuclear Bombing!

Us

Back

To

The:

Stone Age.

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Colbert is a GOD!

Posted by: TheGypsy on May 2, 2006 7:47 AM [[Report this comment](#)]

If you don't want to get a new one ripped, then don't invite Stephen Colbert to your dinner to talk about you and your cronies. Anyone whose 'hamster' is still turning the 'brain wheel' knows this..... which explains why Bush invited him. His 'hamster' gave up years ago, and rode out on the last snort of cocaine.

Couldn't have happened to a nicer son of a bitch.

Stephen, keep rattlin' the cage, my Brother!

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Braying Little Sheep

Posted by: Pete29 on May 2, 2006 8:28 AM [[Report this comment](#)]

The audience's uncomfortable reaction to Colbert's monologue just shows what a bunch of snivelling sycophants the Washington press corps is. Truth hurts, doesn't it?

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[» RE: Braying Little Sheep](#) Posted by: helenwheels

[» My favorite, right after Bush, was what he did to SCALIA!!!!](#) Posted by: Prophit

Now that I would like to see a picture of...

Posted by: Krusty Geezer on May 2, 2006 9:16 AM [[Report this comment](#)]

Morgan Fairchild, quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, Justice Antonin Scalia, George Clooney and Jeff "Skunk" Baxter of the Doobie Brothers -- in a kilt.

Big Kilt!

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He's always been smart, and clever, but WOW! what guts!

Posted by: Voicedude on May 2, 2006 9:28 AM [[Report this comment](#)]

Sometimes I wonder if Colbert has painted himself into a corner with this faux pundit character, and how long he can keep it up. But he keeps hitting the mark in such an indirect way I can see why this impatient, superficial society can miss the humor.....AND the point! Clearly, our fictitious President and his staff have missed it when they invited Colbert to speak. Would they have invited Michael Moore, Al Franken, or Jon Stewart? No-o-o-o-o-o-o-o! Colbert MUST have known what the reaction would be, and I give him high praise for having the GUTS to follow through in front of what must have been a hostile crowd ("Yipes! Tough room.....")

ALL HAIL COLBERT!

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I just adore his "Better Know a District"

Posted by: plantland on May 2, 2006 10:12 AM [[Report this comment](#)]

"Better Know a District" is an occasional feature on his show.

It reminds me of "Let's Take a Trip", on Saturday mornings on TV back in the Fifties. Instead of say, watching a conveyor belt, we learn where a district is, what it produces, and the Congressional representative is interviewed. Instead of say, riding a bike in Bermuda shorts, the Rep. is disarmed. Colbert throws the Representative off to such an extent that ...I have found each more Representative more human and likeable! It is better to see them react than to simply see them "on point". Colbert acts like such a lunatic egotist that the people he interviews seem stunned into authenticity. That happens to me as well as I consider the unlikely truth that he is the twelfth of fourteen children, if I have my facts and the birth order straight.

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What did they expect?

Posted by: helenwheels on May 2, 2006 10:20 AM [[Report this comment](#)]

I guess whoever hired Stephen to perform thought he would change his act to accommodate this particular sychophantic crowd and tone it down so as not to offend the shrub. What I think is so brave and so true to his art is the fact he didn't deviate from his character ONE bit. Jon Stewart couldn't do that for the Oscars but Stephen did for this performance... and I applaud him.

I love seeing the arrogance of the madadministration caving in on itself. They were probably so damn sure that Colbert would toe the line. HA!

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» [RE: What did they expect?](#) Posted by: socgrrrl

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Corporate Correspondents

Posted by: JackieGiles on May 2, 2006 11:47 AM [[Report this comment](#)]

The Corporate Correspondents didn't dare laugh at Colbert's "truthiness" jabs because the audience reaction is on tape and their jobs were on the line! Their reactions reminded me of grade-schoolers titillated "shock" at the first kid who used the "F-orbidden Word". The more Colbert's barbs "bombed", the more the bootlicking media were exposed for the lickspittles they are. With a few outstanding exceptions like Helen Thomas, Bill Moyers, and Sy Hersh, they're a sorry lot of Bush boosting boobs.

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Karl Rove's Mendacity

Posted by: Abushite on May 2, 2006 4:09 PM [[Report this comment](#)]

Colbert was Chosen by Karl Rove ! Rove is succeeding in his plan to destroy Bush and his administration . Good on ya Karl !!

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Colbert is a First-Rate Deconstructionist

Posted by: robblin on May 2, 2006 7:18 PM [[Report this comment](#)]

The immensity of his humor is olympian - as though the fire prometheus picked up had finally been delivered.

The bozo who booked him for the show obviously didn't know what he was getting himself into.

Kudos to you Mr. Colbert!

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Who is Really Angry?

Posted by: freethink7 on May 3, 2006 6:12 AM [[Report this comment](#)]

Bush was angry at Colbert's scathing critique and jokes.

But what's censored by the mainstream media is that

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE ANGRY AT BUSH.....of course this is not reported by the media.

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Let him eat it

Posted by: Nick on May 3, 2006 9:32 AM [[Report this comment](#)]

He had to eat some sh..t for half on hr.

and he got sick, we are eating this sh..t from

him for five years

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Colbert Strikes a Blow for You and Me

Posted by: Lance64 on May 3, 2006 12:26 PM [[Report this comment](#)]

For the first time in my life I'm proud to have been born and raised in South Carolina (Colbert is from Charleston). Stephan's brilliant Bush bashing was the most impressive thing to come out of South Carolina since a bunch of cadets blew Fort Sumter out of the water.

I take my hat off and bow to the Gentleman.

Donald Stewart

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Colbert arrested? Why?

Posted by: shtara on May 3, 2006 1:25 PM [[Report this comment](#)]

So now we can't even claim Freedom of Speech anymore, right? So what else is new? The President lies to everyone, one so-called GUARANTEED constitutional right after another goes down, the right to PRIVACY is already gone, next will we hear the four year term of presidency is extended 'for the duration of the war'? Or at the least, another two years? How can one say freedom is the 'American way' in one speech and run over one of our MAJOR 'rights', the Freedom of Speech' in the next one? I do not believe Colbert is an Al Quaida sympathizer, much less a second in command. Colbert is by no means a mid-east name and no western or caucasian european will ever get close to

any of the terrorist groups. They wouldn't trust him. They, the government, must not even care anymore whether their charges against someone is believable or not. I GRIEVE for the loss of 'My America', the one I grew up in. We had the best country in the entire world, the best schools, the best medical, the best helpers to distressed nations, now we are used as a police state against any country that doesn't weigh in at the balance according to certain persons. Even our best allies are wary of us, a poll taken recently in Australia asked which of two countries do they consider the most danger to global peace, Iran or the United States? The over whelming response was: The United States! Now, THAT is SAD! Especially since this was from one of our closest allies. I wonder what the same poll would be if British subjects were asked the same?

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» [RE: Uh, the arrest comment was a joke](#) Posted by: doinaheckuvajob

A Dying Democracy

Posted by: Sophie2 on May 3, 2006 4:28 PM [[Report this comment](#)]

Stephen Colbert, Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald, Joseph Wilson and all of those in government who refused to be corrupted - we owe them so much. What is really very, very, scary is that if the Bush administration wins the Garcetti v. Ceballos case to soon be decided by the Supreme Court, whistleblowers will no longer be protected by the First Amendment if they protest corrupt or illegal government activities.

This case was heard by the Supreme Court before Justice O'Connor retired, but, for some mysterious and unexplained reason, it was re-heard after Justice Alito was appointed by Bush, and Alito's remarks during the hearing were not sympathetic to whistleblowers. If the Bush administration wins this case, forget about democracy or morality in the United States government and prepare to move to another planet, because this one's not going to be safe to live on.

Under Bush we are losing all of our constitutional protections. A government that is not accountable to the people it serves and that can fire employees for protesting illegal or corrupt practices is not a democracy and it's not what our friends and relatives are fighting and dying for in Iraq. We need the watchdogs and whistleblowers, especially with the Bush administration, which is all about propaganda, intimidation, coercion and corruption.

As you can see from Mr. Colbert's brilliant presentation, don't expect great things from the press or expect them to focus on critical liberty issues. Please read about it and publicize your opinion to let the Supreme Court know we're watching before it's too late.

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TIME lists Colbert among " 100 Most Influential"

Posted by: grannyfranny on May 4, 2006 8:57 AM [[Report this comment](#)]

This week's TIME includes Colbert among the most influential entertainers, even though his audience is so much smaller than the large cable channels. I hope those numbers will change, and others can experience this marvel of satire. He is dead-on night after night.

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Steven Colbert's Guts

Posted by: Florence on May 4, 2006 7:01 PM [[Report this comment](#)]

I've been watching Colbert since he appeared on the Daily Show. He's a brilliant satirist who's got the chutzpa to put himself on the line and possibly in danger as Lennie Bruce did about free speech. The left can use such a man! To those who complain that he left out this or that issue: get real, get a life.

My credentials: I'm an 85 year old female lifetime activist who has seen movements pulled apart by these unrealists.

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Mr

Posted by: Peace on May 6, 2006 1:47 AM [[Report this comment](#)]

This is a bit like the Emperor's new clothes. It about time someone talked about what he really sees.

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Funniest part of Colbert's Speech was KNOWING

Posted by: owlbear1 on May 6, 2006 3:42 AM [[Report this comment](#)]

how much it would ANGER the Bushyphants.

Ah, their squeals of "It's NOoT funny, not funny at all!" were fantastic.

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