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Sitting. And waiting.

Fellow Eastside DFA Members;

As you heard, we had a very good turnout at our anti-Reichert demonstration in downtown Bellevue late Friday afternoon. I was glad to see how many Seattle-based activists, representatives of NARAL and other groups lent their support by being on the line when it was truly needed - when a man like Karl Rove, objectively one of the most dangerous purveyors of divisive messages since Lee Atwater, was in our own neighborhood, pimping Congressman Dave Reichert.

And yet...I have to ask.

Where were you?

Now, a few of you did show. And some of you are new to Eastside DFA. And some of you couldn't make it to the demonstration because of where they worked or lived versus the trouble it would take to get to Bellevue Square. And I know that some of you who couldn't show are typically otherwise beyond willing to take their belief in America and what it should be and convert it into deeds far more than I could otherwise ask of you.

But most of Eastside DFA sits. And waits.

What most of Eastside DFA is waiting for, I don't know.

It's about 50 days until the election.

The NRCC has just spent over \$25,000 on a single flyer campaign for Dave Reichert, and you can expect hundreds of thousands of dollars more in spending on behalf of his campaign, desperately throwing whatever might stick at Darcy Burner in hopes of bringing her down. Yes, they did a lot of stupid flyer and robo-phone campaigns for Dave Reichert in 2004 - and he got elected.

The Bush Administration is on the verge of attempting to topple the Geneva Accords of any real meaning. They most especially want to negotiate out of existence Article Three, which mandates the humane treatment of soldiers and civilians in conflict. (That means legitimizing torture as Bush sees fit, when he sees it as fit.)

We are rapidly losing control of any semblance of order within Iraq. The number of civilians killed in Iraq each month is now approaching the number of Americans killed on 9-11. Think about that - a 9-11 event every month in Iraq.

Our military is in such a state that there's a plan being considered to dig a trench around Baghdad - around a city of five million - to better control the flow of arms and guerillas in and out of it. The government of Iraq is in such a state that they are considering an offer allowing Iranian soldiers to help maintain order within Baghdad.

This perhaps would make fighting Iran easier for American forces, since the Bush Administration is rolling out a propoganda offensive to push forward a green light for military action against Iran which is remarkably similar to that accomplished against Iraq.

There are other outrages, but the most recent will do for now.

And most of Eastside DFA sits. And waits.

To those of you who seem determined to join us but unwilling to actually DO anything, I ask...why are you here? What do you gain from being in this group?

We were told by Howard Dean long ago that "We are the change we're looking for." That means both you and me, both those who have made commitments that will last through this campaign season and those who can at least get involved in one major event, one of the four campaigns Eastside DFA has endorsed, over the next 50 days.

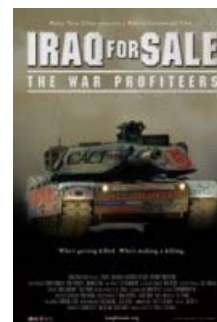
And it applies to the rest of you. Who sit. And wait.

Stop sitting. And either get out of Eastside DFA, or take things seriously and get involved.

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Please.

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Anti-Reichert Demonstration
Friday, September 22nd
4:30 PM
Across the street from the NE corner of Bellevue Square

Anti-Reichert Demonstration
Saturday, September 23rd
Southeastern corner of Crossroads Mall (NE 8th and 156th Avenue, NE)

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