

DING DONG THE WICKED WITCH IS ... PUBLISHING AT NRO?

Reading Rove on his last day in the WH:

President Bush will be viewed as a far-sighted leader who confronted the key test of the 21st century *by manipulating the scientific proof of that key test—global warming—so his donors could continue to profit off the dying petroleum age while they still had a chance.*

He will be judged as a man of moral clarity who put America on wartime footing in the dangerous struggle against radical Islamic terrorism—and *he only did it ten months too late, after ignoring all the accurate warnings that Richard Clarke gave him.*

Following the horrors of 9/11, this president changed American foreign policy by declaring terror sponsors responsible for the deeds of those they shelter, train, and fund *unless those terror sponsors were from either of the two countries with closest ties to those who attacked us: Saudi Arabia and Pakistan.*

And this president saw the wisdom of removing terrorism's cause by advocating the spread of democracy, especially in the Muslim world, where authoritarianism and repression have provided a potent growth medium for despair and anger aimed at the West *and then, to save his failing war, he advocated bringing in Saddam light to fix his fuck-up.*

While the world dithered, America confronted HIV/AIDS in Africa with

the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, which has supported treatment for more than 1.1 million people worldwide, over one million of them in Africa. *By doing so, Bush ensured that 1.1 million people would lose their access to the condoms that had been slowing the spread of HIV/AIDS.*

While most of the globe ignored Sudan and Darfur or refused to act, this president labeled the violence there genocide "and pressed world leaders to take action *while taking no action himself.*

President Bush promotes economic growth and understands free markets provide the best path to a more hopeful tomorrow yet *he ensures his cronies defy all market realities by giving them no-bid contracts that suck dry the government's coffers.*

In education, "No Child Left Behind" introduced accountability into our public-education system by ensuring every child's progress is measured—the *kind of accountability Bush refused for his own failing policies in Iraq—or anywhere else, for that matter.*

He advanced a culture of life where every child is protected and welcomed yet *our infant mortality rates continued to grow and ranked us near the bottom among all developed nations. Welcome to death, kiddo!*

It's not until we get down here near the end that Rove addresses the real issue that will sink Bush's legacy.