

# HOPEY CHANGEY BIPARTISANY BUSH!

I've been puzzling all week since this happened last Saturday (January 30, from the pool report).

President Bush 41, with former Fla. Gov. Jeb Bush rolled up to the White House at 9:35 for a meeting with POTUS. At 10:09, the two emerged to fat, driving snow flakes. Responding to a called question, 41 said only, "Good meeting. Good meeting."

But it does intrigue—nay, concern—me that Jeb! started preaching the gospel of bipartisanship shortly thereafter.

The capper came Thursday when, at the top of the 7 o'clock hour, right after Vice President Joe Biden, Bush made a rare network television appearance on NBC's Today Show. The intensely private Bush's interview with the overly familiar Matt Lauer rattled Florida political circles.

[snip]Bush's comments about Crist's support for President Barack Obama's economic stimulus plan got the most attention, but his call for Democrats and Republicans to work together was the biggest clue to his national ambitions.

"I think that leaders on both sides of the aisle need to figure out where there is common ground and at least focus on that," he said. "It's one thing to give a good speech. The other thing is to invite people that don't agree exactly with your point of view to build consensus."