

Opinion Column

Today's world and its leaders

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In this democratic world we live in today there is a balance of power and there is no one country that dominates world opinion.

There is freedom of speech, equal rights and privacy in the democratic countries around the world. One fine example of these counties is the USA, which is governed by George W. Bush.

I am writing this article to show my admiration for George Bush, as I believe he is the only magnanimous leader left in the world.

Bush excels in many areas of leadership. He is widely known to be a great scholar in many different subjects especially in foreign history, classical civilisations and English. He has written many books in his time before he was president.

He studied at Yale a top university in USA. He excelled there and received the highest marks in the final exams that year. The teachers all praised him to the highest degree and there was not a hint of corruption as there had been in the past.

He then went on to get a PhD in English literature and he has said that he greatly enjoys reading. He has extraordinary oratory skills and he uses the most sophisticated of words. His rhetoric is of the highest degree and comprises of extremely good arguments, which convinces the public and the large majority of the time congress.

He was elected to be the president in the year 2000 in what was one of the least corrupt elections in world history. Bush was able to beat his nearest competitors by a very large margin.

Before being elected Bush had travelled round the world many times and is said to have had visited more than fifty countries.

Bush is a pacifist and is also extremely environmentally concerned. He has many times disagreed with other world leaders saying that they are not protecting the environment enough. America's very low pollution and low usage of non-renewable energy show Bush's environmental concern.

He has shown that he believes the situation in the third world must be changed for the better and has donated large amounts of money and wiped out all debts that the third world countries owe the US without question. He regards poverty as a very important issue.

As a believer in harmony and amity he has cut the American defence budget and decided to spend the money on more important issues in the US and internationally.

He personally makes sure that as many grants as possible are given to researchers exploring renewable energy and other means of protecting the environment.

In Britain unfortunately the Prime Minister Tony Blair dislikes Bush a lot and this has led to a great divide in British and American foreign policy. Whenever the US has asked for support in international policies Britain has always been the first to state that they do not support the US opinion and Blair's foreign policy is virtually always the opposite of the US's.

Recently there has been a major dispute as to what to do with the situation in Iraq and their president Saddam Hussein between USA and the rest of the world. A little background information about the US's history with Saddam Hussein is needed to fully understand the situation.

When Saddam Hussein took over from Ahmed Hassan Al Bakr the US refused to sell him any weapons at all and they never have. When Ayatollah Khomeini was bringing about revolution in Iran the US again refused to help Saddam Hussein, as they believed he was an evil dictator.

The US's relations with Iraq had always been very bad until recently when Bush took over the US presidency. He says that he disagrees with his predecessors' views about Iraq and the military action that took place in 1990. A contentious issue has always been the oil in Iraq and before Bush the American administration has always believed in 'regime change' in Iraq so that they would be able to put a US puppet president in place in order to get cheap Iraqi oil.

While Bush has stated that his foreign policies are not in any way affected by oil because he believes that renewable energy is necessary and so is therefore trying to limit the use of oil.

Bush has also spoken out many times about former president's policies and especially of his loathing of the phrase 'regime change' and he has stated that puppet governments do not achieve anything. As Bush is a very peaceful man he has spoken out criticising foreign governments for interfering in other countries and changing a country's government because they oppose their political beliefs or system. He believes that some countries are attempting to police the world and that is extremely wrong.

He greatly believes in democracy over aggression and threats. He has criticised many governments for unilateral action and he believes when all other options have been fully exhausted except for military force that any such force should always be as multilateral as possible.

In the last six months there have been many recent developments relating to Iraq's possible weapons of mass destruction. Bush has many times said that Saddam Hussein has no weapons of mass destruction and that he has substantial evidence to prove it and that all the countries that are calling for military action are in no way threatened.

A close friend of Bush has said that he believes the true reason is that the countries want to install a puppet government in Iraq to get more oil and to protect the interests of Israel. The US believe Israel is a terrorist state and have many times in the UN security council attempted to pass resolutions to stop Israel from continuing to increase its stockpiles of weapons of mass destruction but they have always been vetoed by other permanent members of the Security Council.

Bush is pressing for UN support and the re-entry of weapons inspectors into Iraq while the rest of the permanent members of the UN Security Council are doing the opposite.

In my 13 years as a journalist I have never seen such recklessness from the four other permanent members. Fortunately we still have one sane leader in this world: George Bush.

I truly wish that everyone could look up to Bush and try to be more like him. I have sent a letter to Tony Blair many times asking him to listen to Bush. At least Bush's administration is not full of warmongering hawks unlike Mr Blair's cabinet.

The USA's view on Iraq is completely correct, as it seems to be the only one, which is not corrupt and does not use military force without first trying democratic channels.

Therefore I ask that as many of you, who are physically able, to join in the pro-Bush demonstration and to air their views about the situation in Iraq.

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