So Weâ€™re Here Now and What Do We Do?

Description

I have been posting at The Wide Awakes for a few weeks, and I cross posted an old post of mine contrasting leadership stylesâ€¦Well, it has blossomed into a full blown debate, with some ad hominum attacks, but not many, considering the â€œsidesâ€• represented.

The post is here. If you have anything to add (but read the discussion in the comments section, for it has transmogrified (H/T: Calvin and Hobbes) to a discussion of the current strategy for the Iraq War.

For the record, I donâ€™t think the President has carried out the war as I have. Also for the record, Iâ€™m not the Presidentâ€¦.

I do, however, think there has been an overall strategic emphasis on a â€œforward defense,â€• which is quite offensive to some. Amazingly, to those who would call us to withdraw and huddle within our borders, staying quiet, so no one might notice us, are the very same people who refuse to support sealing our borders from illegal immigration.

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I find that most interestingâ€¦pull out and pull back from an attack by a determined enemy, who makes no bones about wanting to destroy us, and, in criticizing the President, from both sides of the aisle, the comment is often made about how terrorists can slip across our borderâ€¦.

The prevailing mood appears to be that we will grant amnesty to the estimated 12 millions illegal immigrants, and the discussion about securing the border by physical and electronic means is pretty much discouraged.

I would ask: How do we leave a war, yet refuse to secure borders? Somehow the two strategies donâ€™t match up to me. If you arenâ€™t going to go forward to combat a threat, then you need to build a protected area to survive in.

So, Iâ€™m rambling, but, the two issues are connected and while some would try to keep them separated in the â€œgrand scheme of things,â€• they are also the ones who drag out the â€œthe President hasnâ€™t made us safer, because the terrorists are coming across the bordersâ€• remark when it suits the purpose to derail the war strategy discussion.

Iâ€™m working through the mental hoops on my thoughts (remember: Iâ€™m not the President) on the plan to send more troops into Iraq in order to get a handle on the conflict. Between some books I read about a 20 years ago, one that was written about 100 years ago, and another Iâ€™m waiting to receive in the mail, I think we are headed on a good track, so long as the message is not the military might is the supreme force to employ.

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