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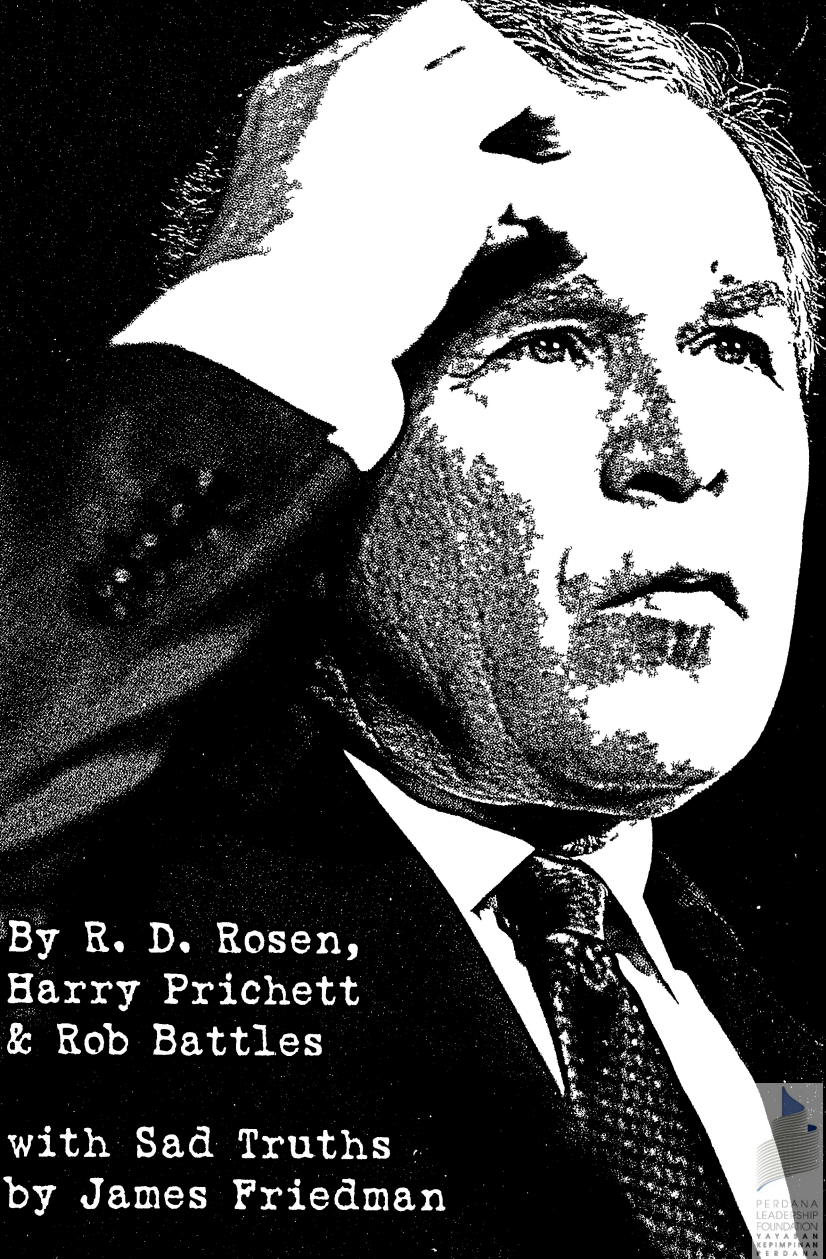


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To George Mason, Thomas  
Jefferson, James Madison,  
Abraham Lincoln, and  
Franklin Delano Roosevelt





# INTRODUCTION

Most political humor is a form of reasoned argument, but with all the supporting evidence left out. What remains is the joke--and those who get it are expected to already know the critique that prompted the gag in the first place.

In this book, we're not taking any chances. We've put the evidence back in; on roughly every fourth page, we present a "Sad Truth" about George W. Bush's presidency,

a factual reminder of the painful realities that made this book possible. Think of the Sad Truths as a brief refresher course on the Bush Years. The photo captions are entirely made up; the Sad Truths



are entirely not. The sources for them--reputable news organizations, research entities, government records, and court decisions--are listed in the back.

We don't think that George Bush's presidency is a laughing matter. That's why we've written a humor book about it. Sure, time eventually stops the spin, rubs off the makeup, and reveals men and women in power for what they are, and were; but in a democracy, this is a poor consolation prize. Our hope is that we might soon look back on this maddening time and laugh at jokes that aren't on us.

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"Can you believe it? I really  
*am* the president!"

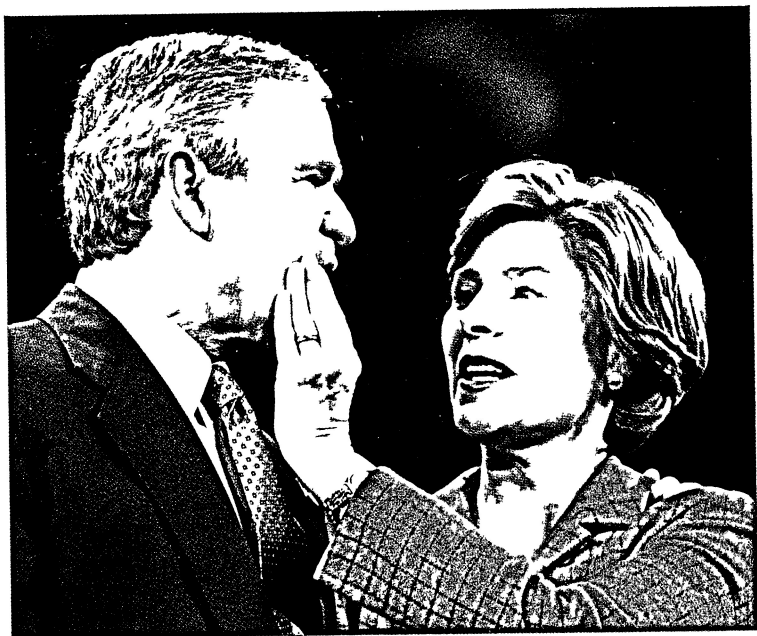


"Wait, here's the awesome part, Tony: I totally convinced Congress that our Constitution allows it!"

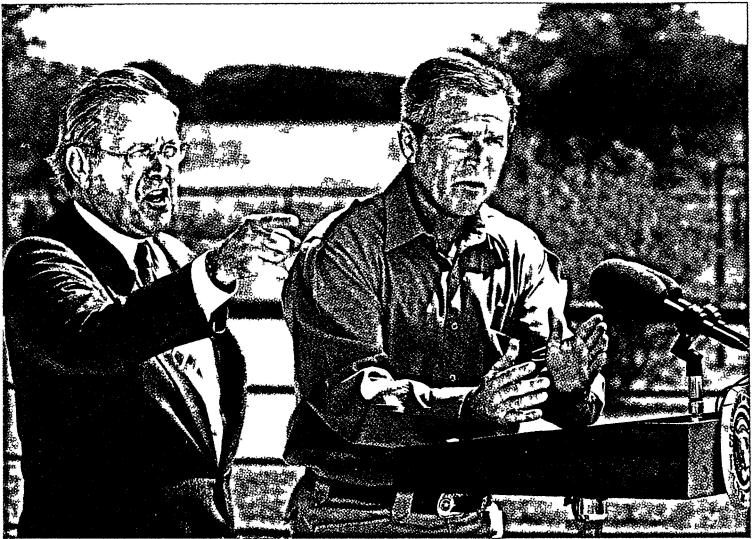
# The **sad** Truth

President George W. Bush has made unprecedented claims of executive power. He has asserted, for example, that the president may imprison foreign nationals and American citizens without judicial process and may hold such persons incommunicado. In rejecting these claims in 2004, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote for the Supreme Court, "History and common sense teach us that an unchecked system of detention carries the potential to become a means for oppression."

# BAD PRESIDENT WARNING SIGN #307



First lady sometimes helps  
president form words in  
English.



"Listen, you pain in the ass--  
just ask the damn questions  
on the printout."



"Don't give me the actual numbers, you knucklehead. Give me *our* numbers."

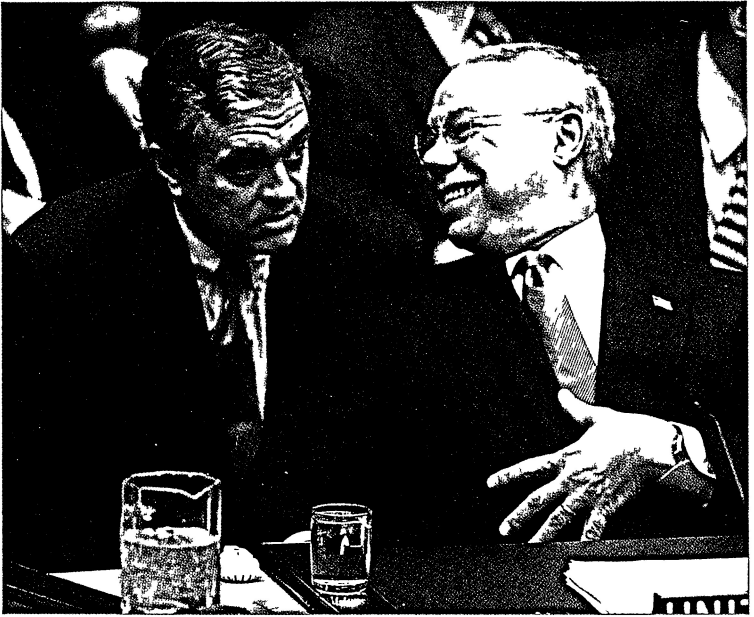
# The **sad** Truth

In the months before the invasion of Iraq, General Eric Shinseki, the army chief of staff, told Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld that 300,000 to 400,000 troops would be necessary to bring about a stable Iraq. Rumsfeld, who had no personal experience with ground war, dismissed Shinseki's estimate as "far off the mark." Rumsfeld insisted that 140,000 troops could accomplish the mission. Four years later, despite sectarian violence, lethal attacks on American troops, and mass murders, American troop levels are less than 150,000, a figure called insufficient by, among many others, General Anthony Zinni, former Centcom commander; Colonel John Agoglia, planner for Centcom; and Senator John McCain.





Deputy Chiefs of Staff Joseph Hagin and Karl Rove consult secret Republican diet plan to stay overweight and pasty at taxpayers' expense.



"My acid reflux disappeared  
the minute I stopped worrying  
about reality."



Vice President Cheney attends ground-breaking ceremony for new Museum of Modern American Torture.

# The **sad** Truth

On September 16, 2001, Vice President Dick Cheney said on *Meet the Press*, “We have to work, though, sort of the dark side. . . . A lot of what needs to be done here will have to be done quietly, without any discussion.”

On June 29, 2006, in *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*, which dealt with military tribunals, the United States Supreme Court held that for the past five years the Bush administration’s treatment of terrorist suspects had been in violation of American law, U.S. military law, and—according to Justice John Stevens’s Opinion of the Court—Common Article 3 of the Geneva Conventions. That article forbids “outrages upon [the] personal dignity” of wartime prisoners as well as “humiliating and degrading treatment,” such as the abuses that occurred at Abu Ghraib prison under the jurisdiction of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

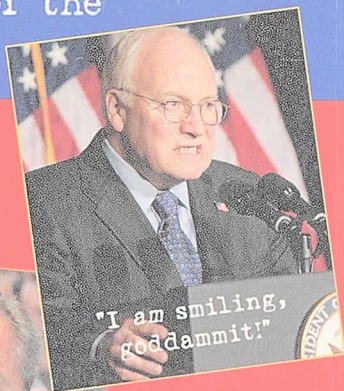
On August 9, 2006, six weeks after *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*, the *Washington Post* reported that the administration had drafted amendments to the U.S. War Crimes Act that would grant immunity from criminal prosecution to political appointees, CIA officers, and former members of the military who had violated portions of Common Article 3.

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Undoctored photos! Subversive captions! Unbelievably free speech! *Bad President* is packed with broad laughs, pointed politics, and the maddening truths of the Bush presidency.



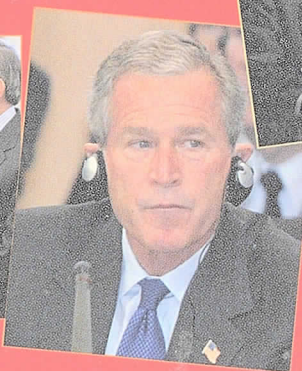
## IF IT WASN'T SO PAINFUL ...



"I am smiling, goddammit!"



"Wolfowitz wants to know if you're still mad at him for the Iraq thing."



"Remind me to invade every country that doesn't speak English."

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