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This letter is in response to Feb. 19th "Journalists Roundtable". Three journalists steadily avoided answering a question as to why viewer call-ins are constantly the opposite of current poll reports. It's easy - Polls report what their sponsors want them to report and the media reports what it wants to report. Unless he's caught drowning puppies, those two filters will continue to romance BILL-RODHAM-CLINTON.

- Journalists live in a time warp - reporting what they learned in college for an entire career.
- Journalists live in a well defended ego fortress - able to shape their reality by their own rhetoric. Thus, "they" had nothing to do with the victory of anti-war protestors over the US Military in VIETNAM, thus "they" never showed favoritism to Clinton (hated a Bush) during the 92 elections.
- Journalists and pollsters alike play with words for pay. The people they are presumably asking questions of can opt between yes & no only. Of course most Americans are willing to share - but some of us have been sharing, gotten working back for it over 40 or so years and would answer differently if asked an honest question.
- Finally: There is real doubt in most people's minds that "polls" actually are polls. No one I've ever spoken to knows anyone who has been part of any poll! The hardest sell in America today would be to convince a majority that any poll is honest.
- In the end people believe what they want to believe - the

effect of your focus is to convince a large block of people incapable of deciding issues on their own what the popular belief at the time is. A very sad aspect of democracy as we practice it is that lots of people want to believe what is "in" & the media is always there to tell them.

It's become clear that Clinton plans to repeat the same old DEMOCRAT story:

PROMISE THE MOON

BUY OFF THE SPECIAL INTERESTS

HAND OUT BEADS TO THE SAUNGES

FIND SOME NICE FOREIGN WARES

BLAME THE "RICH"

LIE ABOUT PROMISING THE MOON

CHANGE THE RULES IF POSSIBLE

& ASK FOR MORE MONEY.

It's become clear that Clinton is precisely the line we said he was. It's even coming clear that many Clinton voters knew it too & actually considered it a plus (review the few pro-Clinton calls CSPAN has received). What's still not clear, because the voters don't want to admit it and the media won't even admit it, is the relationship between the media sponsorship of H. Perot and his devastating effect on George Bush's voter base. PEROT voters - feeding on news & entertainment media hyping a fascist know-nothing in his weird political dream world - ousted the Republicans. The current version of populist socialism, "nice" governance calling for reeducation of

the masses and classic redistribution of wealth
(now income & living standards rather than wealth)
have another shot and satisfying the political
ambitions bought in the '60s. Clinton is an ideal
figurehead and the full force of American opinion
makers are lined up to make it all seem natural.

But I steady. I'll just sit back and wait for the next
poll that says VIETNAM VETS DON'T CARE about Clinton's
dodging the draft I know that's a lie.

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