

Editorial

The Lynne and Dick Show

In the week leading up to Halloween, Lynne Cheney and her Dick certainly let it all hang out. In a combination of media appearances, the President's immediate controller, and the latter's controller (his wife), made it abundantly clear that they are going to pursue their policy of war and dictatorship, no matter what the cost to the country, and the criticism sent their way. What this underscores, for the sane American, is that the *only* way to get our nation off the road to Hell, is to smash the Republicans in this election, and get impeachment proceedings started right away.

Dick's self-revelation occurred during an interview on Oct. 24 with a radio talk show host in Fargo, North Dakota. Referring to waterboarding, a torture technique that simulates drowning the subject being interrogated, host Scott Hennen said listeners had asked him to "let the Vice President know that if it takes dunking a terrorist in water, we're all for it, if it saves American lives. Again, this debate seems a little silly given the threat we face, would you agree?" Cheney replied, "I do agree. And I think the terrorist threat, for example, with respect to our ability to interrogate high-valued detainees like Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, that's been a very important tool that we've had to be able to secure the nation."

Hennen then asked, "Would you agree that a dunk in water is a no-brainer if it can save lives?" Cheney responded, "It's a no brainer for me, but for a while there, I was criticized as being the Vice President 'for torture.' We don't torture. That's not what we're involved in. We live up to our obligations in international treaties that we're party to and so forth. But the fact is, you can have a fairly robust interrogation program without torture, and we need to be able to do that."

Cheney, of course, is lying—something, as a sociopath, he does naturally. Cheney (and Bush) have just rammed through a Military Commissions bill which declares that the President can ignore any international obligation he wants, and declare forms of torture not to be torture. That's what the Vice President just did, before the country's very ears.

Cheney, and the Administration, immediately felt the heat for this blatant declaration, but it wasn't the

Vice President who came out to defend himself, but his wife! Lynne, who runs the campus witchhunt organizations established by the Train apparatus, was already feeling the heat, as a result of the mobilization by the LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM), on the nation's campus against that gestapo. On top of that, she found her sleazy literary output (the lesbian novel *Sisters*, which she has not permitted to be reprinted) a prominent point of discussion in the Virginia Senatorial race, thanks to Republican George Allen making sexually explicit sections of his opponent's novels an "issue" in the campaign. Novelist, and Democratic candidate Jim Webb, cited Mrs. Cheney's novel in his own defense.

Lynne Cheney might as well have entered CNN's TV studio on a broom, the way she behaved. She began by denying the content of her husband's defense of waterboarding, as if his failure to use the word changed the meaning. She went on to lambaste CNN for its coverage of the Bush Administration's record, including its showing clips of Americans being shot in Iraq. (If it tells the truth about the disaster there, it's "enemy propaganda.") Then came the question of Webb's and her novels. Cheney was willing to admit that she wrote *Sisters*, but otherwise only repeated that Webb was "full of baloney" for saying her book contained lesbian love scenes.

In effect, what Lynne Cheney actually accomplished was nothing more than revealing how enraged she is at hearing the truth being spoken about her and her husband.

Does anyone really think that this nation can tolerate continuing to be under the sway of this rabid, dysfunctional pair? Cheney brags of controlling the President, and he does, as reflected in the ever-more-psychotic performances by the rapidly aging G.W. Bush. Lynne Cheney de facto runs the thought-control operation on the campuses, which is terrorizing professors and students alike. This is a duo determined to impose fascism, no matter what.

Thanks in large part to the LYM campaign, which has shaped the political environment, both Cheneys now stand exposed, and ready to be politically finished off. Will the American electorate do the job?