

THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO WAS NOT FICTION

As someone who received her PhD in Comparative Literature just months before Bush was selected and who has read maybe ten fictional books since I stopped teaching fiction, I feel obliged to point to—and comment on—Chris Bowers’ post on “The Rise of the Non-Fictional Aesthetic.”

This decade seems to have brought on a broad shift in the leftist aesthetic in America.

SUSPECT ANTHRAX TERRORIST APPARENTLY KILLS SELF

The FBI apparently thinks they’ve solved the anthrax case. But the guy they were about to charge just killed himself.

“FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, I ATTACH A COPY OF THE COURT’S OPINION”

Patrick Leahy wasted no time in pushing all those cowering behind bad OLC memos to send notice of Judge Bates’ ruling today.

NIXON SEZ: KARL ROVE MUST TESTIFY

According to US v. Nixon, John Bates says, Karl Rove must show up before HJC and answer all the questions he is asked.

BREAKING: JUDGE BATES RULES FOR THE HOUSE

Judge Bates just issued his opinion in the Miers and Bolten contempt case—and he ruled in favor of the House. Miers will have to appear and Bolten will have to turn over the documents.

This also means Rove will have to appear, as Bates threw out the notion of “absolute immunity.”

I’ll have more shortly.

WHY THE HOUSE IS WAITING TO HOLD ROVE IN CONTEMPT

The reason the entire House isn’t voting on contempt for Rove until after the recess is because what they do will be determined by Bates’ initial ruling.

NO CONSEQUENCES FOR THE WHOLESALE POLITICIZATION OF JUSTICE

Glenn Fine, DOJ's Inspector General, showed up before the Senate Judiciary Committee today to talk about the two reports showing pervasive politicization of the Department of Justice. Most of the Democrats wanted to talk about consequences for politicizing DOJ. Unfortunately, Fine had no good suggestions for how to hold anyone responsible.

DNI MCCONNELL TO INTELLIGENCE ANALYSTS: GO TALK TO JUAN COLE

Remember how much trouble AJ Rossmiller had because he actually read Juan Cole? Well DNI McConnell just told analysts to follow AJ's lead.

ROVE'S CONTEMPT: FOR ALL THE REASONS

WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT

HJC voted to hold Rove in contempt, by a vote of 20-14. In doing so, they confirmed many of the points I've made about Rove's audacious claims to be immune from testifying.

THE LOGIC BEHIND THE SCRIPT "THE REMOVAL OF CLOTHING IS NOT NUDITY"

All the lawyers behind the torture regime keep repeating the same mantra: the removal of clothing is not nudity (or naked). Jane Mayer's book includes an explanation for the logic of that statement.