

LET THE SUN SHINE IN

What we can accomplish through, and obtain from, Barack Obama in return for our support and votes? Here is my suggestion. I would like a full and definitive pledge to open and transparent government.

NETWORKS OR NEWSPAPERS; DEWEY OR LIPPMANN?

Eric Alterman provides a valuable service by explaining the historical dialectic between Walter Lippmann and John Dewey. But he doesn't really seem to understand Dewey as you might apply it to the dynamic between traditional journalism and blogging.

WHAT TO GET THE WOMAN WHO KNOWS EVERYTHING

I am here to tell you, keeping this here car known as the Emptywheel blog well maintained, full of fuel and on the road is more work than it looks like. Marcy not only does that consistently day in and day out, she does it with a style, grace, competence and consistency that is unmatched in the blogosphere. The effort she leads here is not only informational and enjoyable reading, it is of demonstrated importance in the effort to expose and repair all of that which is currently broken in our

government. So, if you have a couple of extra Euros, please contribute to keeping this the finest forum in the toobz.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TPMM

Congrats to TPMM for winning the Polk Award for its US Attorney purge coverage.

MORE CABLE NEWS

John Robb comments on the telecommunications outages in the Middle East.

PUT YOUR OWN-I MEAN, YOUR VERY OWN-HOUSE IN ORDER FIRST

Yet another old-school journalist calls on the Toobz to clean up its acts and adopt the “ethics” of old journalism that have already failed our society. But I’m most amused by the humorous error in his own op-ed calling for accuracy and fairness. Apparently, Professor Helzinki believes that journalists are leading the fight to debunk the “Obama in the madrassa rumor,” rather than propagate it themselves.

REALLY BAD GITMO PROPAGANDA

I'm not really surprised that the Gitmo command is disseminating propaganda about the prison. But I just wish those that engage in propaganda for the government not be so pathetically bad at it.

WHAT ARE NEWSPAPERS BEST FOR?

As you no doubt know, I appeared on a panel in Boston called "No News Is Bad News" over the weekend. It was a fascinating conference, with journalistic heroes like John Carroll and Anthony Shadid. Just as exciting, I got to meet phred, Selise, BlueStateRedHead, and others. And my own personal favorite—from my panel, at least—came when someone asked me what I would have done to prevent the Lewinsky scandal (and

BOSTON: NO NEWS IS BAD NEWS

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