

**PROPAGANDA:** Ideas, facts or information spread to deliberately further one's cause.

**LIES:** Untrue statements made with the intent to deceive.

YOU CAN FOOL SOME OF THE PEOPLE ALL OF THE TIME, BUT...

(Abraham Lincoln, Sixteenth President of the United States)

Are these lies or propaganda?

**1. Did you believe that Iraq posed a direct threat to the United States?**

In the run-up to the Iraq war, for example, the administration made us very afraid that Saddam Hussein had nuclear weapons... So did Hussein have nukes or not? What was the threat? Shouldn't we want to know what the administration knew when they said these things? (E.J.Dionne, Washington Post, May 13th, 2003)

**2. Did you believe that Iraq was hiding weapons of mass destruction that threatened the USA??**

Intelligence leaves us no doubt that Iraq continues to possess and conceal lethal weapons (President George W. Bush, March 18th, 2003).

U.S. Task Force 75 made up of scientific experts and Special Forces members was sent to find them.

They are returning home, they have found no forbidden weapons (Washington Post Weekly, May 19th, 2003).

The public was manipulated into supporting the Iraq war (P. Krugman, New York Times, June 3rd. 2003).

**3. Did you believe when the UN was told that intelligence sources indicated the exact location of WMDs?**

US forces are now offering a monetary reward to any Iraqi who can help locate such weapons.

So far no one has found them... (Robert Schlesinger, Boston Globe, April 12th, 2003).

**4. Do you believe that the President's tax cut will help create more jobs? or benefit everyone who pays taxes?**

It has been calculated using the President's own statements that every one job created will cost \$550,000 in lost revenues, that is the value of about 17 jobs of average Americans. ( John Cassidy in the New Yorker Magazine).

50 million Americans will get nothing, 20 million get less than \$100 each (New York Times, June 3rd. 2003).

**5. Do you believe that the tax cut is meant to help you and me?**

Warren Buffet, the richest businessman in America, says that he now pays 30% income tax, the same as his receptionist. The tax cut will reduce his tax to 3%, he will gain millions. He is against the tax cut. Lower taxes on dividends are making corporations rush to pay their CEO's with dividends instead of salaries.

**6. Did you believe the video of the rescue of Pvt. Jessica Lynch as shown on TV?**

According to BBC News and, recently presented as a full investigative broadcast, there was no enemy force at the hospital, the bullets shot were blanks, the Iraqi had offered to deliver Pvt. Lynch back to American forces.

The entire rescue was staged. Now we are told that Pvt. Lynch has lost all memory of that rescue and is not expected to recover it.

The above are just samples: how many more stories can you find in the news that are not believable?

. DEMOCRACY NEEDS INFORMED CITIZENS,

...YOU CANT FOOL ALL OF THE PEOPLE ALL OF THE TIME. ( Abraham Lincoln)

START ASKING QUESTIONS! WHY ARE YOU NOT BEING TOLD THE TRUTH?  
WHO BENEFITIS?

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