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## Editorial

### Delusions

“To have Vice President Cheney suggest that we have had a series of enormous successes in Iraq is delusional,” said Senate Majority Whip Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) during a Jan. 25 meeting of the Senate Democratic leadership with reporters. The good Senator was putting it mildly.

There is, of course, good reason to believe that Cheney was lying (once again), rather than expressing his delusions about Iraq. The Vice President’s record, as exposed in the famous *Children of Satan* book put out by the LaRouche Political Action Committee, demonstrates that his objectives in the permanent war policy which he has imposed, have nothing to do with gaining peace and security in the region, but simply expanding the bloodshed for the sake of destroying any nation-state that might get in the way of the new Global Empire—emphatically including the premier nation-state called the United States.

But there are plenty of delusions extant within the dwindling pro-war camp. Perhaps no one expresses them any better than President Bush himself, who seems to genuinely believe that “progress” is being made.

The Congress has a Constitutional responsibility to deal with this delusional Administration—by moving immediately for the removal of Cheney from office, and putting the nation back on course with a policy of economic growth and development. But to do so, Democrats are going to have to deal with the delusions within their own ranks, and those of many of their like-thinking Republican colleagues.

The first delusion is that the United States can survive for the next two years, with the Cheney-Bush combination in office. As Lyndon LaRouche emphasized in his Jan. 11 webcast, “Without the removal of these two impediments, civilization will not continue. . . . You’re going to have a war spreading throughout the entire region from Turkey and so forth, into Somalia, and beyond. The whole world will blow up.” Yet many lawmakers continue to shy away from the confrontation which they know the drive for impeachment will represent, hoping against all reason that under sufficient pressure, the Administration will take a reasonable course.

When Vice President Cheney (and then the President in a copy-cat manner) go on national media, and say that

the Administration intends to go ahead with its plans, no matter what the Congress says, Cheney has basically counted on the Congress backing down. He’s saying “impeach me”—or just get out of the way. Such a challenge cannot be avoided.

A second delusion is that somehow common ground can be found with the Administration, on going after some other target rather than Iraq, where the United States is clearly losing. Democrats and Republicans alike are fond of saying that “the problem” with the Bush Administration’s approach is that it is pouring resources into a fight in Iraq, instead of against Iran, Osama bin Laden, Afghanistan, or even Sudan. At bottom, this approach is merely sophistical, because most Congressmen actually want to prevent new wars, but think they have to be overhead speaking in favor of this “enemies list.” They simply lack the courage to stand on principle against the Cheney permanent war/New Crusade policy.

What has to be faced by Congress—and many more of our citizens—is the fact that what is at stake is our Constitutional government itself. Our unique Constitution, which Congress and the Administration took a sacred oath to uphold, commits us to being a republic pursuing the general welfare of our citizens and our posterity, in cooperation with other nations. That republic was created with a balance of powers among the Executive, Legislative, and Judiciary branches for valid reasons—as the Founders sought to create a government which would proceed with reason and deliberation to meet its goals of preserving the rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for its inhabitants. *And the Cheney-Bush Administration is ripping up that Constitution!*

Senators such as John Warner and Robert Byrd have felt compelled to challenge the President precisely because of their oath to support the Constitution. It’s time others joined them, and pursued this train of thought to its inevitable conclusion: The only way to save the U.S. republic is to impeach Dick Cheney first, and then either get Bush under “adult supervision,” or do the same with him.

Any other plan for saving this republic, and civilization, is nothing but a delusion.